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Jonathan Anderson recently attended a meeting organized by police about the legalization of recreational marijuana in Illinois.

Areas damaged by drug war now seek boost from pot

Austin residents envision opportunity for justice from likely windfall

BY ANNIE SWEENEY

It didn't take long for the community meeting on the impending legalization of recreational marijuana in Illinois to get to the point.

"I've been over here all my life, and I was kinda thinking we have a bunch of liquor stores and ... not one black(-owned)," said 59-year-old Jonathan Anderson, one of about 30 residents at the meeting organized by police in Chicago's Austin neighborhood. "My question is once they get cannabis here, will you be fighting for us, for a minority to get a shot?"

Anderson was later corrected — an African American owns at least one liquor establishment in the impoverished neighborhood. But his point was well taken. Residents who have lived for decades in

the midst of the illegal drug sales on so many West Side corners are concerned their neighborhood will miss out on the potential financial windfall from legal pot sales.

The sweeping cultural change for the state goes into effect on Jan. 1.

While several existing medical dispensaries already have won licenses to sell recreational marijuana as well, many newcomers to the industry will be vying for 75 new dispensary licenses up for grabs statewide, including 47 in the Chicago area. The licenses are expected to be issued by May 2020.

Who obtains the new licenses will be closely watched, to see whether the law achieves one of its main goals: restore and boost the economy and opportunity in communities that have been adversely

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Report offers rationale to impeach

House Dems sketch legal, historical basis for case against Trump

BY LISA MASCARO AND MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Previewing potential articles of impeachment, House Democrats on Saturday issued a lengthy report drawing on history and the Founding Fathers to lay out the legal argument over the case against President Donald Trump's actions toward Ukraine.

The findings from the House Judiciary Committee do not spell out the formal charges against the president, which are being drafted ahead of votes, possibly as soon as this week.

Instead, the report rebuffs Trump's criticism of the impeachment proceedings, arguing that the Constitution created impeachment as a "safety valve" so Americans would not have to wait for the next election to remove a president.

It refers to the writings of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and others to link Trump's

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Judge sets bond at \$10,000 for retired priest

Charges filed in Orland Park hit-and-run that killed tech educator

BY MIKE NOLAN AND MADELINE BUCKLEY

St. Michael School teachers Margaret "Rone" Leja and Elizabeth Kosteck left a Christmas party at an Irish pub in Orland Park only a few minutes before Paul Burak, a former pastor of St. Michael Catholic Church who retired last year after a long and celebrated career.

The two women walked out the door just before 8 p.m. Wednesday after celebrating the holiday season with other St. Michael parishioners and school staff at Square Celt Ale House & Grill. Burak, 73, left a few minutes later and assured two other partygoers that he was OK to drive home after they expressed concern, according to Cook County prosecutors.

The two teachers hadn't yet made it to their cars when Burak reversed out of his parking spot in his gold Buick Regal, hit a parked car and then hit the two women as

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Buttigieg tackles problem of attracting black voters

Ind. mayor makes 3-state swing in Deep South

BY BILL RUTHHART

ALLENDALE, S.C. — On a barren patch of land shaded by a single Southern live oak tree sits a cinder block building that serves as the Democratic headquarters of the smallest, poorest and most African American county in South Carolina.

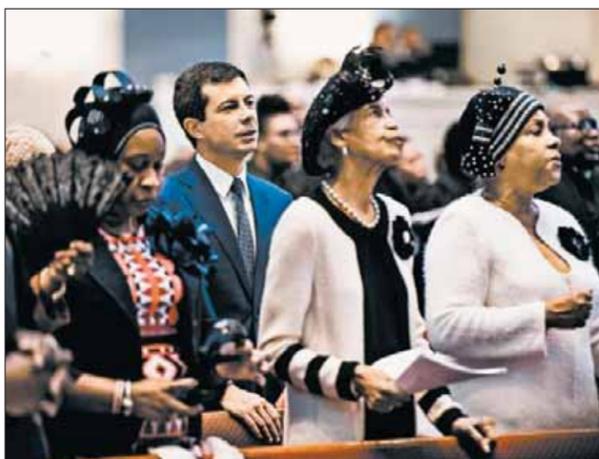
Inside the modest structure, Pete Buttigieg stood under exposed beams and on a concrete floor partially covered with old

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scraps of orange carpet, eager to field questions as the first presidential candidate to visit Allendale County in more than a decade. Willa Jennings, the party's 70-year-old chairwoman, didn't start with a softball.

"I have to ask you this, OK? I hear a lot about how you don't have support from African Americans," she said. "I just want

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Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg attends a Sunday church service in Rock Hill, South Carolina, in October.



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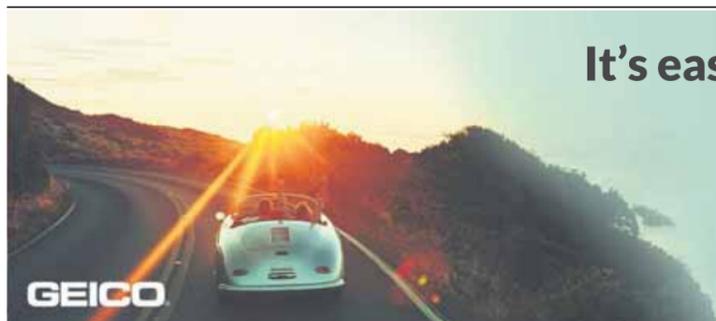


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Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., returns to her office following a news conference at the Capitol on Friday.



JOHN KASS

Self-destructive Democrats push forward on impeachment

With American unemployment numbers at a 50-year low, with people working and with money in their pockets, stubborn House Democrats rush forward on their path toward madness.

They insist on impeaching President Donald Trump, though they have no hope of securing a conviction in the Republican-controlled Senate.

Are House Democrats principled patriots fighting for the right against tough odds? Or are they cynics aided by media cheerleaders?

You're the only ones who can answer that. Because the only answer that counts is the one the American people — Democrats and Republicans and independents — will give on Election Day in November 2020.

Yet even with an election less than a year away, Democrats are in a rush to impeach Trump over his wrong-headed phone call to Ukraine. He linked military assistance and asked for an investigation into what happened there during the Obama administration, when Joe and Hunter Biden employed Chicago Way-style muscle in Ukraine.

Ultimately, Ukraine got the missiles it wanted. Ukraine didn't give Trump the investigation he sought.

When the Bidens were rolling in Ukraine, Joe was the Obama administration's point man there. Son Hunter was making \$50,000 a month from Ukrainian gas company Burisma, which was being investigated by a Ukrainian prosecutor.

Joe threatened to kill a \$1 billion U.S. loan guarantee unless the prosecutor was fired. Guess what? The prosecutor was fired. Joe Biden bragged about it all on video.

So, who has clean hands in Ukraine? Trump or the Democrats who defend Biden?

When you deal in Ukraine, just like when you deal in Chicago, you won't find many angels.

I've said Congress should consider censuring the president, but not impeach him. Democrats haven't proved he violated the law. And foreign aid, like all of politics since the beginning, is all about quid pro quo.

Without offering real proof, and without bothering to wait for a court battle to compel witnesses from the

White House to testify, what is this Democratic rush to impeachment about?

It's political. It's about leverage for fundraising. And it is self-destructive.

What's worse, it lowers the bar for impeaching a president. This precedent virtually assures impeachments of future presidents, if they have the misfortune of facing a House controlled by the other party.

And it is self-destructive for Democrats, because Democrats are helping transform Trump into a victim.

In his zeal, Democratic U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff of California has become the Inspector Javert of Washington. And House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, caving to her Democratic Party's hard left-wing, covers her impeachment push with an absurd theatrical exercise.

Pelosi, the big-government liberal, is now invoking Founding Fathers and the Federalist Papers. She casts herself and her members as American revolutionary patriots fighting the Madness of our modern Orange King George.

But before this drama descends into complete lunacy, I wonder: Would you do us a favor?

Would you please step into the Way-Back machine and go back in time for just a bit?

Not too far back, not to the Civil War, when President Abraham Lincoln (later treated as a Republican god) abolished habeas corpus and imprisoned whomever he thought needed imprisoning for the good of the Union.

And not to World War II, where, just a few weeks after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt (later treated as a Democratic god) rounded up some 120,000 Japanese Americans — two thirds of them native-born U.S. citizens — and locked them in prison camps.

We don't have to go back that far. This is a short trip, to just three years ago:

It takes place before the 2016 presidential election, when Democrats and establishment Republicans recoiled in absolute horror to something crazy that then-candidate Trump was saying.

Or rather, what he was not saying.

In his last debate with Democrat Hillary Clinton, Trump pointedly refused to say whether he'd graciously accept the results of that election.

"I will look at it at the time," Trump said — it was a foregone establishment conclusion that Clinton would bury him — "I will keep you in suspense."

He'd dare ignore the will of the voters in the presidential election?

His refusal to accept defeat that the establishment knew was coming was seen as evidence of madness and a clear threat to the republic that we all hold dear.

Our way of life would collapse. America would be plunged into chaos if Trump refused to concede, or so we were told.

Establishment Republicans were outraged. Democrats were outraged. Once the election was over and Hillary won, resistance wouldn't only be madness. It would threaten the foundation of the nation.

But then Trump shocked America's ruling political class and triggered endless tears from the allegedly neutral national media. He defeated Clinton on Election Day.

And what's happened since? Democrats in defeat acted just as they said Trump would. Rather than concede, Democrats looked for ways to drag Trump from office, even raising the possibility of invoking the 25th Amendment.

We've seen Democrat after Democrat call for impeachment for a variety of Trumpian sins, and also call for the abolishment of the Electoral College, which would kill the republic, eliminate the need for states, and spark civil war.

The Robert Mueller investigation dragged on and was supposed to prove Trump colluded with Russia. Only, it didn't prove that at all, did it?

And now, where are we? We're here. With an election less than a year away.

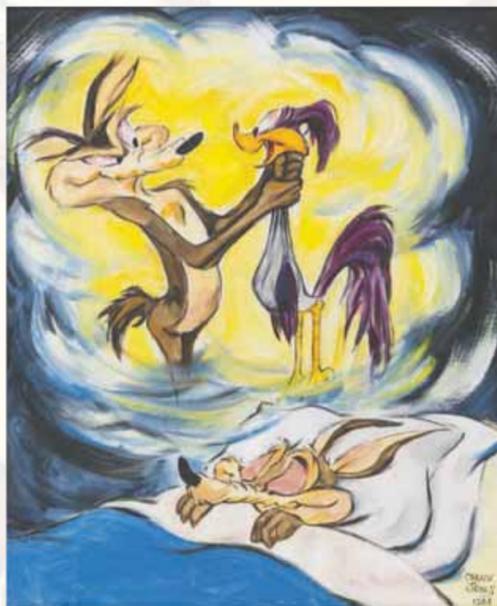
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"Dolly Parton's America" is a podcast that tells the story of the country singer whose life is about, well, everything.

Dolly Parton, good socks and other things to like right now



MARY SCHMICH

Here's another of my occasional lists of 9 things I like, this one with a wintry feel.

1. Good socks: Gather round, fellow sock fetishists. You, like me, know that socks are the unsung heroes of any season, but especially of winter.

I've met many socks I liked, though my tastes shift. Icebreaker, Smartwool, Darn Tough. They've all kept me warm and happy for a while. But none of them come cheap.

For my birthday recently, my former colleague Barbara Brotman, also a sock fetishist, gave me her latest find, a six-pair bundle of Kirkland Signature Ladies' Extra-Fine Merino Wool Crew Sock. The cost? \$19.99 — for all six pairs.

I haven't tested them in the wash yet, but they feel great. Barbara bought them at Costco but they're also available online.

2. Katherine Anne Confections: A friend gave me a box of Katherine Anne truffles recently and each one was like a meal.

There really is a Katherine Anne and she runs a confiserie (i.e., a cafe with a lot of chocolate going on) in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood. Her chocolates are sold online and at various locations around Chicagoland, including some Whole Foods. They make a good, local holiday gift.

My favorite sentence from the website: "Cream is from a 500-cow herd of Jerseys in central Illinois, and local wildflower honey is used to replace corn syrup."

3. "December" by George Winston: There was a period of my life, back when I owned a turntable and before vinyl was considered retro, that I listened to this album of piano solos more than any record I owned. It was once No. 2 on Billboard's holiday music chart.

I hadn't thought of it in a while, though, until someone mentioned it recently. So I asked Alexa to play it and once again it has risen into the ranks of my favorite holiday albums. It's melodic and serenely moody, perfect for a contemplative moment when it's cold outside.

4. "Dolly Parton's America" You may not think you're interested in Dolly Parton. This nine-episode podcast will change your mind.

Created by Jad Abumrad of the syndicated radio show "Radiolab," it tells the story of the country singer whose life is about, well, everything. My Tribune desk mates, Lolly Bowean and Stacy St. Clair, are also fans so I'll let them testify.

Lolly: "You think you know Dolly Parton, but the podcast presents her as a new figure because you are examining her creations and history through a contemporary lens."

Stacy: "The podcast is a fantastic exploration of feminism, class and what it means to be an outsider in America. This is a podcast anyone would enjoy, regardless of their politics or their upbringing. Host Jad Abumrad hails Dolly as 'America's Great Unifier' and he's absolutely right. Amid our country's ugly and angry political divide, it feels good to let Dolly Parton — smart, savvy, talented, book-loving Dolly Parton — remind us that not everything in life has to be polarizing."

5. Making those annual charitable contributions: Just do it. You'll feel better. I did.

6. Uitwaaien: I hate the winter wind about as much as I love good socks, but learning this concept — pronounced something like *out-vyin* — gives me courage to go forth into bitter Chicago days. It's a Dutch word that means "to go out in windy weather, particularly into nature or a park, as a means of refreshing oneself and clearing one's mind."

Something to ponder while you're curled up on the sofa.

7. La Sardine restaurant: This French place has been one of my favorite Chicago restaurants since it opened in 1988, back when the West

Loop still seemed fringe. Its founders have died — chef Jean-Claude Poilevey, in 2016, and his wife, Susanne, in September — but their sons continue to run it.

The room is warm and cozy, vibrant but not too loud. The food, billed as "French comfort food," feels authentic. In a city where restaurants come and go, it endures and never disappoints.

8. Shameless self-promotion: I don't really like shameless self-promotion but I'll mention the recent release of the expanded second edition of my column collection anyway. It's called "Even the Terrible Things Seem Beautiful to Me Now" — something my mother said to me in her old age — and in addition to many columns from the previous edition, it includes new ones, including "When Your Father Dies," "The Discipline of Optimism," and "Is There a Heaven?"

I've written a new introduction and Tom Bachtell, the Chicago artist whose illustrations have graced The New Yorker and other publications, has done an exquisite little sketch. Agate Publishing has created a beautiful new cover.

To me, the book represents not only the 27 years I've written a column but all the Tribune readers who have traveled through that time with me. Without them — without you — the book wouldn't exist. So thank you.

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9. "Ode to My Socks" by Pablo Neruda: Even the great Chilean poet had something to say about socks, in a poem that ends like this:

The moral of my ode is this: beauty is twice beauty and what is good is doubly good when it is a matter of two socks made of wool in winter.

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Alberto Reyes picks out a Christmas tree for his daughter at a Chicago lot on Dec. 5, 2019.

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Breathe easy despite 'Christmas tree syndrome'

Symbols of cheer can imperil those with asthma, allergies

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

There can be endless debate about the best time to set up a Christmas tree, but the symbols of holiday cheer can pose an often-unheeded danger to people with asthma or allergies that means they may want to keep a live tree in the house only about a week.

That's because of something called "Christmas tree syndrome," a term allergist Dr. Lawrence Kurlandsky introduced with two studies suggesting that live Christmas trees can be covered in mold that can cause breathing issues. People with asthma or allergies are particularly susceptible, because 70% of the molds found in live trees can trigger severe asthma attacks, fatigue and sinus congestion.

Dr. Sharmilee Nyenhuis, an allergist at the University of Illinois at Chicago, said some people who have mold allergies don't realize the dangers of Christmas tree mold.

"Around five to seven days would probably be a good amount of time to have a live Christmas tree up, since after seven days the mold count starts to increase exponentially," she said.

The warmth inside homes is one reason the mold on trees gets more dangerous with time, said Melanie Carver, vice president of community health and marketing for the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.

"The trees themselves most likely have mold spores and pollen on them that are brought into the home," Carver said in an email. "Mold grows in warm, humid environments, and sometimes the inside of your home provides the perfect conditions to encourage mold growth."

Kurlandsky published his studies in 2007 and 2011 and



Live trees are for sale at a lot in Chicago's Andersonville neighborhood on Thursday.

has since retired. If a Christmas tree has mold when it's brought into a home, it makes sense that people living there may notice symptoms from being exposed to it, such as sinus and nasal congestion, stuffiness, a runny nose, itchy, watery eyes or a cough, Nyenhuis said after reviewing Kurlandsky's research. If the mold affects someone's asthma, it could lead to shortness of breath or chest tightness, she said. "If those symptoms are always happening around the holiday time, every December or end of November when people are putting up holiday decorations, you may want to consider that maybe you're someone with allergies and speak with your doctor."

JT Maier, owner of Advanta-Clean of Northwest Chicagoland in East Dundee, said artificial trees can be just as problematic because they might be covered in dust or mold if they haven't been properly stored. "An artificial tree has its advantages and its risks," he said. "A big mistake in Chicagoland would be to put it in the attic by itself without any bag or without storing it in a plastic container, for example. They're really asking for a lot of trouble that way."

Sitting there for 11 months, the tree is bound to collect dust. In an attic that isn't insulated, condensation also could start to form. "And water mixed with dust equals mold growth,"

Maier said.

For those with allergies who still want a holiday tree, there are quick ways to protect against the danger of mold, regardless of tree type.

Maier recommends storing any holiday decorations, including artificial trees and ornaments, in a climate-controlled space, such as a closet or finished basement instead of an unheated attic. He also said cardboard is a big no-no, since pests love it and it also will get moldy if it gets wet.

Use a leaf blower on a real tree before bringing it in the house, to shake off any pollen or mold. Washing it first works even better, but that can be tricky during a Chicago winter.

Carver, who recommends washing the tree with a small amount of bleach in water, said bringing a tree inside before it's completely dry also can promote mold growth.

But Nyenhuis said it's not necessary to use caustic cleaning products that can also be dangerous for those with breathing issues. "If you have a live tree, I'd recommend doing a vinegar solution, one part vinegar to one part water, and washing the tree with that," she said. "Vinegar has mold-killing properties and it's a very cheap, low-cost intervention."

Artificial trees also can be washed, or taken outside for a good shaking to release any dust, Carver said.

Maier said clients who experience Christmas tree syndrome for the first time when they're older often ask why they haven't had problems in the past, or why it seems to be a more prevalent issue for more people now than it was decades ago. Many are shocked when he explains it has a lot to do with the push toward energy efficiency in home building, which has made homes more airtight.

"Anything in your house today is more likely to stay in your house. There's no exchange bringing fresh air from outside in," Maier said.

There's better insulation, better siding and windows, synthetic carpet and synthetic hardwood floors, all to help prevent drafts, he said.

"We don't want a drafty house, because that's not energy-efficient," Maier said. "You're letting all your hot or cold air out. But drafty houses used to let in fresh air, and especially in winter we don't open doors or windows, so you aren't getting fresh air in your house, you're trapping stagnant and potentially dangerous air inside."

Trees aren't the only festive decorations that can raise concerns during the holidays for people with asthma, Carver said.

Artificial snow or flocking on trees can release tiny particles into the air, which can irritate the airway. Scented candles, cleaning products, indoor fires and cold air are all asthma triggers, Nyenhuis said.

Both she and Maier said those with breathing issues, holiday-related or otherwise, might consider an air purifier or air cleaner system to help improve the air quality in their homes.

"Everyone's asthma is different and people may have different allergies," Nyenhuis said. "But poor air quality impacts all people with asthma."

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2017 State GOP leader Tim Schneider is pushing an impeachment fund.

State GOP raises funds amid effort to impeach

Email from chairman shows extent that party is backing president

BY RICK PEARSON

The Illinois Republican Party has tied its fate to President Donald Trump, using Democratic efforts to impeach him in an effort to raise funds in an era without the party's previous patron, former Gov. Bruce Rauner.

In an email to supporters Thursday, state GOP Chairman Tim Schneider sought donations of between \$10 and \$100 for an "impeachment defense fund." The email came the same day that Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced the House would move forward in drafting articles of impeachment against Trump.

"As the president has always said, this is the greatest WITCH HUNT we have ever seen!" Schneider said in the email.

He said the state GOP has "two objectives": To help "Trump defend himself against the DC swamp" and to hold "House Democrat members like Lauren Underwood and Sean Casten accountable in 2020 for their impeachment votes."

Underwood, of Naperville, and Casten, of Downers Grove, were elected last year to Congress in long-held Republican suburban and exurban districts. Casten defeated GOP Rep. Peter Roskam of Wheaton, while Underwood beat Republican Rep. Randy Hultgren of Plano.

"If you donate just \$10 (or more!) to the party's official IMPEACHMENT DEFENSE FUND, all proceeds will go toward pushing back against the Democrat impeachment sham and holding swing vote Illinois Democrat congressmen accountable for their impeachment votes," Schneider wrote.

The email from Schneider shows how much the Illinois GOP has gone all-in to back Trump after Rauner's loss last year to Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

Rauner, who picked Schneider to lead the state Republicans, had actively sought to distance himself from the controversial president until late in his reelection campaign, after nearly losing the GOP primary to former state Rep. Jeanne Ives of Wheaton. Ives is now trying to get the Republican nod to challenge Casten for Congress next year.

"We need to help President Trump fight the Democrats who are obsessed with overturning the results of the 2016 election. They tried with the Russia investigation and failed. Let's make sure they fail again!" Schneider wrote.

"Take advantage of this unique opportunity to fight the impeachment witch hunt at home and in DC. Your help does not go unnoticed," he wrote.

Despite Schneider's rhetoric, any money raised by the "defense fund" will go to the Illinois Republican Party and not to any legal defense fund or to Trump's campaign fund, according to the fundraising website.

The "impeachment defense fund" is the latest effort by Schneider to generate grassroots funding for the state party to make up for Rauner's departure. From the time Rauner announced his candidacy for governor in June 2014, he and the campaign that he largely self-funded gave the state Republicans more than \$36.8 million. That's almost two-thirds of the \$58 million the state GOP collected over the same time period.

The state GOP reported having \$101,369 at the end of September, comparable to the \$120,503 it held in September 2017, during the previous election cycle.

But in 2017, the party spent nearly \$600,000 in the third quarter thanks to a \$500,000 donation from Rauner's campaign. In the third quarter of this year, the party raised only \$31,405 and spent \$18,447.

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Police Board to host listening sessions for next superintendent

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

The Chicago Police Board has announced a series of public listening sessions to hear what Chicagoans want to see in the city's next top cop after the firing of Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson.

The listening sessions were announced after Johnson was fired earlier in the week after Mayor Lori Lightfoot accused him of lying to her regarding his actions when he was found asleep behind the wheel of a running vehicle in October.

Johnson officially retired as a police lieutenant Wednesday, according to the mayor's office. Interim police Superintendent Charlie Beck is currently holding down the role of Chicago police superintendent.

Each session will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on the following days:

Monday, Dec. 9: Trinity United Church of Christ, 400 W. 95th St.

Wednesday, Dec. 11: Muslim Community Center, 4380 N. Elston Ave.

Thursday, Dec. 12: JLM Community Center, 2622 W. Jackson Blvd.



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Chicago Police Board President Ghian Foreman, left, then-Superintendent Eddie Johnson and Mayor Lori Lightfoot in November.

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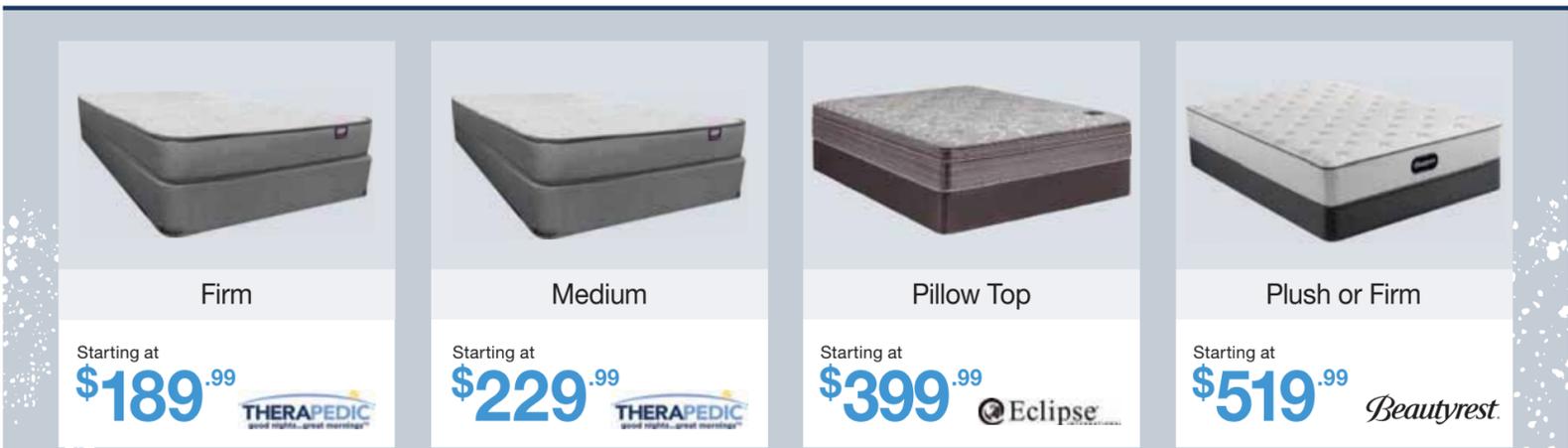


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they crossed an access road, Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy alleged in a bond hearing on Saturday. Burak accelerated after hitting the women and drove away, Murphy said, leaving their two bodies on the ground in the street. Leja, 61, was killed, and Kosteck, 54, was injured. Burak, of Palos Heights, is charged with aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol and leaving the

scene of a fatal accident. Cook County Judge Arthur Wesley Willis set a \$10,000 bond for Burak during the bond hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building in Chicago. The judge also approved electronic monitoring for Burak, who must come up with 10% of the bail to be released. "This is a horrible event for everyone involved," Willis said, declining to release Burak on his own recognizance, as requested by his defense attorneys. "I cannot give an I bond." Burak was released on bond late Saturday after-

noon but was not allowed to go home on his own, according to Cook County sheriff's office spokesman Matthew Walberg. He was "being transported by our staff to his home because they have to install the court-ordered electronic monitoring equipment," Walberg said in an emailed statement. Burak appeared in court in a green jacket and blue button-down shirt, flanked by three private attorneys. He appeared to have difficulty seeing and hearing the judge. His attorneys said he suffers from Parkinson's

disease and glaucoma. Murphy said investigators reviewed surveillance video that showed Burak's car leave the parking lot and turn onto the access road just before the women were hit. A building and Burak's car obstruct the video of the actual impact, he said. Surveillance video also captured Burak's car drive down the access road after the crash. A witness who was driving behind Burak followed his car down the service



Paul Burak

road, and watched as Burak's car stopped and remained still for about 20 seconds, Murphy said. The witness then began walking toward the car. Burak started driving again, so the witness followed on foot, Murphy said. Burak drove into a Panda Express drive-thru lane, which had a license reader that captured Burak's plate, he said. Burak drove through without ordering anything. The witness took a photo

of Burak's plate and then approached the car and told Burak he should go back to the Irish pub where he had hit the two women, Murphy said. Burak drove back to the Square Celt parking lot, where police officers were on scene, but did not tell anyone he had hit the women, Murphy said. Another St. Michael priest went to talk to Burak, who remained in his car, he said. Burak tried to make a three-point turn but hit another car, according to Murphy. The priest then told Burak he would drive him home. The priest drove Burak home in Burak's Buick while another couple who had attended the party followed. Burak said he did not know his address, so the priest had to look it up on his insurance card, Murphy said.

The next day, while reviewing the surveillance video, an officer saw the gold Buick and remembered seeing it in the parking lot after the hit-and-run. Police searched Burak's garage and saw damage to the license plate holder, consistent with remnants left behind at the crash scene, Murphy said. Burak's driver's license was valid.

Burak told police that he takes medication for his glaucoma and Parkinson's, and he said he had a Manhattan and a glass of wine at the party, Murphy said. He said he blacked out for much of the night and thought he might have hit a curb, not a person, according to prosecutors.

Burak was taken into custody on Thursday afternoon. "He is devastated by what happened that day," said Burak's attorney, Tim Grace. Grace asked the judge to release Burak on a personal recognizance bond, arguing that the retired priest has no criminal history and is not a danger to the public. Grace said Burak was a beloved pastor at St. Michael and won a lifetime service award during his long career in the Chicago area.

Willis, though, maintained that he must issue a monetary bond for Burak, noting that prosecutors say he drove back to the parking lot but did not report to anyone his involvement in the crash. "I do believe he is devastated. The family is devastated as well," Willis said.

The Archdiocese of Chicago issued a statement Saturday morning saying officials are cooperating with the Orland Park police. "As a community we continue to grieve the loss of Ms. Leja and the injury to Mrs. Kosteck," the statement read. "We again offer our heartfelt condolences, support and sympathy to their families and are keeping them and all affected by this tragedy in our prayers."

Burak served as pastor at St. Michael Parish from 2009 to 2018 and helped celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2017. He grew up in Chicago near 82nd Street and Damen Avenue, and in 1955 his family moved to St. Linus Parish in Oak Lawn. He entered the priesthood in 1972.

A 2009 report from St. Michael School about Burak's formal installation as pastor stated Burak came to St. Michael from Our Lady of the Ridge Parish in Chicago Ridge where he served 17 years as pastor. In a letter to the parish, Burak wrote, "I truly believe in the depth of my heart that I am where I am meant to be, that I am where God wants me to be," according to the report.

At St. Michael Church on Saturday afternoon, parishioner Walter Anderson said he was "having a hard time accepting" that Burak could have been responsible. "I am sure he is suffering with what happened," Anderson said.

The school's principal, Paul Smith, posted a notice on the school website saying it was his "sad duty" to inform families that Burak had been charged. "This is a truly difficult time for our community as we continue to grieve the loss of Ms. Leja and the injury to Mrs. Kosteck," Smith wrote.

Smith said counselors would again be at school next week. All weekend activities that had been scheduled at the school were canceled.

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How the word 'whore' shapes a judicial race



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Gather 'round, won't you, for a story about how the word "whore" came to play a central role in a north suburban McHenry County judicial race.

Former McHenry County Clerk Mary McClellan, a Republican, is running for judge in Illinois' 22nd Circuit Court. She's facing Republicans Justin Hansen of Crystal Lake and Donald Brewer of Algonquin in the March 17 primary.

In early October, anonymous commenters on the McHenry County Blog called her a string of choice words, including "whore."

McClellan and her husband, Ed Gil, filed a petition in McHenry County Circuit Court seeking internet service providers and IP addresses of the blog's anonymous commenters so they can possibly file a defamation lawsuit.

In a court filing Monday, Woodstock-based attorney Robert Hanlon, representing the McHenry County Blog, argued that "whore" may be distasteful, but is, in this case, accurate.

As the Northwest Herald reports, Hanlon's filing begins thusly:

"Even if this court considers the reference to Mary McClellan as being a whore as something so offensive as it could be actionable, given that Mary McClellan had a son (name omitted) out of wedlock and one of the definitions of a 'whore' according to Merriam-Webster is a 'promiscuous or immoral woman.' Thus, under the innocent construction rule ... the statement concerning Mary McClellan as being a whore is not actionable because it is substantially true, but admittedly distasteful."

This prompted the Northwest Herald to craft a reader poll and attach it to the news story about Hanlon's remarks. The poll read: "Based on an article in today's edition, do you think it is defamatory to label a woman who had a

child out of wedlock a 'whore?'"

Readers could vote "yes," "no" or "response not suitable to publish in a family publication."

One perplexed reader emailed me screenshots of the reader poll Wednesday afternoon. (For the record, polling results were, at that time, 60% yes, 26% no and 14% response not suitable.)

I figured the screenshots were fake. I went to the newspaper's site and checked for myself. There was the poll. I emailed Northwest Herald editor Jon Styf to ask if the paper was receiving any reader blowback for the poll, but he declined to answer my question. The poll was taken down a few minutes later.

So here we are. At the tail end of 2019, 100 years after women earned the right to vote, attaching the word "whore" to a woman seeking public office. And then parsing its dictionary definition. And then asking newspaper readers whether the word is still defamatory if, you know, the woman had a kid out of wedlock.

I called McClellan on Thursday morning to ask her how she feels about an offensive slur taking center stage in her race for judge.

"I would have to say, this shows why more women are needed on the bench," she said.

It never occurred to her, she said, to be ashamed of having a child out of wedlock.

"I always considered the fact that I was a single mom and able to raise my son and find ways to get that done and still go to law school as an accomplishment," she said, "not as a source of shame."

McClellan's son is 36. She said she attended John Marshall Law School at night, beginning when he was 14. She also said they are estranged now and he lives in a different state.

"I would prefer to see the qualifications of candidates and what they are going to do on the bench be the focus," she said. "What is your history? Where have you practiced? What have you done? What makes you uniquely qualified to be on the bench? I think those are the imperative questions. Not whether I was a single



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Mary McClellan, right, a candidate for a circuit judge seat in McHenry County, is interviewed on Nov. 25 in Springfield.

mom."

I trust the voters of McHenry County agree and will parse those qualifications and research those imperative questions before they head to the polls.

Meanwhile, I find it deeply demoralizing that a repugnant slur for a woman who is paid to have sex still pops up so frequently and fluidly in our political dis-

course. It's a phrase that strips away a woman's humanity, her accomplishments, her triumphs, her mistakes and reduces her to a sexual transaction.

To pretend otherwise is disingenuous. The reader poll was particularly disturbing because it appeared to hold up the word as some sort of neutral phrase for readers to politely weigh in

on. *Do we prefer couch or davenport these days? Jeans or dungarees? Whore or woman I don't plan to vote for in March?*

Like McClellan or don't. Entrust her with a judge's seat or don't. But keep the misogyny out of it. It's a stain on far too much of our political discourse as it is, and we ought to be trying to clean it up, not soak and

spread it even farther into our moral fabric.

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she continues the conversation around her columns and hosts occasional live chats.

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Man killed on freeway loved riding motorcycle

BY ALICE YIN
AND MARIE FAZIO

Eric Smith rode his beloved Harley across the country, from Chicago to Georgia, Ohio, Tennessee, Michigan, Wisconsin and beyond, once even making it to Canada.

"He loved riding his motorcycle," said his close friend Tommie Triplett. "We done rode all over the U.S."

Smith, 42, died early Friday after a car hit the back of his motorcycle on the northbound Bishop Ford Freeway in the Morgan Park neighborhood on the Far South Side, authorities said.

The father of two was thrown from his bike and was pronounced dead after being taken to a hospital. The driver of the car was treated and released.

Illinois State Police said the accident remained under investigation and no charges have been filed.

Smith had been riding motorcycles for 20 years. He "fell in love with the sound and the look and just started riding," said Triplett, who considered Smith a brother.

They met when Triplett was at a gas station, saw Smith ride by and flagged him down. "We got to talking and we was like, 'Let's go riding,'" he said.

In 2008, they founded the Chosen Breed Motorcycle Club, a group of enthusiasts who meet to ride three to four times a week, he said.

Smith had been riding with Triplett's brother since



TOMMIE TRIPLETT PHOTO

Eric Smith, 42, died early Friday after a car hit the back of his motorcycle on the Bishop Ford Freeway.

about 4:30 p.m. Thursday. They had gotten dinner and watched the Bears game with some friends. At the end of the night, Triplett's brother exited the highway at 115th Street to go home and Smith continued riding toward his Stony Island exit.

Smith's girlfriend was in a car following the riders and witnessed the accident, Triplett said.

"He was a very happy person, the life of the party," Triplett said. "He was a good guy, I can't say one bad thing about him."

Triplett said Smith worked as a truck driver for the city and was based at O'Hare International Airport. He was also a DJ and loved producing house music. He would frequently have people over to parties at his house so he could play music, Triplett said.

Smith is survived by two teenage children, Triplett said.

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Jan Hill looks over a list of seniors as husband Joe Matula grabs a bagged meal on their Monday morning route for PLOWS Council on Aging.

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Palos Park couple doing 'something' for neighbors

In retirement they deliver nutritious meals with a side of comfort



DONNA VICKROY

It's bright and early Monday morning, and though there are a thousand other places a retired couple can be — lingering over breakfast? wintering in Florida? — Jan Hill and Joe Matula are navigating the snow-dusted streets of Palos Heights.

Life's been good to these long-married Palos Park residents and so now, with time on their hands, they're returning the favor.

"Even though we're old, we're in relatively good health," said Hill, a former Moraine Valley Community College reading professor. "We can do something for our neighbors."

That something is delivering a hot, nutritious meal with a side of comfort and conversation to 26 homes each Monday morning.

The meal this day consists of sweet tangey meatballs with brown rice, corn and a salad. There's also milk, a roll and some sliced pears.

The menus and the routes are organized by PLOWS Council on Aging, a nonprofit that helps people over age 60 who are physically or psychologically impaired. PLOWS is an acronym for the area it serves: the townships of Palos, Lemont, Orland

and Worth.

Catherine Stowers, program manager for PLOWS, said each Monday through Friday, some 500 meals are delivered to clients across the region who fit the criteria of being temporarily or permanently unable to prepare a meal. People who have difficulty standing or getting to a store, for example, might qualify.

The deliveries can be short-term, such as following a surgery, or long-term for people who are elderly and living alone, she said.

Because social isolation is a big problem today, Stowers said the meals should serve two purposes: provide nutritious sustenance and be a well-being check on the individual.

"It's conversation, sharing stories, a friendly face," she said. "It also helps family members feel better. Maybe you can't visit your loved one every day but you know Jan and Joe are seeing them every Monday."

Hill remembers how her mother was able to care for her aging parents because she didn't work. These days, she said, "people have to work and a lot of older people are home alone all day long. It's kind of comforting to have somebody check in on them once a day and give them a hot meal."

Besides, she added, "What goes around comes around. We might be in this situation in the future."

Once approved by a caseworker, a client's delivery information is added to a route, Stow-

ers said. Recipients are asked to make a suggested donation because the program is only partially funded by the federal government, she said. But if an individual can't afford to give, the meals keep coming, she said.

Hill, 69, and Matula, 70, joined the fleet of volunteers in November 2018. After a rough January, during which their car got stuck in a client's driveway, they've settled into a routine, discovering shortcuts and little-known cul-de-sacs in the process.

To some on the route, Hill and Matula are just a delivery service. To others, they're a vital connection to the outside world.

"Everyone is different," said Matula, a former teacher, school superintendent and Governors State University professor. "Some people just reach out the door, take their lunch and that's it. One gentleman, a war veteran, talks for a while, telling us stories. When the weather's nice, he sits outside and waits for us."

They've learned about clients' former careers, far-off family members and lost loved ones. One 98-year-old woman who still makes it to church every day confided that she'd recently given up expressway driving.

Matula and Hill try to keep up with the news of everyone on their route, even devising a cheat sheet with the names of recipients' pets. If someone doesn't answer the door, or the client seems "off," there's a protocol to follow, Hill said.

Indeed on this morning,

there's no response to a rap at one door. Hill tries calling the resident's phone and when that also goes unanswered, she notifies the office to follow up with the client's family members.

Matula, who says the couple struggled to spend time together when they were working and raising their now-grown children, enjoys sharing the route with his wife.

Hill seconds the emotion. "He's got two artificial knees and I have a bad back. So we kind of help each other."

They also empathize with clients' mobility issues.

"In our next life we want to study engineering because there's gotta be a better walker out there somewhere. People come to the door but the door opens inward, so they have to back up to open it," she said. Some walkers don't have a tray. Those that do, have one that can't support the meal.

"You just suffer with them, watching them trying to get around," she said.

The commitment provides balance to a week that often finds Matula on the golf course. Golf, he said, is "a self-centered sport. So it's really nice to be able to do something for someone else. And it's nice to have a route so close. There's not a lot of driving with this."

The worst part, Hill said, is having to listen to sports radio the morning after a Bears loss.

The best? When their route is complete, they treat themselves to lunch at a nearby restaurant.



Jasmine Noble, 15, was fatally shot Nov. 24 in a house in Aurora.

Victim's mother struggles to cope

She moved kids after father's killing but I met same fate

BY MEGAN JONES

When Jasmine Noble was 9 years old, her father was shot and killed in the North Lawndale area of Chicago.

Jasmine's mother, Shanty Pirtle, scooped up her six children and moved to Aurora four years ago, saying she didn't want them living in that kind of environment.

When she received news that Jasmine, 15, was killed in a shooting inside a house in the 400 block of Florida Avenue on Aurora's near West Side on Nov. 24, Pirtle said she went into shock.

"For my child to be murdered the same way her father was, I'm totally lost right now," Pirtle said. "I moved to get away from the gun violence and now I'm dealing with the same pain."

In several Facebook posts on Jasmine's wall, friends and family wrote that Jasmine is now reunited with her father.

Pirtle said her daughter went to a party at a friend's house the night she was killed, and that she did not come home. She was found shot dead in the house on Florida Avenue, Pirtle said.

The circumstances of the shooting are still unclear, and police officials said they are investigating it as a death with suspicious circumstances. The death has not yet been classified as a homicide, Aurora police spokesman Paris Lewbel said.

Jasmine was a freshman attending East Aurora High School's Extension Campus.

"She was sweet, smart and was nice to anyone," Pirtle said. "She loved to read and draw."

Pirtle said she did not celebrate Thanksgiving this year because she has nothing to be thankful for. She said she is holding out hope that she will see justice concerning her daughter's death.

"I want to know who did this to my child, and I'm not going to let this go," Pirtle said.

Police are still investigating Jasmine's death, and no arrests have been made.

"I really need to know why," Pirtle said of her daughter's death.

Pirtle is raising money for a memorial service for Jasmine on GoFundMe. The fund raised more than \$5,400 in 10 days.

A private service was to be held Saturday in Chicago for family and friends of Jasmine, Pirtle said.

Jasmine was killed one week before 20-year-old Montgomery man Juanya Booker was shot to death Dec. 1 at a home in the 700 block of Fifth Street in Aurora. Four others were injured in the shooting.

The shooting deaths of Jasmine and Booker are not related, officials said.

Mayor Richard Irvin said during a media briefing Tuesday that he extends his condolences to the parents, family members and friends of the two killed "not only as mayor but also as a parent of a teenager and a young adult."

"I hurt over their loss to young lives cut short due to senseless violence," Irvin said.

Lewbel stressed that police need community cooperation to solve these cases. "No matter how small the information is, it can help our detectives put together the pieces of the puzzle," Lewbel said.

Police are asking anyone with information to contact the Aurora Police Investigations Division at 630-256-5500. Anonymous tips can be left with Aurora Crime Stoppers at 630-892-1000.

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Lake County, Ind., to consider pot possession ordinance

Possession under 30 grams would be ticketable offense

BY ALEXANDRA KUKULKA

The Lake County Council will consider Tuesday an ordinance that would make possessing under 30 grams of marijuana a ticketable offense, said Council President Ted Bilski, D-6th.

The decision comes as the county is figuring out how to comply with the state's Criminal Rule 26, which relates to pretrial release, but also as Michigan and Illinois begin to legalize recreational marijuana, Bilski said.

"(The county) is trying to keep up with the challenges with recreational marijuana use being approved in Michigan and Illinois and controlling the jail population," Bilski said.

Recreational marijuana sale and use is illegal in Indiana, but as of Dec. 1 the sale and possession of recreational marijuana for people 21 years old or older is legal in Michigan. The sale and possession of marijuana for adults will be legal in Illinois on Jan. 1, making it the 11th state to legalize recreational marijuana, according to data through the

National Conference of State Legislatures.

In Lake County, the potential ordinance violation would only be apply to possession of marijuana 30 grams or less, said Lake County attorney Ray Szarmach. Police officers will have discretion and can still charge someone with a criminal possession charge, he said.

"The reason we're doing this is to have an option for the cop to give a ticket instead of throwing them in jail," Szarmach said.

An ordinance violation is "funneling" a person through the "civil penalty system" rather than the "criminal penalty system," said Daniel Orenstein, a visiting assistant professor of law at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law and expert on marijuana law and policy.

Under an ordinance violation, the person is ticketed and fined rather than arrested, similar to a traffic ticket, Orenstein said.

"This potential ordinance doesn't make it legal," Orenstein said. "It doesn't make it legal to possess marijuana in Lake County."

Lake County Prosecutor Bernard Carter said that while "it's not an alarming



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Carter

amount" of people, there are many arrests for marijuana possession in the county. People facing possession charges typically avoid jail time by participating in a drug program, he said.

Carter, who strongly opposes the legalization of marijuana, first expressed concern about the county decriminalizing recreational marijuana possession when it is illegal in Indiana. But, he said he would uphold the ordinance if the county is legally able to uphold it.

"I think we have to be very careful with marijuana," Carter said.

State governments that haven't legalized or decriminalized recreational marijuana use but are near states that have legalized or decriminalized it find themselves in the same situation as Lake County, Orenstein said.

"This is an issue that a growing number of states are having to grapple with as state level legalization

has spread, and that's all been within the last seven years, so this is still a very new problem for a lot of states," Orenstein said.

Legalization means that there is no penalty for possessing marijuana, Orenstein said. Decriminalization means there is no criminal penalty for possession of marijuana, but there could be a civil penalty, he said.

Marijuana is illegal under federal law, Orenstein said. Even states that have legalized or decriminalized recreational marijuana have restrictions in place, such as minors not being allowed to possess marijuana or possession over a certain amount is still illegal, he said.

Researchers are still examining the impact of legalizing and decriminalizing recreational marijuana, but some initial benefits reported are increase in sales tax revenue and a decrease in jail population and racial disparities in criminal possession charges, Orenstein said. A negative to legalizing or decriminalizing recreational marijuana that is frequently discussed, Orenstein said, is that use will increase, particularly among minors. But, initial studies show that while recreational marijuana is

on the rise in these areas, the increase is among adults not minors, he said.

Initial studies also show that frequency of recreational marijuana use is increasing in states that have legalized or decriminalized it "and that's certainly a public health concern," Orenstein said.

States that have legalized recreational marijuana are still dealing with enforcement challenges, Orenstein said. But, "it's a particularly challenging situation" when states, like Indiana, that haven't legalized or decriminalized recreational marijuana are within driving distance of a state that has, Orenstein said.

"(The enforcement challenges) are magnified then across the border in a state that, like Indiana, is having to deal with folks who maybe go across the border and legally purchase this product in Illinois or Michigan and bring it back, and it's suddenly illegal when they cross the border," Orenstein said.

While there is "no easy answer" for Indiana officials in addressing residents that legally purchase marijuana in Illinois or Michigan, an ordinance violation is a good approach, Orenstein said.

Lightfoot presses Buttigieg on consulting past

Mayor wants him disclose his secret work with firm

BY BILL RUTHHART

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot took presidential front-runner Pete Buttigieg to task Friday night over his secret work for McKinsey & Co. early in his career, telling the South Bend mayor he should break a nondisclosure agreement with the consulting firm.

Buttigieg has cited the agreement as reason for not disclosing the nature of his McKinsey work or the clients he served during his 2 1/2 years working at the company. That position has drawn criticism and heightened scrutiny in recent days as he's surged to the front of the polls in the early voting states of Iowa and New Hampshire.

Lightfoot raised the issue during a U.S. Conference of Mayors event in Waterloo, Iowa, in which different mayors interviewed presidential contenders. In the windup to her question to Buttigieg about his work at McKinsey, Lightfoot noted how President Donald Trump has "broken literally every convention," including refusing to release his tax returns, ignoring "basic transparency" and casting aside "any notions of good government."

"You said you can't talk about your work at McKinsey because of a nondisclosure agreement, and I think you said today you've got to honor your commitment to McKinsey," said Lightfoot, who previously worked as a partner at the giant corporate law firm Mayer Brown. "I'm asking you, should you break that NDA so you have the moral authority and the high ground against somebody like Trump, who hides behind the lack of transparency to justify everything that he's doing?"

After the crowd applauded the question, Buttigieg noted his campaign had just released some additional details about his work at the firm, "as much information as I can without breaking the promise I made in writing."

"This is my first job out of school. It's not like I was the CEO. I was making a lot of spreadsheets and PowerPoints, but people ought to know from somebody who proposes to be president of the United States, what's in your past," Buttigieg told Lightfoot. "And I am asking my former employer to do the right thing — to not make me choose between claiming the moral high ground and going back on my word. They could fix this tonight."

"Yeah, but they're not going to, right?" Lightfoot interjected. "NDAs, courts across the land have said they're not enforceable. You should break the NDA."

Buttigieg gave a noncommittal response: "I'm going to give them a chance to do the right thing, and then we'll take it from there."

The exchange marked the highlight of the 30-minute sit-down between the two mayors, a discussion that capped a night of interviews with four other presi-



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Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot took Pete Buttigieg to task over his secret work at McKinsey & Co.

dential candidates, Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, former U.S. Housing Secretary Julian Castro, New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker and billionaire philanthropist Tom Steyer. Those interviews were routine, with the candidates fielding unsurprising questions about infrastructure, health care and gun violence.

"In fairness, I'm going to throw you some softballs," Lightfoot told Buttigieg on stage at the top of the sit-down. "And I'm going to throw a few high and tight to see how you do as well."

The Chicago mayor delivered.

Lightfoot played the role of pesky reporter as much as she did a friendly fellow politician. While she did ask relatively easy questions on immigration, infrastructure, gun violence and gerrymandering, Lightfoot also twice prodded Buttigieg on the perception that he's been unable to connect with black voters, in addition to the questions about his work at McKinsey.

"You're aware that one of the kind of persistent narratives about your campaign is the challenge that you're having connecting with black folks, and obviously we're not a monolith, we're very, very different and there's lots of nuance," Lightfoot said while asking Buttigieg about why the perception exists and how his experiences in dealing with the "challenges of a black community" in South Bend might inform his presidency.

The South Bend mayor replied by noting how his administration worked to remedy abandoned housing in the city's predominantly black West Side and had worked to start improving the historic disparity in public investment that came with redlining in the city. He then talked about his proposals to drive more federal money to African American communities and to encourage black business ownership.

"That all sounds right, and frankly, it's a lot of the things we're talking about in Chicago and across the country, but help us understand why you think there's been a disconnect," Lightfoot followed up. "You're saying the right things, you got the experience with a diverse community in South Bend, yet, you're having a difficulty connecting with the black community. Why do you think that is, and what do you do to bridge that divide?"

Buttigieg started by giving his stock answer that he's "new on the scene," and by noting that a majority of

black voters in South Carolina don't know enough about him to have an opinion, so as a result, he's got to "introduce myself in double time." But he also said he comes from a city with a "complicated history" and talked about the "anguish" South Bend endured over the summer shooting of a black resident by a police officer, which put a lack of trust in the city's police department on national display.

Part of the way he'll address the challenge, he told Lightfoot, would be to have black voices from South Bend help validate his work as mayor. During a recent three-state swing through the Deep South, Buttigieg was accompanied by South Bend council member Sharon McBride, who is African American.

"One of the things we've seen is that the black voters who know me best, in South Bend, that's where we have a lot of our best support," Buttigieg said. "And so we'll be working to make sure that the voices that are on the trail with me are able to speak to the South Bend story, so it's not just me talking about it."

Buttigieg's McKinsey work has come up periodically during the campaign, but even more so in the last few days. That has included criticism from Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren for failing to disclose his clients and a New York Times story on Thursday that laid out the mostly unknown nature of his private sector work, followed by a Times editorial Friday entitled "Buttigieg's untenable vow of silence" that called on him to disclose more about his time at McKinsey.

The South Bend mayor has repeatedly cited the nondisclosure agreement and called on McKinsey to release him from it. In a nod to the growing criticism, however, Buttigieg's campaign released additional information Friday night but stopped short of listing specific clients.

During his time at McKinsey, Buttigieg was based out of the firm's Chicago office, but traveled frequently. The campaign disclosed the following:

■ In 2007, Buttigieg worked on a study in Michigan for a nonprofit health insurance provider "undertaking on-the-job training and performing analytical work" to identify "savings in administration and overhead costs."

■ In 2008, he worked in Toronto, serving a grocery and retail chain for six months, "analyzing the effects of price cuts" on various combinations of products. He also worked in Chicago for a consumer goods retail chain on a "project to investigate opportunities for selling more energy-efficient home products in their stores."

■ In 2008 and 2009, Buttigieg worked in Connecticut on "research to combat climate change through energy efficiency," sponsored by a group that included the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy and the Natural Resources Defense Council.

■ In 2009, he worked in California, serving an environmental nonprofit on a "study to research opportunities in energy efficiency and renewable energy."

■ In 2009 Buttigieg worked in Washington, D.C., with "visits to Iraq and Afghanistan," serving a "U.S. government department in a project focused on increasing employment and entrepreneurship in those countries' economies." While in Washington, he also worked on a study to "analyze new sources of revenue" for a logistics and shipping provider.

Revelations about McKinsey's work around the world in recent years has brought negative attention to the firm known for hiring and developing some of the nation's brightest young workers.

That includes its work with Purdue Pharma on efforts to "turbocharge" opioid sales, its part in a South

African corruption scandal and its consulting for the Chinese and Saudi Arabian governments. A recent ProPublica and New York Times investigation also revealed McKinsey consultants advised the U.S. Immigration and Customs and Enforcement to cut its spending on food for migrants and medical treatment for detainees.

Buttigieg denounced that latest revelation as "disgusting," has noted he left McKinsey a decade ago and said "seeing what certain people in that firm have decided to do is extremely frustrating and extremely disappointing."

In releasing the new but restrained information Friday night, Buttigieg said, "I understand why some are calling on me to break the agreement, but it's important to me to keep my word and commitments."

In a statement, the South Bend mayor said the bulk of

his work at McKinsey came on three- or four-person teams "doing mathematical analysis, conducting research and preparing presentations."

"I never worked on a project inconsistent with my values," Buttigieg said. "And if asked to do so, I would have left the firm rather than participate."

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to know why they're saying that about you."

The South Bend mayor responded that it was "so important to earn support from black voters," noted that many candidates were polling at less than 5% with African Americans and chalked up his low numbers to being "new on the scene."

Jennings wasn't all that impressed. His excuse of not being known, she said, didn't square with the fact that the well-funded candidate had been in the presidential contest for nearly a year.

"He's very smart, but it might be too late for him to get to know my race," she said afterward. "The primary in South Carolina is in a couple months. I'm not sure he has the time."

Buttigieg can pack white folks into high school gyms in Iowa and New Hampshire with the best of them, and he leads the polls in those key first two voting states.

But if the 37-year-old political star is going to broaden his appeal enough to win the Democratic nomination, he's going to have to solve his struggles with black voters, one of the party's key voting blocs.

There is substantial ground to make up ahead of South Carolina's Feb. 29 primary. The Palmetto State is the fourth in the nominating process and the first with a majority of black voters.

The most recent poll there found Buttigieg with 0% among African Americans. Joe Biden, the former vice president to Barack Obama, continues to hold a commanding lead in South Carolina, thanks to his overwhelming support from black voters.

Buttigieg's three-state swing through the Deep South this week marked a reboot of his outreach efforts, a trip made up entirely of small, intimate affairs. The goal was for the mayor to spend as much time listening to black voters' concerns as he did on pitching his candidacy to them (not to mention having a drove of media on hand to document it all).

The move away from large rallies also reflects the reality that if Buttigieg were to hold such events in the states he visited — North Carolina, South Carolina and Alabama — he'd be unlikely to draw many voters of color. That only would reinforce the national narrative that he can't appeal to them.

Plenty of unwelcome developments and missteps for Buttigieg have helped fuel the perception.

The scrutiny ratcheted up in June, when a white South Bend police officer shot and killed a black burglar suspect armed with a knife, an incident that was not captured on the officer's body or vehicle cameras. The incident flared racial tensions in the city, brought renewed attention to the mayor's shaky relationship with some factions of South Bend's black community and forced Buttigieg off the campaign trail for a week as he weathered the fallout.

Since then, the mayor has returned campaign contributions tied to an attorney involved in the Laquan McDonald police shooting scandal, has had to answer for 2011 comments he made about black students lacking role models and faced scrutiny for comparing the struggles for equality of LGBTQ people to those of African Americans.

Beyond that, his campaign has been criticized for misrepresenting the amount of support from black leaders for his Frederick Douglass plan, and the mayor was called out during the last debate for his team's use of a stock photo of a Kenyan woman to illustrate the platform, which aims to battle inequities for African Americans.

This week, Buttigieg slowly tried to chip away at it all, one interaction at a time.

"We're going to continue to make sure that we're reaching out to constituencies that maybe won't find their way to me on their own, that we've got to come to the table first, build that relationship, build that trust," Buttigieg told report-



SEAN RAYFORD/GETTY

Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg signs a campaign poster Oct. 27 during a canvassing kickoff event in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

ers in Okatie, South Carolina. "I think that's campaigning at its best, sitting down and having that conversation."

Bowling for votes

At South Carolina State University's recreational center in Orangeburg, Louisiana rapper Poppa Hussein's party anthem "I'm Lit" bumped from the speakers as a dozen students line-danced to the song, clapping, swaying and stepping in unison.

And then in walked Buttigieg, wearing a tie and quickly shedding his overcoat.

The students at the historically black university kept dancing as Walter Clyburn Reed, the grandson of U.S. House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn of South Carolina, guided the Indiana mayor past the stack of "HBCUs for Pete" T-shirts and a dozen free pizzas to start making some introductions.

A topic that came up repeatedly among the students: Buttigieg's comments in the last debate that seemed to compare the struggles of African Americans with his own experience as a gay man in America.

"Of course he gets the struggle, because he's part of the community, but it's two totally different struggles, being a white gay man in America and being a black gay man in America. Just focus on relating to the black community and not comparing struggles."

— Jeremiah McFadden, sophomore psychology major at South Carolina State University

"While I do not have the experience of ever having been discriminated against because of the color of my skin, I do have the experience of sometimes feeling like a stranger in my own country, turning on the news and seeing my own rights come up for debate, and seeing my rights expanded by a coalition of people like me and people not at all like me," the mayor said on the debate stage.

Those remarks fueled criticism from some African American leaders and activists, including California Sen. Kamala Harris, who called the comparison "naïve." Others have defended the essence of what Buttigieg said as placing a spotlight on the hardships that have been endured by the LGBTQ community in its battle for equality over the years.

During a debate party on campus, sophomore psychology major Jeremiah McFadden said the students he watched with physically recoiled when they heard the mayor's comments. McFadden, who is gay, said he understood what the mayor was trying to say and will vote for either Buttigieg or Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

"Of course he gets the struggle, because he's part of the community, but it's two totally different struggles, being a white gay man in America and being a black gay man in America," said McFadden, 23. "Just focus on relating to the

black community and not comparing struggles."

Charles C. Patton said he brought up the topic directly with Buttigieg as the two had a lengthy conversation seated near one of the scoring tables at the recreation center's bowling alley.

"He asked me what I felt his issues were with the black community, or at least why he wasn't connecting, and I told him I don't think it's the issue of him being gay, No. 1, because we really don't care," said Patton, 22. "I told him that a lot of the time when he is speaking on an issue of struggle or an issue of privilege, he speaks on his experience as a gay man and it almost sounds like he's comparing the struggle of being gay to the struggle of being black. A lot of our people are like, 'Nah, you can't do that.'"

Patton's advice: "I told him to tell us what you want to do for our community rather than telling us what you've gone through, because we've all gone through things, and that really doesn't track with our community."

Buttigieg walked around campus with Patton, who is undecided among Buttigieg, Biden and Warren and holds the title of Mr. S.C. State, an elected ambas-

countability."

Buttigieg shook his head in disapproval. In a nod to the genesis of the tragic shooting, Clark said S.C. State always will have a bowling alley on campus.

There were no obvious signs of that symbolism 15 minutes later when Buttigieg laced up some bowling shoes and picked out a ball with a golden hue. There was only the anticipation from students and assembled members of the media of whether the mayor might commit a political gaffe.

Fortunately for Buttigieg, he did not pull a Barack Obama, who famously bowled a 37 and failed to record a strike in seven frames on an Altoona, Pennsylvania, lane in 2008. Buttigieg knocked down eight pins on his first attempt, and after the pins were reset, came through with a strike on the second.

The trust factor

Buttigieg's stop in Orangeburg, a central South Carolina city with a population of 13,000 that is three-quarters black, marked a significant contrast to his first visit seven months ago when he drew an overwhelmingly white crowd. A

didn't know enough about the mayor to have an opinion of him.

Buttigieg's campaign is trying to change that with a \$2 million ad buy in South Carolina timed to coincide with his trip to the state. That includes a TV spot in which the Afghanistan War veteran quotes phrases from the Bible and then states, "When I say we're going to unify the American people, it doesn't mean pretending we're all the same," as an image of him shaking hands with black parents tending to children and strollers flashes on the screen.

In addition to the ads, part of Buttigieg's new approach is to engage in more conversations with voters and answer their questions in hopes of convincing them he's the best candidate to take on Republican President Donald Trump next year.

In North Charleston, when a McDonald's worker asked if he'd make it easier to join unions, Buttigieg said his goal is to double union membership and allow workers to organize across multiple employers. When a woman asked about Social Security, the mayor vowed not to cut it. And when a man asked about so-called right-to-work laws that weaken unions by allowing workers to opt out of paying dues, Buttigieg said he'd work to put an end to them.

The next day at a black-owned winery on the outskirts of Round O, South Carolina, Buttigieg answered questions from a small group of African American business leaders about his plans to provide universal broadband, prevent small-town hospitals from closing, create more jobs in rural areas and address the disparity in health care quality for minorities.

Stanley Campbell, a business executive who participated in the discussion, said it was clear Buttigieg had spent a lot of time thinking about difficult issues facing African Americans and it showed in the various policies he proposed. But, he said, whether the mayor has the skill set to communicate them to black voters may be another story.

"It is very difficult if you are not raised in, let's say, the black community, then expand it to the black church, then expand it to the black schools, to gain all of that that might be necessary to make the connection, because you don't even know that you're not connecting," said Campbell, 64, who lives in Virginia and runs a health care technology company.

Matt Bowman, a Navy veteran who started the Round O vineyard on his family's fifth-generation farm, walked Buttigieg around the property, telling the story of how his family went from sharecropping to creating a successful business of their own. The mayor sampled some muscadine wine and walked through the 900-square-foot shotgun home, which included a living room shrine to the many members of the family who have served in the military.

"I was very impressed with his knowledge of the issues and impressed he took the time to come visit us," Bowman said. "Anybody who leaves the campaign trail to come to these fireside chats and there's not 1,000 people, which you know he can draw, it speaks volumes about Mayor Pete's willingness to start small and grow."

The entrepreneur said he remained undecided on who he'd vote for but said Buttigieg's "visit moved me a long way."

Ronald Wade wasn't as moved. The 73-year-old farmer who lives in nearby Canadys and works at the vineyard, said it's clear Buttigieg "is smart and knows what he's talking about," but said he'd be voting for Biden, citing his experience as Obama's vice president.

"Pete is too risky to go up against Trump right now, but I think one day he will be president," Wade said. "He needs to wait eight or 12 years. Right now, we need Biden."

In Allendale, Jennings applauded Buttigieg for visiting such a remote and economically struggling area — the first presidential candidate to do so since John Edwards in 2008. With 8,903 residents, it is South Carolina's smallest county with the state's highest poverty rate of 37%, highest percentage of black residents at 73% and tied for the fewest residents with a bachelor's degree at roughly 9%.

Jennings, the county's Democratic Party chair, said she was impressed with Buttigieg's intellect and particularly liked how he talked about protecting the voting rights of minorities, but she doubted the mayor could do much in a matter of weeks to pick off Biden's black support.

"In Allendale, everybody loves Barack Obama, and although a lot of people may not know much about Joe Biden, because he was on that ticket, that's good enough for them," Jennings said. "And they're going to vote that way. Regardless of what anybody else says, that's what they're going to do."

When Jennings pressed Buttigieg on why she had heard so much on TV about his struggles with black voters, the mayor responded by alluding to a history of African Americans being overlooked.

"I know a lot of African American voters have felt, not only kicked around by the Republican Party, but sometimes taken for granted by the Democratic Party that knows how to come to church just before an election, but doesn't always come back and engage with the community when it's most needed," Buttigieg said. "So I know that as somebody's who's new on that scene, I've got to earn that trust."

Across the room on a makeshift plywood bookshelf sat a black-and-gold framed photo of two men who already have: Barack Obama and Joe Biden.

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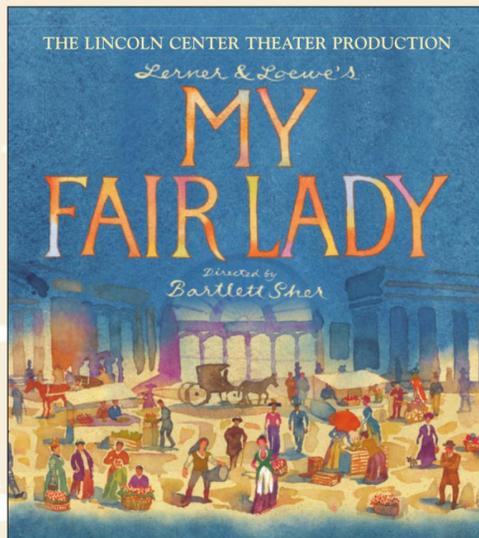


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A sack of impeachment for Trump's chimney



REX W. HUPPKE

Donald Trump is getting a stocking full of impeachment for Christmas, though I'd bet some coal will be in there as well, as his administration starts the holiday season by booting hundreds of thousands of poor people off food stamps.

I took one lousy week off from the Week in Review and the world kept getting dumber. So now I'm back, scratching my head and asking the always-relevant question: "What the (BLEEP) just happened?"

Santa Pelosi drops a big ol' box of impeachment down Trump's chimney: We now know Donald Trump's presidency will be viewed as historic, and not just historically dreadful. (Rimshot!)

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Thursday she has instructed Democratic chairmen in the House to begin drafting articles of impeachment against Trump, marking only the fourth time in history that Congress has tried to boot a president from office. "Our democracy is what is at stake," Pelosi said. "The president leaves us no choice but to act."

Through transcripts of closed-door depositions and from public testimony — all compiled into a 300-page report released by the House Intelligence Committee — Americans not under the sway of Fox News' poop-hurling Trump defenders have seen a fact-based narrative that reveals Trump's staggeringly self-serving behavior.

Simply put: He leveraged a U.S. ally's congressionally-approved military aid to pressure that ally into launching investigations that would benefit him politically and potentially influence the 2020 election. Those investigations had nothing to do with U.S. national security and everything to do with validating the conspiracy theories that inhabit Trump's addled mind.

So now he will all but surely be impeached by the House of Representatives. And in the new year, he will have a trial in the Senate, where the Republican majority will all but surely acquit him, as they've sold their oaths of office for a cult membership and a place on the wrong side of history. Trump will declare victory and likely go on using the levers of power to rig the 2020 election in his favor.

And even with all that, and with whatever chaos follows, Democrats will have done something Trump has never once considered doing: the right thing.

Trump administration goes full

Scrooge for the holidays: In an attempt to further hone its uniquely cruel brand,



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Speaker Nancy Pelosi announces Thursday that the House is moving forward to draft articles of impeachment against the president.

the Trump administration announced a new rule that will take food stamps away from hundreds of thousands of Americans facing food insecurity. What a Christmas gift that will be!

The rule targets the Supplemental Nutrition Program, or SNAP. Technically, work-eligible adults have to maintain steady employment to receive SNAP benefits, but states have been able to issue exemptions.

The new rule sharply limits those exemptions, likely impacting about 688,000 SNAP recipients.

"The final rule would cause serious harm to individuals, communities and the nation while doing nothing to improve the health and employment of those impacted by the rule," said James D. Weill, president of the Food Research and Action Center.

Weill also called the administration's plan "deeply flawed and ill-conceived," which could just as easily be the Trump administration's motto.

Speaking of food insecurity, readers who hate me can chip in: As regular readers know, the Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive, which allows people to express their love or hate for me by

donating to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, is in full swing. And there's a weird thing happening: The RexRocks team is Clobbering the RexStinks team.

So far RexRocks has donated more than \$17,000 while the RexStinks folks haven't even broken \$1,000. Surprisingly low energy from my haters.

Remember, if the RexStinks team wins, I get doused in ice water outdoors in January while wearing an "I STINK" shirt. If you disagree with everything I write, it's an amazing opportunity to see me publicly embarrassed and partially frozen.

Please give until I hurt at: <http://myfooddrive.org/#InsultRex>.

Eddie Johnson will now have plenty of time to nap: Eddie Johnson's career as Chicago's police superintendent came to a swift end as Mayor Lori Lightfoot fired him, accusing him of lying to her. Johnson also officially retired from the Police Department on Wednesday.

At the center of this scandal is a nap — or something like that. In October, Johnson was found asleep in a running vehicle near his home in Bridgeport. At first he said medication was to blame, though he later told the mayor he had had a couple of

drinks.

Citing anonymous sources, the Tribune reported that the superintendent had been drinking for a few hours with a woman who was not his wife. The woman was a Chicago police officer and a member of Johnson's security detail, the sources said.

It's possible Johnson will now be spending even more time sleeping in his car.

Federal investigators appear to be at least Madigan-adjacent: These might be sweaty holidays for Democratic Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan.

Four people interviewed by federal investigators told the Tribune they have been "asked about connections between Commonwealth Edison lobbyists and Madigan, lobbyists giving contracts to people tied to the speaker, and city, state and suburban government jobs held by his associates."

During the fall legislative session, Madigan was asked if the feds are targeting him. He said: "I'm not a target of anything."

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BY MICHELLE L. QUINN

As Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors District 5 Director Jim Laud Sr. was rounding everyone up for lunch Saturday, a text came in.

His son, Andrew Laud, a United States Army captain, texted his dad that he and 53 other Army captains were sending out their love to Pearl Harbor survivor Jim DeWitt and all the other attendees at the annual National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Memorial Service, held indoors for the first time ever at Lincoln Center in Highland Saturday afternoon.

The elder Laud choked up reading it aloud.

"Wish he'd have sent this an hour ago when I was up (at the podium)," he said, laughing while wiping away tears. "I get emotional a lot these days."

Laud, who's led the Pearl Harbor ceremony for several years, has seen survivors' ranks dwindle to just one or two survivors making it to Highland each year. DeWitt, who lives in Culver,



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Pearl Harbor survivor Jim DeWitt shakes hands with the Rev. Mike Maginot during the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Memorial Service in Highland on Saturday.

for example, is 97.

But even if seeing his friends sometimes makes it harder for him, the idea of not championing these men would be exponentially worse.

"So much (about Pearl Harbor) presents itself all the time that you can't ignore it, or I can't, anyway,"

Laud said.

An article Laud read, "God and the Three Mistakes," about the errors in judgement the Japanese made on that day as thought of by World War II Admiral Chester Nimitz, was one such example. Someone he didn't know handed him the article before the ceremony

kicked off.

"Mistake number one: The Japanese attacked on Sunday morning, and nine out of every 10 crewmen of those ships were ashore on leave," Laud read.

Mistake number two, Laud read, was that the Japanese were so focused on bombing the ships, they for-

got about the dry docks, which made it easier for the Americans to repair the ships. The third mistake, according to Nimitz, was that the Japanese also didn't hit any of the fuel, Laud read.

Whatever the Japanese didn't accomplish that day, they were still able to shock the country like it had never been. More than 2,400 Americans were killed in the attack, of which 1,177 died aboard the U.S.S. Arizona. Some 300 alone were trapped in water-tight compartments and died up to two weeks later, Laud said.

Two of those men, previously unidentified and buried in a mass grave, were recently identified through DNA, Laud said. One of them, Marley Arthurholtz, who died on the U.S.S. Oklahoma, was laid to rest in Granger Saturday, he said, while a second one, Oris Brandt of Kentland, has funeral services pending.

For Jim DeWitt, who was on the U.S.S. Antares when the attack broke out, the bombing didn't feel real because very few realized it was an honest-to-God at-

tack. The disbelief was so great, in fact, that he believes someone with a higher rank dropped the ball with what they saw.

"We were tugging a craft, and we saw the periscope for one of the Japanese subs following us that morning at 6:10 a.m. We thought someone would've called general quarters," DeWitt said.

DeWitt said he's never been able to shake the smell of the day, either. His brother, John, was also in the battle but got ill, DeWitt said, and when he went to see John, between the smell of the lingering bombs and the men who suffered burns was something he'll never forget.

DeWitt's daughter, Kathy Patrick, also of Culver, doesn't remember her dad ever talking about the Pearl Harbor attack when she was young. But as long as he can still get around, he won't turn down the invite to the annual remembrance event. "He enjoys it," she said.

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Austin

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affected by the war on drugs — from the resulting mass incarceration to the drain of financial resources.

The legalization law was written to give a distinct advantage to license applicants who meet one of three social equity criteria: They live in neighborhoods designated to have been disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs; they, their parent or dependent have been arrested or convicted of a marijuana charge that is eligible to be expunged under the law; or they employ at least 10 people, and half of the workforce meets the first two criteria.

Austin, one of the city's largest communities that has endured decades of illegal drug dealing and street violence, is one of the designated areas.

A complicated and costly process

The Austin police district organized a series of forums on legalizing marijuana possession after community members raised questions about what recreational use would mean in Chicago.

At the panel last month, city, law enforcement and industry officials fielded a range of questions from the audience.

While carrying up to 30 grams of marijuana would be legal, officers cautioned that smoking weed won't be permitted in public, including in parks.

A Cook County prosecutor explained that the law calls for mostly misdemeanor or pot records to be automatically expunged from court records for convictions one year or older except for those that include other ineligible offenses.

Another resident asked how much dispensaries

would pay their workers. A representative for one local dispensary said plans called for those who worked a minimum 30 hours a week to be paid \$14.50 an hour for such jobs as "bud tenders" who handle over-the-counter sales.

The meeting had its lighter moments.

The industry rep tried to explain the dispensary's role in the legal weed chain.

"We're not the cultivator. We're not the grower," she said slowly.

A woman interrupted, calling out, "They're the dealer."

But the more serious question looming over the two-hour meeting was how residents could take part in this new financial opportunity.

Some had clearly already given up on such hopes.

"We don't really have the ability as a community to purchase a dispensary," Tara Rice, 51, a lifelong West Sider, concluded in frustration near the end of the discussion. "The reality is we've been blackballed out of the business because all of the dispensaries are already open."

But in fact, officials said, applications for licenses to operate recreational marijuana dispensaries won't begin to be accepted until next Tuesday. The sign-up period lasts until Jan. 2.

Since Austin has been among the neighborhoods designated to be adversely impacted by drugs, residents would almost certainly qualify for the social equity incentives, giving them a significant boost.

But Ron Holmes, who has opened a consulting business to help social equity applicants navigate the process, cautioned that obtaining one of the licenses will be complicated and extremely costly — into the hundreds of thousands of dollars at a minimum.

Still, Holmes urged residents not to give up.

"I am South Side born and raised. I am still very

optimistic about the resilience of black folks," he said. "It's what we do. We've done it for generations. I think people who want to hustle still have an opportunity."

Job opportunities at a minimum

Rice, who has lived in Austin for 13 years, had arrived at the meeting with a binder of notes and specific questions to ask about the license process.

Later, she told the Tribune that her neighbors in the recently restarted Quincy Street block club in Austin have been meeting regularly over all kinds of local issues, including legalization of recreational pot and what it means for the city.

Rice said she would welcome the opportunity to employ the young men in the area now working the illegal drug trade.

"Do you know how many kids we could get off the corners?" she said. "They have the know-how for it. They are entrepreneurs. ... And this is a great opportunity economically. Get our young people to see the good side of business and that you can live a productive life legally."

Many of the answers about how to get started in the highly regulated and controlled industry are buried in the 610-page state law. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is offering technical and financial support on its website to social equity candidates. In addition, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, which will issue the licenses, opened a public question period on its website and issued dozens of pages of answers on the industry.

While experts celebrate aspects of the law — especially the requirement that social equity applicants retain a 51% interest in dis-

pensaries — they also expressed concern whether average, nonindustry people can overcome the complicated law and rules in enough time to benefit let alone find the necessary financial backing.

"I think the purpose of the social equity provisions was a noble one, but obviously in the execution of it, that is where we can run into problems," said Bryna Dahlin, an attorney at Benesch Law who specializes in the cannabis industry. "The persons that have wanted to get involved who are social equity have really had to do a lot of legwork on their own. Reaching out, going to various events and trying to meet people. Reaching out to cannabis operators in other states."

Officials at the Austin meeting urged residents to consider less costly or ambitious ways to benefit from

the new legal pot market, including obtaining a license to transport cannabis — available next year — or simply seeking employment at a dispensary.

Ellen Lewis, 49, the operator of a small online business who asked about dispensary wages at the meeting, said it would be a shame if the biggest benefit for residents was only a chance at a dispensary job given the financial windfall the industry stands to make.

"The problem that we have, especially in our community, is there are a lot of people who come in and they set up businesses in our community and ... take that wealth with them," Lewis said. "If there were people who really live in the community and really give back to the community, (we might see) better wages and programs."

Most people in the audi-

ence were older, longtime Austin residents. But the few younger community residents there said after the meeting that some young people, suffering from lack of quality education or jobs, have turned to illegal street drug sales to pay for everyday living expenses.

The idea that outsiders would now come into the neighborhood to work the legal marijuana market seemed unfair to them, but they didn't write off the possibility of seizing the opportunity to join in.

"One thing about my community is we are adaptable," said Clifton "Booney" McFowler, an Austin resident and street intervention specialist who attended the meeting.

"We have to be."

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A black woman like Harris never had a chance



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Sen. Kamala Harris would have been an excellent president. But it was never going to happen. The elephant in the room was just too big.

She is a woman and she is black. And in the aftermath of Donald Trump, she never had a chance at gaining the kind of broad support needed to keep her campaign financially viable. That's why she abruptly withdrew from the race on Tuesday.

America isn't progressive enough to elect a black woman as head of state, any more than it was when Shirley Chisholm ran in 1972. It's questionable whether our country can elect a woman, period.

Though we seemed to be headed in that direction three years ago with Hillary Clinton, Trump's unexpected victory forced us to take a deep detour that set us back in terms of leveling the playing field for minorities and women in high-stakes elections.

It is impressive, though, that Democrats have provided a platform for a diverse field of candidates to take a shot at the presidency. It gives the illusion that everyone has a fair chance to make it to the top of the ticket, regardless of his or her race, ethnic background, gender or sexual orientation.

But it really is just an illusion. Perhaps we are at a place now where the only person who has a real chance of defeating the old white man in the White House is another old white man. Though most of us abhor that notion, we can't deny the fact that an African American, a woman or a gay man at the top of the Democratic ticket at a time when the nation is so divided would be risky. A black woman leading the ticket would have been fatal.

This is a nation that sees black women as second-class citizens and treats them accordingly. Black women are at the bottom of the barrel on everything that matters. The unemployment rate for them is nearly double that of white women. When black wom-



U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris speaks Nov. 1 at the Democratic Party Liberty and Justice Dinner in Des Moines, Iowa.

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en do find jobs, they earn significantly less than everybody else.

As a result, they are more likely to live in poverty, making their children more vulnerable to societal ills. Even with all that going against them, they refuse to give up.

Harris is a sharp, competent and committed politician who states her values clearly and fights for them ferociously. She would have been a formidable counter to Trump — smart and quick-witted enough to devour him in a debate.

She is no anomaly, either. Many black women, through hard work, have excelled in politics and other professions in spite of the obstacles, proving time and time again that they are as capable as anyone else of being a leader.

It isn't Harris' fault that America didn't trust her.

Early on, Harris was a front-runner in the crowded field of Democratic hopefuls. She shot up to her highest point after a testy exchange with Joe Biden over issues of race and school busing during a June debate. She gener-

ated a significant amount of buzz that kept mostly white TV pundits talking about her for days. But it eventually fizzled and she never was able to regain her footing.

African Americans, for the most part, were never that enamored with her as a presidential candidate. She consistently fell at the bottom of the heap with black voters, far behind former Vice President Biden, an old white man.

Republicans, including Donald Trump Jr., tried to make her biracial background a campaign issue, suggesting that someone who is half Indian and half Jamaican isn't really black.

For most African Americans, that's a nonissue. Barack Obama was biracial too, having been born to a white mother and an African father. Like Obama, Harris strongly identifies as black, and that is good enough for most African Americans.

The reason blacks didn't support Harris is more complex, but not at all surprising. Black people don't automatically throw their

support behind black presidential candidates just because they are black. Black candidates have to prove they can win, just as white ones do.

Before he won in the overwhelmingly white Iowa caucuses, Obama had a hard time getting black voters to believe in him. Prior to proving he could win the white vote, most black people were with Hillary Clinton. She was a familiar face, and she had Bill Clinton, who had proved he knew how to win a presidential election, by her side.

She was familiar, trusted and proven — just like Biden.

It isn't that African Americans don't want another black president. It's just that voting is sacred to many black people whose parents, grandparents and great-grandparents were denied the right. It's not something they are willing to waste on a candidate who has no chance of winning.

Chisholm, the first black woman to seek the nomination from a major party, understood the psyche of the American electorate

perhaps better than most. Her focus was on attracting white voters, knowing that she could not be a viable candidate without their support, both financially and in the voting booth.

"I am not the candidate of black America, although I am black and proud," she said in her historic announcement speech. "I am not the candidate of the woman's movement of this country, although I am a woman and I am equally proud of that."

Neither that nor her stellar political record was enough to garner white people's support. Forty-seven years later, Harris couldn't do it either.

Of course, Harris is as qualified as anyone to hold the office. But she couldn't win — not in 2020 America, where racism and bigotry is on full display.

Most black people realized that from the start. Deep inside, as a black woman, Harris must have known it too.

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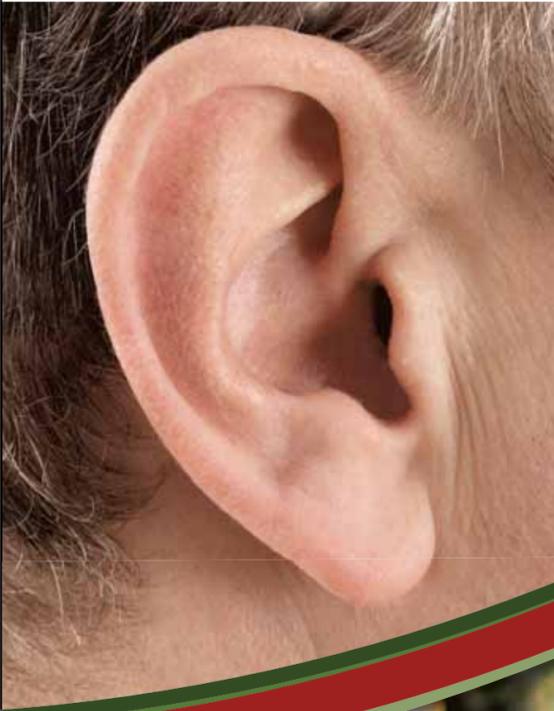
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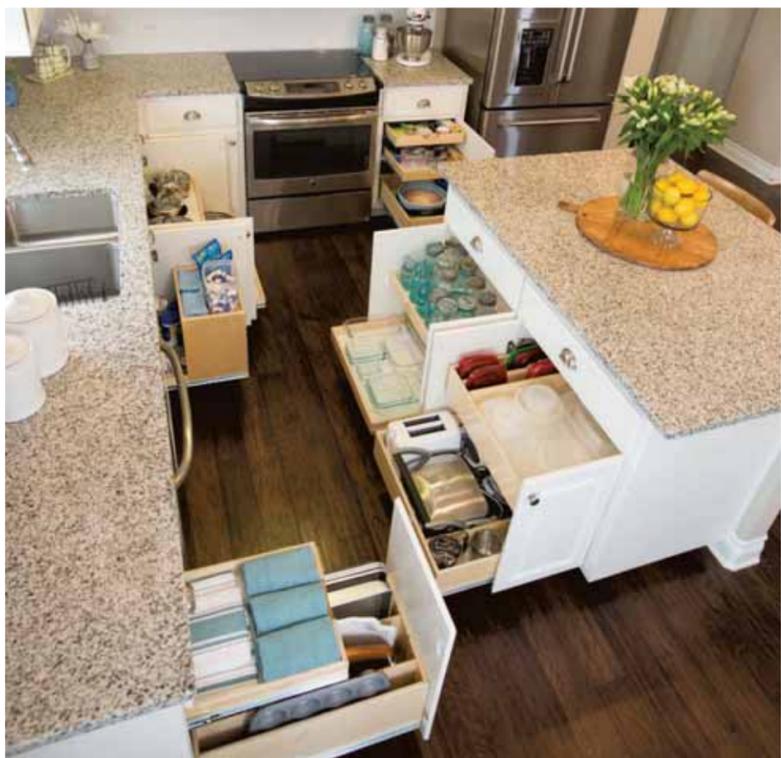
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The death chamber, equipped for lethal injection, at the federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Indiana, is shown in 1995.

Why Democrats are not afraid to abolish the death penalty



STEVE CHAPMAN

Kamala Harris has always opposed capital punishment. As district attorney of San Francisco, she declined to seek the death penalty for an accused cop-killer, infuriating the police union and putting her at odds with California Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein. In her 2010 race for attorney general, Harris barely beat a Republican foe despite California's strong Democratic tilt.

Her presidential campaign ended in disappointment on Tuesday, but here's the notable thing: Her position on capital punishment had nothing to do with Harris' failure to launch. What was once a controversial position has become perfectly normal in the Democratic Party.

Only one of the many current and past contenders in this year's race, Montana Gov. Steve Bullock, expressed support for capital punishment. The others appear to be united in favoring abolition. Even former Republican Michael Bloomberg agrees.

This consensus represents a deci-

sive shift. In 2016, Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton said, "There are some really heinous crimes that are, in my view, still arguably ones that should potentially have the death penalty."

Barack Obama was another supporter. In 2008, he even criticized a Supreme Court decision forbidding execution for criminals who rape children. "I think that the rape of a small child, 6 or 8 years old, is a heinous crime, and if a state makes a decision under narrow, limited, well-defined circumstance, the death penalty is at least potentially applicable, that that does not violate our Constitution," he said. In 2015, Obama said he found the death penalty "deeply troubling" but was not ready to abandon it.

Democrats used to regard support for capital punishment as a political necessity, if not a moral imperative. During his 1992 primary campaign, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton allowed the execution of an inmate whose mental capacity was so limited that he asked guards to save the pie from his last meal "for later." Clinton wanted to leave no doubt about his toughness on crime.

He chose a running mate, Sen. Al Gore of Tennessee, who also supported execution of some criminals. Gore held to that position in his 2000 presidential campaign.

They took a stern lesson from the

1988 nominee, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, who rejected the death penalty — even when asked during a debate if he would favor it if his wife were raped and murdered. His detached, clinical response to that question was seen as a fatal blunder.

At the time, capital punishment looked as secure as Alcatraz. But policy and public opinion have changed radically since then. Twenty-one states, including Illinois, plus the District of Columbia have abandoned it, and four more are under execution moratoriums declared by their governors. The exoneration of more than 150 people who had been sentenced to death made it much harder to justify.

Prosecutors and juries are less enamored of it than ever. In 1999, 98 criminals were put to death in the United States. In 2018, the number was down to 25. In 2000, under a governor named George W. Bush, Texas alone carried out 40 executions. Last year, it had just 13.

The Supreme Court has curtailed the practice. In 2002, it prohibited the killing of those with "mental retardation." In 2005, it forbade capital punishment for anyone who was under age 18 at the time of the crime.

More important, the American people have lost their ardor for government-imposed death. Gallup reported that this year, for the first time, a majority of Americans said they

favor life imprisonment with no chance of parole over execution in murder cases. Fully 60% agree, with only 36% disagreeing. Two decades ago, the numbers were roughly reversed.

Democrats have welcomed the change. The 2016 platform was the first time the party came out for ending capital punishment. In the brief time since Hillary Clinton was crowned, it's become almost impossible to imagine Democrats nominating a proponent of the death penalty.

It's even harder to picture a GOP nominee opposing it. A 2018 Pew Research survey found that only 35% of Democrats favor putting killers to death — compared with 77% of Republicans. In July, Attorney General William Barr said the federal government would resume executions for the first time since 2003.

He's fighting public sentiment with this gratuitous ritual of vengeance. In many ways, America seems to be getting more cruel, not less. But our growing disenchantment with human execution is evidence that we are still capable of progress.

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CHANGE OF SUBJECT

BY ERIC ZORN



As the number of abortions continues to fall, support for abortion rights is soaring

Abortion is in decline.

In a report issued last month, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that the number of abortions among women ages 15-44 dropped by 24% in the most recent 10-year window for which they have data (2007 through 2016), and the abortion rate — the number of abortions per 1,000 women — fell 26%.

These results track closely with the results of research conducted by the Guttmacher Institute, an organization that advocates for abortion rights and surveys a different set of providers. Guttmacher's figures show the abortion rate trending steadily downward from 1981, when it peaked at 29.3 per 1,000 women, to 13.5 in 2017. That's a 54% drop in 36 years.

That's good.

Even those of us who are ardent supporters of abortion rights recognize that unintended, unwanted or medically fraught pregnancies are distressing, and that terminating them is emotionally complicated.

Better still is evidence that suggests the reason abortion is in decline is because unintended pregnancy is in decline — better and more responsible use of improved contraceptive methods — and not because of the spread of state laws designed to make legal abortions more difficult to nearly impossible to obtain.

If the drop in the number of abortions was the result of laws that coerced women to carry their pregnancies to term against their will or even of successful proselytizing by foes of abortion rights, you'd expect to see a rise in the overall birthrate. But in fact, a National Vital Statistics System report issued last month shows U.S. birthrates have been trending downward since the late 1990s, and in 2018, birthrates among supposedly sexually irresponsible teens hit a record low of recent decades, down 72% from their



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A large group gathers for a Chicago Rally for Reproductive Justice abortion rights event in May at Daley Plaza.

peak in 1991.

My thought was that these positive developments might be having the unintended effect of diminishing political support for abortion rights. I know that part of the reason I have always backed abortion rights is that, coming into young adulthood in the late '70s and early '80s, I knew many young women who had abortions — women who believed that carrying an unintended pregnancy to term would derail their lives; women of great character who did not choose abortion lightly but who generally went on later to have children and careers.

Conventional wisdom is that familiarity breeds support. It's widely thought that the gay rights movement advanced as rapidly as it did because as more and more LGBTQ people publicly acknowledged their sexuality, more and more straight people realized that gay people were their co-workers, neighbors, friends, relatives and siblings, not "the other," and deserved rights and respect.

So as abortion rates continue to

decline, fewer and fewer people will have a personal connection to the issue and it seems logical that support will wane.

I found only two polls to shed light on this supposition. One was a 1989 New York Times/CBS News survey that found a 19 percentage point gap (58% to 39%) between support for legal abortion among those who knew a woman who'd had an abortion and those who didn't. The other was a Pew Research Center poll in August that found a 7 percentage point gap (64% to 57%).

"We have heaps of anecdotal evidence that knowing someone who has had an abortion — especially a close relative like a mother, sister, girlfriend or aunt — tends to make people more pro-choice," said Eric Scheidler, executive director of the Chicago-based Pro-Life Action League, when I asked him about this. Though he said he had no other survey data on the point, "the pro-life movement acts on the belief that this is the case."

But for whatever reason, polls taken this year show political

support for abortion rights has not fallen along with abortion rates.

An ABC News/Washington Post poll released in July found 27% support for the idea that abortion should be "legal in all cases" — the highest in the history of the poll dating back to 1996. Add in the "legal in most cases" responses and the total favorability number was 60%, again the highest in the history of the poll. Support for "illegal in all cases" was at 14%, a 12-year low.

A Pew Research Center poll released in August found even slightly higher support — 61% total support for legal abortion in all (27%) or most (34%) cases. Pew also found 70% opposition to overturning Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that established abortion as a constitutional right in most cases, up from 63% opposition in 2013.

An NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll released in June found 34% support for the idea that abortion should be "legal in all cases" and another 22% of respondents saying the procedure

should be "legal most of the time," a 56% level of support that marked "a record high for the survey," according to NBC.

A Reuters/Ipsos poll released in May found 58% support for allowing abortion in most or all cases, up from 50% when Reuters/Ipsos asked the same question just 10 months earlier.

A Gallup poll released in June found 52% of respondents identifying as "pro-choice" (in favor of abortion rights) and 43% identifying as "pro-life" (opposed to abortion rights). It was the highest number since 2006, though "similar to the findings when the question has been asked this way since 2001," Gallup reported.

Who knows all the reasons why. But a solid majority of Americans seem to be standing up for abortion rights, even in the abstract, against the legal onslaught from the minority that would deny women those rights. That's also good.

Re: Tweets

The winner of this week's reader poll to select the funniest tweet was, "You think Putin ever wishes we would put up more of a fight, to make it more challenging? I mean, wrecking America shouldn't be a Monday crossword puzzle," by Peter Sagal (@petersagal), host of NPR's "Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me." Shortly after I posted the poll, Sagal appealed to his nearly 228,000 followers, "Longtime readers will know how much I desperately care about this silly contest. Vote as if my fragile ego depended on it." And they did!

The poll appears midweek at chicagotribune.com/zorn, and you can receive an alert when it's posted by signing up for the Change of Subject email newsletter at chicagotribune.com/newsletters.

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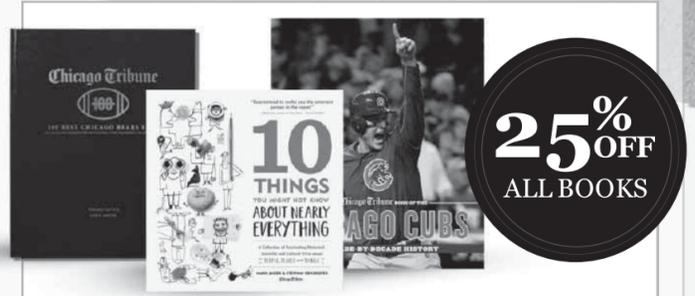
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Butch, a female English bulldog, might have read the Tribune's "bulldog" edition in 1954. She had an Iowa tag but was found wandering in Chicago by the Animal Welfare League.



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Alberto and Ada Guglielmi and son Jean pose with actor Rudolph Valentino and his Irish wolfhound, Centaur Pendragon, at Union Station in 1926. The two men were brothers.

NEWSHOUNDS!

DOGS HAVE LONG GRACED THE TRIBUNE'S PAGES



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Jean Anderson, of St. Louis, and her dog Lucky watch the high waves roll in on Lake Michigan at Division Street in September 1937.

BY COLLEEN KUJAWA

When Scottish novelist Walter Scott lost his beloved bull terrier Camp, he hinted at the depth of his heartbreak in his explanation for turning down a dinner invitation that day: "The death of a dear old friend."

The literary world, in fact, is filled with examples of heartfelt reverence for the ever-faithful dog, the Tribune passionately argued in 1890: "The poets, with a few exceptions, have always loved him, from Homer down. They have sung his virtues in all languages and caused his eulogies to be engraved on monuments and on the hearts of men."

"Man's best friend" inspires like no other, a glance at the Tribune's archives reveals.

The dog "loves and venerates us as if we had made him out of nothing. He is above all our creature, full of gratitude, and more devoted than the apple of our eye," Belgian poet Maurice Maeterlinck wrote in a guest column in 1904.

A pair of dueling voices in a 1913 commentary very seriously took on the question of whether the dog deserves top billing as humankind's animal companion. Col. James H. Lewis, in giving the "pro" side, described dogs as having the biblical patience of Job:

"Dogs are known to die rather than desert, to starve rather than abandon, and to accept brutal treatment from master and owners and never



CHICAGO TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTO

Tommy Templeton is reunited with his dog Prince, who had been lost, in this undated photo.

rebel. And finally to watch over a child, to guard the home, and to follow the master through every fate. Surely, in the language of the scripture, 'There is no greater love than this that sticketh closer than a brother.'"

On the more playful side, the Tribune column "A Line O' Type or Two" dedicated space in March 1955 to the most common dog names of the day, as recorded by the Chicago clerk's office. At the top of the list were Skippy or Skipper, Duke, Blackie and Duchess. Owners of big dogs were partial to Major, Rex and Queenie, as well as Duke. Mutts were christened Spotty, Pal, Penny and Ginger. The story mentioned "a distressing number of Stinkers."

How about Whiskers? That's what firefighters at a North Side firehouse called a shaggy-faced stray when she became their newest mascot, the Tribune reported in 1977. The "little lady" quickly charmed the crew. "She has her favorites, but she likes all the men and even won over some of the grumpy ones," a firefighter said.

Whiskers' selection for the honorary post was a departure from Fire Department tradition: Dalmatians historically have served in that role because back in the day they kept the horses calm when firefighting equipment was transported on wagons, the Tribune wrote. The spotted dogs also apparently have shown a talent for ...



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Phyllis Jones skates and keeps tabs on her dog Luger Ali near Lake Michigan in April 1982.

ing?

The Tribune discovered a troupe of highly trained Dalmatians with a love of the limelight when it reported in 1951 on Willy Necker's dog act, which gained fame through appearances on TV and at dog shows and county fairs: "Necker ... says that his five Dals are true canine 'hams.' All of them love to perform their various tricks and hear the applause of spectators."

Dogs have also graced the pages of the Tribune because of their famous masters. Rudolph Valentino, a sex symbol of the early 20th-century silver screen, made a splash in Chicago when he visited the city in 1926 and brought along his 200-pound Irish wolfhound

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Centaur Pendragon.

And they've appeared in print posing with their owners from all walks of life, from socialites to blue-collar Chicagoans. Or while reading the so-called bulldog (early) Sunday edition of the Tribune after being found wandering the streets by an animal welfare group. (One guess as to which breed of dog.)

Perhaps one of the most loving tributes to dogs in the Tribune came from columnist Bob Becker, who bid farewell to his hunting dog Mike in 1937 after his trusty companion's death:

"We are going to miss his eager face at the window tonight when we come home. We are going to miss his scurrying around to find something (a magazine, paper, or glove) so that he can make us a present, which often is a Labrador's gesture to tell you that he likes you. We will miss his muted, throaty bark after dinner at night when he begs for attention. ..."

"We hope we are not mistaken about that happy hunting ground for dogs. ... A dog like Mike deserves a life in such an idyllic place after the pleasure and devotion he has given us these last few years."

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EDITORIALS



SCOTT STANTIS

Illinois Exodus alert: Why Chicago skyscrapers and your home are worth less

Chicago, bustling city of big business and gleaming skyscrapers, looks vibrant. Yet there's a sense of foreboding in big-money circles — a legitimate concern that Illinois' fiscal rot is scaring away jobs and investment.

This is bad news for everyone who works and pays taxes in the Chicago area and throughout the state. The situation is especially perilous for homeowners, because the weaker Illinois economy, the fewer homebuyers there are. And thus, the more likely Illinoisans will see their property values decline.

Pension liabilities: The invisible threat

The perception out there — Beware of Illinois! — is mostly due to state government's irresponsible stewardship of the people's money. Illinois has an enormous hole in its state employee pension system. The latest estimate is a \$137 billion unfunded pension liability — essentially, money promised to government retirees that Springfield hasn't set aside. Chicago and other Illinois cities have their own menacing budgetary and pension woes.

There are several ways for Illinois to climb out of its pit: Spur job growth to create more taxpayers; cut government services and benefits; raise taxes on everyone who resides in the state and chooses not to leave. That third option is what gives employers and investors pause about doing business in and around Chicago. Who wants to be the last ones at the party? It only means you'll have to clean up the mess. That's what we mean by the Illinois Exodus.

The latest warning signs aren't immediately obvious. In the Loop, for example, thousands of workers are moving into the newly refurbished old main post office. Nearby, international investors are teaming up to build the 50-story BMO Tower. There are other good signs: The tech industry is growing. North Side neighborhoods are flush with condo development. Obviously, people want to live and work in Chicago. Betting on Illinois' future is the problem.

Over the past year, prices for office buildings, retail centers and industrial real estate in the Chicago area have fallen 4.1%, according to Real Capital Analytics, a research firm. Buying levels have

dropped through the floor for both Chicago and suburban business hubs: The dollar volume of deals is down 42% this year.

The Wall Street Journal reported Chicago's dismal 4.1% price decline for these commercial properties and added a spit take: "That was the worst performance among major metropolitan areas analyzed by the company, behind even crisis-stricken Hong Kong, where prices fell 2.6%."

Chicago is less desirable than Hong Kong under siege by authoritarian China? Uh-oh.

The high cost of uncertainty

What's going on? There's more than one reason for real estate anxiety. Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi is undertaking a long-overdue revision of the system for calculating property taxes. A lot of commercial properties that were underassessed will see increases. Until the dust settles, some investors are staying away from metropolitan Chicago. That's a short-term issue.

The long-term uncertainty is the impact of poor governance on this state's and city's economic future, including the impact of rising taxes on property values. Here's the Journal's take and, spoiler alert, it won't make you feel better about investing in Chicago's future — or about the value of that ranch house you may own in Highland Park:

"The primary reason that Chicago is struggling from an investment-sales perspective is the outlook for higher taxes in the future," Dave Bragg, a managing director at Green Street, told the Journal. In a report last year, Green Street argued that Chicago is nearing a vicious cycle where departing workers reduces tax revenue, forcing the city and state to raise tax rates, which increases out-migration, and so on.

Jim Costello of Real Capital Analytics tells us investors worry that Illinois governments' eventual solution to their pension crises will be to soak property owners with enormous tax increases. That would destroy building values. "Investors are rightly concerned about what happens next," he says.

What happens next? It's the same question being asked by others, including employers and homeowners. That's what discourages companies from

creating more jobs here — and also drives the Illinois Exodus. Why not bypass Chicago and locate a new office in Dallas, or move the family to Tennessee instead of dealing with the uncertainty and potential misery of Illinois in the 2020s?

The Journal article reminded its national audience — so no, there's no camouflaging Illinois' lousy public finances and the repercussions — that Chicago's housing market is among the weakest in the top U.S. metropolitan areas.

According to the Federal Housing Finance agency, Chicago-area prices rose 1.5% in the past year, compared with 4.9% for homes nationally.

The way out of trouble

As we noted, there are steps to take that would ease the pension problems. "Something has to happen where the city and state are put onto a path of sustainability for the budget and the pensions," says Costello. "It sounds like somebody is going to have to take a loss, either the pensions or taxpayers."

Gov. J.B. Pritzker wants Illinois voters to approve a constitutional amendment next November to allow a graduated income tax, which he says would affect only the top 3% of income tax filers.

Our concern with the Pritzker Tax is that his proposed revenue increase wouldn't be enough to fix Illinois' finances, but would be enough to exacerbate the Exodus. Once Springfield has permission to raise tax rates, lawmakers won't suddenly exert self-control. They'll raise taxes on the middle class, too, without cutting spending.

The best way to rescue Illinois governments from themselves is to curb public pension benefits earned in the future. That also would require amending the Illinois Constitution. Pritzker, famous for saying "Let the people vote" on his Pritzker Tax, insists that he won't let the people vote on pension reform. That invites voters to reject the Pritzker Tax.

Fixing state finances won't be easy or inexpensive. But to delay the reckoning with pension costs and enormous public debts accomplishes nothing positive. Stalling makes everything worse, in fact.

Don't believe us? Look at what investors are saying about Chicago and Illinois. To them, Hong Kong under siege is a better risk.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Democratic presidential contenders have given up any pretense that they value offering families options — including the many black and brown families who have benefited from charter schools in cities like Detroit. ... At a recent event in Atlanta, Elizabeth Warren raised the ire of some charter school enthusiasts and made a couple gaffes, including stating her child went to a public school and didn't attend a private school (which has been clearly documented). She also bashed Michigan's charter schools. ... "As you know, in Michigan, charter schools don't have to meet the

same standards as public schools," Warren said.

"First of all, charter schools ARE public schools," countered Dan Quisenberry, president of the Michigan Association of Public School Academies, in a statement. "And to be clear, charter schools not only have to meet all the same standards as traditional public schools, they have to meet quite a few more."

True. Charter public schools face all the same state mandates as district public schools. And they have additional oversight built in with authorizers, most of which are

public universities in Michigan, as well as charter school boards. And authorizers actually close down low-performing charters, something that never happens (but should) with failing district schools. But parents are the biggest determining factor behind a charter's success or failure. If they don't like a school, they leave. ...

Warren now joins a large list of candidates who criticize charter schools and education choice options even though they sent their own children to private schools. That's hypocrisy at its finest.

Ingrid Jacques, The Detroit News



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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren speaks on Nov. 25 in Iowa.

PERSPECTIVE



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Attorney General William Barr, left, awards Deputy Richard Hassna, from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office in California, at a ceremony in Washington on Tuesday.

'Respect' in policing is a two-way street, Attorney General Barr



CLARENCE PAGE

Remember when candidate Donald Trump sought black votes by asking somewhat sarcastically, "What do you have to lose?" One answer now comes from President Trump's chosen attorney general: How about your police protection?

At a Justice Department awards ceremony to honor outstanding police officers Tuesday, Attorney General William Barr called on Americans to recognize the "sacrifice and service that is given by our law enforcement officers" and "to start showing, more than they do, the respect and support that law enforcement deserves."

But then he said something that jerked me alert, and I was not alone. "If communities don't give that support and respect," he continued, "they might find themselves without the police protection they need."

Say what? Efforts by journalists to get some clarification from the Justice Department of which "communities" he was talking about were not successful, but I was not alone in hearing his remarks as a thinly veiled threat to "black communities" — such places as

Chicago, Baltimore, St. Louis and Ferguson, Missouri, that have been the scene of major protests against alleged police misconduct.

Given Barr's reputation as a fierce enforcer of his president's "get tough" authoritarian policies — much like Jeff Sessions, Trump's previous attorney general — I didn't expect much more from him.

But respect is a two-way street. As a firm believer in the First Amendment's right to "petition the government a redress of grievances," I'd like to remind our attorney general that communities tend to respect people who respect them.

Barr and other law enforcement officials who would withhold equal rights and respect from the citizens that our police swear to serve and protect don't make a persuasive appeal for our respect.

Barr's analysis reminds me of Rahm Emanuel's comment in October 2015 when he was mayor of Chicago. Speaking onstage with then-Attorney General Loretta Lynch at a national meeting of mayors and police officials, he said Chicago police officers were going "fetal" out of concern that they would get in trouble for actions during arrests, especially now in the age of cellphone video cameras.

Back in Chicago, he stood by his contention. He blamed that new tentativeness, induced by fear for their jobs and reputations, as one cause of the

spike in homicides and shootings that had soared then to their highest level in decades.

At the time, the Police Department was sitting on a dashcam video of the shooting a year earlier of Laquan McDonald, a 17-year-old black youth, fatally shot by police who initially reported that the shooting was in self-defense.

After a court ordered police to release the dashcam video of the shooting in November 2015, the world could see that McDonald was stepping away from police officers, not toward them. Officer Jason Van Dyke was found guilty of second-degree murder, but three other officers tried for allegedly trying to cover up events related to the shooting were found not guilty. Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez lost her reelection bid in the fallout from the video. Emanuel, who had been re-elected before the release of the video, decided not to run again.

The Justice Department issued a report on the Chicago Police Department in January 2017, the last days of President Barack Obama's administration, that cited serious problems in a police culture of excessive violence, especially against minorities. The department and the city made a preliminary agreement to undertake broad improvements, including new police training to de-escalate confrontations.

Among other reforms, Emanuel created the Chicago Police Accountability Task Force, led by then-president of the Chicago Police Board Lori Lightfoot, "to review the system of accountability, oversight and training that is currently in place for Chicago's police officers." Eventually a consent decree was put in place to guide court-ordered police reforms. This year Lightfoot was elected mayor.

Times and perceptions do change — and the approach to policing is as polarized as ever. Coincidentally, even former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg preceded his announcement of his presidential campaign with an emotional apology for his "stop, question and frisk" policing policy, even though crime statistics in New York were in decline before the policy and continued to decline during and after the policy. Even with that apology, Bloomberg's policing policy may make him toast with black voters.

Meanwhile, Trump — with Barr's help — is sticking with his "get tough" policies, which may appeal to his base. It's an approach I don't think a Democrat could even afford to try.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

After a school stabbing in Oshkosh, a heroic deed

As I drove to the local Ahmadiyya Muslim Community mosque in Oshkosh, Wis., the morning of Dec. 3, I was supposed to be conducting cultural sensitivity training at the mosque with police officers from across Wisconsin. Instead I watched as group after group of students, eventually numbering over a hundred, were ushered into the mosque to seek shelter and safety after a stabbing and shooting incident across the street at Oshkosh West High School.

A young female member of the mosque, who was a student at the school, bravely punched in the code and opened the mosque's doors to all, regardless of whether she knew them. The sign outside the mosque read "Love for all, hatred for none," and the scene I witnessed truly exemplified that.

Perhaps a girl in a burqa in today's climate of prejudice and fear may have been an unlikely candidate to follow, but at that moment it was bonds of trust and humanity that prevailed, as they always should. In the unity displayed that day is our collective strength as a nation, and I hope we always can open our doors to each other, in good times as well as in times of need.

— Hashim Mumtaz, Appleton, Wisconsin

A path toward lower drug prices

As recommended by the Coalition for Fair Drug Prices, a top priority for action must be to address outrageous list prices



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Students are evacuated from the scene of a stabbing and shooting at Oshkosh West High School in Wisconsin on Tuesday.

that manufacturers charge, which drive costs throughout the system. Additional policies to bring costs and prices under control should ultimately encompass the entire supply chain, including wholesale distributors, pharmacy benefit managers, insurers and other payers, and retail pharmacies.

H.R. 3 would let Medicare negotiate lower drug prices for people on Medicare and people on private insurance. Medicare used to be able to negotiate lower drug prices, until Republicans banned Medicare from doing so in 2003 to protect Big Pharma's profits. Since then, drug prices have skyrocketed.

Nonpartisan experts found Medicare negotiating lower drug prices could reduce prices as much as 55% for consumers. Drug corporations are making record-breaking profits because they're hiking up drug prices five times higher than they should.

Please tell your U.S. representative to support H.R. 3, the Lower Drug Costs Now Act.

— Caro Pierceall, Plainfield

Cop's body slam of man who spat at him: How would you respond?

In regard to the Chicago police officer slamming a man to the ground: How would Mayor Lori Lightfoot's security detail respond to someone approaching the podium and spitting in the mayor's mouth as she was talking? How would they react to that? Is that normal behavior?

This is real life and these officers are out there to protect. Mayor Lightfoot and everyone else should think about someone spitting in their faces. How would they respond?

— John Kerrigan, Elmhurst

Coach Matt Nagy's big role in Bears' revival

Before the Bears' recent revival, coach Matt Nagy was criticized for a lot of things that contributed to the team becoming a major disappointment. But Nagy also deserved credit for a major achievement, creating a positive culture that survived performance failures, including his own,

that might have torn the team apart when its record plunged to 4-6.

Instead, judging from player comments in the media, team morale was holding up. There wasn't a hint of dissent or finger pointing, just players supporting each other, particularly their struggling quarterback, another coach, in the same circumstances, might have lost the clubhouse. But Nagy's optimistic nature and upbeat attitude, no doubt with help from team leaders, appeared to keep the players united behind him. That was especially easy to do after they whipped the Dallas Cowboys for a more cheerful 7-6 record and a tiny playoff dream.

— Eddie Stone, Northbrook

If Trump is innocent, he should prove it

Why are Republicans not being more assertive to have President Donald Trump provide witnesses that exonerate him from wrongdoing in these impeachment hearings? Let's get the exculpatory evidence in public view and move on.

If Republicans believe no wrong was done, then providing testimony that exonerates the president would satisfy the country. I don't see the media putting heat on Congress to accomplish what would be a simple solution.

— John Carr, Naperville

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Seas present threat to historic cities

Climate-related flooding poses existential crisis

By JEFFREY COLLINS
Associated Press

SWANSBORO, N.C. — Historic cities and towns along the Southeastern U.S. coast have survived wars, hurricanes, disease outbreaks and other calamities, but now that sea levels are creeping up with no sign of stopping, they face a more existential crisis.

With a total annual budget of \$225 million, Charleston, South Carolina, can't afford the billions of dollars to save itself without federal help. It's counting on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to help surround its downtown peninsula with sea walls, hearkening to the barriers the city built when it was founded 350 years ago.

Keeping water off the streets and buildings is even more difficult for smaller towns like Swansboro, North Carolina, with 3,200 people and a \$4 million budget that doesn't account for climate-related sea rise.

The most vulnerable coastal communities sit only a few feet above sea level and are already getting wet at some high tides. Scientists estimate the sea will rise another 2 to 4 feet in the next 50 years.

Municipal leaders say they need billions of state and federal dollars to save block after city block of low-lying homes and businesses. And while even climate change-denying politicians are beginning to acknowledge the inevitable onslaught, city officials worry that those who control the purse strings won't



CHUCK BURTON/AP 2015

A truck maneuvers up a flooded street in Charleston, S.C. Coastal Southeast cities are grappling with rising sea levels.

see the urgency of a slowly unfolding catastrophe that's not like a tornado or earthquake.

Founded in 1783, Swansboro became the center of North Carolina's steamboat industry.

In 1862, it saw Union troops burn down a Confederate fort guarding the nearby Bouge Inlet to the Atlantic Ocean. Across its quaint downtown on the White Oak River, almost every building boasts a city seal with the date it was built. Most are much older than the gray-haired tourists strolling around, and can't forever withstand the kind of flooding they suffered last year, when Hurricane Florence's sea surge topped 30 inches of rain.

Stunned, the town commissioned a report for the

future. It said the water's edge may end up a block or two inland from the historic waterfront, and soberly suggested: "Consider retracting services or strategically abandoning infrastructure in areas that are likely to be risky or dangerous."

Local leaders recognize the importance of Swansboro's charm, but its future is largely out of their hands.

"We're going to be very, very dependent on outside funding," new Town Manager Chris Seaberg said. "We're trying to preserve the history, but trying to accommodate these new issues that weren't there 100, 200 years ago."

North Carolina passed a law in 2012 preventing the state from forming coastal police based on sea rise predictions. But Republican

control of the legislature is waning, and local leaders say hurricanes Matthew in 2016, Florence in 2018 and Dorian in 2019 — along with changing attitudes toward climate science — appear to be shifting the state's outlook. North Carolina created an Office of Recovery and Resiliency this year to plan for floods and other extreme weather events.

"There will need to be political stressors to get people to understand the importance of climate change," said Beaufort, North Carolina, Mayor Rett Newton.

An Air Force retiree who is getting his doctorate in marine science, Newton sweeps his arm across the Beaufort Channel. One spot is where the pirate Blackbeard scuttled some of his ships 300 years ago. Nearby

is where blockade runners hid from British ships while helping supply the U.S. in the War of 1812. And on the horizon is where freed slaves helped Union troops defeat Confederates in 1862.

The historic buildings along Beaufort's waterfront are gleaming now, reflecting millions in new investment. It wasn't like that when Newton grew up in the 1960s amid grimy seafood shops, rundown shacks and fish plants. People wealthy enough to buy waterfront property can always move, Newton said, but escaping the seas will be much harder for poorer residents, who often live on low-lying land handed down through generations. They're already beset by social and economic problems.

"I can't tax anyone else.

At the local level, we can't tax our way out of this," Newton said, noting his town of 4,200 people collects about \$3.5 million a year in taxes.

Charleston, with state and federal help, is spending \$64 million to raise the lowest part of the sea-wall guarding its downtown Battery, which should keep that part of the city safe even if the ocean rises more than 6 feet in the next century, Chief Resilience Officer Mark Wilbert said. The city also is spending hundreds of millions of dollars to modernize its stormwater system.

But these measures alone probably can't save a city that was once the most heavily fortified in North America, with a system of walls, moats and drawbridges to keep out the Spanish, French, Native Americans, and occasionally the ocean as well.

The city's 7 million visitors each year come looking for old charm along the water, but probably not underfoot. Downpours regularly cause flooding these days, and more than once a week on average, Charleston gets "sunny day" flooding when tides push water onto city streets.

Four of the seven highest water levels recorded in Charleston Harbor have happened in the past four years, pushed by Hurricane Matthew in 2016, Hurricane Irma in 2017 and nor'easter type storms that hit in 2015 and 2018.

Charleston is working with the Army Corps on solutions. Also under consideration are flood gates, enhanced pumps and other potential fixes, and the city hopes for plenty of state and federal help to pay for it.

Gunman watched shooting videos before Fla. attack

Suspect viewed taped mass killings at party, officials say

By BRENDAN FARRINGTON
Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — The Saudi student who fatally shot three people at a U.S. naval base in Florida hosted a dinner party earlier in the week where he and three others watched videos of mass shootings, a U.S. official said Saturday.

Officials investigating the deadly attack were working Saturday to determine whether it was motivated by terrorism, as both President Donald Trump and Defense Secretary Mark Esper indicated that they would review policies governing foreign military training in the United States.

Family members Saturday identified one of the victims as a 23-year-old recent graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy who alerted first responders to where the shooter was even after he had been shot several times.

"Joshua Kaleb Watson saved countless lives today with his own," Adam Wat-

son wrote about his younger brother on Facebook. "He died a hero and we are beyond proud but there is a hole in our hearts that can never be filled."

The shooter opened fire inside a classroom at Naval Air Station Pensacola on Friday, killing three people and wounding two sheriff's deputies, one in the arm and one in the knee, before one of the deputies killed him. Eight others were also hurt. Both deputies were expected to survive.

The official who spoke Saturday said one of the three students who attended the dinner party hosted by the attacker recorded video from outside the classroom building while the shooting was taking place. The official spoke on condition of anonymity after being briefed by federal authorities. Two other Saudi students watched from a car, the official said.

The official said 10 Saudi students were being held on the base Saturday while several others were unaccounted for.

A U.S. official who wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly on Friday identified the shooter as Mohammed Saeed Alshamrani. The official also said

the FBI was examining social media posts and investigating whether he acted alone or was connected to any broader group.

Two U.S. officials identified the student as a second lieutenant in the Saudi Air Force, and said Friday that authorities were investigating whether the attack was terrorism-related. They spoke on condition of anonymity to disclose information that had not yet been made public.

Trump declined to say whether the shooting was terrorism-related. Trump tweeted his condolences to the families of the victims on Friday and noted that Saudi King Salman had reassured him in a telephone call that the shooter "in no way shape or form represents the feelings of the Saudi people."

But in comments echoing those made earlier by Esper, the Pentagon boss, Trump said Saturday that he would review policies governing foreign military training in the U.S.

The U.S. has long had a robust training program for Saudis, providing assistance in the U.S. and in the kingdom. A couple hundred students from countries outside the U.S. are



BRENDAN FARRINGTON/AP

A vehicle drives by a tribute to victims of the Naval Air Station Pensacola shooting on Saturday in downtown Pensacola, Florida. One of the victims was identified Saturday.

enrolled in training at the Pensacola base, said base commander Capt. Tim Kinsella.

"This has been done for many decades," Trump said. "I guess we're going to have to look into the whole procedure. We'll start that immediately."

The shooting has shined a spotlight on the sometimes rocky relationship between the United States and Saudi Arabia.

The kingdom is still trying to recover from the killing last year of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul. Saudi intelligence officials and a

forensic doctor killed and dismembered Khashoggi on Oct. 2, 2018.

Naval Air Station Pensacola is one of the Navy's most historic and storied bases.

Part of the base resembles a college campus, with buildings where, in addition to foreign students, 60,000 members of the U.S. Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard train each year in multiple fields of aviation.

Kinsella said the base would remain closed until further notice.

Residents of Pensacola mourned the attacks and offered their condolences to the affected members of the

community.

Joshua Watson was being praised as a hero by his family.

Adam Watson said his little brother was able to make it outside the classroom building to tell authorities where the shooter was after being shot "multiple" times. "Those details were invaluable," he wrote on his Facebook page.

The shooting is the second at a U.S. naval base in one week. A sailor whose submarine was docked at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, opened fire on three civilian employees Wednesday, killing two before taking his own life.



DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

A nurse prepares a flu shot in Atlanta. The flu season is off to an early start.

US flu season arrives early, driven by unexpected virus

By MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The U.S. winter flu season is off to its earliest start in more than 15 years.

An early barrage of illness in the South has begun to spread more broadly, and there's a decent chance flu season could peak much earlier than normal, health officials say.

The last flu season to rev up this early was in 2003-04 — a bad one. Some experts think the early start may

mean a lot of suffering is in store, but others say it's too early to tell.

"It really depends on what viruses are circulating. There's not a predictable trend as far as if it's early it's going to be more severe, or later, less severe," said Scott Epperson, who tracks flu-like illnesses for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

There are different types of flu viruses, and the one causing illnesses in most parts of the country is a surprise. It's a version that

normally doesn't abound until March or April.

That virus isn't as dangerous to older people — good news, since most flu hospitalizations and deaths each winter occur in the elderly. However, such viruses can be hard on children and people younger than 50.

Louisiana was the first state to get hit hard, with doctors there saying they began seeing large numbers of flu-like illnesses in October.

Children's Hospital New

Orleans has already seen more flu cases this fall than it saw all of last winter, said Dr. Toni Gross, the hospital's chief of emergency medicine. Last month was the busiest ever at the hospital's emergency department. Officials had to set up a triage system and add extra shifts, Gross said.

"It is definitely causing symptoms that will put you in bed for a week," including fever, vomiting and diarrhea.

But the hospital has not had any deaths and is not

seeing many serious complications, she said.

The CDC on Friday estimated that there have already been 1.7 million flu illnesses, 16,000 hospitalizations and 900 flu-related deaths nationally.

The most intense patient traffic had been occurring in a six states stretching from Texas to Georgia. But in new numbers released Friday, CDC officials said the number of states with intense activity rose last week to 12. Flu is widespread in 16 states.



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Iran frees Princeton scholar in swap for US-held scientist

By **JON GAMBRELL AND MATTHEW LEE**
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A Princeton scholar held for three years in Iran on widely criticized espionage charges was freed Saturday as part of a prisoner exchange that saw America release a detained Iranian scientist, a rare diplomatic breakthrough between Tehran and Washington after months of tensions.

The trade on the tarmac of a Swiss airport saw Iranian officials hand over Chinese-American graduate student Xiyue Wang for scientist Massoud Soleimani, who had faced a federal trial in Georgia over charges he violated sanctions by trying to have biological material brought to Iran.

The swap, however, had limits.

Crushing U.S. sanctions on Iran blocking it from selling crude oil abroad remain in place, part of President Donald Trump's maximum pressure campaign imposed following his unilateral withdrawal from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers last year. Those sanctions in part fueled the anger seen in nationwide protests last month that Iranian security forces violently put down, unrest that reportedly killed over 200 people.

Meanwhile, Western detainees from the U.S. and elsewhere remain held by Tehran, likely to be used as bargaining chips for future negotiations. At least two American families of detainees, while praising Wang's release, questioned why their loved ones didn't come home as well.

Wang's release had been rumored over recent days. One lawyer involved in his case tweeted out a Bible verse about an angel free-



U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT

U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland Edward T. McMullen Jr., left, welcomes Xiyue Wang on Saturday in Switzerland.

ing the apostle Peter just hours before Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif broke the news in his own tweet. He posted photos of himself with Soleimani at the Zurich airport before quickly whisking him back to Tehran by jet.

Trump shortly after acknowledged Wang was free in a statement from the White House, thanking Switzerland for its help. The Swiss Embassy in Tehran looks out for America's interests in the country as the U.S. Embassy there has been closed since the 1979 student takeover and 444-day hostage crisis.

"Thank you to Iran on a very fair negotiation," Trump later tweeted. "See, we can make a deal together!"

Brian Hook, the U.S. special representative for Iran, accompanied Soleimani to Switzerland to make the exchange. He later posed for a photograph with Wang.

Hook and Wang traveled to Landstuhl hospital near Ramstein Air Base in Germany where Wang likely will be examined by doctors for several days.

Wang's wife, Hua Qu, released a statement saying

"our family is complete once again."

"Our son Shaofan and I have waited three long years for this day and it's hard to express in words how excited we are to be reunited with Xiyue," she said. "We are thankful to everyone who helped make this happen."

Soleimani arrived at Tehran's Mehrabad International Airport with Zarif. He briefly spoke to journalists from state-run media, his voice shaking and a tear running down his face under a portrait of the late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

"Their grudge against us is based on our scientific growth," Soleimani said. "They are afraid of our knowledge."

Wang was sentenced to 10 years in prison in Iran for allegedly "infiltrating" the country and sending confidential material abroad. He was arrested in 2016 while conducting research on the Qajar dynasty that once ruled Iran for his doctorate in late 19th- and early 20th-century Eurasian history, according to Princeton.

Wang's family and Princeton strongly denied the claims. The United Nations' Working Group on Arbitrary Detention said "there was no legal basis for the arrest and detention."



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Candidates of color face unique issues

Harris' early exit points to hurdles blocking minorities

By ERRIN HAINES
Associated Press

Kamala Harris cloaked her presidential campaign in the promise of becoming the first black woman in the White House. That wasn't enough for donors and supporters, including black voters.

The California senator abruptly withdrew from the race last week after her once-promising campaign failed to coalesce around a message that would resonate with voters. And without clear support from voters, Harris couldn't raise the money needed to keep going.

Responsibility for the collapse of a presidential campaign almost always rests with the candidate. But Harris' exit also demonstrates the unique challenges facing candidates of color in the 2020 campaign.

As Democratic voters of all races almost singularly obsess over who is seen as best positioned to defeat President Donald Trump next year, candidates who aren't white are largely seen as not fitting the bill.

With less than two months before voting begins, those judgments — right or wrong — are becoming fatal as donors watch these cues to decide when to pull back.

"It's the money, it's the support, it's the polls. It's an assumption for black candidates that their campaigns are long shots," said Quentin James, the founder and executive director of CollectivePAC, an organization aimed at building black political power. "We're left to wonder why is it that a candidate's race still impacts how much money they can raise or how much support they get from institutional Democratic donors?"

Barack Obama, the first black president, is one of the most successful Democratic fundraisers, still collecting millions of dollars for the party nearly three years after he left the White House. And plenty of white candidates have had money problems this year.



Sen. Kamala Harris signs are displayed outside her Oakland campaign office. Harris quit the presidential race last week.

John Hickenlooper, the former governor of Colorado, couldn't raise enough money for his presidential bid and chose to run for the U.S. Senate instead. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, a powerhouse fundraiser in her home state, couldn't translate that success to her presidential campaign and dropped out in August. Montana Gov. Steve Bullock ended his campaign last week, also bemoaning money trouble.

But other white candidates have had success that women and candidates of color have said isn't available to them.

Harris is the highest-ranking black woman in the U.S. government. But the \$35.5 million she raised during her campaign falls far short of the \$51.5 million that Pete Buttigieg, the 37-year-old white mayor of South Bend, Indiana, has collected.

Other white candidates with big questions about their electability have also hauled in substantial sums of money. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders has raised \$61 million — more than any

of his rivals — despite debate over whether his policies are too liberal. Concerns over the 78-year-old's candidacy also grew after he had a heart attack in October. He has since returned to active campaigning.

Former Vice President Joe Biden is legendarily gaffe-prone and also faces questions about whether, at 77, he's too old to manage the demands of the presidency. But he's raised \$377 million, topping Harris even though he launched his campaign more than two months after she did.

This is not just about Harris. New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker has struggled to raise money. In September, he pleaded with supporters to donate \$1.7 million in 10 days to keep him in the race. On the debate stage last month, he turned his closing statement into another pitch for cash, raising over \$500,000 in nine hours. Although he has met the fundraising threshold for this month's debate, low polling numbers may keep him off the stage for the first time.

"People assume he's go-

ing to be in this all the way because he's credentialed and such a serious candidate," said Jenna Lowenstein, Booker's deputy campaign manager. "We saw it coming, that this was going to narrow this way, that it was going to be because of money. We're really been looking for every opportunity when eyeballs are on us to make direct appeals because every time we do it, it works."

Former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro — a Latino whose successful 10-day, \$800,000 fundraising push in October brought his campaign back from the brink — may miss the debate stage for the second time in a row.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, who's black, entered the Democratic presidential race just last month, and he has almost no chance to qualify for the December debate.

Neither businessman Andrew Yang, who's Asian, nor U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii, who's American Samoan and Hindu, has yet qualified for this month's debate, meaning the debate

field could be all-white for the first time this cycle.

The rapidly shifting dynamics strongly suggest that a Democratic field that began as the most diverse in history is unlikely to yield a person of color as its nominee. That raises structural questions about how modern campaigns function.

Small-dollar donors tend to be overwhelmingly white, older and well-off with disposable income — in many ways, the opposite of the Democratic Party's voter base. For someone like Castro, the lone Latino candidate, he's speaking to supporters who are not part of the traditional donor class, or in a position to support him financially even if they like his message, said campaign manager Maya Rupert.

"Our donors are a part of this campaign in a way that's probably true of a lot of campaigns, but is also tied to being able to get on the next debate stage and remain viable," she said. "We very much meant it in October when we said, 'We don't see a path forward if we're not able to raise this amount'

People have to understand the urgency."

There have also been challenges with bigger donors. On Nov. 27, Booker super PAC Dream United closed after being unable to raise the money it had hoped to use to buttress his campaign.

The failed effort points to "a lurking fear that a black candidate is less electable," said Steve Phillips, who launched the effort in December 2018.

"There are many more people of color who are able to contribute more than \$2,800," said Phillips. "We had people who were prepared initially to write seven-figure checks, but who then were reluctant to pull the trigger. It became clear that these fears about electability were larger than we originally anticipated. What you see in the polling numbers among black voters you also see in the giving numbers."

"There's a fear," he continued, "that this would be wasted support because of their fears about whether the rest of the electorate will back a person of color."

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actions in his July phone call with Ukraine's president seeking political investigations of his rivals to the kind of behavior that would "horrify" the framers.

"Where the President uses his foreign affairs power in ways that betray the national interest for his own benefit, or harm national security for equally corrupt reasons, he is subject to impeachment by the House," the Democrats wrote. "Indeed, foreign interference in the American political system was among the gravest dangers feared by the Founders of our Nation and the Framers of our Constitution."

Democrats planned to work through the weekend as articles are being drafted and committee members are preparing for a hearing Monday.

Democrats say Trump abused his power in the July 25 phone call when he asked Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy for a favor and engaged in bribery with withholding nearly \$400 million in military aid that Ukraine depends on to counter Russian aggression.



ERIC BARADAT/GETTY-AFP

As President Donald Trump pushed back on House Democrats' message, a report lays out the justifications for articles of impeachment under consideration by lawmakers.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi says it's part of a troubling pattern of behavior from Trump that benefits Russia and not the U.S.

Trump has insisted he did nothing wrong.

"Witch Hunt!" the president tweeted Saturday morning.

The articles of impeachment are likely to encompass two major themes — abuse of office and obstruction — as Democrats strive

to reach the Constitution's bar of "treason, bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanors."

In releasing his report Saturday, Chairman Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., said the president's actions are the framers' "worst nightmare." "President Trump abused his power, betrayed our national security, and corrupted our elections, all for personal gain. The Constitution details only one

remedy for this misconduct: impeachment," Nadler said in a statement.

The report released Saturday is an update of similar reports issued during the Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton impeachments and lays out the justification for articles under consideration, including abuse of power, bribery and obstruction.

It does not lay out the facts of the Ukraine case,

but it hints at potential articles of impeachment and explains the thinking behind Democrats' decision to draft them.

Without frequently mentioning Trump, it alludes to his requests that Ukraine investigate Democrats, a move he believed would benefit him politically, by saying a president who "perverts his role as chief diplomat to serve private rather than public ends" has unquestionably engaged in the high crimes and misdemeanors laid out in the Constitution.

The report examines treason, bribery, serious abuse of power, betrayal of the national interest through foreign entanglements and corruption of office and elections.

Democrats have been focused on an overall abuse of power article, with the possibility of breaking out a separate, related article on bribery. They are also expected to draft at least one article on obstruction of Congress, or obstruction of justice.

In laying out the grounds for impeachable offenses, the report directly rebuffs several of the president's claims in a section called "fallacies about impeachment," including that the

inquiry is based on second-hand evidence, that a president can do what he wants to do, and that Democrats' motives are corrupt.

"The President's honesty in an impeachment inquiry, or his lack thereof, can thus shed light on the underlying issue," the report says.

It's an attempt to explain why Americans should care that Trump pushed Ukraine to investigate rival Joe Biden while withholding the military aid that Congress had approved.

At the same time, by tracing the arc of Trump's behavior from the 2016 campaign to the present, it stitches it all together.

And that helps the speaker balance her left-flank liberals, who want more charges brought against Trump, including from special counsel Robert Mueller's report, and centrist Democrats who prefer to keep the argument more narrowly focused on Ukraine.

Trump pushed back on the Democrats' message.

"The Democrats have NO impeachment case and are demeaning our great Country at YOUR expense," Trump wrote in an email to supporters. "It's US against THEM."

Taking deregulation zeal to toilets, Trump talks of 10 flushes

By JUSTIN SINK AND MARIO PARKER
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's latest target for deregulation is Americans' toilets.

The president said he ordered a federal review of water efficiency standards in bathroom fixtures and complained that "people are flushing toilets 10 times, 15 times as opposed to once" in homes with low-flow appliances.

He said other bathroom

fixtures have slowed water to a trickle.

"You can't wash your hands practically, there's so little water comes out of the faucet, and the end result is you leave the faucet on and it takes you much longer to wash your hands, you end up using the same amount of water," Trump said Friday at an event with small-business owners at the White House.

The president said it was "common sense" to review standards he said resulted in showers with water "qui-

etly dripping out" and toilets that "end up using more water" because of repeat flushing.

Trump has championed rolling back regulations since taking office in 2017, with a focus on environmental rules imposed or proposed during the Obama administration. The president routinely portrays himself as a champion of the environment, while his critics say he's weakened regulations intended to fight climate change, conserve resources and pro-

mote clean air and water.

While the president said the Environmental Protection Agency was looking at the standards "at my suggestion," a review of the WaterSense program was mandated under 2018 legislation passed by Congress that said the agency should look at any regulations adopted before 2012. That means the government is forced to revisit specifications for tank-type toilets, lavatory faucets and faucet accessories, showerheads, flushing urinals and

weather-based irrigation controllers.

Those regulations include a 20% reduction in water use on tank-type toilets compared to standards adopted in 1992, and a 32% reduction in maximum water flow on lavatory faucets, according to the EPA.

But the government has also said that the water savings make a difference — particularly in bathrooms, which represent more than half of all indoor water use. The EPA says an average family can save \$380 in

water costs per year and save more than 17 gallons per day by using appliances certified to WaterSense standards.

The president said he's considering different standards for states with different levels of rainfall.

"There may be some areas where we'll go the other route, desert areas, but for the most part, you have many states where they have so much water that comes down, it's called rain, they don't know what to do with it," he said.



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Detectives' DNA dilemma

Genealogical databases are a gold mine for police, but with few rules and little transparency

By PAIGE ST. JOHN
Los Angeles Times

Orlando, Fla., police Detective Michael Fields was sure he had the break he needed right in front of him to close in on a serial rapist: a list of people whose DNA partially matched the man he hunted.

Then the list disappeared.

After a year of criticism from privacy advocates and genealogy experts, the owner of a popular DNA-sharing website had decided law enforcement had no right to consumer data unless those consumers agreed.

"It was devastating to know that there's information out there," Fields said. "It wasn't fair."

So he persuaded a judge to grant him access to the entire database, the genetic records of more than 1 million people who never agreed to a police search. It was the first court order in the nation for a blanket consumer DNA search, kept secret from those whose genetic code was involuntarily canvassed.

Genealogical databases are a potential gold mine for police detectives trying to solve difficult cases.

But law enforcement has plunged into this new world with little to no rules or oversight, intense secrecy and by forming unusual alliances with private companies that collect the DNA, often from people interested not in helping close cold cases but learning their ethnic origins and ancestry.

A Los Angeles Times investigation found:

■ There is no uniform approach for when detectives turn to genealogical databases to solve cases. In some departments, they are to be used only as a last resort. Others are putting them at the center of their investigative process. Some, like Orlando, have no policies at all.

■ When DNA services were used, law enforcement generally declined to provide details to the public, including which companies detectives got the match from. The secrecy made it difficult to understand the extent that privacy was invaded, how many people came under investigation, and what false leads were generated.

■ California prosecutors collaborated with a Texas genealogy company at the outset of what became a \$2 million campaign to spotlight the heinous crimes they can solve with consumer DNA. Their goal is to encourage more people to make their DNA available to police matching.

There are growing concerns that the race to use genealogical databases will have serious consequences, from its inherent erosion of privacy to the implications of broadened police power.

After L.A. County prosecutors filed two counts of murder against a man linked to a pair of decades-old cold cases by connecting the suspect through a genealogy match, District Attorney Jackie Lacey refused to provide details of the genetic work — including the commercial genealogy service used. Similar genealogy searches remain sealed elsewhere in California, Texas and Florida.

"They're afraid that if the public finds out what we're doing, we won't be allowed to do it anymore. So the solution is, 'Don't tell the public,'" said Erin Murphy, a former defense attorney who teaches law at New York University and has become an outspoken critic of what she says is open season on consumer DNA.

DNA for decades has been law enforcement's slam-dunk, an invaluable tool to identify human remains and put killers and rapists at the scene of the crime.

But until a year ago, searches for unknown suspects were limited to the partial "junk DNA" of felons and criminal suspects held in government-supervised databases.

That changed dramatically in April 2018 when a team of investigators in Sacramento County announced they had matched 38-year-old crime scene DNA with the suspected Golden State Kill-

er's relatives on a public genealogy site. The arrest of former police officer Joseph James DeAngelo, now charged with 13 murders and awaiting trial, unleashed a wave of consumer DNA hunts across the United States.

The Times found consumer DNA was used to declare closure of 66 cases. They involve 14 alleged serial killers and rapists and unsolved crimes going back to 1967, but also the remains of a miscarriage pulled from a sewer, and the hunt for a man sneaking into bedrooms. Forensic labs claim to have closed more than a dozen other cases.

"It is probably one of the greatest revolutions, at least I would say, in my lifetime as a prosecutor," said Sacramento County District Attorney Ann Marie Schubert. "But it is a difficult, evolving topic because there are privacy interests at stake and in an area that's unregulated."

Government DNA databases for a decade have allowed crude familial searching that can identify a suspect's parent, child or sibling. But the full chromosomal information held by private services can identify those who share 1% of DNA, and are five or more generations removed. Merging that with other consumer data, researchers then can identify relatives two and three generations removed.

Those consumer databases contain genetic code of some 26 million Americans, and so many of European descent that scientists say in a few years they'll be able to identify every Anglo-Saxon American through family DNA.

But critics say police searches invade the privacy of those who submitted their DNA strictly out of curiosity about their ancestry, and their relatives who didn't even consent to that.

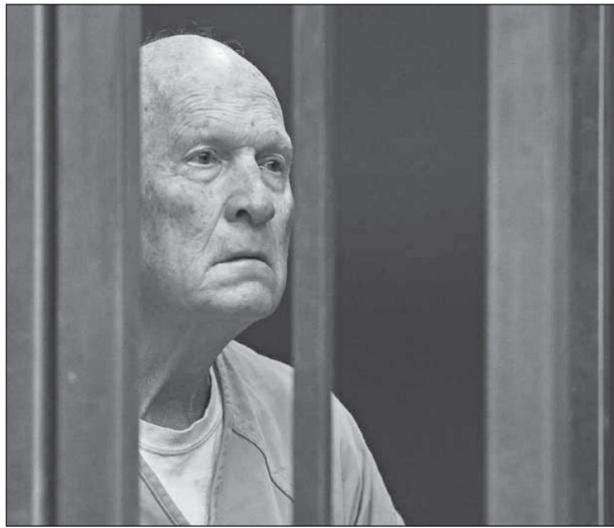
The Golden State Killer case and most of those that followed were cracked by identifying DNA relatives on GEDMatch, a no-frills DNA registry popular with genealogists and adoptees seeking their birth parents. At least twice, GEDMatch allowed police access in cases that ultimately did not meet its policies, and at least once police conducted their hunt without permission using a fake account.

The nation's two largest genealogy services, Ancestry and 23andMe, say they do not grant law enforcement access to their consumer data. But a third, smaller company, FamilyTreeDNA, openly permits law enforcement use except for those customers who specifically opt out.

Few safeguards protect the genetic profiles of millions of consumers on genealogy sites.

Familial DNA searches of the past, done on those within the FBI's national criminal database, were restricted, and California's Department of Justice required case-by-case oversight by an independent committee. The private lab in Virginia handling the bulk of public gene-matching cases argues consumers don't require the same level of protection because they voluntarily mailed in their DNA.

What oversight exists is inconsistent. A U.S. Justice Department policy that went into effect this month limits consumer DNA



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searches to violent crimes — and strictly as a tool of last resort.

Prosecutors in a handful of California counties, including Los Angeles, Sacramento, Orange and Ventura, this spring created their own more lenient rules. Sacramento and Ventura permit consumer searches before all other leads have been exhausted, and in the case of Ventura County, the crime involved does not have to be violent.

But most police agencies are like Orlando, which has no DNA policy. Detective Fields said he was guided by "common sense" in the two cases he has searched consumer DNA — the July hunt for a serial rapist, and a 2018 arrest of a man for the unsolved murder of a college co-ed.

Fields had spent half a dozen years looking for leads in the 2001 murder of Christine Franke. A Virginia-based forensics service, Parabon Nanolabs, used DNA found on Franke's body to predict the race and facial characteristics of her killer. But Fields could get no further until the day Sacramento announced its arrest of the alleged Golden State Killer.

Parabon called Fields offering to replicate the methods to look for Franke's killer.

"I said, absolutely," the detec-

tive recalled. "Parabon turned that case around overnight."

What Parabon provided were GEDMatch accounts of two second and third cousins of the suspected killer — the same information any other user of the DNA registry would see.

Fields' team then used traditional genealogy to trace those relatives back to a common ancestor from the 1890s. They then built out a huge family tree of every descendant of that ancestor, and started going down the branches.

But eight branches had no DNA, so investigators asked 15 people to provide it. Fields declined to say how these people were convinced. The defense lawyer for the man Fields subsequently arrested said it was by lying.

"They went to Georgia, said there was an African American female murdered who was more than likely related to them," said Orlando lawyer Jerry Girley. Relatives were told that by providing their DNA, Girley said, "their loved one could rest in peace."

Instead, Orlando police days later arrested the son of one of the elderly women tested.

"She is devastated," Girley said.

"Give them an inch, and they'll take it to Mars," he said. "I tell people, 'Don't put your DNA in the system.' (Police) see it as a side door around the Fourth Amendment."

The suspect in that case, Benjamin Lee Holmes, has pleaded not guilty. He is jailed awaiting trial.

Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine found more than 90% of those polled online favored police access to consumer DNA when it comes to murder cases. "None of us want violent criminals roaming the street," said medical ethicist Amy McGuire, one of the Baylor researchers and also an adviser to FamilyTreeDNA.

But the Baylor study found public support for DNA searching dropped to 34% when the crimes were not violent and police wanted the names of account holders.

GEDMatch at first allowed law enforcement searches only for violent crimes. But GEDMatch permitted gene matching for a teen who broke into a Utah church, assaulting a woman in the process.

And it helped police in Texas hunt for a man creeping into women's bedrooms.

In reaction to growing privacy concerns, GEDMatch in May

closed its database to law enforcement unless users specifically agreed to opt in.

By then Fields had moved on to a second case — an unsolved rape — and had already seen early results on GEDMatch identifying relatives of the suspected rapist. Rather than lose that list with the policy change, he secured a warrant to the entire database. The search remained a secret for four months, until Fields revealed it at a law enforcement conference, encouraging other agencies to conduct DNA matching.

The warrant does not completely undermine efforts to ensure privacy, said GEDMatch co-founder Curtis Rogers.

"The protection offered by having a court review is better than no protection at all," he said.

Critics did not agree, and said the repeated policy breaches and global search warrant show how easily privacy falls away.

"There's always a danger that things will be used beyond their initial targets, beyond their initial purpose," said Vera Eidelman, a DNA expert for the American Civil Liberties Union. She pointed to the way DNA searches at first limited to convicted felons now span the mothers, brothers, uncles, grandparents and cousins twice removed of people who simply want to know if they are German or a Viking.

FamilyTreeDNA lab manager Connie Bormans bristles at any use of the word "searching." Police see no more than any other user — just the account name and contact information a user provides — unless they get a warrant. She has turned away law enforcement that didn't meet the company's permitted use rules.

Bormans said she can't envision a scenario where the familial search would backfire. "It is only a tool," Bormans said. "There is no way that they will get a profile and arrest someone solely on the profile."

Legal scholars said it is only a matter of time before courts weigh in on the privacy of DNA.

Schubert's office is blocking disclosure of the DNA trail that led to the arrest of two accused serial rapists from the 1980s and 1990s. Her attorneys told one judge that secrecy must extend beyond the names of relatives whose DNA was examined to the names of the companies providing that information — keeping it secret even from defense lawyers.

Schubert's staff successfully argued such disclosure might "result in a backlash against that site resulting in a tightening of restrictions on the site or use of the site."

They added: "If individuals in society stop wanting to enter DNA in consumer genealogical databases for fear their privacy is not being protected, then law enforcement loses a powerful technique to solve crime."

The Orlando cop who bypassed GEDMatch's privacy policy is nonplussed by the concerns over privacy and public buy-in.

"It's Big Brother, but Big Brother's been here for decades," Fields said. "Everyone's trying to focus in on this because it's DNA, but it's no different than anything else that we do in our everyday lives. Police with a piece of paper and the judge can override almost anything."



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Marijuana vaping busts on the rise last two years

120 arrested, more than 500,000 cartridges seized

By JENNIFER PELTZ
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NEW YORK — As health officials scrutinize marijuana vaping, it's increasingly on law enforcement's radar, too.

From New York City to Nebraska farm country to California, authorities have seized at least 510,000 marijuana vape cartridges and arrested more than 120 people in the past two years, according to an Associated Press tally derived from interviews, court records, news accounts and official releases.

A Wisconsin mother, her two adult sons and five other people were charged this fall in what investigators describe as a black-market manufacturing operation that churned out thousands of cartridges a day packed with THC, the cannabis chemical that causes a high.

In neighboring Minnesota, authorities said they found nearly 77,000 illicit pot cartridges in a man's suburban Minneapolis home and car in September.

An Alabama prosecutor

has seen a spurt in pot vape cases in juvenile court. In New York City, drug authorities say they've seized 200,000 illegal cartridges just since this summer, often while investigating groups suspected of trafficking in traditional-form marijuana or other drugs.

"We're putting a lot more resources in pursuing these organizations," said Ray Donovan, the special agent in charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration's New York office. "This is where the market is going. These criminal organizations are going to jump on whatever the business model is and try to take advantage and exploit that."

Fueled recently by alarm over a deadly lung illness that health officials have linked to illicit THC vaping, the pursuit of pot cartridges has added a new layer to drug enforcement while authorities are grappling with the opioid crisis and other drug issues.

In states with and without legal marijuana markets, drug investigators, highway patrols and local police departments have been adjusting to searching for a form of marijuana that comes in small packages, doesn't smell like pot and might look like legal nicot-

tine vapes — or require discerning what's legal in states that allow marijuana use.

California officials seized 7,200 cartridges in October from a Los Angeles warehouse tied to a state-licensed company that made Kushy Punch-brand vapes. The state later revoked the company's license.

Kushy Punch has said the cartridges were old, unusable and not meant for distribution. The brand says it's looking for new manufacturing partners.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Narcotics Bureau may soon start tallying vape seizures when busting allegedly illegal pot dispensaries, Capt. Holly Francisco said.

Vaping rapidly gained ground in the past few years among marijuana users as a fast-acting and discreet alternative to smoking the drug. Thirty-three states have legalized marijuana at least for medicinal use, but bootleg vape "carts" — short for cartridges — have cropped up there and elsewhere, selling for \$20 to \$50 apiece.

The illicit marijuana vape market nationwide is estimated at as much as \$2.5 billion this year — equivalent to the market for legal



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Some of THC vaping cartridges seized in drug busts by Minnesota's Northwest Metro Drug Task Force. At least 510,000 cartridges have been seized nationwide, authorities say.

pot cartridges, according to cannabis market researchers BDS Analytics and Arcview Market Research.

The lung-illness outbreak raised alarms about vaping as over 2,200 fell ill and at least 47 died in the past nine months. Health officials have urged people to avoid vaping, particularly black-market products containing THC, which many of the sick said they had used.

Health officials announced last month that vitamin E acetate, sometimes used to thicken vaping fluid, is a "very strong culprit" as a cause of the

illness.

To marijuana legalization advocates, the increased focus on black-market marijuana cartridges is an argument for legalizing and regulating the drug nationally in the name of safety.

"The solution to decreasing the risk associated with THC vapor products lies in continuing towards a legalized and regulated market, not increased criminalization and arrests," said NORML Executive Director Erik Altieri.

While the lung ailment has turned up the urgency around policing illegal pot vaping, it was already on

some law enforcement leaders' minds.

As a mom of teenagers, Ashley Rich knew several years ago that flavored-nicotine vaping had caught fire with youngsters. As a prosecutor, she dreaded that illegal-drug vapes would surge next.

"And that's exactly the trend that we're seeing," said Rich, the district attorney in Mobile County, Alabama, where marijuana remains broadly illegal.

Juvenile court pot vape possession cases have increased threefold in the county in about a year, Rich said.



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Some of the brands cited are sold in states with legalized marijuana. But counterfeits have flooded the market.

Officials list pot vape brands from outbreak

By MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Health officials investigating a nationwide outbreak of vaping illnesses have listed, for the first time, the vape brands most commonly linked to hospitalizations.

Most of the nearly 2,300 people who suffered lung damage had vaped liquids that contain THC, the high-inducing part of marijuana.

In a report released Friday, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Pre-

vention listed the products most often cited by patients, noting that some of them said they vaped more than one.

Dank Vapes was the brand used by 56% of the hospitalized patients nationwide.

Dank is not a licensed product coming from one business, it is empty packaging that can be ordered from Chinese internet sites. Illicit vaping cartridge makers can buy the empty packages and then fill them with whatever they choose.

Other product names at the top of the list from CDC were TKO (15%), Smart Cart (13%) and Rove (12%).

"It's not likely that a single brand is responsible for this outbreak," said Brian King, a senior CDC official in the investigation.

Some of the brands cited by the CDC are sold in states with legalized marijuana. But counterfeits of those legitimate brands have flooded the market around the country, forcing some to redesign their packaging.

Bill Loucks, co-founder

of TKO Products, said his company sells only to licensed dispensaries in California, but the company gets emails asking about TKO-branded cartridges purchased elsewhere.

"If you bought them outside of California you are the proud owner of fakes," Loucks said in an email.

The CDC also said that the worst of the outbreak may be over. Preliminary data indicates hospitalizations peaked in mid-September and have been declining since, officials said.

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Lou Conter, 98, center, the only survivor from the USS Arizona to make it to this year's ceremony, smiles Saturday during the 78th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Pearl Harbor survivors honor those killed in 1941 attack

By **AUDREY McAVOY**
Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — A dozen frail survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor returned Saturday to honor those who died when Japanese planes pierced a quiet sunny morning 78 years ago and rained bombs on battle-ships lined up below.

About 30 World War II veterans and some 2,000 members of the public joined the survivors, the youngest of whom are now in their late 90s, to commemorate the anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941, attack that launched the U.S. into World War II.

Herb Elfring, 97, of Jackson, Michigan, said being back at Pearl Harbor reminds him of all those who have lost their lives.

"It makes you think of all the servicemen who have passed ahead of me. As a Pearl Harbor survivor, I'm one of the last chosen few, I guess." He's the only member of his old regiment still living.

Elfring was in the Army, assigned to the 251st Coast Artillery, part of the California National Guard. The unit's job was to protect airfields but they weren't expecting an attack that morning.

Elfring was standing at the edge of his barracks a few miles down the coast from Pearl Harbor when Japanese Zero planes flew over.

"I could hear it coming but didn't pay attention to it until the strafing bullets were hitting the pavement about 15 feet away from me," he said.

A moment of silence was held at 7:55 a.m., the same time the assault began. U.S. Air Force F-22 fighter jets flying overhead in missing man formation broke the quiet.

Retired Navy Adm. Harry Harris, the U.S. ambassador to South Korea, and Interior Secretary David Bernhardt delivered remarks.

Harris said it's difficult to imagine the events of 78 years ago when people "not unlike us" were waking up to enjoy another day in paradise. "It was a day of gallantry and unquestionable heroism even as it was a day of sacrifice and immeasurable loss," Harris said.

The ceremony comes on the heels of two deadly shootings at Navy bases last week, one at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and another at Naval Air Station Pensacola in Florida.

Rear Adm. Robert Chadwick, commander of Navy

Region Hawaii, said the military community has received an outpouring of love and support from Hawaii after the shooting at "our beloved shipyard" Wednesday.

The 1941 aerial assault killed more than 2,300 U.S. troops. Nearly half — or 1,177 — were Marines and sailors serving on the USS Arizona, a battleship moored in the harbor. The vessel sank within nine minutes of being hit, taking most of its crew down with it.

The USS Arizona still rests in the harbor today and is a grave for more than 900 men killed in the attack.

An interment ceremony was held at sunset on the memorial for one of the Arizona's sailors who survived the attack, Lauren Bruner. He died earlier this year at age 98.

Bruner asked that an urn with his ashes be placed inside the Arizona's sunken hull upon his death. His ashes will join the remains of 44 shipmates who managed to live through the attack but wanted to be laid to rest in the ship. Bruner explained before he died that he preferred being interred in the Arizona so he could join his buddies and because of the memorial's high number of visitors.

NJ town manages to muscle out giant invasive mussels

By **WAYNE PARRY**
Associated Press

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Most Americans know mussels as thumb-sized shellfish that occasionally adorn restaurant dinner plates.

But a colony of mussels as big as dinner plates has recently been wiped out from a New Jersey pond, where they had threatened to spread to the nearby Delaware River and wreak ecological havoc, as they already are doing in other parts of the world.

Federal wildlife officials and a New Jersey conservation group say they're confident they have narrowly avoided a serious environmental problem by eradicating Chinese pond mussels from a former fish farm in Hunterdon County.

The mussels, in larvae form, hitched a ride to this country inside the gills of Asian carp that were imported for the Huey Property in Franklin Township and quickly began reproducing. Unlike the mussels many Americans know, these ones can approach the size of footballs.

Their size and appetite enable them to out-compete native species for food and space. In many spots in Europe, the Chinese mussels have taken over waterways and pushed out not only native shellfish species, but also have altered river bottom conditions, harming or chasing away some species of fish.

"They can become a huge ecological nightmare," said Emile DeVito, manager of science for the New Jersey Conservation Foundation. His group bought the land from private owners in 2007 and preserved it as open space.

Three years later, the presence of the Chinese mussels was discovered, causing great alarm. The nine deep ponds are at the headwaters of the Wickcheoke Creek, which



WAYNE PARRY/AP

Wildlife officials hold dead Chinese pond mussels found in a network of ponds in Franklin Township, N.J.

flows into the Delaware River.

Had the mussels spread there, they could wipe out not only native shellfish, but also harm river bottom conditions upon which commercially and recreationally important fish depend, including shad and sturgeon.

The infestation was the first in North America, according to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, which partnered with the New Jersey group on a plan to eradicate them.

First, the water levels were lowered in the ponds, killing the fish in them, which also included some invasive bighead carp, themselves a potentially serious environmental problem if they had escaped into nearby waterways.

Then a copper-based algae killer that also kills mollusks was introduced to the muddy bottoms. Beth Freiday, of the wildlife service, said officials are confident all the mussels were killed, although DNA testing is planned for next spring or summer to verify that.

Dozens of giant black shells from dead mussels were plucked from the mud, giving officials a glimpse of just how large the invasive shellfish grow.

They come from the Amur and Yangtze rivers in China, and in some places are used to cultivate pearls.

They can live 12 to 14 years.

Infestations have been found in the Czech Republic, Italy, France, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Spain, Slovenia, Sweden and Ukraine. They also have turned up in Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and the Philippines.

Eradicating them has proven much trickier because lowering water levels is either impossible or impractical without killing virtually everything in a river. Ditto for applying chemicals to kill the mussels, particularly in fast-flowing waterways.

Several European scientists and researchers said they knew of no sustained efforts to eradicate the Chinese mussels from waterways there, saying the problem has already become too big to solve in some places. That is due mainly to their widespread distribution and the impracticality of treating an entire river with chemicals.

That's why wildlife officials in New Jersey were so happy to nip their own mussel problem in the bud while they still could.

"Under certain conditions, this invasive species could have spread across the eastern U.S., with New Jersey at the epicenter," said Eric Schradling, the wildlife service's New Jersey field office supervisor.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Reddit bans accounts, suspects possible UK vote interference

LONDON — The prospect of Russian interference in Britain's election flared anew Saturday after the social media platform Reddit concluded that people from Russia leaked confidential British government documents on Brexit trade talks just days before the general U.K. vote.

Reddit said it has banned 61 accounts suspected of violating policies against vote manipulation. It said the accounts shared

the same pattern of activity as a Russian interference operation dubbed "Secondary Infektion" that was uncovered earlier this year.

Reddit investigated the leak after the documents became public during the campaign for Thursday's election, which will determine the country's future relationship with the European Union. All 650 seats in the House of Commons are up for grabs.

N. Korea says denuclearization no longer on negotiating table

UNITED NATIONS — North Korea said Saturday that denuclearization has "already gone out of the negotiation table" and it does not need to have lengthy talks with the United States as the end-of-year deadline set by its leader Kim Jong Un for substantial U.S. concessions in nuclear diplomacy looms.

A statement released by North Korea's U.N. ambassador, Kim Song, accused

the Trump administration of persistently pursuing a "hostile policy" toward the country "in its attempt to stifle it."

Song's statement was a response to last week's condemnation by six countries of North Korea's 13 ballistic missile launches since May. He accused Belgium, Britain, Estonia, France, Germany and Poland of playing "the role of pet dog" of the U.S. in recent months.

Indian woman who alleged gang rape dies after fire attack

NEW DELHI — An alleged rape victim in northern India who was set on fire while heading to a court hearing in the case has died in a New Delhi hospital, officials said Saturday.

The woman, 23, was attacked in the state of Uttar Pradesh by a group of men that included two of the five she had accused of gang rape last year, police said. The two were out of custody on bail.

Five men were arrested in connection with the burn attack, police said.

The woman suffered extensive injuries and was airlifted Thursday from Uttar Pradesh to Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi, where she died late Friday of cardiac arrest, said Dr. Shalab Kumar.

Yogi Adityanath, the state's chief minister, said the "strictest of punishment will be given to the culprits."



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An anti-riot police officer fends off protesters during a demonstration against pension reform Saturday in Nantes, western France. The nationwide protests began Thursday.

Third day of protests, clashes grips France amid travel woes

PARIS — Paris police skirmished Saturday with yellow vest activists who joined a wave of protests against the government's overhaul of France's retirement system, as highway blockades and train stoppages by other protesters disrupted weekend travel around the country.

A few thousand yellow vest protesters marched from the Finance Ministry complex on the Seine River through southeast Paris, pushing their year-old demands for economic fairness — and adding the retirement reform to their list of grievances. Most marchers were peaceful but some threw projectiles or pushed riot officers,

prompting repeated bursts of tear gas from police.

The marchers appear to be emboldened by the biggest national demonstrations in years Thursday that kicked off a mass strike-and-protest movement against President Emmanuel Macron's redesign of the pension system.

As the strikes entered a third day Saturday, tourists and shoppers faced shuttered subway lines around Paris and near-empty train stations.

Truckers striking over a fuel tax hike disrupted traffic on highways from Provence in the southeast to Normandy in the northwest. A similar fuel tax is

what unleashed the yellow vest movement a year ago, and this convergence of grievances could pose a major new threat to Macron's presidency.

Macron says the reform, which will streamline a convoluted system of 42 special pension plans, will make the national pension system more fair and financially sustainable. The government says it won't raise the official retirement age of 62, but the plan is expected to include financial conditions to encourage people to work longer. Those most against the changes are workers in special categories like transport who can now retire earlier than 62.

Soldiers killed in Minnesota copter crash are identified

ST. CLOUD, Minn. — The Minnesota National Guard said the three soldiers who were killed when their Black Hawk helicopter crashed near St. Cloud were part of a unit that returned last May from a nine-month deployment to the Middle East.

The Guard identified the men who were killed Thursday as Chief Warrant Officers 2nd Class James A. Rogers Jr., 28, and Charles P. Nord, 30, and Sgt. Kort M. Plantenberg, 28.

The Guard tweeted that during their unit's recent Middle East deployment, it conducted medical evacuations in support of operations Spartan Shield and Inherent Resolve.

All three soldiers were assigned to Company C, 2-211th General Support Aviation Battalion, which is based in the central Minnesota city of St. Cloud.

In Virginia: John F. Kennedy's daughter Caroline christened a new aircraft carrier that is named after the 35th U.S. president.

Caroline Kennedy smashed a bottle across the USS John Kennedy carrier's hull Saturday at the shipyard in Newport News, Virginia. She is the sponsor of her father's namesake ship.

The ship is the second of the U.S. Navy's new Ford-Class of aircraft carriers. The first was the USS Gerald R. Ford, which was commissioned last year.

The new carriers are designed to carry and fly more planes with fewer sailors. The Kennedy's keel was laid in 2015.

Guests at the christening ceremony included former U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

Exposure likely after 2 bodies found in Ariz. snow

ASH FORK, Ariz. — Exposure is suspected in the deaths of a married couple whose bodies were found Friday in snow along a road in rural Arizona where a major wintry storm hit a week ago, authorities said Saturday.

The medical examiner will determine cause of

death of Richard Alexander, 74, and Elizabeth Alexander, 79, but authorities said there was no indication of foul play.

Mike and Diane Haas told KNXV-TV that they spotted the bodies in snow as they left their home along Old Route 66 outside Ash Fork, a small commu-

nity about 47 miles west of Flagstaff. The couple's car was found nearby.

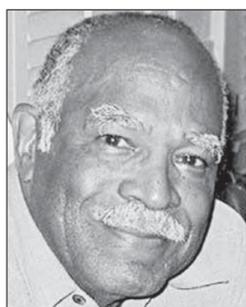
The Haases said the man was lying on top of the woman, possibly trying to keep her warm. "It's terrifying to think that she might've been alive under her husband," Mike Haas said.

OBITUARIES

LYNN SMALL 1937-2019

Ad and marketing executive loved travel, fit in golf

BY GRAYDON MEGAN



FAMILY PHOTO

Lynn Small also served on boards including that of the South Shore Commission.

business at the University of Chicago.

He taught elementary school in Chicago Public Schools for several years, his wife said, and around 1967 was recruited to Leo Burnett. Small moved to the advertising department of United Airlines in the early 1970s. His work there included as a manager of the initial Mileage Plus program and as director of advertising for the company's western division.

"He was smart, creative, kind and well-spoken and Lynn was always able to find time to help anyone," said Bill Alenson, who worked with Small at Burnett in the 1960s and later at United.

Small left United and joined the CTA around 1987 as director of marketing. After about four years there, he joined Rankin at Equinox.

"He did good work for

us," Rankin said, "with his experience and ability to relate to clients and properly interpret whatever tactics we were using on their behalf and sell those programs to the clients."

As a senior manager at Equinox, Small was also good at helping to develop some of the younger account executives working under him. "He was helpful in their progress at the agency and a number of them went on to good positions later," Rankin said. After leaving Equinox in the late 1990s, Small finished his career with DHR International in Chicago, working as an executive recruiter. He retired in 2002.

"He loved advertising," Joan Small said, but also loved traveling, a great benefit of his time with United. The couple visited six of the seven continents.

He served on boards for what was then the Scholarship & Guidance Association, the South Shore Commission and the DuSable Museum of African American History.

And he found time for golf, according to Rankin.

"He was left-handed. He was nicknamed 'Captain Hook,' but he managed to keep it in the fairway," Rankin said.

Small leaves no other direct survivors.

Services were held.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

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ON DECEMBER 8 ...

In 1765 Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin, was born in Westboro, Massachusetts.

In 1776 George Washington's retreating army crossed the Delaware River from New Jersey to Pennsylvania during the American Revolution.

In 1854 Pope Pius IX proclaimed the Roman Catholic dogma of the Immaculate Conception, which holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was free of original sin from the moment she was conceived.

In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln announced his plan for the reconstruction of the South.

In 1886 the American Federation of Labor was founded in Columbus, Ohio. **Also in 1886** painter Diego Rivera was born in Guanajuato, Mexico.

In 1894 writer and cartoonist James Thurber was born in Columbus, Ohio. **Also in 1894** cartoonist Elzie Segar, creator of "Popeye," was born in Chester, Illinois.

In 1925 singer, dancer and actor Sammy Davis Jr. was born in New York.

In 1941 the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

In 1949 the Chinese Nationalist government moved from the Chinese mainland to Formosa as the Communists pressed their attacks.

In 1978 former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir, 80, died in Jerusalem.

In 1980 former Beatles guitarist and songwriter John Lennon, 40, was shot to death outside his New York City apartment building by a deranged fan.

In 1986 House Democrats selected Jim Wright to be the chamber's 48th speaker, succeeding Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill.

In 1987 Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories began an intifada, or uprising. **Also in 1987** President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev signed a treaty calling for destruction of intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

In 1991 Russia, Belarus and Ukraine declared the Soviet national government dead, forging a new alliance, the Commonwealth of Independent States.

In 1992 Americans saw live television coverage of U.S. troops landing on the beaches of Somalia as Operation Restore Hope began.

In 1993 President Bill Clinton signed into U.S. law the North American Free Trade Agreement, which went

into effect at the start of 1994.

In 1995 the Grateful Dead announced it was breaking up after 30 years of making music; the news came four months after the death of lead guitarist Jerry Garcia.

In 1996 the Serbian Supreme Court ruled against opposition parties who said Slobodan Milosevic had robbed them of an election victory in Belgrade.

In 1999 a Memphis jury hearing a lawsuit filed by Martin Luther King Jr.'s family found that the civil rights leader had been the victim of a vast murder conspiracy, not a lone assassin.

In 2000 a divided Florida Supreme Court, in a 4-3 ruling, ordered an immediate hand count of about 45,000 disputed presidential ballots and put Democrat Al Gore within 154 votes of George W. Bush.

In 2003 President George W. Bush signed a \$400 billion Medicare overhaul bill that included a prescription drug plan for the elderly. **Also in 2003** Congress approved legislation to stem the flood of unwanted junk e-mail known as spam.

In 2004 the Senate completed congressional approval of the biggest overhaul of U.S. intelligence in a half century, voting 89-2 to send the measure to President George W. Bush. **Also in 2004** "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott, 38, an influential heavy metal guitarist, was fatally shot with three other people during a performance in Columbus, Ohio; the gunman was then shot dead by a police officer.

In 2005 a Southwest Airlines jet slid off a Midway Airport runway and onto a busy street during a snowstorm, killing a boy in a car.

In 2008 Tribune Co., the parent company of the Chicago Tribune, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

In 2017 Chicago Public Schools CEO Forrest Claypool resigned after the district inspector general accused him of orchestrating a "full-blown cover-up."

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Ahern, Patricia A.

Patricia A. Ahern, age 73 of St. Charles. Formerly of Chicago Ridge. Loving mother of Julie (Victor) Hopper. Beloved daughter of the late Beatrice and Christopher Ahern. Proud grandmother of Beatrice. Dear sister of Nancy (Leo) Koulouris, the late Marion (Arnold) Urquijo and the late Christopher (May) Ahern. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Family and friends to gather Wednesday, Dec. 11th for visitation 3PM to 8PM at DuPage Memorial Chapel 951 W. Washington St., West Chicago. (630) 293-5200.

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Alexander, Mila

passed away at 89 on November 27, 2019 in Concord, MA. She is survived by her loving son Alex Vuckovic (Sara) of Carlisle, MA and daughter Stephanie Vuckovic (Goran Maric) of Falls Church, VA; grandchildren Alex, Elizabeth and Julia Vuckovic; Stefan and Ivan Maric. She was predeceased by her ex-husband Vladeta Vuckovic in 2012 and her sister, Dragana Cigarcic in 1985. She was born Radmila Zivanovic on January 8, 1930 in the capital, Belgrade, of the then-Yugoslavia. She attended textile school and trained as an artist. She came to South Bend in 1963 to escape Communism and moved to Chicago in 1982 after her divorce. She worked in retail at Rodier Paris in Chicago, and Neiman Marcus. She also dabbled in the baking business with Madeleines of Chicago and was stylish, eclectic and warm. She moved to Concord when dementia struck her in 2013. The family is holding a private service to remember her. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mila's memory may be made to Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly, Chicago Chapter (www.littlebrotherschicago.org).

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Barnes, Curt C.

Curt C. Barnes, beloved husband of Sharon (nee Gerlach); devoted father of Daniel (Laurie), James (Lynn), John and the late Curt Barnes; dear stepfather of Todd Holz, Deborah (Keith) McKay and Kristen (Thomas) Trigsted; dear grandfather of 14 and great grandfather of 1. Funeral Tuesday, family and friends are invited to gather 9:30 a.m. at Salerno's Rosedale Chapels 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL. 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.) Funeral Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Interment Wheaton Cemetery. Visitation Monday 3:00-9:00 p.m. For info 630-889-1700 or www.saleronfuneralhomes.com. Memorial donations may be made to JourneyCare Hospice Foundation 405 Lake Zurich Rd. Barrington IL. 60010.

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Becker, Eugene T. 'Gene'

Eugene T. "Gene" Becker, age 88, U.S. Army Korean War Veteran. Beloved husband for 60 years to the late Janet "Toots" Becker, nee Ruzich (2014). Loving father of Anita (Larry) Knipper and Gregory (Kimberly) Becker. Dear grandfather of Anthony (Nicole) Becker and Emily (Matthew) Heise and great-grandfather of three. Dear brother of the late Ronald (late Sandy) Becker. Fond brother-in-law of the late Robert (late Lois) Ruzich. Loving uncle of Lynn (Paul) Winkelman. Visitation Tuesday, December 10, 2019 from 3-9 p.m. Funeral Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 10:30 a.m. from Colonial Chapel, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL to Our Lady of the Ridge Church. Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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Binder, Dorothy (Golden)

Dorothy Binder passed away at the age of 96. Wife of Dr. Benjamin Binder. Loving mother of Marlene, Scott, and Jeff. Sister of Rosabel and George Saperstein. Sister of the late Dr. Mort Golden. Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Service to be held in California.

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Blair, Jerome L.

Jerome L. Blair, age 81; beloved husband of Leslie Blair; cherished and loving father of Alexandra Blair and Weston Blair Outlaw; revered brother of David Blair. Jerome passed away peacefully on December 5, 2019 in Chicago. He was born in Cleveland, OH to the late Richard and Marjorie Lefkowitz and was a long-time resident of Chicago. Service Tuesday 11am in the chapel of Westlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge, where entombment will follow. Contributions may be made to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, 4100 W. Ann Lurie Drive; Chicago, IL 60632, chicagosfoodbank.org. Arrangements entrusted to Lakeshore Jewish Funerals, 773-625-8621

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Borbely, Anthony W.

Anthony W. Borbely, U.S. Army Veteran, Retired Detective, C.P.D. Loving husband of Mary Jo nee Ford Borbely. Cherished father of Brian Jonathan Borbely & Dr. Michael Patrick Borbely. Dear brother of Bonnie Wienc & the late Mark (Jeannie) Borbely. Devoted son of the late Bertha nee Korper & Anton Borbely. Fond uncle of many nieces & nephews. Resting at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th St. Oak Lawn where Services will take place Thursday at 8:00 pm. Interment private. Visitation Thursday from 3:00 pm until the time of Services at 8:00 pm. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Bowden, Virginia M.

(nee Kelly), dedicated teacher for almost 40 years in the communities of Riverdale, Dolton, Chicago & Midlothian. Beloved wife Jerry Bowden. Loving mother of Brigitte (Beau) Nix, Jay (Karen) Bowden & Chris Bowden. Cherished grandmother of Jaisa, Corey, Conner & Christopher. Devoted daughter of the late; Clyde & Doratheia (nee Suor) Kelly. Dear sister of William (Linda) Kelly, Margaret Mary (Paul) Michulsky, Norine (Robert) Connelly, late Clyde (Joan) Kelly & late Patricia (late Robert) Gordon. Kind aunt of many nieces & nephews. Visitation Tuesday, December 10th from 9:00 a.m. until time of chapel prayers 11:00 a.m. at the KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Saint Alexander Church, Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment will be private. www.kerryfh.com ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral

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Briatta, Jeanine T.

Jeanine T. Briatta, nee Rosinia, of Huntley formerly of Chicago, age 83. Beloved wife of John A. Briatta; loving mother of Joseph (Elena) Briatta and Johnna (Matt) Parr; proud grandmother of David, Nicole, Joseph, Sabrina, Monica, Katrina, Michael and Antonio; great-grandmother of Austin, Giana, Cody and Emma; dear sister of the late Michael Rosinia; proud aunt of many. A Celebration of Jeanine's Life will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at 21 Spinning Wheel Rd., Hinsdale, IL 60521. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Burke, Frank J.

Frank passed away from complications of dementia on December 4, 2019. Born March 7, 1943, Frank was the youngest of four siblings. A life long resident of Chicago and suburbs, Frank was a U.S. Marine and a veteran of the Vietnam War. During his career Frank held management and executive positions in the field of facilities and plant operations. A person of wide varied interests, Frank loved the Blackhawks, golf, biking, nature, opera, and fine food and wine. Frank is survived by his wife Jean DeYoung and son David Burke, two sisters and many nieces and nephews. Memorials may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association alz.org or 225 N. Michigan Ave, Fl. 17, Chicago, IL. 60601. Private services have been held.

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Cain, Valerie A.

Valerie A. Cain nee Krupowicz; beloved wife of the late Edward; dearest mother of Catherine Byrne; loving grandmother of Edward John and Sean Michael Byrne; dear sister of the late Jerome (Geraldine) Krupowicz; devoted aunt and cherished great aunt of many. Visitation Tuesday 9 AM until time of prayers 10:30 AM at Gibbons Family Funeral Home, 5917 W. Irving Park Road (1/2 Block East of Austin) to St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Mass 11 AM. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

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Mega Millions jackpot: \$285M	
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Pick 4 midday	4629 / 1
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Calvetti, Veronica Anne

Veronica Anne Calvetti, 96, nee McDonnell, passed away peacefully on November 30, 2019 at the Whitehall of Deerfield, IL where she resided for the past nineteen years. Her son Jamie, his wife Susan, daughter Margo, grandchildren Mariel and Tyler Frost, their father Timothy Frost, grandchildren James and Joseph Calvetti, and their mother Jeri survive her. She is preceded in death by her husband James C. Calvetti and son Bruce W. Calvetti.

Veronica was born in Brisbane, Australia, September 26, 1923. Her mother, Annie Sarah Johnson, was an excellent cook and talented dressmaker, teaching young Veronica sewing skills that she would utilize all of her adult life. Her father, Sergeant Thomas Charles McDonnell was a veteran of World War I and a decorated Australian New Zealand Army Corp (ANZAC) soldier. In November 1914, his ship sailed to Egypt where he trained amongst the Great Pyramids, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. He was wounded and survived the ill-fated campaign at Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey, and was later sent to a hospital in France to recover. Shortly thereafter he went to the battlefields of the Somme. There, engaged in trench warfare along the Western Front, Tom was subjected to poison gas by the German Army and suffered frostbite on his toes. He returned to Australia and lived for many decades with some difficulty resulting from his war wounds. Both Veronica's parents lived well into their 90s.

Veronica met Corporal James Calvetti, on April 3, 1944 on his 27th birthday, at a Red Cross dance in Brisbane where he was stationed in the offices of General Douglas MacArthur. It was by all accounts a quintessential WWII love story.

According to Jim, he was very much in love with her when he was transferred to New Guinea. Afraid he would lose Veronica forever, Jim convinced a pilot to return him to Brisbane via a US Army plane. On arrival, he was charged AWOL and imprisoned in Somerville House, a girl's college in South Brisbane that had been enlisted for US Military Police business. While he awaited a court martial, a sympathetic Army Officer overheard his lovesick 'story'. Miraculously, the court martial never ensued. This was not the first time, nor the last time, a self-confident, determined Jimmy Calvetti would talk his way in getting his desired outcome. They married in January of 1945.

Jim was shipped back to the US soon after Victory in the Pacific was declared on August 15, 1945. In May of 1946, Veronica boarded the SS Mariposa, one of the ships acquired by the US Forces to transport American Army Brides to the USA from Hamilton Wharf. After a three-week journey with other Australian war brides, she arrived in San Francisco, CA. There have been several accounts of the difficulties the Brides endured on this arduous trip across the ocean, and the challenges they met upon arriving in America. In the ensuing years, Veronica supported Jim's successful career in the meat business in Chicago, IL. In 1974, Jim proudly founded James Calvetti Meats in the Union Stockyards. Their son Jamie is now president.

Veronica, known by her friends as Ronnie, was a loving, energetic mother on the go. She was a homemaker with a social life, social conscious, and an astute investor. Ronnie was an avid volunteer at the Edgebrook Community Church, Wildwood Elementary School, Sauganash Women's club, Northwest Auxiliary of the Children's Home and Aid Society, and many other community organizations. When the Calvetti family moved to Glenview in 1965, she was active in the Glenview Newcomers club. A consummate "fashionista", Ronnie was featured in newspaper and magazine clippings, often wearing the latest fashions by Halston and Diane Von Furstenberg. In the 1970s, she became a founding member of the Down-Under Club of Chicago, a group formed to connect WWII War Brides. In the 1980s, she joined The Glenview Investment Club, whose charter mirrored the stock picks of the famous Beardstown Ladies. As treasurer, she steered the financial successes of the Club and smartly invested a portfolio for herself, her children and grandchildren.

Throughout the years, Ronnie reinvented herself as a workout queen. Originally a student of Jack LaLanne's home fitness show, she began a yoga practice in the 70s and could be found standing on her head when daughter Margo returned from college. In the 80s, she donned a leotard and leggings and joined Jane Fonda's Workout Video classes. She went to jazzercise class and she swam at the Valley Lo Club in Glenview. She was an inspiration to all that knew her.

In a life filled with accomplishments, perhaps Veronica's greatest was her devotion and love for her four grandchildren. Grand-mum transformed the Glenview basement into a menagerie of toys and activities for her grandbabies. It was a bit chaotic, as at one time she had four Siamese cats and four little children running about the house. All remember the family gatherings at the home and at Valley Lo Sports Club. Holidays were spent at Valley Lo, with son Bruce and grandsons James and Joey winning the fishing tournaments, Grandson Ty excelled at tennis and at the golf course, while Granddaughter Mariel swam laps in the lake. The family all enjoyed the fun parties and lavish buffets. It was a magical time in our lives.

The family wishes to thank The Glenview State Bank for their expert guidance of her arrangements and for the many friendships developed during a 50-year relationship.

In addition, we would like to thank the Whitehall of Deerfield for their comprehensive nursing care throughout her stay.

Finally, we wish to extend our gratitude and love to Veronica's companion Jackie, who never left her side for 16 years. Jackie lovingly and expertly guided Veronica through many illnesses, and truly became a part of the Calvetti family. Jackie also cared for Veronica's late husband, James, in his later years, as well as her son Bruce, who recently preceded her in death. Lastly, we wish to acknowledge Veronica's additional companions Aizel, Carol, and Larry for their loving support throughout these last years.

Veronica Calvetti was a loving, intelligent, glamorous, and very funny woman. Her life experiences enriched her family and friends. Our mother and grandmother left us an expansive legacy of adventure, determination, and kindness. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Services are private.

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Camp, Lillian E.

Lillian E. Camp, age 93, passed away on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 in hospice care at Westbury Nursing Home in Lisle, IL. As a child, Lillian lived in Berwyn, IL with her mother, father, two brothers, grandmother, and uncle. She married Joseph Camp on November 29, 1947. Lillian was the mother of seven children.

She instilled in her children a strong work ethic and commitment to achieving their goals. In retirement, Lillian and Joe moved from Clarendon Hills, IL to Mesa, AZ. They spent over fifteen years in Leisure World where Lillian participated in a variety of artistic activities. Lillian created useful and attractive ceramic items, such as bowls and plates, and generously gave them to family and friends. She also enjoyed painting and watercolors. Two of her most noteworthy paintings are of a cardinal and a blue jay. Returning to Illinois to be with her family, Lillian was committed to volunteer work. She became a Stephen Minister, sang in the Resurrection Choir, and was a member of the Art and Environment Committee for St. Raphael's Church, Naperville, IL. Lillian loved music. She was a Chicago Symphony member and enjoyed attending the opera. She also enjoyed traveling. She found it interesting to learn about the way people in other places live. A highlight of her travel adventures was her trip to China. Lillian is survived by her children Marianne (Milton Davis) Stonis, Cathy (Rusty) Putnam, Paul (Harriet) Camp, Mark (Cathy) Camp, Dave (Kathy) Camp, Betsy (Tom) O'Brien, and Alan (Michelle) Camp. She is further survived by her seventeen grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren. Lillian was preceded in death by her parents Alex and Anna, her husband Joseph, and her two brothers Alex and Ralph. Memorial Visitation will be on Thursday, December 12, from 9:30 AM until the time of the Memorial Mass of Christian Burial 11:00 AM all at St. Raphael's Church, 1215 Modaff Rd. Naperville, IL 60540. All are welcome to join for inurnment on Friday, December 13, 10:30 AM at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. For those wishing to leave a lasting tribute to Lillian's memory, donations in lieu of flowers to Smile Train at 633 Third Ave. 9th floor, New York, NY 10017 or to Brookdale Hospice at 1700 Robin Ln. Lisle, IL 60532, would be welcome. Arrangements entrusted to **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL.** For more information, please call (630)355-0213 or visit www.friedrichjones.com.

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Carlson, Geraldine 'Gerri'

Geraldine 'Gerri' R. Carlson, 93, passed away December 5, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Howard E. Carlson. Loving Mother of Cindy Carlson, Marty Carlson, Ron (Sharyl) Carlson, Mary Jo (Mark) Sikorski, Tom (Jane) Carlson, the late Howard Scott (Natalie) Carlson. Cherished grandmother of nine. Great grandmother of two. Fond aunt of many. Visitation will be Tuesday, December 10, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W Lawrence Ave, Norridge. Funeral Service will be held at 12:00 Noon at the funeral home. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Norwood Crossing Life Care Foundation or Rainbow Hospice. Info: 708-456-8300

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Ceci, Richard Anthony

Richard Anthony Ceci, age 85 of Aurora, formerly of Berwyn. Beloved husband of Mel nee Dabado, loving father of Deanna (Robert) Myers, cherished grandfather of Austin (Savanna) Biagioni and Nathan Myers, dear brother of the late Debaldo (late Betty), the late Edward (Maureen) and the late Robert (Norma) Ceci, fond uncle to many. Funeral Thursday, December 12, 2019, Chapel Service Time Pending at **Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home**, 2447 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside. Cremation Private. Visitation Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 3:00pm to 9:00pm. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.KuratkoNosek.com. Info: (708) 447-2500.

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Charles, Busse Anthony 'Chuck'

Charles "Chuck" Anthony Busse passed away on November 23, 2019 at the age of 94. Chuck was born in Chicago and lived there most of his life before moving earlier this year to Rochester Hills, Michigan. He served his country honorably during World War II as an Army

Combat Engineer in the European theater. He was proud to be a veteran and was a member of the American Legion. He received his Bachelor's degree from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois and then his Master's degree from Chicago State University. He taught at Chicago Public Schools for 40 years as a physical education teacher.

Chuck is survived by his wife Anna; his daughter Kristina (Jeffrey) Richards; grandchildren Victoria Richards and Nathan Richards; and numerous nieces and nephews. A private service will be held at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

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Cochran, Elizabeth Parkhurst 'Betty'

Betty Cochran passed away recently at home in Camarillo, CA with family by her side. She was 98 years old and will be remembered for her bright spirit, strength and devotion to family. Betty's parents were Matthew and Marie Parkhurst. Betty had many fond memories of growing up in Lake Bluff, IL. She graduated from Judson College, her mother's alma mater, in Alabama in 1943. The following year she married Walter Marvin Cochran who, after serving as a Naval Intelligence Officer in World War II, pursued a career as a research chemist. Betty and Marvin settled in Highland Park, IL where Betty was active in the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago and the Ravinia Garden Club. Also, Betty was a 67 year member of P.E.O., an educational philanthropy for women. The Cochrans enjoyed traveling in this country and abroad. In 2003, the Cochrans moved to Camarillo CA to be near a daughter. Betty's husband of 64 years died in 2009. She is survived by two daughters and their husbands: Sara and Jim Ballenger of Herndon, VA and Betsy and Eric Metzgar of Camarillo, CA; a son Charles Cochran and his wife Janet of Easton, PA; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Interment at Lake Forest Cemetery, Lake Forest IL next to her husband.

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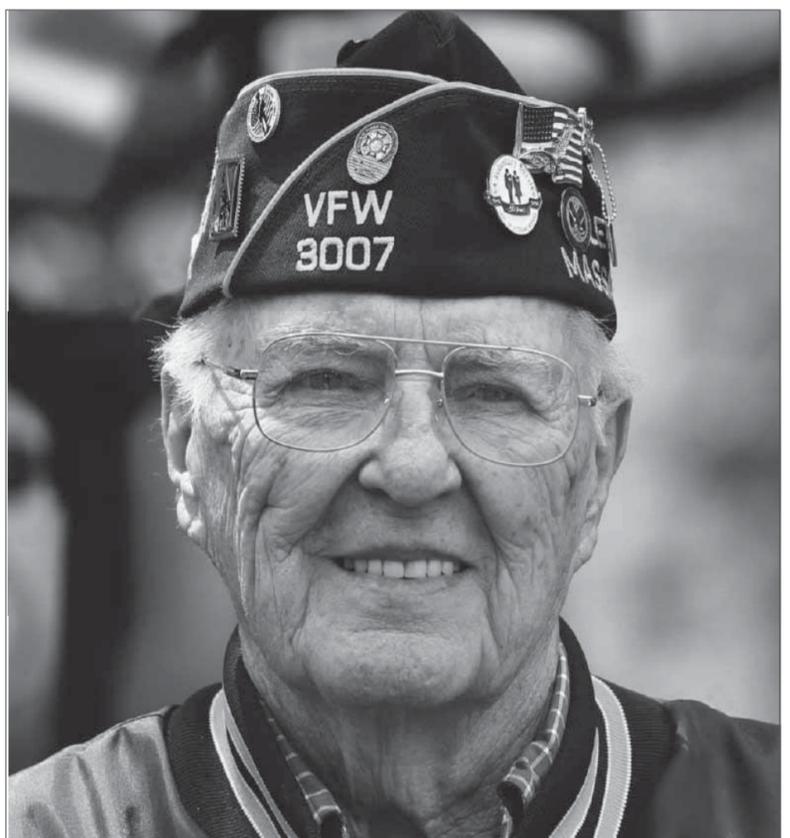
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Connelly, Vincent J.



Vincent J. Connelly, Sr., 102, was blessed with a spectacularly happy marriage to Marguerite for over 50 years until her death in 2001. He was a lifelong resident of Chicago until his move to the Moorings of Arlington Heights over 20 years ago. His immigrant Irish parents had four children, all now deceased: Eileen (Bauer), Vince, Jack and Clarence ("Mike"). He served in the U.S. Army from 1941 through 1946, eventually joining Patton's Third Army in its sweep through Europe. Consistent with the humble attitude of many in the "Greatest Generation", he summarized his war experience with, "The Army wasn't too bad. The food was pretty good." He maintained an abiding fondness for meals throughout his life. He and Marguerite raised five children: the late Matt, Vince, Jr. (Florence), the late Mary, Tom (Nancee) and William (Rosemary), collectively they provided him with 13 adored grandchildren. Widely read and always humorous, he never spent time discussing himself-a virtue that left him with many friends. Services are private. Contributions can be made to a favorite charity. Asked at his 90th birthday celebration to share his insight to what constituted a meaningful life, he kept it short and simple, "Be kind." Information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Constable, Bill 'Hillbilly'



Bill "Hillbilly" Constable; loving father of Susan (Mark) Webster; beloved companion of Rosie Miceli; dear grandfather of Angelina Smith and great grandfather of Emma, Izabella and Brooklyn. Visitation Monday 3-9 p.m. at Hursen Funeral Home & Crematory, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Rds, Hillside/Westchester. Funeral Service and Burial Private. Funeral info 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com

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Corr, Eugene J. 'Gene'



Eugene "Gene" J. Corr, age 97, Naval Veteran WWII; beloved husband of the late Bette nee Chambers; loving father of Michael (Jan) Corr; dearest grandfather of Crystal and Angelina; devoted brother of the late Joseph (the late Madge) and the late Eileen; dear brother-in-law of Jack (Pat) Chambers, and the late Colletta (the late Joe) Bolin; dear uncle and great uncle to many Visitation Monday 3 PM until 8 PM at the **SKAJA Terrace Funeral Home**, 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Funeral Service Tuesday 9:15 AM going to St. John Brebeuf Church for 10 AM Mass. Interment All Saints Cemetery. He was a member of VFW Niles Post 7712, and Knights of Columbus Council North American Martyr. Memorial to a charity of your choice will be appreciated. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Deufel, Daniel C.

Daniel C. Deufel, 83, of Aurora, Illinois, passed away Friday, December 6, 2019 at his home. He was born January 1, 1936 in Chicago, Illinois.

Dan grew up in the Beverly neighborhood of Chicago. He attended Morgan Park High School where he competed on the swim team and was the 1951 CPS Backstroke Champion. It was there that he met his wife of 30 years, Diana Gillott.

Dan was a member of the Beverly Country Club and the Aurora Country Club. After obtaining his private pilot certificate in high school, he remained an avid aviation enthusiast and a member of various aviation organizations.

A special thanks to all the individuals, especially, Barb and Jean, who were at his side personally and professionally through his years.

He is survived by four children Carl (Colette) Deufel, Curt (Kristy Lancaster) Deufel, Donna Deufel, and Samantha (Richard) Adams; 12 grandchildren Daniel, Michael, Anna, Madeline, Jessie, Trenton, Logan, Hayden, Benton, Claire, Mark, and Eric; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter Linda Morgan Hill; his father Carl Deufel and his mother Adelaide Smith; his brother Thomas Deufel and his sister Dorothy Pearse.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 12:00pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, Fr. Charles Reichenbacher, OSB will officiate. Interment will take place at Chapel Hill Gardens in Oak Lawn, IL on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 10:00am. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 from 3:00pm until 7:30pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500. Please visit our website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may leave condolences for Dan's family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Dan's memory to Wounded Warrior Project & Folds of Honor.



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Dolan, Loretta

Loretta Lux Dolan, 96, beloved wife of the late John Patrick "Cozy" Dolan, loving mother of John Brendan (Chrissa Barry) Dolan, Missy (Jeffrey) Garibotti, cherished grandmother of Spencer, Cullen, John Ronan Dolan, Julia and Joseph Garibotti, daughter of the late John (Loretta Matern) Lux, dear sister of Margaret Roe, Annette (the late Don) Darling, Joan (Donald) Leone, John (Marilyn) Lux, the late Marie (late Richard) Galvin, the late Patricia (late Raymond) Colomb, and the late Rita (late Jack) Harris. Loretta was "Aunt Letty" to her many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 9:30 a.m. to time of Funeral Mass - 10:00 a.m., at Rosary Hill Home, 9000 W. 81st St., Justice. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Rosary Hill Home. Funeral arrangements made through Hann Funeral Home, call 708-496-3344 or visit hannfuneralhome.com



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Doran, Sandy

Sandy was born February 1, 1949 to the late Ivar and Margaret Johnson in Chicago, IL. Her passion for teaching led her to complete her Masters Degree at National Lewis University and continue in the field of special education. Throughout her life and career, Sandy touched many lives and held many dear friendships. She was a devoted Mother, Wife, friend and follower of God and his son Jesus Christ. She is survived by her husband Frank of 46 years; son Jeff, his wife Michelle, granddaughter Mia, son Steve, his wife Kathy, grandson Jack. Funeral Service Wednesday December 11, 11:30 a.m. at Memory Gardens Cemetery Chapel, 2501 E. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004. In lieu of flowers, Sandy's family kindly requests donations to Grace Lutheran Church, 1624 E. Euclid Ave., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 or Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 28 W. 44th St., Suite 609, New York, NY 10036. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com.

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Eager, Allen

Allen Eager, of Rancho Mirage, CA, formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away peacefully on December 4, surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his wife Marilyn (Slutsky), children Wendy and Jon, grandchildren Laura and Daniel, sister-in-law Doris, nieces and nephews Sherie Charlesworth (Mark), Mark Tavill (Patty), Greg Tavill (Joyce), Robb Tavill (Gail), and many grand, and great grand nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Lottie (Weinstein) and William, his brother Harvey, and his sister-in-law Adelle Tavill (Slutsky) and brother-in-law Edward Tavill.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial gift to the Eager Family Brain Tumor Research Fund at UCLA. Donations may be directed to the UCLA Foundation, Attn: Samantha Lang, Wasserman Building, 300 Stein Plaza, Suite 560, Los Angeles, CA 90095-6901 (310-351-9806). Please note that your gift is in memory of Allen Eager.

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Engelhardt, Annette



Annette Helen Engelhardt, lifelong Chicagoan, died Friday Dec. 6, 2019, at age 90. She was predeceased by her husband of 64 years, Sheldon. She is survived by her daughter, Karen (Richard Stern) of Chicago; sons, Henry (Diane Briere de Lisle) of Cardiff, Wales; and Joel (Donna Kamp) of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; and seven grandchildren. Funeral Services will be held at 2pm on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at Westlawn Cemetery's Chapel. For information call www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com 773.472.6300



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Erickson, John W.



John W. Erickson, of Crystal Lake, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. He was born October 13, 1927 in Chicago, the son of the late Reuben A. and Ellen (nee Walinder) Erickson. John worked in electrical manufacturing his entire life, held numerous patents, and was the founder of Boltswitch Inc. in Crystal Lake. He proudly served in the US Army during WWII and the Korean War. John was a member of many organizations including BO-ARRO Archery Club, Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Medinah Shrine, and the International Association of Electrical Inspectors. He was a member of the Crystal Lake Country Club, and was very active with Bethany Lutheran Church where he volunteered with their rebuilding committee. John is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Anita "Liz" (nee Rutz); his sons, John (Linda), Jim (Judy) and Bill (Beth) Erickson; his grandchildren, Dana (Mike) Blasko, Ryan (Joy) Erickson, Jennifer (Andrew) Teich, Kenneth Erickson, Christina (Jamie) Dube and Brian (Audrey) Hilligoss; and his great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Reuben A. Erickson Jr., sister-in-law, Evelyn Erickson; and two infant sisters. Visitation will be held Sunday, December 8, 2019, from 2-5 p.m. at **Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory**, 419 E Terra Cotta Ave (Rt. 176) Crystal Lake. The funeral service will be held the following day, Monday, December 9, at 11:00 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Entombment will follow at Windridge Memorial Park, Cary. For online condolences visit www.davenportfamily.com or call 815-459-3411 for information.



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Farrell-Lunde, Carol H

Carol H. Lunde, age 89, peacefully passed away on Friday, November 29, 2019 at her home in Naples. She previously resided in Libertyville, IL and Lake Bluff, IL. Carol was a loving and devoted Wife, Mother and Grandmother.

She is survived by four children, Peggy Farrell-Kidd (Bruce), Mary Pat Farrell-Diekemeper (Richard), Kathleen Farrell-Daly (Thomas) and Thomas H. Farrell (Caroline) five grandchildren, Sophia, Lauren, Thomas Anthony, Thomas Gregory and Brooke and her sister, Marlene Hicks Bauerle. She was predeceased by her parents, one sister, Eleanor Hicks Dornan, two husbands, Thomas B. Farrell and Leif H. Lunde and one daughter, Debra Farrell.

A Memorial Mass will be held Friday, December 6, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. at St. Williams Catholic Church, Naples, FL. Burial services will be held Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at Ascension Catholic Cemetery Chapel, Libertyville, IL. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Pathways Early Education Center, formerly Immokalee Child Care Center at www.pathwaysearlyeducation.com or to Avow Hospice at www.avowcares.org. For online condolences, to share memories or light a candle, please visit Carol's Tribute at www.muller-thompson.com.

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Farwell, Mary E.



Mary E. Farwell, 82, passed away on December 1, 2019. She was born in Harrisburg, PA on May 16, 1937 to Charles and Mary Evelyn Rickert. She is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Marvin Farwell. Mary was the loving mother to Liz (Michael Reyes) Farwell, Todd (Rob Gallaway) Farwell, and Blair (Nicole) Farwell. She was the loving grandmother to Leslie, Adrienne, and Madeline Farwell and Jack Farwell. She was preceded in death by her son Brian Farwell (2011). A memorial service will be held at 2pm on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, 700 N. Sheridan Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045. Memorial contributions may be sent in loving memory to the Flat-Coated Retriever Argus Foundation, 128 Glendale Dr, Burlington, IA 52601, or the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest Memorial Fund, 700 N. Sheridan Road, Lake Forest, IL. Info: Wenban Funeral Home (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com.

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Filkins, James P.

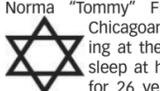


James P. Filkins, age 83, a resident of Naperville, IL, formerly of Park Ridge, IL, passed away peacefully on December 3, 2019. He was born on April 10, 1936 in Milwaukee, WI. James is survived by his wife of 22 years, Kay Ann Filkins; children Mary (James) Reilly, James (Wendy) Filkins, Andrew Filkins, Patricia (James Pecoraro) Filkins, Joseph (Anne Sutter) Filkins, and Margaret Filkins; step children Phyllis E. (Marlo) Testani, Derrick Hager, Kimberley (Phillip) Libers, Daniel (Kimilie) Hager, and Brooke (Joseph) Filas; he also leaves behind 21 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Mildred and Lowell Filkins; first wife Anneliese Filkins; siblings Patricia Plazek, William Filkins, and Fred Filkins; grandson Richard Zachary Hager. James was a proud graduate of Marquette University, where he received his PhD in Human Physiology. He spent many years teaching future doctors as a Professor of Physiology at Loyola University Medical School in Chicago. He enjoyed traveling, was an avid Sudoku aficionado, but was most proud and passionate about teaching. In his later years, James loved being able to spend his time with his family, especially being able to be with his grandchildren. He will be deeply missed. All are invited for a casual memorial gathering to be held on Saturday, December 14 from 1:00-3:00 PM at Monarch Landing Retirement Community 2255 Monarch Dr. Naperville, IL 60563. (Gated access with attendant on duty. Refer to "Filkins Reception" for entry. Overflow parking available.) Arrangements entrusted to **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**. For more information, please call (630)355-0213.



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Fish, Norma 'Tommy'



Norma "Tommy" Fish nee Cohen, a lifelong Chicagoan, died early Tuesday morning at the age of 98, peacefully in her sleep at home. As a driving instructor for 26 years, and later as a volunteer at the nearby school, Norma loved to spread freedom and joy to everyone lucky enough to know her. Norma was preceded in death by her husband, George and sisters, Bernice and Lillian. She is survived by children Michael, Harry, Roger, and Gail, 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Private services will be held. Contributions may be made in her memory to Friends of Northside Learning Center, friendsofnorthsidelearningctr.org. Arrangements by **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 847-256-5700.

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Flaherty, Brother Michael

Brother Michael Flaherty, FSC, died in Chicago on December 3, 2019. A De La Salle Christian Brother for 60 years, he was born Michael Regis Flaherty on March 22, 1940, to Patrick J. and Mary (Casey) Flaherty in Chicago. He received his BA degree from St. Mary's College, Winona, MN, and his MA from Roosevelt University in Chicago. Brother Michael taught and administered at Lasallian Ministries in Kansas, Illinois and Montana. He is survived by his sisters, Barbara (Donald) Svachula of Niles, IL., Marie Gibaldo Tauber (Ed) of Beverly Hills, FL., and Kathleen Flaherty Brady of Davis CA., his brother, John of Elk Grove Village, IL., and the De La Salle Christian Brothers. He was preceded by his parents and his brother, Patrick. Memorials may be made to Christian Brothers Retirement Fund, 7650 S. County Line Rd., Burr Ridge, IL 60527.

Visitation, Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at St. Ferdinand Catholic Church, 5900 W. Barry Avenue, Chicago between 8:30am and 10:00am immediately followed by Mass of Christian Burial. Interment 3:00pm at Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, Romeoville.

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Gilpatric, Mercedes B.



Mercedes Gilpatric, nee Branch, age 79, of Evanston. Beloved wife of the late C. Edward Gilpatric; loving mother of Fred Bailey (Natalie Staerke), Raissa Bailey, Mark (Marie) Gilpatric and Scott (Shannon Jackson) Gilpatric; dear grandmother of Cyrus, Isabella and Cole Bailey and Grace, James, Rebecca and Duncan Gilpatric and Nicholas and Sophia Jackson; loving sister of John (Joyce), Joe (Karen), Larry (Rosemarie) and Paul Branch (Scott Smith), also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Mercy was a deeply spiritual person and educator. She joined the Dominican Sisters after high school and later left to start a family and have a career in publishing. In her marriage with Ed, she went on to get her doctorate in Marriage Ministry where they continued to work with couples and families and touched many lives with love and grace. Memorial Service Saturday, December 14, 2019, 2:00 p.m. at the Elliott Chapel of the Presbyterian Homes, 3131 Simpson Street, Evanston, IL 60201. Interment Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters 585 County Road Z, Sinsinawa, WI 53824. Info: 847 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.



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Graunke, Delbert C.



Delbert C. Graunke, age 96, of Downers Grove. Beloved husband of Elaine for 74 years. Loving father of Scott (Sue), Rev. Terry (Barbara), Paulette Burdick, Kristy (the late Robert) Lange, Dale (Gizelle) and Daniel (Diane). Devoted grandfather of 16 and great-grandfather of 17. WWII US Army Air Corps Veteran. Visitation 3 p.m. Tuesday until time of funeral service 7 p.m. at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 301 75th St., Downers Grove. Private interment. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions appreciated. See www.hjfunerals.com for suggested charities. Funeral info 630-964-6500

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Harper, Roger L.

Roger L. Harper, 84. Beloved husband for 38 years of Ina Marks; devoted father of Catherine M. (Martin Winslow) Harper; loving brother of the late Janice and Arthur (late Lynette) Harper; caring uncle of Kim, Dean, and Kevin. Roger was a chemist for over 25 years at Sherwin Williams Paint and a longtime political activist. Funeral service Weds, Dec. 11, 2 PM, at Church of our Saviour, 530 W. Fullerton Pkwy, Chicago. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Chemical Society SEED Project, 800-333-9511. Arrangements entrusted to **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 847-256-5700.

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Heffernan, Therese E. "Tess"

Therese (Tess) E. Heffernan, beloved daughter of the late Agnes (Kelly) and Michael Heffernan, C.F.D., cherished sister of Betty, the late Agnes(Heffernan) Atwood, sister-in-law of the late Robert Atwood, fond aunt of Tim(Sue), Luke(Nancy),Therese, Robert(Genevieve),Kevin(Jamee)Atwood,and Mary(Jim)Graehling, great aunt of eighteen, cousin and friend to many. Tess was a CPS teacher for forty years. Visitation, Saturday, Dec.14, at St. Timothy Church, 6336 N. Washtenaw from 9:00am until time of Mass at 11:00am, interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660 appreciated. Funeral info John E. Maloney Funeral Home 773-764-1617.



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Herschman, Barry Joel



Barry Joel Herschman, age 59. Devoted son of Lee, nee Herman and the late Jay B. Herschman D.D.S.; dear brother of Betty Herschman (David Cybulkiewicz). Private family services were held. Contributions in Barry's name to NAMI www.nami.org would be appreciated. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH 630-648-9824, or www.mitzvahfunerals.com



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Hollander, Joseph Albert

Joseph Albert Hollander, age 98, passed away in Glenview, IL with his sons Jon and David by his side on Saturday, November 30, 2019. He was born on August 21, 1921 in Chicago, IL to Joseph A. Hollander and Ruth Hollander. Joseph attended Funston grade school, Lane Technical High School, Northwestern University and Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management. Joseph proudly served in the US Navy with the rank of Lieutenant from 1941 to 1945. On June 16, 1948 he married Shirlee Jasper. Together they had a daughter and two sons. Joseph entered the family business of Hollander Storage & Moving, started by his grandfather and, along with his brother, ushered the company into a new era of trucking and warehousing. He and Shirlee enjoyed traveling & bike riding together as well as spending time with family. He is survived by his sons, Jon (Betty) and David (Sylvia); six grandchildren; his brother Richard Hollander, sister Mary Winter and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Shirlee and his daughter Nancy Paullin. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 10:00 am at Edgebrook Lutheran Church, 5252 W. Devon Ave., Chicago, IL. The family will greet friends at church on Saturday from 9:30 am until time of service. No flowers, please.

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Jacob, Shaun Patrick



Age 44; Beloved son of Robert and Mary Lou Jacob; Cherished brother of Mia Catherine and Amy Colleen Jacob; Loving nephew, cousin, Godfather, mentor and friend to many...too many to mention. Shaun was a hard worker, a great leader, and an amazing teammate on the court and in life. He took his last "Putt" with dignity and honor. His lifelong mission was to help others and he gave selflessly. His crusade in life was to forever keep the Brother Rice High School Alumni Community together. He will continue to mentor and guide from heaven above. In lieu of flowers Shaun's wish was to continue the Brother Rice Crusader Alumni Athletic Club (C.A.A.C.) so the C.A.A.C. would have the funds and means to go on supporting all the athletes for years to come. Donations in memory of Shaun Patrick Jacob can be made payable to: Br. Rice C.A.A. C. (S.P.J.) A Memorial Mass to honor Shaun will be held on Monday, December 9, 2019 at Old St. Patrick's Church, 700 W. Adams St., Chicago, starting promptly at 5:30 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to **Curley Funeral Home**; For Funeral info 708-422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Jilek, Joan

Joan Jilek of Cicero age 88. Loving daughter of the late Joseph and Caroline Jilek. Joan was a retired Chicago Public School Teacher. Her services were private. Donations would be appreciated to Chicago Public Schools Foundation www.childrenfirstfund.org. Arrangements entrusted to the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**. For further info. 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L



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Joallier, Susan Kay

Susan was born May 17, 1944 in Waukesha, WI to Alpheus and Alyce Stevenson. She passed away peacefully at her home December 5, 2019. Susan is survived by her nephew, Adam (Mia Maysack) Albright; and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph. Susan and Joseph were married July

14, 1979 and were married for 33 years when he passed in 2012. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Joan Karlen. Memorial visitation will be Sunday, December 15 from 1pm until the service at 3pm at **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, 941 S. Old Rand Road, Lake Zurich. Burial will be private. Please visit www.davenportfamily.com to send condolences.



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Kane, Carol Ann

Carol Ann Kane, age 89 of Vernon Hills, IL (formerly Winnetka) died peacefully surrounded by family. Loving mother of Patrice (Robert) Rich, Daniel (Allison) O'Leary, Ann Elizabeth (Lee) Padgett, Julie (William) O'Connor and Aileen (Traynor). Proud grandmother of Elizabeth, Jack, and Claire Christensen, Patrick, Emily (Hickey), John, and Michael O'Leary, Eric, Ann, and Nicholas Padgett, Margaret, Daniel, Baby Billy, and Erin O'Connor and Mary, Meghan and Kiley Traynor. Dear sister to Gail Keane, Kevin Kane and the late John F. Kane III. Visitation Saturday December 14, 2019 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. at Divine Word Parish at Sacred Heart Church 1077 Tower Road, Winnetka, IL 60093. Interment St. Mary Cemetery Lake Forest, IL. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Chicago Botanic Gardens, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glenview, IL 60022. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Kirsch, Dolores

Kirsch, Dolores "Lorry", nee Hillman, 88 of Highland Park, beloved wife of the late Daniel; loving father of Bob (Mindy) Kirsch, Linda Schwartz, and Joe Kirsch; adored "MeMe" of Bryan (Mandy), Ricky (Laura), Jamie (David), Barry (Alli), David, Ashton (Alex), Adriana, Molly, Sam, Charlie, Zachary, Zoey, Mari, Livie, Laina; devoted daughter of the late Sam and Ethyle Hillman. Chapel Service Monday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Komendant, Florence

Florence Komendant, avid Chicago Bears and White Sox fan. Florence worked for 37 years at Illinois Bell and a volunteer at Hinsdale Hospital. Loving mother of Bob (Deanna) Komendant and the late Lynn (Joseph) Lanski; cherished grandmother of Drew and Nicole Komendant, Crystal (Phil) Lampugnano, Cathy (Randy) Gorski, Michael Lanski, and the late Cynthia Lanski; fond great-grandmother of Hunter, Phillip, Dominic, Nicholas, and Dilynn. Funeral Tuesday at 9:15 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave, Darien, to Our Lady of Peace Church, Mass at 10 A.M. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation on Monday from 3-9 P.M. For Funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.



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Kooi, Marcella J.

Marcella J. (nee Kotlinski) Kooi, 88, of Arlington Heights. Beloved wife of the late Edward A. Kooi; loving mother of John (Emily McMullen) Kooi, Mary-Frances Kooi and the late Martin E. Kooi; cherished grandmother of Rachael Kooi, Sarah (Robert) Snyder and Leann Kooi and great grandmother of Kiley, Ava and Landon Snyder; dear mother-in-law of Janeen Kooi. Visitation Tuesday, December 10, 2019 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the **Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 1520 N. Arlington Heights Rd. (4 blocks south of Palatine Rd.), Arlington Heights. Prayers 9:45 AM, Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at the **Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd.**, to St. James Church, 831 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights for Mass at 10:30 AM. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to American Heart Assn. / American Stroke Assn., Memorials & Tributes 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674 or American Diabetes Assn., 2451 Crystal Drive, St. 900, Arlington, VA 22202. Funeral information and condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Korzenko, Mitchel

Mitchel Korzenko passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, with family at his side after being sung a Polish lullaby. He lived a humble life filled with all the things that mattered to him: his God, his Family, and simple Courtesy. He was the proverbial "glass half-full."

In 1924, Mitch was born into a comfortable life in Naliboki, Poland. He learned about beekeeping, politics, and responsibility at his father's knee. This wonderful life was lost to him at the age of 16 when Nazis invaded his area of Poland from the west and Stalinist forces from the east. His father was arrested, killed, and buried in an unknown mass grave believed to be in Smolensk, Russia. Mitch, his two brothers, and one sister were involuntarily rounded up and transported in packed train cars to Novosibirsk, USSR. In this gulag, they became the forced labor that built the Trans-Siberian Railroad. His home, his town, and his beloved church that anchored his life were burned to the ground.

In a historical compact of WWII, Churchill and Stalin became allies to fight Hitler. Mitch, one of 7,000 Polish USSR prisoners joined the newly formed Polish Army and set out on the journey of a lifetime traversing the historical Trail of Hope, crossing Kazakhstan, Kirgizstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Iran, Iraq, and Palestine down to the Mediterranean Sea. There, they boarded the Ile de France, outfitting it for a journey to Scotland. They were now out of Soviet hands and part of Churchill's British fighting force. Silently in his heart, Mitch, like all the other enlisted Poles, would be fighting for their homeland also.

Due to U-Boat blockades and torpedo damage to the ship, Mitch's expected Scotland destination route changed. The need for safety and ship repair allowed him the opportunity to experience lands vastly different from his own Eastern Europe and meet people from Morocco and countries down the entire West African coast as far as South Africa before crossing the Atlantic to Brazil in order to make their way to Glasgow from the west. There Mitch became the Polish general's preferred driver in the Polish Army Corp #2 and also a paratrooper under the auspices of the British 82nd Airborne. He remains a veteran of both countries after seeing action in Northern France that no one ought to have seen.

After the war ended, he oversaw several Polish Displaced Persons Camps in Germany filled with those conscripted involuntarily into Nazi Forced Labor. There, he met the love of his life for just short of 70 years, Wanda. Within one month, they were married and made homes easily befriend neighbors everywhere they lived from Scotland to England and from Chicago to LaGrange Park IL. After retirement, Wanda cooked and Mitch ate. They actively enjoyed working and socializing with Polish Veterans Posts and Auxiliaries. Mitch remained the good neighbor, helping others with projects and their misfortunes. He was never short on advice. During retirement, Mitch became blind in both eyes. Cornea transplants gave him vision, truly a miracle until, years later, the transplants rejected and left him fully blind. Wanda became his eyes. She led and he followed even on the dance floor for two of their granddaughter's weddings—the tango was their favorite. They loved to dance!

After Wanda passed away, Mitch moved to Maine to be closer to family. A visit to Mass Eye&Ear brought unexpected hope, as he was a candidate for an artificial cornea despite his advanced age. The keratoprosthesis [K-Pro] allowed him to move around his environment with confidence, though his macular degeneration would continue to increase until his last day.

Winterberry Heights Assisted Living was his home during this time. While keeping in touch with his Chicagoland compatriots by telephone, he, again, made good friends with Winterberry's staff and residents who became his extended family. His first year, he was dubbed the Prom King at the facility's Senior Prom. During his final days at Winterberry, Northern Light Hospice added invaluable guidance to Mitch, the staff, and his family.

It is appropriate that Mitch lived in Maine during his final years, a state where the sun first rises in his adopted country and where becoming a U.S. citizen was the most important day of his life next to marrying Wanda.

He held great affection for his beloved half-sister in Warsaw, Poland, Alina Kielesinska, and leaves behind a grateful daughter, Teresa (Fred) Wlodarski of Orono ME, two grandchildren who were the pride of his life, Amy Lynn (Jeremy Ball) Wlodarski of Carlisle PA & Northeast Harbor ME, and Jennifer Ann (Michael Stahler) Wlodarski of Salt Lake City UT. His wealth was in his great-grandchildren, "The Greats," Maia Teresa Stahler, Benjamin Mitchell Ball, and Eleanor Rosalie Ball who he could never hug enough. His proverbial cup overfloweth.

Visitation will be from 8:30am to 10:15am on Saturday, December 14, 2019, at Hitzman Funeral Home, Ltd., 9445 West 31st Street in Brookfield, IL 60513. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow the same day at 11:00am at St. Francis Xavier Church, 124 N. Spring Avenue, La Grange IL. Interment will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery where Mitch will be laid to rest beside his beloved Wanda. Reception will be announced after the service. In lieu of flowers, please consider giving the gift of sight with donations in memory of Mitchel Korzenko to Mass Eye & Ear "Chodosh K-Pro Fund," Massachusetts Eye & Ear Development Office, 243 Charles Street, Boston MA 02114. Gifts can also be made online in Mitch's name at www.MassEyeAndEar.org / donations or by calling (617) 573-4312. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzmanFuneral.com



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Krisciunas, Helen Louise

Helen Louise Krisciunas (nee Kausic), age 86, of Indian Head Park, born in Nokomis, IL, passed away on December 4, 2019. Beloved wife of Alfonso Krisciunas for a wonderful 43 years. Loving stepmother of Keith Alan (Dorothy Dryden), Kevin Lee (former spouse Sandra Rodriguez-Ancona) and Kenneth Michael (Laura Furio) Krisciunas. Devoted step-grandmother of Zachary, Matthew and Krystal Krisciunas. Dear sister of Gloria Schrupf. Helen was preceded in death by two sisters, Marion Andrews and Rudolphina Raymond. Cherished aunt and friend of many. Helen was a longtime high school counselor at Lyons High School. Visitation 5:00 to 8:00pm Monday, December 9th at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Family and friends are invited to meet on Tuesday, December 10th for continued visitation 10:00am until time of Mass 11:00am directly at St. John of the Cross Church, 5005 Wolf Rd., Western Springs. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, Chicago. For further service information: 708-352-6500 or HJfunerals.com



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Lee, Grace

Grace Lee (Schadewald), 88, of Northbrook, passed away on Wednesday, November 27, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Robert Harold Lee; loving mother of Elizabeth Lee, Mark Lee (Rachel Lee), Susan Kelly (Thomas Stremiau) and Wendy Gorelick (Joe Gorelick); cherished grandmother of Lauren, Hillary, Lukas, Nathan, Jeremy, Bobby and Rebecca; sister of the late Ruth Mullen (Schadewald). Grace Lee was born on May 19, 1931, in Berlin, Wisconsin, to Alma and Alvin Schadewald. Grace moved to Chicago in 1950, attended Loyola University, and worked in public relations. She served as Supervisor of Northfield Township from 1973-1981. Grace also served as the Executive Director for the Township Officials of Cook County and actively represented township and local government initiatives and concerns at the State level. Her proudest accomplishments included starting a local emergency food pantry and working on the creation of handicapped parking spots and placards in Illinois. Grace will be remembered for her quick wit, her sharp memory, and her tenacity. Memorial service will be held Friday, December 20, 2019 at 4 pm at Village Presbyterian Church, 1300 Shermer Road, Northbrook. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Hospice Foundation <https://www.nationalhospicefoundation.org/get-involved/donate> OR Covenant Village Benevolent Care Fund <https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/CovenantLiving/OnlineDonation.html>. Funeral information 847-998-1020.



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Leyden, Thomas M.

Thomas M. Leyden, age 88, United States Navy Veteran, passed away on November 30, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Mary Ellen Gibson (ne'e: Massey), devoted son of the late Thomas and Mary Carroll Leyden, loving brother of Eleanor (late Noel) Lynch, Agnes (James) Blaney, the late Joseph (Mary Ann) the late Theresa (late Ed) Urbanski and the late Anna Leyden. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was a long-time employee of Exxon. Arrangements entrusted to **Memorial Park Funeral Home** in Memphis, TN.

Memorial service and Mass to be held on Monday, December 30 at St. Alexander Church, 7025 W. 126th St., Palos Heights, IL, 60463 at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Lindenmuth, Robert M.

Mr. Robert M. Lindenmuth; Beloved husband of 48 years to the late Janet Mary, nee Sieg; Loving father of Charles (Cynthia) and Fred (Kathryn); Proud grandfather of Rachel (Jeremy) Mann, Robert, Thomas (Jordanne) and Christopher (Christen); Great Grandfather of Marlena and Harrison; Loving brother of Thomas (Lydia), Noel and Sherry Jaffer; Uncle to many. Robert was employed by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad and Union Pacific for 42 years before retiring in 1995 as Manager of Testing, Operating Department. Also a member of the C&NW veterans association. Robert was a proud member of the United States Army Reserve for 26 years, retiring in 1982 as Sergeant Major, 478th Personnel Service Company, 416th Engineer Command, member of the 416th Encom Association. Fellow Robert has been a long standing member of Loyal Order of Moose since 1966 and served as Governor at the former River Grove Lodge #378, River Grove, IL and a current member of Glendale, AZ Lodge #2243. Memorial visitation, Thursday, Dec. 12th from 3-8 p.m. at **Belmont Funeral Home**, 7120 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL. Funeral Mass, Friday, Dec. 13th, 10 a.m. at St. William Parish, 2600 N. Sayre Ave. Chicago, IL. Burial following at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Info. 773-286-2500 or www.belmontfuneralhome.com



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Liston, Robert N. 'Bob'

Robert N. "Bob" Liston, a former Chicago insurance executive and devoted family man, died on Nov. 26 at his home in Sarasota, Fla.

Born on Chicago's north side on Christmas Day in 1933, Bob was a devout Roman Catholic, a third-generation Irish-American and a US history buff. He graduated from Saint George High School in Chicago and attended the U.S. Naval Academy. Bob's military career was cut short by the death of his father, John Liston, necessitating Bob's return to Illinois to care for his mother, Marguerite. While at home, he graduated from Loyola University and later joined the U.S. Army as an intelligence officer stationed in Washington, D.C.

Once his military service ended, Bob returned to Chicago and became a stockbroker. He started a family that eventually grew to three daughters. He later built a successful career in the insurance industry, becoming an underwriting executive at CNA Insurance and Shand Morahan & Co.

At the peak of his career, he married his long-time and beloved wife, Anne. They attended St. Joan of Arc Roman Catholic Church in Evanston and later St. Jude Catholic Church in Sarasota, Fla., where the Listons resided for 21 years.

In his retirement, Bob and Anne enjoyed socializing with friends, spending time with his grandchildren, reading non-fiction and presiding over regular weekly coffees to talk politics and current affairs with his friends.

Bob is survived by his wife, Anne; daughters Ann (Dave) McKinney, of Chicago, Susan (Jason) Hellickson, of Des Moines, Iowa, and Kate (Mitchell) Payne, of Tulsa, Okla.; stepsons Don (Kim) MacGregor, of Elmhurst, and Michael (Moirra) MacGregor, of Chicago; grandchildren Nolan, Molly and Tanner Hellickson and Colin, Sean, Tess, Patrick and Michael MacGregor; and his canine companion, Skipper.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, John "Jack" (Peg) Liston, and sister Marguerite "Jo" Liston.

Visitation: Monday, Dec. 16, 2019, 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Roman Catholic Church, 9248 N. Lawndale Ave., Evanston. Private Interment at All Saints Catholic Cemetery in Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial contribution to the Juvenile Diabetes Research fund at JDRF.org.

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Lukitsh, Walter R.

Walter R. Lukitsh, age 75 of Riverside, IL. U.S. Army Reservist. Beloved wife of Janet Meyers, loving father of Jeffrey R. (Rachel) Lukitsh and Susan (Daniel) Gierczyk, cherished grandfather of Lauren, Thomas, Angelina, Lilly Ana. Walter studied at Duquesne University and the University of Pittsburgh, he worked at J and L Steel,

was a draftsman at Allis Chalmers and was a sales manager for various fluid power companies, most currently for Northman America Fluid Power. Walter was also an active parish member of St. Mary of Czestochowa Church. Funeral Wednesday, December 11, 9:15am Prayers at **Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home**, 2447 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside to St. Mary of Czestochowa Church, Cicero. Funeral Mass 10:00am. Interment Private. Visitation Tuesday, 4:00pm-8:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations would be appreciated to St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.KuratkoNosek.com. Info: (708) 447-2500



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Mandarino, Margaret A.

Margaret A. Mandarino, (nee: Jolley) age 88, at rest December 6, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Michael Mandarino for 39 years. Loving mother of Michael A. (late Lois) Mandarino and James J. Mandarino. Devoted grandmother of Steven (Bridget), Lauren (Dan) Austin, Matthew (Chrissy), Kyle and Michael. Margaret was very proud of her profession as a Registered Nurse at St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights, being a member of the Association of Operating Room Nurses and retiring after 30 years of dedicated service.

Visitation Tuesday December 10th from 9:00 am until the time of Mass 10:00 am at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church 306 W. Fourth Street, Hinsdale. Entombment: Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org) would be appreciated. Service information: 630-325-2300 or adolfsservices.com



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McIlvaine Sr., William Walter "Bill"

William Walter "Bill" McIlvaine, Sr., passed away peacefully at his home on December 1, 2019, at the age of 89.

A Memorial Mass will take place Saturday, January 11, 2020, 12:00 pm at St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church, 1903 Green Street with Rev. Richard J. Molter officiating. Relatives and friends may meet with the family on Friday, January 10th at the funeral home from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm and Saturday at the church from 11:00 am until time of Mass at 12:00 pm.

As a Certified Public Accountant, Bill would have encouraged your charitable giving before year's end. Gifts in his memory can be made to: St. Catherine's High School, 1200 Park Avenue, Racine WI 53403 or The Johnny Hemkes Memorial Scholarship Fund (to support aspiring high school brass musicians), Community State Bank, 8930 Washington Avenue, Mount Pleasant WI 53406.

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McMurrough, Mary Ann

Mary Ann McMurrough (nee Cepek), age 85, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, December 5, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Timothy Murtaugh and the late Patrick McMurrough. Amazing mother of Thomas (Diana) Murtaugh, the late Patrick Murtaugh, Mary Teresa Murtaugh (Tom) Frech Murtaugh, Daniel Murtaugh and Catherine (Ken) Fitzgerald; stellar grandmother of Roseann, Timothy, and Catherine Frech and Emilie and Ryan Fitzgerald; dear sister of the late Laurence Cepek and the late John Cepek; aunt to many nieces and nephews and friend to many. Retired comptroller with Illinois Bell and proud member of Our Lady of Loretto Parish. Visitation Friday, December 13, 2019 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home** 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn. Funeral Saturday, December 14, 2019 prayers 10:15 a.m. from **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home** to Our Lady of Loretto Church. Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago at www.catholic-charities.net. For more information 708-636-1193 or visit www.blakelamboaklawn.com

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Mesenbrink, Doris

Doris K. Mesenbrink 101, of Lake Geneva, WI died November 22, 2019. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Lazarczyk Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin is proudly serving the family.

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Michalak, Margaret

Margaret Michalak, nee Hagerty, 85, of Northbrook, passed away surrounded by her loving family on November 30, 2019. Beloved wife for 52 years of the late John L. Michalak; loving mother of Fran (Chris) Hyland, Mike Michalak, Tom (Kristen) Michalak, and Maggie (Sean) Ryan; cherished grandmother of Kate, Sarah, Molly and Sydney; dear sister of Sheila, Kathy and Mary; fond aunt of several nieces and nephews. Margaret was a graduate of New Trier High School and Northwestern University. She taught at Sunset Ridge, Meadowbrook and St. Norbert School for many years. Memorial visitation will be held Friday, December 13, 2019 from 9 am until time of the mass 10am at St. Norbert Church, 1809 Walters Ave., Northbrook. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to JourneyCare Hospice, 2050 Claire Ct., Glenview, IL 60025. Funeral information 847-998-1020.



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Mizell, James Lee

James Lee Mizell. Beloved father of Betsy Ann Mizell; loving son of the late Dr. Irving D. and Sherlee Mizell; fond brother of Jean (Alan) Chapman, Joy (Mark) Cohn, and the late Joan Leslie Mizell; dear uncle of Kayla Cohn, Jennifer and Kimberly Chapman. James was a graduate of New Trier East High School and Colgate University. He was a former stock broker and was very involved in the Evanston community. Private graveside services are being held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to NorthShore University Health System Foundation - Nursing Scholarship Fund, 1033 University Pl, Ste. 450, Evanston, IL 60201. Services entrusted to **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**.



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Morrissey, Joseph Scott

Joseph Scott Morrissey, 80, of Wheaton. Joseph was born on February 23, 1939 and passed away on December 6, 2019. Beloved husband of Joan Morrissey nee Safran; loving father of Margaret (Scott Cross), Joseph (Victoria) and Michael (Kara) Morrissey; amazing grandfather of Katie and Claire Cross, Nicole, Jack and Quinn Morrissey, Michael, Conor, Dylan and Evan Morrissey; fond brother of Dennis, Mary Moroney nee Morrissey, and Richard and the late Edward and John Morrissey. Joseph attended Loyola Academy, John Carroll University, Maryknoll Seminary and Loyola University School of Dentistry. In addition to his career as a dentist in Wheaton, he was also a 40-year member of the Wheaton Lions, Elected board of trustee for the College of DuPage 1995-2001, President & fitness instructor Glen Ellyn YMCA, Board member and co-founder Community bank of Wheaton Glen Ellyn, instrumental in opening the DuPage Community Dental clinic, instrumental in establishing the Dental Hygiene Program at the College of DuPage, completed 25 Chicago Marathons, and was a United States Navy Veteran, USS Holland. Dr. Joe was kind, generous, loving, and funny and was treasured by his family and many friends. He had a wicked sense of humor and was often known for his outrageous practical jokes. He wanted to be known for a life well-lived and that it was. In his words "He won the race". Visitation at **Williams-Kampff Funeral Home**, 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 11, 2019. Prayers 10:15 A.M. Thursday, December 12, 2019 at the funeral home, going to St. Daniel the Prophet Church, 101 W. Loop Rd., Wheaton, Mass at 11:00 A.M. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the College of DuPage Morrissey Scholarship Fund or DuPage Foundation Morrissey Charitable Trust. Funeral info (630)668-0016 or www.williams-kampff.com

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Murphy, James D.

James D. Murphy Dec 3, 2019, Chicago, at age 88. After earning his undergraduate and law degrees from Northwestern University, Jim served two years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He established his law practice specializing in Estate Law for over 50 years. He was an avid competitive sailor, story teller, Irish history enthusiast and 50+ year Northwestern football season ticket holder. Jim is survived by his daughters Caroline and Beth; sons James and Brian; and three grandchildren Dani, Liam and Heather. Visitation Sunday, December 8, 2019, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Blvd., at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL, 60077. Funeral Mass Monday, December 9, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St., Glenview, IL 60025. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.



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Murphy, Jean L.

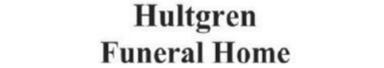
Jean L. Murphy, nee Snyder, age 91, born November 22, 1928 in Evanston, Illinois. Jean was a beloved wife of 67 years to Ray Murphy. Loving mother to Tom and Ray, and her daughter-in-law Caitlin. Cherished sister to Mary Jo Huettel, nee Snyder. She was a great wife and mother, but she was the best Grandy to her grandchildren: Bryan, Mariah, Sean, Siobhan, MaryKate and Meaghan. A lifelong Cubs fan, nothing made Jean happier than supporting and cheering on her family. We will miss Sinead, but infectious laugh and fun loving spirit will always be in our hearts. We are happy she is at peace and has joined her heavenly family in a raucous game of gin rummy. We would like to express heartfelt thanks for the sensitive and inspirational care given by the devoted team of caregivers in Reminiscence at Sunrise of Naperville. The family will have a private ceremony to celebrate her life and our love. Arrangements entrusted to **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville.**



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Musa, Karen

Karen Musa, 78, former longtime resident of Park Ridge, beloved wife of Robert, loving mother of Jeffrey (Samantha) and Timothy (Gretchen), proud grandmother of Ingrid, Tristan and Michael, sister of Beverly McCoy and Steven (Joy) Baxter, daughter of the late Ken and Wilma Baxter. Visitation Sunday, December 15, from 2 to 6 p.m. at **Hultgren Funeral Home**, 304 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL. Funeral Monday, December 16, at 10:00 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Main and Union St., Wheaton. Interment at Town of Maine Cemetery, Park Ridge. Memorial gifts may be directed to Windsor Park Benevolent Fund, 124 Windsor Park Drive, Carol Stream, IL 60188. Info and guest book at hultgrenfh.com or 630-668-0027.



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Nachbin, Bernard "Bernie"

Bernard "Bernie" Nachbin, 80, loving brother of Joe (Ruby) Nachbin; cherished uncle of Hope (Steve) Ronske and Mark (Michele) Nachbin; adored great uncle of Stephanie, Peyton, Becca and Derek; dear friend and former husband of Renee and father figure to Arlene. Graveside service, Monday 2:30 PM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN). For information or to leave condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home** (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Nufer, Dorothy C.

Dorothy Nufer, 87, of Wheaton and formerly of Oak Park passed away peacefully in her home on December 6, 2019. Loving wife of the late William; beloved mother of Carol (Sophia Register) Nufer, Nancy (David) Patush, James, Robert and Daniel (Janeen); dear grandmother of Jennifer (Nick) Fournier, Peyton, Chase and Morgan Nufer; dear great grandmother of Katie and Jonathan. She was preceded in death by her grandson, Joseph Patush. Family was everything to Dorothy. She was married to Bill for 57 years. Her strong values and love of life were passed on to all of her children. She enjoyed staying in contact with family and friends, both near and far. Her Catholic faith was life-long and highly valued. She suffered many challenges but her faith, positive attitude and strong will always saw her through. Dorothy enjoyed activities with her many friends including skiing, golf, bowling and aerobics with the BOD Squad. She was always on the go and lived life to the fullest. Traveling with friends and family was something she loved to do. She was always planning for the next trip. Visitation Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 3-8 p.m. at **Williams-Kampff Funeral Home** 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton, IL (one block east of Naperville Rd). Funeral Mass Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael Church, Wheaton. Please meet at the church. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Funeral info 630-668-0016 or www.williams-kampff.com.

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O'Brien, Dorothy M.

Dorothy M. O'Brien nee Cummings, born in Lowell; raised in South Boston, MA; beloved wife of Thomas; loving mother of Kevin (Nancy), Daniel (Dianne), Joanne (Michael) Eberwein, Stephen (Karen), Susan, and the late Thomas; cherished grandma of Scott, Kristen, Kelly, Patrick, Sarah, Jennifer, Elizabeth, Michael, Aileen, Jessica and Danielle; fond great grandma of Dylan, Tyler, Dominic, Brandon, Juliet, Norah, Mia and Thomas; dear sister of Joanne, the late James and Barbara; dear aunt to many; Funeral Wednesday 9:30 AM from **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**, 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (1/2 Block East of Austin) to St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Mass 10 AM. Visitation Tuesday 3-8 PM. In lieu of flowers please make donations to St. Mary of Providence. For info 773-777-3944 or www.gffh.com

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Pindozzo, Jr., Carmen William

Carmen William Pindozzo, Jr. age 77, passed away on December 6, 2019. Loving dad of Jaclyn (Brian) Raica and step-dad of Joseph (Kaylee) Betz. Dear papa of Brian and Kyle Raica and Kaylin Betz. Former husband of Mary Ann Betz. Cherished son of the late Carmen and Ruthelean (nee Christensen). Dear brother of Judy (Ken) Susmarski. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Preceded in death by his four-legged companion Rusty. Former 30 year owner of D'Anardo's Restaurant in Chicago's Clearing Neighborhood. In Lieu of Flowers, donations to Veteran's R&R, 605 S. Valley Hill Road, Bull Valley, IL 60098 or www.veteransandr.org. Visitation, Monday, December 9, 2019 from 3:00PM-9:00PM at **Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium**, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, Illinois. Interment Private. For info, www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com or 708-496-0200.

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Plott, Mary Perry 'Plott'

LEXINGTON, SC – A funeral service for Mary "Louise" Perry Plott, 98, will be held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 9, 2019 at Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church, with burial following in Greenlawn Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 11:30 until 12:45 p.m. prior to the service at the church. **Dunbar Funeral Home**, Devine Street Chapel, is assisting the family.

Mrs. Plott passed away Thursday, December 5, 2019. Born in Columbia on September 16, 1921, she was a daughter of the late Lawrence Jefferson Perry and Aileen Waites Perry.

She attended Taylor Grammar School and Wardlaw Junior High School before graduating from Columbia High School on June 2nd, 1939. Louise later attended Drawins Business College from 1940-1941 and graduated with a degree in accounting and shorthand. She worked part-time at SH Kress Dime Store for one year before transferring to FW Woolworth Dime Store full-time after graduation until September of 1942. She then worked at Fort Jackson, SC Army Base, first in medical supply, to post engineers, and finally to finance and accounting until retiring in 1980, after 38 years of service.

She married the late Herbert Moore Plott Jr. on September 26, 1942 and together they lived in Fort Wayne, IN, where he was stationed, before going overseas in February of 1943 with the 30th Division to fight in WWII. He returned in December 1945.

Mrs. Plott was baptized in 1934 at the age of 13 and attended Tabernacle Baptist Church for many years. Most recently while residing in Lexington, she attended Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church. Surviving are her daughter, Nancy Plott Hutto (Bob); son, Herbert Moore Plott III (Diane); grandchildren, Robin Hutto Morris (Ed), Brian Craig Hutto (Christi), and Ashley Diane Louise Plott; great-grandchildren, Brittany Aileen Morris, Justin Vernon Morris (Kaitlin), Cooper Lloyd Hutto, Audrey Christine Hutto, Avery Claire Hutto and Lena Maeve Hamilton; great-great-granddaughter, Mackenzie Michele Morris; and her sister, Delma Perry Green.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Cleone Perry Swain and brother, William Perry.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association 190 Knox Abbot Drive, Suite 301, Cayce, SC 29033; American Cancer Association, 128 Stonemark Lane, Columbia, SC 29210; or Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church, 1205 Old Cherokee Rd, Lexington, SC 29072.

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Prendiville, John C.

John C. Prendiville, age 86, of Oak Park; dear brother of Father Eugene Prendiville, O.M.I.; Eileen Schmitz and the late Redmond and James (Mary) Prendiville; fond uncle of many; devoted son of the late John and Eileen Prendiville. John was a retired attorney formerly with Chicago Title and Trust. He was a graduate of Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Private interment services were held at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Hillside.

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Preslicka, Albert J.

Albert J. Preslicka, Army Korean War Veteran, age 91, of Lindenhurst formerly of Brookfield. Albert was a graduate of Tilden Tech, Physical Design Engineer of 40 years with Western Electric/Bell Labs, an avid photographer, archer – life time member of Chicago Bow Hunters, and curator of the largest joke collection. Loving husband of the late Dolores B. Preslicka, nee Bauer, for 64 years; caring and supportive father of Alan (Tracy) Preslicka and Karen (John) Betancourt; nurturing grandfather of Cheryl (Jay) Jerik, Ken Jackson, Anthony Preslicka, Addison Preslicka and Haley Dean; beloved great grandfather of Hannah Jerik, Carson Jerik and Parker Jerik; brother of the late James (Marilyn) Preslicka; brother-in-law of John (Linda) Bauer. He will be missed by many nieces, nephews and godchildren. Visitation Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 9 A.M. to time of Service 11:30 A.M. at Hitzeman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Inurnment Saturday, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 1:15 P.M. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com



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Putz, Gerard J.

Dr. Gerard J. Putz, 79, of Elmhurst. Beloved husband of Sharon; loving father of Michael (Connie) Putz of Menlo Park, California, Kevin (Michael McNamara) Putz of Evanston, Illinois, and Jenny (Bob) Kopach of Elmhurst, Illinois; cherished grandfather of Hannah Kopach, Johnny Kopach and Meera Putz; son of the late Leonita and Jacob Putz; brother of Jacob, Mary Agnes, Diana, Louis and Jeanette and the late David; uncle to precious nieces and nephews; friend to many around the world.

Dr. Putz founded the national Science Olympiad along with his wife Sharon and his educational partner, Jack Cairns of Delaware, in 1984, and grew it to one of the largest and most prestigious team science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) competitions in the country. Over the past 35 years, millions of students and teachers who have experienced Science Olympiad credit the program with launching their interest and careers in STEM. Dr. Putz obtained a bachelor's degree in Science from the University of Detroit, then served as an active duty officer in the US Army, later gaining a Master's in Guidance and Counseling from Wayne State University, a Master's in Arts and Liberal Sciences from Wesleyan University, and a Doctorate in Secondary Education from Wayne State University. He began his career teaching high school Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science and Special Ability Science Programs for the Detroit Public Schools in the 1960s, then served as the Macomb County Science Center Director and Coordinator of Gifted and Talented Programs at the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) in Mt. Clemens, Michigan for more than 30 years. Dr. Putz lectured at dozens of universities and has made more than 100 presentations at science education and gifted and talented conferences across the United States and in Japan. After serving in the Reserves for more than 20 years, Dr. Putz attained the rank of Lt. Colonel in the US Army Air Defense Artillery. He served on the boards of many non-profits, associations and community groups and was chosen as the National Outstanding Science Supervisor by the United States National Science Supervisors Association.

Gerard was an avid traveler, sports fanatic, outdoorsman and number one fan of his wife's gourmet cooking. One of his favorite places on earth was Popham Beach, Maine, where he enjoyed some of his favorite things: lobster and drawn butter, fish chowder, bonfires, walks on the beach, cigars on the porch and a glass of Drambuie. He was a loving Gpa and Papa to Hannah, Johnny and Meera and took pride in their every accomplishment. Many people looked to Dr. Putz as a role model, leader and inspiration, and his wide influence in this world is likely immeasurable by any scientific method. Most of all, he was loved. Memorial visitation at **Ahlgim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday, December 9, 2019. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be appreciated for a scholarship fund in Gerard's name and may be sent to: Science Olympiad, Two Trans Am Plaza Drive, Suite 310, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. Funeral Info 630-834-3515 or ahlgim.com



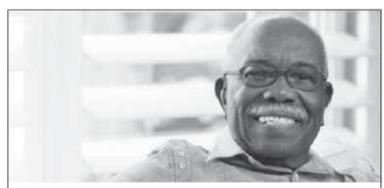
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Quinn, Marie

Marie Quinn, nee Virgilio, 96, of Barrington, formerly of Park Ridge. Veteran of U.S. Army during WWII. Beloved wife of the late Arthur Paulson Quinn. Loving mother of Ellen (Dave) MacKenzie, Paul (Patricia) Quinn and Nina Stephens. Proud Grandmother of Tracy, Justine, Erica, Travis, Kristen, Andrea, Janine and Colleen. Great Grandmother of Sam, Gisella and Flynn. Dear Sister of the late Frances, the late Rose, the late Josie and the late Anne. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Retired 20+ year employee of Lutheran General Hospital. Longtime member of Edison Park United Methodist Church. Visitation Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N Northwest Hwy., Chicago, IL from 5-9 PM. Funeral Thursday, 11:00 AM at the funeral home, Interment Ridgewood Cemetery. Memorials to the Edison Park United Methodist Church, 6740 N Oliphant Ave. Chicago, IL 60631 appreciated. For further information 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.



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Roth, Muriel T.

Muriel T. Roth nee Teitell, 89, beloved wife of Walter. Daughter of the late Samuel and the late Ethel Teitell. Loving mother of Kenneth (Annie Sparrow) Roth, James (Laura) Roth, Robert Roth and Sara (Jeffrey) Trahan. Proud grandmother of Lisa, Emma, Owen, Caleb, Lilah, Andrew, Gregory, Daniel, Kevin, Scott, Michael and Alexander "Toto". Dear sister of the late Joyce (the late Sidney) Reiser, the late Sidney (Sherley) Teitell. Met her future husband at age 17 at a Hunter College dance and married him 3 years later, after her college graduation. They had a strong and loving marriage of nearly 69 years.

Muriel graduated from Hunter College with an AB in Mathematics, receiving a silver medal award for student teaching. Muriel earned a Masters Degree in Education at Northwestern University. She raised four children while completing the Basic Program at the University of Chicago. Muriel taught mathematics for many years at Hudson High (NY), York High (Elmhurst IL) and Glenbrook South High (Glenview IL). For her children, Muriel championed free and critical thought and she was a proponent of Dr. Dreikurs family councils. Muriel had a strong interest in serving the community. She became a board observer for the League of Women Voters, verbalized geometric formulas for Reading for the Blind, helped new mothers with social issues in a local Parent/Infant Program. Since retirement, Muriel continued lifelong learning first at Northwestern University and then as a charter member at National Louis University. Amidst her many academic and community accomplishments, it is her loving and timeless attention in raising her four children for which she will be most remembered.

Service Wednesday, December 11th, 10 AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Boulevard (at Niles Center Rd.) Skokie. Interment Shalom Memorial Park, Arlington Heights. Memorials to Human Rights Watch www.hrw.org or your favored charity would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822 www.cjfnf.com.



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Ruddy, Jean D.

Jean D. Ruddy, nee Sukevich, of Chicago, age 82, passed away peacefully while surrounded by family on December 2, 2019. Loving wife of over 61 years to the late Jack Ruddy, Jr.; Devoted mother to Jack (Janet) Ruddy, Janet Ruddy, Kathryn (Sergio Estensoro) Ruddy, Suzanne (Dan) Szykowny, Robert (Heather Hunt-Ruddy), and Elizabeth (Gary) Novotny; Proud grandmother to John (Tanya), Sean (Liz), Elise, Jillian (Joe), Jack, Genevieve (Josh), Zach, Justin, Alison, Charlie, Max, Connor, Grace, Rachel, Colton, Wyatt, and Grady; Cherished great-grandmother to Eliza, Dorothy, Johnny, Sophie, Ronan, Seamus, and Etheldreda; Beloved sister to Joann (the late Bob) Rossi; Loving daughter to the late Joseph and Aldona Sukevich; Best friend to Patti Wujcik. Jean loved children and taught Kindergarten for over 30 years. Funeral Service to begin at 11:45 AM on Monday, 12/9, at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 4727 W 103rd, Oak Lawn, IL 60453, proceeding to Christ the King Church, 9235 S Hamilton, Chicago, IL 60643 for a 12:30 PM Mass of Christian Burial. Interment at St. Casimir Cemetery to follow. Visitation will be from 3-9 PM on Sunday, 12/8, at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to batsforbrains.org to support American Brain Tumor Association.

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Schiller, Robert P. 'Bob'

Robert P. "Bob" Schiller, age 81, former U.S. Army reservist, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1984, formerly of Downers Grove, IL, died Friday, December 6, 2019 at his home. He was born January 5, 1938 in Downers Grove.

Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL.** For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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Schinderle, Robert F.

Robert F. Schinderle, age 96, former CEO of St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet, and executive with Mercy Hospital, Chicago, and OSF Saint Francis Hospital, Peoria, died Tuesday, December 3, 2019. Proud WWII Army veteran serving in the Battle of the Bulge with the 75th Infantry Division, and graduate of Marquette University and Northwestern University. Active member of numerous professional and community organizations including serving as an officer with the American Hospital Association, Illinois Hospital Association, Catholic Hospital Association of the United States, and Hospital Licensing Board for the State of Illinois. Beloved husband of 69 years to the late Elizabeth A. (nee Nutt) Schinderle (2018); loving father of David (Maria) Schinderle of San Juan Capistrano, CA, Mary Duchene of Crest Hill, IL, and Brian (Monica) Schinderle of Wilmette, IL; and dear grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of three. Visitation Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black at Essington Roads, Joliet. Funeral Mass Monday, December 9, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., at St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, 15629 S. Route 59, Plainfield, IL. Interment private. To read his complete obituary or for more information, visit www.freddcames.com



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Serb, Maureen

Maureen Serb, nee Stanton. Beloved wife of Patrick Serb. Loving mother of Kathleen Lowry, Colleen (Michael) Phillips, and the late Gregory Serb. Dear grandmother of John "Jack" Lowry and Charles Phillips. Adored sister of Joseph (Monica), Mary Jean (Martin) Moriarty, Ellen (Stac) Schneider, James (Beth), John (Meggan) and the late Kathleen Nolan and Patricia (Thomas) Denten. Daughter of the late Joseph P. and Mary Ellen Stanton. Aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Maureen was a dedicated teacher for nearly twenty years at Immaculate Conception School. Her happiest memories were spent at Assembly Park in Lake Delavan with her family and friends. She will truly be missed by all. In lieu of flowers, donations in Maureen's name may be made to Catholic Charities, 721 N La Salle Dr., Chicago, IL, 60654. Funeral services 9:15 AM, Tuesday, December 10, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Avenue, to Immaculate Conception Church for a Funeral Mass at 10 AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Visitation Monday 3 PM to 8 PM. Funeral Info 773-736-3833.



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Serowiecki, Daniel N.

Age 82, of Northville, MI previous longtime resident of Addison, IL, passed away December 5, 2019. Beloved husband of Jeanette. Cherished father of Jacqueline (Paul) Pebbles. Adored grandfather of Sophie, Sarah, and Rose. Loving brother of Melvin (Loraine) Serowiecki and the late Gilbert Serowiecki. Dear brother-in-law of Barbara Serowiecki and Amelia Sikora. Visitation Saturday, December 14 from 10:30am until 11:30am at **Casterline Funeral Home**, 122 West Dunlap, Northville, MI 48167. Funeral mass Saturday at 12:30pm at St. James Catholic Church, 46325 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48374. Please share condolences and read full obituary at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com.

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Shlim, Melva Silverman

Melva Silverman Shlim, nee Bernstein, age 94, passed away on December 5, 2019 in Northbrook, IL. Beloved wife of the late Wilburt Silverman and the late Brian Shlim; loving mother of Irene (Arnie) Newman and Gayle (Ricky) Kaufman; cherished grandmother of Jason (Mindy) Newman, Ryan (Robyn) Kaufman, Jordan (April) Newman, Brett Kaufman, Russell (Nina) Kaufman; proud great grandmother (GiGi) of Joshua, Dylan, Catarina, Emil and Alex; dear sister of Barbara (Mort) Lubeach. Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m., Monday, December 9, 2019, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL. Interment to follow at Shalom Memorial Park. Memorial contributions to American Heart Association (heart.org) appreciated. For funeral information 847-256-5700.



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Stephen, J. Vicik

Stephen J. Vicik, age 84; beloved husband of the late Beverly; loving father of Diane (the late John) Quan, Jeff (Deirdre) Vicik, Robert Vicik, Michael (Karen) Vicik; cherished grandfather of Joseph and Riley Quan, Lauren, Andrew, Jacob, Kyle, Konlin, Nathan, and Lilly Vicik. He loved his lake house in Indiana, donuts and Italian beef sandwiches. Rest easy, Dad! Funeral 9:15 a.m. Friday from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien to Our Lady of Peace Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven. Visitation Thursday 3-9 p.m. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.

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Stocker, Keith Kenneth

Mr. Keith Kenneth Stocker, Sr. of St. Simons Island, Georgia passed away on December 5, 2019 at home surrounded by family after complications resulting from a brief illness. He is the loving son of the late Kenneth S. Stocker and Olga Sajkevitch Stocker was born October 11, 1936 in New York City. As a New Yorker, he attended Regis High School, Georgetown University, and received a law degree from Columbia Law School. He was united in holy matrimony to Deborah Ashton Stocker in May of 1968.

In his professional career, he held management positions with Saks Fifth Avenue and Bonwit Teller before joining Tiffany & Co. as divisional vice president of Chicago's Tiffany & Co. where he remained for more than a decade.

Antiques were a true love of his and he was able to make this part of his life with his wife Debbie for over 50 years. He proudly shared his wealth of knowledge on all things collectible and those that caught his trained eye.

His family and friends were his greatest passion. Keith was an advocate for others. He served as the president of the Chicago Maternity Center of Prentice Women's Hospital board of directors. At the Lincoln Park Zoo, he was a board member and co-founder of the Auxiliary Board, which went on to help the zoo in numerous ways. He and proudly served as the chair of the board of directors for the Chicago committee for UNICEF and the president of the Chicago Film Festival.

He is survived by his wife Debbie and two children, Keith Kenneth, Jr. and his wife Tara Dunne Stocker, and Gage Stocker Dobbins and her husband Ryan Paul Dobbins and their two children Gray Robertson Dobbins and Chapin Atwater Dobbins. Keith is predeceased by his brother Dwight John Stocker.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 11:00 am at St. William Catholic Church, 2300 Frederica Road, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to: Chicago Committee for UNICEF, 200 W. Madison, Suite 850 Chicago, IL 60606, chicago@unicefusa.org or Regis High School, 55 East 84th Street, New York, NY 10028.

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Stonitsch, Anthony C.

Anthony C. Stonitsch, 63, of Oak Lawn, IL, died peacefully surrounded by his sister and brothers on December 2, 2019. Tony was born in Joliet, IL on July 29, 1956, to the late Judith J. Cherven and the late Herman A. Stonitsch. He spent many happy years of his childhood living with his mother and his three younger siblings on his Cherven grandparents' farm in New Lenox, IL. He was an honor student at Lincoln-Way High School, and went on to earn a BS in industrial engineering at the University of Illinois, and an MBA from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. He worked at various times at Pullman, Westinghouse Electric (where he coordinated a joint venture with the Chinese government), and eventually founded Antietam Advisors, an M&A consulting boutique. Tony was a life-long learner, taking classes on data mining and other analytical techniques that fascinated him. He was an adjunct business teacher at local colleges and a sponsor/mentor to disadvantaged youth with LINK Unlimited Scholars. He loved Civil War history, cats (especially his loyal Sela), anything to do with trains or railroads, meatloaf for Sunday dinner, and especially his family. Tony is survived by his brother Al (Helen Witt) Stonitsch and their children Tom, Mark and Meredith; his sister Lonnie (Eric Dynowski) Stonitsch and their son Eno; and his brother Herm Stonitsch and his daughter Bella; and numerous other relatives. Family and friends will gather to celebrate Tony's life on Sunday, December 15th from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Beverly Country Club, 8700 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL with a remembrance service at 3 p.m. Interment will be private at a later time. In lieu of flowers donations in Tony's memory to LINK Unlimited Scholars, 2221 S. State St., Chicago, IL 60616 would be appreciated. Service arrangements entrusted to **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons**, 9000 W. 151st St., Orland Park, IL. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Tibbits, Dorothy E.

98, of Mesa, Arizona, formerly of Chicago, passed away peacefully Friday, November 29th, in Mesa. Born June 6, 1921 in Chicago to Edwin and Helen Pearson. Beloved wife of the late R. Donald Tibbits married June 28, 1941 in Chicago. Survived by her children, Richard Tibbits (Chrissa) Barbara Paymaster (Paul) Sheri Aiello (Steve) and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Gathering at 10am Monday, December 9th Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7800 West McCarthy Road, Palos Heights, Illinois, service at 11am, Interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery. For additional information: curleyfuneralhome.com/obituaries.

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Toland, Margaret Ann 'Margy'

Margaret Ann (Martin) Toland died peacefully in her sleep on November 24, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. Margaret "Margy" Ann Martin was born in Evanston, Illinois on May 17, 1943 to Vernon and Eleanor Martin. She attended Marywood High School in Evanston, where she graduated in 1961. Margy continued her studies at the University of San Diego (USD) College for Women with a degree in education. Margy is survived by her husband of fifty years Joseph Anthony Toland Jr., daughters Kathleen Toland and Jennifer Toland Frewer, grandchildren Grace and Hugh Frewer, son-in-law Simon Frewer, brother Tom Martin of Chicago, IL and sister Mary DiTomaso of Spring Valley, CA. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Pius X Catholic Church of Jamul, CA at 10:00am on December 19, 2019.

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Towne, Carol M.

Carol M. Towne nee Miller, 90, of Wilmette, IL, was born in Evanston, IL on October 24, 1929, and passed on December 4, 2019, surrounded by her loving family: beloved wife of the late James B. Towne; loving mother of Susan (Greg Simanski) Costello, and David Towne; adoring grandmother of Andrew (Jenni) and Billy (Tasha) Costello; most adoring great-grandmother of Kailee, Millie, Jack, and Alaina; dear sister of Roger (Kristen) Miller; unforgettable aunt of Ralph, Ingrid, Geoffrey, and Eva; and fond friend of many; Co-founder of New Foundation Center, formerly WillPower. Celebration of Life Service Monday at 11AM at First Congregational Church of Wilmette, 1125 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, IL; info 847-251-8200 or go to www.WMScottFuneralHome.com. Donations may be made to your favorite charity in memory of Carol.

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Trescott, Betty Lou

Betty Trescott of Hinsdale passed away on November 29, 2019. She was born Betty Lou Peters on October 13, 1921, in Bloomfield, Nebraska, the daughter of August and Beth (Hoyt) Peters. Graduated from the University of Nebraska, she worked in the Pentagon for the Army Signal Corps during the Second World War. She moved to Hinsdale in 1957 to teach English at Hinsdale Central High School, where she met her future husband. She raised her her family in Hinsdale, and was active in that community to the end of her life.

She was a devoted daughter, sister, wife and mother. She was a farm girl, athlete, educator, Room Mother, Den Mother, Humane Society member, Church congregante, PEO; always thinking and worrying about others; always considerate and volunteering to help; and always remembering birthdays and anniversaries, condolences and thank you notes. Betty Trescott was preceded in death by her siblings Jane Peters Steele and Donald Peters. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, F. William; her sons, Thomas (Melissa) and Robert; sisters-in-law Ruth Peters and Eileen Trescott; brother-in-law Robert Trescott; numerous grand and great-grand nieces and nephews, many more loving friends, and her dog, Pepper.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, December 10th at the Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 South Garfield St., Hinsdale, IL 60521. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hinsdale Humane Society, 21 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale, IL 60521 or www.hinsdalehumane.org/donate. Interment will be private. Arrangements by **Sullivan Funeral Home**. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com.

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Ulrich, Paul David

Paul David Ulrich, 67, of Madison, WI, passed away on December 2, 2019. He was born the son of David and Ruth Ulrich in Chicago. He earned his BA in music and his Masters of Music Ed. from the University of Wisconsin. Visitation will be Sunday, December 8, 2019 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Edens United Church of Christ, 5051 W. Gunnison Ave., Chicago, Funeral Service to begin at 12 p.m. Paul maintained beautiful family relationships and will be laid to rest by his family at Ridgewood Cemetery. For info 847-823-5122 www.nelsonfunerals.com

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Van Cleave, Mark Charles

Mark Charles Van Cleave passed into eternal life on Dec. 5, 2019 with his adoring family by his side. Mark was born June 15, 1958 to his loving parents Ruth and Virgil Van Cleave. He grew up in Northbrook, IL and graduated from Glenbrook North High School. Mark went on to attend Western Illinois University. Upon graduation

he joined Chicago & Northwestern Transportation Company where he worked his way up to become the youngest Vice President of Commuter and Coal Operations in the companies storied history. He was with them 16 years until they were purchased by the Union Pacific Railroad. Mark then joined Westinghouse Airbrake Co. becoming Vice President of Sales and Operations. Mark was welcomed into Trinity Industries in 2005, relocating to Dallas with his wife Patti in 2014 to become Executive Vice President of Industrial Sales and Leasing. Mark was with Trinity Industries for 14 years. Mark's charismatic style and relentless good will towards the customer made him many, many friends in the industry over the years.

Mark was a passionate sportsman; playing football, basketball, and baseball through high school. He was a diehard Bears, White Sox, and Blackhawks fan. Mark raised each of his three boys to love sports as well; he was always there, coaching and guiding them through their various sports and life. He coached for each of the boys when they were in Naperville Pop Warner Football and he was very active in the organization. Mark's favorite sport to participate in as an adult was Musky fishing in Northern Wisconsin - where he had vacationed since childhood. He was always happiest on his boat. He had such a passion for fishing, catching his first and only 10ft Marlin in Cabo a few years ago. Also an avid golfer, Mark was a longtime member of Medinah Country Club.

Mark is survived by the love of his life, Patti Van Cleave, sons Matt Van Cleave (Megan), John Van Cleave (Daniele) and Dan Van Cleave, stepsons Tyler Shelton (Sarah) and Spencer Shelton, newborn precious granddaughter Scarlett Louise Shelton, and his brother James Van Cleave. Mark was preceded in death by his beloved parents Ruth and Virgil Van Cleave.

Mark was a generous, kind, and devoted man; smart as a whip with a comedic wit that kept everyone in laughter. His passing will leave a void with his loved ones but our memories of him will fill our hearts until we meet again. A visitation will be held at Sparkman/Hillcrest Funeral Home located at 7405 W. Northwest Hwy Dallas, TX 75225 on Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 from 5-8PM. The funeral service will take place the following day at Sparkman/Hillcrest on Saturday Dec. 14, 2019 at 12:00PM. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial gift to The Brian Piccolo Cancer Research Fund.

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Weinberg, Joan Rusnak

Joan Rusnak Weinberg, 88, longtime resident of Highland Park, Illinois. Pioneering female member of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and entrepreneurial World Book Encyclopedia sales rep. Cherished daughter of the late Irwin and Marie Rusnak; beloved wife of Michael Weinberg, Jr. for 68 wonderful years; devoted sister of Richard (Eleanor) Rusnak; loving mother of Michael Alan Weinberg, Wendy Weinberg and Jill (Avrum) Miller; adored Boova / Grandmother of Bradley (Kerri Czopek) Miller, Lindsey (Scott Williams) Miller, Michael Adam (Liz Myhre) Weinberg and Joshua (Nika Arzoumanian) Weinberg; devoted aunt and friend to many. Much gratitude to her excellent caretakers, especially Rowena (Winnie) Parks. Memorial services will be on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Congregation Makom Solel Lakeside, 1301 Clavey Road, Highland Park, Illinois. Interment private. Visitation following the service Sunday until 9:00 p.m. at the home of Jill and Avrum Miller. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Joan's memory may be made to Congregation Makom Solel Lakeside, www.mymakom.org, or Ravinia Festival, www.ravinia.org. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Wells, Norma Marie

Norma Wells (nee Schoen), age 92, passed away on Thursday, November 28, 2019. She is survived by daughter Susan (Lon) Rollinson, daughter Christine (James) Barry, and son Richard (Julie) Wells, as well as 8 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and 3 nieces and their families. A memorial service will take place on Saturday, January 4 at 11:00 AM at Knox Presbyterian Church, 1105 Catalpa Lane, Naperville, IL. Full obituary can be seen at www.beidelmankunschfh.com

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Wieloch, Ruth A.

Ruth A. Wieloch, age 81, of Berwyn, at rest November 30, 2019. Cherished wife of Edmund Wieloch, whom she married April 12, 1958. Owner with her husband of "Tour D'Jour", valued employee of the North Berwyn Park District, and joyful volunteer with the late Judy Baar Topinka in politics. Loving mother of Christy (Bill) King, Cheryl (the late Joseph) Albergo, and Edmund (Kimberly) Wieloch, Jr. Beloved grandmother of Joey and Francesca Albergo. Celebration of Life held Saturday, December 14, 2019, from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Carleton of Oak Park Hotel, 1110 Pleasant St, Oak Park, IL. Arrangements entrusted to **Justen Funeral Home & Crematory**, McHenry, IL. INFO: 815-385-2400 or justenfhn.com.

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Wilkes Jr., James Thomas 'Jamie'

February 18, 1932 to December 1, 2019
James Thomas "Jamie" Wilkes, Jr. was born February 18, 1932 in Harvey, Illinois, the third of four children born to James T. and Helen Wilkes. He died peacefully at age 87 with his wife of 42 years, Bonnie, at his side.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. If you feel led, donations can be made to Cornerstone Academy, 1111 N. Wells, Room 403, Chicago, IL 60610. <https://www.cornerstonechicago.org>. To send condolences please visit www.toalebrothers.com.

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Witte, Martha Swett

Age 96, of San Diego. Died October 19, 2019.

Martha was born April 2, 1923 in River Forest, Illinois, the 6th of 9 children of Frank W. and Myrtle Rogers Swett. Attended Oak Park High School, Swarthmore College, and UW-Madison. Married Dr. Keith Witte in 1952 and they settled in Monroe, Wisconsin. She was active in the Girl Scouts and the city Park Board. Her interests included golf, swimming, reading, bridge, and crossword puzzles. Predeceased by her parents, siblings, and husband. Survived by her daughter Eleanor (Stan Hartz) of Colorado and many nieces and nephews. There was cremation. Donations may be made to the San Diego Humane Society.

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Zaloni, Erwin 'Bud'

Erwin "Bud" Zaloni, age 91, beloved husband of Shirley Zaloni (nee Franks), happily married for nearly 70 years; loving father of Madelyn (John Calhoun) Zaloni, Arnold Zaloni, Susan (Richard) Lange and Yvonne Zaloni; cherished Zayda of Jennifer Zaloni,

Andrew (Lauren) Zaloni, Jonathan (Steven) Lange, Tricia (David) Draeger, Joel (Andrea) Rosenblatt and Elissa Rosenblatt; dotting great-grandfather of Carter, Madison, Honest, Jacob, Theodore, Mariana and Brayden; much loved brother of Sandra Posner and the late Zelda Johnson; treasured uncle to many nieces and nephews. Erwin was the founder of CJ Auto Parts. He and Shirley were avid sailors. He was active in the GLCC, Great Lakes Cruising Club, where he served as Rear Commodore. Chapel service Monday, December 9, 12:15 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Rd., Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to National Kidney Foundation or American Macular Degeneration Foundation. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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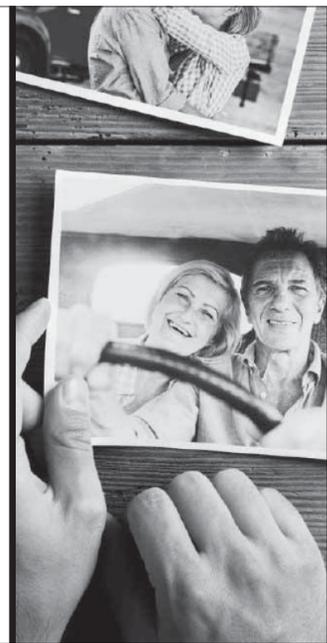
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SUNDAY, DEC. 8

NORMAL HIGH: 37°

NORMAL LOW: 23°

RECORD HIGH: 64° (1946)

RECORD LOW: -7° (1882)

Temperatures to crash after a mild weekend

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 46 **LOW** 42

■ Small craft advisory on Lake Michigan through 3 p.m. this afternoon.

■ Possibly a quick peek of early morning sun then overcast.

■ Mild weather for early December continues.

■ Highs reach the middle 40s, nearly 10 degrees above normal as strong southwest winds gust to 30 mph.

■ Scattered light rain showers develop in the afternoon.

■ Quite mild overnight as the temperature remains steady, only falling to the low 40s. Nighttime winds diminish.

NATIONAL FORECAST



December's mild tendencies will continue today Sunday and Monday, with daily high temperatures expected to climb into the 40s. A strong cold front will trigger rain showers during the day on Monday with a brief period of light snow Monday night as temperatures fall to much colder levels than we have seen recently. Low temperatures will drop to single digits Tuesday night. The high temperature on Wednesday may not reach 20 as the cold air takes residence. The cold weather will ease later in the week as the arctic high pressure shifts slowly east, allowing temperatures to slowly creep back into seasonable mid 30s by Friday. After the rain on Monday, possibly ending with some light snow Monday night, the remainder of the work week should be dry. Only 0.1" of snow has been recorded at O'Hare in December.

MONDAY, DEC. 9

HIGH 47 **LOW** 21

Drizzly, mild and showery. High in the mid to upper 40s, about 10 degrees above normal. West winds turn NW overnight 15-25 mph. Showers mix with or change to snow showers briefly before ending overnight.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

HIGH 24 **LOW** 9

Partly cloudy, windy and much colder with gusty WNW winds. Steady daytime temperatures fall through the teens overnight, dropping into the single-digits in most areas by morning with subzero wind chills.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

HIGH 19 **LOW** 11

Despite a return of sunshine, temps struggle to reach 20, about 15° below normal. Brisk NW winds. Morning wind chills to minus 6 rise to 5 above in the afternoon. Scattered overnight clouds and a low near 10.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

HIGH 27 **LOW** 23

Clouds increase through the day as high pressure shifts east. Increasing south winds boost temps to the mid to upper 20s. Mostly cloudy overnight with steady temperatures in the low 20s and SSW winds 10-15 mph.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

HIGH 35 **LOW** 28

Mostly cloudy and warmer with a seasonable high in the mid 30s. SSW winds 10-15 mph. Mostly cloudy overnight. Slight chance nighttime light snow or flurries with persistent SW winds.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

HIGH 37 **LOW** 26

Partly sunny and a couple of degrees warmer. Highs reach the middle to upper 30s. Chance for daytime rain/snow mix. Light SW winds turn W by late afternoon. Chance for snow showers 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.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
It seems that Dec. 8 has had a history of bad weather in Chicago. In 1972, United Flight 553 crashed near Midway Airport due to inclement weather, and I also remember that there were snowstorms in 1977, 1978 and 2005. Do the weather records support this?
Jack Bannon, Wheaton

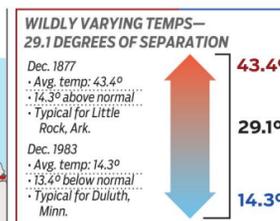
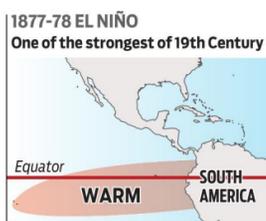
Dear Jack,
While other dates have received considerably more snowfall, Dec. 8 has had more than its share of significant snowfalls. Using a 2-inch minimum threshold, snowfalls have occurred in 11 years, more than any other December day. In fact, only Jan. 12 with 13 years and Jan. 14 with 12 years have logged more. The largest snowfall on Dec. 8 was 6.9 inches in 1977, followed by 6.7 inches in 2005, 5.6 inches in 1958 and 5.4 inches in 1975. In 1978, snowfall was only a trace, but 6.9 inches did fall on Dec. 7.

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Similar in name only — Chicago's warmest Decembers 1877 and 1983

December, the first month of meteorological winter, typically brings Chicago its first significant outbreaks of cold and snow of the fledgling winter season, but given Chicago's highly variable climate, some Decembers have been mild and rainy with little snow. Checking the city's 149 Decembers of climatological records dating back to 1870, none have been more diverse than the Decembers of 1877 and 1983, the city's warmest and coldest on record.



DEC. 1877 EVENTS
Record highs still in effect

Dec. 12	61°
Dec. 18	62°
Dec. 19	64°
Dec. 20	67°

Record high minimums still in effect

Dec. 18	43°
Dec. 19	57°
Dec. 20	55°
Dec. 23	49°

CHICAGO'S WARMEST DECEMBER: 1877
A Dec. record — 22 straight days with temps above freezing from Dec. 10 through 31
Month's only sub-freezing high — Dec. 1: 31°
Month's extremes — High: Dec. 20: 67°; Low: Dec. 2: 22°
Snow fell on just 4 days totaling less than one inch

Dec. 1877 days with highs in the...

30s	6
40s	9
50s	12
60s	4

CHICAGO'S 'FROZEN' CHRISTMAS
Record 100 straight hours of temps of zero or below
From 7 a.m. Dec. 22 through 10 a.m. Dec. 26

DEC. 23	-6°/-23°
DEC. 24	-11°/-25°
DEC. 25	-5°/-17°

Dec. 1983 days with highs in the...

Subzeroes	3
Single digits	4
Teens	5
20s	8
30s	11

DECEMBER 1983'S FRIGID LEGACY

Record lows

Dec. 18	-11°
Dec. 19	-14°
Dec. 23	-21°
Dec. 24	-25°
Dec. 25	-17°
Dec. 26	-11°

Lowest wind chill

City's all-time lowest wind chill: -82° (Dec. 24)
Temp: -23°
Wind: 29 mph

Chicago's coldest day (avg. temp)

Dec. 23	-6°
Dec. 24	-11°
Dec. 25	-5°

Record low max

Dec. 23	38°
Dec. 24	9°
Dec. 25	27.4°
Dec. 26	8.2°

DECEMBER 1983
From the refrigerator...
Days 1-15
Highest temperature 38°
Lowest temperature 9°
Average temperature 27.4°
Snowfall 8.2"

...into the deep freeze
Days 16-31
Highest temperature 23°
Lowest temperature -25°
Average temperature 1.9°
Snowfall 8.3"

CHICAGO DIGEST

SATURDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	39	21	Midway	39	25
Gary	41	23	O'Hare	37	25
Kankakee	40	20	Romeoville	40	22
Lakefront	39	29	Valparaiso	39	19
Lansing	39	19	Waukegan	36	22

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Sat. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.09"
December to date	0.11"	0.63"
Year to date	48.10"	35.27"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sat. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	8.8"	6.2"
Normal to date	2.9"	2.8"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

PERIOD	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Wind	SW 20-25 kts.	SW 10-15 kts.
Waves	3-5 feet	1 foot
Sat. shore/crib water temps	39°/37°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

DEC. 7	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	33.7%	43.3%
Average snow depth	2.2"	1.9"

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: Good
Sunday's forecast: Good
Critical pollutant: Particulates

SUNDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:05 a.m.	4:19 p.m.
Moon	2:31 a.m.	3:10 a.m.

SUNDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:36 a.m.	3:23 p.m.
Venus	9:22 a.m.	6:20 p.m.
Mars	4:17 a.m.	2:31 p.m.
Jupiter	8:15 a.m.	5:20 p.m.
Saturn	9:25 a.m.	6:40 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

MERCURY	6:15 a.m.	6° ESE
VENUS	5:15 p.m.	10.5° SW
MARS	5:15 a.m.	9.5° ESE
JUPITER	Not visible	
SATURN	5:15 p.m.	12° SW

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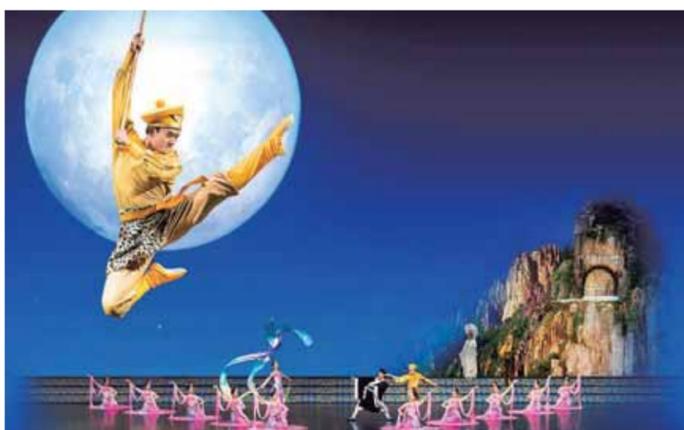
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Gift-giving weed could make Christmas awkward

Experts say think carefully before putting pot-themed items under the tree

By **LAUREN ZUMBACH**
AND **ALLY MAROTTI**

Saint Lucia's Smoke Shop in Chicago's Bucktown neighborhood has a colorful new display of greeting cards for shoppers this holiday season, and the wintry cheer they bring comes with a marijuana-themed twist. The \$10 cards, as ornate and bright as any greeting card, have sayings like "Let's blaze for the holiday," and "Ho-ho-high." And instead of a placeholder for money, there's a small pipe attached. Consumers can't legally give weed as a gift — only medical marijuana patients can



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Jasmine Rayman-Kinney organizes holiday pipes next to coffee mugs that double as pipes.

shop for cannabis in Illinois, and they're not allowed to give away what they purchase. But with recreational marijuana sales set to start Jan. 1 to anyone over the age of 21,

Chicago-area smoke shops and CBD retailers expect increased interest in cannabis-related items and accessories this holiday season. The stigma surrounding weed is

diminishing, and retailers say those who once worried about the optics of giving marijuana-themed gifts are starting to feel emboldened.

Since proper etiquette around giving and receiving weed-themed gifts hasn't fully been established, venturing into the new territory could make Christmas morning awkward.

Lizzie Post, great-great-granddaughter of Emily Post and author of a 2019 guide to cannabis culture called "Higher Etiquette," suggested gift-givers think twice before choosing a marijuana or CBD gift unless they're certain the recipient is an enthusiast.

"If you're unsure, find something that's a safe bet rather than an 'Interesting, let me introduce you to weed' bet," she said.

If someone really wants to encourage a

Turn to **Gift-giving, Page 4**



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"Aldi is like the T.J. Maxx of grocery shopping," said Robyn Wojo, of Downers Grove. "You never know what you are going to find."

Budget Shangri-la

How Aldi is giving those fancy grocery stores a run for their money

By **ALEXIA ELEJALDE-QUIZ**

For years, Amber Walker held a dim view of Aldi, the discount grocer whose U.S. headquarters sit just a mile from her Batavia home.

She associated it with dented 10-cent cans and no-name brands. She did not understand why, of all things, it also sold hammocks.

But Walker's negative perception swiftly changed after her first visit to Aldi in decades in 2016, when the chain started accepting credit cards, and she found not the dingy floors from her childhood memories but a budget Shangri-La.

She could buy a week's worth of groceries for her family of four for less than \$100, and discover treasures in an aisle dedicated to random rotating items that "I don't need but can't live without." Aldi, at least in Walker's eyes, got even better when it broadened its limited selection to include more fresh, organic and high-end products — still at steep discounts — while undergoing an aggressive national expansion and chainwide remodeling blitz. Walker's store in Batavia, renovated in 2017, even got a bakery.

As a spruced-up Aldi climbs toward its goal of having 2,500 stores by 2022 — which would make it the third-largest grocer in the nation by store count — converts like Walker are putting aside old perceptions of the brand and embracing the no-frills ethos that allows Aldi to sell quality products for cheap. Though behemoths like Walmart and Kroger dominate the market, analysts say the companies are watching their backs as the German-born chain reshapes expectations of the shopping experience.

"I'm always shocked at what I can get for the cost," said Walker, 37, an animal trainer who previously did her regular shopping at Walmart, Meijer, Costco and Super Target. "Aldi gets my business first, and then I will fill in holes elsewhere."

Known for cost-saving measures such as requiring customers to bag their own groceries and pay a quarter deposit to access a grocery cart, Aldi says its customer base has swelled as it modernizes its digs and broadens its selection to include items like fresh salmon, organic strawberries and artisan cheeses.

At remodeled stores, which have been expanded to fit a bigger produce and fresh foods section, customer traffic has



Shoppers choose produce at Aldi on Nov. 14 in Downers Grove.



A bag of organic pears is displayed Nov. 14 as Robyn Wojo shops for produce.

increased by 30% to 40%, said Scott Patton, vice president of corporate buying.

"The more variety of products we carry, the more customers view Aldi as a place they can do their first shop of the week," he said.

While shoppers still have to go elsewhere for fresh ginger or water chestnuts or organic tofu — though Aldi is testing the latter — and can't get a single lime without buying a 1-pound bag, Patton said Aldi should cover 90% to 95% of their grocery list.

Aldi, which had 1,600 stores in 2017 when it announced its \$5.3 billion expansion and renovation plan, is ending

the year with nearly 2,000 stores in 36 states. That includes 160 in the Chicago area, its largest market by store count, where it has expanded into Naperville, Tinley Park and, soon, Glenview.

It has completed 70% of its \$180 million in planned local renovations and is gaining ground on Jewel-Osco, the biggest local player, which has 188 stores in Illinois, Indiana and Iowa.

Aldi, with its small-format stores, still has just 6.9% of the Chicago-area grocery market, according to The Shelby Report, a grocery industry publication. The market share leader is Jewel-Osco, with 25.4%, followed by Walmart, Costco and Kroger, which owns Mariano's. Aldi, which is fifth, has gained a hair of market share since 2017; Super Target and Kroger have seen the largest gains, Shelby data shows.

Though the privately held company does not release financials, Supermarket News estimated its revenues last year at \$18.4 billion, up from \$16.8 billion in 2017, while Kroger's sales were more than \$120 billion. Its national market share is just 2%.

Karen Short, an analyst at Barclays, called Aldi's stores "ankle biters with respect to the overarching impact" on the industry, siphoning off just a trip here or there from the competition.

But Aldi is setting a standard for low-priced, high-quality goods that is keeping its larger rivals on their toes.

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Near South's new giant gets it right

NEMA Chicago's architect keeps rental high-rise in line with city's architecture



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

It's no coincidence that the nearly complete NEMA Chicago skyscraper, which at 896 feet is Chicago's tallest rental high-rise, bears a strong resemblance to Willis Tower. The architect, New York's Rafael Viñoly, is a fan of our muscular skyline giant.

The comparison is impossible to miss. Even the most casual observer can glimpse it in NEMA's resolutely right-angled geometry and the way its cluster of nine vertical sections gradually peels away, leaving one to soar to the summit.

Fortunately, the outcome is a vigorous reinterpretation of Willis, not a slavish copy. And that should come as a relief for anyone who cares about Chicago's skyline.

Apartment buildings are notorious for low budgets and lower aesthetic aspirations. A visual flop at NEMA's prominent site — on the south edge of Grant Park and near the busy corner of Roosevelt Road and Michigan Avenue — would have left a lasting, unavoidable eyesore.

Viñoly, whose previous works include a business school and hospital at the University of Chicago, avoided that trap by doing things the old-fashioned Chicago way: with a directness that verges on bluntness.

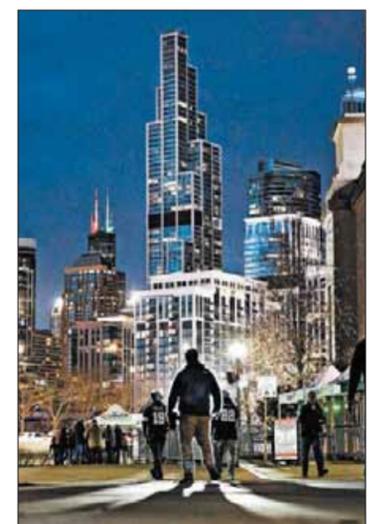
"That's what Chicago is all about — a no-nonsense approach to almost everything," said Viñoly, who worked on NEMA with Chanli Lin, a partner at his firm.

NEMA sports no torturous, digitally enabled curves or cutesy, hat-shaped tops. Instead, we're treated to a straightforward expression of the building's structure and functions, with just enough artistic license and attention to the urban context to create a skyline silhouette that is compelling from all angles.

Though the tower can be faulted for its chilly street-level presence, it is still one of the finest efforts of the current building boom.

Developed by Miami-based Crescent Heights, NEMA belongs to a wave of super-thin, supertall residential towers that are remaking American skylines and becoming lightning rods for critics of income inequality.

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NEMA Chicago, center, towers over fans Thursday outside Soldier Field before the Bears hosted the Cowboys.

Aldi

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Walmart benchmarks its prices against Aldi's, setting them a few percentage points higher because the mass merchandiser has the advantage of more products, Short said. Walmart's then-U.S. CEO Greg Foran called Aldi a "fierce" competitor that is not to be underestimated.

Grocers are increasing investment in private-label products, which is a key part of Aldi's playbook and relevant to younger consumers who care less about name brands. Sales of private-label products grew 3.6% over the year that ended in October, while branded products grew 1.7%, according to Nielsen.

At Aldi, 90% percent of the product selection is private label.

Patton, a 24-year veteran of Aldi, said he takes the competition's interest in its business model as a compliment and a sign that the

grocer, which opened its first U.S. store in Iowa in 1976, is doing something right. He isn't concerned anyone will out-Aldi Aldi.

"Our whole company is based on efficiency, saving money and doing things better and faster than anyone else can," Patton said. "So as they're chasing us, we continue to innovate and we're moving the ball. We're not standing still."

As she paused her cart in front of the dairy case at the Aldi in Downers Grove, longtime customer Megan Quattrochi said she feels prices have gotten cheaper compared with other grocery stores even as the experience and product selection have improved.

She pointed to a half gallon of Aldi brand Simply Nature organic almond milk, priced at \$2.69, which she surmised would cost double somewhere else.

Quattrochi, 36, said she has always trusted Aldi for its produce but has been pleased to "watch it go from your basic stuff to a full-grown grocery store."

"I feel it used to be tailored more towards lower- to middle-class," said Quattrochi, who lives in La Grange. "It's gone to being tailored to everybody."

In a report last year, Morgan Stanley said 1 in 5 customers who recently switched grocery stores took their business to Aldi, a greater share than opted for Costco, Kroger, Target and Whole Foods. Walmart, the market leader, got 30% of switchers, but that was flat from the prior year while Aldi's share was up significantly.

Nearly half of Walmart stores, and more than half of Krogers, are within 5 miles of an Aldi as the discounter elbows into their territory, the report said. Aldi is vying for shoppers online as well: Last year it rolled out a chainwide grocery delivery partnership with Instacart, and last month added same-day beer and wine delivery. Twenty percent of its delivery customers had never been to one of its physical stores before, suggesting it's finding new audiences, Pat-

ton said.

Simon Johnstone, director of retail insights at Kantar Retail, credits Aldi's success to its patience in slowly introducing its brand to American consumers over more than 30 years, first building awareness about price, then quality, and more recently the treasure hunt aspect of its rotating bargains. By contrast, Lidl, another German discount chain that's rolling out stores across the East Coast, jumped in too quickly without educating consumers and has scaled back ambitious expansion plans, he said.

The danger, as Aldi refurbishes and peddles fancier fare, is that some consumers will assume prices are going up as a result and think twice about whether it's still their best option, Johnstone said.

Patton said the company will never compromise its price advantage. As it tests bakeries in a handful of stores, churning out fresh baguettes daily, it is assessing whether the consumer demand is worth the cost.

"It's absolutely the most efficient bakery you're going to find, but bakeries are inherently inefficient," he said. "So we don't know. What we don't want to do is raise prices to pay for it."

From use of shelf space to package design, dozens of cost-saving details allow Aldi to keep prices low, Patton said. For example, each product has a bar code on each side of its package so cashiers can scan items quickly. The company recently took two years to develop a new milk bottle and transporting system that swapped out metal for polystyrene crates, allowing it to get more milk on a single truck because it weighs less, which saves on transport costs.

The limited selection — think five types of olive oil rather than the 35 to 50 found at a typical supermarket — is also key to Aldi's cost structure because it can keep stores small. At 12,000 square feet, the average Aldi is a fraction of the size of supermarkets that tend to run from 40,000 to 150,000 square feet, saving it on rent, taxes and energy costs, Pat-

ton said.

Stores need fewer employees, and they are cross-trained so that they are never idle.

"They can run the register, refill produce, run the bakery, restock milk — anything that needs to be done in the store, anyone can do," Patton said. "That's real efficiency."

Aldi historically has been just as focused on good quality as low prices, though many outsiders don't have that perception. "They think it can't be as good quality if it's so cheap," Patton said.

Walking through the Downers Grove store, Patton picks up a newer product, a "dessert hummus" from its private label Park Street Deli brand, which combines chickpeas, coconut oil, sugar and cocoa powder to create a \$2.99 dip that tastes like brownie batter. Working with its supplier and Aldi's test kitchen in Batavia, where some 60,000 products are sampled each year, the company went through 10 to 15 iterations before it found the right formulation, he said.

It was similarly thoughtful in creating its only two ketchup options — regular and organic — which Patton said could easily have been made cheaper by using fewer tomatoes and more water. But if consumers don't like it, they won't come back — no matter how much they saved.

"If the quality isn't there, the price doesn't really matter," he said.

Cindy Koerner, 62, was impressed by the quality of Aldi's products when she started shopping there about seven years ago because she moved and it was convenient. For years, she had disregarded Aldi as an option because she thought it was a low-quality place where people went because they couldn't afford to go anywhere else.

Koerner, who lives in Arlington Heights, has found she likes bagging her groceries herself, because she knows exactly what's in which bag, and most of all appreciates how quickly she can get through her weekly shopping trip because there aren't so many choices.

"It takes 30 minutes," she said. "For a full-size Jewel I would be there an hour."

In a recent survey of Aldi shoppers, Kantar Retail found speed was central to Aldi's appeal. Survey respondents said it was 20% faster to shop at Aldi than at other stores.

They also said shopping there was fun. The report traced the fun to Aldi Finds, an aisle that features 50 to 60 new items each week, often pegged to the season. Recently shoppers could find a \$29.99 cast-iron dutch oven and a pair of dining chairs for \$90.

Walker, the Batavia woman and Aldi convert, looks forward to journeying through that aisle, better known as the "aisle of shame" on the Aldi Nerds Facebook group she belongs to, because of its temptations.

She found her now-favorite pair of lounge pants there, as well as a granite countertop island on wheels that she simply does not need. She checks it regularly for kids stuff, and her princess-obsessed daughter has benefited from the licensed Disney products that occasionally show up there.

Walker is so smitten with the Aldi experience that she has written a children's book about the journey of a grocery cart quarter as it exchanges hands; it features recipes using Aldi products on each page. She hopes to self-publish after completing illustrations.

For all the Aldi nerds out there, however, there are plenty of people who prefer a more robust grocery experience. Aldi does not have prepared hot foods or in-store dining options or butcher counters that shoppers value elsewhere.

At least, not yet. "Would we ever have a piano player, a sushi bar or juice bar?" Patton said. "I would never say never. But I would say this: If we ever had any of those things, it would be the most efficient of our competitors, and we would do it better and faster than anyone else."

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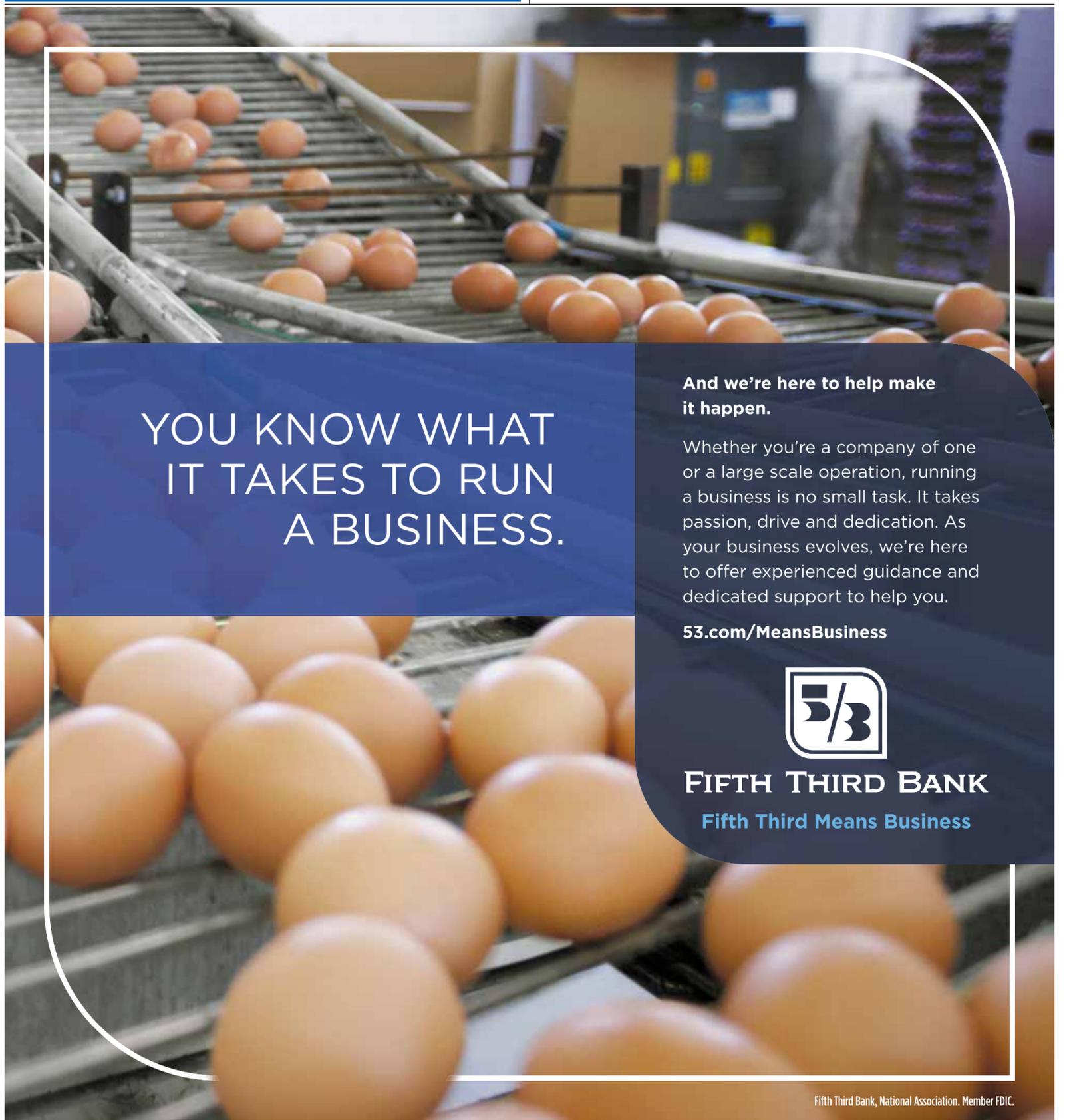
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Nonprofit aims to train women, minorities in the trades



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

Labor unions and some of the biggest names in Chicago's development community — attached to projects like Vista Tower, Lincoln Yards and The 78 — are teaming up with United Way of Metro Chicago to train thousands of people for careers in the building trades.

The nonprofit, called HIRE360, is launching about a decade into a construction boom in Chicago, where the skilled labor pool has struggled to keep pace with demand for new skyscrapers.

The nonprofit's emergence also coincides with public calls by Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot to intensify efforts to bring jobs and investment to the city's South and West Side neighborhoods.

"The goal is to get more involvement with African

Americans, Latinos and women in the trades," said Jay Rowell, HIRE360's executive director. "We'll work with anyone, but those are the groups we're focusing on."

Apprenticeship programs and diversity initiatives are nothing new in Chicago, but HIRE360 is unique in that it extends far beyond a single real estate project or a company seeking workers, Rowell said. By bringing industry giants together into one organization, it creates an opportunity for a deep, long-term pool of new workers, he said.

"It doesn't reach any scale if you do this as one-offs," Rowell said. "This is a unique partnership."

HIRE360 is modeled after a similar program in Milwaukee, called WRTP/Big Step.

Partners in the Chicago project include development and construction firms such as Related Midwest, James McHugh Construction Co., Sterling Bay, Magellan Development Group, Power Construction, Lendlease, Farpoint Development and W.E.

O'Neil Construction. Also involved are several labor unions and groups such as the Chicagoland Associated General Contractors and Chicago Federation of Labor.

Some of those companies are involved in a wave of multibillion-dollar mixed-use developments expected to be built over the next decade or more, including The 78 along the Chicago River between the South Loop and Chinatown, Lincoln Yards on the river along Lincoln Park and Bucktown and the Burnham Lakefront on the former Michael Reese Hospital site and other land near McCormick Place.

"What makes this time unique is you have all of those megaprojects, so there will be a need for apprenticeships there," Rowell said. "Also, during the recession a lot of apprenticeships didn't take place because there weren't any new buildings going up."

"That kind of skewed the age. There's going to be a gray tsunami, where many laborers will be retiring in the next couple of years. That will create more spots

for apprentices."

Partners already have contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars toward a first-year budget of \$1.7 million, which is expected to increase to \$7 million in the second year, Rowell said. The first year's budget includes \$1 million in state funding, he said.

After a smaller-scale pilot of the program in recent years, HIRE360's launch is set to be formally announced in a news conference Monday morning. The group hopes to send thousands of its candidates into apprenticeships over the next few years.

The program also plans to create an incubator to help form and fund new minority- and women-led companies, Rowell said.

HIRE360 will cover costs for items like tools, hard-toed boots and other supplies.

Financial backing and early guidance are crucial for poorer applicants who can't afford to get started, said Calvin Jenkins, a one-time gang member who owns Community Play Lot Builders. Jenkins' firm received a low-interest,

\$100,000 loan during a pilot phase of HIRE360 earlier this year.

"There are people with guns in their hands who do not know how to fill out an application," Jenkins said.

Jenkins grew up in the Henry Horner Homes near United Center before eventually finding opportunities in real estate and construction, he said. The firm builds playgrounds and does carpentry work for clients including Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Housing Authority.

"I grew up a gangbanger, tearing up my community," Jenkins said. "I knew what my problem was, which was economics and opportunity. HIRE360 gives people an opportunity to move to the next step."

Applicants age 18 and older can fill out an assessment form on HIRE360's website, followed by an orientation and testing to match skills with specific trades. Those who emerge can earn about \$20 per hour as apprentices, on the way to making about \$40 an hour within a few years. On average, there are

about 3,500 apprenticeships per year in the Chicago area, Rowell said. "We want to recruit someone for every one of those slots, so we can make the workforce reflect the city," he said.

Rowell is a former director of the Illinois Department of Employment Security and deputy state treasurer who had been tapped to lead Rahm Emanuel's campaign for a third mayoral term, before Emanuel decided against running last year.

HIRE360's board is led by Don Biernacki, senior vice president of construction at Related Midwest. Other board members are Ralph Afrunti, president of the Chicago & Cook County Building Trades Council; Mike Meagher, president of McHugh; and Charise Williams, director of external affairs at the Chicago Federation of Labor.

HIRE360 plans to open a headquarters at 26th and State streets next year, with satellite locations throughout the city and suburbs.

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NEMA

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Viñoly's 432 Park Avenue in midtown Manhattan, a 1,397-foot condo tower that is both freakishly thin but appealingly simple, may be the most visible of these skyline disrupters.

Like NEMA, it's an exercise in stark straightforwardness: A grid of large windows set in an exposed concrete frame. But unlike 432 Park, NEMA is not a slim white monolith.

Instead, it consists of three stacked parts: a site-filling base; a square mid-section with a southern extension that looks like a giant flight of stairs; and a top portion with multiple setbacks. Together, these parts form a sculptural whole that evokes Willis even though the two buildings' structural systems are quite different.

At Willis, nine rigid interlocked steel tubes, each 75 feet square, create an immensely strong, relatively lightweight, highly economical framing system. Engineers call this system, which is visible to passersby, a "bundled tube."

NEMA repeats this nine-square geometry, but the squares are half the size of those at Willis, owing to the need to keep floor sizes small and apartment dwellers close to coveted panoramic views.

The structure is a core and outrigger setup that resembles a skier braced by poles. From a massive central core, thick concrete walls extend to perimeter columns that help brace the tower against the wind.

Viewed at city scale, NEMA is an instant landmark that serves as a skyline bookend for the 1,136-foot Aon Center on Grant Park's north end.

Taking its cues from the cliff-like row of historic



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At 896 feet, with 76 occupied floors and 800 apartments, NEMA Chicago is the city's tallest rental tower and a major new skyline presence.

skyscrapers that frames Grant Park's western side, NEMA turns toward Grant Park in a manner that is appropriately wall-like. To the south, where such restraint is not necessary, the skyscraper becomes dramatically sculptural, spiraling upward as a result of its multiple setbacks.

Apartments that line the north and east fronts of the base conceal an internal, multistory parking garage from view. The southern extension nicely cascades downward to nearby midrises and townhouses.

Architecturally, NEMA is at once calm and lively; proudly exultant but not, for the most part, standoffish.

The tower's perimeter columns simultaneously express the core and outrigger structure and accentuate the tower's verticality. Wider-than-normal spans between columns open the apartments to panoramic views. Stacks of recessed balconies add depth and

visual rhythms to the facade.

The exposed concrete exterior isn't elegant, but neither is it crude.

Still, architects always have found it difficult to transition from the massive scale of huge, structurally expressive towers to the fine-grained pedestrian scale of the sidewalk. And so it is at NEMA: The main facade, a blunt grid along Roosevelt, does little to engage passersby. Worse, the west-facing end of the parking garage is exposed to the street.

To be sure, things will improve if a planned stainless steel mesh screen covers the exposed portion of the parking garage and Crescent Heights rents out ground-floor retail space.

But for now, there's a sad irony: At the very time other developers are making Willis Tower more city-friendly by expanding its base and filling the expansion with shops and public spaces, NEMA is

noteworthy because it represents the latest volley in the amenity arms race that has made new apartment buildings the equal of luxury condominiums.

Among other bells and whistles, NEMA's 70,000 square feet of amenities offers tenants an airy co-working space, a sports bar, a 25-yard indoor swimming pool, a chef's kitchen that can cook up room service meals, a gym with its own boxing ring and a huge outdoor deck. Residents who live on the upper floors (49 through 76) have their own intimate ground-floor lobby as well as a 48th-floor amenity zone. A larger lobby serves residents of the less expensive apartments on floors 2 to 47.

All this might come across as over the top, but New York interior designer David Rockwell has given NEMA's interior a sense of clean-lined, understated modern luxury.

Drawing inspiration from the grid pattern of Chicago's streets and NEMA's exterior, Rockwell threads the four-square motif throughout the interior and uses wood floors and soft lighting to make the big apartment building feel more like a home than a hotel. The careful styling extends to the smallest detail within the units, like

bathtub walls outfitted in a handsome tile grid.

As I toured NEMA, I wondered if it's destined to become a self-contained, economically stratified refuge for those who can afford it. Why bother to venture outside if everything you need can be gotten inside?

But the same criticism might be lobbed at the vertical village of the former John Hancock Center, now 875 N. Michigan Ave., where you also can live, work and play.

NEMA's residents will venture out, I suspect, just as those at the old Hancock do. The density and dollars they bring eventually will filter into the city. And there will be more vitality if Crescent Heights ever proceeds with its plans to build another Viñoly tower at the corner on the adjoining empty lot at Michigan and Roosevelt.

For now, we can be glad that NEMA has returned Chicago to its pragmatic architectural roots and endowed the skyline with a fresh shot of visual poetry. That's better than an ugly concrete stalk along Grant Park.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION
BIG SHOULDERS CAPITAL LLC, Plaintiff, Case No. 19-CV-06029
vs. SAN LUIS & RIO GRANDE RAILROAD, INC., et al., Defendants. 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 \$1,233,333.00, subject to higher or better bids at auction.
TERMS OF AUCTION SALE: On November 13, 2019, the Court entered an order ("Proceeds Order") in the above-captioned case: (1) approving the timing and extent 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 filings claims and objections to the sale of the Sale Assets; and (4) providing the Receiver with related relief. The Proceeds 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 not less than \$1,233,333, and is not subject to any contingencies, 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 the interest or objection ("Claim/Objection") with the Court by **5:00 p.m. (CST) on December 13, 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.

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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.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ASSIGNEE SALE OF THE FORMER ASSETS OF COBRA METAL WORKS, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. (CDT), Michael J. Eber, not individually but solely as assignee (the "Assignee" and the "Seller") for the benefit of creditors of Cobra Metal Works, Inc. ("Cobra" or the "Company") will conduct an auction ("Auction") to consider competing bids to purchase substantially all of the assets of the Company (the "Assets"). The Auction will be held at the offices of SAUL EWING ARNSTEIN & LEHR LLP, 161 North Clark, Suite 4200, Chicago, IL 60611. The Auction may be continued from time to time without further notice except as is provided at the Auction and the Assignee reserves the right to reject any and all offers for any reason.

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Institution	Int Chking Money	3 mo	6 mo	12 mo	18 mo	24 mo	36 mo	60 mo	Phone / Website
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Does the amount of my CD deposit affect my rate?

If you're getting ready to sock savings away in a certificate of deposit, you may know how much you want to deposit. But as you shop rates, you might discover deposit minimums and rate tiers influencing your decision.

Most CDs stipulate a minimum deposit. That's the smallest amount you can invest to open a particular CD. Fortunately for modest savers, many certificates have entry points as low as \$1,000 or \$500. Others even lower the bar to no minimum at all.

But that's not always the case. Sometimes depositing more funds will earn you a better rate, and it happens one of two ways.

Some certificates simply have hefty minimum thresholds, requiring a deposit of \$5,000 or \$10,000. And there are also "jumbo" CDs requiring \$25,000 or even \$50,000 in a single certificate. These larger CDs aren't guaranteed to pay better than lower-

minimum options, but often they do.

Then there are banks and credit unions that offer CD rate tiers. Here, for example, you may earn one rate on deposits up to \$4,999, then a slightly higher rate above \$5,000, and perhaps a third rate if you deposit \$25,000 or more.

These options may lead you to stretch a bit on your deposit in order to score a higher rate, moving for instance from an initially planned \$20,000 up to \$25,000 to qualify for a well-paying jumbo certificate.

It may also impact whether you open one vs. multiple certificates. The strategy of splitting your savings into more than one CD — to lessen the penalty hit if you need to cash out some of your savings early, but not all of it — is a smart one. But if it prevents you from earning a higher rate with a single, larger certificate, you may want to reconsider.

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WEEKLY PERFORMANCE			WEEKLY PERFORMANCE			WEEKLY PERFORMANCE			
52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
28174.97	21712.73	Dow Jones industrials	28109.84	27325.13	28015.06	-36.35	-0.1	+20.1	+14.9
11226.54	8636.79	Dow Jones trans.	10937.14	10454.45	10708.54	-149.03	-1.4	+16.8	+7.6
882.37	681.85	Dow Jones utilities	859.56	844.09	855.04	+3.32	+0.4	+19.9	+13.5
13612.06	10723.66	NYSE Comp.	13612.06	13286.84	13588.29	+43.08	+0.3	+19.5	+13.8
5668.54	4682.10	NYSE International	5668.54	5530.10	5664.12	+27.57	+0.5	+15.8	+12.4
8445.61	5895.12	Nasdaq 100	8409.87	8167.45	8397.37	-6.32	-0.1	+32.7	+27.0
8705.91	6190.17	Nasdaq Comp.	8672.84	8435.40	8656.53	-8.94	-0.1	+30.5	+24.2
3154.26	2346.58	S&P 500	3150.60	3070.35	3145.91	+4.93	+0.2	+25.5	+19.5
2031.00	1565.76	S&P MidCap	2029.51	1969.55	2021.98	+11.83	+0.6	+21.6	+13.5
32171.54	24129.49	Wilshire 5000	32092.21	31311.56	32038.98	+13.12	+0.0	+24.4	+18.0
1637.90	1266.93	Russell 2000	1637.90	1589.73	1633.84	+9.33	+0.6	+21.2	+12.8
410.39	327.34	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	410.04	397.18	407.35	-0.08	-0.0	+20.6	+17.9
7727.49	6536.53	FTSE 100	7400.27	7131.16	7239.66	-106.87	-1.5	+7.6	+6.8

Gold	-6.50	\$1,459.10
Silver	-49	\$16.48
Crude Oil	+4.03	\$59.20
Natural Gas	+0.05	\$2.33
10-year T-note	+0.07	1.84%
Euro	-0.0032	to 90.45/\$1
Yen	-93	to 108.55/\$1



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Saint Lucia's Smoke Shop owner Jasmine Rayman-Kinney shows marijuana-themed Christmas cards that include "one-hit" pipes at her shop on North Western Avenue.

Gifting

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friend or relative to give it a try, make it clear there's no pressure and no hard feelings if they choose to pass it on to someone who might enjoy the item more, she said.

Despite Post's advice to tread cautiously, there is no shortage of cannabis-themed gifts available for sale this holiday season.

Saint Lucia's cases have holiday-themed pipes shaped like Santa and reindeer. Manager Eric Wagner expects customers to use the holidays as a chance to introduce their friends and family to marijuana-related items they might need once recreational sales start.

"I think a lot of people will try to set their friends and relatives up for the new year," Wagner said. "People are trying to gift information through the products they're giving."

It's not just marijuana. Shops selling CBD-infused products say they're expecting more holiday sales as the compound goes increasingly mainstream. CBD is usually derived from hemp, another plant in the cannabis family, and does not get users high. Some say it helps alleviate conditions like anxiety and pain.

Shoppers once had to purchase CBD at specialty shops or online. But within the past year, chains such as Walgreens and Ulta have begun stocking products like CBD-infused skin creams, bath balms and face masks. National chain retailers are expected to account for more than half of the more than \$5 billion hemp-based CBD product sales in 2019, according to Chicago-based Brightfield Group, which does market research in cannabis-related industries. Sales are expected to double next year.

Paper Source, which carries gift items along with greeting cards and other paper goods, began carrying products like \$30 CBD bath salts, \$13 lip balms and a \$35 muscle rub at a handful of stores in August. They were popular, and are now sold in about 130 stores and online.

"Someone referred to it as the next gold rush in retail. When you hear those words, that definitely piques your interest as a buyer," said Patrick Priore, chief merchant at Chicago-based Paper Source.

He thinks CBD has potential as a holiday gift because it fits with another big trend: wellness. "Now more than ever people want that thing that will at least hopefully bring them peace of mind and make them feel centered," he said.

Chicago-based LeafyQuick is readying gift sets of CBD products for the holidays. The CBD retailer delivers in the Chicago area, and has noticed an increasing number of orders coming from out of state in the last few months, co-founder Rahul Easwar said.

"There's a lot of people from Colorado, California, even Wisconsin for that matter, and they order for their sister, their mom, their dad," he said. "They like the fact that we deliver, so it's almost like a care package."

The packages have themes like "pain relief," which might contain CBD creams for sore muscles, or "sweet tooth," which would have CBD-infused edibles in it. Curating the items and packaging them together makes it easier for the buyer, Easwar said.

Holiday sales caught Lisa Winefield, co-owner of Evanston-based Botanica CBD, by surprise last year. "We didn't really gear up in a huge way for the holidays because we didn't think it would be a gift item. I think of it more as a health



Saint Lucia's Smoke Shop sells marijuana pipes shaped like Santa and Rudolph in Bucktown.

care item," she said. Still, themed gift boxes were popular, she said. This year's options include packages designed to aid sleep or help stressed-out college students relax. Another, aimed at athletes, has items meant to aid recovery. One for foodies has CBD-infused apple cider vinegar, olive oil and honey. Prices range from \$65 to \$165, and customers can also create a custom box.

Gifts that seem like safe bets can still be tricky, as Palmer Square resident Jacob Peters found out when he bought his wife CBD-infused macarons — her favorite type of cookie — earlier this year. She'd been stressed and he'd heard CBD could help with anxiety. Instead, she was nervous about the effects of ingesting CBD.

"It actually gave her more anxiety, the fact that I showed up with it," said Peters, 32.

The cookies sat, uneaten, for a month, until a friend reassured his wife there was nothing to worry about. When giving weed-themed gifts, it's important to know how the recipient likes to consume cannabis, Post said. Rolling paper isn't a great gift for someone who struggles to roll joints and someone who sticks to edibles won't appreciate a pipe.

Marijuana-related gifts should be treated like any other gift, Post said. Personal preferences differ when it comes to weed products, in much the same way that some individuals favor red wines over whites. If you're unsure what the recipient likes, ask if a mutual friend can help with suggestions. Or pick out something that you like, and explain that you wanted to share your enjoyment of it, she said.

Whatever you choose to give, you should be able to explain what the product is and the effects it might have, she said. "No matter what, when you choose to give it, you have to be sure you know what you are giving and can explain something about it."

Even with growing acceptance, it's worth considering that a marijuana-related gift could lead to some awkward moments Christmas morning, Post said.

A friend who would ordinarily be thrilled with a cannabis-themed gift likely won't feel the same if they unwrap it in front of disapproving relatives. A private setting — or at least a subtle warning — lowers the risk.

If you're the marijuana enthusiast nervous about how others in the room are responding to a weed-related gift you've received, Post recommends thanking the person but trying to deflect attention and making it clear from your tone and body language that it's time to move on.

And if you're caught off guard by a well-intentioned gift you don't approve of, Post advises receiving it "with the generosity of spirit with which it was intended."

"It's the 'Thank you so much for thinking of me' type of thank-you," she said.

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PG&E Corp	2.19	+2.19
Uber Technologies	27.86	-17.3
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Freeport McMoran	11.64	+26
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EnCana Corp	4.05	+11

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Onconova Therapeut	.35	+16
Adv Micro Dev	39.63	+48
Naked Brand Group	.03	-00
Microsoft Corp	151.75	+37
Apple Inc	270.71	+34.6
Roku Inc	144.26	-16.11
Clovis Oncology Inc	9.61	-5.32
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.83	-1.15
Intel Corp	56.81	-1.24
Cisco Syst	43.84	-1.47
Comcast Corp A	44.24	+0.09
Micron Tech	47.93	+4.2
Plug Power Inc	3.15	-7.5

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STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
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Citigroup Inv Crde	3.97	-0.85
iPath Sh Term Fut	16.73	+0.19
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iShs China Large Cap	41.24	+0.30
iShs Emerg Mkts	43.07	+0.53
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SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	314.87	+0.56
SPDR S&P O&G ExpPdtm	21.23	+0.87
SPDR Financial	30.36	+0.21
US Oil Fund LP	12.32	+0.70
VanE Vect Gld Miners	26.97	-0.11

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc	38.20	+82
Alibaba Group Hldg	201.89	+1.89
Alphabet Inc C	1340.62	+35.66
Alphabet Inc A	1339.39	+35.30
Amazon.com Inc	1751.60	-49.20
Arheuser-Busch InBev	79.36	+0.1
Apple Inc	270.71	+34.6
Bank of America	33.67	+5.3
Berkshire Hath A	33640.00	+3144.90
Berkshire Hath B	222.61	+2.31
Boeing Co	354.09	-12.09
Chevron Corp	118.01	+88
China Mobile Ltd	37.71	-0.2
Cisco Syst	43.84	-1.47
Citigroup	75.81	+69
CocaCola Co	54.42	+1.02
Comcast Corp A	44.24	+0.09
Disney	147.66	-3.92
Exxon Mobil Corp	69.51	+1.38
Facebook Inc	201.05	-59
FEMSA	91.35	+4.2
HSBC Holdings pRA	26.04	+0.4
Home Depot	214.28	-4.87
Intel Corp	56.81	-1.24
JPMorgan Chase & Co	135.04	+3.28
Johnson & Johnson	140.38	+2.89
MasterCard Inc	290.40	-1.83
Medtronic Inc	113.09	+1.70
Merck & Co	88.85	+1.67
Microsoft Corp	151.75	+37
Novartis AG	92.07	-2.3
Oracle Corp	54.83	-1.31
PepsiCo	137.36	+2.49
Pfizer Inc	38.29	-2.3
Procter & Gamble	124.19	+2.13
Royal Dutch Shell B	57.39	-2.2
Royal Dutch Shell A	57.29	-2.0
SAP Se	135.00	-95
Taiwan Semicon	144.77	+1.85
Toyota Mot	59.93	+2.56
Unilever NV	59.93	+3.8
Unilever PLC	59.81	+3.2
UnitedHealth Group	280.19	+0.7
Verizon Comm	61.19	+0.95
Visa Inc	182.17	-2.34
WallMart Strs	119.78	+1.22
Wells Fargo & Co	54.37	-0.9

How the region's Top 100 companies fared

Ranks based on market capitalization of public companies headquartered in Illinois and north-west Indiana as of Friday, December 6, 2019

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	Stock change	
			WEEK	1-YR
1 Boeing Co	199,278	354.09	▼	-12.09
2 Abbott Labs	151,167	85.48	▲	+0.3
3 McDonalds Corp	147,116	195.35	▲	+8.7
4 AbbVie Inc	128,627	86.98	▼	-7.5
5 Caterpillar Inc	78,875	142.72	▼	-2.01
6 Mondelez Intl	77,520	53.84	▲	+1.30
7 CME Group	73,808	205.96	▲	+3.23
8 ITW	55,985	174.19	▼	-1.4
9 Walgreen Boots Alli	52,329	58.63	▼	-9.7
10 Deere Co	52,020	165.21	▼	-2.84
11 Exelon Corp	43,608	44.86	▲	+4.6
12 Baxter Intl	42,462	83.17	▲	+1.42
13 Kraft Heinz Co	37,965	31.09	▲	+5.9
14 Allstate Corp	35,991	111.10	▼	-2.5
15 Equity Residential	31,357	84.44	▼	-6.6
16 Motorola Solutions	27,535	160.71	▼	-6.59
17 Discover Fin Svcs	26,428	84.31	▼	-5.6
18 Arch Dan Mid	24,444	43.91	▲	+9.8
19 Nthn Trust Cp	23,082	108.94	▲	+1.70
20 United Airlines Hldg	22,414	88.58	▼	-4.22
21 Ventas Inc	21,421	57.47	▼	-8.4
22 CDW Corp	19,635	136.66	▲	+1.61
23 Galagher AJ	17,486	93.75	▲	+9.1
24 Grainger WW	17,317	321.49	▲	+4.54
25 Dover Corp	16,355	112.59	▲	+1.11
26 TransUnion	16,156	85.80	▼	-5.1
27 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	15,430	262.20	▲	+28.34
28 ConAgra Brands Inc	14,064	28.90	▲	+0.3
29 Zebra Tech	13,853	256.92	▲	+5.98
30 CBOE Global Markets	13,368	120.59	▲	+1.69
31 IDEX Corp	12,415	163.23	▲	+4.9
32 CNA Financial	11,894	43.81	▼	-9.1
33 LKQ Corporation	10,956	35.75	▲	+4.7
34 Packaging Corp Am	10,723	113.29	▲	+1.39
35 NiSource Inc	10,010	26.80	▲	+3.5
36 CF Industries	9,858	45.34	▼	-8.7
37 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	8,989	64.60	▲	+1.34
38 US Foods Holding	8,886	40.50	▲	+7.3
39 Jones Lang LaSalle	8,742	169.65	▲	+3.32
40 Hill-Rom Hldgs	7,202	107.89	▲	+6.8
41 Aptargroup Inc	7,164	112.08	▼	-0.4
42 Old Republic	6,830	22.50	▲	+1.4
43 Morningstar Inc	6,612	154.47	▼	-2.63
44 Equity Lifestyle Prop	6,561	72.08	▼	-2.00
45 CDK Global Inc	6,503	53.57	▲	+0.2
46 PayLOCITY Hldg	6,449	120.52	▼	-1.80
47 Middleby Corp	6,338	112.90	▼	-2.86
48 IAA Inc	6,207	46.49	▲	+1.16
49 Stericycle Inc	5,988	65.71	▲	+2.89
50 Ingredion Inc	5,745	86.06	▲	+2.89
51 First Indl RT	5,371	42.31	▼	-2.7
52 Kemper Corp	4,961	74.44	▲	+5.2
53 Brunswick Corp	4,876	59.78	▲	+1.01
54 Littelfuse Inc	4,495	184.55	▲	+3.14
55 RLI Corp	4,110	91.67	▲	+3.0
56 Equity Commonwealth	3,999	32.80	▼	-0.5
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Work through workplace dislikes

If you're having difficulty getting along with people at work, workplace consultant Darlene Evans has these suggestions:

- Keep your distance: "You don't have to hang with everyone in the office," says Evans. "It's possible to coexist with a coworker who isn't your particular cup of tea."

- Be professional: "You're working together, not planning your wedding," Evans says. "As long as both parties remain cordial and respectful, it's possible to accomplish work-related tasks without tearing each other to pieces."

- Don't take everything in the relationship so seriously: Remember, you'll go home to your family and friends at the end of the workday, so there's no need to clench your teeth all day while you're working.

- Use the relationship to your advantage: People who dislike each other work together for years — and in many cases are successful because of, not despite, their differences. "Some people will continually push themselves to outdo their peers, so in some settings, a little discord among coworkers can be a good thing," Evans says.

- Keep your feelings to yourself: "Work gossip is the worst," Evans says. "Not only does it plant seeds of ill will with your coworkers, it ruins relationships and impacts others. If you don't like someone, there's no need to broadcast your feelings to the entire office."

- Seek help: Sometimes HR will help clashing employees work through their problems. "If there is a lot of money at stake, your company is going to want to help you work things out," Evans says.

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Steve Nichols has the job search boiled down to three things — people, paper and pitch. "It's not brain surgery," says Nichols, a retired human resources director. "And technology doesn't mean anything if you're gumming up your efforts with 10 variations on the same tactic."

That's not to say Nichols hates technology. In fact, he says it's the opposite. "Look, I had an iPhone the day it came out. I think anyone looking for a job, whether they're looking for an immediate position or something in the distant future, should take whatever steps they can and use whatever is available to them to find a job."

P is for Plan

Nichols says his "3-P strategy" forces job seekers to focus on the final goal — getting a job. He breaks it down as follows:

People: Networking shouldn't be something you do the moment you begin looking for a job, Nichols says. It's something you should do your entire career. "Networking isn't a new task or a new responsibility, it's something you should do as second nature," he says. "Talk to people, meet their friends and associates and be an accountable employee and a forward-thinking leader. Help people out when they need the help and when they don't."

Beyond networking, Nichols says it's important to maintain a professional reputation throughout your career.

Paper: Nichols acknowledges that most resumes and cover letters aren't delivered via hard copy these days, so the word "paper" may seem a little out of date, but in an effort to stick with the same-letter theme, he says "just go with it," an adage that fits with his philosophy on the all-important job-seeking documents. He also says he's specifically addressing the pdf resumes people send to their contacts, which they in turn hopefully pass on to a potential decision-maker.

"People get hung up on the presentation, which can lead to minimizing the importance of the content," Nichols says. "I've spoken with people who send me a beautiful resume to look over and it's missing some of the essentials I would need to know before bringing them in for an interview, like what they've done in a previous position to help their employer make money, increase prospects or communicate ideas."

When Nichols asks why important facts and figures are omitted, he says he's often told that the extra text didn't fit within the format of the resume. "You're saying that the person who looks at resumes is more likely to be impressed by certain fonts, margins and icons than substance. That's absurd," Nichols says.

Pitch: "Sell, sell, sell," says Nichols. "Tell me why I should hire you and don't wait until the follow-up interview or a thank-you note. Tell me upfront. During an interview, answer questions and take cues from the interviewer, but sell yourself with every answer you give and every question you ask."

Nichols says people act as if interviews are nothing more than an exchange of data, "like you're there to tell them about yourself" and then let them decide your fate. "That's completely illogical," he says. "When you look at cars, a good salesperson isn't telling you about the horsepower and the space in the trunk. He's selling the experience. He says something like 'do you drive your kids to school? You do? Think about the mornings. All these cup holders, no climbing over seats. You can pre-start it to warm it up.' You buy into it because you see how that car benefits you. Jobs are the same. 'Are you looking for someone who can switch gears in an instant? I thrive at that. I don't get frustrated when we have to make big changes midway through a project. It actually gives me a little jolt.' Sell yourself. Make your pitch."

'Separate but similar' – vacation philosophy shifts often over to real life

Two years ago, Carrie Sanders, a 38-year-old attorney from Evanston, Illinois, who has since moved to Toronto's Agincourt neighborhood, says she frequently dealt with clients while on vacation but understood the need for people to actually hear from their attorneys in person, especially during times of crisis. "I could have our clerk or assistant deal with things but to be honest, a five-minute phone call to talk someone down if they received a threatening letter in the mail or are worried about getting sued or losing a copyright that's reflective of their life's work — I'm fine with that," says Sanders, who specialized in licensing agreements "in her prior life" in the United States. "The problem was that sometimes, people leave these messages that make them sound like their clothes are on fire and they're freaking out, then you get them on the phone and they're like 'hey, Carrie, just wondering if you had an update for me.' I'd get a lot of those calls."

Sanders says she decided to allow a slight blending of her work and family life so she could spend more, not less, time with her kids. "If I can take a 10-minute phone call and solve five problems, that's better than

checking email all day or even going into the office for a few hours," she says. "I started to schedule a call at 11 each morning I was on vacation, no more than 15 minutes. Half the time, I was off the phone in five minutes or less. I figured I could make my job work using a similar method."

Today, Sanders is working with her husband on educational software. They moved to Canada to be closer to her mom, who had a stroke last December. "We're a two-person start-up with two more part-time employees and my work/life balance has never been better," she says. "I see my mom, do my work and hang out with my kids. Work and family are separate but they kind of blend together at home but that's OK. Vacation's different. We're going to Seattle for Christmas to see some family and the plan is to check in as little as possible. We love our downtime and our kids think we stay at home and play on our laptops, so if there's any work-talk on vacation, they just roll their eyes."

And the daily vacation phone calls at 11? "Not really," Sanders says. "If I have an issue about work, I just tap my husband's shoulder and we figure it out."

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Sometimes, a slight blending of work and family life can allow workers to spend more, not less, time with kids.

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You earned vacation time – now use it

There is a word for people who can't ever disconnect from the office. You're sure to experience them the next month as people use up 2019 vacation days and stay out of the workplace. And we're not talking about the casual vacationing employee who scans her email every couple of days or the staycation staffer who checks in with a co-worker to get an update on an important project. Not those workers. We're talking about the hardcore company men and women, the guy who wakes up every morning at 5 a.m. on his honeymoon to email a series of questions to his peers back at the office and the co-worker who leaves five pages of detailed notes of what needs to be done when she takes a Friday off. Those people. Do we call them "dedicated?" "Committed?" "Professional?"

"Insufferable," says Jean S., who doesn't want her last name used. "I have worked with people like that my entire career and it is exhausting. Not only do you have to do your job when they're out of the office, you have to do parts of their job but the worst part is that you have to babysit their projects. You have to check in on everything to make sure it's all under control."

Jean, who works for a large creative firm in Chicago, says she can't box the always-in-touch employees in one group. "You would think it would be the people on the business side, the accountants and the attorneys — and trust me, they can be Type A about their time off — but the creatives are just as bad," she says. "You want to be this free spirit at the office and have all these boundaries removed so you can be free to do your work but when you're supposed to be sitting on a beach somewhere, you're like Gordon Gekko, calling me every other hour to see if this is done or that has been started. It's absurd."

Technology makes it easy

Tori Wolfe, currently a career coach in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has worked in HR with PNC Bank and Bank of America, places you might expect to include workers who have a hard time cutting the cord when they're away from the office.

"That's the perception, anyway, but I think good managers — and there were a lot of them — know that their employees need a break, whether it's a personal day or a 10-day trip to Europe, so they give them that space when they're out of the office," says Wolfe. "Actually, the best managers make it policy, even if it's unofficial policy. They tell people to stay away. I worked with a woman who actually asked HR to block her staff from their email accounts when they were on vacation. She felt that strongly about the importance of their time off."

Still, Wolfe says it's nearly impossible to cut yourself off from work. "You carry your phone with you everywhere you go and that means you're always going to be connected," she says. "Think about 25 years ago. Even if you had a cellphone, you didn't access your email. Your co-workers couldn't text you. You had some distance from the office. But now you can be 1,000 miles away but as connected to the day-to-day stuff as you are when you're sitting at your desk. That's the danger of not setting limits. People feel as if they have to always be locked into work, even when they should be enjoying their time off."

'You need me!'

It's not just the technology that's closed the gap between that cruise down the Danube and the customer who needs an update on their software upgrade. "It's ego. People think the place is going to fall apart without them," she says. "Get over yourself. We'll be fine when you're gone."

Jean says she once told a manager that they had everything under control when he repeatedly checked in from his vacation. "I felt bad for his wife and kids because he was spending all this time on the phone with me," she says. "I finally told him to not worry about us and to go spend time with his family. Probably overstepped my zone a bit but we were friends so I thought it was just a casual comment. He didn't. He snapped. 'My family doesn't need me! You need me!' Who says things like that? The guy left for a new job a few years ago so I have no idea if he ever got over himself."

— Marco Buscaglia, *Careers*



It's not just the technology that's closed the gap on down time and work – it's ego. You need to get over your importance issues and put down the laptop ... hello, you're at the beach!



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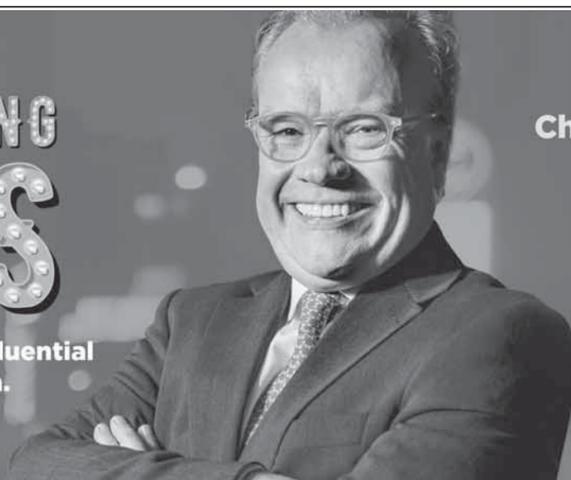


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BEARS

Finally, a pulse

Bears no longer hibernating, but did they hit the snooze button for too long? **Page 4**



3 DOWN, 3 (AND SOME HELP) TO GO

Bears' likeliest path to the playoffs

- Win their final three games (@Packers, Chiefs, @Vikings)
- Vikings lose one of their next three (Lions, @Chargers, Packers).
- Rams lose two of their last four (Seahawks, @Cowboys, @49ers, Cardinals).

MORE NFL

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Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky celebrates after throwing a touchdown pass to end the second quarter Thursday.

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The late show

The Big Ten championship game ended too late for this edition, for the result, go to chicagotribune.com/sports.

SATURDAY'S OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

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AN NFL CHAMPIONSHIP. INDOORS AT CHICAGO STADIUM. HOW ONE OF THE STRANGEST — AND MOST INFLUENTIAL — GAMES IN BEARS HISTORY CHANGED THE LEAGUE.

GRANGE SCORES ON FORWARD IN FINAL QUARTER

Spartans Then Yield a Safety.

BY RICH CAMPBELL

Virginia McCaskey has spent nearly a century watching pro football. She has been riveted by title games. She also has endured her share of stinkers.

The playoff tiebreaker for the 1932 NFL championship was uniquely both.

Literally.

That year, when the NFL was as old as a seventh grader, the Bears played the Spartans of Portsmouth, Ohio, in an add-on game for the title.

In the throes of the Great Depression, to ensure paying customers showed up in subfreezing temperatures on Dec. 18, the game was played at Chicago Stadium — yes, indoors — atop 8 inches of dirt spread over concrete.

Almost nine decades later, McCaskey didn't hesitate when asked for her lasting memory of the Bears' 9-0 victory.

"Just the odor," she said with a laugh during an interview in March. "It was almost overwhelming because the circus had just left town."

Yes, "dirt" belonged in quotations that night. Picture 9-year-old Ginny Halas, daughter of Bears founder George Halas, longing to watch elephants parade around the Stadium instead of smelling what they had left behind.

And that's just a sniff of all the quirks that color one of the most influential games in NFL history.

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Fashion makes no statement

The “Thursday Night Football” clips of George Halas and Tom Landry were a reminder there was a time when NFL head coaches wore suits, ties and fedoras.

Coaches now stalk the sidelines modeling workout wear that’s team-branded, league-sanctioned and available for purchase online while you watch.

If hoodies are good enough for the Bears’ Matt Nagy and Cowboys’ Jason Garrett — and clearly they are — why not TV analyst Troy Aikman under an overcoat in the broadcast booth? What’s wrong with Joe Buck in a sweater?

“America has spoken. Does America like our casual look?” Buck said to Aikman after calling the Bears’ 31-24 victory over the Cowboys in prime time Thursday for Fox and NFL Network.

“I’m not so sure,” Aikman said.

Both announcers had to be vaguely aware social media’s fashionistas did not exactly embrace what Fox’s stylists picked out for them to wear. But it’s a relief they have a sense of humor.

Pregame host Michael Strahan had taken a playful shot at their duds before kickoff, perhaps resentful he was stuck in a necktie.

“This game is anything but casual, but those outfits you’re wearing — it looks like you two are just chilling,” Strahan chided them.

There may have been an agenda at play, however, seeing as how Strahan’s dig was followed soon after by a sponsored bit narrated by ex-Bear Peanut Tillman that showcased a Chicago tailor who outfits players with fancy game-day threads.

In any case, the criticism seemed unwarranted. It’s not as though they wore puffy shirts.

Looking carefree can take a lot of effort, the announcers’ overall ensembles appeared upscale and, unlike Nagy and Garrett, they didn’t sport gaudy logos.

But let’s take a look at other winners and losers from watching this edition of “TNE,” which should have everyone realizing Nagy’s team isn’t as bad as it seemed back in October.

Winner: Mitch Trubisky

The embattled Bears quarterback’s improvement in recent weeks culminated in his best performance of the season, if not his career, against the Cowboys.

“He’s playing great football right now,” said Buck, and Aikman added that Thursday’s game was “arguably the shining moment of his young career.”

But more significant Trubisky has people in Packerland worried. Packers announcer Wayne Larrivee tweeted in the second half: “Here’s my concern, it looks like it is clicking in for Mitchell Trubisky and that is not a good thing for the rest of the NFC North!”

Loser: Erin Andrews

Not a lot of airtime for Andrews, who drew the Cowboys sideline assignment. Even including her pregame scene-setter, Andrews had only about 96 seconds on Thursday’s telecast, with less than a minute of that on camera.

Kristina Pink had even less exposure as the Bears sideline reporter, but she supplemented it during the pregame show with an Allen Robinson feature and a postgame on-field chat with Trubisky.

Winner: Joe Lintzenich

Buck didn’t mention Lintzenich by name. But talking about Bears Hall of Famer Bronko Nagurski, he slipped in a mention that Nagurski was “a teammate of my grandfather’s with the Chicago Bears for George Halas back in 1930 and ’31.”

Aikman: “How about that? You’ve got good bloodlines!”

Buck: “Yeah, I don’t know what happened athletically, but they stopped. They hit a roadblock.”

Had Buck referred to his maternal grandfather by name, he also might have shared that he was named for Lintzenich, whose 94-yard punt in 1931 matched an NFL record that survived until 1969.



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

TV analyst Troy Aikman’s wearing of an overcoat drew a mixed reaction Thursday night

Loser: The officials

NFL officiating this season would seem less erratic if games weren’t televised.

Unfortunately viewers could see for themselves Thursday that, while officials are hyper-aware of illegal blocks, face-masking eludes them.

Winner: Amazon Prime

Amazon Prime’s “Thursday Night Football” stream may lag the live action available via TV, but it offers fans the ability to customize their viewing experience, which is always welcome. Hannah Storm and Andrea Kremer largely played it straight, which was fine as far as it went but not an improvement on Buck and Aikman. The United Kingdom audio, on the other hand, had novelty going for it.

“He keeps it for the umpteenth time in this game — Trubisky has himself a touchdown,” Scotland’s Derek Rae said on Trubisky’s 23-yard, fourth-quarter score. “Mitch Trubisky really prospering here at Soldier Field.”

Cue Irish partner Tommy Smyth: “Well the festive season has started early for him. ... He just reads the defense very well, but then he decides, ‘Oh, look at the room!’ And then, when he makes the cut back inside, that’s all she wrote, folks, because he’s in the end zone. Wow, I wouldn’t like to be at practice with the Cowboys from here on in.”

Now imagine the accents. That’s entertainment.

Loser: Fox’s Bears-Cowboys opening montage

Sure, as the intro noted, Mike Ditka spent 17 years in the Bears organization, first as a player (1961-66) and then head coach (1982-92). But it seems myopic to completely ignore that Ditka spent nearly as long — 13 years — with the Cowboys as a player (1969-72) and assistant coach (1973-81).

Also, it was weird that linebacker great Mike Singletary was correctly ID’ed in one graphic as having played for the Bears in 1981-92 in one shot but 2000-12 in the next. (That was actually Brian Urlacher’s tenure with the team.)

Winner: Kyle Long

The Bears offensive lineman, on injured reserve, offered his own commentary on top of the game coverage via Amazon’s Twitch, attracting an average of about 900 viewers at any given time. He’s no threat to replace his studio analyst dad, Howie Long, but the experience akin to watching the game in a room with him had its raw charm.

“Look at A-Rob, what a beast!” Long said as Robinson caught a touchdown pass late in the first half, and Eddy Pineiro’s extra-point kick had him applauding.

“Nice, Eddy,” Long said. “Can we get some claps? Can we get some golf claps for Eddy? Nice job, guys. Look at Mitch. Fired up. Hell, yeah, kid. Hell, yeah.”

Loser: The NFC East

When Buck is making fun of you, it’s not a good sign. But there’s no way around the absurdity of the Cowboys leading the division at 6-7.

“The good news (for the Cowboys) is they live in a land called the NFC East,” Buck said, later adding, “By law, some team has to win and go to the playoffs.”

Winner: The King School

With Kevin Pierre-Louis subbing for injured Roquan Smith, Kremer prodded Storm to mention where Pierre-Louis went to high school.

The push had a purpose: turns out Storm’s daughters also went to the King School in Stamford, Conn.

Loser: The Cowboys coaching staff

Network telecasts rarely include criticism as pointed as former Cowboy Aikman’s explanation for why he doubts Cowboys owner Jerry Jones will fire Garrett before the season is over.

“You have to ask yourself who on that staff has earned the right to be an interim head coach,” Aikman said. “I can’t think of one guy who’s done a good enough job at his position, much less a coordinator, that you would put in that seat. So I wouldn’t envision anything happening, but you never know.”

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Hester lands spot on NFL 100 All-Time Team

Tribune staff

Devin Hester’s ridiculous career with the Bears landed him on the NFL 100 All-Time Team. Is the Pro Football Hall of Fame next for the record-setting returner?

Hester, 37, on Friday was named one of the best players in league history, making the prestigious team as a return specialist. Other specialists named were fellow returner Billy “White Shoes” Johnson, kickers Jan Stenerud and Adam Vinatieri and punters Ray Guy and Shane Lechler. He was a Bears second-round pick (No. 57 overall) in the 2006 draft out of Miami. The Riviera Beach, Fla., native had 20 return touchdowns — the most in league history — in his career: a record 14 on punts, five on kickoffs and one on a missed field goal.

He also became the first — and still only — player to return the opening kickoff for a touchdown in Super Bowl history, taking it to the house 92 yards against the Colts in Super Bowl XLI on Feb. 4, 2007, in Miami Gardens, Fla. The Bears lost 29-17. “What an incredible and humbling honor,” Hester wrote on his Instagram account late Friday. “This game has meant the world to me and I am forever grateful to everyone on and off the field that supported me along the way. To be part of such an exclusive group of great players is unreal. Thank you.”

Bears heating up, need help to boost playoff hopes

BY RICH CAMPBELL

In the hunt isn’t where the Bears wanted to be entering their idle Sunday in Week 14. But it sure beats being out of the hunt, which is where they were in early November before winning four of their last five games.

So here they are, at 7-6 and clinging to faint playoff hopes after their 31-24 victory Thursday against the Cowboys. They insist they’re focused only on next Sunday’s game against the Packers at Lambeau Field.

For what it’s worth, the New York Times’ NFL playoff calculator handicaps the Bears’ playoff chances at 5%. But you don’t need that to understand how their place in the NFC standings (eighth) and the remaining schedule for every team probably means they won’t be playing in January.

That said, the Bears can’t be eliminated in Week 14. Their best chance of making the playoffs — albeit a long shot — is to catch the Vikings for the sixth seed (and second wild-card berth).

The Vikings (8-4) lead the Bears by 1½ games entering their home game Sunday against the Lions. The Vikings’ magic



JOHN FROSCHAUER/AP

Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins walks off the field after the team lost to the Seahawks 37-30 on Monday.

number to finish ahead of the Bears is 3 — meaning any combination of Vikings wins and Bears losses that totals three will ensure the Vikings place ahead of the Bears. So at this stage, Bears fans should be rooting hard against the Vikings. And the Rams (7-5), who are seeded seventh and have a head-to-head tiebreaker over them.

Playoff picture

NFC standings
(Top two seeds get first-round byes; division winners are top-four seeds; seeds 5 and 6 are the wild-card teams)

- 1. Saints (10-2)** vs. 49ers
- 2. Seahawks (10-2)** at Rams
- 3. Packers (9-3)** vs. Redskins
- 4. Cowboys (6-7)** lost to Bears on Thursday
- 5. 49ers (10-2)** at Saints
- 6. Vikings (8-4)** vs. Lions

- 7. Rams (7-5)** vs. Seahawks
- 8. Bears (7-6)** beat Cowboys on Thursday
- 9. Buccaneers (5-7)** vs. Colts
- 10. Eagles (5-7)** vs. Giants, Monday

Scoreboard watching

Lions at Vikings, noon Sunday: Again, the Bears’ best path to the playoffs goes past the Vikings, so the Vikings need to lose. But they’re 5-0 at home this season and 13-point favorites against the Lions team the Bears beat twice in November.

Redskins at Packers, noon Sunday: The Packers haven’t clinched the NFC North. They also haven’t eliminated the Bears from winning the division. A win Sunday wouldn’t even accomplish that. But if they’re going to collapse, losing at home to the Redskins as 12½-point favorites would be the way to start.

Seahawks at Rams, 7:20 p.m. Sunday: The Rams lead the Bears by a half-game and have secured the tiebreaker because of their head-to-head win Nov. 17. So the Bears have to make up 1½ games in the standings to qualify for the playoffs.

Giants at Eagles, 7:15 p.m. Monday: The Eagles have their eyes on winning the NFC East, which seems to be easier than catching the Vikings in the wild-card race.

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LSU coach Ed Orgeron talks with QB Joe Burrow during the Tigers' victory over Georgia in the SEC championship game Saturday.

LSU 37, GEORGIA 10

Tigers take it easy

QB Burrow leads No. 2 LSU in rout, securing SEC title, spot in national semifinals

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
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ATLANTA — Joe Burrow finished off his likely Heisman Trophy coronation with another dazzling performance and No. 2 LSU locked up a spot in the College Football Playoff for the first time, dominating No. 4 Georgia 37-10 in the Southeastern Conference championship game Saturday.

The Tigers, going for their first national title since 2007 season, will either return to Atlanta or head west to suburban Phoenix for a semifinal game on Dec. 28. Their bowl site and opponent will be announced on Sunday, but they surely made a persuasive case to be the top overall seed in the four-team field.

Burrow was all over the stat sheet for LSU (13-0). He threw for 349 yards and four touchdowns. He was the Tigers' second-leading rusher with 41 yards on 11 carries, often leaving the Bulldogs grasping at air as he twirled this way and that. He even caught a pass on a ball that was batted down at the line and wound up his arms, taking off

for a 16-yard gain.

"Joe is the heartbeat of this team," running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire said.

The Heisman-worthy moment came late in the third quarter. With Georgia (11-2) bringing the heat, Burrow spun to his left to get away from lineman Travon Walker, whirled back to his right to send Walker sprawling to the turf, then delivered a pass on the run while sprinting toward the LSU sideline with another defender in hot pursuit.

"He's a great athlete, man," Georgia safety J.R. Reed said. "We had a lot of plays out there we were supposed to make, and he'd just squeeze out of it."

Justin Jefferson hauled in the throw just beyond midfield and took off down to the Bulldogs 9 for a 71-yard play. Three plays later, Burrow delivered his third TD pass of the game, hooking up with Terrace Marshall Jr., on a 4-yard touchdown pass that essentially finished off the Bulldogs.

Burrow wasn't done. Derek Stingley's second pick of Jake Fromm turned the ball back over to the prolific LSU offense at the 13, and Burrow wasted no time finding Justin Jefferson for an 8-yard TD that sent many in the predominantly Georgia crowd heading for the exits at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

LSU left no doubt it is the king of the

mighty SEC, completing its run through a gauntlet of the league's top teams. The Tigers had already knocked off Alabama, Florida and Auburn. Now, they can add the Bulldogs to the list, ensuring the SEC will only get one team in the national playoff.

LSU came into the game as the second-highest scoring team in the country behind Ohio State. They figured to have a tougher time against Georgia's stellar defense, ranked No. 2 in points allowed, but Burrow kept the Bulldogs on their heels.

It was by far the most points Georgia has given up their season. Until Saturday, they held every opponent under 20 except South Carolina, which stunned the Bulldogs in double overtime nearly two months ago.

There was no such drama in this one.

Marshall hauled in a pair of touchdown passes, also gathering a 7-yard scoring play that propelled LSU to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter. Ja'Marr Chase capped a 75-yard drive on the Tigers' opening possession with a 23-yard touchdown catch.

It was a painful loss — literally — for the Bulldogs, who were making their third straight appearance in the SEC title game.

Two players were carted off the field with apparently major injuries. Fromm twisted an ankle and had to go to the medical tent to get taped up, though he was able to finish the game.

NOTES

Clemson stays perfect, keeps ACC crown

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Trevor Lawrence threw four touchdown passes, three to Tee Higgins, and No. 3 Clemson won its fifth consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference title with a 62-17 victory over No. 23 Virginia on Saturday night.

The defending national champion Tigers (13-0) have won 28 games in a row and head to the College Football Playoff with chance for a third crown in four years.

And while Virginia (9-4) and quarterback Bryce Perkins put forth a game plan that caused the Tigers to sweat early on, there was no stopping Clemson's dazzling set of experienced playmakers led by Lawrence and Higgins on the way to ACC championship game records for points and yards (621).

Lawrence set an ACC title-game record with his four touchdown throws and had 302 yards passing, his second best total this season, and completed 16 of 22 passes before coming out in the third quarter.

Higgins finished with 182 yards receiving yards and the three TDs, both bests in ACC championship game play.

Travis Etienne had 114 yards, his eighth game over 100 yards this season.

Virginia and Perkins appeared to have a game plan to compete with the Tigers, even without leading receiver Joe Reed out due to injury.

Ole Miss hires Kiffin: Lane Kiffin is back in the SEC, taking over at Mississippi.

Kiffin and the Rebels made the announcement Saturday after Florida Atlantic defeated UAB in the Conference USA championship game, the Owls' second league title in his three seasons. It had been college football's worst-kept secret since Friday, and the schools ended all doubt Saturday afternoon by conceding that the deal has been made.

Kiffin went 26-13 in his three seasons at Florida Atlantic and is 61-34 in parts of eight seasons as a college head coach at Tennessee, USC and FAU.

Kiffin, 44, takes over a Mississippi program that hasn't produced a winning season since going 10-3 in 2015 and winning the Sugar Bowl, capping a string of four straight bowl appearances. The Rebels went 4-8 this season.

Kiffin replaces Matt Luke, a Mississippi alum who was fired Sunday after going 15-21 in three seasons.

Pac-12 title game: CJ Verdell ran for 208 yards and broke open the game with two long touchdown runs in the fourth quarter, and No. 13 Oregon spoiled No. 5 Utah's playoff hopes with a 37-15 victory in the Pac-12 championship game Friday night in Santa Clara, Calif.

The Utes (11-2) came into the game hoping to make a case for one of the four playoff spots with a conference title but instead got overmatched by Oregon (11-2) and lost their second straight Pac-12 championship game.

They fell into a 20-0 hole in the first half and then gave up a 70-yard TD run to Verdell after cutting the deficit to 23-15.

AAC title game: Antonio Gibson caught a 6-yard touchdown pass from Brady White with 1:14 left and No. 17 Memphis defeated No. 20 Cincinnati 29-24 in the American Athletic Conference championship game Saturday in Memphis, Tenn.

The victory marked the first time Memphis (12-1) has won the AAC title in its third straight conference championship game. The Tigers now wait for an invitation to the Cotton Bowl as the highest-ranked Group of Five team.

Eight days after beating the Bearcats 34-24 at home in the regular-season finale, Memphis rallied for another win.

Cincinnati quarterback Desmond Ridder, who did not play last week against Memphis, passed for 233 yards and ran for 113 more. He also had a 15-yard touchdown in the first half.

The Bearcats dropped to 10-3.

Mountain West title game: Jaylon Henderson threw for 220 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score to lead No. 19 Boise State to a 31-10 victory over Hawaii in the Mountain West championship game Saturday in Boise, Idaho.

Boise State (12-1) won its second conference title in three years, beating Hawaii again this season after winning the Oct. 12th meeting 59-37. After rolling up 518 yards of offense in the first game, the Broncos leaned on their defense in the rematch.

The Broncos made two defensive stands inside the 5, once in the second quarter and another early in the third.

Hawaii (9-5) was making its first appearance in the title game.

Sun Belt title game: Darrynton Evans scored three touchdowns and No. 21 Appalachian State repeated as Sun Belt Conference champions with a 45-38 victory over Louisiana-Lafayette on Saturday in Boone, N.C.

Evans won the game's MVP for the second straight season.

The Mountaineers (12-1) racked up 416 yards on offense.

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Sooners state case with Big 12 title

After win vs. Bears, they're poised for playoff berth

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ARLINGTON, Texas — No. 6 Oklahoma has done all it can, winning a fifth Big 12 title in a row with another close win over No. 7 Baylor.

Now the Sooners wait to see if they are going to get in back in the College Football Playoff. That is up to the selection committee, though it will be virtually impossible to keep Oklahoma from being one of those four teams.

"I hope they see the Big 12 champions. They've got a job to do, I get that," coach Lincoln Riley said after Oklahoma's 30-23 overtime win Saturday.

"We've had a job to do as a team ... and ultimately win the Big 12 championship," he said. "We've done that."

Rhamondre Stevenson had a 5-yard touchdown run in overtime, and then true freshman Jacob Zenon — whose two long passes in the fourth quarter helped tie the game — was under constant pressure when Baylor got its last chance.

A day after No. 5 Utah lost in the Pac-12 championship game, and before No. 4 Georgia fell 37-10 to No. 1 LSU in the SEC title game, Oklahoma (12-1) became the first team in any league to win 10 conference championship games. It was the 13th Big 12 title overall for the Sooners, who went to the playoff three of the past four seasons.

It was the second time in four games that



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Oklahoma RB Rhamondre Stevenson scores the game-winning TD on Saturday.

Oklahoma beat the Bears (11-2), who in coach Matt Rhule's debut season two years ago lost 11 games with a depleted roster in the aftermath of a scandal that led to the firing of coach Art Briles.

Rhule said Oklahoma should be in the playoff regardless of any other results.

As for his team, Rhule told them to "feel that pain" of watching the Sooners celebrate.

"Let that drive you in the offseason," he said. "But at the same time, also understand what we've done."

The Bears tied the game after Zenon came in during the fourth quarter, the second quarterback used after starter Charlie Brewer left the game in the second quarter following a big hit he delivered on a defender.

There was an 81-yard catch-and-run touchdown by Treستان Ebner with 9:41 left in regulation and a 78-yarder to Chris Platt that set up John Mayers' 27-yarder with 3:25 left to make it 23-all.

"It's not supposed to be easy," Oklahoma QB Jalen Hurts said.

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Bears coach Matt Nagy celebrates with quarterback Mitch Trubisky after the first touchdown of the third quarter against the Cowboys on Dec. 5.

What took you so long?

Trubisky used his legs — and the Bears offense seemed to find a new gear

The last run of Mitch Trubisky's big night Thursday — aside from a final-play kneel — was easily the most fun and a fitting exclamation point on an uplifting performance at Soldier Field. It didn't take all that much either.

On first down from the Cowboys 23-yard line early in the fourth quarter, Trubisky read defensive end DeMarcus Lawrence crashing down on a zone-read play, kept the ball, then cut inside a perfect block from left tackle Charles Leno on safety Darian Thompson.

At that point the Bears quarterback had a surplus of green grass ahead, the benefit of his dangerous legs and one helpless defender to beat. Near the 13-yard line, Trubisky cut back toward the middle of the field. Safety Josh Jones barely got a finger on him. Three other Cowboys tried to come to the rescue but looked mostly like the flummoxed burglars from "Home Alone."

That was that. Trubisky was in the end zone. The crowd was going bananas. The Bears again led by three scores. And teammates were flooding to congratulate their juiced-up quarterback.

"It was the look we wanted," Leno said. "That's the type of look you draw up. A premier look. We were licking our chops." And when that look produced the offense's fourth touchdown of the night, Trubisky remembered celebrating with Leno. He recalled Eddie Jackson lifting him in the air.

"The best part of that for me," Trubisky said, "was how excited my teammates got. Really cool moment."

He couldn't help but feel the full exhilaration of that play and the entire night, a breakout performance in an encouraging 31-24 win. Trubisky threw for 244 yards and three touchdowns. And with that 23-yard run, he scored for just the second time this season.

When the situation called for it, he let his legs do some of the night's most important work. Including the win-sealing kneel, Trubisky ran 10 times for 63 yards. In addition to the memorable touchdown run, there were four key scrambles. Five of Trubisky's runs produced first downs.

He looked like a complete quarterback in full command, taking advantage of a Cowboys defense that left itself too vulnerable.

"There were some openings," Trubisky said, "and I did my job of pulling the ball down and running. I thought I ran smart." Added coach Matt Nagy: "It was very evident that he used (his legs) as a weapon. We saw some things that we liked in regards to the run scheme.

"And, heck, whenever he's able to use his legs like that, he becomes another running back. ... They've got to respect that. They have to understand where he's at. And when you make good decisions and you're able to use your own self as a ball carrier, there are advantages across



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the board."

When the Cowboys arrived at Soldier Field, Trubisky had only 80 rushing yards all season. His averages from his first 10 starts: 2.6 attempts, 8 yards. And then Thursday night happened. Trubisky looked confident on the move. He seemed fully aware of his strengths.

That gave the Bears offense an added dimension. So did the production from the tight ends, with Jesper Horsted and J.P. Holtz combining for seven receptions and 92 yards. David Montgomery (20 carries, 86 yards) ran hard. Allen Robinson caught two Trubisky touchdown passes. Anthony Miller turned a quick-hitter catch at the start of the third quarter into a nifty 14-yard touchdown.

The Bears piled up 382 yards. For the first time since early November 2018, the offense didn't need help to score 30 points.

"I've talked about trying to find that identity and how we were searching for it," Nagy said. "We finally feel like, over the last several weeks, we feel good about where we're at. Are we perfect? No. But we feel good about it."

Part of that identity relies on Trubisky being well-rounded, making good decisions and sharp throws consistently. But it also relies on the athletic quarterback mixing in some running. That helps create rhythm, which helps catalyze scoring drives, which helps generate confidence.

The way the offense played Thursday left Bears fans to consider a series of perplexing questions.

Where the heck has this been? Why couldn't the Bears have discovered these offensive troubleshooting methods a few games sooner? If they had, wouldn't the team that dominated Thursday's game be considered a real threat to make a run deep into January?

At the very least, Thursday's performance will revive the city's imagination. A rivalry clash with the Packers next weekend comes with playoff chatter still alive and a quarterback riding a mini hot streak. Sure beats the alternative.

The Bears have now won four of five. Better yet, the offense is suddenly productive.

"It feels good when you put the hard work in and it comes to life out on the field," Trubisky said. "But for me and this team, that makes us hungrier. And we continue to want that feeling week after week."

On Thursday night, anyway, Trubisky didn't seem to be pressing. He was just playing. Reacting. Creating.

"He's balling out there," Leno said. "That's what I love to see. I don't like when Mitch feels like he's got to make this play or do this and do all that. No, just play ball. Be you. That dude is a baller. He's an improviser. He makes (stuff) happen with his legs. Go out there and do that."

On Thursday night, Trubisky did that. The Bears won in convincing fashion. December got a little more interesting.

Thursday's win over the Cowboys makes one wonder why the Bears hibernated all season

Now that's how it's supposed to be.

That's what the Bears and their fans — and expected — back in the summer when talking Super Bowl. A dynamic, self-sufficient offense. A defense capable of answering the greatest challenges. Special teams that make winning plays instead of losing ones.

It all came together so wonderfully Thursday in the Bears' 31-24 win over the Cowboys, which was not as close as the score indicated.

For the second straight game, Mitch Trubisky was a major reason the Bears won. He accounted for four touchdowns in front of a national prime-time audience.

The defense shut down the NFL's top-ranked offense despite losing another top contributor, inside linebacker Roquan Smith, to a probable season-ending pectoral muscle injury. It amounted to the Bears' most emphatic, complete win of 2019. Sure, it probably arrived too late to resuscitate their faint postseason pulse. But for one night on the lakefront, at least, this season felt fun.

Like, almost 2018 fun.

"You can't fix the past," said receiver Allen Robinson, who caught two of Trubisky's three touchdown passes. "But we can have control of what's in the future for us. That's the next day. We know the situation that we're in."

More specifically, the Bears' spit-and-polished three-game winning streak has them, ahem, "in the hunt." At least, that's the deal according to TV graphics explaining the playoff picture.

They still need the Vikings to collapse to have a shot at playing in January. But that's not the main takeaway Thursday.

For the first time since Oct. 20, the Bears have a winning record, 7-6. This team did not fold or shatter or crumble or however else lesser groups disintegrate when a season goes wayward. That counts for something.

Between the unusually frequent sing-alongs to "Bear Down, Chicago Bears" at Soldier Field, you could hear incredulous voices echoing through the city, asking: "Where the heck has this been all year?"

It's a valid question. Certainly, a tempting one to ask, given the unmet expectations of this season after last year's magic carpet ride to 12-4.

Finding an answer won't vault the Bears upward in the standings. But maybe it would help fans grieve this season and understand why it took 13 games for everything to click.

"It's just the attention to detail, in my opinion," left tackle Charles Leno said. "Our attention to detail is off the charts right now. Guys are locked in more. Guys are focused on their job. They're not thinking about any outside noise or, 'I messed up this play, so I've got to press harder.' If they mess up one play, they move on and get the job done the next play. We're playing carefree, honestly."

Why couldn't they do that earlier? Why



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did pressure or expectations tie them so tightly in knots?

You could bang your head against the wall trying to figure it out. Or you could just adopt a better-late-than-never perspective.

The latter, at least, was the collective mindset inside the happy home locker room as Thursday night turned to Friday morning.

"Players, they play different when you're winning," coach Matt Nagy said. "You play looser. You don't press as much. Right now, the identity between the defense, the offense, it doesn't feel like one of those deals where if we don't hold them to under 14 points, we don't have a chance to win."

Trubisky exemplified that. He ran around Soldier Field and through the Cowboys like it was a schoolyard. His schoolyard.

He rushed nine times for 64 yards, excluding a victory kneeldown. Five of his runs gained a first down, including 23-yard touchdown on a zone-read keeper that made it 31-14 early in the fourth quarter.

"The best part of that for me was how excited my teammates got afterward," Trubisky said. "Really cool moment."

Safety Eddie Jackson came off the bench to celebrate with his quarterback. Receiver Anthony Miller, who caught his first touchdown of the season earlier in the game, also joined the party.

"I told him: You're running stuff," Miller said. "You're proving the doubters wrong. We've been rocking with him this whole time. Finally, everything is clicking."

It's no coincidence the Bears are ascending collectively while Trubisky is individually.

He followed his strong Thanksgiving performance against the Lions by completing 23 of 31 passes for 244 yards, three touchdowns and one interception. His rating was 115.5.

The Bears moved the ball on the opening drive, but Trubisky's ill-advised throw on a play-action keeper to the left was intercepted by cornerback Jourdan Lewis at the Cowboys 1-yard line.

Just as he did against Lions, though, Trubisky compartmentalized the pick and proceeded to play a stellar game.

"He said, 'Forget about it. We're moving down on the next drive,'" Leno recalled. "Then what happened? Touchdown."

In fact, four straight scoring drives followed.

On the other side of the ball, the defense recovered from an 18-play, 75-yard touchdown drive on the opening possession. It gave up 58 yards total on the next five possessions, while the Bears offense pulled away.

Together, the Bears were playoff-caliber. Maybe that hurts some fans a little, given what this season might have been.

But for a team living week to week and fully embracing that approach, it felt as good as it has all year.

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Bears need mobile Mitch

Trubisky seems to be at his best when he's on the move

BY RICH CAMPBELL

The Bears' 31-24 win over the Cowboys on Thursday was their most complete game of the season. The offense scored at least 30 points for the first time this year, finally matching a typical performance from what has been a playoff-caliber defense all season.

Here are four observations from rewatching the Fox Sports telecast via the NFL Game Pass subscription service.

1. Mitch Trubisky's running brought him to life.

More than ever before in 2019, Trubisky resembled the playmaker the Bears believe he can be. His legs seemed to unlock that.

The way he ran around Soldier Field on designed runs, unscripted scrambles and throws scripted to move the passing point ignited his energy, playmaking ability and command of the offense. It got him into a playmaking rhythm that was infectious to teammates and was a major reason why the Bears had their best offensive output of the season.

"He's balling out there. That's what I love to see," left tackle Charles Leno said in the postgame locker room. "I don't like when Mitch feels like he's got to make this play or do this and do all that. No, just play ball. Be you. That dude is a baller. He's an improviser. He makes (things) happen with his legs. Go out there and do that."

Trubisky's legs were his greatest weapon in 2018, the element of the game that scared defensive coordinators most. It forced them to consider abandoning man-to-man coverage in which defenders might turn their backs to the line of scrimmage and lose sight of the quarterback. It forced them to consider assigning a linebacker or safety to spy him, particularly on third down.

That has been missing from his game this season. In Trubisky's first 10 games last year, he had 25 runs for first downs. This year? He had six.

On Thursday, he had five. (The stats are according to profootball-reference.com. I used 10 games because that's how many he had played entering the Cowboys game — with the Sept. 29 Vikings game excluded because he played only six snaps.)

Trubisky entered Thursday with 26 runs for 80 yards, on pace for 112 rushing yards for the season. Last year, he finished with 421.

Against the Cowboys, though, he ran nine times for 64 yards, excluding his victory kneeldown.

"There were some openings," Trubisky said. "I did my job of pulling the ball down and running. I thought I ran smart. ... Had a couple good runs, moved the chains when we needed to. Did my part. All the credit goes to the guys up front for blocking their tails off."

Four of Trubisky's nine runs were scrambles on pass plays; they totaled 32 yards.

Four were designed zone-read option runs for 31 yards, including a brilliantly executed 23-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. The other carry was a successful third-and-1 quarterback sneak.

Let's zero in on Trubisky's scrambles because this gets at his feel for the game, his instincts in the pocket.

To me, the dearth of successful scrambles this season reflects a mental block when Trubisky drops back. We know from 2018 that he can be instinctive when pressured and is athletic enough to make defenses pay. Those decisions to pull the ball down and run aren't predetermined — they're instinctive. Trubisky senses the pocket, feels pressure and reacts accordingly.

So, when the successful scrambles aren't happening, it prompts the question: What is gumming up the gears that trigger those instincts?

Coach Matt Nagy and Trubisky both want him to be a quarterback who also can run, not a runner first. They've said so repeatedly. Has that emphasis prompted Trubisky to consciously or subconsciously put cinder blocks on his feet this season, relatively speaking? I'm not sure even Nagy or Trubisky knows the answer, but Nagy undoubtedly recognizes the advantages to when Trubisky feels the right moment to become a runner. One crucial part of that is Trubisky keeping his eyes downfield on his receivers while he feels the pass rush and pocket with his peripheral vision, knowing how the protection scheme fits



Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky (10) runs the ball during the first quarter against the Cowboys at Soldier Field on Thursday in Chicago.

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the defense on any given play. He did that against the Cowboys as well as he has all season.

Nagy explained Friday how the Cowboys like to run stunts with their defensive line, and how running lanes for Trubisky were created by how ends and tackles crossed on their rushes. But a review of Trubisky's four scrambles shows the Cowboys stunted on only one. One of Nagy's points, however, was that Trubisky's had good pocket presence. That hasn't consistently been the case this season, but there has been noticeable improvement since the Giants game and even as far back as the Chargers game.

"On some passes, instead of pushing sideways to the sideline, pushing vertical up in the pocket," Nagy said. "When you push vertical up into the pocket, you see nothing but green grass, you take off. And that's what he did a few times."

Three of Trubisky's four scrambles are especially noteworthy.

■ **A 5-yard scramble on second-and-3 on the opening drive:** From the shotgun, Trubisky faked an inside handoff while the offensive line simulated a run to the left. Trubisky then sprinted out to the right, trying to take advantage of misdirection.

The route combination included a flood of receivers to the right, which cuts the field down for Trubisky and allows him to see his options in a condensed area. I thought he had Javon Wims open behind a linebacker early in the down, but Trubisky didn't let it rip. He probably didn't feel comfortable with his throwing angle to Wims or the spacing he perceived.

So, Trubisky missed an opportunity to complete a pass for a first down. But what Nagy has to love is how Trubisky turned it into a positive play with his legs. While Trubisky continued running to his right, safety Darian Thompson plastered himself to Tarik Cohen and, in doing so, turned his back to Trubisky. As soon as Trubisky saw the defender's back, he decided to run and gained the first down.

■ **A 13-yard scramble on second-and-9 from the Cowboys 32-yard line on the opening drive:** From the I-formation, Nagy dialed up a shot at the end zone using play-action. By design, the play sent only three receivers out on routes: Allen Robinson on a vertical to the left; fullback Ryan Nall on a wheel route replacing Robinson on the left after pretending to be a lead blocker on a run; and Cordarrelle Patterson as a checkdown option in the right flat after he ran jet-sweep action.

The problem here is that the Cowboys had a good defensive call to defend a deep pass. They rushed only four while dropping seven in zone coverage. So consider the numbers matchup: The Bears kept seven blockers in to protect against a four-man pass rush and they had three eligible receivers against a seven-man coverage.

This happens all the time

within the flow of every NFL game. An offensive play is called, expecting a certain defense, but the defense does something different and shuts it down. That's the chess match, the essence of play-calling.

But here's the thing: Great quarterbacks can turn a disadvantageous play call into a positive play, whether it's within the freedom they have to identify and change the play or by overcoming the disadvantage with their throwing or running ability.

In this case, Trubisky turned the play into a first down with his legs. Despite the Bears' pass-blocking numbers advantage, Cowboys right end Dorance Armstrong managed to get on Leno's edge. Running back David Montgomery made a great diving cut block to take Armstrong down, but Armstrong had pressured Trubisky enough into shuffling in the pocket.

Trubisky kept his eyes up and climbed vertically instead of sideways. That poise was crucial to creating a positive play. Trubisky saw how aggressively and deeply the linebackers had dropped out. They gave him ton of green grass, as Nagy likes to say, and Trubisky's instincts took over from there. He turned a play call that wasn't going to succeed into a new set of downs in the red zone.

"It's hard for Coach Nagy to try to script up perfect plays through 60 minutes," Robinson said. "It's impossible. So a lot of that stuff just has to come down to us making a play and us figuring it out on the fly, whether that's a scramble drill or a couple broken tackles. When you get plays like that, you're going to have success."

■ **A 9-yard scramble on third-and-2 on the opening drive of the second half, which ended in a touchdown:** The play was a designed swing pass to Montgomery to the left, hoping to isolate him on the run against inside linebacker Jaylon Smith.

Smith did well, however, recognizing the play and running underneath Robinson, who cracked Smith at the line of scrimmage, hoping to slow the linebacker enough for Montgomery to get a step on him.

Trubisky might have been able to loft a throw over Smith and hit Montgomery in stride. But he didn't attempt it. He started his throwing motion, but he must not have liked how Smith had pushed up the field.

It worked to the Bears advantage, though, that enough defenders recognized the intent to throw to Montgomery that they flowed hard in pursuit of him. That opened the right side of the field. As Trubisky gathered himself, he recognized the space and took off for a first down. Eight plays later, the Bears reached the end zone and took a commanding 24-7 lead.

It was another example of Trubisky making a play when the one called didn't work. Let's see if he can repeat that in the next three weeks to help keep the

offense rolling against some opponents whose output the Bears will be challenged to match.

2. Let's appreciate Allen Robinson. He's really good.

Robinson caught two touchdowns against the Cowboys, only the fourth time this season a Bears player has scored more than one in a game. (Robinson also had two against the Raiders, Taylor Gabriel had three against the Redskins, and David Montgomery had two against the Eagles.)

Yet at Matt Nagy's news conference Monday, Nagy took 21 questions over 16 minutes before he was asked about Robinson. Robinson scored twice, and, in a way, it didn't move the needle. We just expect him to produce every week. It's almost standard.

Robinson has set that expectation with his quality and consistency in his second season in this offense and his second season removed from reconstructive ACL surgery on his left knee.

What has Nagy learned about Robinson this season?

"You understand what type of player he is in a one-on-one atmosphere," Nagy said. "He's hard to stop."

Robinson consistently wins with his precision and suddenness as a route runner. Both of his touchdowns exemplified this, and so did the crucial defensive-holding penalty he drew on a double move on third-and-9 on the touchdown drive to start the third quarter.

His first touchdown was a 5-yard slant. The stacked release caused cornerback Byron Jones to hesitate and helped create space for Robinson against zone coverage. He used his body to shield Jones, and Trubisky's ball placement away from Jones was crucial. Robinson's second touchdown, just before halftime, was from 8 yards on third-and-goal. The Bears went at inside linebacker Jaylon Smith with Javon Wims on post routes on first and second downs.

On third down, Robinson faked the post and sat his route down. It was not an option route; it was designed for Robinson to sit it down. Robinson was sudden into and out of his break, and he used his body well. Trubisky hit the bulls-eye despite Smith getting his hand in the way. The ball arrived as Robinson turned, which prevented Smith from finding the ball. Impeccable timing between Trubisky and his most trusted receiver.

Robinson enters the final three games with 76 catches for 898 yards and seven touchdowns. That pace would put him at 96/1,105/9 — a fantastic season.

3. David Montgomery's determination to finish runs comes with a pitfall.

To be clear, Montgomery's unwillingness to go down is a positive trait. One of his best, in fact. He refuses to be tackled by one player, and, way more often

than not, it leads to extra yards and positive outcomes. It's also fun to watch.

But his lost fumble against the Cowboys is a warning about the downside to fighting for yards in a way that allows opposing tacklers to show up in numbers. Especially when it doesn't benefit the game situation proportionally to how a turnover would hurt the Bears' chance of winning.

In fairness to Montgomery, a defender put his open hand on Montgomery's facemask. Nagy wanted a penalty call that would've saved the Bears possession. Fox's rules analyst, former NFL official Mike Pereira, said it was a good no-call.

Regardless, defensive coaches and players preach about how the first tackler's job is to get the ball carrier on the ground, and the next guys to arrive are to rip the ball out. That's what the Cowboys did to take the ball away late in the third quarter. Montgomery gained 4 yards after contact on a first-down run in Cowboys territory. His knee was an inch or two from the turf at the 40-yard line, but he pushed himself up and gained another yard. His strength is impressive.

Meanwhile, though, multiple Cowboys arrived, and they ripped the ball out. In a 24-7 game with the Bears on the Cowboys' side of midfield late in the third quarter, a turnover was about the only way the Cowboys could get back in the game.

The Bears don't and shouldn't want to change Montgomery's determination to fight through tackles. But experiences like Thursday's fumble should reinforce how important it is to be cognizant of ball security as he gets gang-tackled and to account for whether it's beneficial to grind for extra yards given the game situation. That would only increase his effectiveness.

4. The Bears executed one of their best screen passes of the season.

Screens have been a problem this season. Timing and spacing issues have wrecked the potential for big gains, instead portraying the offense as disjointed.

And if you said on Labor Day that the longest catch by a Bears tight end through 13 games would be a 30-yard screen to J.P. Holtz, you would have seen some sad and confused faces. For one thing, Holtz wasn't on the roster back then. But, alas, here we are.

Just as Mitch Trubisky's 13-yard scramble in the first quarter occurred on a play that did not match up well against the defensive call, Matt Nagy's call of a screen to Holtz was perfectly timed against the Cowboys' six-man rush. Again, hat's the coaching, play-calling chess match.

"We caught them in a blitz, and sometimes if you run that same play versus drop-eight (in coverage), it's a bad play call," Nagy said. "It ends up being a good play call."

BEARS

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History

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Not only was the 1932 championship the league's first playoff game, it spawned several changes that helped revolutionize the sport and accelerate its ascent to the juggernaut it is today. As the league celebrates its 100th season this year, there is hardly a more vibrant, novel example of its growth than that indoor title game played on a 60-yard field.

That much is evident after a recent day downtown with the microfilm machines on the third floor of the Harold Washington Library. With Twitter and high-definition TV bidding their time to take hold of pro football, no fewer than four Chicago newspapers were there to cover that prehistoric Super Bowl.

Their accounts are a portal to when the NFL was fighting for a place in the national sports consciousness. When punts were the most exciting play pro football had to offer. And when gate receipts were more important than any final score.

"The Bears and Spartans had quite an evening of it, prospecting in the soil strewn out for them by the Stadium redshirts," Marvin McCarthy wrote in the Chicago Daily Times on Dec. 20, two days after the game. McCarthy explained how the Stadium kept its own supply of dirt and repeatedly reused it as a cost-saving measure. Over time, the soil collected an aggregation of sticks, cigar butts, an occasional elephant tusk tip and whatever the circus animals dropped out of their hind ends.

He wrote: "The ball players spent a goodly part of their time picking up these relics and tossing them resoundingly against the white sideboards of the enclosed arena. Thus, it can't truthfully be said that the evening was totally devoid of a bang."

'Sent the dope bucket spinning'

In its 100th season, the NFL is a \$15 billion behemoth with a cultural footprint extending from Soldier Field to the White House to overseas.

In 1932, it was merely a clumsy, rambunctious cub hoping to secure its next meal.

George Halas, the Bears owner and manager (Ralph Jones coached that year), entered the season "surrounded with IOUs," he wrote in his autobiography, "Halas by Halas."

He used notes for \$1,000 to postpone payments to Bronko Nagurski and Red Grange. Nowadays, checks like the one for Khalil Mack's \$34 million signing bonus clear just fine.

By 1932, as the Depression strangled the country, the league had contracted to eight teams from 22 in 1926. There were no divisions and playoffs were unprecedented. The first-place team was the champion. When the Bears (6-1-6) and Spartans (6-1-4) tied in the standings after tying both their meetings, Halas and other league officials sought a playoff for the financial windfall. (Schedules weren't always uniform as the league strove to organize.)

In fact, before Halas mentioned a single detail about the game in his autobiography, he wrote: "The game was a financial success — a capacity house of 11,108."

Would that many paying



Chicago Bears Bronko Nagurski, circa December 23, 1932.

customers have showed up to Wrigley Field?

The previous Sunday, only 5,000 saw the Bears beat the Packers 9-0 on the North Side. About four 4 inches of snow fell the day before and continued through the game, with a wind chill of about 11 degrees. Halas angled to move the game indoors, having at least experienced football in the Stadium during a 1930 exhibition against the Chicago Cardinals.

Cubs President William Veck Sr. released Halas from his pledge to play all home games at Wrigley. Meanwhile, the Spartans agreed to play on the road, knowing their share of the gate in Chicago would be greater than elsewhere.

The move to the Stadium was reported by Chicago newspapers Dec. 16, two days before kickoff.

Howard Roberts of the Chicago Daily News wrote: "...even the hardy pro-grid-ders whom even last week's heavy snow could not daunt, balked at playing on an icy field in sub-zero weather and in comparative privacy."

The venue change prompted X's and O's to foxtrot through the minds of Chicago football scribes.

If you think this year's Bears offense has been tough to watch, consider the 1932 team scored in double digits in only five of 14 games — and still was the NFL's highest-scoring team.

Instead of a regulation-sized field of 120 yards long and 50 yards wide, the Stadium accommodated only 80 by 45. And that included the two 10-yard end zones.

"Indoor Grid to Spur Scoring" read the headline in the Chicago American's game review.

Wilfrid Smith of the Chicago Tribune concurred, writing: "Touchdowns may be more frequent, which should be satisfactory to the customers, and certainly there's sufficient room for Bronko Nagurski to crack a few ribs."

Observers expected the Stadium's ceiling to accommodate punts, which was crucial to fan interest. Open-field returns were among football's main attractions before the forward pass took hold.

Writers also celebrated that the ball would be spotted true to normal rules to start each possession. In the 1930 exhibition, confusion reigned when the ball was moved back 20 yards before each drive to simulate a regulation field.

"We think it better,"

Halas said, per the Daily Times, "than tangling up the customers with a lot of bosh about borrowing 20 yards down at one end of the field, paying it back down at the other."

With those details ironed out, the championship would be contested. Where there was no game on the schedule, suddenly the biggest was set for 8:15 p.m. Excitement and curiosity swelled, creating the spectacle for which Halas and the NFL had hoped.

"Removal of the game from the frozen tundras of the north side into the cozy confines of the big red arena on W. Madison street sent the dope bucket spinning," Roberts wrote in the Dec. 16 Daily News.

"The Bears, with their heavier line, ranked favorite to humble the Spartans on a frozen, slippery field. But all such estimates must be revised now that the Ohio team will have firm footing and comfortable temperature in which to open its bag of tricks."

The 'noble experiment'

George Halas, the businessman, had a problem.

Spartans quarterback Dutch Clark, one of 17 inaugural inductees into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, had not accounted for this extra game. He doubled as the basketball coach at his alma mater, Colorado College, and the school refused his request for leave.

It was the 1932 equivalent of Tom Brady missing the Super Bowl for a modeling side gig.

Halas explained his dilemma, with some 1930s wordplay, in the Daily Times two days before the game.

"If we tell the fans Dutch is coming and he doesn't, then we're in Dutch," Halas reportedly said.

"If we don't advertise it and Clark does show up, we lose the 'draw' of a good drawing card. If Clark comes in, our gate receipts go up. If he doesn't, our chance of whipping Portsmouth is much better. What's your answer?"

But fans turned out anyway to witness what the Daily News dubbed a "noble experiment."

The layout was like a modern indoor game, although today's Arena League uses eight players per side. The 1932 championship was 11-on-11, which,

along with the unreliable footing, undermined the anticipated scoring splurge.

Defenders could simultaneously crowd the line of scrimmage and defend passes because of the narrow boundaries. The teams combined for 28 passes, and there were more interceptions (eight) than completions (five).

For those who didn't make it to the Stadium, the game was broadcast in Chicago on WBBM radio, courtesy of Charles Denby 5-cent cigars.

In Portsmouth, a small industrial town just across the Ohio River from Kentucky, a man named L.T. Henderson read a play-by-play account to people inside Selby Auditorium downtown. Descriptions were wired from the Stadium to Henderson via Western Union, the Portsmouth Daily Times reported.

It's too bad the game was 75 years before the advent of Twitter.

Imagine the commentary and quips, the GIFs and memes.

There was so much material. Like how both teams agreed to ban field goals — including drop kicks, of course — because the field was so short.

Or how every punt and kick except for one landed in the end zone.

When a play finished near a side wall, the possessing team could move it 15 yards toward the center of the field for the price of one down.

Johnny Doehring, the Bears' designated long passer, fired one first-half throw that skipped off a defender's hands and into the crowd.

"The customers dropped hastily in their seats and ducked," McCarthy wrote. He quoted an assistant head linesman saying: "They better get that guy outa there." Doehring was pulled and did not return.

Even with Clark absent, four future Hall of Famers played — Grange, Nagurski, Bill Hewitt and George Trafton.

So did a handful of guys on the 1930s all-name team: Mule Wilson, Ace Gutowski, Father Lumpkin and Tiny Engebretsen. Count Red Grange among them too.

"When the old Galloping Ghost made one spurt in the first period on an end run he was knocked out cold," wrote Lou Diamond in his game story for the Daily Times.

Grange sat out until the fourth quarter, when he asked his way back into the game and caught the winning touchdown.

So much for the concussion protocol.

The championship was decided on fourth-and-goal from the Spartans 2-yard line. Nagurski described the pass in Halas' autobiography, saying he took a couple of steps forward to plunge through the line, but he backed up "a couple of steps" when there was no way through.

Diamond wrote in the next day's Daily Times: "It was here that the Nag brought in a bit of strategy and fooled the boys. Instead of bucking the line, Bronko shot a short pass to Red, who was waiting for the ball with open arms."

Spartans coach Patsy Clark (no relation to Dutch) disputed the pass, insisting Nagurski was not 5 yards behind the line of scrimmage when he threw it, which was required at the time.

Multiple accounts supported Clark's claim. And, well, Al Riveron wasn't yet at his post to rule on the controversy.

The touchdown stood. "Perhaps the officials figured that three yards out of five ought to be about right in a 100-yard game played on a 60-yard field," McCarthy wrote.

The next morning, Chicago's newspapers and major out-of-town publications, such as the New York Times, told of the Bears' first championship in 11 years.

Even though it wasn't front-page news.

The front of the Tribune screamed about a potential \$10 billion loss for the United States involving wartime loans to European countries.

There was a 10-word reference to Smith's sports-section story on the Bears championship, and the font required a magnifying glass.

In the New York Times, the account of the NFL championship competed for space with stories about racquetball, squash and fencing.

Regardless of story placement, however, many scribes did the Bears justice.

"That old and well-established firm of Nagurski and Grange was still doing business at its old stand last night," Jim Gallagher wrote in the Chicago American.

"And as a result the Chicago Bears are the world's professional football champions today."

Best in League

BEARS (9)	SPARTANS (6)
Johnson	L. E.
Huckler	L. Y.
Carham	E. G.
Hillie	E.
Kapcha	R. H.
Hordick	R. Y.
Herrick	H.
Maloney	H.
George	L. H.
Nagurski	E. H.
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Ward	L.

Point after touchdowns—Spartans, 1; Bears, 1.

Penalties—Spartans, 10; Bears, 10.

Penalties for fouls—Spartans, 10; Bears, 10.

Penalties for holding—Spartans, 10; Bears, 10.

Penalties for roughing—Spartans, 10; Bears, 10.

Penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct—Spartans, 10; Bears, 10.

Forward progress.

The game left a lasting impression on thousands who saw pro football up close for the first time and appreciated the protection from the winter weather. Tribune columnist Arch Ward watched with two college coaches — Colgate's Andy Kerr and Northwestern's Dick Hanley.

"Both thought it was high class entertainment, but neither would admit that the champion Bears could whip a championship college team," Ward wrote.

Colgate had been undefeated and unscored upon.

"My Colgate team handles the ball better than either the Bears or the Spartans, and I think we would worry either club with our forward passes," Kerr reportedly said, "but I don't believe we would be able to make much headway with running plays."

The quality of pro football compared to college might have been debatable, but the popularity of each was not. College football predated the NFL by 50 years and was well established. The pro game needed a jump-start. Scores were too low. To that end, the indoor championship game provided some ideas.

At the NFL meetings the following February, owners made several major rule and structure changes.

The league expanded to 10 teams and divided into two divisions, with the winner of each to play for the championship. This lasted from 1933 until 1966 as a precursor to the Super Bowl. Passing would be permitted anywhere behind the line of scrimmage instead of 5 yards back.

Halas wrote in his autobiography: "Patsy Clark's attitude was common: 'Nagurski will pass from anywhere so why not make it legal?' " In 1934, they shrunk the ball to encourage passing.

The first form of hashmarks was established. Following an out-of-bounds play, the ball would be placed back toward the center of the field, and the loss-of-down consequence was eliminated.

Finally, goal posts were restored to the goal line to increase the offense's field-goal range and boost scoring. The impact of those changes was slowly but steadily transformational; the trend toward offense continues to this day. Fans at the Stadium that night might find today's game dizzying.

Virginia McCaskey marvels for another reason. Years ago, when she inherited a cousin's box of ticket stubs, one from the 1932 indoor game stood out.

"His ticket was a dollar and a quarter for a second balcony seat," McCaskey said. "I took it to one of the Super Bowl games to show Pete Rozelle (the late NFL commissioner). By that time, the Super Bowl tickets were up to \$100."

\$100 One hundred dollars for a Super Bowl ticket. Imagine that.

BULLS

BULLS TAKEAWAYS

LaVine not shying from final shots

BY LAMOND POPE

The Bulls had the ball in the right player's hands Friday night against the Warriors. They just didn't get the result they had hoped.

Zach LaVine missed a 29-foot potential winning shot from the left wing with 2 seconds remaining, and the lowly Warriors held on for a 100-98 victory in front of 18,841 at the United Center.

The Bulls led throughout much of the game but were outscored 23-15 in the final quarter to see their two-game winning streak come to an end. The Warriors (5-19) snapped a four-game losing streak and won for just the second time in nine games. Both victories came against the Bulls (8-15).

Here are three takeaways from another rough Bulls loss.

1. Zach LaVine didn't shy from the moment.

LaVine wanted to be in that situation. Down two, 13 seconds to go, and he has the ball with a chance to win.

He worked the clock to 2 seconds and launched the 3-point attempt that hit the back of the iron.

"I just wish I made it," LaVine said. "That's the main thing. I got a good look at it."

Would it have been wiser to take a shot with a little more time left for a second-chance opportunity? LaVine didn't think it came too late.

"I've had games where I've gone to the hoop and got fouled and scored a two and we tied it up and we went on to win or we went on and lost," he said. "I just thought it was a good shot. I'll take it again and the next time I'll think I'll make it too."

LaVine has been clutch in the past, as his game-winner against the Hornets on Nov. 23 would illustrate.

It just didn't work out Friday.

While coach Jim Boylen said the "timing of it maybe could have been better," he acknowledged that "it's a rhythm thing."

"It's how you feel," Boylen said. He's done a good job of that and I believe in him in that situation and (Friday) it didn't go down. We'll learn from it and move on."

2. Emotions cut short Denzel Valentine's productive night.

Valentine said he never had been ejected from a game at any level.

"Little league, middle school, high school," he said.

That streak ended Friday when he was ejected after receiving his second technical with 7:50 remaining in the game.

Valentine received the first technical after exchanging words with the Warriors' Omari Spellman with 28.7 seconds left in the third quarter. Valentine was on the bench in the fourth quarter when general trash talking continued. Valentine received the second technical, and his night was over.

"It was just two teams playing hard," he said. "Some words were exchanged. Sometimes the game does that. It just depends on the night."

It was costly for the Bulls.

The ejection cut short a productive game. Valentine scored 11 points on 4-of-8 shooting in 13 minutes. He also had two rebounds and two assists.

"The game of basketball had been taken away from me for a year and now I'm getting to play," said Valentine, who missed all of last season after left ankle surgery. "I'm playing with passion. I'm playing with emotion. That's what I did (Friday)."

3. The offense disappeared down the stretch.

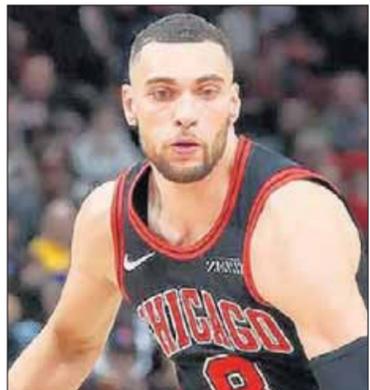
Lauri Markkanen had a big first half, scoring 17 of his 20 points before intermission.

The third quarter belonged to LaVine, who poured in 15 of his game-high 22 points.

The Bulls led 83-77 at the end of the third quarter. The offense disappeared in the fourth. And so did the lead.

The offense just didn't click in crunch time.

"We got in the penalty early in the last two games in the fourth (quarter), we did not do that (Friday)," Boylen said. "That had something to do with it. We missed some plays at the rim and we missed some open looks. We had some stagnant possessions. Credit them for that and some of that is us."



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Zach LaVine scored 22 points against the Warriors on Friday.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

Ayo Dosunmu reacts after he was called for traveling against Maryland on Saturday.

NO. 3 MARYLAND 59, ILLINOIS 58

Illini cough up big lead to Terps

Illinois falls apart late, scores 1 point in final 4:33

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Illinois looked poised for a huge road win but squandered its big chance down the stretch in a 59-58 loss at No. 3 Maryland in both teams' Big Ten opener Saturday.

The Illini led 39-25 at halftime and pushed their lead to 15 in the second half. But they were outscored 11-1 in the game's final 4 minutes, 33 seconds.

Illinois still led by three points with a minute left. The Terrapins' Aaron Wiggins missed a 3-pointer with 33 seconds left, but Darryl Morsell grabbed the offensive rebound and Maryland called timeout. Anthony Cowan Jr. tied the score with a 30-footer with 19 seconds to play.

The Illini had a chance to hold for the final shot, but Cowan stripped the ball from Andres Feliz in the final seconds, and he was fouled in the scrum for the ball by Feliz with 2 seconds left. Cowan made the first free throw and missed the second intentionally for the win.

"That one was one hard," Illinois coach Brad Underwood said. "I'm not going to lie."

The Terrapins (10-0, 1-0) didn't lead after halftime until Cowan's free throw but matched their best start since winning 10 straight to open the 1998-99 season.

The loss for Illinois (6-3, 0-1) was a reverse image of its disappointing defeat to Miami in the Big Ten-ACC Challenge on

Monday in Champaign. In that game, the Illini fell behind by 25 points only to have a chance to win on their final possession. They didn't get off a shot in that situation either, as Ayo Dosunmu was called for a charge down by one in the final seconds of an 81-79 loss.

Trent Frazier scored 13 points for Illinois, which nearly claimed its first road victory over a top-five team since 1989. The Illini have lost 15 consecutive road games against ranked teams and six straight conference openers. Feliz added 11 points against the Terrapins. Kofi Cockburn had nine points and eight rebounds, and Georgi Bezhaniashvili scored six points.

Both big men were saddled with foul trouble in the second half as Maryland came up with some key offensive rebounds that aided its comeback. Cowan had 20 points, seven rebounds and six assists, and Jalen Smith (14 points, 13 rebounds) recorded his sixth double-double of the season for Maryland.

"We have to be better," Cowan said. "We obviously didn't play our best game. We're here to win a championship. This is a good win. Not to take anything away from Illinois, they played a great game."

Donta Scott's basket with 1:45 remaining got Maryland within 57-55, and Frazier split two free throws 2 seconds later to put Illinois up by three before Cowan's big shot.

"Right when he shot it, it looked perfect," Maryland coach Mark Turgeon said. "I knew it was in, and that's just kind of what he does."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Baylor wins 'road' game at home

Associated Press

MaCio Teague heard the crowd with No. 18 Baylor at home and tipping off about the same time the Bears' football team started the Big 12 championship game 100 miles north of campus.

It wasn't hard for the sophomore guard to figure out which squad many of those fans were there to watch: 12th-ranked Arizona.

"It felt like a road game," Teague said after scoring 19 points in the Bears' 63-58 victory Saturday. "Especially when they did the, 'U of, U of A,' whatever they were doing. I heard it. It was pretty loud in there."

Freddie Gillespie had 17 points and 13 rebounds as the Bears (7-1) handed the Wildcats their first loss.

Admission was free at Baylor's campus arena because of the Big 12 title game against Oklahoma at the home of the Dallas Cowboys.

It was supposed to be the first true road game for the Wildcats (9-1), but their fans might have outnumbered the Baylor contingent. As Teague heard, they loudly chanted "U of A" before the Baylor introductions but had a hard time getting into the game early, with Arizona giving up a 15-0 run and shooting 33 percent in the first half.

The Wildcats, whose 52-game home winning streak was stopped by Baylor last December, did enough to stay close despite shooting 27% and had the fans chanting several times in the second half.

Arizona finally got the deficit under six by scoring five points on one possession to get within 57-56 with less than two minutes remaining. Jemarl Baker Jr. hit a 3 as a foul was called and Zeke Nnaji

made both free throws.

Teague, who was 9 of 10 on free throws, made a pair at the other end, then blocked a 3-point attempt by Nico Mannion, who led the Wildcats with 15 points. Leading by four, Baylor got another block from Gillespie in the final minute.

Nnaji scored 12 for Arizona, which made just two of 18 3-pointers after coming in sixth in the nation at 43% shooting from long range. The last miss came from Josh Green with a chance to tie in the final seconds.

"We hung in there," Arizona coach Sean Miller said. "To have an opportunity late in the game that's what you really hope can happen on the road. It was just bizarre how we got to that point because it certainly wasn't because of our offense."

Around the nation: EJ Montgomery scored a career-high 25 points, Keion Brooks added 15 off the bench and Kentucky (7-1) dominated Fairleigh Dickinson 83-52 for its 600th victory at Rupp Arena. ... Precious Achiuwa scored eight of his 14 points in the final 4 minutes to rally No. 15 Memphis to an 65-57 win at UAB. The Tigers (8-1) trailed 17-0 early and 40-26 at halftime. ... Aaron Thompson and Sean McDermott each scored 16 points to lead No. 24 Butler to a 76-62 win over visiting Florida. Thompson made 6 of 7 shots and delivered seven assists for the Bulldogs (9-0). ... Kaleb Wesson scored 28 points and had 10 rebounds for his ninth career double-double, and No. 6 Ohio State (9-0, 1-0 Big Ten) scored 43 points in the game's final 12 minutes to rout visiting Penn State 106-74. The Buckeyes scored 100 points against a Big Ten rival for the first time since 1991.

BLACKHAWKS

BLACKHAWKS TAKEAWAYS

Goalies, Kane still reliable

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

Just when it seemed time to give up on the Blackhawks and start making vacation plans for early April, they lured fans back in.

The Hawks somehow came back from a difficult two-game trip with a pair of tense victories, pulling them within three points of the final Western Conference wild-card spot and restoring fan interest just when the United Center started to have all the excitement of a public library.

Hold off on buying playoff tickets. The Hawks are still in last place, and a healthy dose of skepticism should accompany any win, including Thursday's 4-3 overtime victory against the Bruins, one of the NHL's best teams.

But the Hawks should stick around long enough to keep the season interesting. Here are five reasons they will stay in the playoff picture and perhaps make their first postseason appearance in three seasons.

1. Patrick Kane is a sure thing.

It's remarkable that the Hawks haven't fallen by the wayside with Jonathan Toews, Alex DeBrincat, Erik Gustafsson and Andrew Shaw all having dramatically worse offensive seasons than expected.

The reason is Kane, who is once again doing what the Hawks have come to expect of him — and what opponents fear. He leads the Hawks by a wide margin in goals (14) and assists (21) and is averaging more than a point per game.

Jeremy Colliton wisely has kept Kane's minutes somewhat in check, preserving him for the stretch run when he might start playing 23-24 minutes per game. Kane is down to 21 minutes, 28 seconds, just off the pace of his career-high 22:29 last season. He has 35 points in 29 games, just shy of a 100-point pace but close to last season, when he finished with 110.

As long as Kane remains healthy, the Hawk will have a chance.

2. Their goaltenders will keep them in (nearly) every game.

Robin Lehner and Corey Crawford finally proved to be human this season as each endured a minor slump over the last two weeks.

Lehner was so dominant it was shocking to see him get pulled during a loss to the Avalanche after allowing five goals on 14 shots and failing to win three straight starts. Crawford wasn't pulled but also posted three straight subpar efforts before returning to beat the Devils in a shootout on Friday. He stopped 29 of 30 shots and stonewalled Jack Hughes' shootout attempt to seal the win.

Neither is the sure-thing level of Kane, but the dominant 1-2 tandem that general manager Stan Bowman envisioned when he signed Lehner has come to fruition. There's every reason to believe Lehner and Crawford will continue to play well during the final 53 games of the season.

3. The other Western Conference contenders have been just as streaky as the Blackhawks.

Maybe the best thing going for the Hawks is the mediocrity in the Western Conference this season.

The Wild, Canucks, Sharks and Flames each had 32 points heading into Saturday's games and were tied for the final wild-card spot. The Predators and the Hawks are just below them with 29 points.

While it seemed as if the Predators were a sure playoff team heading into the season, they entered Saturday having gone 4-7-4 over their last 15 games. The Wild were on an 11-game point streak after staring 6-11-1, and the Flames, Canucks and Sharks have been just as hot and cold.

One of these teams likely will emerge from the pack to stake a claim on the final wild-card spot before too long.

And the Hawks are in a stronger position than they were at this time last season, when they were in the midst of their second eight-game losing streak, and seem to have a much stronger team — if they get healthy.

4. The Blackhawks' slumping players won't stay down all season.

Two years ago, Hawks fans feared that Jonathan Toews was entering the twilight of his career after a 52-point season, his worst other than the lockout-shortened 2012-13 campaign. He assuaged those fears with a career-best 81 points last season — but only temporarily, as it turns out.

With five goals and 10 assists, Toews is on pace for 42 points, and his 6.8 shot percentage, which is less than half his career average of 13.9%, suggests it's just a matter of time before he breaks out.

Meanwhile, Alex DeBrincat is starting to get hot. He has goals in consecutive games for the first time this season after a 12-game drought and is displaying the confidence and shot-making ability that led to 69 goals in his first two seasons.

The Hawks also have two wild cards who could spark the offense in rookies Kirby Dach and Alex Nylander. Dach hasn't scored in his last nine games and is without an assist in his last eight. Nylander has one assist in his last 10 games.

These stretches might not be defined as slumps because Dach and Nylander are unproven, and their base level isn't yet known. But if they can turn things around, it would be a huge boost to the Hawks.

BASEBALL

Standing pat can be good too

Best moves sometimes are the ones you don't make



PAUL SULLIVAN
On baseball

When the Cardinals didn't make a move at the trade deadline in July, the reaction in St. Louis was swift and almost universal.

Team President John Mozeliak had blown it.

Two months later, the Cardinals finished

atop the National League Central, fueled by a four-game sweep of the Cubs in late September at Wrigley Field, and went on to the NL Championship Series before falling to the Nationals.

Though he didn't receive many apologies from talk-radio callers afterward, doing virtually nothing paid off for Mozeliak.

As the winter meetings kick off Sunday in San Diego and fans from all 30 teams wait for news of a big-name trade or signing, it's best to remember these three hot stove truths:

- Not every splashy move is the right decision.

- Not every executive who makes a flurry of moves is a certified genius.

- And there are no "winners" or "losers" immediately after the annual hot stove meetings, even as the media (guilty!) continue to employ those designations, suggesting it's a competition that can be objectively ranked.

No matter the spin that emanates from the winter meetings, it might take a year — or more likely years — to fairly evaluate all of the transactions.

Cubs President Theo Epstein spent much of 2018 forced to defend his decision to give Yu Darvish a six-year, \$126 million deal that February. Darvish will enter 2020 as the Cubs' undisputed ace and one of the few pieces Epstein can't afford to part with as he reboots the organization from yoga instructors to All-Stars.

After Darvish looked like a question mark and the Cubs payroll exceeded the luxury tax threshold, Epstein was given no money to spend last offseason. Chairman Tom Ricketts later claimed he had no money to spend. The result was a second straight end-of-season free fall.

Now Epstein has a little more financial leeway and a mandate for change from Ricketts, who sent a letter to Cubs fans after the season declaring: "We share your desire for change and are committed to



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Cubs President Theo Epstein speaks at his season-ending news conference Sept. 30.

building our next championship team."

Though few fans expressed a desire to change the manager — much less the desire for the departure of a favorite such as Kris Bryant, Javier Baez or Willson Contreras — Epstein has begun the reckoning.

Joe Maddon is gone, David Ross is in and everyone now anxiously awaits the next big change Epstein has in mind to try to catch the Cardinals.

After a two-year reign in the NL Central, the Cubs are once again chasing the Cards and Mozeliak, who acquired slugger Paul Goldschmidt and signed free-agent reliever Andrew Miller last offseason while the Cubs looked for some extra couch change.

But fans have short memories, which is why Mozeliak became a walking, talking pinata at the trade deadline for the crime of being inactive.

"The problem with our industry, and probably sports in general, is if you're not signing people, if you're not trading for people, then you're failing," Mozeliak said last month at the general managers meetings in Scottsdale, Ariz. "You can sign people and regret the signing, and people are just like, 'Throw that out and keep trying more.'"

"I do feel like in our particular case, as we were approaching the trading deadline, we certainly had some things in mind we were hoping to accomplish. We weren't able to do it. Rather than looking at it as a failure, it created some other opportunities for others, and they made the most of it. One man's loss is another man's gain."

The old adage about aborted trades that turned out lucky — "The best trade I never made" — no longer seems to apply in the age of Twitter, when success is sometimes judged by the quantity of moves.

Doing nothing leaves a GM open to social media abuse, which Mozeliak said he shrugs off.

"It's just part of the job," he said. "Trying to take it as anything more than that would be foolish on my part because in the next six weeks, there are going to be more of that. Disappointment will be everywhere. That's just a terrible way to think about it."

The White Sox know this all too well after failing to sign free agent Manny Machado last offseason.

They spent much of the winter fending off rumors about their perceived level of interest, and by the time spring training arrived, they were one of the only bidders remaining.

But when the Padres outbid the Sox with more guaranteed money, it created a sense of failure in the minds of some vocal Sox fans, who questioned management's commitment to spending.

Fair or not, that perception was revisited after the 2019 season when former Marlins executive David Samson said Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf once advised him to always finish second to leave fans with the "carrot" of having "one more step to take."

The Sox then started the offseason with a bang, signing catcher Yasmani Grandal to a four-year, \$73 million deal before losing

out on free-agent pitcher Zack Wheeler on Wednesday.

While the Sox won't come out and say the rebuild is over and it's time to contend, the evidence is mounting they intend to try.

Their pursuit of Grandal and Wheeler was much more under the radar than the long, drawn-out pursuit of Machado. And when Wheeler opted to sign a five-year, \$118 million deal with the Phillies, the Sox were happy to let it be known they offered more money — in case anyone thought they were being too frugal or were satisfied being runner-up again in a prominent free-agent signing.

Now that the Sox have shown they're willing to pay the market price for a front-line starting pitcher, it's incumbent on general manager Rick Hahn to reel in a Madison Bumgarner or Dallas Keuchel — or perhaps both — and add a power-hitting right fielder.

Hahn is a motivated shopper. The last time the winter meetings were in San Diego in 2014, he dealt young shortstop Marcus Semien to the A's in the Jeff Samardzija deal that allegedly helped the Sox "win" the meetings.

Samardzija left after one subpar season on the South Side, while Semien finished third in American League MVP voting this year.

Like Hahn, Epstein should have his hands full in San Diego, where he signed Jon Lester during the 2014 winter meetings to signal the beginning of the Cubs renaissance.

Epstein reiterated last month he has no "untouchables," but in a preemptive strike against nonstop Twitter rumors, he warned to take any trade rumor surrounding a current Cub with "a mouthful of salt, not just a grain."

"These guys whose names keep coming up in trade rumors have done a ton for our franchise," he said.

Which is why trading any of them would jolt the clubhouse.

Guessing which Cubs star will be first to go has been ongoing since Maddon and Epstein consciously decoupled on the final day of the season in St. Louis.

Some rumors are bound to become reality.

But what if Epstein bets on new manager Ross as the key ingredient to change, believing the talent is there and the only thing missing was a different voice? What if he makes smaller moves, keeps the core and weathers the storm for one last hurrah in 2020?

It's doubtful, but anything is possible this winter.

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CUBS

Examining the re-sign: outfielder Castellanos

BY MARK GONZALES

If the Cubs were to re-sign Nicholas Castellanos, they would bring back a player who was their most productive hitter for the last two months of the 2019 season after they acquired him in a trade-deadline deal with the Tigers, sparking an offense that had struggled for the first two-thirds of the season.

But "it's a more complicated issue than 'We'd love to have him back,'" team President Theo Epstein said in his end-of-season news conference Sept. 30. Many teams covet Castellanos — and for good reason — and that interest is expected to accelerate at the winter meetings this week in San Diego. Here are the pros and cons of the Cubs re-signing Castellanos:

Pros

If they were to re-sign Castellanos, the Cubs would retain the services of the youngest productive free-agent hitter who thrived at Wrigley Field and set up numerous run-producing opportunities for Anthony Rizzo, Kris Bryant, Javier Baez and Kyle Schwarber.

Castellanos, 27, showed no signs of slowing down.

Since Aug. 1, Castellanos led the Cubs in hits (68), doubles (21), home runs (16) and RBIs (36), and his 11 home runs in August were the most hit by a Cub in that month since Sammy Sosa's 11 in 2002.

From Sept. 13-22, Castellanos batted .375 with nine doubles, two home runs and nine RBIs.

Castellanos has played in at least 148 games in five of his six major-league seasons. He can play left field as well as right.

Castellanos could earn a four-year contract, which would give the Cubs some security with Kris Bryant, Javier Baez and Anthony Rizzo potentially becoming free agents after the 2021 season.

Castellanos also brought a sense of urgency to a team that fell into a "winner's trap" since they had advanced to the playoffs in each of their previous four seasons.

"Sometimes we expected to get it done in September in the second half because we always have," Epstein said. "The last two Septembers have proven you can't take that approach. You have to find a way to grind from the beginning. It's a challenge."

Cons

The Cubs still need a leadoff hitter, although they could opt to rotate those duties as they did the last two seasons.

In 2019, the Cubs produced only a .294 on-base percentage from the leadoff spot. The struggles of Jason Heyward (.252 OBP) and Kyle Schwarber (.304) to reach base from the top spot blemished their rebound seasons. Albert Almora Jr. suffered a significant dip with a .221 on-base mark from the leadoff spot that caused then-manager Joe Maddon to scramble for alternatives.

Signing Castellanos could cost the Cubs \$15 million annually, which could cut into their efforts to address other needs — unless they trade a player with a substantial salary, such as Bryant, Baez or Schwarber.

Re-signing Castellanos would mean Heyward would shift his Gold Glove-caliber defense from right field to center — unless they trade Schwarber and shift Castellanos to left field.

If the price for Castellanos is deemed too steep, the Cubs could opt for a cheaper option in center and allow Heyward to play right.

Fangraphs rated Castellanos as a minus 9 in defensive runs saved and a minus 5.2 ultimate zone rating last season with the Tigers and Cubs. But he remains an attractive free agent to several teams who have more financial flexibility, such as the White Sox.

The Ricketts family was willing to make an exception for him in July and expand their budget to squeeze in his salary's final two months. But this time, the stakes and competition are greater.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	16	5	.762	—
Toronto	15	6	.714	1
Philadelphia	16	7	.696	1
Brooklyn	12	10	.545	4 1/2
New York	4	19	.174	13

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	16	6	.727	—
Orlando	11	11	.500	5
Charlotte	9	15	.375	8
Washington	7	14	.333	8 1/2
Atlanta	5	17	.227	11

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	20	3	.870	—
Indiana	15	8	.652	5
Detroit	10	14	.391	11
Chicago	8	15	.348	12
Cleveland	5	17	.227	14 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	16	6	.727	—
Houston	15	7	.682	1
San Antonio	9	14	.391	7 1/2
Memphis	6	16	.273	10
New Orleans	6	17	.261	10 1/2

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	14	6	.700	—
Utah	13	10	.565	2 1/2
Minnesota	10	11	.476	4 1/2
Oklahoma City	9	12	.429	5 1/2
Portland	9	14	.391	6 1/2

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	20	3	.870	—
L.A. Clippers	16	7	.696	4
Phoenix	10	12	.455	9 1/2
Sacramento	8	15	.381	11
Golden State	5	19	.208	15 1/2

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Dallas 130, New Orleans 84
Philadelphia 141, Cleveland 94
Indiana 104, New York 103
Houston 115, Phoenix 109
Utah 126, Memphis 112

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Denver at Brooklyn, 2 p.m.
Atlanta at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 5 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Washington, 5 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Portland, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
L.A. Clippers at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Utah, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

PACERS 104, KNICKS 103

INDIANA: Sabonis 8-11 3-5 19, Warren 10-19 3-4 25, Turner 3-8 0-0 7, Lamb 5-15 1-1 13, A.Holiday 4-12 2-2 12, J.Holiday 2-5 0-0 6, McDermott 6-11 1-1 16, Bitadze 9-1 0-0 0, McConnell 3-3 0-0 6. Totals 41-85 10-13 104.

NEW YORK: Morris Sr. 9-17 3-3 25, Randle 6-18 4-6 16, Gibson 1-2 0-0 2, Ntilikina 1-5 0-0 2, Barrett 4-11 3-6 12, Knox II 3-6 0-0 8, Portis 2-5 0-0 4, Robinson 6-9 2-2 14, Payton 3-7 2-9, Smith Jr. 9-5 1-2 1, Dotson 4-11 0-10. Totals 39-95 15-21 103.

Indiana	32	34	23	15	-104
New York	27	33	21	22	-103

3-Point Goals—Indiana 12-28 (McDermott 3-4, J.Holiday 2-3, Lamb 2-5, Warren 2-5, A.Holiday 2-6, Turner 1-4, Bitadze 0-1).
New York 10-31 (Morris Sr. 4-8, Knox II 2-4, Dotson 2-8, Payton 1-2, Barrett 1-3, Smith Jr. 0-1, Randle 0-1, Ntilikina 0-2, Portis 0-2).
Fouled Out—None.
Rebounds—Indiana 42 (Sabonis 15), New York 52 (Randle 12).
Assists—Indiana 26 (McConnell 11), New York 24 (Payton 7).
Total Fouls—Indiana 17, New York 14. A—19,110 (19,812).

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	20	4	6	46	105	73
Florida	14	9	5	33	100	98
Buffalo	13	11	6	32	93	93
Montreal	13	11	6	32	97	102
Toronto	14	13	4	32	100	103
Tampa Bay	14	10	3	31	102	87
Ottawa	12	17	1	25	79	95
Detroit	7	21	3	17	66	124

METRO	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	22	4	5	49	115	88
N.Y. Islanders	19	7	2	40	81	68
Philadelphia	17	8	5	39	96	85
Philadelphia	17	9	4	38	103	81
Carolina	18	11	1	37	97	82
N.Y. Rangers	14	11	3	31	88	91
Columbus	11	14	4	26	71	91
New Jersey	9	15	2	23	74	109

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	18	7	6	42	92	83
Colorado	19	8	2	40	107	79
Dallas	17	11	3	37	82	76
Winnipeg	17	10	2	36	84	80
Minnesota	14	12	4	32	90	98
Nashville	13	10	5	31	95	92
Chicago	12	12	5	29	80	89

PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	18	10	3	39	95	90
Arizona	17	10	4	38	85	72
Vegas	15	11	5	35	93	88
Vancouver	15	11	4	34	103	91
Calgary	15	12	4	34	81	92
San Jose	15	14	2	32	87	106
Anaheim	12	13	4	28	77	87
Los Angeles	11	18	2	24	77	102

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Philadelphia 4, Ottawa 3
Vancouver 6, Buffalo 5 (OT)
Colorado 4, Boston 1
Carolina 6, Minnesota 2
Tampa Bay 7, San Jose 1
Toronto 5, St. Louis 2
Florida 4, Columbus 1
Philadelphia 5, Detroit 3
Nashville 6, New Jersey 4
Dallas 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
Calgary 4, Los Angeles 3

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Anaheim at Winnipeg, 2 p.m.
San Jose at Florida, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Vegas, 6 p.m.
Arizona at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Edmonton, 7 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Washington, 6 p.m.
Boston at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 8 p.m.

MAPLE LEAFS 5, BLUES 2

Toronto	4	1	0	— 5
St. Louis	1 <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>— 2</td>	0	1	— 2

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Toronto, Hyman 4 (Marner), 2:50. 2, St. Louis, Barbashev 5 (Thomas), 4:25. 3, Toronto, Matthews 17 (Nylander), 6:51. 4, Toronto, Hyman 5 (Engvall), 9:12 (sh). 5, Toronto, Spezza 4 (Kapanen, Rielly), 12:57 (pp).
Penalties: Rielly, TOR, (tripping), 7:56; Walker, STL, (holding), 11:28; Spezza, TOR, (high sticking), 16:43.

SECOND PERIOD: 6, Toronto, Matthews 18 (Marner), 9:29 (pp).
Penalties: Kerfoot, TOR, (delay of game), 5:51; Dunn, STL, (interference), 8:48; Holl, TOR, (hooking), 10:15.

THIRD PERIOD: 7, St. Louis, Perron 12 (O'Reilly, Pietrangelo), 2:02.
Penalties: Brouwer, STL, Major (fighting), 2:59; Dermott, TOR, Major (fighting), 2:59.

SHOTS ON GOAL: Toronto 12-5-10—27. St. Louis 8-11-9—28.

POWER PLAYS: Toronto 2 of 2; St. Louis 0 of 4.

GOALIES: Toronto, Andersen 14-7-3 (28 shots-26 saves).
St. Louis, Allen 5-1-2 (16-15), Binnington 13-6-4 (11-7).
A: 18,096 (19,150). T: 2:24.
Referees: Peter MacDougall, Wes McCauley.
Linesmen: Ryan Gibbons, Trent Knorr.

GOLF

HERO WORLD CHALLENGE

4th of 4 rds; Albany; Nassau, Bahamas; 7,209 yds; Par 72	Score
270 (-18)	\$1,000,000
Henrik Stenson	69-67-68-66
271 (-17)	\$400,000
Jon Rahm	70-66-69-66
272 (-16)	\$250,000
Patrick Reed	66-66-74-66
274 (-14)	\$175,000
Tiger Woods	72-66-67-69
275 (-13)	\$147,500
Justin Rose	69-70-71-65
Justin Thomas	69-69-67-70
276 (-12)	\$137,500
Kevin Kisner	71-70-70-65
Gary Woodland	66-69-68-73
278 (-10)	\$125,000
Rickie Fowler	69-69-72-68
281 (-7)	\$115,000
Tony Finau	79-68-69-65
Xander Schauffele	73-70-70-68
Webb Simpson	73-68-71-69
283 (-5)	\$109,000
Chez Reavie	68-73-69-73
284 (-4)	\$108,000
Matt Kuchar	71-70-70-73
285 (-3)	\$107,000
Bryson DeChambeau	76-71-70-68
286 (-2)	\$106,000
Jordan Spieth	75-70-69-72
288 (+2)	\$105,000
Patrick Cantlay	74-72-71-71
289 (+1)	\$100,000
Bubba Watson	72-73-71-73

AFRASIA BANK MAURITIUS OPEN

3rd of 4 rds; Heritage GC; Bel Ombre, Mauritius; 7,111 yds; Par 72	Score
200 (-16)	68-64-68
Calum Hill	67-66-67
Thomas Detry	67-67-66
Antoine Rozner	67-67-66
201 (-15)	67-67-67
Sihwan Kim	66-69-66
Rasmus Hojgaard	66-69-66
202 (-14)	66-67-69
Brandon Stone	69-67-66
Renato Paratore	68-66-69
203 (-13)	68-66-69
Connor Syme	67-68-68
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	66-68-70
204 (-12)	68-67-69
Benjamin Hebert	71-65-68
Soren Kjeldsen	66-71-67
Ashun Wu	66-71-67
Grant Forrest	69-70-66
205 (-11)	69-70-66
Oliver Bekker	69-70-66
Thriston Lawrence	72-65-69
206 (-10)	70-70-66
Louis de Jager	71-67-68
Lee Slattery	73-68-65
Julien Guerrier	70-71-67
Robin Sciot-Siegrist	70-71-67
208 (-8)	70-71-67
Johannes Veerman	70-69-72
211 (-5)	70-69-72
John Catlin	72-69-72
213 (-3)	72-69-72
Seungjae Maeng	

EMIRATES AUSTRALIAN OPEN

3rd of 4 rds; The Australian GC; Kensington, Australia; 7,207 yds; Par 71; a-amateur	Score
200 (-13)	67-65-68
Matt Jones	69-65-69
203 (-10)	65-69-70
Cameron Tringale	68-66-70
204 (-9)	68-65-71
a-Takumi Kanaya	70-71-64
Louis Oosthuizen	69-65-71
Paul Casey	70-71-64
205 (-8)	69-65-71
Jamie Arnold	69-67-70
Denzel Jeremia	69-67-70
206 (-7)	69-67-70
Aaron Pike	68-68-70
Marc Leishman	69-67-70
Blake Windford	68-68-70
Brett Rumford	69-67-70
Shaun Woolls-Cobb	69-65-72
207 (-6)	72-67-68
Richard Green	68-68-71
Jason Scrivener	71-66-70
David Bransdon	67-66-75
208 (-5)	75-66-71
Dimitrios Papadatos	
ALSO	
212 (-1)	75-66-71
Smylie Kaufman	

FATHER/SON CHALLENGE

Day 1 at Ritz-Carlton GC; Orlando, Fla.; 6,853 yds; Par 72	Score
58 (-14)	30-28
Team Goosen	
60 (-12)	30-30
Team Langer	
Team Duval	30-30
61 (-11)	30-31
Team Lehman	
62 (-10)	30-32
Team Furyk	
63 (-9)	31-32
Team Clarke	
Team Singh	31-32
Team Trevino	31-32
Team O'Meara	31-32
Team Kite	30-33
64 (-8)	32-32
Team Daly	
Team Harrington	32-32
Team Watson	30-34
Team Janzen	32-32
65 (-7)	32-33
Team Player	
Team Irwin	32-33
66 (-6)	33-33
Team Price	
Team Sorenstam	33-33
67 (-5)	33-34
Team Nicklaus	
69 (-3)	35-34
Team Pate	

ODDS

NBA	SP	O/U	SUNDAY
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Denver	3 1/2	209	at Brooklyn
at Charlotte	3	224 1/2	Atlanta
at Philadelphia	3	210 1/2	Toronto
at Miami	7	212	Chicago
at Wash.	off	off	LA Clippers
at Dallas	7 1/2	216	Sacramento
at Portland	3 1/2	223	Oklia. City
at LA Lakers	off	off	Minnesota

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SP	SUNDAY
at Virginia	5 N. Carolina
Houston	2 at S. Carolina
at Oklahoma St	1 1/2 Wichita St
at Florida St	5 1/2 Clemson
at Valparaiso	1 1/2 Cent. Mich.
at Richmond	7 S. Alabama
William & Mary	2 at Fairfield
at	

NFL

AFC

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
New England	10	2	0	.833	322	145	5-0-0	5-2-0	6-2-0	4-0-0	4-0-0
Buffalo	9	3	0	.750	257	188	4-2-0	5-1-0	6-2-0	3-1-0	3-1-0
N.Y. Jets	4	8	0	.333	204	280	3-3-0	1-5-0	1-7-0	3-1-0	0-4-0
Miami	3	9	0	.250	200	377	2-5-0	1-4-0	2-7-0	1-2-0	1-3-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Houston	8	4	0	.667	293	271	5-1-0	3-3-0	7-2-0	1-2-0	3-1-0
Tennessee	7	5	0	.583	276	234	4-2-0	3-3-0	5-4-0	2-1-0	2-2-0
Indianapolis	6	6	0	.500	261	257	4-3-0	2-3-0	5-6-0	1-0-0	3-2-0
Jacksonville	4	8	0	.333	220	292	2-4-0	2-4-0	4-5-0	0-3-0	1-4-0
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Baltimore	10	2	0	.833	406	219	5-1-0	5-1-0	6-2-0	4-0-0	3-1-0
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	236	225	5-2-0	2-3-0	6-3-0	1-2-0	3-2-0
Cleveland	5	7	0	.417	246	272	3-3-0	2-4-0	5-4-0	0-3-0	2-1-0
Cincinnati	1	11	0	.083	179	298	1-5-0	0-6-0	1-7-0	0-4-0	0-4-0
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Kansas City	8	4	0	.667	348	265	3-3-0	5-1-0	6-3-0	2-1-0	4-0-0
Oakland	6	6	0	.500	237	324	5-1-0	1-5-0	4-4-0	2-2-0	2-2-0
Denver	4	8	0	.333	198	237	3-3-0	1-5-0	4-5-0	0-3-0	2-2-0
L.A. Chargers	4	8	0	.333	244	241	2-4-0	2-4-0	2-7-0	2-1-0	0-4-0

NFC

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Dallas	6	7	0	.462	334	267	3-3-0	3-4-0	1-3-0	5-4-0	4-0-0
Philadelphia	5	7	0	.417	274	284	3-3-0	2-4-0	2-2-0	3-5-0	1-1-0
Washington	3	9	0	.250	173	290	1-5-0	2-4-0	1-3-0	2-6-0	0-3-0
N.Y. Giants	2	10	0	.167	230	339	1-5-0	1-5-0	0-3-0	2-7-0	1-2-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
x-New Orleans	10	2	0	.833	298	248	5-1-0	5-1-0	2-0-0	8-2-0	4-1-0
Carolina	5	7	0	.417	280	320	2-4-0	3-3-0	3-0-0	2-7-0	1-3-0
Tampa Bay	5	7	0	.417	340	346	1-4-0	4-3-0	1-1-0	4-6-0	2-3-0
Atlanta	3	9	0	.250	260	323	1-5-0	2-4-0	0-3-0	3-6-0	2-2-0
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Green Bay	9	3	0	.750	289	255	5-1-0	4-2-0	3-1-0	6-2-0	3-0-0
Minnesota	8	4	0	.667	319	242	5-0-0	3-4-0	2-1-0	6-3-0	1-2-0
Chicago	7	6	0	.538	243	232	4-3-0	3-3-0	1-2-0	6-4-0	3-1-0
Detroit	3	8	1	.292	280	315	2-4-0	1-4-1	1-2-0	2-6-1	0-4-0
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
San Francisco	10	2	0	.833	349	183	5-1-0	5-1-0	3-1-0	7-1-0	3-1-0
Seattle	10	2	0	.833	329	293	4-2-0	6-0-0	3-1-0	7-1-0	3-0-0
L.A. Rams	7	5	0	.583	283	250	3-3-0	4-2-0	2-2-0	5-3-0	1-2-0
Arizona	3	8	1	.292	255	351	1-4-1	2-4-0	1-1-0	2-7-1	0-4-0



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

At 42, Patriots QB Tom Brady has thrown 18 TD passes with six INTs, completing 61.1 percent of his throws this season.

Patriots, Chiefs ready for rematch

BY MARK FARINELLA
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady wanted to make one thing clear: He did not injure his toe during a tryout to become the Patriots' new placekicker.

"Nope, that's not how I hurt it, and I'm not the new kicker," the star quarterback said.

The 42-year-old Brady actually has kicked in the NFL. He's punted three times in 20 seasons, with a long of 48 yards against the Broncos in the 2011 playoffs.

But the Patriots' search for a regular placekicker — Saturday they re-signed Nick Folk, who had an appendectomy last week — will have to go on without Brady, who is focusing his preparation on the Chiefs defense prior to Sunday's home game.

It's a rematch of last season's AFC championship game, a 37-31 Patriots victory in overtime at Arrowhead Stadium.

The Patriots enter at 10-2, having lost 28-22 to the Texans on Sunday in Houston.

The Chiefs are 8-4 and have won their last two games.

The Patriots traditionally bounce back well from losses, and Brady said it was because Bill Belichick puts the team in the proper frame of mind.

"There's been a lot of urgency, I think, both when we win and when we lose," Brady said. "Coach puts us right back into the mode of preparation, and gets us ready to play a game. This is a big one, it's on our schedule next, and it's a big challenge for us."

Brady said there are changes in the Chiefs defense from last year's AFC title game, which was to be expected with the hiring of Steve Spagnuolo as defensive coordinator.

"They have a lot of playmakers and have added some guys that are making a lot of plays for them," Brady said. "(Defensive end) Frank Clark, (safety) Tyrann Mathieu, and they have guys that have been there, (safety Daniel) Sorenson, (cornerback Bashaud) Breeland's a good player, (cornerback Charvarius) Ward was there last year, so, I've got a lot of respect for this defense. They make you earn it."



REED HOFFMANN/AP

Brady says Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes possesses a lot of "great traits."

In the midst of his film study, however, Brady said he couldn't help but be impressed by the play of his opposite number, Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes.

"There's a lot of great traits, as a player and a leader," Brady said. "There are things that he does that are hard to teach."

Despite missing two games with a dislocated right kneecap, Mahomes has thrown for 2,983 yards and 20 touchdowns with just two interceptions, completing 64.5% of his passes.

Brady is averaging 26 fewer passing yards per game and has thrown 18 TD passes with six interceptions, completing 61.1 percent of his passes. "He sees plays to make that a lot of other quarterbacks wouldn't see, just because of his ability to do it," Brady said of the third-year veteran.

"He's just a phenomenal player, and he picked up this year where he

left off last year." Brady, 18 years older than Mahomes, went out of his way at Arrowhead last year to seek out his young foe in the lockers and speak at length with him, something he couldn't do on the field.

"He's a great player and he had a great season," Brady said. "I think that with the celebration and so forth that went on on the field after the game, I didn't get a chance to tell him that. We're all in this sport and we all watch each other play a lot of football. We study everyone and you kind of gain admiration for what they do and how they do it."

"It's not a big group of guys that are doing it at one particular time," he said, "and for five months of my life, I'm pretty much totally dedicated to football and watching tape, and watching quarterbacks do things. We have a lot of things in common."

PREDICTIONS

Week 14

BY SAM FARMER | Los Angeles Times

Last week vs. spread: 9-6-1 | Season: 100-88-4

Ravens (10-2) at Bills (9-3)

Noon Sunday | Ravens by 6 | O/U 44
The Bills have won four of five, but the Ravens are the hottest team in the league.



Ravens 24, Bills 20

Bengals (1-11) at Browns (5-7)

Noon Sunday | Browns by 7 | O/U 41 1/2
The Browns are essentially done, but they're home and Baker Mayfield is enough of a leader.



Browns 27, Bengals 23

Broncos (4-8) at Texans (8-4)

Noon Sunday | Texans by 9 | O/U 42 1/2
Drew Lock gave Broncos some hope, but Romeo Crennel takes away what opponents do best.



Texans 28, Broncos 17

Dolphins (3-9) at Jets (4-8)

Noon Sunday | Jets by 5 | O/U 46
The Jets laid an egg against the Bengals, but Sam Darnold plays better when he's at home.



Jets 33, Dolphins 28

Colts (6-6) at Buccaneers (5-7)

Noon Sunday | Buccaneers by 3 | O/U 47
The Colts are banged up. In each of their last four games, they've failed to score more than 17.



Buccaneers 28, Colts 20

Panthers (5-7) at Falcons (3-9)

Noon Sunday | Falcons by 3 1/2 | O/U 47 1/2
Teams often get a boost after a coaching change. Will the Panthers get one by dumping the beloved Ron Rivera? Doubtful.



Falcons 24, Panthers 23

Redskins (3-9) at Packers (9-3)

Noon Sunday | Packers by 13 | O/U 41 1/2
Coming off back-to-back wins, the Redskins are playing better. But Lambeau Field in December is a really tough place for visitors.



Packers 28, Redskins 17

Lions (3-8-1) at Vikings (8-4)

Noon Sunday | Vikings by 13 | O/U 43 1/2
The Lions are down to their third-string quarterback and the Vikings need to bounce back after a road loss to the Seahawks.



Vikings 31, Lions 20

49ers (10-2) at Saints (10-2)

Noon Sunday | Saints by 2 | O/U 44 1/2
The Saints can stop the run, but this will come down to Jimmy Garoppolo making a few key plays.



49ers 27, Saints 23

Chargers (4-8) at Jaguars (4-8)

3:05 p.m. Sunday | Chargers by 3 | O/U 43
Philip Rivers can't keep going on like this. He busts out of his slump, Melvin Gordon runs well and the Jaguars lose their fifth straight.



Chargers 28, Jaguars 24

Steelers (7-5) at Cardinals (3-8-1)

3:25 p.m. Sunday | Steelers by 2 | O/U 43 1/2
We'll see what kind of bounce-back pride the Cardinals have. Kyler Murray will have his hands full with this loaded Steelers defense.



Steelers 28, Cardinals 17

Chiefs (8-4) at Patriots (10-2)

3:25 p.m. Sunday | Patriots by 3 | O/U 49
It's tough for visitors to win at Gillette Stadium, but the Pats were light on weapons in Houston, and the Chiefs defense is looking better.



Chiefs 31, Patriots 27

Titans (7-5) at Raiders (6-6)

3:25 p.m. Sunday | Titans by 3 | O/U 47 1/2
The Raiders had embarrassing flops two weeks in a row. One is bad, two is troubling. Ryan Tannehill has the Titans quietly rolling.



Titans 28, Raiders 23

Seahawks (10-2) at Rams (7-5)

7:20 p.m. Sunday | Rams by 1 | O/U 47 1/2
The Rams finally put a complete game together. Granted, it was vs. the Cardinals, but Aaron Donald gives Russell Wilson problems.



Rams 31, Seahawks 28

Giants (2-10) at Eagles (5-7)

7:15 p.m. Monday | Eagles by 9 1/2 | O/U 45 1/2
This could be a storybook game for Eli Manning, but he's more likely to be a sitting duck for a team that has lost eight in a row.



Eagles 31, Giants 24

WEEK 15

THURSDAY, DEC. 12
N.Y. Jets at Baltimore, 7:20 p.m.
SATURDAY, DEC. 14
Denver at Kansas City, Noon
Tampa Bay at Detroit, Noon
Houston at Tennessee, Noon
Miami at N.Y. Giants, Noon
Seattle at Carolina, Noon
Chicago at Green Bay, Noon
New England at Cincinnati, Noon

SUNDAY, DEC. 15
Philadelphia at Washington, Noon
Cleveland at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Chargers, 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 7:20 p.m.
MONDAY, DEC. 16
Indianapolis at New Orleans, 7:15 p.m.

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Best of the arts 2019

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Every December, the writers and critics of A+E look back and sum up the year. This Sunday is the first of our Best of 2019 special sections, with the best in books and recorded music.

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- Greg Kot's best local and indie recordings.
- Best performances in Chicago theater in 2019.

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- Plus in memoriam for the decade: who we lost in the 2010s.

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DEC. 27 in ON THE TOWN

- Best live concerts in Chicago in 2019.

DEC. 29 in SUNDAY A+E

- The Tribune's Chicagoans of the Year in the Arts.

Looking back at crimes that inspired 'Chicago'

BY RICK KOGAN

Editor's note: The following is the prelude to the new Chicago Tribune book "He Had It Coming," which tells the true stories of four women on "Murderess Row" in 1920s Chicago who inspired the characters of the hit play and film "Chicago." This book is available now exclusively at the Chicago Tribune Store.

The first murder in the notoriously bloody history of Chicago took place on June 17, 1812, when a quarrel broke out between two fur traders. They were Jean La Lime and John Kinzie. The latter fatally stabbed the former, fled to Canada, got away with the crime, and became one of the city's most prominent early residents.

Over the next century and beyond, most of our local murderers have been men. So were most of their victims. But women be-

gan to get into this nasty business soon enough and by the 1920s they were sufficient in number to occupy their own section in the Cook County Jail.

This was a decade thick with larger-than-life characters living in a world of gangland violence, bootleg liquor, celebrity, sex, art and music. Morals were loosening, societal bonds relaxing, and the combination of bootleg gin and guns was becoming an increasingly dangerous one.

There were plenty of stories to fill the pages of the many daily and weekly newspapers in the city, all of them fighting for readers and for those unusual stories — man bites dog — that would grab their eyes.

Female killers perfectly fit that bill. You would have heard then, as you can now, that female murderers are rare. True enough, and that is why the media (which in the 1920s meant exclusively

Why Did Five Chicago Women Commit Murder?



"Why Did Five Chicago Women Commit Murder?" asks the Muncie Evening Press on April 25, 1924.

newspapers) eagerly sensationalized their crimes. (The latest available statistics from the U.S. Department of Justice, covering the years 2003-2012, show that 88% of homicides are

committed by men).

In this remarkable book you will read about some of the more "interesting" of these women, a group that comprised "Murderess Row," a then-new section of the

County Jail reserved for women waiting to stand trial for murder. In 1924, there were more than a dozen women there, most accused of killing a husband or lover. And, thanks to the deep and vivid archives of the paper, you will see them too.

In general, the mood from cell to cell was surprisingly sunny. The women received fan mail and flowers. Some cut one another's hair, gave one another manicures, and discussed cosmetics and fashion. These "damsels" did not feel in any great distress, knowing there was a longstanding tradition of all-male juries failing to convict attractive females of murder, despite what was often a mountain of the evidence.

As uncommon as were female killers, so were female newspaper reporters. Newspapering at the time was a raucous and male-

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BEST OF THE ARTS | 2019

JAZZ RECORDINGS

Artist creativity evident in 2019's best

BY HOWARD REICH

The creativity of today's jazz artists never ceases to amaze, as this year's best recordings attest:

Patricia Barber: "Higher" (ArtistShare). Listeners have come to expect surprises from singer-pianist-songwriter Barber, who's in residence Monday nights at the Green Mill when she's not on tour. But "Higher" pushes against convention more boldly than even Barber's more ardent fans might have anticipated, particularly in the song cycle at the heart of this recording, "Angels, Birds and I..." The long-gestating work distills Barber's art to its essence, expressing hope, desire, grief and more in meticulously crafted melody and lyrics, and exquisitely ambiguous harmony. A tour de force in all regards.

Miguel Zenon: "Sonero" (Miel Music). Alto saxophonist Zenon has received wide and deserved acclaim — including a MacArthur Fellowship — for illuminating links between jazz and the folkloric music of his native Puerto Rico. His ventures into this fertile realm continue with "Sonero," subtitled "The Music of Ismael Rivera." On these tracks, which open with a snippet of Rivera's singing, Zenon and his long-running quartet explore music associated with Rivera and take it to distant places via jazz improvisation. Even apart from the recording's theme, the music proves gripping, thanks to the ease and eloquence with which these four musicians communicate.

Greg Ward's Rogue Parade: "Stomping Off From Greenwood" (Greenleaf Music). The title evokes the rambunctious spirit of saxophonist Ward's album, but there's more to this



ERIN HOOLEY/TRIBUNE 2017

Chicagoan Dee Alexander sings the lesser-known tunes of Billie Holiday on her new LP "It's Too Hot for Words."

music than just its high-level energy. Ward's unusual instrumentation, unorthodox sonorities and intricately layered music-making give listeners a great deal to ponder amid all the hyperactive improvisation. Ward's signature tone on alto — keen and penetrating yet remarkably supple — captivates the ear.

Anat Cohen Tentet: "Triple Helix" (Anzic Records). Cohen ranks among the world's most compelling clarinetists, and here she takes on an Everest: the world premiere recording of the title work, Oded Lev-Ari's Concerto for Clarinet and Ensemble. The piece stands as a significant addition to the clarinet repertoire, but it's just the high point of an album bursting with the spirit

of invention.

David Sanchez: "Carib" (Ro-peadope/Melaza Music). Like Miguel Zenon, Puerto Rican tenor saxophonist Sanchez long has stood at the forefront of digging deeply into Afro-Caribbean musical roots. "Carib" probes Puerto Rican and Haitian influences with extraordinary insight, Sanchez's singularly plush tone on tenor intertwined with many rhythmic strands.

Vijay Iyer, Craig Taborn: "The Transitory Poems" (ECM Records). What happens when two of today's most innovative and skilled pianists perform together in concert? Iyer and Taborn offered a deeply satisfying answer in this release, recorded live at the

Liszt Academy in Budapest. By turns pensive and disruptive, agitated and calm, the music ceaselessly engages attention, thanks in part to the pianists' virtuosity and sensitivity.

Herlin Riley: "Perpetual Optimism" (Mack Avenue). A national treasure steeped in the musical rituals of his native New Orleans, drummer Riley brings a great deal of that city's joy and love of life to this recording. Beyond that, though, the intricacies and subtleties of his work — carried forward by a fine band featuring pianist Emmet Cohen, bassist Russell Hall, saxophonist Godwin Louis and trumpeter Bruce Harris — make this an important document of Riley's incalculable value to jazz today.

Dee Alexander: "It's Too Hot for Words" (Delmark Records). Pair Chicagoan Alexander's stylistically versatile vocals with Jim Gailloro's glistening arrangements for the Metropolitan Jazz Octet, and you have new ways of appreciating Alexander's art. All the more because she takes on music associated with Billie Holiday, but not the most obvious songs (with the exception of "Strange Fruit," delivered here on a nearly operatic scale). Alexander's voice produces fascinating colors and textures throughout.

Ethan Iverson Quartet with Tom Harrell: "Common Practice" (ECM Records). Any recording that features trumpeter Harrell demands study, especially when he's heard with the translucent accompaniment of pianist Iverson's quartet. The musicians deconstruct jazz standards to poetic effect, sprinkling the repertoire at this 2017 Village Vanguard date with Iverson originals. The intimacy of the music-making stands out; you feel as if you're in the room.

Paul Green & Two Worlds: "A Bissel Rhythm" (Big Round Records). Jazz and Jewish music share a long and beautiful history, which clarinetist-composer Green traced on an earlier album, "Music Coming Together." This time, rather than record songs reflecting both idioms, Green has written original compositions that give him and his colleagues freer reign in which to experiment. The music — sometimes joyous, sometimes mournful — attests to these artists' convergence with two alluring musical languages.

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ROCK, POP AND RAP RECORDINGS

The sound and the fury — and the fierceness

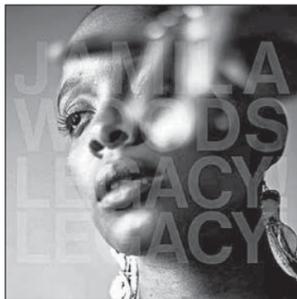
BY GREG KOT

Of the thousands of albums released each year, I get to spend quality time with a few hundred. Here are my favorites from 2019:

1. Jamila Woods, "Legacy! Legacy!" (Jagjaguwar): Following up her heavyweight solo debut, the 2016 "Heaven," the Chicago poet-educator-activist raises the stakes with nothing less than a mini-history of iconoclastic artists who carved their own path in the face of racial oppression and cultural stereotyping. While paying tribute to inspirations ranging from Octavia Butler to Sun Ra, Woods tucks fierceness and empathy inside an expansive soundtrack that blends hip-hop, gospel, jazz and soul, wisdom and protest.

2. Raphael Saadiq, "Jimmy Lee" (Columbia): At age 53, this veteran multi-instrumentalist-producer-songwriter has seemingly done it all as a respected artist and hit-maker. Yet he's never made an album quite like "Jimmy Lee," named after a brother who died tragically young. The album's anguished narratives brim with ghosts of family members Saadiq has lost to drugs, AIDS, violence. The trademark Saadiq musicality merges with harrowing, deeply personal narratives, culminating with the gospel-infused testifying of "Rikers Island."

3. Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds, "Ghosteen" (Ghosteen/Bad Seed): Cave has rarely sounded more open, more vulnerable, in a staggering 11-song cycle of grief, mourning, acceptance and re-



Jamila Woods' "Legacy! Legacy!", Michael Kiwanuka's "Kiwanuka" and Sturgill Simpson's "Sound & Fury"

demption. The music floats between shattered, hard-won acceptance of a loved one's death and wonder. Just when the songs sink into despair, a voice of consolation surfaces. How to live after all seems lost? "I am beside you," Cave sings. "Look for me."

4. Michael Kiwanuka, "Kiwanuka" (Interscope): The son of Ugandan immigrants, the singer-guitarist grew up in England feeling like a misfit who never belonged. That search for home, for a sense of solace and purpose, provides the thematic underpinning of his third album. It serves as a response of sorts to its predecessor, the revelatory 2016 album, "Love & Hate." Once again coproduced by Brian "Danger Mouse" Burton, the follow-up is just as expansive, but Kiwanuka's narrators are now tunneling their way out. Soaked in acid-rock guitar, bubbling funk bass lines and sweeping string and vocal arrangements, the songs pivot on a dare: "Are you really giving up? Are you really gonna stop right now?" Kiwanuka underlines his resolve in the very next song: "I

won't change my name no matter what they call me."

5. Sharon Van Etten, "Remind Me Tomorrow" (Jagjaguwar): The singer-songwriter took five years off from the album-tour cycle and reemerged with a fresh sound and perspective. Electronic textures and dark melodies underpin some of Van Etten's typically soul-baring narratives, this time informed by motherhood and maturity rather than heartbreak. But the results are just as cathartic, never more than in the anthemic "Seventeen."

6. Woods + Segal, "Hiding Places" (Backwoodz Studioz): The cover art for this collaboration between veteran New York City MC Billy Woods and classically trained Los Angeles underground producer Kenny Segal focuses on a decrepit three-story building, on the verge of collapse. Each song could represent a room in this haunted house, a depiction of African American life on the margins of financial solvency and psychic equilibrium. The music, disturbed and disquieting,



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matches Woods' stark, vivid truth-telling about the mundane details of a lifetime on the fringe: "I was in the ceiling when they swept the building / I kept my head down when the cops came for the children."

7. Sturgill Simpson, "Sound & Fury" (Elektra): The Kentucky maverick has been typecast as a Waylon Jennings-style country rebel, but the only rules to which he's adhering are his own. As the album credits declare on his fourth studio album: "(Expletive) your speakers." Ditto for your expectations. The mix of blast-furnace Neil-Young-and-Crazy-Horse feedback and fed-up attitude makes for a bracing, blistering soundtrack for the times.

8. Kills Birds, "Kills Birds" (KRO): Bosnian-born singer Nina Ljeti sings herself breathless on "Volcano," but she can't stop, won't stop. Seconds after the song feels like it's about to collapse, she comes roaring back, a woman who won't be erased. Her power-punching trio matches her fury

and her finesse between outbursts on this short, sharp, shock of a debut album.

9. Yugen Blakrok, "Anima Mysterium" (I.O.T.): Game recognizes game, as Kendrick Lamar affirmed when he handpicked this South African MC for the "Black Panther" soundtrack. Like a raspy-voice oracle, she waxes mystical on future worlds devoid of boundaries on her second album. "I misread the rules and made my own like a pagan," she raps. Melodies emerge from the trippy swirl of bubbling synths and decaying beats, the atmosphere thick with cryptic visions and ghostly echoes.

10. Shana Cleveland, "Night of the Worm Moon" (Hardly Art): Taking a break from her surf-noir combo La Luz, the singer yearns for a world beyond. "You've gone where I can't go," Cleveland sings. Dreamily psychedelic orchestration, finge-picked guitar and melancholy vocals — to paraphrase Elvis, it's a sound in which to get real, real gone.

The next 10: The Comet is Coming, "Trust the Life Force of the Deep Mystery"; Dave, "Psychodrama" (Neighbourhood); Julia Jacklin, "Crushing" (Polyvinyl); Brittany Howard, "Jaime" (ATO); Pip Blom, "Boat" (Heavenly); Jenny Lewis, "On the Line" (Warner); Mekons, "Deserted" (Sin/Bloodshot); Control Top, "Covert Contracts" (Get Better); Joan Shelley, "Like the River Loves the Sea" (No Quarter); Pist Idiots, "Ticker" (Space 44).

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BEST OF THE ARTS | 2019

CLASSICAL RECORDINGS

World premieres and enticingly eclectic music

By HOWARD REICH

The most valuable classical recordings of the year span a vast range, from genre-stretching contemporary music to reevaluations of standard repertoire:

Nicola Benedetti: Marsalis Violin Concerto (Decca). Three years ago, violin virtuoso Benedetti played the U.S. premiere of Wynton Marsalis' Violin Concerto in D with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at the Ravinia Festival in Highland Park. This recording, featuring Benedetti with the Philadelphia Orchestra conducted by Cristian Macelaru, reaffirms one's impression of the piece as a lustrous celebration of musical Americana. But the depth and rigor of Benedetti's performance here brings forth deeper aspects of the concerto than were apparent at Ravinia, suggesting Marsalis has given the violin repertoire a major work.



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Jennie Oh Brown, Carter Pann & Friends: "Giantess" (Innova). Flutist Brown conceived this album as a tribute to her grandmothers, who must have been fearless souls, judging by the daring character of the music Brown, pianist Pann and others have recorded here. From Shulamit Ran's dramatic "Birds of Paradise" to Pann's profoundly lyrical "Melodies for Robert," from Augusta Read Thomas' serene "Please for Peace" to Pann's epic "Giantess," the album combines first-rate composition with startlingly strong performances.

Black Oak Ensemble: "Silenced Voices" (Cedille Records). Music by Jewish composers killed during the Holocaust receives new life in this brilliantly conceived album, the Black Oak Ensemble giving voice to scores by Dick Katenburg, Sandor Kuti, Hans Krasa, Gideon Klein and Paul Hermann. The music spans youthful optimism to mature insight and attests to what was lost. But in a measure of hope, the album also includes the world premiere recording of a trio by Geza Frid, who survived

the Holocaust and lived to 1989. An indispensable recording.

Igor Levit: "Beethoven Complete Piano Sonatas" (Sony Classical). Does the world need another traversal of Beethoven's 32 piano sonatas? Of course it does, for this monolith reshaped the definition of the sonata, expanded the instrument's possibilities and bears endless interpretation and contemplation. Pianist Levit brings considerable intellectual acuity and technical aplomb to this music, which arrives in time for next year's worldwide celebration of the composer's 250th birthday.

Third Coast Percussion: "Perpetuum" (Orange Mountain Music). Surely anyone who attended last year's world premiere of Philip Glass' "Perpetuum," commissioned and performed by Third Coast Percussion, felt the joy and rhythmic exuberance of this music. It's now documented on a two-disc set that also includes David Skidmore's similarly propulsive and still more expansive "Aliens with Extraordinary



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Pianist Igor Levit plays with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra at Carnegie Hall in New York City on March 5.

Abilities" and other works.

Mahan Esfahani: "Bach: The Toccatas" (Hyperion). Bach's Toccatas carry a measure of mystery, in that definitive scores for this music are impossible to come by, leaving performers ample latitude in ornamentation and

other details. Harpsichordist Esfahani applies meticulous scholarship to this process yet has produced a vivid recording built on animated performances appropriate to the toccata form.

Jennifer Koh: "Limitless" (Cedille Records). In a bold and

stylistically diverse recording, violinist Koh plays a series of duos with the composers of eight works included on this two-CD set. Where else is one likely to encounter music of contemporary composer-pianist Missy Mazzoli, soprano Lisa Bielawa and MacArthur Fellows Vijay Iyer (piano) and Tyshawn Sorey (glockenspiel) in a single project? The sounds are every bit as eclectic as one might expect, a testament to Koh's adventurousness and the creativity of all involved.

Osmo Vanska and the Minnesota Orchestra: Mahler Symphony No. 1 in D Major (BIS). The Minnesota Orchestra's Mahler Symphonies cycle arrives at the composer's least ostentatious and most cohesive work in the form, his First Symphony, "Titan." Though Mahler at certain junctures attached various literary allusions to the work, it's so tautly constructed and openly expressive as to need no such linkages. Vanska and the Minnesota Orchestra offer a keenly sensitive performance that preserves musical detail while encompassing the work's grand scheme.

Rachel Barton Pine: Dvorak, Khachaturian Violin Concertos (Avie). Violinist Pine turns in vigorous readings of two landmarks of the concerto repertoire, accompanied by Teddy Abrams leading the Royal Scottish National Orchestra. The Khachaturian, in particular, benefits from Pine's grit and drive as performer. Her artistry continues to deepen.

Yo-Yo Ma: Salonen Cello Concerto (Sony Classical). Conductor Esa-Pekka Salonen's Cello Concerto unfolds on an epic scale, from the immensity of the orchestration to the vastness of its musical gestures. It all may seem a bit lush for some tastes, but the intense colors Salonen draws from the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the ardor of cellist Ma's performance sweep the listener along in their wake.

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"Move on Up: Chicago Soul Music and Black Cultural Power" by Aaron Cohen (University of Chicago, 254 pages, \$20)

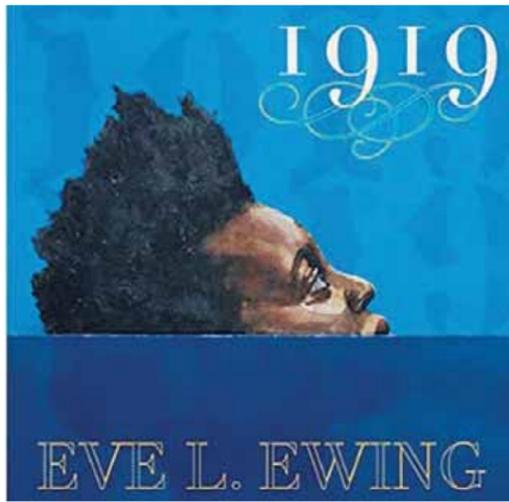
Spanning the late 1950s to the 1980s, "Move on Up" is a meticulously reported and illuminating social history that has more on its mind than simply replaying Chicago soul and R&B's greatest hits. Aaron Cohen explores how the city's black musicians acted as "change agents" in times of social and political tumult and how "these meetings of music and hope," along with "mass movements and localized efforts for dynamic change helped create R&B in Chicago." "Move on Up" vividly chronicles several benchmarks in the evolution of Chicago soul and R&B, beginning with the recording of "The Impressions' "For Your Precious Love," which marked a departure from doo-wop and is widely considered to be the first urban soul song.

"White Negroes: When Cornrows Were in Vogue ... and Other Thoughts on Cultural Appropriation" by Lauren Michele Jackson (Beacon, 184 pages, \$25.95)

Cultural appropriation isn't a new concept, but the debate rages on in 2019. With her highly anticipated debut book, "White Negroes: When Cornrows Were in Vogue ... and Other Thoughts on Cultural Appropriation," Chicago-based writer Lauren Michele Jackson deepens the conversation. Jackson, who recently completed a doctorate in English language and literature at the University of Chicago, has written extensively about race and digital culture for outlets such as Complex, Vulture and the Atlantic. But in "White Negroes," she casts a wider net, examining fashion, music, food, memes, activism, the art world and beyond to analyze the implications of "black aesthetics without black people." While freedom and choice often dominate conversations about cultural appropriation, largely missing, Jackson writes, is talk of power: "When the powerful appropriate from the oppressed, society's imbalances are exacerbated and inequalities prolonged." Whether dissecting viral videos, Paula Deen's empire or the burgeoning weed industry, Jackson writes with urgency and acerbic wit, balancing impassioned critiques with snark-infused footnotes and wry asides. Rather than provide easy answers, "White Negroes" issues a call to awareness, alertness and care.

"Kid Gloves: Nine Months of Careful Chaos" by Lucy Knisley (First Second, 256 pages, \$19.99)

Lucy Knisley's witty and intimate graphic memoir "Kid Gloves: Nine Months of Careful Chaos," offers the refreshingly frank, utterly un-sugar-coated account of her struggles with infertility and a high-risk pregnancy, blended with a lively and not undisturbing exploration of the history of gynecology and reproductive health. It's packed with "plenty of drama and comedy and bodily fluids" and such under-reported facts as "about one in four pregnancies end in miscarriage." Born in New York City and now a resident of Chicago's West Town neighborhood, Knisley earned her bachelor of fine arts at the Art Institute of Chicago and her master of fine arts at the Center for Cartoon Studies in Hartford, Vermont. Her debut, "French Milk," came out in 2008 when she was 23, and



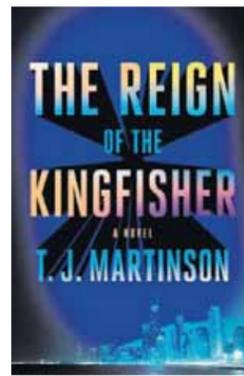
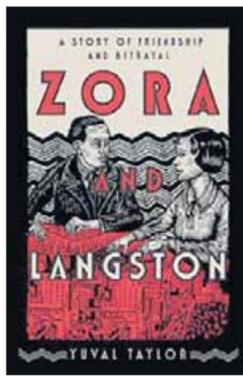
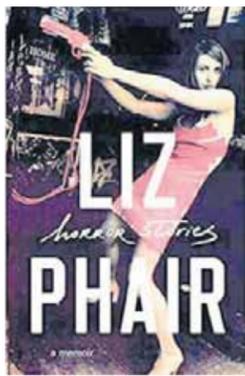
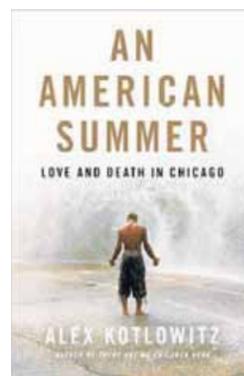
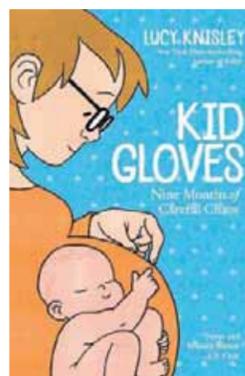
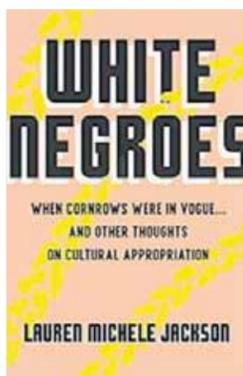
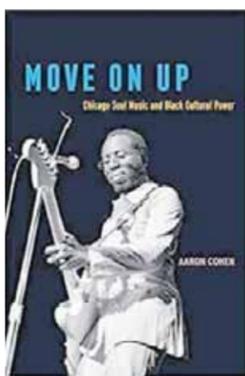
"1919" by Eve L. Ewing (Haymarket, 88 pages, \$16)

In her poetry collection "1919," Eve L. Ewing explores the race riot that erupted across Chicago a century ago — the deadliest in a wave of such conflicts that swept the United States that year. Ewing, the acclaimed author of "Electric Arches" and "Ghosts in the Schoolyard," was inspired by "The Negro in Chicago: A Study on Race Relations and a Race Riot," published in 1922 and now publicly available online. The goal of the government-commissioned report was to analyze causes of the riot in order to prevent its recurrence. In "1919," via a variety of poetic forms — erasure, Golden Shovel, haibun — Ewing evocatively shows, rather than tells, the ways in which history repeats itself. Whereas "The Negro in Chicago," at more than 800 pages long, is a dense read, "1919" is thoughtfully spare, accommodating questions and blank space. Through this economy of language, Ewing — who also co-penned a play about poet Gwendolyn Brooks and writes a Marvel comic series — invites readers into a conversation.

an often ambitious literary novel, but "Reign of the Kingfisher" — should it make the leap from perfect summer read to perfect summer movie — can be grim and unsettling R-rated stuff. It wonders how un-comfortably a superhero might operate in Chicago, and whether Chicagoans would even know him as one.

"Maggie Brown & Others" by Peter Orner (Little, Brown, 336 pages, \$27)

Walt Kaplan, the down-on-his-luck furniture salesman in the novella that concludes Peter Orner's magical story collection, "Maggie Brown & Others," thinks he has a great concept for a subjective account of Fall River, the historic Massachusetts town in which he lives. "I'm not trying to rewrite the history," he says. "I'm thinking it. Get it? It disappears as soon as I think about it, but that doesn't mean it didn't exist. I'm composing something as ethereal as history itself." In composing stories inspired in part by people he has known and places he has lived, Orner, a Chicago native, writes words that don't disappear. His characters' struggles for human connection might be written in boldface: "Shouts in the dark. Maybe that's the best we can do to reach beyond ourselves." At the same time, these stories, which are frequently as short as a few lines or paragraphs (the shorter ones may be the best), never seem confined to the pages on which they appear. Writing doesn't get any better.



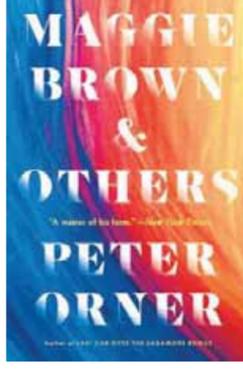
she has been prolifically productive ever since; her second book, the food memoir "Relish," became a New York Times bestseller.

"An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago" by Alex Kotlowitz (Talese, 304 pages, \$27.95)

Alex Kotlowitz doesn't write about splashes; he writes about ripples — echos of violence and despair, and love, that radiate outward after a tragedy. That approach reaches a culmination in "An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago," Kotlowitz's latest book (and his first in 15 years). Kotlowitz is perhaps best known for his 1991 book, "There Are No Children Here," chronicling life in the Henry Horner Homes. "American Summer" is more expansive than anything he's written about Chicago, as it documents the effects of violence from the summer of 2013. But rather than one narrative, it's a carefully assembled patchwork of aging gang members, victims in recovery, traumatized witnesses, beat cops and crime reporters and grieving parents.

"Horror Stories: A Memoir" by Liz Phair (Random House, 272 pages, \$28)

Liz Phair has written a lively, insightful memoir, "Horror Stories." You may assume this is the book in which Phair walks us through her surprising rise to stardom, tells us the back story of each of those beloved songs, shares juicy tales of hanging out with sometime-muse Nash Kato of Urge Overkill and others on the early '90s Chicago scene, and conveys how she faced performing in public for the first time ever after her debut album's release. But no. "Horror Stories" is Phair's portrait of the artist as an older woman who has accumulated much perspective and wisdom yet remains frustrated that even after one marriage and other ill-fated relationships, she still wants a boyfriend. The book's



subtitle could be "Tales of Empathy," as Phair wrestles with memories that linger and haunt. She still is speaking her truth, with a generosity of spirit and willingness to dig into the thorniest aspects of what it means to be human right now.

"Zora and Langston: A Story of Friendship and Betrayal" by Yuval Taylor (Norton, 302 pages, \$27.95)

For Langston Hughes, his falling out with Zora Neale Hurston marked the "end of the Harlem Renaissance." Henry Louis Gates Jr. deemed it "the most notorious literary quarrel in African American cultural history." In "Zora and Langston," Yuval Taylor traces the exhilarating intellectual and emotional connection between the two beloved authors, unspooling the story of a six-year friendship that ended in a searing conflict sparked by the play "Mule Bone." Taylor offers a vivid account of an impromptu 1927 road trip in Hurston's Nash coupe through the rural South and goes on to sift through the wreckage of their bitter falling out, attempting to make sense of the feud that evolved out of their attempt to collaborate on a play. Throughout, Taylor, former senior editor for Chicago Review Press, incisively sketches in key supporting players and offers critical context for evolving ideas about race. Ultimately, in fewer than 250 pages, Taylor offers a snapshot of a cultural moment, illuminating two essential voices in American literature.



Fiction

"The New Me" By Halle Butler (Penguin, 208 pages, \$16)

In her short, satirical and cautionary second novel, "The New Me," Halle Butler explores self-improvement at its absolute, impractical, soul-crushing worst. An Art Institute of Chicago graduate, Butler published her darkly brilliant feel-good debut novel, "Jillian," with local publisher Curb-side Splendor in 2015. That book examined the disappointments of the American workplace and diminished rewards of the so-called "American dream." Masterfully cringe-inducing and unsparingly critical, "The New Me" extends Butler's interrogation of those subjects, making the reader squirm and laugh out loud simultaneously. Butler bases the workplace indignities of the protagonist, 30-year-old Millie, on her own experiences working as a temp. Millie finds almost everything "boring," yet Butler manages to write a novel that is anything but. Her wit and insight keep the pages turning. When Millie asks of herself "Who cares? Nobody" the reader actually does. Whether Millie is slathering herself in coconut oil in a rare spate of self-care, or vowing to "practice gratitude and acceptance," the reader sees vividly that self-improvement, at best, treats the symptoms of a sick society and not the disease. "The New Me" is an unapologetic and effulgent bumper of a book.

The closest it comes to hope is to imply that maybe, when one finally has and desires nothing, then one is free to be free. And maybe that's just as terrible as having had a dream in the first place.

"The Reign of the Kingfisher" by T.J. Martinson (Flatiron, 352 pages, \$27.99)

The Kingfisher never liked being called the Kingfisher, but Chicago newspapers gave him the nickname and it stuck. He became a local legend, more myth than man. Then he turned up dead, his body floating in the Chicago River, beaten and mutilated. That was in the early 1980s. In the years after his murder, gun and gang violence in Chicago soared, and the city, to many, appeared lawless. There are those who connect the rise in violent crime to the absence of the Kingfisher, and those who say the CPD is withholding evidence of his death. All of which sounds vaguely familiar, yes? All but the Kingfisher part. That is because he's a fantasy, a mysterious Chicago crime fighter who may or may not be a superhero. He's not even the protagonist of "The Reign of the Kingfisher," the first novel by Kankakee native T.J. Martinson; the book is closer to a crime procedural, with a dead man of steel as its mystery. Certainly, Chicago already has a rich history of superpeople, but it's never been associated with a single superhero. Which sounds like an overly breezy premise for

"Rusty Brown" by Chris Ware (Pantheon, 356 pages, \$35)

Roughly two decades ago, about a week after Chris Ware completed "Jimmy Corrigan: The Smartest Kid on Earth," the sprawling graphic novel that cemented the Oak Park artist's reputation as the most ambitious and virtuosic cartoonist on Earth, he started work on "Rusty Brown." It was another sprawling and adventurous novel that, like all of his work, is lonesome, rueful, uncertain about human connection, yet also empathetic, dazzling — as committed to depicting the overlooked and anonymous as it is innovative. "Rusty Brown" is so intricately designed that, like many of Ware's books, the result is an art object. Characters inside spill out across the spine and over end pages; the usual Library of Congress cataloging notice at the front now resembles the check-out page of an elementary school library; and even the dust jacket unfolds into a kind of poster on the themes and places explored inside. You feel protective, anxious about dog-eared anything, worried you'll blink and miss something. And that's before you reach the story, which was partly serialized in the Chicago Reader and New City. It's set on a snowy day in Ware's hometown of Omaha, Nebraska, focused on nervous children, bullies, teachers, parents, longings and regrets — Ware's bleak milieu, which can read a little like "Peanuts" as told by James Joyce and Sherwood Anderson. The book starts in the 1970s, leaps to the future, tells stories within stories, leaves Earth, spans generations. Meanwhile, the least redeemable character in almost 400 pages is Ware himself, cast as a creep of an art teacher. It's all so vast, yet there's stillness so evocative and tender you feel like an intruder. Which is the point: a generous act of detailing, and honoring, everyday life.

Christopher Borrelli, Mark Caro, Jennifer Day, Laura Pearson, Kathleen Rooney and Lloyd Sachs contributed.



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Biblioracle columnist John Warner says it doesn't matter what the critics say: The best books are the ones that resonate for you, specifically.

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Don't read the 'best' books; read the ones that resonate for you

BY JOHN WARNER

I recently made a new acquaintance at a group dinner, and when he found out that I am a professional book recommender for a major metropolitan newspaper, he had something to confess to me.

He said that sometimes, based on a review in a culturally significant publication, he will buy a book, but that the experience of reading the book that has been hailed as important is less than satisfying.

This gentleman wanted to know if there is something wrong with him, if he is missing something, perhaps even if he is somehow defective.

Now, this is an extraordinarily accomplished person, a lifelong reader and appreciator of culture. Lest you doubt, the group outing that had brought us together was to see a movie at a French film festival.

That's right: The movie had subtitles. And we liked it.

There is nothing wrong with this gentleman or anyone else who is nonplussed by a book that has been widely hailed by the critical establishment. Frankly, I am distressed that someone who is such an engaged and eager reader would consider such a thing, but his questioning points

toward one of the problems of a society that sometimes seeks to make such clear distinctions between "high" and "low" culture.

If a stringed instrument is at rest and you play the proper tone at the proper frequency, the strings start to vibrate. This is known as "resonance." As I see it, readers are similar. We are strings at rest in search of the books with which we resonate, and what produces this phenomenon in different individuals is as variable as we would expect and demand from a diverse and vibrant culture.

It is even more complicated, because what resonates changes over time. When I was 3, I could page back and forth through "Richard Scarry's Busy Day" for hours, fascinated by the lives the anthropomorphized creatures were living. Now, not so much.

Some of the masterpieces I was expected to read in graduate school felt like a chore. I remember wondering if I didn't have what it took if I kept falling asleep through Thackeray's "Vanity Fair." I've kept all those books and sometimes will pluck one off the shelf and find the dog-eared page where I gave up on it. Starting back at the beginning, I will be captivated and wonder what was wrong with me 20-plus years ago.

The answer, again, is nothing. It is tempt-

ing to think that I've matured, but I think the reality is that the context is different. The stress and pressure of school, combined with concerns about my worthiness, put me in a state that made achieving resonance much more difficult.

I'd ask those who sometimes find critically heralded books wanting, but who also believe that students must read a particular set of books to be considered properly "educated," if there isn't room for reconsideration. Might there be a benefit to giving young people the same kind of freedom as readers that we exercise for ourselves?

There is literally no point to elevating a particular class of literature as most worthy. Sure, what tends to be considered for major awards and the best-of-the-year lists tends to share some traits, but even within those selections one finds incredible diversity.

Reading is not a test. The point (for most of us) is not to think we're there to judge a book or for the book to judge us.

If a book isn't resonating, that's fine. Put it down, and search for something else that meets your frequency.

John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities."

Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

1. "A Crooked Kind of Perfect" by Linda Urban
2. "The Long Way Home" by Louise Penny
3. "Unwind" by Neal Shusterman
4. "Mrs. Pollifax on the China Station" by Dorothy Gilman
5. "Empress of the East: How a European Slave Girl Became Queen of the Ottoman Empire" by Leslie Peirce

— Erica H., Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

A definite penchant for book that come in a series with a mystery or suspense element. I'm hoping that Erica overlooked Jasper Fforde's Thursday Next series so she can start with "The Eyre Affair" and continue the fun from there.

1. "Exit West" by Mohsin Hamid
2. "Remainder" by Tom McCarthy
3. "Cloud Atlas" by David Mitchell
4. "Educated" by Tara Westover
5. "We, the Drowned" by Carsten Jensen

— David A., West Chicago

For David, I need to pick something that is, for lack of a better term, sufficiently "weird." I had a good time contemplating various choices, but in the end, I'm going with Donald Antrim's "The Verificationist."

1. "The Overstory" by Richard Powers
2. "The Hour of Land: A Personal Topography of America's National Parks" by Terry Tempest Williams
3. "You Are Here" by Katharine Harmon
4. "Desert Solitaire" by Edward Abbey
5. "The Bone People" by Keri Hulme

— Maureen S., Helena, Montana

A strong trend towards books concerned with geography and place. For me, that points to John McPhee and his "Annals of the Former World."

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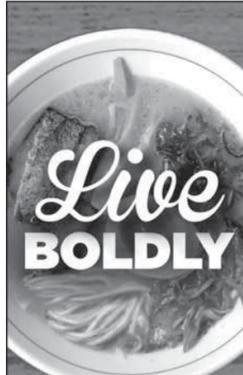
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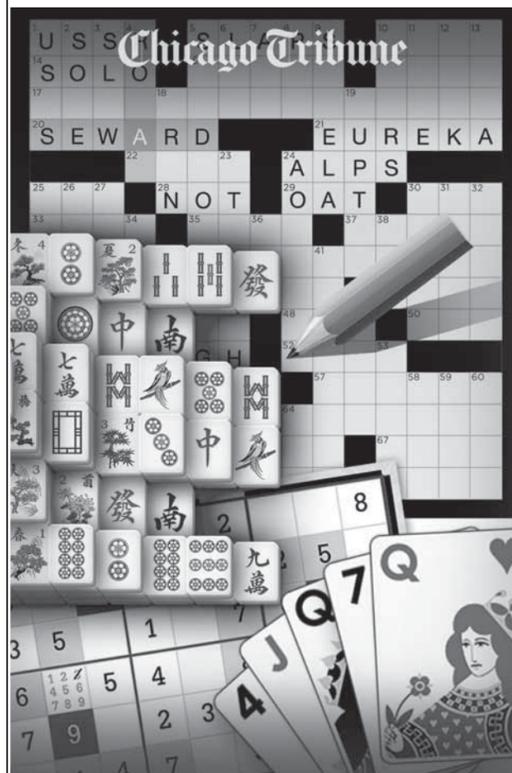


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Top 10 books of the year

From a thousand-page novel to a slim volume of essays on A Tribe Called Quest

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

The most important book of 2019 was available to Americans for free (in fact, they had already paid for it). Its cover was indistinguishable from the starkest of corporate reports, large chunks throughout were redacted, and the prose that was readable carried all the warmth of an Apple licensing agreement. It was a 400-something page epic that somehow played smaller and less satisfying than the year's other 400-something page bombshell: "The Testaments," Margaret Atwood's hit sequel to "The Handmaid's Tale."

Still, of everything published this year, it's hard to think of more compelling lines than these, early in "The Mueller Report": "The president slumped back in his chair and said 'Oh my God. This is terrible. This is the end of my Presidency. I'm f---.'" It kind of sucks you in, right? The author himself takes on a role in its metaplot, and the stakes are so inflated — the fate of a nation — that any writing workshop would squirm at the ambition.

"The Mueller Report," as literature, was not one of the best books of 2019, yet, of everything I've read since January, it holds one of the two passages I remember with any clarity. The other is from Tressie McMillan Cottom's "Thick: And Other Essays": "Thick where I should have been thin, more when I should have been less, a high school teacher nicknamed me 'Ms. Personality,' and it did not feel like a superlative."

That first passage is about decline, the second about asserting your place.

If there was commonality among the best books of the year, it could be found between those poles, in the ebb and flow of institutional erosion followed by fresh voices. Memory, and how it can mislead and sustain us, became the subject of the year. Though note: Ironically, there were so many memorable reads that, beyond the 10 best, I included 15 runners-up, all of which, on a different day, at a different hour, had the planets been in retrograde, might have sneaked into a top 10.

Fiction

"Ducks, Newburyport" by Lucy Ellmann (Biblioasis, 1,020 pages, \$22.95). I won't lie: To get through this I enacted a plan, to read an hour a day for a month. I finished in two weeks. Nothing about this Booker nominee is as expected: Ellmann, an Evanston native, takes on the state of who we are now, and what we think, regardless of content. It feels shockingly to the minute. For a thousand pages, which unfold as one sentence, we're privy to the thoughts of an Ohio housewife thinking of Trump, childhood, the cinnamon rolls she has to make for a bake sale, the plot of "Air Force One" — anything rattling around up there. It is work, and who knows if it'll endure (there's a swing-for-the-literary-fences Joycean quality hard to ignore), but it's also an addicting and funny joy.

"Lost Children Archive" by Valeria Luiselli (Knopf, 383 pages, \$27.95). The Mexican-born Luiselli, a journalist/novelist/volunteer interpreter for unaccompanied children in immigration court, follows an American couple traveling with their kids to the Southwest border, uncertain of where, intent on documenting children who are crossing. Categorically, it's a novel, but between those covers lay fiction and essay, road-trip



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The Chicago Tribune's best books of 2019 include "The Yellow House" by Sarah M. Broom, "Good Talk" by Mira Jacob, "Ducks, Newburyport" by Lucy Ellmann, "Say Nothing" by Patrick Radden Keefe, "American Spy" by Lauren Wilkinson, "Go Ahead in the Rain" by Hanif Abdurraqib, "The Memory Police" by Yoko Ogawa, "How to Hide an Empire" by Daniel Immerwahr, "Lost Children Archive" by Valeria Luiselli and "Growing Things" by Paul Tremblay.

narrative, Cormac McCarthy, Bowie, magic and, as the title promises, archives. Bleak as it sounds, alongside virtuosic writing, Luiselli is playful with structure, one moment inspiring your anger, the next delivering an exhilarating questioning of storytelling itself.

"The Memory Police" by Yoko Ogawa (Pantheon, 274 pages, \$25.95). Trouble finding your keys? What if you forgot what keys were? What if birds themselves came next; then roses. What if you were a writer and you began to forget what paper was? Worse, what if there were enforcers, who carried guns and rifled through stuff for evidence of trace memories, ensuring memory loss, phasing out the world you knew? First published in Japan in 1994 and only now, 25 years later, making its American debut, what had been written at the anxious dawn of the digital age emerges now, presciently and chillingly, as part "1984," part "Fahrenheit 451" and part 2019 — a masterful fantasy about the melancholy of forgetting. You forget birds one day, and possibilities the next.

"Growing Things" by Paul Tremblay (Morrow, 352 pages, \$25.99). Is this a collection of horror stories? Or just masterful writing about the inevitable? Stephen King himself has said that Tremblay "scares the hell" out of him, perhaps because Tremblay's work is rooted and disquieting, always of this planet. He writes with the pop-immediacy of King minus the comforting distance of vampires and ghouls. A vacationing family watches society breakdown; a dog walker leaves unsettling notes; the title story is about sisters trapped by an invasive weed. Tremblay, like Philip K. Dick, or Elmore Leonard, or even King, strikes the latest blow against the usual, know-nothing snobbishness toward genre fiction.

"American Spy" by Lauren Wilkinson (Random House, 294 pages, \$27). There are so many great novels by African Americans about living without being seen, or "passing" in plain sight as someone else, it's strange how rare it is to encounter a spy thriller that isn't about a white guy. Here is the Cold War story of a black female intelligence officer directed to ensnare the revolutionary leader of Burkina Faso. Wilkinson's first novel works as a brisk airport thriller, but it's closer to the personal conflict of Graham Greene than the political machination of John le Carré. Or as the spy's father says on the day of her FBI graduation: "I've been a spy in this country for as long as I can remember."

Nonfiction

"Go Ahead in the Rain: Notes to A Tribe Called Quest" by Hanif Abdurraqib (University of Texas Press, 216 pages, \$16.95). Music books tend to be chunky histories or slight memoirs and never the kind of books about music we really need — the ones that remind us what it feels like to fall in love with a song or band, to fall so totally you're joined for life, riding an artist's highs and lows like they're wayward family. Abdurraqib, a great poet and even better music critic (based in Columbus, Ohio), fills this book with jazz and memories of the great rap magazine *The Source*, childhood crushes and, of course, a warm history of a legendary group. It's that rare vivisection, the kind that cuts cleanly and deeply, but leaves the subject more alive than when we found him.

"The Yellow House," by Sarah M. Broom (Grove, 376 pages, \$26). "There was too much detail for my eyes to make sense of," she writes in this gorgeous, ambitious and rigorously considered memoir (that recently won the National Book Award for nonfiction) about what it means to internal-

ize a home. And not just any — not the tourist landscape of New Orleans, but the working-class blocks of New Orleans East, devastated during Hurricane Katrina, now haunted by generations of splintered families and civic neglect. Broom doesn't give just her story but a sibling's, her mother's, her city's. As Broom told *The Atlantic*: "When we boil Katrina down to a weather event, we really miss the point."

"How to Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater United States" by Daniel Immerwahr (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 528 pages, \$30). As cleverly conceived and surprising as it is, its conception may seem obvious: a history of American expansionism, those territories and possessions that are part of the United States but exist outside of the traditional map and many Americans' idea of what their country looks like. Meaning, military bases, Puerto Rico, Manila — lands that consistently refute the nationalistic fairy tale of an anti-colonial United States. But Immerwahr, an associate professor of history at Northwestern University, only begins there; the rest is not a condemnation but rather a rare beast: a surprising take on foreign policy.

"Good Talk" by Mira Jacob (One World, 368 pages, \$30). A graphic novel in which every character may look black or white, yet nothing is remotely so easy. The format is a pleasant collage of found (and Xeroxed) photos of Jacob and family, and that title is more meaningful than it sounds: Jacob identifies as South Asian and has a mixed-race son, and the conversation that ensues — about being brown in America, from the discomfort of her in-laws' politics to arranged marriages — is disarmingly blunt, full of tender acts of grace and as effortlessly engaging as a lunch among friends you trust.

"Say Nothing: A True Story of

Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland" by Patrick Radden Keefe (Doubleday, 441 pages, \$28.95). This 10 best is alphabetical by author, but I've no problem clarifying: Here is my top best, my No. 1. Keefe, a New Yorker staffer known for his dives into minor characters who illustrate worlds, tackles no less than the Troubles, the strife and struggles between governments and tribes that defined Ireland in the 20th century. Starting with famously tangled, contentious material, he structures it ingeniously as true crime, starting with the murder of a mother of 10, then spiraling outward into a detective story that leaves you struck by the youthful resolution, utter waste and political forgetfulness, of its participants.

And 15 almost-top-10s, well worth your time

"The Peanuts Papers: Writers and Cartoonists on Charlie Brown, Snoopy & the Gang, and the Meaning of Life," edited by Andrew Blauner; "Exhalation: Stories" by Ted Chiang; "Trust Exercise" by Susan Choi; "Thick: And Other Essays" by Tressie McMillan Cottom; "Me" by Elton John; "The Very Best of Caitlin R. Kiernan" by Caitlin R. Kiernan; "The Institute" by Stephen King; "The Topeka School" by Ben Lerner; "Underland: A Deep Time Journey" by Robert Macfarlane; "Savage Appetite: Four True Stories of Women, Crime and Obsession" by Rachel Monroe; "I Like to Watch: Arguing My Way Through the TV Revolution" by Emily Nussbaum; "Disappearing Earth" by Julia Phillips; "Audience of One: Donald Trump, Television and the Fracturing of America" by James Poniewozik; "Trick Mirror: Reflections on Self-Delusion" by Jia Tolentino; "One Day: The Extraordinary Story of an Ordinary 24 Hours in America" by Gene Weingarten.

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dominated realm, slowly crawling its way from the dusty past into the fast-moving modern century.

At the dawn of the 1920s, city delivery of the Tribune was still accomplished with more horse-drawn wagons (68) than motorized trucks (48). But newspapers, specifically this one, had begun to get with the times. Some of that came in efforts to offer stories aimed at female readers, especially in the Sunday editions. In doing so, female editors and writers were hired in the hope that they could provide stories from a woman's perspective for this new female audience.

Fanny Butcher became the paper's literary editor in 1913, and Mary King was named the Sunday editor two years later. Slowly — fueled in part by the success of the women's suffrage movement that gave women the right to vote in 1920 and the what-does-it-all-mean? psychological restlessness in the wake of the horrors of World War I — the newsroom began to feature more women, and some started to do more than fetch coffee or run errands for the "guys."

Though many female reporters still wrote primarily for the society sections, a few worked their way onto the front page. Into this male milieu in February 1924 walked Maurine Dallas Watkins. She distinguished herself from the outset, especially when —



'He Had It Coming'

By Kori Rumore, Marianne Mather and the Chicago Tribune, Tribune/Agate, 256 pages, \$35

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editors thinking the assignment too "boring" for their male reporters — she traveled south to visit "Murderess Row." The women she met, the trials she covered and what she later made of it all is detailed on the following pages. It is a great story, and Watkins is as interesting and enigmatic as any character she met in jail.

She was not in town long, but did cover a sensational murder

that would come to be known as the "Crime of the Century" — the beating death of 14-year-old Bobby Franks by two wealthy University of Chicago students, Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb.

Watkins left Chicago in 1924, shortly after the departure of another of the city's legendary reporters, Ben Hecht. It is not known if Watkins and Hecht ever

met. But both were deeply inspired by what they saw on the streets of the city. Hecht and his newspaperman pal Charles McArthur wrote "The Front Page," the play that forever defined the rough-and-tumble newspaper business. Watkins wrote "Chicago."

It seems somehow fitting that she beat the boys to the stage: "Chicago" premiered on Broadway in 1926, "The Front Page" two years later.

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Excerpted from "He Had It Coming: Four Murderer Women and the Reporter Who Immortalized Their Stories" by Kori Rumore, Marianne Mather and the Chicago Tribune.

WATCH THIS: SUNDAY



Melissa Benoist

"Supergirl" (7 p.m., CW): For DC Comics fans, few TV events this season have been as eagerly anticipated as the epic crossover "Crisis on Infinite Earths," an adaptation of a famous DC print series, with a story that opens tonight on "Supergirl," then continues nightly through Tuesday, Dec. 10, on "Batwoman" (Monday) and "The Flash" (Tuesday). The saga will climax in Jan. 14 episodes of "Arrow" and "DC's Legends of Tomorrow." In tonight's opening chapter, series star Melissa Benoist is joined by guest stars Tyler Hoechlin, Tom Welling and Elizabeth Tulloch.

"2019 Miss Universe" (6 p.m., FOX): From Tyler Perry Studios in Atlanta, Emmy winner Steve Harvey returns to host this three-hour special, in which women representing more than 90 countries vie in multiple categories to determine who will receive this year's crown, sash and title. The reigning Miss Universe, Catriona Gray of The Philippines, crowns her successor at the evening's climax.

"Christmas at Dollywood" (7 p.m., Hallmark): Danica McKellar stars as event planner Rachel Davis, who returns to her East Tennessee hometown for a major professional assignment: coordinating the 30th Smoky Mountain Christmas celebration at Dollywood, Dolly Parton's theme park. To her dismay, the park operations director, Luke Hakman (Niall Matter), doesn't seem to grasp that the bash has to be bigger than life, like Dollywood's flamboyant namesake. Charmed by Rachel, it's not long before the country superstar is doing a little matchmaking.

"Grounded for Christmas" (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): When all flights out of Cleveland are grounded by a winter storm, filling hotels to capacity, Nina (Julianna Guill, "The Resident") reluctantly agrees to let cocky fellow pilot Brady (Corey Sevier, "Mistresses") stay at her parents' home nearby. Unfortunately, Nina's family is hosting a Christmas party where her ex will be among the guests, but Brady poses as her current beau to avoid embarrassment.

"Time for You to Come Home for Christmas" (8 p.m., HMM): Recently widowed Katherine (Alison Sweeney) is bracing herself for some bittersweet memories of her late husband as she and her son, Will (Kiefer O'Reilly), embark on a holiday trip to her parents' Virginia home. Their long train ride is enlivened by fellow passenger Jack (Lucas Bryant), a polite guitarist with a gift for easy conversation. Katherine is surprised to cross paths with Jack again later in her hometown.

"The L Word: Generation Q" (9 p.m., 10:30 p.m., 1:30 a.m., Showtime): Jennifer Beals, Katherine Moennig and Leisha Hailey reprise their popular characters from the 2004-09 run of Showtime's "The L Word" in this new sequel, which finds Bette Porter (Beals) running for mayor of Los Angeles as the action picks up in the present. These new episodes chronicle Bette's interactions with old friends Shane McCutcheon (Moennig) and Alice Pieszecki (Hailey), as well as other characters in the city's LGBTQ community.

"Mrs. Fletcher" (9:55 p.m., 12:25 a.m., 2:55 a.m., HBO): Kathryn Hahn's exquisite portrayal of frustrated and lonely divorcee Eve Fletcher ends its run with the series finale "Welcome Back." As Eve celebrates a life-changing decision, her son Brendan (Jackson White) has a long-overdue epiphany about college. Elsewhere, Sanjay (Cheech Manohar) performs a good deed. Casey Wilson co-stars.

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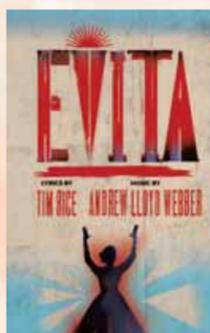
MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	*(6:30) 60 Minutes (N)	God Friended Me: "High Anxiety." (N) ©		NCIS: Los Angeles: "Answers." (N) ©		Madam Secretary: "Leaving the Station." (Series Finale) (N) ©	
	NBC 5	(7:15) NFL Football: Seattle Seahawks at Los Angeles Rams. (N) (Live) ©						
	ABC 7	AFV: America, This Is You! (N) ©	Kids Say the Darndest Things (N) ©			The Rookie: "The Dark Side." (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	Weekend News (N)	Instant Replay (N) ©	Chicago's Best
	Antenna 9.2	Two Dads	Two Dads	Growing	Growing	Johnny Carson ©		
	Court 9.3	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	PBS 11	* African Americans (Time Approximate)	The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross (Time Approximate)		(8:45) The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross (Time Approximate)			Nat King Cole ♦
	CW 26.1	Supergirl (N) ©		Crisis Aftermath (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	The March Sisters at Christmas (NR, '12)				Chasing Christmas (NR, '05)	*** ♦	
	MeTV 26.3	Columbo: "Murder in Malibu." ©				Jeffersons C. Burnett		D. Van Dyke
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	* Diary of Mad		Greyson Family Christmas (NR, '19)	Kalilah Harris.			Every Day ♦
	FOX 32	*(6) 2019 Miss Universe (N) (Live) ©				Fox 32 News at Nine Sunday		Fox Chicago Final Word ♦
	Ion 38	* Christmas Matchmakers	A Cinderella Christmas (NR, '16)	Emma Rigby.				Snow ♦
	TeleM 44	*(6) Miss Universo 2019 (N) ©				Celebrando la corona (N)		Noticiero
	MNT 50	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Dateline ♦
	UniMas 60	* Safe House	Shooter (R, '07) **	Mark Wahlberg, Michael Peña.				Ronaldo ♦
	WJVS 62	Ever Increasing Faith	Truth of God			Pol-News		Van Impe (N)
	Univ 66	Enamorándonos: conquistando el amor				Crónicas: Historias		Noticias (N)
CABLE	AE	Garth Brooks: The Road I'm On: "Part 1." ©				Garth Brooks: The Road I'm On © ♦		
	AMC	Elf (PG, '03) *** Will Ferrell, James Caan. ©				The Polar Express (G, '04) *** © ♦		
	ANIM	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)			(9:01) Lone Star Law		Lone Star ♦
	BBCA	*(6:30) X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13, '09) *** ©				X2: X-Men United (PG-13, '03) *** ♦		
	BET	* The Wedding Ringer **	Madame's Family Reunion (PG-13, '06) **	Tyler Perry. ♦				
	BIGTEN	* College Basketball (N)	Postgame	The BIG Show (N) (Live) ©				
	BRAVO	Housewives-Atlanta (N)	Married to Medicine (N)			Watch (N)	Housewives-Atlanta	
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		News ♦
	CNN	CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute (N) (Live) ©				CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute © ♦		
	COM	*(5:50) Super Troopers	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13, '06) *** ©					
	DISC	Alaska: The Last Frontier: "Christmas Chaos." (N) ©				Building Off the Grid (N)		Off Grid ♦
	DISN	Music (N)	Raven	Roll With It	Gabby	Star Wars	Big City	Raven
	EI	The Kardashians	The Kardashians (N)			Dating (N)	Dating (N)	Nightly (N)
	ESPN	* SportCtr (N) Championship Drive: Who's In? (N) (Live)						SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	* College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Seton Hall at Iowa State. (N) (Live)					Tetris (N) ♦
	FNC	Watters' World ©	The Next Revolution (N)			Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		Watters ♦
	FOOD	Kids Baking	Holiday Wars (N) ©			Gingerbread (N)		Baking ♦
	FREE	* Home Alone 2: Lost in New York **	(8:20) Despicable Me 2 (PG, '13) *** © (SAP)					
	FX	*(6:30) Baywatch (R, '17) * Dwayne Johnson. ©				The Weekly	(9:31) The Weekly © ♦	
	HALL	Christmas at Dollywood (NR, '19) Niall Matter. ©				(9:03) Picture a Perfect Christmas ♦		
	HGTV	Beach (N)	Beach (N)	Off the Grid (N)		Hawaii (N)	Hawaii (N)	Hunt Intl (N)
	HIST	American Pickers	(8:02) American Pickers	(9:05) American Pickers				Pickers ♦
	HLN	Death Row Stories ©	Death Row Stories ©	Death Row Stories ©		Death Row Stories ©		Death Row ♦
	IFC	* The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1	* The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2 ('15) *** ♦					
	LIFE	Grounded for Christmas (NR, '19) Julianna Guill. ©				(9:03) Mistletoe & Menorahs ('19) ♦		
	MSNBC	(6:00) Kasie DC (N) ©	Impeachment			On Assignment		Dateline ♦
	MTV	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
NBCSCH	* NHL Hockey: Coyotes at Blackhawks (N)	Blackhawks Postgame (N)	Beer (N)		Heartland (N)		Heartland (N)	
NICK	The SpongeBob Musical: Live on Stage! ©		Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©		Friends ©	
OVATION	*(6) Mommie Dearest (PG, '81) ** Faye Dunaway. ©		Inside the Actors Studio		Maid		Maid ♦	
OWN	Carole's Christmas (NR, '19) Kimberly Elise.		An En Vogue Christmas (NR, '14) ♦					
OXY	Killer Siblings (N)	Criminal Confessions: "Chris Watts."			Killer Siblings			
PARMT	* Indiana Jones	(8:05) Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (PG-13, '89) *** ♦						
SYFY	X-Men: First Class (PG-13, '11) *** James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender. ©				Futurama		Futurama	
TBS	* Won Woman/Suicide Squad (PG-13, '16) ** Will Smith, Jared Leto. ©				Misery Index		Misery Index	
TCM	It Happened on 5th Avenue (NR, '47) ** Don DeFore.		(9:15) The Holly and the Ivy *** © ♦					
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: "Premature Departure." (N)		Unpolished (N)				90 Day (N) ♦	
TLN	Living-Edge	Manna Fest	In Grace	Turning Point ©		Insights	King	
TNT	Ant-Man (PG-13, '15) *** Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas. ©				Central Intelligence *** ♦			
TOON	We Bare	We Bare	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty	
TRAV	Legend of Bigfoot (N) ©				Expedition Bigfoot (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Secrets (N) ♦	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	Two Men	
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Mr. Robot: "410 Gone." (N)				Tread. ♦	
VH1	* Get Rich or Die Tryin' **	Romeo Must Die (R, '00) **	Jet Li, Aaliyah. ©					
WE	Law & Order: "Terminal."	Law & Order: "Thrill." ©	Law & Order: "Denial."				Law ♦	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Married	
PREMIUM	HBO	*(5:45) Long Shot (R) ***	Watchmen (N) ©		(9:05) Silicon Valley (Series Finale) (N)		Fletcher (Se-	
	HBO2	* Watchmen (7:45) Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13, '10) ** ©					Hurt Lock ♦	
	MAX	Reclaim (R, '14) ** John Cusack.		(8:40) Skyscraper (PG-13, '18) ** Dwayne Johnson.				
	SHO	Ray Donovan (N) ©	Shameless: "Sparky." (N)	The L Word (Series Premiere) (N)		Work- Pro.		
	STARZ	Dublin Murders ©	(8:06) Dublin Murders	(9:11) Dublin Murders		Jumanji ♦		
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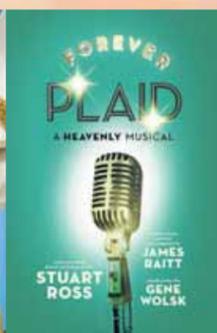
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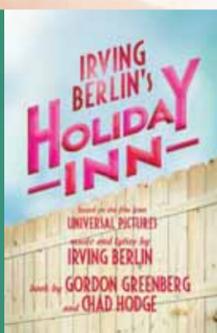
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Salvation in upending an entire system

Murder mystery 'Knives Out' has as much in common with 'Succession' as Agatha Christie



CHRIS JONES

"Knives Out," one of the more interesting and entertaining movies of 2019, attempts something that has never really been done before: adapting the classic murder mystery, an inherently conservative genre, to modern progressive discourse rebuking casually expressed racism, latent sexism and classicism. The film even expresses overt political resistance to the current administration's draconian immigration policy. All while rattling your cage with scary noises and teasing your brain with devious schemes.

Rian Johnson's film — the plot involves the murder of an aged mystery novelist inside his own country house with various heirs and staffers as the chief suspects — surely is the most woke murder-mystery movie ever made.

Which begs the question: Does it win the battle with the form? Has it changed something very familiar, and maybe very regressive, for the good? Or has it fallen into its own trap?

To answer all that, it's helpful to consider Agatha Christie. In the popular imagination, this British author is the mistress of the clever mystery plot, usually involving a perplexing murder, numerous potential suspects and an enigmatic detective with unconventional methods. As the keepers of her flame like to say, Christie gets outsold only by William Shakespeare and the Bible. Her detective novels and short stories have sold more than 1 billion copies. You can bet that when Johnson was pitching his movie to studio executives, Christie's name came up.

Christie mostly was following a template mastered by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of the Sherlock Holmes detective fictions and the man who popularized the form. (He didn't invent it; the likes of Wilkie Collins and Edgar Allan Poe have claims

there, and some would say the whodunit genre dates back to the stories inside the ancient Arabian epic "One Thousand and One Nights.") But Holmes and Watson were stuffy dudes; Christie's Hercule Poirot was a lot more fun, and her stories of guests trapped in some confined environment (a house, a train, an island) proved hugely popular in Hollywood for decades. "Murder on the Orient Express" offers five words everyone knows.

But those Christie stories now often are viewed as problematic. There have been charges of racism, especially involving "And Then There Were None," one of her biggest hits and a work that once carried a very different title when first published in Britain. Some have seen a whiff of anti-Semitism and Orientalism in her writing, although that was hardly uncommon in her era. Of course, it is never as simple as that. Christie wrote domestic thrillers, mostly; her stories involved people getting killed off while at a party or at home and she has plenty of defenders who argue that she was advanced in her psychological thinking and even quite radical in her dissemination of the decay inside the mid-20th century family, and by extension, the patriarchal society at large. It all depends on your point of view, and whether you believe in incremental progress.

As with horror, crime fiction relies on positing an "other," something terrifying that both captivates and scares a reader or an audience member and that, eventually, can be beaten back into submission and send the consumer back to normalcy wiping a brow. Christie's "others" tend to be things at variance with a traditional power structure: dangerously exotic locations, for example, or overly passionate people or mentally unstable individuals. They act up, and they get taken down by the majority.

Johnson challenges all of that, not the least by casting actors like Christopher Plummer and Daniel Craig, stars previously associated with celebrations of patriarchal authority, from Captain von Trapp to James Bond. In "Knives



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Daniel Craig, from left, Chris Evans, Noah Segan and Lakeith Stanfield in a scene from "Knives Out."

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Out," Johnson thoroughly upends the Christie model of fundamentally decent people trying to repel the murderer in their midst. His characters are complacent and self-serving, casually racist in their dealings with the film's central character, a Latina home care nurse (richly played by Ana de Armas) who is especially vulnerable due to the immigration status of her own family. Johnson makes her a near-perfect person, a shining beacon of integrity in stark contrast to all the flawed characters surrounding her.

At times, "Knives Out" feels a murder-mystery version of the HBO series "Succession," another example of a hugely successful drama that feeds our current desire to ogle at the horrific behavior of those whose power flows from inherited wealth. Such people are the chief villains of 2019, the year of the college admissions scandal.

In "Succession," and many similar shows, the establishment is widely seen as morally corrupt, and the whole notion of being a rightful heir is viewed as a kind of moral pollution, indicative of the last gasps of a dying and non-meretricious American aristocracy of the economically privileged. In both "Knives Out" and "Succession," we watch example after example of insensitivity, self-absorption, personal fragility and elitism. The only hope for salvation, both these neo-socialist works say, lies not with finding an individual villain (there will just be another) but upending an entire system.

Of course, "Succession" is a satire and it thus can focus entirely on powerful white people behaving badly. Like a progressive complainant on Twitter, it does not have to offer a solution to how a kinder and gentler capitalist society might figure all this out.

"Knives Out," though, has to resolve the disruption. Murder mysteries need endings. The puzzle must be solved. And that's where Johnson hits other issues.

In a shrewd New York Times column, critic Monica Castillo described her experience watching "Knives Out" as a kind of "emotional whiplash," not least because the subplot involving immigration issues, and the fear of deportation, was, she wrote, mostly played for laughs, this being a comedy thriller. Castillo saw that as the unintended consequences of well-intended art, as made by someone who did not share those fears himself.

Exactly. It's also indicative of a hoary old genre repelling reinvention. Murder mysteries were born in a world and a time where the establishment rules were seen as positives, even in domestic settings; people consumed them to be comforted by the notion that Poirot or Miss Marple would restore order.

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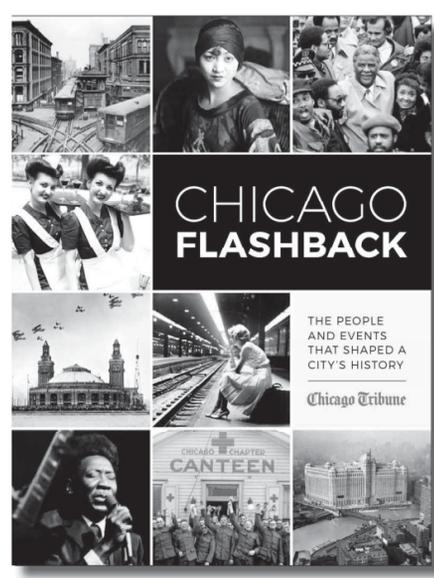
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COMMENTARY

What it means to be a man is getting real

From 'The Irishman' to Mister Rogers, films reexamine masculinity

By ANN HORNADAY
The Washington Post

Jane Fonda visited The Washington Post the other day. At breakfast, just before going onstage with Diane Lane to talk about oceans in crisis, she responded to a question about the intersection of environmental politics and feminism. The veteran actress and advocate observed that women have always gravitated toward working together in the collective interest.

"It's not that we're better than men," she quipped, quoting her good friend Gloria Steinem. "It's just that we don't have our masculinity to prove."

It's a great line — classic Gloria. And it turns out to be apropos, not just in the world of activism, but in movies. Among the dozens of awards contenders that are crowding theater screens between now and the end of the year, a significant number seem to be grappling with men's roles, reflecting disruptions that are roiling the film establishment itself. At a time when the white male gaze is being challenged as Hollywood's default setting, the very essence of manhood — the postures, attitudes and behaviors that movies have portrayed as "male" for more than a century — is being reappraised. Films that once might have been positioned as celebrations of brotherhood, bonding and bromance instead are examining their hidden costs.

There was a time, after all, when part of the enjoyment of watching a Martin Scorsese film was being seduced by the same codes of honor among thieves he romanticized so convincingly in films like "Raging Bull" and "Goodfellas." In his new movie "The Irishman," which began streaming on Netflix, Scorsese rep players Robert De Niro and Joe Pesci go through many of the familiar rituals of violence and mayhem. But now they're slowed down, repeated to the point of boredom, leached of vicarious pleasure. The threats, hair-trigger arguments and ruthless hit jobs that once exuded the thrill of a



Robert De Niro, from left, Al Pacino and Ray Romano in "The Irishman." NETFLIX

liberated id feel predictable and pathetic. The film ends not with a bang, but with the whimper of an assassin whose inability to communicate through anything but brute force has left him alone and unloved.

The perfect dinner-table debate for cineastes might be whether Scorsese intended "The Irishman" to be a treatise on "toxic masculinity." Although the phrase is often used to describe bullying, bellicosity and general bad behavior, it more specifically refers to the damage done to men by social expectations that limit their emotional range to wordless stoicism or explosive aggression, with very little space in between.

One of the chief vectors for those values has been the movies, with the cowboys, vigilantes and gangsters who let their guns do the talking. And nowhere are those values more mythologized than in service to fraternity — the sports teams, military squads, crime outfits and other companies of men where brotherly allegiance permits the kind of unapologetic emotionalism that would be ridiculed in any other context. Think of the "get out your mankerchief" moments in "The Shawshank Redemption," "Hoosiers" and "Saving Private Ryan." Or the hyperbolic firepower and phallic symbolism of a Michael Bay extravaganza. As moving and amusingly escapist as they can be, these films have perpetuated forms of male identity that, for too long, have been

relegated to two archetypes: the square-jawed paragon or the overcompensating antihero.

"The Irishman" wants to have it both ways: Scorsese is clearly still fascinated by the impunity and seedy glamour of the Mafioso's life. But the visceral set pieces have been toned down and muted, not to mention the shiver-inducing needle drops ("Layla," anyone?) that produce that Scorsese-esque blend of queasy admiration. Still, the film's cipherlike protagonist, De Niro's lonely, psychologically damaged Frank Sheeran, would no doubt find common cause with Joaquin Phoenix's Arthur Fleck in "Joker," who is driven to a life of crime by being chronically taunted, dismissed and abused. And they would both recognize the isolation and longing for connection expressed by Brad Pitt in "Ad Astra," in which he plays an ultracompetent astronaut not as a fearless interstellar explorer, but as a broken man coping with deep-seated abandonment issues.

"I think we need to redefine it," Pitt told me in September, referring to the remote, shut-down image of masculinity he grew up with alongside his dad, whom he compared to the Marlboro Man. And, in several new movies, we can see it being redefined almost in real time: In "Waves," Sterling K. Brown's controlling, competitive character learns an agonizing lesson in the wages of fathers passing down poisonous ideas about manhood to their sons; in



Tom Hanks as Mister Rogers in "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood." LACEY TERRELL/SONY PICTURES

the crime drama "Queen & Slim," Daniel Kaluuya and Jodie Turner-Smith flip the script on gender roles, with Turner-Smith's character emerging as the alpha partner who towers over her male counterpart, literally and figuratively.

Happily, the current crop of movies also includes glimpses of manhood that nudge the paradigm more playfully. In some ways, "Ford v Ferrari" offers a bracing, look-at-the-bright-side complement to "The Irishman." Both films emphasize their protagonists' experiences in World War II as being pivotal to their fiercest loyalties, with "Ford v Ferrari" — about the 1966 Le Mans car race and the invention of the Ford GT40 — viewing the generation through a far more forgiving and optimistic lens.

On its shiny surface, "Ford v Ferrari" might look like just another ode to macho strutting and cars that go vroom. But it's been custom-built to be something more thoughtful: a genuinely touching chronicle of camaraderie, competition and common enterprise that detoxifies masculinity to its purest, most humane elements. In one of the film's cleverest scenes, lead actors Matt Damon and Christian Bale engage in a hilariously uncool fight that intentionally undermines their invincible personae in the "Bourne" and "Dark Knight" films. As they scabble and scrap, they look angry, then ridiculous, then sheepish, then just ... over it.

In other words: like real men.

Of course, "Ford v Ferrari" also happens to be a marvelously entertaining spectacle, especially when it comes to the cars that go vroom — which surely helps explain why it's become such a deserving hit. But what about movies that don't have the benefit of cars, guns, spaceships or other male-coded tropes at their disposal? The biggest referendum on masculinity at the movies this year may turn out to be "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," in which Tom Hanks plays children's TV host and national treasure Fred Rogers.

Warm, open and spiritually attuned, Rogers is that rare leading character whom even the most divided families can agree to admire together. And as the antithesis of lawlessness, rampant ego and empty swagger, he's the movie hero millions of Americans need right now — a model of manhood at its most empathic, compassionate and emotionally secure.

Can Mister Rogers go toe-to-toe with Arthur Fleck? Will kindness ever be as captivating on-screen as kicking ass? If "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" becomes the big holiday hit it's poised to be, it will bode well for smart, soundly crafted movies aimed squarely at the mainstream. But it will also confirm that, in movies as in life, it's amazing what you can accomplish when you don't have your masculinity to prove.

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Forget Queen Elsa's 'Into the Unknown'

Anna has best tune in 'Frozen 2,' with earworms galore

BY NARDINE SAAD
Los Angeles Times

Like its predecessor, the blustering avalanche that is "Frozen 2" brings plenty of ice, power and earworms.

The record-breaking blockbuster builds on the musical tradition of Disney's 2013 animated hit "Frozen" with plenty to say about how relationships evolve — in song.

But alas, Queen Elsa's flagship number "Into the Unknown" is not the film's best song, even if its siren call is the most recognizable.

Oscar- and Grammy-winning duo Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez returned to write seven original songs for the Scandinavian-set sequel. You can praise (or blame) them for the tunes being stuck in your head or sung repeatedly by the little kids in your life.

Actor Josh Gad, who voices the film's sentient snowman Olaf, even had to apologize in advance for the musical's earworm potential given the juggernaut that was "Frozen's" "Let It Go," to which many of the new runaway hits are being compared.

Here's how the original songs stack up based on their emotional impact and universal themes, which give each track a practical life outside the world of "Frozen."

Caution: Many "Frozen 2" spoilers ahead.

1. 'The Next Right Thing'

OK, before you send the Northuldra and Earth giants after me, hear me out.

Princess Anna's heart-breaking ballad about pulling yourself out of grief and depression has the most real-world applica-



Anna, voiced by Kristen Bell, and Olaf, voiced by Josh Gad, in a scene from "Frozen 2."

tions. It's a brief song about mental health in disguise. Kristen Bell's vocals leap during this tear-jerker, which calls on the heroine to be her own hero in the simplest way: "You are lost, hope is gone, but you must go on and do the next right thing," she sings.

The song is arguably more poignant because of whom it's coming from, a startling reminder that anyone can be overcome with sadness despite the personality they show to the outside world. Here's the film's spunky key optimist, completely deflated by the loss of everyone she holds dear, picking herself up to save the day. At one point, the girl who is afraid of being abandoned (in not one, but two films) says "Hello, darkness, I'm ready to succumb." But she doesn't.

It's nice to see the heroine of both films not only carry on, but completely shine on her own. Queen

Anna, indeed.

2. 'Show Yourself'

Coming in at a close second is another majestic Elsa anthem, "Show Yourself."

While "Let It Go," the ice queen's signature hit from the original film, was about self-acceptance, "Show Yourself" is a slow-building ballad about self-love.

The new song features Idina Menzel's soaring vocals and parallels the maturation of Elsa's voice and narrative: On the mysterious island of Ahtohallan, she realizes her powers and duties extend beyond the kingdom of Arendelle and to the elemental spirits that bestowed her with freezing abilities.

"Show Yourself" certainly has film-specific references, but its lyrics are universal too.

The song gets even better (and emotional) when it turns into a bit of a medley.

Aurora, the Norwegian singer who recites "Into the Unknown's" siren song, reappears vocally, as does Evan Rachel Wood, who duets with Menzel's Elsa on a triumphant few lines from the sequel's track "All Is Found."

This one gets extra points because of how it incorporates the film's other musical motifs.

3. 'Into the Unknown'

Aurora's haunting tune combined with Menzel's vocals is "Frozen 2's" signature song (for now), setting up Elsa's journey into the enchanted forest.

But it also speaks to anyone who's ever tried to quiet a giggling voice beckoning them out their comfort zone.

Narratively speaking, it's an adventure song that explains why Elsa is being pulled away from the first film's happily ever after.

That could be why Disney released it first: It comes early on in the film and contains fewer story spoilers than some of the others ranked higher here. Musically, its riff is the most recognizable (and Disney knows it) and has been the most closely compared to its Oscar-winning predecessor.

4. 'All Is Found'

"All Is Found" is a beautiful bedtime lullaby from Elsa and Anna's mother, Queen Iduna (Wood), that serves as a road map for the film thanks to retroactive continuity.

In a flashback, the queen sings the ethereal tune about a river that holds all of the answers.

The song is full of secret messages, haunting warnings, metaphors and big ideas for the production — mainly film-specific references that limit its wider reach.

5. 'Lost in the Woods'

Kristoff's proposal to Anna is thwarted yet again, and their latest relationship roadblock comes secondary to the main narrative, unlike many relationship arcs of past Disney films.

The possible break-up is much harder on the ice master and deliverer, making the reversal in Jonathan Groff's power ballad the funniest song of the film. It's an irreverent rock opera meant to appeal to the parents who've become all too familiar with the genre's tropes.

6. 'When I Am Older'

Comic relief isn't Olaf's sole purpose in "Frozen 2." Gad's Olaf — the audience's stream of consciousness — is still soaking up the sun thanks to Elsa's magical permafrost. He's now three years older, which is a lot in ice years, and his eponymous solo, "When I Am Older," showcases that evolution (he can read now too).

7. 'Some Things Never Change'

This ensemble piece early in the film serves a more functional purpose. "Some Things Never Change" gives the characters a moment to reintroduce themselves to audiences as maturer versions of themselves. The title is completely misleading because just about everything changes after this point in the film.

It's a charming, finale-like number that speaks to the theme of transformation in "Frozen 2," but it doesn't have the same emotional impact as the first film's sister duets, "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" or "For the First Time in Forever."

Times staff writer Christi Carras contributed to this report.

Kaluuya: 'I like grounded, big stories'

Why the British actor fought for 'Queen & Slim'

BY SONAIYA KELLEY
Los Angeles Times

Daniel Kaluuya is used to getting people talking.

After appearing in the first season of Charlie Brooker's dystopian anthology series "Black Mirror," the British actor went on to deliver a breakout performance in Jordan Peele's genre-redefining psychological horror film "Get Out," for which he was nominated for an Oscar.

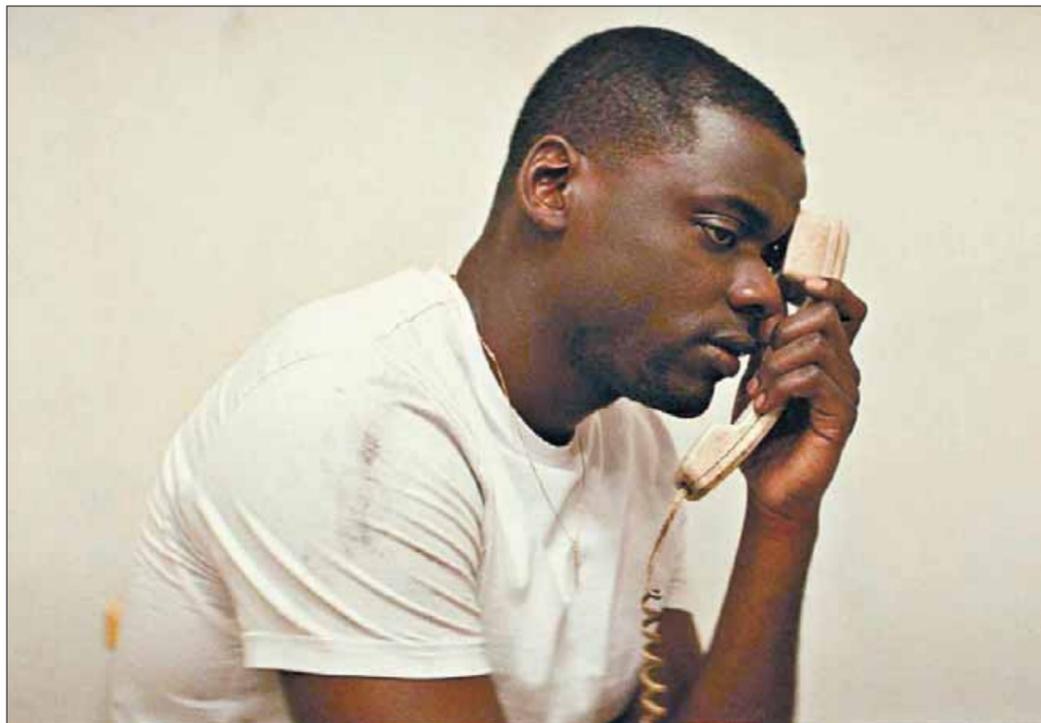
In the two years since, he's had memorable turns in Marvel's megahit "Black Panther" and Steve McQueen's critically acclaimed "Widows" before once again taking the lead in the Thanksgiving release "Queen & Slim," directed by Melina Matsoukas from a script by Lena Waithe.

"It's a blessing, man," he said over a late October lunch in Los Angeles. "I realized I'm always there at the beginning of things: Doing Jordan's first (directed) film and then Lena's first film, the first (season) of 'Black Mirror,' 'Black Panther.' It's a nice thing to affirm something that could be in the zeitgeist."

In the same way that "Get Out" and "Black Panther" sparked broad and unexpected cultural conversations when they were released, "Queen & Slim" is primed to do the same.

A love story about an unlikely black couple on the run after an altercation with a police officer, the film was intended as a meditation on police brutality and feels decidedly of the times.

"I like things that are misbehaved," said Kaluuya of his attraction to the script. "I like grounded, big stories. I like accessible excellence. I want to make films for people that watch



Daniel Kaluuya stars in "Queen Slim," directed by Melina Matsoukas from a script by Lena Waithe.

two films a year. I'll either be in one of the two or you have to sneak me in that third one, bro. You've got to take that girl out for the third one! Because they're honest. There's an array of reasons why I do ... but I try and inform my gut so then when my gut reacts, I trust the gut."

That gut instinct has led the 30-year-old London native to work almost exclusively with some of the most acclaimed black directors of our time, including Peele, McQueen and Ryan Coogler, though Kaluuya says that was never intentional. It's merely a byproduct of avoiding roles that aren't fully formed human beings.

"I made a decision back in the day with my agent," he said. "A role would come in, it was usually a black guy: 'He's really nice, he's part of the gang. Three quarters into the (movie) he gets killed and then the

white male (protagonist) is like, 'You can't kill the good black guy. I'm a good white guy!' And I call that role a lamp. Because in a bedroom, you need a lamp. It adds something. It doesn't feel like a bedroom (without it) but it's not the focus of the bedroom. So a lot of times these roles are lamp roles.

"I hate to say the term 'woke,' but I got up and I was like, 'Wait, hold on, a lot of filmmakers are using blackness in order to add credibility to the scenario,'" he added. "They're not interrogating the (black characters) as human beings and three-dimensional people because they just don't know them and that's fine. But I just got tired of doing that. And when I identified it and articulated it and decided not to do that, I started working with more (black directors)."

As for "Queen & Slim" — which marks the feature

directing debut of Matsoukas, known for her work in music videos (including Beyoncé's "Formation") and TV ("Insecure," "Master of None") — Kaluuya says he gravitated to the role of Slim because he "felt it."

"(I) felt for him, felt for their predicament," he said. "Everyone thought I was crazy because 'Get Out' came out and (afterward) I was like, 'I want to do a rom-com.' I was telling everyone I wanted to do a rom-com. And then ('Queen & Slim') came in and I was like, 'Yeah, man.'"

While the project does involve both romance and comedy, it also has a deadly serious edge. Slim is something of an Everyman character, who meets the pricklier professional Queen (newcomer Jodie Turner-Smith) via Tinder. It's on their very first date that things go sideways and the two are forced to rely on

each other to evade the law. The timeliness of the story, paired with the layered depth of the two characters, stirred Kaluuya enough to petition Waithe for the role.

"The element of fighting for your life and the trouble that gets you in really resonated with me," he said. "That journey, I felt, was really honest. And there were a lot of story turns that were really considered. It was really thoughtful and it wasn't preachy, it was complex. I would watch it. Sometimes I just want to be in stuff I'd watch. And some stuff I'd watch I go, 'I shouldn't be in that' because I just don't think I'm right. I trust that instinct in myself. So this one I said, 'I think I should be in this.' And I put my hat in the ring."

The actor says working with Waithe and Matsoukas — a rare example of two women of color col-

laborating on a major studio film — was "inspiring."

"They're a force," he said. "I was fans of them in isolation. I came across a Lena script, the original pilot of (Showtime series) 'The Chi,' and I'm like, 'Who the ... is this? This writing is amazing.' And then Melina, I was a fan of the Solange video and the 'On the Run' trailer she did (for Beyoncé and Jay-Z), and then 'Insecure.' I love 'Insecure.' I don't watch a lot of ... but I watch 'Insecure.' So it was one of those blessings where you're working with people you respect."

Kaluuya, who had primarily worked on British productions until a supporting role in the 2015 thriller "Sicario," says the main difference between acting in the U.S. and England is the larger presence of "politics" in Hollywood.

"There's more money on the line, and more press," he said. "My career in England didn't equip me for the amount of press. And it's a bit more meritocratic (here). It's like there is some sense to it. If you make money, you get more stuff and you get paid more. In England, it's very much, 'Ah, you're popping. We need a new one.'"

The workload for American actors is also much greater, he said. "Americans work very hard. Very hard. I usually (make movies) back to back to back (here). It's very tough. Also I'm doing a new accent and trying to make it feel like I'm not doing an accent ... it's a lot of hours going into that. And it just takes more out of me in comparison to U.K. jobs. There's a lot more research because I give a (crap)."

But having to do the research has been amazing in terms of personal growth, he says. "It's fun in the sense where you are challenged and pushed. You're forced to think differently, forced to take on different perspectives."

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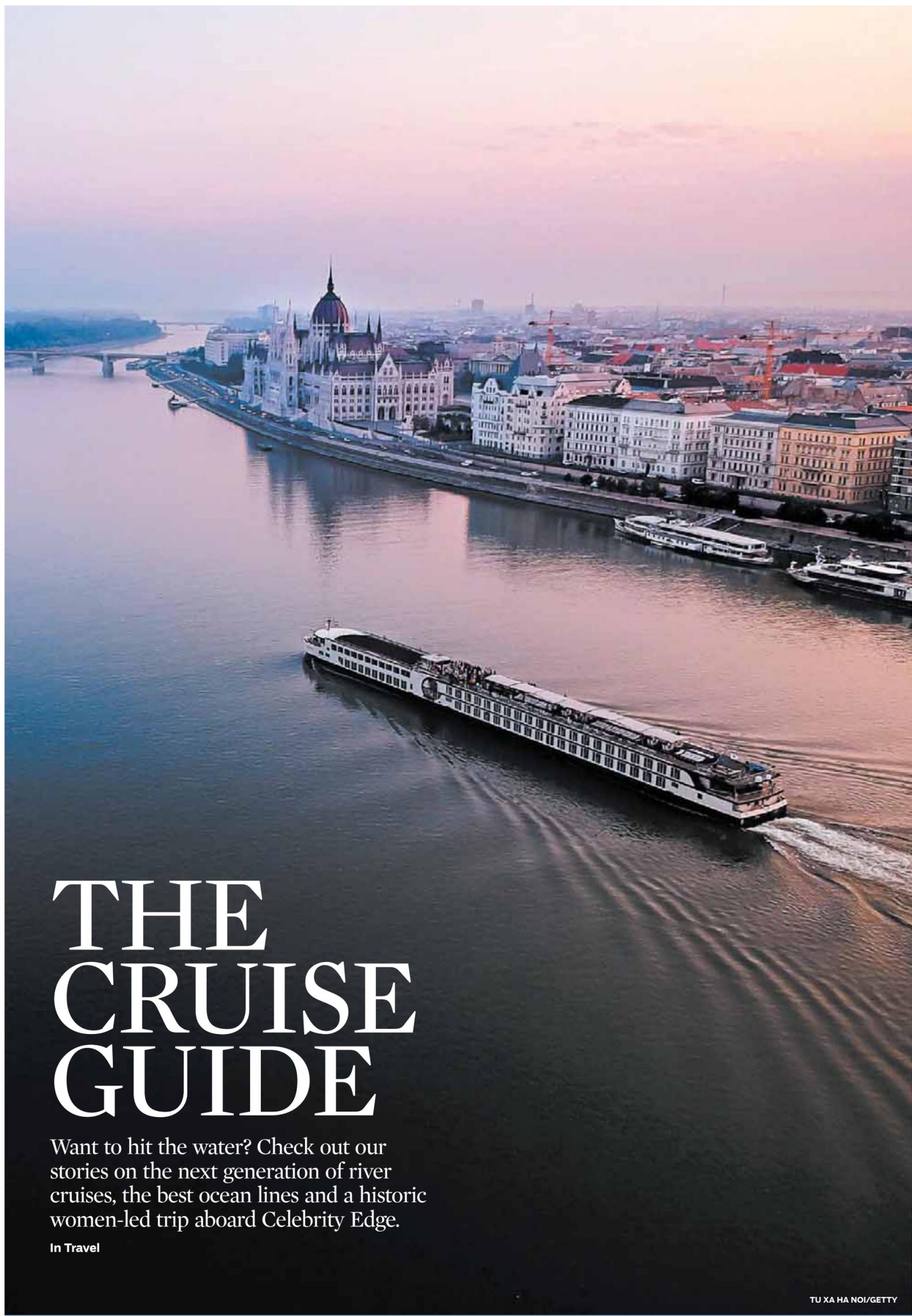
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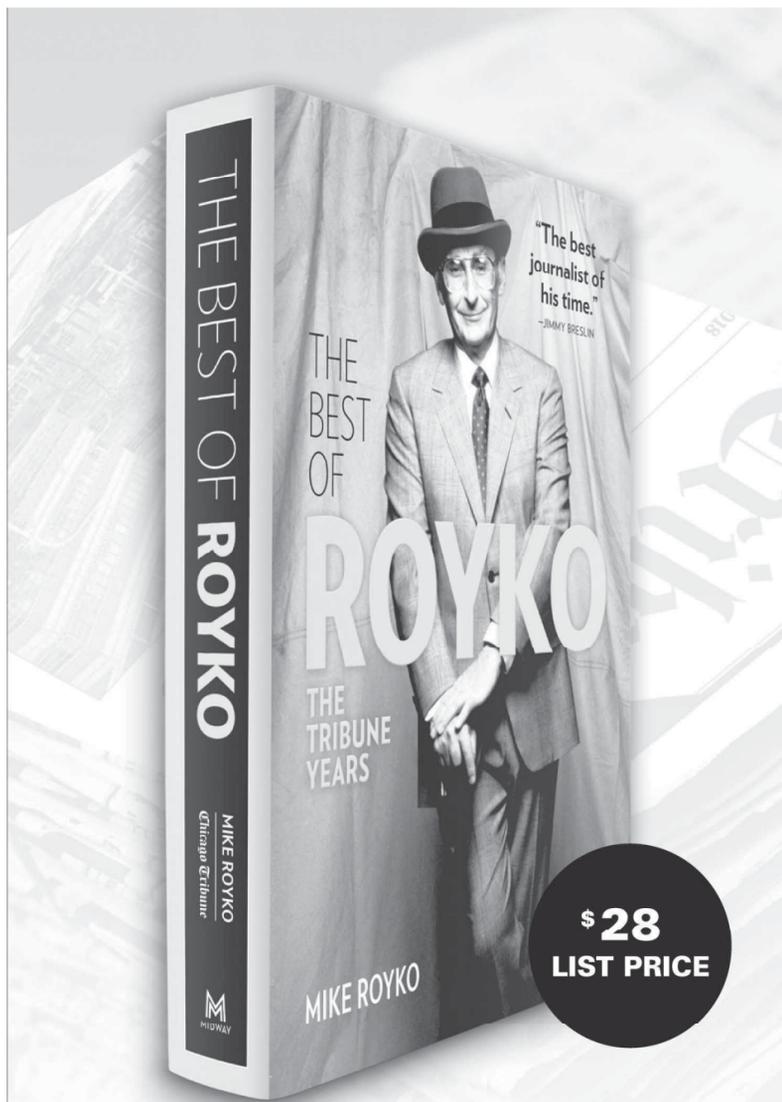


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Friends avoid violent pal, feel rejected

Dear Amy: A few years ago, my partner and I, both artists, moved from Europe to the USA's West Coast.

We already had close connections and friends in the States — a very nice circle of open-minded spirits. Other friends moved here from other big cities, and we quickly helped bring all the circles together through gatherings and art shows.

A big falling-out happened with one of our closest longtime friends. It involved drugs, weapons and violence (on his part). We decided to sever ties and changed the locks of our doors and phone numbers. We felt threatened, and because as aliens on U.S. soil, we can't afford to be brought into anything illegal, which would jeopardize our status.

Our other friends are aware of the situation and in conversation seem to understand us. We've never initiated discussions about this, nor gossiped about our friend, but his issues are well known and hard to miss, so our friends do talk about it.

Despite all that, our friends keep inviting him and us to the same gatherings. We have been opting to NOT attend gatherings in order to avoid conflict, but we now feel alienated from our friends. We even feel that our buttons are being pushed. Not attending events separates us from everyone, including a lot of friends we introduced to each other.

We have not been vocal about the reasons of our absence because we do not want to gossip, nor ask to ban anyone, especially a troubled person, from attending. However, we do NOT want our lives or legal status endangered.

How should we address this situation, when we feel we are excluding ourselves from circles we helped bring together? We miss our friends.

— *Left Aside*

Dear Left Aside: One thing you should do is to host events, inviting these overlapping circles of people who mean so much to you, excluding the person you need to avoid.

You don't seem to have disclosed the reason you can't attend events where this other person is also invited — nor does anyone seem to have asked you. If you are asked, you should tell the truth, without fear of being a gossip. You say others are aware of this man's issues, but don't seem proportionally concerned about violence, drugs and illegal activity.

Expanding your circle might help all of you to make a social transition.

Dear Amy: My friend and I work and often go to lunch together. Her lunch break is noon to 1 p.m. Lately, she has gotten into the habit of texting me at around 11:15, asking if I am available for lunch at 12!

That is really cutting it annoyingly close for me! I need more notice so that I can plan my work. I don't want to tell my friend what she should do but would rather use "I" sentences and let her know what MY needs are. How should I phrase my request for her to give me more notice?

— D

Dear D: You merely need to use your voice, coupled by your actions, in order to retrain your friend to be more considerate of your time constraints.

If she asks you to join her and it is not convenient for you, you should say, "I can't make it today. Unfortunately, most days I need more than a few minutes advance notice." And then ... you simply decide not to turn yourself inside out in order to meet her immediate choices. And because she is your friend who wants to spend time with you, she will adjust.

Dear Amy: Responding to the question posed by "Upset Neighbor," who wanted to report her neighbor for disability fraud, I worked for the Social Security Administration for 35 years.

As you responded, Amy, this woman may have disabling conditions other than her injured back. Also, Social Security disability benefits are earned; had she not worked and paid into the system, she would not be eligible to collect these benefits.

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— *Concerned Citizen*

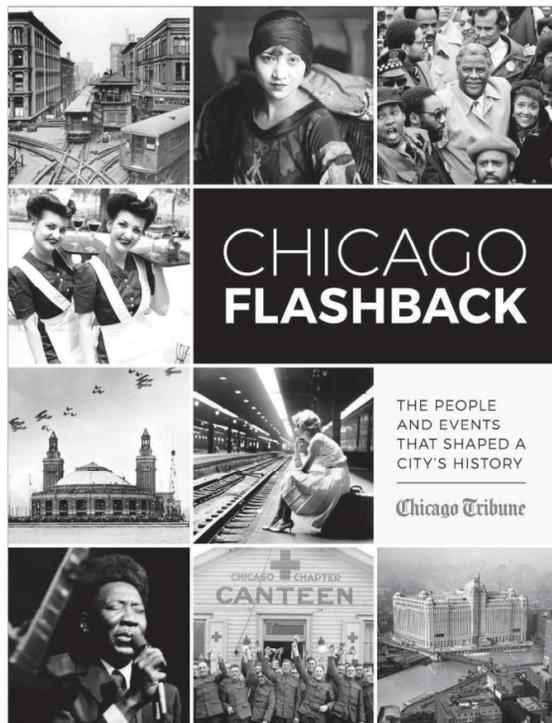
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What I learned about 'normal' holidays

It's time for a truer approach to this season of traditions

Few things in life prepare you for that moment on Thanksgiving when your husband pulls out his phone and inquires with great sincerity: "Siri, where's the nearest Denny's?"

Tradition hangs in the air, holiday decorations dot the landscape, photos of families smiling on front stoops flood Instagram, and you and your beloved are employing a disembodied robot woman to point you toward a Lumberjack Slam.

How did it come to this?

It was supposed to be a more conventional Thanksgiving: turkey, maybe even a turkey trot, pies and football.

We were supposed to be in a Minneapolis suburb, surrounded by cousins and second cousins and a wonderful family matriarch and laughter and calories.

But weather happened.

Dangerous winds in Chicago were blowing down trees and signs. Officials warned motorists not to drive unless absolutely necessary. Inches upon inches of snow were falling in Minnesota — enough snow to prompt the University of Minnesota to cancel classes.

So we ditched our road trip a few hours before our planned departure, figuring the risk of an accident was too great.

My son decided he wanted to see his dad on Thanksgiving, now that our Minnesota trip was off, and my daughter thought that sounded fine. Their dad said to come on over, and their mom (me) made one of those lightning-fast calculations that divorced parents know all too well. (Their feelings plus my feelings minus my feelings because I am not the point multiplied by the weight of a holiday divided by the fact that they'll only be gone a few hours and we can all have turkey together the next day equals ... take them to their dad's.)



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And that's how my husband and I found ourselves driving around on Thanksgiving with no place to eat.

My ex-husband lives in Indiana. We dropped the kids at his house and went hiking at the Indiana Dunes (the nation's newest national park!). The views were sweeping and lovely, as long as you don't mind the occasional monument to industry, and we had the trails to ourselves.

After the hike, we were famished and turned to Google for help.

Me: "CNN has a list of chains open on Thanksgiving. Chili's?"

Husband: "I'd eat at Chili's."

Me: "Bob Evans?"

Husband: "I'd eat at Bob Evans."

Me: "Popeyes?"

Husband: "I'd eat at Popeyes."

Me: "Denny's?"

Husband: "Denny's! I'd eat at Denny's."

And with that, Siri was summoned.

In the end, we landed at a Boston Market in Munster, Indiana, just a stone's throw from my first newspaper job after college, oddly enough. I drove my husband by the building where I used to work from 4 p.m. to midnight, where my co-workers tried and failed to get me hooked on White Castle, where I worked when my car was stolen from a parking lot in Hobart, where I started to become an adult.

It was a lovely day, in the end. I will remember it forever.

But it was hardly an orthodox celebration.

And I struggled a bit with the Instagram flood of smiling families on front stoops. I let my imagination wander and wonder about the scenes playing out in each of the houses we passed along our drive. I thought a little wistfully about families gathering on couches to watch the Bears game, something I've grown to love doing with my football-loving son.

Not because I was envious. I certainly know I am blessed beyond measure: That my children are healthy and alive and spent the day being fed and loved by others is a gift, not a burden. I never take that for granted.

But I struggle a little at the holidays because it's impossible to make them feel normal.

Being away from your kids, on a day set aside for family, doesn't feel normal. Asking Siri where to eat, on a day built almost entirely around eating, doesn't feel normal. Hiking at a national park, on a day when trails are abandoned and parking lots are empty and visitors centers are closed, doesn't feel normal.

But I think it's time to set all that aside.

I think it's time for a truer approach to this season of gatherings and traditions and shaky new beginnings and bittersweet farewells. When every emotion — joy, grief, longing, worry, gratitude — is multiplied by 10. (Sometimes

because of that divorced-parent calculation, sometimes because of an equation made of far different factors.)

I think it's time to adopt, for all of our sanity, a mantra for this season of complexities: There's no such thing as normal.

Say it with me, if you'd like: There's no such thing as normal.

There is delight. There is disappointment. There is regret. There is missing. There is chaos. There is, if you're lucky, tremendous laughter. There is deep, deep gratitude.

But there's no normal. Normal isn't a thing. Normal is a fantasy, a ghost, an illusion. We can stop striving for it. We can make our own rules.

We can enjoy what's in front of us. What a gift.

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she continues the conversation around her columns and hosts occasional live chats.

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Home organizer Marie Kondo in Netflix's reality series, "Tidying Up with Marie Kondo." The organizing phenom helped people get rid of clutter. Now she wants to sell you ... clutter.

COMMENTARY

Perfection for sale

Marie Kondo helped you get rid of clutter. Now she wants to sell you more stuff. Ever heard of a long con?

BY CINDY DAMPIER
Chicago Tribune

On New Year's Day, Marie Kondo, worldwide decluttering phenom, launched her first U.S. television show, "Tidying Up with Marie Kondo." She cleaned countertops and edited bookshelves (Kondo has written that she limits herself to about 30 books in her own home) and Americans responded: Within a week of the show's debut, Kondo's Instagram account ballooned from 710,711 followers to 1.4 million.

She was the woman who launched a million photos of organized sock drawers.

And now, just in time for the holidays, comes the next big reveal on Kondo's star-making

trajectory: a Marie Kondo online store.

Now we know why she was so hot for you to throw out all your stuff — so you could fill the empty spaces with stuff you buy from her.

There's a tote bag specially designed to hold a bouquet of flowers (\$42); a pair of pale pink "room shoes" aka slippers (\$206, but you'll have to wait, because they're already out of stock). A \$275 brass tool holder longs to claim some real estate on that clean kitchen counter, where it will cuddle your perfectly edited selection of wooden spoons.

"The goal of tidying," reads Kondo's quote on the store's home page, "is to make room for meaningful objects, people and experiences. I can think of no greater

happiness in life than being surrounded only by the things I love."

Of-the-moment keywords notwithstanding, the pitch is as old as the longest long con: That stuff you have? (Or had, since Kondo helped you pack it all in garbage bags and muscle it out to the curb 11 months ago.) It's really not good enough. And you know what would make you happier? Better stuff. Perfect stuff, even. The kind of stuff that's good enough for an obviously perfect, made-for-Instagram organizing guru.

"The thing that I think is best represented by the show," Gail Berman, the producer responsible for bringing Kondo to Netflix, told The Hollywood Reporter earlier this year, "is the message of anti-consumerism."

Sure. And the NFL isn't really about people trying to sell you new cars.

The difference — perhaps the brilliance — of Kondo's game is that she has set the psychological stage for your purchases so neatly.

While appearing to earnestly promote the greater good of fewer things, she opened the door to the idea that the things that remain after a cleanup should be only the best.

Never mind that an object might be serviceable and sturdy, Kondo's standard is that it must also excite you emotionally. Never mind that pursuit of "better stuff," meanwhile, is what got many of her clients into trouble with clutter in the first place.

Classic sales tactics weave through her method like subtle threads: Kondo's signature tech-

nique, in which you hold an item to see whether it "sparks joy" before deciding whether to throw it out, has echoes of consumer decision-making research. "Consumer psychology says that if you touch an item in the store, you are more likely to buy it," says Joseph Ferrari, a professor of psychology at DePaul University who has studied the psychology of possessions. "If you pick up the item, you are more likely to keep it. So she's misinforming people."

Recent research has shown that 64% of consumers now base their purchase decisions on values; Kondo hits that note, too, with her neater-than-thou aspirational minimalism and lots of squishy spiritualism that's used as window-dressing for basic, essential tasks and objects. The idea of living with less, and even the idea of living with a few perfect things that make your life more joyful, has a righteous ring to it.

Canadian consumer psychologist Russell Belk has shown that possessions are an extension of self; the things we own are integrated into our ideas of who we are, both internally and in the presentation we make to the public. Thus, by buying stuff we attempt to attach the ideas those things represent to our own identities. And showing us that our stuff isn't very good (is, in fact, trash) causes us in turn to need to redefine ourselves.

That \$200 wooden tea canister Kondo's selling won't just be keeping your tea fresh. It will be signaling your dedication to a higher plane of existence, free from clutter, full of joy, sur-

rounded by perfect stuff.

Ferrari, whose research has shown that the stuff you own is also tangled up with the concept of home, says that kind of perfection isn't a worthy goal. "I think that's kind of dangerous, misleading to people to suggest that they try to be perfect," he says. "And we certainly don't need to buy things to make us perfect."

Ferrari says that, instead, you should congratulate yourself if you make it 85% of the way to what you consider the perfect goal, making room for your own human fallibility, and for future change.

Though clutter is, indeed, the enemy, contributing to stress, erasing happiness and eroding our identities, chasing an ideal lifestyle isn't likely to produce happiness, either. In fact, it might lead you right back to where you started: shopping for more. "You shouldn't start cleaning out your house by hitting The Container Store to stock up on organizing stuff," says Ferrari. "First, organize. You don't need all that stuff." Remember, he cautions, retail empires were built on the fact that we often confuse our needs with our wants. "We've all been sold a bill of goods that we need the latest, the best, the new thing," he says. "What we have may work just fine."

Which is something to remember when Marie Kondo, who encouraged you to donate your old bathrobe, tries to sell you a new linen one (\$115), just in time for Christmas.

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SOCIAL GRACES

Telling someone to avoid certain gifts for your kids

BY HANNAH HERRERA
GREENSPAN

Q: With the holidays around the corner, what's the best way to tell someone not to get your kids specific gifts?

A: A healthy friendship (or relationship) is deeply rooted in two things: trust and respect. A friendship built on trust and respect can withstand open, honest conversations like this one.

The reality is: This absolutely should not feel like an awkward conversation at all. You would simply say to your friend, "Hey! Just giving you a heads-up before you buy Christmas presents for the kids, we're trying to cut back on (sugar, video games, Pokemon cards, Lego) this year."

That's it. And, in a healthy friendship, your friend would

totally respect that.

But, if you feel you can't be transparent with your friend and worry your friend would be offended or upset, then it sounds as if the friendship has bigger issues.

— Dana Kerford, friendship expert and founder of URSTRONG

A: As far as specific presents go, there are typically people you can and can't do this with. If you have close friends and family you know you'll exchange gifts with, start with a conversation about what types of gifts they'd like this year and what types of gifts don't work. Then go into gift ideas for your own kids and similarly what wouldn't work. Start with the other person first!

However, there are always going to be unexpected gifts and thoughtful deeds that come our way in life. How about the person



ARIEL SKELLEY/GETTY

who surprises your child with a gift, or the random act of kindness? These are the cases where we graciously accept gifts, and it's important to teach your children how to do so as well.

Take the time to proactively

teach your children how to graciously accept a gift, and let them know that there's a later time when you can discuss it further (after the person isn't present). Additionally, be sure that you have a plan that's known by all

family members for things that you don't allow in the home.

— Faye de Muysshondt, founder and author at socialsklz for Success

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THE KIDS

HOW TO KEEP THEM BUSY THIS WEEK

See a heart-wrenching vaudevillian musical

BY WEB BEHRENS

Monday

AUDITORIUM THEATRE'S 130th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Auditorium celebrates a whopping 13 decades in the South Loop with this giant open-house anniversary party. Grown-ups might be interested in the free tours of the historic venue, but all ages will love the rest of the activities: a scavenger hunt, a photo booth, coloring stations, free popcorn. The drop-in event runs 4-7 p.m.; show up just before 6 p.m. for free birthday cake (and a Champagne toast for adults). At the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive. Free, but advance registration encouraged. tinyurl.com/qs8uss2

'THAT'S WEIRD, GRANDMA: HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA'

Formerly known by the whimsical moniker Barrel of Monkeys, this team of artist-educators has a proud new name, Play-Makers Laboratory, designed to better reflect its mission with CPS students, ages 7-13. But "That's Weird, Grandma," their signature show, remains its zany self! This collection of skits, all written by students, shares a holiday theme. Catch it Dec. 9, 13-14, 20-21 at the Neo-Futurist Theater, 5153 N. Ashland Ave. \$10-\$20, \$5-\$10 for kids 12 and under. playmaker-slab.org/shows

Wednesday

'POTTED POTTER'

This rollicking British import makes its biennial appearance in Chicago, delighting "Harry Potter" fans young and old. A freewheeling comedic homage to J.K. Rowling's beloved books, the show puts two actors through their paces: They portray all the characters in the entire seven-book saga in 70 manic minutes — plus time for an interactive game of Quid-ditch! Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, and continue through Jan. 5 at Broadway Playhouse at Water Tower Place, 175 E. Chestnut St. \$40-\$80. tinyurl.com/ubq7723

Thursday

'A XMAS CUENTO REMIX'

Berwyn's 16th Street Theater delivers this world premiere (with simultaneous



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TOP PICKS

Friday, Dec. 13:
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Saturday, Dec. 14:
POLAR ADVENTURE DAY

productions in Cleveland and Portland) to spice up the holidays. In "A Xmas Cuento Remix," Dickens' famous tale gets updated with a Latinx spin. Tia Dolores is such a Scrooge, she won't even help her niece, who's about to get evicted. But when Dolores gets a visit from three sassy spirits — well, you probably know the rest. Through Dec. 29 at 16th Street Theater in the Berwyn Cultural Center, 6420 16th St., Berwyn. \$22-\$32. tinyurl.com/wfr6rnk

Friday

'BURNING BLUEBEARD'

Now in its eighth annual iteration, this heart-wrenching vaudevillian musical

has become an unlikely holiday tradition — one that's uniquely Chicago. The theatrical fable grew out of a real-life tragedy, Chicago's 1903 Iroquois Theatre fire. This year, Porchlight hosts The Ruffians show, which moves into a bigger venue in Streeterville. Recommended for ages 12 and up, "Burning Bluebeard" runs for 12 performances across eight days, Dec. 13-27. At Ruth Page Center for the Arts, 1016 N. Dearborn St. \$45. porchlightmusictheatre.org/events/burning-bluebeard

Saturday

LEGO TRAIN SHOW

There's always plenty to see at Wheaton's expansive Cantigny Park, but this week-

end brings a special delight for kids: It's the Northern Illinois Lego Train Club's largest annual show. When you're done gaping at the display, visitors on Saturday can enjoy Cantigny's monthly drop-in family program. Kids learn about local engineering wonders, then build their own Lego structure. "Lego Train Show" opens at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14-15, at Cantigny Park, 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton. Free; \$5 for parking. cantigny.org/event/lego-train-show

'A CHRISTMAS CAROL' AND BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Scrooge plus Santa? What a duo! It's the holiday menu for Saturday performances of Drury Lane's musical "Carol," an hourlong, intermission-free version of the Dickens classic designed for little ones who might get the wiggles during longer shows. Catch it at either 10 a.m. or noon, before or after 11 a.m. breakfast, which includes a make-your-own-doughnut station. The holiday combo occurs Saturdays through Dec. 21 at Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. \$50, \$40 for kids 4-12; prices include performance. tinyurl.com/wexokyr

POLAR ADVENTURE DAY

This annual Northerly Island tradition returns to celebrate the joys of winter! Stroll the prairie with a cup of hot cocoa — while wearing snowshoes, if the weather permits. Better still, meet a variety of animals well adapted for cold: birds of prey, huskies and wolves. Need to warm up? Head indoors to the nature-inspired winter craft station. Nearby parking (\$3, cash only) is limited, so plan ahead. Noon to 4 p.m. (and repeating Jan. 25 and Feb. 29) at North-erly Island, 1521 S. Linn White Drive. Free. tinyurl.com/svedgks

MCA FAMILY DAY: KEEP IT COZY

For the December edition of its monthly Family Day, MCA aims to soothe the holiday hustle and bustle with some chill vibes. Chicago artists lead open-studio projects and meditation sessions. Drop in and check out the scene, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave. Free for families with kids 12 and under. tinyurl.com/tokn5hw

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What to do if your parents need your financial help

BY LIZ WESTON
NerdWallet

Most parents in the U.S. provide some sort of financial support to their adult children, multiple surveys have found. But often, financial aid goes the other way.

A 2015 survey by TD Ameritrade found 13% of American adults provided financial support to a parent. Millennials were far more likely than older generations to report they were helping their folks. Of people born between 1981 and 1996, 19% helped support their parents, compared with 13% of Gen Xers (1965 to 1980) and 8% of baby boomers (1946 to 1964).

Sometimes the money is provided happily, or at least without resentment, by those following cultural norms or personal conviction that they owe it to their parents. Other times, financial aid to parents is a source of tension — between parent and adult child, among siblings and between partners.

Certified financial planner Austin A. Frye had no idea when he married his wife four decades ago that they would one day support her parents. The older couple, now in their 80s, cover their day-to-day expenses with a union pension and Social Security. Frye and his wife cover unexpected expenses and travel for her parents, Frye says, and also pay \$15,000 a year for a long-term care policy.

Frye says that though he's happy to be in a position to help his in-laws, he still wishes they had saved money for their retirement. "They just spent what they made," Frye says. "They didn't really plan."

Certified financial planner Kashif A. Ahmed, on the other hand, comes from a Pakistani culture where younger people get



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Just over half of the people supporting parents in a TD Ameritrade survey had ever talked with them about it.

into arguments about who will have the honor of caring for an older relative. Ahmed said he needed a spreadsheet to coordinate the dozens of relatives who volunteered to help his great-grandparents in their final illnesses.

Ahmed invited his mother to move in with him after his father died in 2001. His wife, Simona, an economist who grew up with similar values in Romania, supported the move, and Ahmed's mother is helping to raise their four daughters, ages 6 to 16.

Balancing competing goals is what financial planning is all about. If you're supporting a parent or think you may in the future, the following steps could help make the balancing act a bit easier.

Talk to your partner. If you're married or in a committed relationship, it helps to get on the same page about how much you're willing and able to give. Brainstorm different scenarios, such as emergency expenses (how much can you give, and what constitutes an emergency?) or long-term care (can you provide care in your home or help pay for in-home or nursing care?). If you're not clear what you can afford, a consultation with a financial planner could help. If you don't

have a partner, talking to a trusted friend or a financial planner can help you clarify what you can offer and when.

Talk with your parents. Just over half of the people supporting parents in the TD Ameritrade survey had ever talked with them about it. Financial planners say that understanding the parents' financial situation can help you prepare and might also provide an opportunity for you to reduce their need for your help. You could help them budget, give them a session with a financial planner or check Benefits.gov for assistance programs. You also can let them know how much help you can afford to provide.

Include your siblings, if you have them. Even if they can't contribute financially, they may be able to help in other ways: running errands, taking parents to the doctor, handling bill paying and other paperwork, or providing respite care.

Take care of yourself. You may have to delay retirement, buying a house or having kids to support your parents. Many people do, according to the survey. But you should have a plan to eventually reach your own goals.

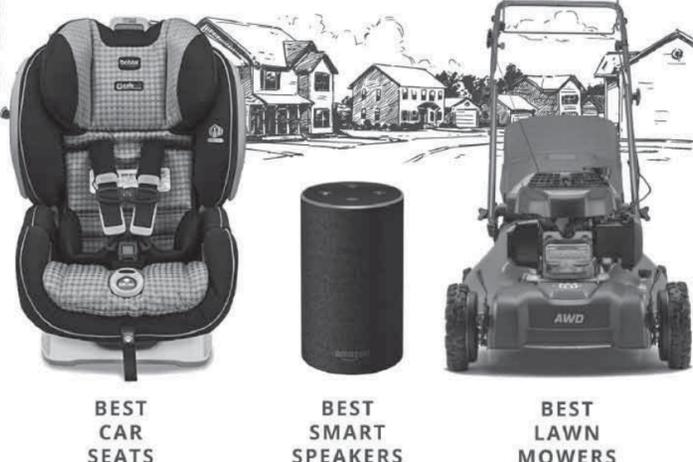
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Working toward balance

How to tell whether a prospective employer is actually 'family-friendly'

BY ALICE GOMSTYN
Special to The Washington Post

Fewer hours. Less travel. More flexibility. Minimal stress.

The promise of having it all led Al, a father in suburban New Jersey, to leave a high-pressure career at a New York City talent management agency to work as a marketing director at a theater just a few miles from his home. Al (who asked that his last name not be used so he could speak candidly about his employers) wanted to devote more time to his son, who has special needs, and be available to visit the boy's elementary school when necessary.

But things didn't work out as expected. Al's hours grew longer and his boss began calling him on weekends. Occasional requests to leave work to deal with issues at his son's school were met with disdain.

"What was presented to me at the interview," Al says, "was very different from what the reality was at the workplace."

Sometimes the quest for work-life balance can lead parents to change jobs. Those who believe they're moving to a more family-friendly company or industry may face a rude awakening, though, when hiring managers don't keep their promises, or when personnel changes transform a once laid-back department into a high-pressure environment.

The family-friendliness of a workplace often depends on who's running it at the moment, says Samantha Ettus, a work-life balance expert and author. People commonly "leave companies for the grass-is-greener mentality of 'maybe that other company is going to afford me a better lifestyle,'" she says. "But if they're working for a boss who doesn't have any boundaries with their own personal life... (that boss) is certainly not going to care



JAMIE GRILL/GETTY

It's a good idea to wait until you've received a job offer before asking about family-friendly policies.

about protecting yours."

Rachel, a Memphis-based accountant who asked to be identified by her first name only to speak candidly, felt like no one was protecting her when she faced a dramatic increase in her workload. She had traded 60-hour-plus weeks at a public accounting firm for what was supposed to be a better quality of life at an in-house corporate tax department. For a few years, Rachel was satisfied with her move. That changed quickly, however, after several members of the department left. When their positions went unfilled, much more work was heaped onto Rachel's plate.

She still managed to get out of the office in time to pick up her young son from day care, but it meant spending hours catching up on work each night. The stress took its toll and affected her home life.

"I was leaving every day from work in tears," she says. "I was on edge most of the time."

Exhausted and distraught, Rachel reached out to supervisors asking if she could get more support, but she says her pleas were ignored.

Companies today are often quick to tout family-friendly benefits such as parental leave and remote-work options, but the hard truth is that employers are generally under no obligation to deliver on those promises and accommodate parents struggling to balance their duties at work with their responsibilities at home.

Alexandra Harwin, a partner at Sanford Heisler Sharp in New York and the co-chair of the firm's employment discrimination practice, says most laws don't require employers to accommodate family responsibilities in the same way they must accommodate other concerns, such as religious holidays.

Harwin says employment contracts that specify certain accommodations or hours can offer employees more protection, but most

workers in the United States are at-will employees who don't have leverage to ask for a contract.

Still, there are steps parents can take to minimize the risk that a job switch may backfire. Start by understanding the danger of acting hastily while seeking new employment, particularly when you are burned out.

Jamie Long, a psychologist in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, says feeling burned out could "make you want to be a bit more impulsive or quick to make a decision." But, Long adds, once you're aware of your emotions, you "can consciously choose better behaviors."

Those include slowing down and doing your research. As with any job search, networking helps. "If someone is thinking about working somewhere, it's a good thing to look at their professional networks, see if they know anyone who works there, and get a feel for whether it would be a place that would be supportive of the

work-life balance that they're trying to achieve," says Harwin.

You can browse "best places to work" rankings and company review sites, but keep in mind that they don't always present a full or accurate picture of an employer.

If you're interviewing with a company, take note of how many people are asking you questions. If it's more than three, Ettus warns, that may indicate the company is a bureaucracy that is vulnerable to groupthink.

It's prudent to wait until you've received an actual offer before inquiring about family-friendly policies, Ettus says. And even then, be discreet.

"It's totally fine to say that you'd love to talk to a couple of people that have worked in the company before, or you'd love to talk to some colleagues, and you can say things that are not direct," Ettus says. "You can say things like, 'Give me a sense of your day. Is the office a high-stress office,

or what's the culture like?' " If you learn that leaders in a company are known for placing little value on their personal lives, that may indicate that they won't place much on yours, either.

There's also research you can do without saying a word. When visiting your prospective employer's office, keep your eyes peeled for game areas and gyms. Those perks are "code for 'You can also hang out here. You don't ever have to leave,'" Ettus says.

Perusing policies in a company's employee handbook can also prove illuminating. Harwin notes that her law firm allows attorneys to work from home one day a week.

Finally, remember to request that the family-friendly accommodations specifically promised to you be included in your offer letter. "What an offer letter does is set mutual expectations for a position," says Harwin.

And if you have made a job switch and find yourself regretting it, don't head for the exit immediately. Ettus recommends approaching your boss with your concerns and working together to address them.

Of course, not all managers are willing to help, as Rachel, the Memphis accountant, learned when she sought support. In these circumstances, employees may decide that they have no choice but to start looking for new work. If you find yourself in such a situation, don't beat yourself up. Instead, apply what you've learned to your next job search.

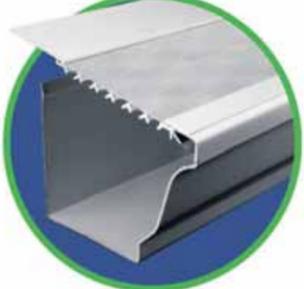
Both Rachel and Al, the theater marketing director, eventually moved on to jobs that better met their needs.

"When you are working with people you enjoy, and who really care about you and your development," Rachel says, "that just makes all the difference in the world."




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Some 350 cruise ships sail Europe's rivers. Market leader Viking launched seven new ships there this year.

RIVER CRUISING 2.0

Sleek ship design, active itineraries and technology aim to recruit next generation of passengers

BY ELLEN UZELAC
Chicago Tribune

When food blogger Chandler Baird booked a Europe river cruise for her babymoon, the 27-year-old had only one worry: "Everyone I talked to said we were going to be around a ton of old people."

Fair enough. River cruises generally attract older, often retired passengers. They are this market's core, its A-listers. But that's starting to shift a bit as companies court younger adults with sleek new ship designs, active itineraries (rock climbing, anyone?) and cool technology. Want to change the mood lighting in your cabin or access a digital tour guide during a stroll in Budapest? There are apps for that.

Uniworld's U River Cruises brand has made the boldest push in the industry, introducing two ships, The A and The B, that are designed to attract younger guests. (Uniworld initially put age limits on U ship passengers but quickly backed off that policy, opening the voyages to all adults.) Baird and her husband Dan, a 31-year-old dermatology resident, cruised the Main and Danube rivers on The A in Germany last summer.

Was it really all that different? Way.

The A, jet black with neon accent lights, looks more Batmobile than bateau. There's no dress code, no evening port briefings, and no early morning shore excursions because the bar is up and running until, as Frank Sinatra famously sang it, the wee small hours of the morning. But don't expect to hear Sinatra in this lounge. Do expect Lil Nas X. There's no turndown service and no formal breakfast because most passengers sleep in after a night of tequila karaoke or silent disco. There's also no paper on board. In this "paperless community" everything — menus, daily programming alerts, touring suggestions — is shared via WhatsApp.

"These are our customers of the future, right?" says Uniworld President and CEO Ellen Bettridge. "These are millennials who love to travel and they're looking for the coolest thing out there to do. I want to show them there's a way you can see Europe that's really easy. You could be 40, you could be 50 and this could be perfect for you too. Age doesn't really matter; it's how you feel."

It's also what you can afford. The average per diem, per passenger cost for a U cruise is \$315. On Uniworld's other ships, it's \$550.

Modern river cruising on the continent got its start in 1992 with the opening of Germany's Main-Danube Canal. But it was Viking's ubiquitous TV sponsorship of "Downton Abbey," the most watched drama in PBS history, that put European river cruising on the map. Today, roughly 350 cruise ships sail Europe's rivers. Market leader Viking alone



DAN HOWELL

Nightlife on The A ship, one of two vessels that make up Uniworld's edgier U brand, has a different vibe than what you'd find on traditional ships.



AMAWATERWAYS

On AmaWaterways cruises, a wellness coach leads daily programming, including yoga.

launched seven new ships in Europe this year.

"In the beginning, most of the cruise lines offered the same things; the experience, from one line to the next, was pretty similar," said Colleen McDaniel, editor in chief of Cruise Critic. "That's changed. We've really seen river cruise lines carve out a niche for themselves and differentiate. One line might focus on food, another on destination, another on wellness as part of the package. It's exciting."

In a bid to attract new passengers, Scenic partnered with cycling-focused Trek Travel three years ago to offer luxury biking opportunities on dedicated cruise departures. Next year, passengers will be able to enjoy daily 12- to 60-mile rides on more than a dozen cruises.

Likewise, AmaWaterways has robust partnerships with Adventures by Disney and Backroads that are designed to bring families with children onboard. In 2020 and 2021, Backroads will add new departures for active families with children as young as 4 and as old as 30-something. The cruises are segmented according to the age of the child. Some of the upcoming Backroads cruises will take place on the buzziest ship in Europe right now: the AmaMagna, which launched in May. The ship, which sails the Danube, is twice the width of a traditional river cruise ship and features al fresco dining, a zen wellness studio, wine bar, movie theater, water sports platform and pop-up bar on the sun deck.

Cruise specialist Christina Schlegel, who owns Bluetail

Travel in Arlington, Virginia, says younger adults, particularly Gen Xers, are forcing the cruise lines to rethink their offerings.

"Everything needs to be more active," Schlegel said. When I get clients calling about a river cruise, they want to know: Are there enough bikes on board? What's the spa and fitness center like? Do they offer yoga? Are there lighter fare dining options? And they are putting much more importance on the freedom to vacation their way."

They don't want a rigid schedule, for example, and they don't want to be part of a pack.

"They want lots of options and more cultural immersion," added Schlegel. "The vision of a river cruise is old people who are used to traveling in traditional ways and only seeing the iconic highlights of a destination, old people who aren't very active and are relying on city bus tours and following the tour guide with the umbrella in a large pack. They don't want that."

Or, as cruise journalist Jason Leppert succinctly frames it: "The new luxury for passengers is choice."

Cruisers of all ages also want internet connectivity. Consider: AmaWaterways reports it spends more money on Wi-Fi than it does on fuel.

"There's this arms race of innovation," says Greg Ross-Munro, CEO of Sourcetoad, which builds software for ships.

As the barrier to entry gets lower and the technology gets better, more river ships will offer things like streaming music and the ability to order room service or book a shore excursion by way of interactive TV. The rollout of

5G cellular network technology in Europe will also ramp up internet speed, Ross-Munro said.

"My favorite feature that you will see everywhere soon is using your mobile device as a second screen — so you can sit outside on the balcony, watching a live football game, while your cabin mate, lying in bed, watches a movie on the main TV," he added. "At home, people expect to make a restaurant reservation on Open Table, watch Netflix on TV, and use Trip Advisor for recommendations. You are going to get that same type of app experience on river ships in the next six months to a year. It's not what passengers want; it's what they expect."

Walter Littlejohn, vice president and managing director of Crystal River Cruises, said the line would have "new innovations" to announce soon, adding: "The digital experience is very much a part of modern travel. For some, fully immersing themselves in the moment and getting away from devices is part of vacation, and for others, the joy is sharing the experiences with friends and family around the globe."

Chandler and Dan Baird, who live in Lubbock, Texas, posted lots of photos from their cruise in Germany — and they're already looking forward to the next one.

"You show up, everything's planned for you, yet it's not regimented," Chandler Baird said. "We love that we cruise at night and wake up the next morning in a new city, in the heart of the destination. And you know what? There are passengers of all ages. This is how we want to travel forever."

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Defending yourself against travel scams



RICK STEVES
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Europe is a surprisingly creative place when it comes to travel scams. Many of the most successful gambits require a naively trusting tourist, but seasoned travelers can be taken in too. We should all be wary of the numerous subtle scams — a cabbie pads your fare, a hotel business center computer records your password, or a waiter offers a special with a “special” increased price. But if you’re cautious and not overly trusting, you should have no problem. Here are some of the latest travel scams I’ve discovered on my travels, and how to skirt them.

■ You’re searching the web for a short-term rental in Paris and contact the owner Pierre through Airbnb. Suddenly you get a private email from Pierre saying he can give you a better deal on the side — avoiding the website commission. The price is right, and the location is fantastic, but Pierre wants you to wire the money directly to his bank account. “I’ve got others interested too, so you’d better do it quick,” he writes. But once you wire the money, Pierre disappears along with the listing, and there’s no way to get your money back.

Defense: When booking accommodations, never wire money directly to a foreign bank account. Stick with a reputable, secure reservation website and use a credit card so you can dispute any fraudulent transactions.

■ In the heart of Barcelona you are about to use an ATM when another tourist stands on the sidewalk with a selfie stick and starts taking pictures. You don’t



DOMINIC ARIZONA BONUCCELLI/RICK STEVES' EUROPE

If police stop you on the street and ask to check your wallet for counterfeit bills, it’s probably a scam.



TOM GRIFFIN/RICK STEVES' EUROPE

ATMs are a frequent target for travel scams in Europe — if anyone’s around, cover the keypad when entering your PIN.

think much about it as you withdraw your money and head into the Metro. Five minutes later, after being jostled in a crowded subway car, you find that your wallet is missing. When you frantically call your bank, you find out that someone with your PIN has already withdrawn hundreds of euros from a different ATM. It turns out

the “tourist” with the selfie stick was actually taking a video as you entered your PIN on the ATM keypad. His accomplice then targeted you in the subway.

Defense: Check your surroundings before withdrawing cash from an ATM. If there is someone suspicious nearby, find a different ATM. And always cover the keypad when you

enter your PIN.

■ Fresh off a long flight into Schiphol Airport and eager to get to your hotel in central Amsterdam, you approach the train-ticket machine with your credit card in hand. But a friendly-looking passerby offers to sell you at a discount a legit-looking ticket, saying he accidentally purchased two. Later when you feed the ticket into a turnstile, it doesn’t work — the ticket was either a fake or already had its bar code scanned.

Defense: Never hand over cash (or a card) to someone who’s not behind a counter.

■ On your last day in London you find a Union Jack coaster set you know your sister will love. You push your credit card into the reader, and it defaults to running the transaction in “USD” unless you select “GBP.” The shopkeeper explains that the U.S. dollar option is a service that lets you “lock in” your conver-

sion rate. Later when you’re in Edinburgh, an ATM offers two options, “You can be charged in dollars: Press YES for dollars, NO for British pounds.” You think “dollars” is the logical choice and press YES. But when you check your bank statements, you see a “fee” for converting transactions to dollars and a poor exchange rate. You’ve been a victim of what banks call “dynamic currency conversion,” which may be legal, but is a rip-off.

Defense: When a merchant or a bank asks if you want to be charged in dollars, always choose the local currency. Cancel the transaction if they say you must pay in dollars.

■ In Prague two uniformed men stop you on the street, flash “Tourist Police” badges, and ask to check your wallet for counterfeit bills. After looking through your wallet, they say everything is fine and leave. You

don’t even notice some bills are missing until later.

Defense: Never hand over your wallet to anyone. If the “police” insist, tell them you’ll do it at a police station, not on the street.

There probably aren’t more thieves in Europe than in the USA. We travelers just notice them more because they target us. But remember, nearly all crimes suffered by tourists are nonviolent and avoidable. If you exercise adequate discretion, stay aware of your belongings, and avoid putting yourself into risky situations, your travels should be about as dangerous as hometown grocery shopping. Don’t travel fearfully — travel smartly.

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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Hertz finds customer’s lost wallet, but return trip delayed

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT
King Features

I accidentally left my wallet in a car at the Hertz location at Boston Logan International Airport. It likely fell out of my bag as I was packing up and collecting my belongings. Hertz found it and agreed to overnight it to me at my expense.

It has been nearly a week, and Hertz has still not sent the wallet. I have tried emailing and calling the lost and found department on multiple occasions. I have started to reach out to the Hertz executives listed on your consumer advocacy site.

I can’t get so much as a simple acknowledgment from Hertz.

I just want my wallet shipped. In every situation where I have interacted with a live person at Hertz, the service has been great. The people at the location tried to help me find the car when I discovered my wallet had fallen out of my bag. But they’d already moved the car to an offsite holding location.

However, since then, the customer service has been horrible. Frankly, my wallet should have been shipped by the next business day after I paid for the shipping. Can you help me?

— Joseph Ziskovsky, Cottage Grove, Minnesota

A: I’m glad Hertz found your wallet and quickly agreed to send it to you. I’m not so happy that it’s been a week and the wallet seems to be missing again. Hertz should have sent your wallet to you right away.

Car rental companies like Hertz often have large lost and found departments. They’ll catalog lost items and try to return them to their owners. But the process takes time. If you look at the lost and found operations almost anywhere, you’ll find that it isn’t a high-priority department. Companies would much rather put their resources into something that earns money rather than a department that returns missing items. You did the best you

could to solve this Hertz lost and found problem. You started a paper trail with Hertz, in addition to your phone calls. You escalated your complaint to the right executives at Hertz. You kept your emails very polite and professional.

One minor problem: You didn’t have anything in writing from Hertz that promised to return your wallet. You said Hertz communicated through a system on its site that didn’t allow you to make any copies. Fortunately, you had screen captures of the promise — important evidence that the company had your wallet. Nice job with the recordkeeping!

Hertz should have at least acknowledged your messages. But it sounds as

if the Hertz crew in Boston was helpful, so maybe this was just an oversight. Who knows?

I contacted Hertz on your behalf. A representative checked on your wallet. It turns out Hertz sent the wallet eight days after it said it would. “Unfortunately, I wasn’t able to determine the cause for the delay,” a spokeswoman for the car rental company told me.

You’ve received your wallet.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER

Writing whiles away her plane trips

BY JAE-HA KIM
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Dr. Jen Gunter has two New York Times columns dedicated to women’s health, a Canadian docu-series called “Jensplaining” and a very active social media presence where she disseminates medical fallacies in a way that the general public can understand. Her latest project is the book “The Vagina Bible: The Vulva and the Vagina: Separating the Myth from the Medicine” (Citadel, \$18.95) — a Publishers Weekly and New York Times bestseller.

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Canada, the obstetrician and gynecologist resides with her sons in Northern California. An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: You’re famous for all the information you share about women’s health, but let’s be real. Your shoe collection is famous too. Where do you buy them?

A: (Laughs) Oh yeah, I have a thing for shoes. I wear a lot of Fluevog’s. These are the shoes I purchase the most because they’re so comfortable. I have a huge shoe cabinet in my bedroom where I display my most beautiful shoes like artwork. I grew up with size 10½ feet and no stores carried bigger than a 10. My whole life I wore shoes that were too small and painful or just really ugly, so I think that’s why shoes are such a thing for me.

Q: You do a lot of writing that you share with the public. Do you write when you’re on the road?



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A: I actually do. I don’t use public Wi-Fi ever, especially in places like airports. So I write a lot on planes and at airports, because I won’t be distracted by being online. I can usually sit somewhere and tune everything out. I recently flew to Chicago and worked three hours solid on the way there and back. Writing makes the trip go faster.

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?

A: My parents emigrated from England and we went back there every few years. The first trip I remember would’ve been around kindergarten time. It was such a big deal to fly in the early ’70s. You dressed up and had to behave. The flight attendants gave you things like wings and little books for kids to fill out.

Q: Given the choice, would you eat at a street cart or fine restaurant?

A: There are people who have street carts who are making amazing food, but I like the experience of going in and sitting down to a great meal and I want my kids to have that experience. I cook at home mostly and we only go out to eat every four or five months, but when we do, it’s to a really nice place like a Michelin-starred restaurant as a treat.

Q: Where are your favorite weekend get-aways?

A: We don’t really go

away for the weekends. My kids do, because they’ll do that with their dad. But when they travel with me, it’s usually on longer trips to see family in Canada or England. But once we get there, we will take overnight trips to another city. It’s so much fun as a tourist to take the train.

Q: What would be your dream trip?

A: I’m desperate to go to Greece. I grew up obsessed with Greek mythology. I want to see the Parthenon and Acropolis and all the things I had read about. I also love Greek food!

Q: What are some of your favorite cities?

A: I love Cardiff in Wales. Welsh people are so awesome, but I’m kind of biased because my dad’s family is originally from Wales. It’s cool to have a castle right in the city that you can walk right up to. It’s not crowded or crazy. They have a beautiful art museum in Cardiff and you walk in and there’s no crowd.

I also like New York. When I took my kids the first time, they were unprepared for the volume of people on the street. They were a little freaked out. They’d been to Toronto and London, but Toronto’s not as dense as New York. It’s a big city, but everybody’s so nice and the food is great.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

The all-female bridge and officer team that will lead the Celebrity Edge on a special trip in March.

CELEBRITY CRUISES PHOTOS



A women-led voyage

'Ocean's 27' sets sail next year to highlight the need for more diversity on ships

BY HANNAH SAMPSON
The Washington Post

There's an old seafaring superstition that says women are bad luck at sea. It's a trope that Nicholine Tifuh Azirh, a second officer with Celebrity Cruises, even heard when she was training for her maritime career, according to the cruise line's CEO.

But next year, Tifuh Azirh and 26 of her colleagues at the Miami-based cruise company will set sail on a trip on the Celebrity Edge that seeks to make history and prove a larger point about women working in the cruise industry. The March 8 trip — Inter-

national Women's Day, not coincidentally — will be led by an all-woman bridge and officer team, Celebrity recently announced.

The idea came out of a meeting cruise line executives had this year. Celebrity, which has a female CEO, had celebrated the women's holiday in the past. But they wanted to make a bigger splash this year, and the marketing and public relations team suggested an all-women team on the bridge, or operational control center.

"I wasn't sure we could pull it off," says CEO Lisa Lutoff-Perlo. "I said, 'Could we actually do this? Do we actually have women in every single position on the bridge

where we could put together an entire bridge team for one ship?'"

Her staff was confident. Within approximately two days, the entire bridge was staffed with women.

But the idea didn't stop there. Lutoff-Perlo said the company has worked hard to hire women for "hotel-side," too, overseeing areas such as culinary, financial, guest services, housekeeping and medical. The next thought was: "Wouldn't it be great if every major decision or function onboard was run by a woman?"

That's how the group of women from 17 countries got assembled for the trip. They



Captain Kate McCue became the first female American cruise ship captain in 2015.

will be in roles including captain, hotel director, staff captain, doctor, cruise director, food and beverage director, safety investigation officer, environmental officer and third engineer.

"It represents such a change in the way that future generations will view working at sea," says Peter Giorgi, the cruise line's chief marketing officer. "It just opens the door in terms of representation and inclusion; when young girls see that this is possible, they'll think differently about what they want to do."

Captain Kate McCue, who became the first female American cruise ship captain in 2015, has been referring to the bunch as "Ocean's 27."

"Excitement does not even begin to describe how I'm feeling about working alongside these incredible, barrier-breaking women on Celebrity Edge for this truly historic sailing," McCue said in an announcement. "I am inspired every day by the amazing women we have working throughout this organization — both on land and at sea. They're proof that there's power in diversity."

Lutoff-Perlo said the March 8 cruise is possible only because of the work the line has done in recent years to diversify the fleet's workforce, especially on the bridge. Since 2015, the company said, the percentage of women working on Celebrity's navigational bridges has increased from 3% to 22%. Celebrity says women make up just 2% of the world's mariners.

"I don't think anybody realizes how difficult it is to find women for these positions," Lutoff-Perlo says. She said the company, which is part of Royal Caribbean Cruises, has dealt with maritime academies where less than 20% of the student body is female and women are only about 10% of the graduating class. Factor in the complexity of living on a ship for months at a time, as well as societal expectations, and the job becomes even tougher.

Still, Lutoff-Perlo said she wants to keep raising the bar. She said she would consider it a "stellar" achievement to get to 35% of women in bridge roles.

More cruise lines have highlighted their own women in leadership in recent years. On International Women's Day this year, Regent Seven Seas Cruises said that one of its captains, Serena Melani, would be the first woman in the industry to captain a new ocean ship at the time of its launch. In 2016, Windstar Cruises introduced captain Belinda Bennett as the first black female captain in commercial cruising. And newcomer Virgin Voyages appointed a woman, Wendy Williams, as captain of its first ship launching next year.

Lutoff-Perlo said that if her company's efforts and next year's cruise are seen as a challenge to the rest of the industry, that's fine with her.

"They need to continue to push forward just like we are," she says.

While the March 8 cruise from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, will be full of celebrations of women — exhibitions of art by women, a film series featuring work by female directors, themed trivia and panel discussions — men will be more than welcome, Lutoff-Perlo said.

She said she actually heard from a man on social media who booked a trip on the sailing after hearing about it.

"It was just such a lovely thing," she says.

Churning out Cheeseheads

STORY AND PHOTO BY MARY BERGIN
Chicago Tribune

MILWAUKEE — Dozens of cheese factories are in Wisconsin, but there's only one place to watch the birth of a Cheesehead — as in the sturdy, sunshine yellow, wedge-shaped hat.

Tours at Foamation Inc. show how a thick goo poured into a mold becomes a chapeau whose color and hole patterns loosely resemble a cross between cheddar and Swiss.

The transformation happens within five minutes and several times a day in the Walkers Point neighborhood of Milwaukee. Gone is the need to hack couch cushions and use a blowtorch to make a Cheesehead hat, as Foamation founder Ralph Bruno did when creating his first in 1987.

That hat was painted yellow and worn by Bruno at a baseball game: Milwaukee Brewers versus Chicago White Sox. What began as a lark turned into a livelihood for the inventor, a patternmaker for heavy industry who had an itch to be his own boss.

Little did Bruno know in 1987 that his odd expression of team pride would grow into a widely recognized identifier for Wisconsin and its exuberant sports fans, especially those at Green Bay Packers games.

Although the Oxford dictionary recognizes "cheesehead" as an informal refer-



Foamation founder Ralph Bruno designed the first Cheesehead wedge in 1987.

ence to a blockhead, idiot or Packers fan, Cheesehead is a trademark for the Foamation product line, and Schmivitz is a trademark for the specific color and hole pattern.

It didn't hurt business when a pilot crashed his private plane on the way home from a 1995 Packers game and insisted a Cheesehead hat protected him from head injuries. The story made it onto Jay Leno's late-night TV show and a nationally broadcast NFL spot.

Although the triangular Cheesehead is the company's most popular hat, at least a

dozen styles are for sale, from baseball cap and fez to top hat.

The product line goes beyond headgear too. Cheesehead baby bibs, bow ties, earrings and more are in stock at the Foamation gift shop. Newer are small totem poles and gnomes that wear a Cheesehead wedge.

"We've had moments of popularity through the years," Bruno said, but the cheese does not stand alone.

Sprinkled throughout the wacky Foamation work area are lesser-known items of polyurethane foam that Bruno has de-

signed. That includes the Graterhead, made for a Chicago Bears fan, and a couple versions of pizza hats (one a tribute to Chicago's deep-dish pie).

One hat looks like a T-bone steak. Another resembles a melting ice cream cone and is intended to be worn upside down. Behind each unusual design is a back story, like the flattened football hat that was inspired by NFL Deflategate chatter in 2015.

Fans of the Montgomery (Alabama) Biscuits, a minor league baseball team, have a foam hat to call their own. An over-size chicken wing hat was designed for fans of the Buffalo Bills. Nebraska Cornhuskers fans buy hats shaped like an ear of corn. Coming soon, Bruno said, is a little something for Los Angeles Rams fans.

A few of Foamation's 20 employees will take a break from production work to lead group tours, which are a mix of jokes, how-to and trivia. Mark Ertl, the company's historian, adds tidbits about the industrial building, formerly home to a waste warehouse, blacksmith shop and brewery.

"We're kind of like a brewery," Bruno said. "We create foam, give tours, have a mix of manufacturing and retail space." It's also possible for visitors to drink beer as they tour or linger afterward.

Tours run hourly at Foamation's Original Cheesehead Factory, 1120 S. Barclay St., open daily. Prices start at \$15 for a 30-minute tour. An hourlong \$25 tour includes time to make and take home a Cheesehead souvenir. Reservations are recommended.

"Take as much or as little of the Cheesehead experience as you want," Bruno said with a smile. "Even if you're a Bears fan."

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NEWS TO USE

Wright home lights up for the holidays

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 exterior of the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Dana-Thomas House in Springfield will be decorated with 1,000 luminaria on Dec. 15. There will also be tours of the interior and holiday music. tinyurl.com/tql9mnk
 ■ The outdoor winter gardens of the Quad City Botanical Center in Rock Island, Illinois, are decorated as part of the Winter Nights Winter Lights display. It's open Wednesday-Sunday nights through Jan. 4, except for Christmas Day. There will also be crafts inside and holiday music. tinyurl.com/wuhmqmy
 ■ More than 30 decorated Christmas trees are on display for the 41st annual Gallery of Trees at the

Kankakee County Museum in Kankakee, Illinois. The Disney-themed trees are on display through Dec. 30, and visitors can vote for their favorites. The museum will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. tinyurl.com/wuox6yp
 ■ Downtown Cedar Falls, Iowa, is celebrating its 11th year of Holiday Hoopla with special events on Thursday and Saturday nights from 6-8 p.m. On Dec. 19, ice carvers will be in action and there will be free horse-drawn trolley rides. tinyurl.com/s3wyyac
 ■ The Galena Festival of the Performing Arts will present a Christmas concert Dec. 15 at the Turner Hall in Galena, Illinois. Performing will be the Irish folk band Ring of Kerry. The concert is free, but donations are welcome. tinyurl.com/wdhdkfs
 ■ Historic Corydon, Indiana, will be having a Winter Wine Walk from 3-7 p.m. on Dec. 14. Area wineries will be offering samples of their wine at shops and



The Dana-Thomas House, a Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home in Springfield, is decorated inside and out for the holidays.

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businesses downtown. Tickets are \$15 per person, and those buying tickets in advance can get an early start at 1 p.m. tinyurl.com/wchlpv
 ■ Bay Harbor, Michigan, will be offering a touch of Germany on Dec. 13-14 during the second annual Christkindmarkt in the Village. Artisans will be selling traditional holiday items, there will be German food, a beer tent and live music. The Great Lakes Center for the Arts will be staging performances of "The Nutcracker" ballet Dec. 14 and 15. Christkindmarkt info is at

tinyurl.com/voxx9vn, and information on the ballet is at tinyurl.com/ty32row.
 ■ They have lots of dark skies in Minnesota's northland, so it's only logical that a Dark Sky Festival will be held Dec. 13-14 in Grand Marais. There will be indoor presentations on topics such as night-sky photography and astronomy and telescopes set up outdoors for viewing the heavens. tinyurl.com/y88k67y9
 ■ "Potato: Apple of the Earth" is a new exhibit at the Stephen and Peter Sachs Museum, which is part of the Missouri Bo-

tanical Garden in St. Louis. The exhibit includes various species found around the world, tools used for farming and cooking potatoes and works by contemporary artists that interpret this crop that provides a significant part of the diet of 1.5 billion people. The exhibit continues to March 17. tinyurl.com/wurttel
 ■ Northern Sky Theater in Fish Creek, Wisconsin, will present its annual Home for the Holidays show on Dec. 27-31. The show features three Door County musicians — Eric Lewis, Katie Dahl and Rich Hig-

don — performing seasonal songs, instrumentals and holiday humor. The show is in the new Gould Theater. tinyurl.com/ydddmlk
 ■ A Christmas Country Church Tour will be held Dec. 12-13 in Perry, Cape Girardeau and Bollinger counties, south of St. Louis. The tour includes more than 30 churches, some more than 100 years old and ranging from one-room wooden buildings to more contemporary structures. tinyurl.com/y9f4edoc
 ■ Farmers Alley Theatre in Kalamazoo, Michigan, is presenting "It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" on Thursdays-Sundays through Dec. 22. Seven actors will portray dozens of characters from the Christmas classic, and seating is in a cabaret setting. tinyurl.com/r9t2amj

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

Houston, San Antonio and Dallas, in that order. Austin, the capital, is expected to crack the million mark soon.

Rankings to help you land the right cruise

BY LORI RACKL
Chicago Tribune

U.S. News & World Report rolled out its annual cruise line rankings for 2020, evaluating 17 operators across a half-dozen categories, including best bets for the money and for families.

Disney Cruise Line once again landed the top berth for families, followed by Royal Caribbean and Carnival. And for the seventh year in a row, Disney reigns supreme as best cruise line

in the Caribbean, according to U.S. News. The online publisher computes its results based on a weighted mix of in-house expertise and input from travelers on CruiseLine.com, among other things. The analysis covers 17 of the most popular ocean cruise lines. Ocean cruisers wanting the most bang for their vacation buck will find it on Royal Caribbean, U.S. News said about the line known for adrenaline-pumping amenities such as zip lines

and rock-climbing walls. Celebrity and Norwegian came in a respective second and third in that category. Topping the list in two categories is Viking, a brand that historically has been more closely associated with plying European rivers. Viking expanded into ocean cruising in 2015 with the debut of its 930-guest Viking Star. Growing at a rapid clip ever since, its ocean fleet is expected to total 16 vessels by 2027. Viking ranked No. 1 in the luxury category, fol-

lowed by the high-end lines Seabourn and Crystal, and was crowned best cruise line for couples, again with Seabourn and Crystal trailing in its wake. Two of the six categories were broken down by region: the Mediterranean and the Caribbean. The pricier cruise lines dominated the Med — Seabourn ranked No. 1, with Crystal second and Viking third. In the Caribbean, the aforementioned Disney snagged gold, followed by Royal Caribbean and Seabourn.



Royal Caribbean ranked No. 1 as best cruise line for the money in U.S. News & World Report's 2020 rankings.

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WHAT TO EAT WHEN YOU GET THERE



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Ezequiel Vázquez-Ger, from left, Enrique Limardo and Peter Schechter sample and discuss some of the dishes at Immigrant Food, which opened in November.

Now serving 'gastroadvocacy'

BY TIM CARMAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Steps from the White House, Immigrant Food, the owners say, is a project that's not about President Donald Trump, even if it is largely a response to the policies and rhetoric of his administration.

"It's one of the few things in Washington that's not about Mr. Trump," says Peter Schechter, one of the three founders of the "cause-casual" restaurant in downtown Washington. "We're in a period in the States where suddenly one of the most basic things about being an American is suddenly in doubt."

To Schechter's thinking, the thing in doubt is immigration, a divisive topic in America, especially illegal border crossings, but one that will animate Immigrant Food as it carries out its (possibly) cutting-edge missions.

The place celebrates the country's immigrant history, offers meeting space to organizations dedicated to immigrant services, acts as an advocate on immigration issues and, not least importantly, serves bowls that fuse ingredients from various immigrant cuisines. The bowls, incidentally, have been created by an immigrant, Enrique Limardo, the Venezuela-born chef at Seven Reasons.

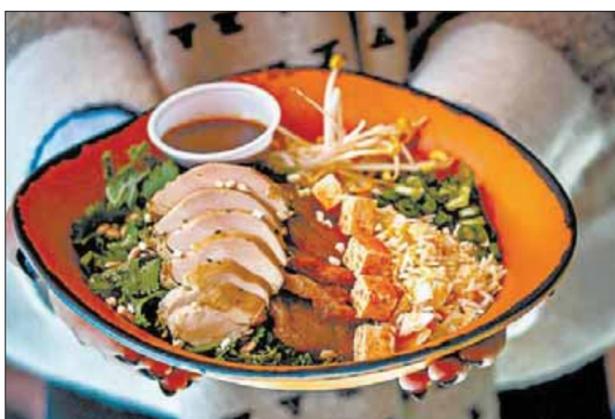
All of this is at 1701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, less than a quarter-mile from the front gates of the most famous address in the District. It opened in November.

With Immigrant Food, the founders are trying to pull off an artful balancing act. They want to help immigrants, and the groups that support them, but don't want to come off as partisans — or be lumped into the resistance movement against the president. (It's worth noting that "political affiliation" is a protected trait in Washington, which means that restaurants can't discriminate against diners based on their political party.)

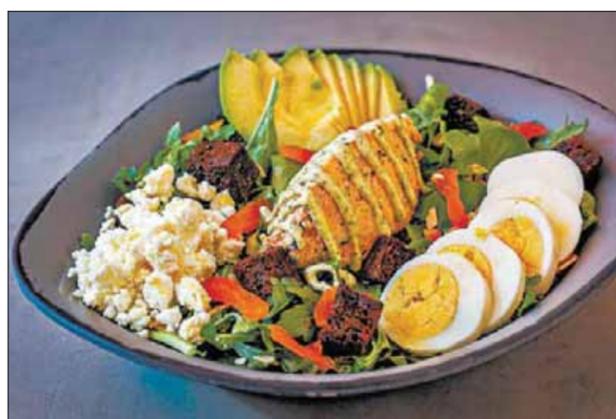
As part of their media materials, the owners have handed out a paper on which are printed two columns: one for Who We Are and the other for Who We Are Not. Under the former, they list, among other acceptable descriptors, a "for-profit social enterprise" and a "new restaurant concept that fuses food and advocacy." Under the latter, they specifically reject such labels as an "anti-Trump organization" and a "one-time initiative to take advantage of the political moment."

The sheet also takes pains to point out that Seven Reasons and Immigrant Food are separate enterprises, presumably to protect the former from any blowback.

Customers can walk in and order one of Limardo's bowls, such as the Viet Vibes or the Columbia Road. The Viet Vibes bowl takes adobo-spiced chicken and pairs it with spicy rice noodles, cilantro, peanuts, mango and a



One of Immigrant Food's bowls is Lima Beijing, inspired by the food of China and Peru.



The dish Stockholm to Dublin is inspired by the food of Ireland, Scandinavia, Poland and Russia.



Limardo puts together the dish Beirut and Beyond, inspired by food of the Middle East, Iran and North Africa.

spicy pho vinaigrette sauce, among other things, to channel the flavors of Vietnam and the Caribbean. The Columbia Road bowl (spice-rubbed steak, misir wat-esque lentils, pickled loroco, fresh cheese and more) honors Ethiopians and Salvadorans, two of Washington's influential immigrant communities.

"At the beginning, I said this is going to be impossible," says co-founder Limardo about assembling his bowls. "I mean, try to fuse all of that in just one menu. It's like 20 restaurants working at the same time."

But after countless evenings of mixing and matching ingredients from all over the world, the chef came to the conclusion that "you can almost fuse everything, because it's chemistry, in the end."

There is a second menu next to the main one. It offers no food or drink. The "engagement" menu asks customers to give something of themselves: their time, their talents, their cash or all of the above. Immigrant Food has partnered with five nonprofit groups to help them identify volunteers or collect donations to tackle a wide range of issues: legal representation in immigration courts,

naturalization workshops, English-as-a-second-language classes, even training on how to handle interviews with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents.

"Nobody's going to force it down their throats," Schechter says of the advocacy component. "If somebody wants to come and just eat, that's fine... But we believe that people wake up in the morning and read the headlines on immigration and say, 'This is horrible,' but they don't know what to do about it. So we want to engage them, that there are things they can do about it."

Immigrant Food's founders have, apparently, coined a term to describe the work of their offbeat business. The owners call it "gastroadvocacy," and the concept appears to represent something new for the restaurant industry. Immigrant Food may be the next evolution in culinary activism, following in the footsteps of such groups as Emma's Torch in Brooklyn (which provides culinary training for refugees, survivors of human trafficking and others), Tanabel in Brooklyn (which employs refugee women to prepare Middle Eastern meals)

or the People's Kitchen Collective in Oakland, California (which hosts communal gatherings to share food, stories and political knowledge).

Immigrant Food no doubt ups the ante on traditional corporate social responsibility, such as: KFC's decision to buy only chickens raised without antibiotics important for human medicine or Starbucks' plan to phase out single-use plastic straws by 2020. Immigrant Food, after all, is a for-profit restaurant company — with ambitions to open other locations — behaving like a nonprofit that wants to educate and motivate others to take action for immigrants.

Yet there is risk involved in this business plan, says Aaron Allen, whose consulting group works with major restaurant chains on various issues, including corporate social responsibility.

"What will be interesting is how polarizing this may potentially become," Allen says. Immigrant Food, he adds, hasn't expressly gone after Trump in its public statements or media materials, but "it's an undercurrent to what they're doing."

This approach could poten-

tially alienate a segment of customers, Allen says, and that "gets away from the spirit of what the hospitality industry is supposed to do."

Then again, if you review Schechter's career, it almost reads like a prelude to Immigrant Food. In the early 1990s, Schechter, 60, co-founded a strategic communications firm that worked with Fortune 500 companies and foreign governments. He has advised political campaigns around the globe. He has invested in José Andrés restaurants. He co-manages a goat farm in Virginia. He speaks six languages. And he, like his partners in Immigrant Food, has visceral connections to other countries. He's a first-generation American, born in Rome to immigrant parents — his father was from Vienna and his mother from Hamburg — who became naturalized U.S. citizens. After living in Latin America for years, the family moved to Washington when Schechter was 15.

Limardo, 44, moved to the U.S. just five years ago from Venezuela. He left his homeland when the economy and the political situation "made it impossible to live there," he says. A classically trained chef who once had his own restaurants in Caracas, Limardo landed in Baltimore in 2014 and quickly became a star all over again at Alma Cocina Latina.

The third founder of Immigrant Food is Ezequiel Vázquez-Ger, 32, a native of Argentina and a partner with Limardo in Seven Reasons. He came to the U.S. shortly after receiving his economic degree from the Universidad Católica Argentina in 2010. Before moving into the restaurant business, he had a public affairs firm focused on Latin American companies.

The founders' first-generation immigrant tales are, in a sense, the glue that binds them in this project.

"Whether you're ... the sons or daughters of Irish immigrants or a fifth-generation Polish immigrant or a first-generation Chinese immigrant, that's what America is," Schechter says. "I felt like this was a time to really be proud of it."

HOME

MAKE YOUR SPACE

Kitchen tables are making a comeback

BY MICHELLE BRUNNER
Special to The Washington Post

Growing up, there was one place to be after every holiday meal: my grandma's kitchen table. It was a hub of activity and chatter that went far beyond divvying up leftovers and discussing who should get the last slice of pie. Stories were swapped, highballs were drunk, and cards were played. If a piece of furniture could evoke a sense of family and community, the table was it.

Helen Parker, creative director of deVOL kitchens, has similar warm memories of this once-essential piece of furniture: "My dad would sit at the kitchen table and get out books, or look at stamps and use it as a place to continue hanging out; it was so much more than just a place to eat," she says.

Lately, a handful of designers and tastemakers are embracing the old-fashioned table as a homier alternative to the ubiquitous island. Cabinetry companies such as deVOL and Plain English have launched U.S. showrooms to an overwhelmingly positive response in the past year, and their advertising often features images of kitchens with tables front and center. The spaces present an inviting antidote to overly sleek kitchens with tricked-out islands. There's a reason that "gathered around the island" doesn't have the same nostalgic ring as "gathered around the table."

"A table has a domestic warmth to it that an island doesn't," says New York interior designer Steven Gambrel. "When an island is built-in and matches the cabinets, it has a stiff, immobile presence. It doesn't have the same sense of ease as a wooden table that's got some age."

For Parker, adding a vintage table is a way to create a more authentic, eclectic vibe. "All of

those matching parts don't feel as soulful as when you have great big table with a bunch of flowers where the kids can do their homework," she says.

Gambrel also cites lightness as a part of a table's appeal. "Your eye sees under a table because the legs raise it off the ground; it feels more airy and less contrived than an island, which can feel bulky and dated," he says. Part of the problem in Parker's opinion is the temptation for homeowners to fit everything and the kitchen sink into the island. "It's become a big box with too many appliances, stools, and a garbage bin; it ends up not being an aesthetically pleasing piece of furniture," she says.

But the fully loaded island has a tight grip on America's imagination. When people talk about the heart of the kitchen today, they're often referring to this multifunctional monolith. A recent Houzz survey estimated that 38% of kitchen remodels involved adding an island (that doesn't include all of the homes that already have one). Some trend forecasters even predict that we'll see a rise in the popularity of double islands in future years.

According to Home Advisor, the average cost of a kitchen island is \$3,000 to \$5,000, though custom-built options can be \$10,000 or more. Of course, not every kitchen can accommodate a built-in island. For older houses with small or galley-style cookspaces, planning for an island involves opening up a wall or bumping out the back, which can increase renovation costs dramatically. In these situations, a small- to medium-size table can be a practical and affordable solution, offering comparable prep space. A solid pine table from Ikea will set you back just \$99, while an antiqued elm one with a distressed metal base from



A deVOL kitchen in a Victorian rectory features a handmade, copper-topped table as its centerpiece.

DEVOL

Restoration Hardware starts at \$1,095. If you're in the market for a truly unique vintage piece, 1st dibs has an Italian oak farm table with geometric inlay for \$4,000.

The earliest islands were humble work tables placed in the center of the kitchen. If you were wealthy, it was where servants orchestrated dinner — think of the downstairs buzz of "Downton Abbey." If you weren't, it was where you sat to peel potatoes or roll out pie crust, often in solitude, because the kitchen was probably cut off from the rest of the house. It wasn't until the mid-20th century that the open kitchen and built-in island arrived, promising to make women's lives easier.

"The iconic suburban image of the command-post kitchen where the woman of the house could do her work and observe the kids really resonated in 1950s America," says Sarah Leavitt, curator at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. "The idea was to build this concept of family and togetherness right into the actual architecture and design of the house."

While the island was an aspira-

tional symbol of modern house-keeping, it was mostly a product of postwar new construction for suburban single-family homes. It gained momentum through the 1960s and '70s but didn't become a mainstream design element until the 1980s and '90s, when open-plan kitchens became the rage, buoyed by the popularity of the Food Network and HGTV.

Suddenly, the island wasn't just a prep space, but also a stage to perform for your guests, though visibility has its drawbacks. "If you have a big island that's open to the rest of the house and you're trying to sit in the living room, you're likely staring at dirty dishes," Leavitt says. "It looks nice when it's clean, but given the potential for mess, it's surprising that it continues to have widespread appeal."

One irony of the island is that it's come to epitomize casual living, yet bellying up to one isn't always easy or comfortable. A counter-height stool often lacks adequate support for longer stretches of sitting. "There's just something nicer about relaxing into a proper chair and being able

to spread out at a table," Parker says.

Another downside: Breakfast bar-style seating often forces everyone to eat facing the same direction — fine for a quick bite on-the-go, but not exactly great for connecting with one another. "If you have a big island, as soon as the meal is over, everyone disperses; you don't quite congregate in the same way," she says.

Islands also tend to put guests on one side, leaving the person doing the work standing alone on the other, which can sometimes feel like an imbalance of power. At a communal table, everyone can pull up a chair and occupy equal space.

"It's a question of, 'Why does one thing feel good and not the other?' And it comes down to being honest about the way we actually live vs. the way we think we should live," Gambrel says. "When you experience an easy house where someone likes to cook and entertain, and they serve you coffee at the table and there's music playing, it resonates with you; naturally, you'd want to emulate that."



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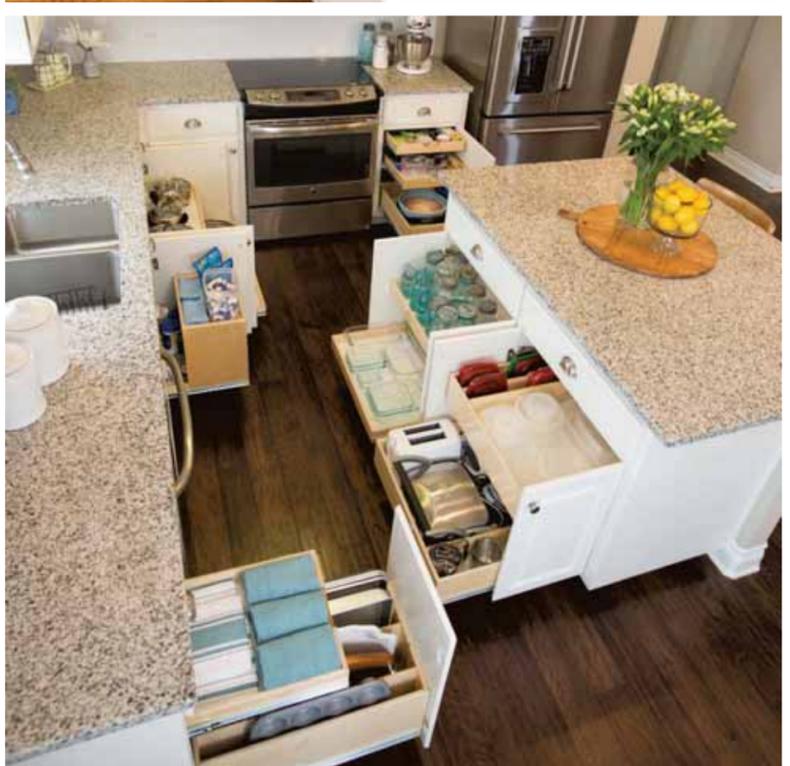
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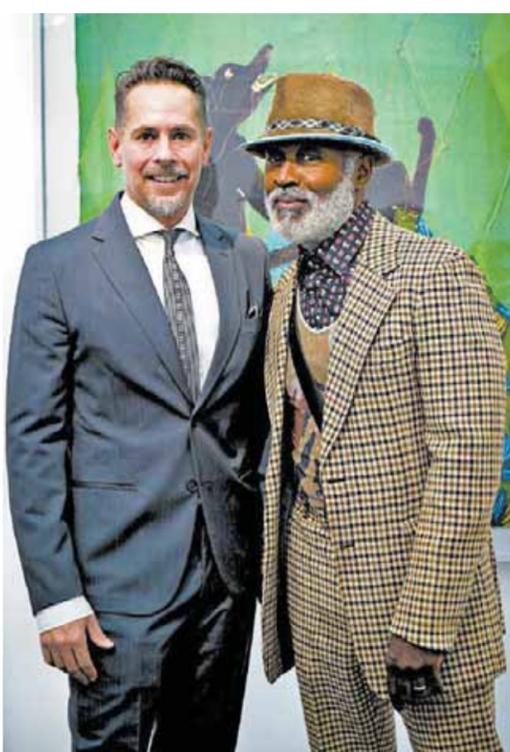

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STYLE

WHAT TO WEAR NOW

MCA gala dazzles

Museum of Contemporary Art's record-breaking night of art — and style

BY DAVID SYREK

As always, it was a feast for the eyes at the Museum of Contemporary Art's Benefit Art Auction on Nov. 16. The event is one of Chicago's most anticipated galas, and this year was no exception.

The gallery walls displayed dazzling works by contemporary art masters from Howardena Pindell to Chicago's Theaster Gates to Richard Prince for the night's auction. But the uber chic crowd of art patrons, gallerists and artists were the real stars of the night.

Guests included Desiree Rogers, who wowed in a shimmering gold leopard print Celine dress, and Anne Kaplan in a metallic Chanel tinsel dress.

The guys also made strong sartorial statements, most notably artist Brendan Fernandes in a striking Thom Browne duck-embroidered pink suit. Artist Nick Cave mixed houndstooth, camo and a skull print for maximum impact. The only competition was his beautifully embroidered sound suit sculpture on display at the auction.

The event — the most successful in the museum's history — raised a record-breaking \$6 million for the museum. Here are a few more of the night's highlight numbers:

- 410 Number of guests
- 24 quotes by female artists in the immersive tent decor
- 93 Works in auction
- 5 Number of countries with auction bidders
- \$1,150,000 Highest bid of the night for Richard Prince's "Untitled," 2018
- 18 Number of times the MCA has hosted a Benefit Art Auction
- 450 pounds of New York strip steak served at dinner
- 4 days and 2 pastry chefs to create 425 individual huckleberry cheesecakes

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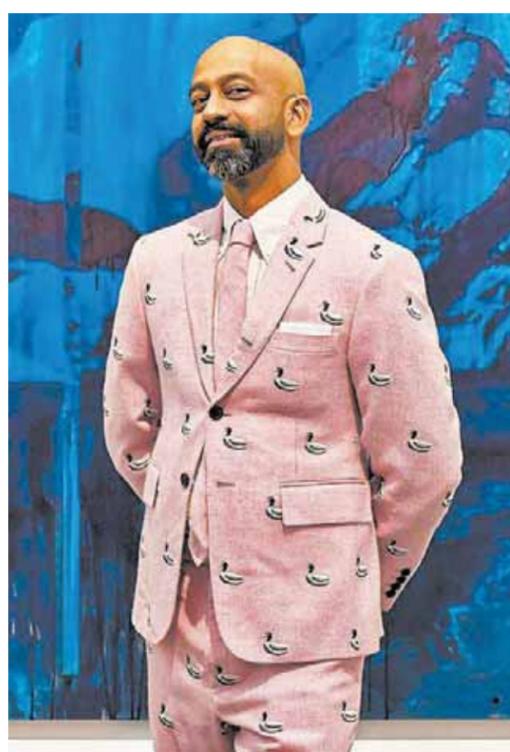
Heiji Black with Friedrich Kunath's "If I Don't See You Again."



Emma Ejutemieden with James Welling's "4176."



Anne Kaplan with Lorna Simpson's "Night Light."



Brendan Fernandes with Lorna Simpson's "Night Light."

4 photogenic mascara alternatives



ELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel

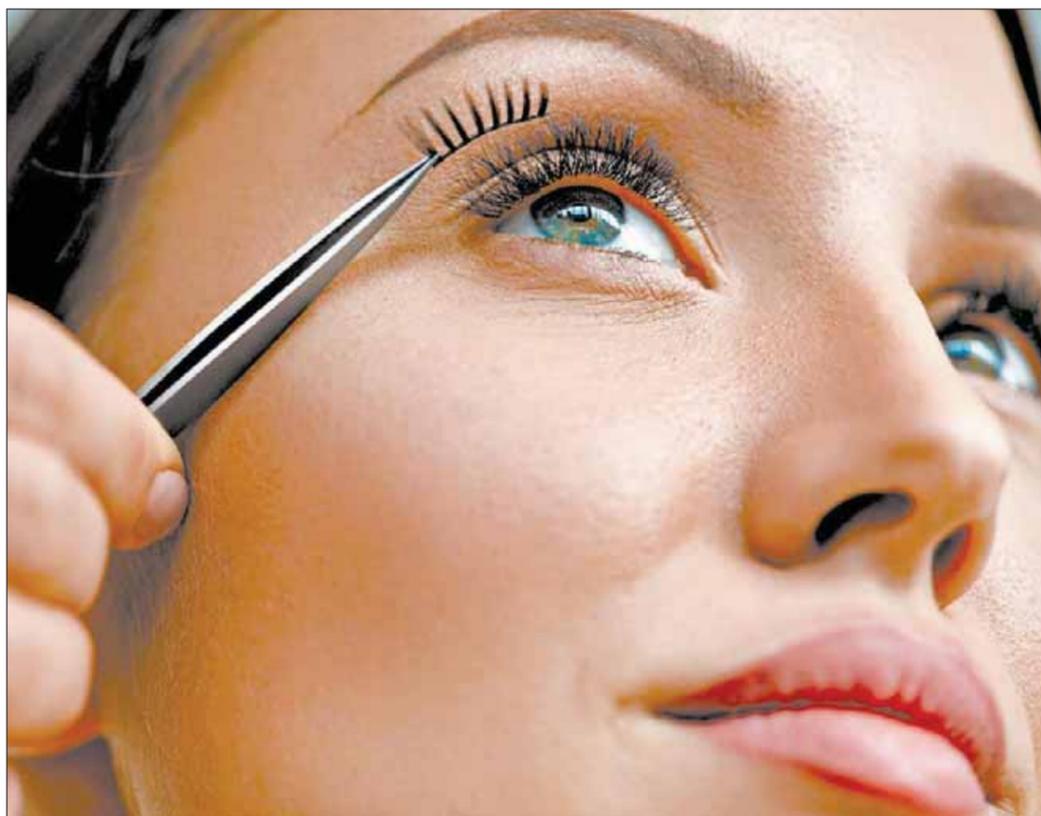
Ellen: I have sensitive eyes that water when they are irritated, which seems to be most of the time. I gave up wearing mascara decades ago, even the ones for sensitive eyes, because my eyes water and itch. I can wear eye shadow and eyeliner, but the eyeliner doesn't stay on long because of my watering eyes. My problem is my son is getting married and there will be photos. What can I do about my eyes? I don't want to look pale and tired.

— Becky L.

Dear Becky: Of course you want to look great for your son's wedding. To give you the best advice, I took your question to dermatologist Rachel Nazarian of Schweiger Dermatology Group in New York City (schweigerderm.com). She outlined some options, none of them perfect, though several are promising:

■ **False lashes:** These lash "strips" require adhesive, and that could irritate your eyes. Nazarian says, "Look for (lash adhesive) brands that don't contain additives like perfumes or fragrances. Try BeautyGarde Lash Adhesive, which is formaldehyde and latex-free (beautygarde.com), or Xtreme Lashes Flexfusion Adhesive (xtremelashes.com), which is hypoallergenic and contains chemicals less irritating to sensitive skin."

■ **Lash extensions:** These individually applied lashes are attached to your own lashes by a lash technician (with a license required in some states). These too require adhesives than can contain ingredients, such as



DREAMSTIME

False lashes are one of several promising options for those who cannot wear mascara.

latex and formaldehyde, which "have the potential to trigger allergy or irritation and should be used with caution." Test anything destined for use on or near your eyes on your wrist first for several hours. "If you feel any itching or tingling, avoid using the product on your eyes," Nazarian says. Some downsides of the extensions are cost (\$100 and up), they take a long time to be professionally applied (up to two hours) and need to be touched up every three or four weeks (for \$50 and up).

■ **Magnetic lash strips:** Depending on brand and salon, these are less likely to irritate because they don't require adhesive and instead adhere to an eyeliner of iron oxide. (Here are some magnetic brands recommended by Teen

Vogue: bit.ly/35ftIV) ■ **Lash-enhancing serums:** "These do work, including prescription brands Latisse or bimatoprost, and they work by extending the 'growth phase' of the hair follicles," Nazarian says. "You may need several months for best results so your reader needs to start it ASAP to be camera ready for her son's wedding! The other over-the-counter brands may offer some improvement as well, but don't have the same clinical studies to support their results as compared to the FDA-cleared prescription ones."

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I have a question regarding men's undershirts. What are the rules about wearing crew vs. V-neck? Should the goal be

to try to "hide" the undershirt (meaning never wearing a crew neck with a top shirt that's V-neck)? I'm referring to classic white undershirts, traditionally worn under another shirt.

— Penny

Dear Penny: Not showing your undershirt is the way to go. V-neck shirts instead of the crew necks is the simple solution. The V-necks are easy to find in stores in inexpensive multipacks.

Angelic Readers

Readers were eager to help Sue A., whose bra closure metal hook and eyes created an itchy spot on her back:

Susan D. writes: "I have an allergy to nickel and just

all-around sensitive skin, and had the same problem as Sue A. I've finally found a brand of bra that is comfortable. Sue A. should try ThirdLove bras (thirdlove.com). Here are some common allergens and other things their bras don't contain: latex, formaldehyde, flame retardants, rubber, nickel, carmine, red dye and copper zinc. They are the most comfortable bras I've ever tried, and come in half sizes too. They have a 60-day perfect fit promise and great customer service. My favorite is the 24/7 Classic T-Shirt Bra."

Mary B. and B. B. say to coat the metal closures with clear nail polish.

Says Margaret M: "I also had this problem. I now wear bras by Wacoal (wa-

coal-america.com) that have no metal at all. It slips over your head and comes with removable pads. Another great feature — straps that never fall off my shoulders!"

Christine K.'s solution: "I have found that covering them with a Band-Aid that has a fabricy outside works pretty well. Then just peel off the Band-Aid before washing the bra."

Susan N. has two thoughts: "I suffered from this for quite awhile, finally using 'moleskin' (soft felt-like padding with an adhesive back sold in the drugstore foot care aisle). It worked great and the small amount of sticky adhesive occasionally left on my bra was easily removed with a quick spray and rub of Shout laundry stain remover before laundering as usual. Then a little while ago one of your readers suggested using first-aid paper tape (available at drugstores) to cover scratchy labels. I usually just remove my labels very carefully using a seam ripper but I thought, 'I bet the paper tape would work well on the bra' and it does! It's much easier than the moleskin and never leaves a residue."

Reader Rant

From Karen H.: "I was recently at Five Below and they had the cutest fleece pants in holiday prints for only \$5. My rant is that the male style had pockets, but not the female style. I would not have had a problem getting the male style but it was obvious (buttons on crotch) and the patterns were not as cute."

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel@chicagotribune.com.

THE GOODS

YOUR HUNT IS OVER

Chic gifts for your party host

BY DARCEL ROCKETT | Chicago Tribune

Host gifts are as ubiquitous as holiday cards — you know they're good to have at the ready and while you may or may not like the tradition of giving them, their presence is always noted, commented on and remembered. So don't be caught empty-handed when popping in for a party or event this season. From deluxe breakfast treats to stylish tableware, these chic items will guarantee that your presence is always memorable.



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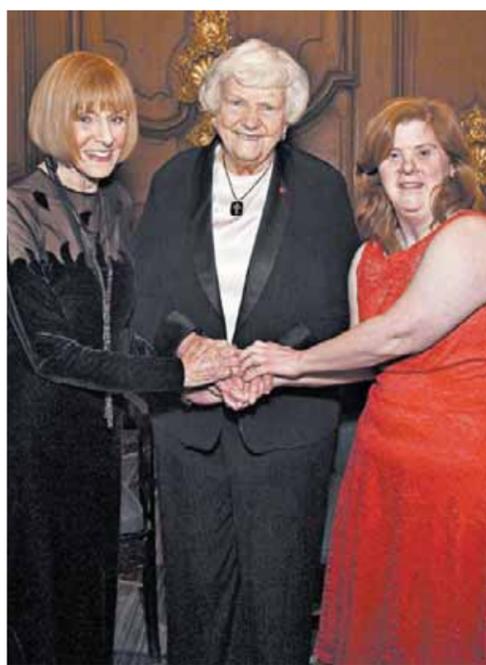
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Honoree Ann Higgins, from left, Sister Connelly and Honoree Mary Higgins



Bob Soudan Jr., Britt Soudan, Jennie Soudan and Bob Soudan

CANDID CANDACE

BY CANDACE JORDAN



Heart of Mercy Ball raises over \$1 million

The 37th Heart of Mercy Ball was held at the Hilton Chicago on Nov. 9 with over 800 guests in attendance. The event raised more than \$1 million for Misericordia. Since its founding in 1921, Misericordia has provided comprehensive support and services to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities on its 31-acre campus in the West Rogers Park neighborhood.

The event celebrated Sister Rosemary Connelly's 50th anniversary as Misericordia's executive director and her 70th year as a Sister of Mercy. The fundraiser included awards presentations, a silent and live auction, and a very special performance by the Misericordia Heartbreakers.

During a reception in the Grand Ballroom, guests perused a silent auction filled with artwork created by residents in the Misericordia Art Activity Group Program, in collaboration with staff and volunteers. Pieces included colorful paintings, ceramic friendship bowls, hand-painted furniture and more. Sweets from the nonprofit's Hearts & Flour Bakery were also on offer.

During the dinner program, emceed by Lou Manfredini, Women's Board president Bennetta Kelly welcomed the crowd and spoke lovingly of Connelly's long history of service with Misericordia that began in 1969.

Lisa Masucci, ball chair, presented the Heart of Mercy Award to Carolyn Noonan Parmer, thanking her for two decades of support. Parmer, along with her late husband, John, became involved with Misericordia in 1999 when her niece Mary came for residential care.

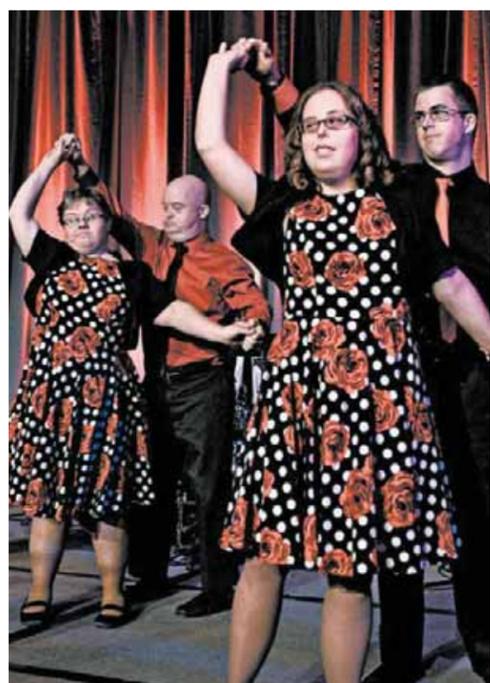
The Tom and Ann Higgins family was the recipient of the Sister Rosemary Service Medallion Award. Son Peter Higgins accepted the award on the family's behalf and spoke about his sister Mary, who has been a resident since 1998.

The Misericordia Heartbreakers sang and danced to "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" in honor of Connelly.

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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Bennetta Kelly and Lisa Masucci



Honorees (back row) Katie Hielscher, Rick Hielscher, Joe Hielscher, (front row) Nick Hielscher, Carolyn Soudan and Connie Soudan



Rick Watson, Allison Wright, Dawn Simental and Joe Regil

As holiday shopping begins, gift card debate rages on



JUDITH MARTIN
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: Every year around this time, I find loads of people arguing that gift cards are thoughtless gifts. I'm sick and tired of this debate.

If a gift card is bought at a place someone actually shops at, I don't see how it could possibly be thoughtless. Especially if it's a store the giver themselves would normally not step foot in. For instance, there are stores that I despise, but if the person I'm getting the gift for loves them, then by gum, I'll get them a gift card there and not force my favorite stores on them.

So-called real gifts can be incredibly thoughtless. The shirt that is too small to encourage the receiver to lose weight, for example. I've had many people give me things they know I hate, such as CDs of singers I would never listen to or DVDs of movies I've already said I cannot stand, and they try to bully and force me to like them. I'd much rather have a gift card, thank you.

People also need to consider that not everyone can spend hours shopping for the perfect gift. My mother, who is disabled, finally realized that it was just better to give gift cards because she can't get around like she used to.

Gentle reader: Yes, gift cards are minimally more thoughtful than outright cash. But all you have done is to limit where the amount can be spent — and sometimes when, because those cards may have expiration dates. Industry reports show that many go unused.

But Miss Manners wants to be helpful to you. It seems unlikely that you would know people's shopping habits without knowing anything more important about them. It is only a small leap, then, to choosing something that might please each one — and that is likely returnable, in case not. That is what thoughtfulness means.

Miss Manners would like to see more thoughtfulness applied to your mother's situation. Can you help her shop, perhaps online? Or maybe you and her other usual recipients could acknowledge her situation to the extent of continuing to give her (thoughtful) presents while discouraging her from sending anything other than her good wishes?

Dear Miss Manners: Is it presumptuous of me, as a retired, tenured professor, to use "emeritus" in my signatures?

Gentle reader: Not in correspondence connected with your academic work. In a text to the pizza delivery service, yes.

Dear Miss Manners: I am writing in defense of e-cards for the holidays. People say they are impersonal, but I disagree. I write everyone's name on their email, and I write a short message to everyone.

While I will never complain about what form of communication my friends choose to use, I find most holiday cards have nothing written on them, let alone a personal greeting, so the writer has hardly even given the recipient a thought.

I enjoy writing an email to accompany my e-card. Because e-cards are less expensive, and there is no postage, I am able to keep my list as large as I want it, without having to cut anyone when finances are tight.

Gentle reader: You are in

for a disappointment if you expect Miss Manners to argue that the form is more important than the content in regard to something as informal as holiday greetings.

The paper card can be charming, but not if it lacks the point, which is to show people whom you rarely see that you still think of them. Cards that contain only a signature or, Miss Manners will argue, a family photograph, without reference to the recipient, are not charming. And there are those who persist in addressing them to people they barely remember.

So your method of writing something personal is fine — provided your e-cards are not the animated sort that take up time and space on the computer, annoying grouches like Miss Manners.

Dear Miss Manners: I have guests coming for the holidays: two adults and one child. We have a guest room, which they have used before, but this time my husband thinks we should give up the master bedroom for them, since the child is a little older. Both rooms have their own bathrooms and plenty of closet space. The only difference is that one has a queen-size bed and the other a king.

Gentle reader: Perhaps you could invest in a futon for the guest room. While it might be difficult to cram two adults and a large child into either the smaller or the larger bed, it might also be difficult for you and your husband not to grow resentful when you are kept out of your room.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

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READY TO COMMIT

8 signs you're prepared to stop renting and buy a home

BY ELLEN CHANG
 Bankrate.com

Renting a place to live may give you the freedom to move when you want and relieve you of the responsibilities of homeownership, but at some point, most people yearn for their own home.

Buying a house is a good way to start building financial security. As you pay down the mortgage, you build up home equity, which is a valuable financial resource.

Mortgage rates are low right now, so if you think you're ready to buy a home, it's a good time to make the move.

"For prospective and actual homebuyers, the decline in mortgage rates has provided a much-needed boost to housing affordability," says Mark Hamrick, senior economic analyst for Bankrate. "This comes after home prices have risen steadily on a national basis since 2012.

"For those who weren't initially intending to buy a home, the improvement in affordability might be what helps them to get off the proverbial fence."

Deciding whether to rent or buy a home is a major decision. Here are eight signs that you're ready to make the switch from renter to homeowner.

You're tired of rising rent prices. Rental prices are on the rise nationwide, according to ApartmentGuide, which tracks trends in the rental market. The average rent on a one-bedroom unit climbed 4.2% in 2018, to \$1,140; two-bedroom units rose to \$1,354 and studio apartments rose 5% to \$1,065.

Rising rent makes it harder to budget for monthly housing costs and to save for other financial goals. When paying rent begins to feel like a bad investment and you want to build equity for the future, it's time to figure out what loan you qualify for, says Bill Golden, a sales associate with ReMax Around Atlanta.

"If you've seen your rent escalate significantly but you feel trapped renting, it means the balance may be tipping toward buying," Golden says.

Your credit score has improved. A low credit score is a common reason why renters can't qualify for a mortgage. A history of late payments and too much debt will hurt your score.

One sign that you're ready to buy a home is having a healthier credit score,

says Bruce McClary, vice president of communications for the National Foundation for Credit Counseling in Washington, D.C.

Although borrowers with a credit score as low as 500 can qualify for some home loans, they will be required to make bigger down payments and pay higher mortgage rates. A good credit score gets you better interest rates and loan terms.

"Establishing a credit history or recovering from a credit setback can take time, but the goal of homeownership is still realistic under those circumstances," McClary says.

You're good at managing debt.

Another thing lenders look at when screening mortgage applicants is their debt-to-income ratio, or DTI. This is a key metric that's calculated by adding up all monthly debts, then dividing the sum by your gross monthly income. The higher your DTI ratio, the more risk you pose to a lender.

Some conventional loans allow a DTI ratio of up to 50%, but many lenders prefer a ratio of no more than 43%. If you previously had a high DTI ratio and have since paid off some high balances, you'll be in a stronger position to get a mortgage.

"Keeping credit card balances low and debt under control is beneficial in many ways," McClary says. "It's important to consider that keeping credit card balances at or below 30% of the available credit limit has a positive influence on the credit score."

You have enough set aside for the extra costs of owning a home. When a pipe bursts or the air conditioner goes out in a rental unit, you don't have to worry about paying for it; that's the landlord's responsibility. The same goes for property taxes, routine maintenance and homeowners insurance.

That's not the case when you own a home. All those costs are your responsibility. If your income has risen or you've been able to set aside savings, you might realize you have enough extra money to handle the added expenses of homeownership.

"Clearly, if you put everything you have into the down payment and such to buy a house, then you have no money to do repairs should they come up," Golden says. "You're better off spending less on the house so you have some money to make improvements and repairs."

You can afford the down payment and closing costs. "First-time homebuyers don't have proceeds from another home to help fund the down payment. It's one of the main reasons why the down payment is the biggest hurdle to homeownership," says Rob Chrane, CEO of Atlanta-based DownPayment Resource, which finds programs that help people buy homes.

The down payment requirement depends on the type of home loan you get. For conventional loans, 20% down is usually required if you want to avoid

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ELITE STREET

Meteorologist lists house in Wadsworth for \$750K

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

WFLD-Ch. 32 meteorologist Mike Caplan has listed his five-bedroom, 6,641-square-foot house in Wadsworth for \$750,000.

A north suburban native, Caplan joined Fox 32 in 2015 after working for two decades as a weekday meteorologist at WLS-Ch. 7.

In Wadsworth, Caplan's all-brick house was built in 2000 and has 4½ baths and three fireplaces. Other features include a first-floor master suite, walk-in closets in every bedroom, hardwood floors in the foyer, an office/study with built-in bookcases, a dining room with a large casement window and crown moldings, a finished walkout basement and a kitchen with granite countertops,

a granite backsplash, stainless steel appliances and an island. Outside on the 2.25-acre property is a professionally landscaped yard.

Caplan paid \$884,500 for the house in 2001.

Caplan did not respond to a request for a comment. Listing agent Katie Bak declined to comment on the listing.

Former Bears player Martellus Bennett's home sold: Former Chicago Bears tight end Martellus Bennett took a major loss Nov. 22 on his four-bedroom, 5,883-square-foot, contemporary-style house on 3.16 acres in Long



Caplan

Grove, selling it for \$865,000.

Bennett, 32, played for the Bears from 2013 until 2015, and he retired from professional football early last year. He paid \$1.205 million for the Long Grove house in 2013, and his listing agent claims in listing information that Bennett invested a total of about \$1.7 million in the house.

Bennett first listed the house in October 2018 for \$1.25 million. He cut his asking price to \$1.2 million in February and then to \$1.025 million in August.

Built in 2006, the house has 4½ baths, a kitchen with a large custom island, floor-to-ceiling windows and a custom marble fireplace.

Listing agent Austin Hedley could not be reached for comment.

Public records do not yet iden-

tify the buyer.

Condo at 9 W. Walton St. sells for \$4.1 million: John Greisch, the former CEO of hospital-bed-maker Hill-Rom Holdings, on Nov. 21 sold his two-bedroom, 3,172-square-foot condominium on the 15th floor of the building at 9 W. Walton St. for \$4.1 million.

Greisch retired from Hill-Rom last year. Before his time at Hill-Rom, he was a senior executive at Deerfield-based Baxter International. Through an opaque land trust, Greisch paid \$3.55 million in May 2018 for the condo in the Streeterville tower, where an array of high-priced sales have taken place over the past two years.

Greisch first listed the condo in September for \$4.2 million. It went under contract less than a

month later.

The condo has 2½ baths, a den, wide-plank walnut floors, O'Brien and Harris custom cabinets in the kitchen, oversize black lacquer doors, a built-in wet bar with a Sub-Zero wine refrigerator, mosaic tiles in the master bath and a heated private terrace.

Listing agent Terri McAuley, of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices KoenigRubloff, declined to comment on her seller's identity but told Elite Street that 9 W. Walton St. "is a very unique and special building and probably provides the best service and amenities in the city."

"My clients' home had really great views and was beautifully decorated," she said.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.



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This 6,538-square-foot home has five bedrooms and is situated on a 70-foot lot within the community area of Lincoln Park. The home has an attached, heated four-car garage, professionally landscaped gardens and a basketball court. The exterior of the home is made of Indiana limestone, while the interior features 22-foot ceilings, a custom staircase, wide-plank hardwood floors, three wood-burning fireplaces with custom stone mantels and mill work throughout. The foyer, kitchen countertops and master bathroom are made of white marble flooring. A 10-foot pewter island imported from France sits in the kitchen. The family room features custom built-ins and direct access to a 740-square-foot deck with a wood-burning oven. The lower level of the home has heated floors and a media room featuring a Chesney Cabouca limestone fireplace and a wet bar.
 Agent: Natasha Motev, Jameson Sotheby's Intl Realty, 312-952-5650



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DREAMSTIME

Planning for retirement — and buying a smaller home

BY ILYCE GLINK AND SAMUEL J. TAMKIN
Tribune Content Agency

Q: I am single and have an 800-plus credit score. I plan to retire in the next year or so and move to a small town in the Carolinas. I'm expecting the home to be less expensive and smaller. I might also buy a slightly older home that is livable but that I could remodel while I live there.

After selling my current home, I'll ultimately net a nice chunk to travel and for my retirement.

My question relates to the sequence on buying, selling and getting mortgages. Is it easier to get a mortgage now, while I'm employed, then purchase and remodel the home now? If I did that, then I'd sell my current home and move? I know it means carrying two properties at the same time for a while. If not, how should I sequence the sale, purchase and remodeling of my homes?

A: Buy now, sell later? Or, sell first and then buy (maybe after a period in a rental). It's the right question to ask, particularly if you're on the verge of

retiring and your financial situation is going to change dramatically.

We tend to be a bit more conservative. We generally prefer to see our sellers sell their homes before buying another one. Owning and carrying two homes can eat up quite a chunk of change, and most people don't have the stomach to pay for two homes at the same time.

Real estate is hot in some markets. If you are selling in a hot market, and you have the financial wherewithal to hold onto both properties for a year, then go ahead and start looking for your new home. If you find a bunch of things in your price range, you might then list your current home, and if you get a sale quickly, move into a rental while you find your next home.

Once you've sold your home, the worst thing that could happen is that it could take you a while to find a new home that suits your needs. But you would have sold your old home and have cash on hand. Having cash gives you so many options.

On the financing front, you seem to have great credit with a score over 800. And, yes, it'll be easier to find a lender that will

give you a mortgage when you have a job than when you don't, especially if you've had that job for a while. To qualify for a new loan after you have retired, you'll have to show that you have sufficient income from Social Security, investments and pensions to carry the loan and the expenses. Showing that income stream can be tough, especially for people who live off their savings. Retirees will generally have to put down a higher down payment.

Talk to a mortgage broker, mortgage lender or credit union to go over your current finances and what you think your finances will look like after retirement. The lender may tell you that you shouldn't expect to qualify for a loan or may tell you what you need to qualify once you don't have a job. Once you have that information, think about whether it makes sense to buy the new home now or wait until you've sold your existing home.

Ilyce Glink is the CEO of Best Money Moves and Samuel J. Tamkin is a real estate attorney. Contact them through the website ThinkGlink.com.

CONDO ADVISER

Board says no to electric charging station in garage

BY HOWARD DAKOFF

Q: I am a condominium unit owner who recently purchased an electric vehicle. I'd like to charge my vehicle in my parking space in the building, so I approached my condominium board and requested to install an electric charger on the wall and pay for the associated installation and electricity costs. The board rejected my request. Do I have a legal right to install an electric charger on the wall adjacent to my parking space and tap into the association's electric system if I submeter my usage?

A: Unlike living in a single-family home where a homeowner can install an electric charger on the walls of their garage without anyone's permission, in a condominium association, whether a parking space is a deeded parking unit or a limited common element parking space, the walls adjacent to the parking space are a common element along with the electric panel and associated electric wiring servicing the common element garage. Pursuant to condominium declarations, a unit owner may not modify a common element without the approval of the board of directors.

Therefore, a unit owner does not possess a legal right to modify a common element wall adjacent to a parking unit to install an electric charger or to tap into the association's electric source, which might require a significant upgrade in the electric panel to handle electric chargers, without board approval. And the board may deny such requests for myriad reasons.

Unit owners contemplating purchasing an electric vehicle should



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A condo board may deny a request to install an electric charger for any number of reasons.

negotiate an agreement relating to the installation and usage of electric chargers with their board of directors before purchasing the vehicle to not be in the unenviable position of being unable to charge their new electric vehicle in their parking space.

Q: I am a unit owner in a walk-up condominium association. Our board advised the association that the back porches and stairways needed to be repaired/replaced due to city of Chicago code violations. However, when the board replaced two porches, it rebuilt them larger than originally built. Not coincidental, the larger porches are a de facto benefit for the condo board president. Was this proper?

A: If the back stairways and porches are classified pursuant to the condominium declaration and plat of survey as a common element, the board of directors has the authority to tear down and rebuild such common element components, which may result in a larger porch area. While certain units may have received a de facto benefit of a larger porch area near their back door, those components would be a common element and therefore within the board's discretion.

However, if the porches are classified as a limited common element, and what you are describing is an expansion of a limited common element porches, that requires 100% unit owner approval pursuant to Illinois case law of *Carney v. Donnelly*. Thus, whether the board had the authority to do so depends on the classification of the staircase and porch areas.

Q: Back in January 2019, a group of angry unit owners were elected to a majority of the condominium board. Since then, our condominium association has been dissolved for failure to file appropriate documentation, the new board has not held a single open board meeting and the board has not provided any information on association expenditures, as required by the Condominium Act. Can board members be held personally liable for malfeasance?

A: Condominium board members have fiduciary obligations to unit owners of the association and a breach of those fiduciary duties could give rise to personal liability. Board members must follow the condominium declaration and bylaws as well as the Condominium Act regarding corporate formalities.

Maintaining good standing status for a not-for-profit corporation with the state of Illinois is recommended, but it is not required by law. However, per the Condominium Act, the condominium board must hold a minimum of four open board meetings per year, provide an annual accounting of income and expenses to unit owners, as well as provide access to unit owners of books and records upon written request pursuant to Section 19 of the Condominium Act.

Condominium board must also follow applicable Illinois case law such as the *Palm II* case regarding conducting association business.

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Buying

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paying private mortgage insurance, or PMI.

Some mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration, known as FHA loans, require just 3.5% down. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac back some mortgage products that require just 3% down; and loans guaranteed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Department of Agriculture require no down payment.

Renters interested in buying a home should compare loan programs to see which one is best for them. In addition, there are grants and programs to help homebuyers with down payments.

Another expense you have to be ready for is the closing costs, which typically equal 2% to 7% of the property's sale price. The good news is that some closing costs are negotiable.

You're ready to settle down in one place. Buying a home involves a lot of upfront costs that can take a few years to recoup, so if you anticipate moving before you can recover those costs, homeownership might not be right for you.

No one works at the same company for decades anymore, but a renter who is ready to buy a house should have job security,

says Hamrick. A stable job means stable income, which lowers the risk that you will stop making your mortgage payments and default on the loan.

You're going through a major life change. Many renters decide to purchase a home after a major life event, such as getting married, says Henry Yoshida, a certified financial planner and CEO of Rocket Dollar, a Texas-based provider of self-directed retirement accounts.

Marriage, a growing family, a new job and children leaving the nest are catalysts for people to buy a home.

"The four major cities in my home state, Texas, are simultaneously on top 10 lists for raising a family and retiring, so I see this firsthand," Yoshida says. "My own neighbors on either side are retirees from California and a young family who relocated from the Northeast for a job."

You know what you want. It's smart to have a good idea of the area or neighborhood you want to live in and the type of home you want before you begin your quest. Houses, townhouses, condos, co-ops, duplexes — there are lots of options out there, and each one has its own considerations for costs, upkeep and personal enjoyment.

Determine what you need and what is most important to you.

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Shopping around on mortgages pays off, but a third aren't doing it										
Americans buying a home face one of their most significant financial decisions. Yet more tend to shop around for basic consumer goods and services than for a mortgage, even though their choice of a home loan could cost them thousands of extra dollars.										
In a recent survey, Fannie Mae found that almost 4 in 10 Americans who bought a home in 2018 said they didn't shop around for their mortgage (38 percent), receiving only one quote. And among those who were repeat homebuyers, the share who didn't explore options was higher, at 41 percent.										
The top reasons given for not shopping around were being most comfortable with the lender from whom they received their quote (35 percent), and being satisfied with the first quote they received (28 percent). Ten percent said shopping around was "too much hassle".										
In contrast, about half of 2018 homebuyers (49 percent) said they received 2-3 mortgage quotes, while 10 percent received 4-6 quotes. And it paid off, with Fannie Mae's survey finding these homebuyers were able to score better deals. First, they were more likely to negotiate on mortgage terms, and secondly, they more frequently succeeded.										
For instance, almost half (47 percent) negotiated on interest rate, and more than a third (36 percent) successfully scored a lower rate. In addition, roughly 1 in 8 homebuyers were able to lower the discount points, origination fees, mortgage insurance, or appraisal fee (11 to 13 percent success rate on each).										
Not surprisingly, the biggest driver in choosing a lender among the shop-around crowd was the competitiveness of the financial terms they were quoted (35 percent). Among those receiving a single quote, however, the two highest priorities were customer service and responsiveness (19 percent) and already having an account with that institution (18 percent).										
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Being left out

For many African American millennials, student debt is biggest hurdle in homeownership

BY TROY MCMULLEN
Special to The Washington Post

Not long after they were married in 2017, Rick and Astartii Hopkins started shopping for a home.

But when the Birmingham, Alabama, couple began exploring home loans, they quickly realized their college loan debt limited their options. Both attended local colleges, and like many African American millennials across the country who took on debt in higher proportion than their white counterparts, they were left with tens of thousands of dollars in student loans to repay.

"The loans hit us pretty hard," said Rick, 28, a chief engineer at Courtyard by Marriott. "It basically limited what we could save for a down payment and how much we could borrow from the bank."

The couple began working with real estate agent Laurane Simon, who guided them through the financing process and eventually helped them secure a mortgage. A member of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB), the oldest black real estate trade association in the country, Simon primarily focuses on African American first-time buyers, better educating them on everything from securing a home loan to budgeting for a down payment.

"This is exactly the kind of first-time home buyer the industry needs," Simon says. "We need younger buyers of color to be able to embrace real estate."

Pushing the millennial generation into homeownership has long been a major focus of the real estate industry. Born from 1981 to 1996, this group of Americans reached 67.7 million this year, according

to the Census Bureau, making it one of the largest and potentially most lucrative demographics in the country for the real estate industry.

But for black Americans — whose overall homeownership rates remain near record lows — attracting a younger generation of home buyers is even more critical.

For a minority group that spent generations largely shut out of a fundamental pillar of the American Dream, black millennials offer the best hope for closing the persistent racial homeownership gap in the United States, housing experts and advocacy groups say.

Homeownership levels for blacks reached 42.7% in the third quarter of 2019 (compared with 64.8% for the overall population), a near-record low that has virtually erased all of the gains made since the passage of the Fair Housing Act in 1968, landmark legislation outlawing housing discrimination, census data show.

"African Americans are already being left out of the housing market and that's exacerbating levels of inequality in this country," says Lawrence Yun, chief economist and senior vice president of research at the National Association of Realtors. "There's a kind of urgency now within the housing community to bring younger African American buyers into real estate."

Despite a decade of economic growth in the United States, including record low unemployment and higher wages for black workers, millennials of color make up only a small portion of the overall market for real estate, data show.

Millennials made up 37%



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Astartii and Rick Hopkins, right, look at a home's kitchen with Realtor Mishae Dickerson.

of all home buyers in 2015, lagging behind homeownership rates of Gen X and the baby boomers — the two previous generations, according to research from the Urban Institute. But millennials of color have homeownership rates nearly 15 percentage points lower than their white counterparts.

Between 2005 and 2015, the homeownership rate among white young adults was 38.5%, compared with 28.8% for Hispanics and 14.5% for African Americans, Urban Institute research found. The black millennial homeownership rate fell nearly 10 percentage points during that time, and was the only group to not experience an increase during the housing boom.

Several factors account for the lower numbers, housing experts say.

They include a lack of affordable housing in some areas and chronically low inventory in others. Some surveys also show millennials' shifting attitudes on homeownership in the

wake of the financial crisis.

But like their white counterparts, rising student debt is increasingly the biggest hurdle for many black millennials as more financially strapped younger buyers struggle to save for a down payment.

Nearly 85% of blacks who graduated with bachelor's degrees in 2016 carry student debt, compared with 69% of whites with bachelor's degrees, according to the Center for Responsible Lending, a consumer-advocacy group. The nonprofit organization estimates that the average black student loan borrower owes about \$34,000 compared with about \$30,000 for white student borrowers.

Nearly 38% of all black students who entered college in 2004 had defaulted on their student loans within 12 years, a rate more than three times higher than their white counterparts, according to the Brookings Institution.

A lack of what's known as intergenerational wealth

— or being able to get financial help from a parent — is also hurting younger buyers of color, says Alanna McCargo, vice president for housing finance policy at the Urban Institute.

She says parental wealth has long increased the likelihood of homeownership among young adults, but because minorities are less likely to be homeowners and have less wealth, they are less likely to be able to help their children with things such as money for a down payment or closing costs.

"This explains part of the reason for the persistent gap in homeownership across racial and ethnic groups," McCargo says. "And it's another reason to sound the alarm for boosting the minority homeownership rate as the best way to build long-term wealth for black households."

Despite the bleak housing numbers for black millennials, Donnell Williams, president of NAREB, says he's optimistic the trend can be reversed.

He points to Urban Institute research using Freddie Mac data showing that black millennials represent 11.4% of the pool of mortgage-ready applicants in 31 of the country's largest metropolitan areas.

This group represents people below age 40 who don't have a mortgage, but have strong enough credit to qualify for one; a debt-to-income ratio of 25% or less; and no recent foreclosures, bankruptcies or serious delinquencies.

While the percentage of mortgage-ready white and Hispanic millennials outpace that of blacks — 19.9% and 18.5%, respectively — the figure still represents 1.7 million African Americans with a potential for homeownership.

"Wealth building through homeownership is indeed possible, and we need to make that happen," Williams says. "And homeownership represents the tools black Americans in general, and millennials in particular, can use to build or rebuild their wealth."

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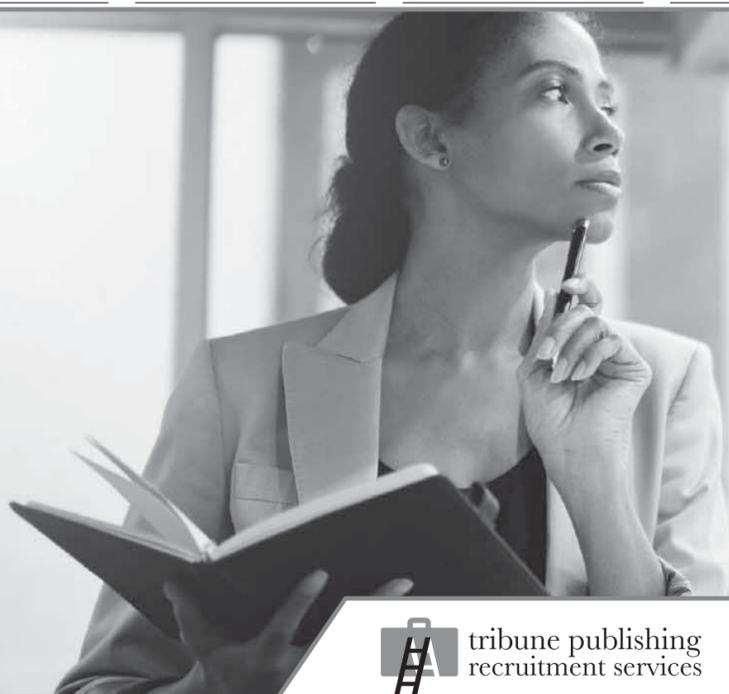
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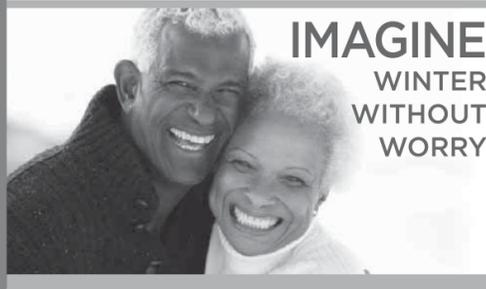
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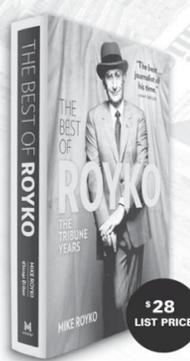
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Tax ramifications of owning an investment property

By **HOLLY D. JOHNSON**
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Just like buying a property to live in, purchasing residential or commercial rental property comes with its own tax consequences — both good and bad.

Before you buy your first rental property, here are the major tax ramifications to know about:

You can deduct certain expenses on your personal tax return. According to Paul T. Joseph, attorney, CPA and founder of Joseph & Joseph Tax & Payroll in Williamston, Michigan, one of the most important aspects of owning rental real estate is the fact you can deduct certain expenses on your personal tax return.

“Any expenses directly related to the care, maintenance, upkeep, replacement of personal property and repairs to the property can be deducted,” he says.

In addition to ongoing expenses like homeowners insurance and property taxes, this can include furnace repairs, a new paint job in the home’s interior, lawn mowing services and more.

However, don’t confuse maintenance and upkeep with property improvements. As the IRS notes, you cannot deduct the cost of improvements. Instead, you can “recover some or all of your improvements” by using Form 4562 to report depreciation beginning in the first year your property is rented and beginning in any year you make subsequent improvements. However, “only a percentage of these expenses are deductible in the year they are incurred,” they note.

You can deduct depreciation of your property. Speaking of depreciation, Riley Adams, CPA, who is a senior financial analyst at



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Google and the owner of Young and the Invested, says you can also benefit from deducting depreciation of your property on your taxes. Depreciation, as it is called, allows landlords to write off part of the loss in value of the property’s structures due to age, wear and tear and basic deterioration. For residential property, depreciation is typically deducted over 27.5 years.

Adams also notes that a powerful shield against taxation for rental properties comes in the form of MACRS Depreciation, or Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System. This tax item allows for the acceleration of depreciation expense, thereby decreasing taxable income in the present while increasing it in the future, he says.

With MACRS Depreciation, the rental property owner can realize a lower net present value in terms of tax burden because a dollar today is worth more than a dollar tomorrow.

You can deduct rental property income losses up to certain limits. Many would-be landlords believe they should be able to deduct losses from this activity, but that’s only true to a certain extent. Under the current act, you are limited to deducting losses that exceed income by \$25,000, says Joseph.

“So, in effect, if you had income of \$20,000 and expenses of \$50,000 you

would only be able to deduct \$25,000,” he says. From there, you may be forced to carry forward the additional \$5,000 in expenses to future years or when the property is finally sold.

However, your ability to deduct losses even then is limited if your income is too high. According to the IRS, your ability to write off \$25,000 in losses is cut by 50% if your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) over \$100,000. Once your MAGI is over \$150,000, you lose the ability to deduct rental losses altogether.

If you sell your rental property, you’ll pay capital gains tax. Because rental property does not qualify for the gain on sale exclusion, any appreciated value above the taxable basis — or the amount you spent to purchase the property and bring it into its rentable state — counts as either a short-term or long-term capital gain depending whether the property has been held for less than a year or more, Adams says.

This means you’ll pay capital gains taxes at your regular income tax rate for properties you’ve owned for less than a year. On the flip side, properties you sell that you’ve owned for more than a year should be taxed as long-term capital gains, which are currently set at 0%, 15% or 20% depending on your income.



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There are budget- and time-friendly ways to refresh the appearance of your tub or shower surround.

How to update your acrylic shower or tub enclosure

By **KATHRYN WEBER**
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There’s one holdover that’s common to a lot of bathrooms that instantly dates your bath: the acrylic shower or tub enclosure. It’s expensive and troublesome to remove this piece. However, updating the enclosure is an easy and inexpensive project for most homeowners. So if the trouble and expense of removing your acrylic tub or shower surround isn’t for you, there are budget- and time-friendly ways to refresh its appearance.

Door magic

If you have silver or gold trim on the door enclosure, your tub will instantly take you back to the 1980s. Update the trim by replacing the doors and frame with a new set trimmed in oil-rubbed bronze or silver with clear glass. To take it up a decorating notch, replace the doors with a frameless pair that opens in the center. This change will set you back a few hundred dollars but will go a long way toward updating your bathroom.

Another option is to remove the doors altogether and replace with a shower curtain. This is a very easy job for the average homeowner. It merely requires removing the metal surround and doors.

Start by removing the doors first, then popping off the top bar. Next, remove the screws inside the vertical tracks and then the bottom track. Run over any residual caulk with a plastic caulk remover tool, and use a melamine eraser sponge to remove any stains or excess caulk. Fill the screw holes with a dab of waterproof caulk.

Once the doors have been removed, you can add a shower curtain, or you can dress it up a bit more by hanging two curtain panels on either side of the tub and a clear or white shower curtain behind. Add in tiebacks, and your bathtub will be beautified and positively spa-like.

Add tile

One way to really update your enclosure’s look is to add a tile surround. A tile surround that goes

from the tub enclosure sides and rear up to the ceiling or even halfway up the wall will have great impact.

When you do this project, carry the tile around to the outside of the tub about 4 to 6 inches. This gives the illusion of a tiled bath and will upgrade your bathroom look quickly. Instead of using real tile that has to be cut, go for peel-and-stick tile squares. These are simple to cut with a utility knife and look terrific.

Update the apron

The front of the tub is another area where you can make an update that gives your bath a fabulous look. Using 1-by-4 lumber, you can create a faux front with beadboard or panels that looks expensive; it can be done in an afternoon. Top the front with a ledge made of a PVC board, or really give it an upgrade with a stone or quartz countertop material. Check with a local stone yard for an extra piece that can be added for your ledge. It’s a great look for a low price.

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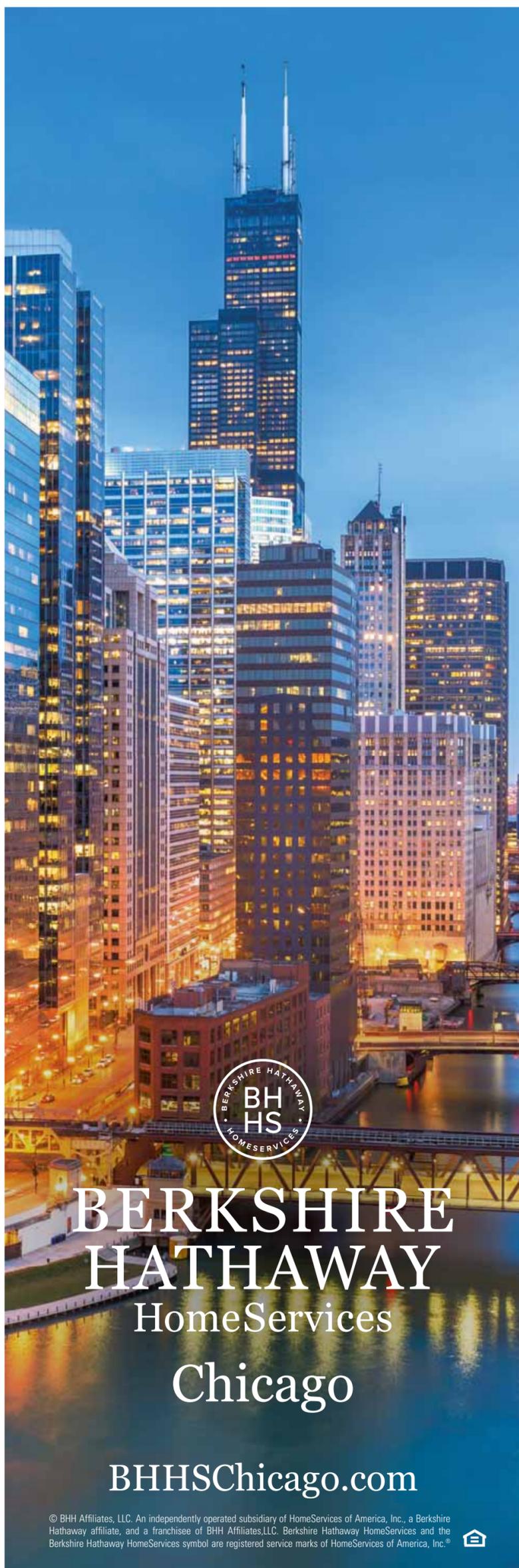


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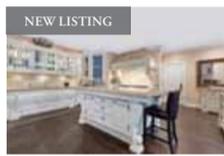
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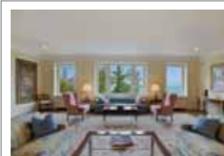
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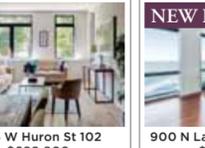
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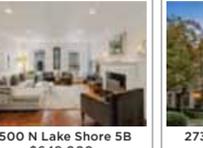
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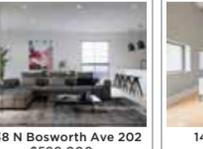
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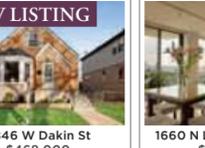
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2019 Tesla Model 3 Performance

Two motors means twice the fun with this athletic ride. **Page 2**

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Answers from Motormouth

Bob Weber tells drivers to regularly check tire pressure when cold weather hits. **Page 2**

Chicago Tribune RIDES

VINTAGE GOES GREEN

Frankenstein mash-up turns classic rides into electric cars

BY CHARLES FLEMING
Los Angeles Times

In a garage near South Los Angeles, metal fabricator Greg Abbott fits battery packs borrowed from a decommissioned Fiat 500E under the hood of a 1965 Mustang.

In Oceanside, California, former AAMCO mechanic Matthew Hauber combines the suspension system and battery packs from a totaled Tesla to make an 800-horsepower, all-wheel-drive Shelby Cobra.

In an unlikely marriage of classic car culture and green technology, sophisticated hot-rodders — mostly men, mostly Californians — are cannibalizing crashed electric cars and using their batteries to create electrified sports cars and muscle cars.

As comfortable wielding an ohmmeter as a spark-plug wrench, they are expanding the automotive world's consciousness about what can be done in the electric-vehicle space — and making good money doing it. Their price can run from \$30,000 for a do-it-yourself conversion kit for a VW Bug to several hundred thousand dollars for a fully customized, up-from-the-tires EV overhaul.

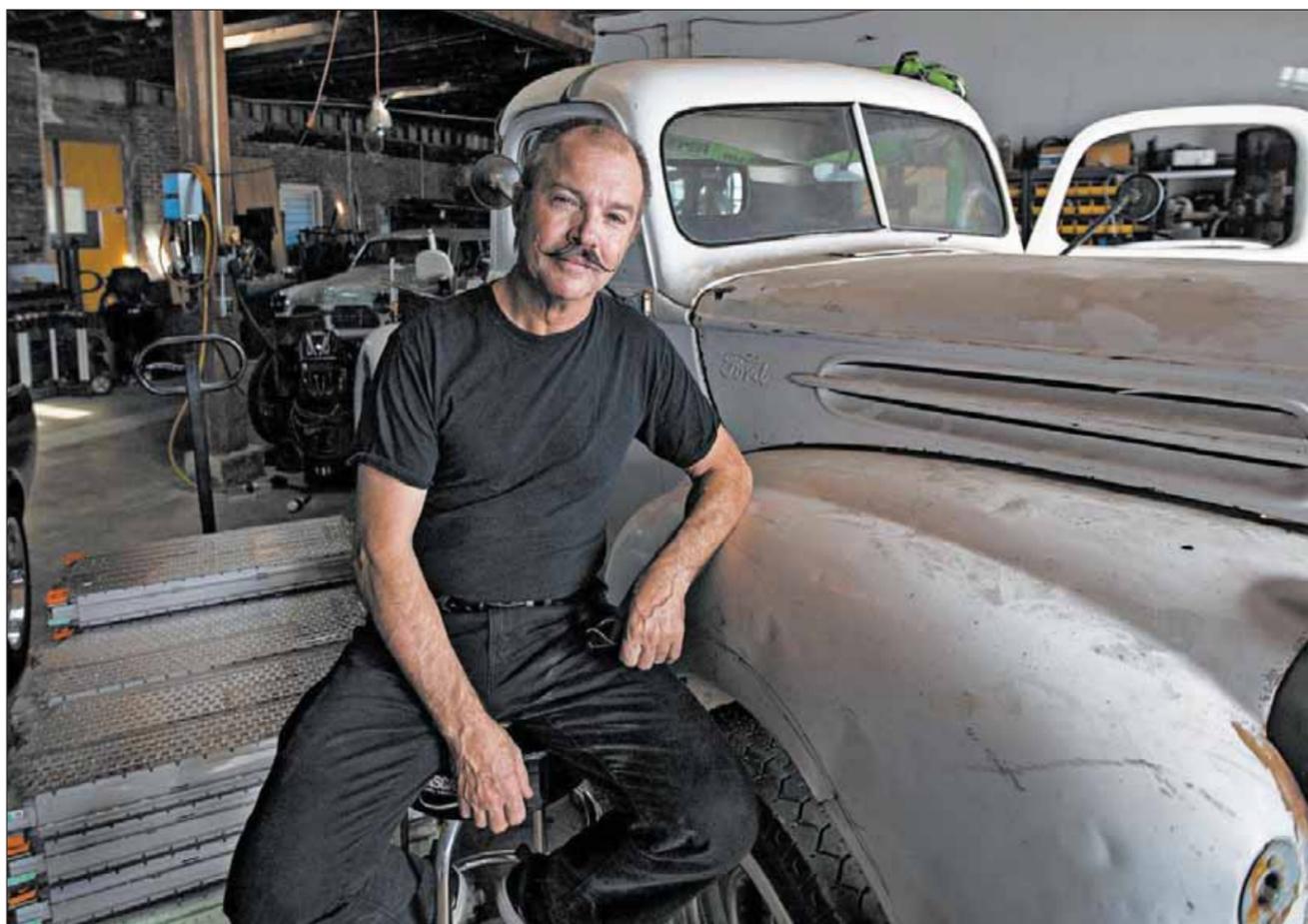
"These guys are taking drivetrains out of Teslas and Nissan Leafs and putting them in all kinds of vehicles," said Gordon McCall, founder of the Quail Motorsports Gathering in Carmel, California, one of the country's most respected annual automotive events. "They're hot-rodding electric cars just like their grandfathers did with 1932 Fords."

Hauber became interested in electric vehicles after seeing the 2007 documentary "Who Killed the Electric Car?" about the demise of GM's 1990s-era EV1.

Abbott started early, too. Sometime around 2004 the artist, furniture builder and metal fabricator, who goes by the moniker Reverend Gadget, converted a Triumph Spitfire into an electric vehicle, using old-fashioned lead-acid batteries that were heavy and hard to control. Friends began asking him to build them electric cars, too.

The process was tedious, and the results were undependable. Standing in his cramped Florence-area workshop alongside a mid-electrification Porsche Speedster, a classic Volvo station wagon and a rusting 1947 Ford pickup, Abbott said, "They were like rolling science experiments, and you had to be a tinkerer to own one."

Salvation came in the form of Elon Musk and



FRANCINE ORR/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Greg "Reverend Gadget" Abbott, sitting next to a 1947 Ford truck, gives new life to batteries taken from crashed electric cars.



MYUNG J. CHUN/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Tesla batteries are fitted throughout the Icon Derelict 1949 Mercury Coupe, including the rear, where the gas tank would normally be, for balance.

Tesla. Pouring massive resources into batteries and battery management, the billionaire entrepreneur started selling increasingly large numbers of electric cars powered by lithium-ion energy packs that were powerful, rechargeable and reliable.

When Tesla owners crashed their Tesla Model S sedans and Model X SUVs, and the cars wound up as insurance write-offs, EV scavengers came running. They would scour local junkyards for the damaged cars and pay, in the early days, only a few

thousand dollars for their undamaged battery clusters.

That increased the power and range of the custom electrified vehicles and made them a lot easier to own and operate.

Tesla, which did not respond to requests for comment, has actively discouraged the use of salvaged vehicles or parts.

In 2013, former advertising executive Dave Bernardo and his wife and partner, Bonnie Rodgers, traded San Francisco for San Diego to pursue their passionate interest in vintage Volk-

wagens. When they electrified a Beetle and documented the process online, customers came calling. To date, their Zelectric Motors has converted about 30 Bugs, Karmann Ghias, minibuses and VW Things into battery-powered runabouts.

They found that putting maintenance-free electric drivetrains into vintage vehicles eliminated a lot of mechanical babysitting that classic cars demand of their owners. "There are people who are in love with the design of these classics, but they don't want to do the

wrenching on them," Bernardo said.

For one customer, Bernardo recently electrified a 1973 Porsche 911 S. The car looks exactly as it did when it was new, except that under the hood an electric motor that makes 240 horsepower has replaced an engine that made 180.

Graphic designer Thomas Almodovar of Playa del Rey said he was thinking of buying an electric car, in part to help the environment. Then he thought, "It creates a lot of pollution to make a new car. But if you buy a used one and convert it, you're not polluting at all."

Almodovar paid a local garage \$2,500 for a 1979 MG that had come to the end of its mechanical life. Then he spent \$19,000 to have Abbott modify it. The result: A silent-running convertible sports car that has amazing torque and a 60-mile range.

In the case of Jonathan Ward and his Icon workshop in Chatsworth, the classic cars are really classic.

The car builder and former Toyota designer, who made his name turning shells of gas-powered Toyota Land Cruisers, Ford Broncos and Chevy pickup trucks into modern street racers, spent three years and thousands of R&D hours electrifying the

Quail-winning 1949 Mercury for a loyal customer.

Like the EVs built by major manufacturers, these Franken-vehicles have far fewer moving parts than gas-powered cars and need little service attention. If the batteries or other parts need replacement or the owners want to upgrade to more powerful motors, the cars can be serviced by the builders.

The downside, for many, will be the cost. Today, Hauber and other builders say, Tesla batteries pulled from wrecked cars cost them \$16,000 and up — just for the batteries. And the price is going up as competition among EV customizers increases.

Hauber's Stealth EV will sell a conversion kit for a VW Bug for about \$30,000. If his shop installs it, add \$15,000 or more. If it's a car "for the performance horsepower enthusiast with a classic muscle car where the buyer wants to go all out," Hauber said, figure \$130,000 and up — added to whatever the host car cost in the first place.

Costs could begin to come down on some machines as more Teslas enter the market. In mid-October, the company reported it sold 97,000 vehicles in the third quarter.

Some of their batteries will have a second life powering custom EVs.

Have a plan for holiday road trip with kids

Los Angeles Times

Christmas and Hanukkah are right around the corner, and that means travel for many people. If you have kids, it means more prep work and planning are needed, especially if you're hitting the road.

Remember those days when you could motor all day with only a couple of pit stops and log 700 or more miles? Yeah, forget that. Life with kids means you need to adjust your expectations and stop more

frequently for breaks.

This can help with driver fatigue as well. AAA recommends stopping at least every two hours or 100 miles, says spokeswoman Julie Hall.

Rainer Jens, the founder and president of the Family Travel Association, suggests traveling in extra time when possible to make the trip more pleasant for everyone. Use an app such as Road Food to find cool non-chain eateries along your route, then opt for sit-down meals instead of a

drive-through. Try to pair those stops with a quick trip to a nearby playground or park, says Jens.

Parents can hand a child a movie (or three) to watch in the back seat and be done with it. But if you're trying to go old school or maintain screen-time limits while traveling, there are plenty of ways to keep the kids engaged.

The old standby car games, including license plate bingo and the alphabet scavenger hunt, can keep younger kids busy.

Jens suggests making up your own games tied to your trip, such as word games based on songs on the radio.

It's also a good idea to pack healthy and fun snacks. Put them in individual, reusable containers in a cooler with equal portions for each kid. Write each child's name on his or her container to, hopefully, avert griping.

Hall also suggests packing a new toy or game that you can surprise kids with when they get antsy.



DREAMSTIME

When traveling with kids, be sure to stop every two hours or so for snacks, a break and even some play time.



TESLA

The dual motors on the Tesla Model 3 Performance allow more athletic handling.

Two motors, twice the fun

BY HENRY PAYNE
The Detroit News

What's more fun than a Tesla Model 3 with an electric motor? A Tesla Model 3 with two electric motors.

Full disclosure: I'm a car enthusiast who bought a long-range, rear-wheel drive Model 3 a year ago (after putting down a \$1,000 deposit way back in April 2016) because I wanted to follow the first viable U.S. auto start-up in my lifetime, live with an EV and drive the industry's most innovative vehicle.

I bought the rear-drive car because it's what I could afford. I pined for the wiggled-out dual-motor, 473-horse Performance Model 3 with Track Mode, but its sticker price was \$20,000 north of the rear-drive chariot.

So when Tesla lowered the price of the Performance 3 this fall by \$15,000 (just \$6,440 more than my rear-drive car), I jumped at the chance to trade up for the brand's most rabid sports sedan.

Buying a fully loaded Performance Model 3 allows me to tell you of the full capabilities of the tricked-out version of America's best-selling EV. Indeed, the Model 3 last year outsold every luxury car in America.

I didn't wait long to storm Champion Raceway at MI Concourse in Pontiac, Michigan, to put the

2019 TESLA MODEL 3 PERFORMANCE

Price as sold:

\$63,940

Base price: \$51,190

Vehicle type: All-wheel drive, 5-passenger sedan

Powerplant: Lithium-ion battery pack mated to dual electric motors

Power: 473 horsepower, 471 pound-feet torque

Transmission: Single-speed automatic

Performance: 0-60 mph, 3.2 seconds (mfr); top speed, 155 mph

dual motors to the test. On the street, the Performance car's power advantage (nearly doubling the rear-wheel drive model's 225 horses by unlocking more battery capacity) is obvious. Stomp the right pedal and the car explodes to 60 mph in a chest-caving 3.2 seconds, the 473 ponies getting instant traction via all-wheel drive.

It's comparable to a Corvette Grand Sport. Or an Audi R8 V-10. Supercar stuff.

Electric motors are instant power; the dual motor Model 3 just has more of it. Dual motors also allow more athletic handling. The 3's dynamics are quite good with its low center of gravity, planted steering and sophisticated

suspension. The Performance model turns up the wick, not just with better traction, but by using the motors in tandem for better rotation.

Tesla does this through Track Mode, exclusive to the Performance model. I turned it on while in park, then attacked the MI Concourse in Pontiac. Surprisingly, Track mode does not turn off battery regeneration, meaning the car still brakes when you pull your foot off the accelerator.

My new car got better within days of purchase, downloading software upgrade 3.10 that is most significant for its Enhanced Summon feature. Where the crowd-pleasing Summon once only allowed the car to drive forward or backward, it now can turn, negotiating its way out of parking spaces and trotting to you across a parking lot.

Manufacturing quality has improved in a year. My new car's panel gaps were more uniform, with no blemishes like an unpainted inner-trunk corner.

Other things hadn't changed as much as I would have hoped. Tesla's service was still outstanding, but I had to travel to Cleveland to trade in for my new car just as I had a year ago. Michigan still bans the California company from selling in-state.

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Tire warning light pops on when temperature drops



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: I have had several Hondas, and the same situation has existed with each. When the weather changes from warm to cold, the yellow tire warning light goes on. When the weather goes from cold to warm, the light turns off. This has happened with each vehicle for as long as we have owned them! Is this something I should worry about?

— D.B., Chicago

A: A simple rule of thumb is that tires lose one PSI of pressure for every 10-degree drop in ambient temperature. Make sure your tires are properly inflated in the winter. The warning light comes on when tire pressure gets unsafely low.

Q: I own a 2011 Honda Accord with 92,000 miles. I had an oil change done and the dealership said that my right axle seal would be "in need of attention soon." I decided to hold off for now. What would happen if the seal would fail and (assuming there is a left seal) should both be replaced at the same time?

— D.K., Deerfield, Illinois

A: Axle seal leaks, where the axle enters the trans-axle, are common on Accords. These seals will not fail catastrophically but leak more and more over time. Keep an eye on your garage floor and if the leak grows, have the seal replaced. You need not replace the seal on the other side until it leaks.



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Tires lose pressure in cold weather, so check them regularly when temperatures dip.

Q: Your recent answer to the question of spare tires and flats, etc., reminded me that my Ford dealer told me not to use Fix a Flat tire sealant as it can destroy the sensor for the tire pressure monitoring system. I used to carry a can of it in my car, but now just rely on the spare. What is the true story?

— S.P., Elwood, Illinois

A: There are several brands of aerosol puncture sealants on the market. Fix a Flat is one of them and it is perfectly safe for tire pressure monitoring sensors. Years ago, when TPMS was introduced, sealants did affect the sensors, but that is history. Read the label on the can to make sure the product you choose is safe.

Q: My big beef is at night you will see an oncoming car with one headlight that is blinding you. My theory is that that fender/light was replaced at a body shop and the mechanic never aimed that particular headlight correctly.

— D.H., West Dundee, Illinois

A: You may well be right about a collision repair, but better shops take care to aim the headlights before returning the vehicle to the owner. Headlight alignment problems may also come from daily driving. Hitting potholes is a com-

mon cause. Another issue is how much weight is in the trunk. That anvil collector may be totally unaware that his lights are blinding people.

Q: I have heard over and over how new cars don't have to be warmed and actually shouldn't be because it isn't good for cars engine. So why are auto starts so popular? Isn't this the same thing as letting your car run for several minutes to warm it up?

A: Back in the olden days, cars had carburetors. Allowing them to run at a fast idle could cause damage. Today's engine management systems maintain the fuel mixture and idle speed. But idling gets you zero miles per gallon, so driving gently during warm-up is the best choice.

Q: I have a 2012 Mazda 3 and don't let it warm up and do not have an auto-start but am tempted to install one because I live in the frigid Midwest. What do you think?

— R.H., Chicago

A: See the previous answer.

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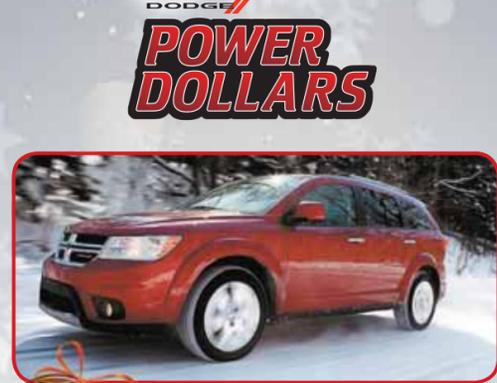
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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE
By Lynn Johnston

WANTING BACK CUPPERS? WANT LATER DELIVERED? DON'T!

I WISH THEY'D STOP PUTTING DISPLAYS IN THE AISLES - THEY'RE HARD TO GET AROUND.

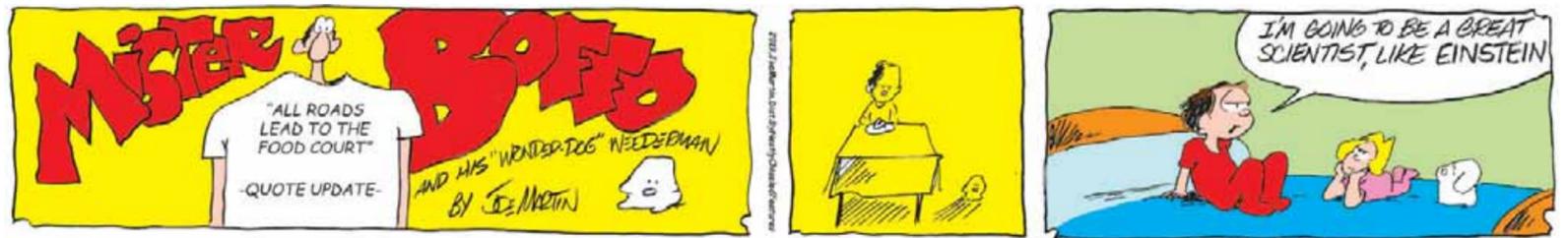
VEGETABLES HAVEN'T BEEN TOO GOOD LATELY - FIND NO PEACHES! I WANTED PEACHES!

THIS IS SUCH A NUISANCE TODAY. LOOK AT THE LINEUPS! I HAVE SO LITTLE TIME.

WHY ARE YOU SO QUIET?

SOME PEOPLE HAVE NEVER SEEN THIS MUCH FOOD IN THEIR WHOLE LIVES! - HAVE THEY, MOM.

... I WAS JUST THINKING - HOW LUCKY WE ARE.



MISTER BOBO
"ALL ROADS LEAD TO THE FOOD COURT" -QUOTE UPDATE-
AND HIS "WINTER-DOG" NEEDERMAN
By Joe Martin

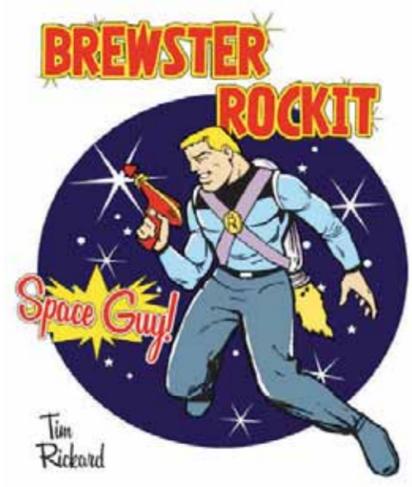
I'M GOING TO BE A GREAT SCIENTIST, LIKE EINSTEIN!

AND I'M GOING TO DEVOTE MY LIFE...

TO FINDING A WAY TO BREAK UP THE MOLECULES IN ALL VEGETABLES!

SO THEY CAN NEVER, EVER GET BACK TOGETHER AGAIN!

SOMEONE'S GOT TO DO IT



BREWSTER ROKIT
Space Guy!
Tim Rickard

HOW CAN YOU KIDS PLAY VIDEO GAMES ALL DAY? EVER SEE THAT OLD MOVIE "THE LAST STARFIGHTER"?

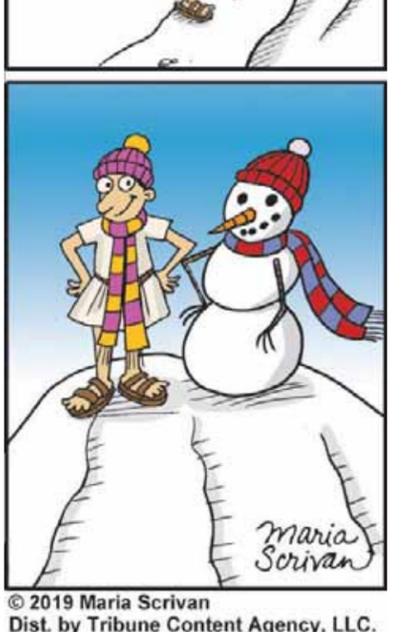
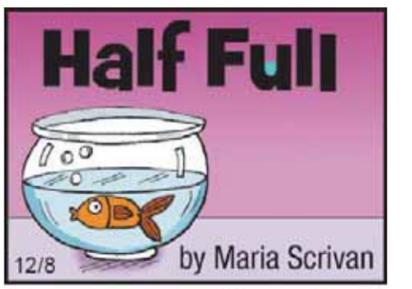
IT WAS ABOUT A KID PLAYING A VIDEO GAME THAT WAS ACTUALLY TRAINING SOFTWARE DESIGNED BY ALIENS!

LATER, THE KID DEFEATS EVIL INVADING ALIENS THANKS TO THE BATTLE SKILLS HE LEARNED PLAYING THE VIDEO GAME!

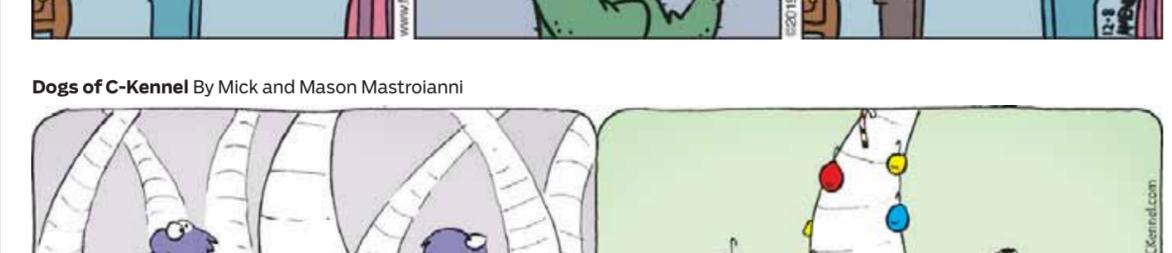
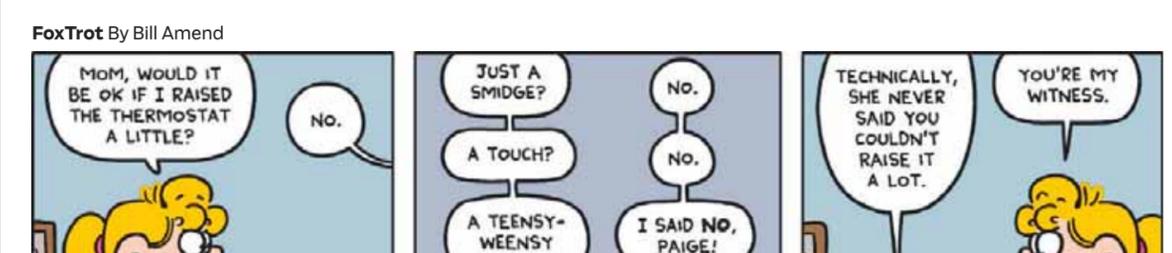
WHO KNOWS? MAYBE THE VIDEO GAMES WE PLAY ARE SENT BY ALIENS TO TRAIN US FOR AN INVASION!

THE HUMANS ARE GETTING SOFT AND LAZY FROM CONSTANTLY PLAYING OUR VIDEO GAMES!

EXCELLENT! SOON, THEY'LL BE TOO WEAK AND DISTRACTED TO RESIST OUR INVASION!

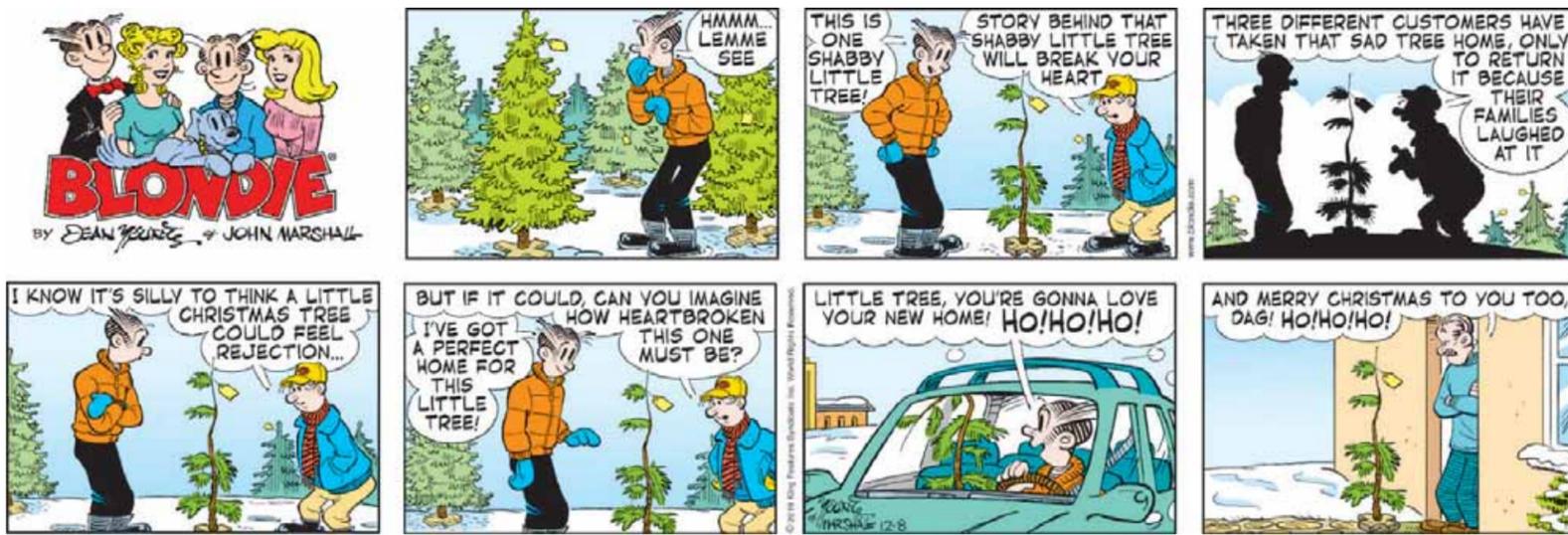
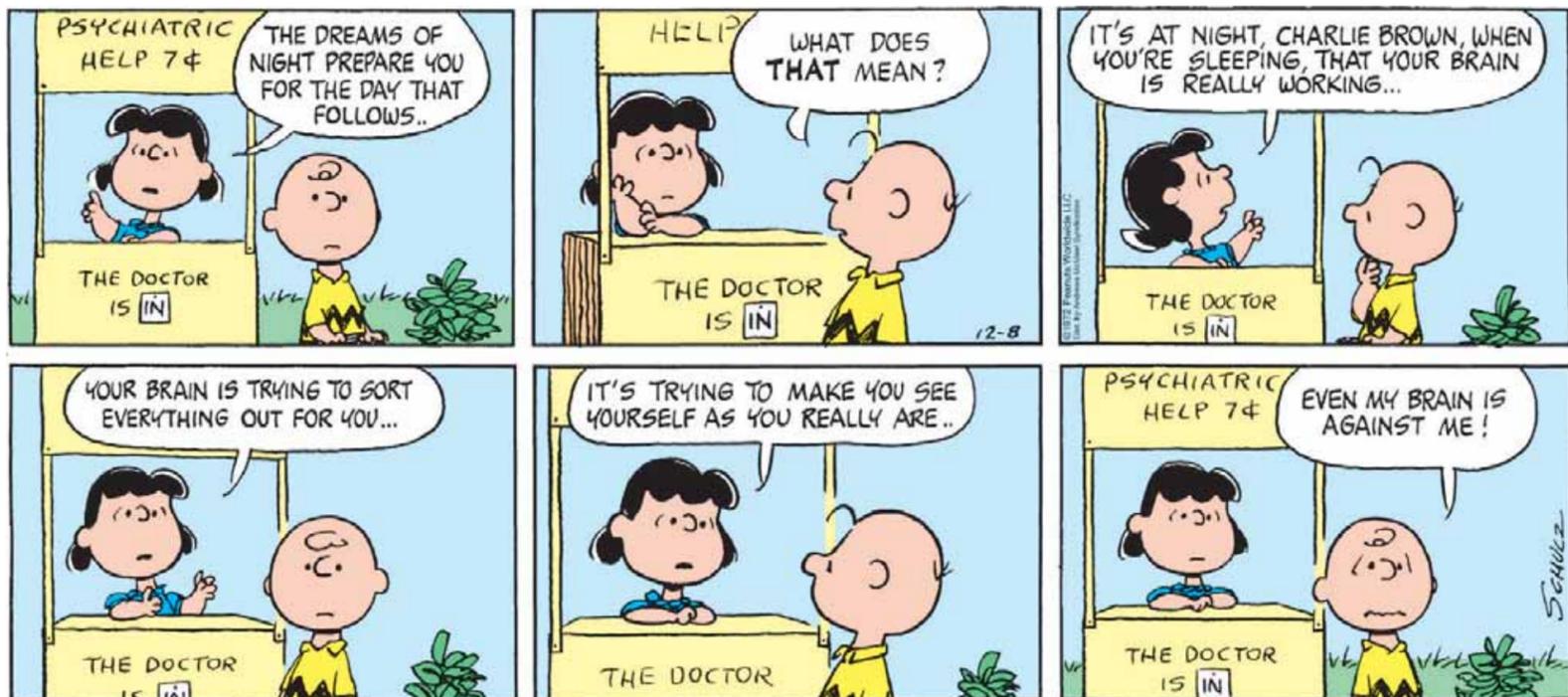


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Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz

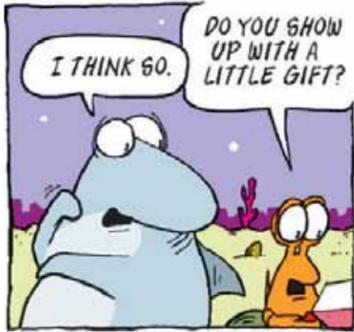
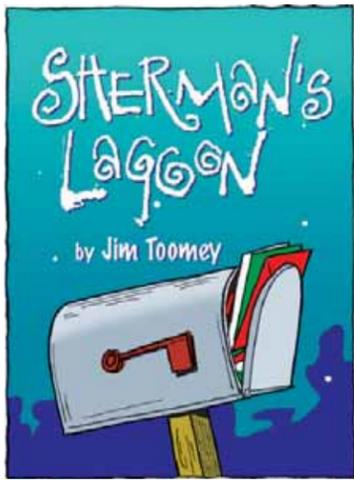


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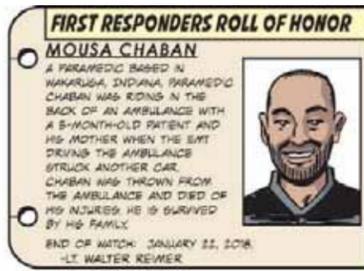




Mutts By Patrick McDonnell (The Mutts Sunday strip is on vacation until December 22. Please enjoy this strip from 2014.)



The Middletons By Ralph Dunagin and Dana Summers



Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau



Prickly City By Scott Stantis





puzzle island

For interactive puzzles and games go to chicagotribune.com/games

OPEN AND SHUT CASE: But not all containers

BY GAIL GRABOWSKI | EDITED BY STANLEY NEWMAN
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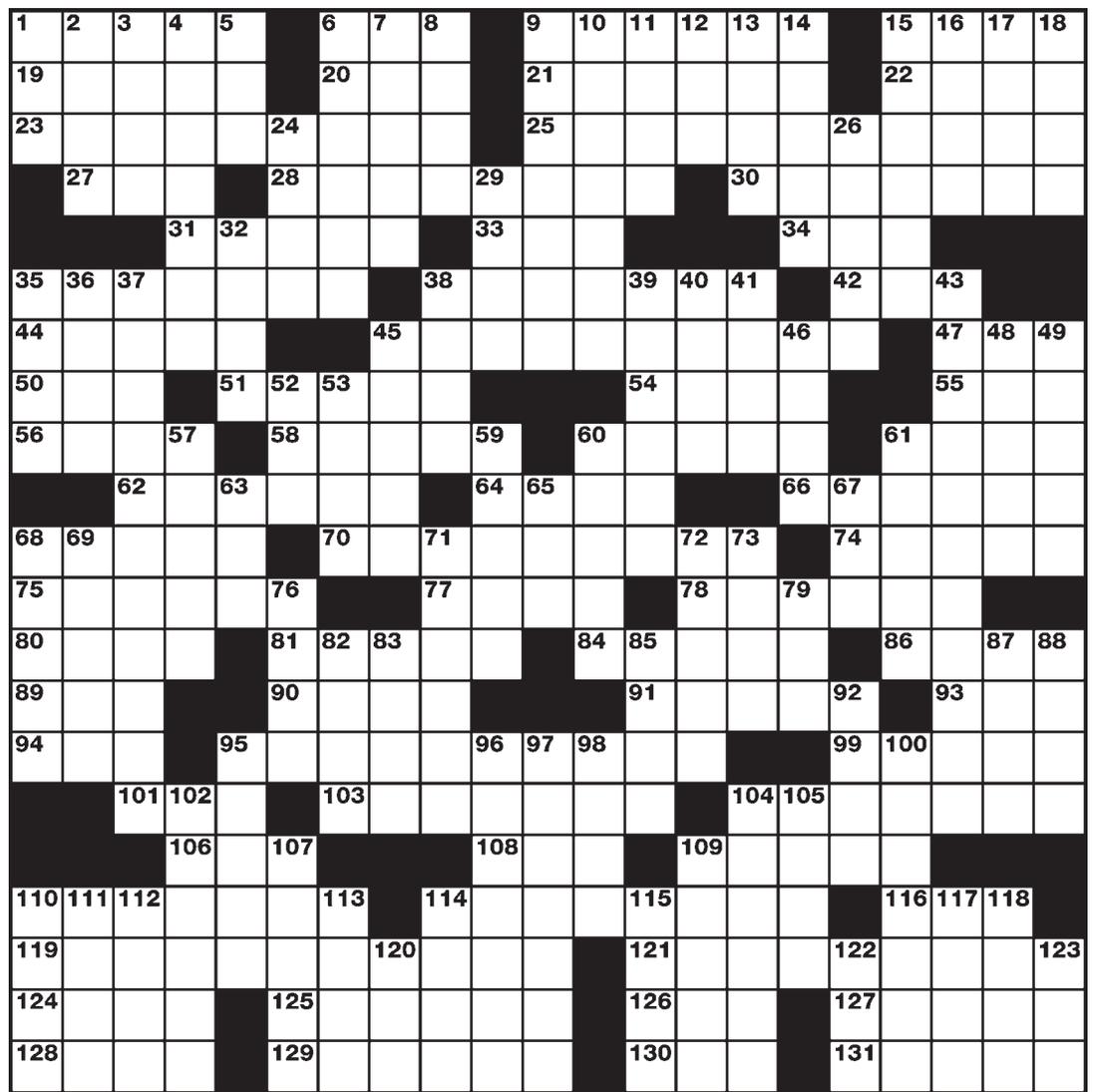
- 1 Lauder of cosmetics
6 "Well, --di-dah!"
9 Steeled (oneself), as for a jolt
15 Money in Mexico or Chile
19 Alpaca cousin
20 Highway hazard
21 More mysterious
22 Ever so slightly
23 Swanky stadium seating
25 *National Treasure* star
27 A thousand grand, for short
28 Formally accuses
30 Figures of speech
31 Middle name of 50
33 Grill fuel
34 Flatbread of India
35 Treads very lightly
38 Major in govt. studies
42 Weep loudly
44 Seller of space
45 Former Utah senator
47 Extreme degree: Abbr.
50 "The Gold Bug" author
51 Army instructor, informally
54 Melville novel
55 Glance at
56 Part of AKA
58 Lends a hand
60 "You -- kidding!"
61 -- butter (cosmetics moisturizer)
62 Contact lens solution

- 64 Didn't toss
66 Bits of dust
68 Blue Ribbon brewer
70 Woodpecker's target
74 Remove all trace of
75 Unconfident assent
77 Emphatic Spanish assent
78 Massage offering
80 Repairs, as a driveway
81 Carl of hostile takeovers
84 Bird of NBA fame
86 Personal bearing
89 Impersonate
90 Sitar selection
91 Does a fall chore
93 Formal denial
94 Briny body
95 Delta locale
99 Spots to fish from
101 Have no -- for (dislike)
103 Adopt, as a cause
104 Talk nonsense
106 Satisfied sound
108 Normal: Abbr.
109 *If I Ran the Zoo* author
110 Slimmed down
114 Discussed over and over
116 Say further
119 Garage door device
121 Takes sports wagers
124 Cubes with spots
125 Merchant
126 Cheer like "Bravo!"
127 Musical speed
128 Symbols of sturdiness
129 Took long steps

- 130 HS equivalency test
131 Jousting's ride

Down

- 1 Right-angle shape
2 Urban renewal target
3 Roll along a runway
4 Try to equal
5 Facial feature
6 Most October births
7 Squirrel staple
8 Half-dozen prefix
9 Language of India
10 Pulls back
11 Parabolic paths
12 AFL partner
13 Great Barrier Reef swimmers
14 Deprive of strength
15 "... enemies closer" speaker
16 Name-list shortener
17 Learned person
18 Laudatory verses
24 Noah Webster alma mater
26 Huge success
29 Inventor Sikorsky
32 Hacks (off)
35 Spanish appetizer
36 One on a pedestal
37 News source
38 Ready oneself
39 Sound in "puzzle"
40 Showed up
41 Lay -- the line
43 Powell, Paulson, Rumsfeld, etc.
45 Bold observer
46 No-frills beds
48 Scallion relatives
49 Heckle
52 Sushi tuna
53 Fabric tear



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- 57 Desert caravan stops
59 Coil of yarn
60 Arbor Day month
61 -- cholesterol
63 Capt.'s subordinates
65 UFO aviators
67 According to
68 Edible pockets
69 Visibly stunned
71 F's musical equivalent
72 Pop singer Jones
73 *Star Trek* captain
76 Apple Watch voice
79 Drain-cleaning chemical
82 Give in, so to speak
83 Sits in a cellar, say
85 Michelangelo's works
87 *Downton Abbey* title
88 Big Board org.
92 Rejuvenation destinations
95 Flinch or blink
96 Sauntered
97 Possible answer to "Where are you?"
98 Beef inspector's agcy.
100 Odds-taker's assent
102 They may stick to your ribs
104 Had a quick look
105 Lacking tact
107 Ranch groups
109 Fuel oil source
110 Make over
111 Director Kazan
112 Liner level
113 Food plan
114 Job-related move, to employers
115 Skyline obscurer
117 Rotunda topper
118 "Inside" info
120 Train segment
122 Some GPS lines
123 Out, in a bout

Pet Sitting

BY PAUL COULTER

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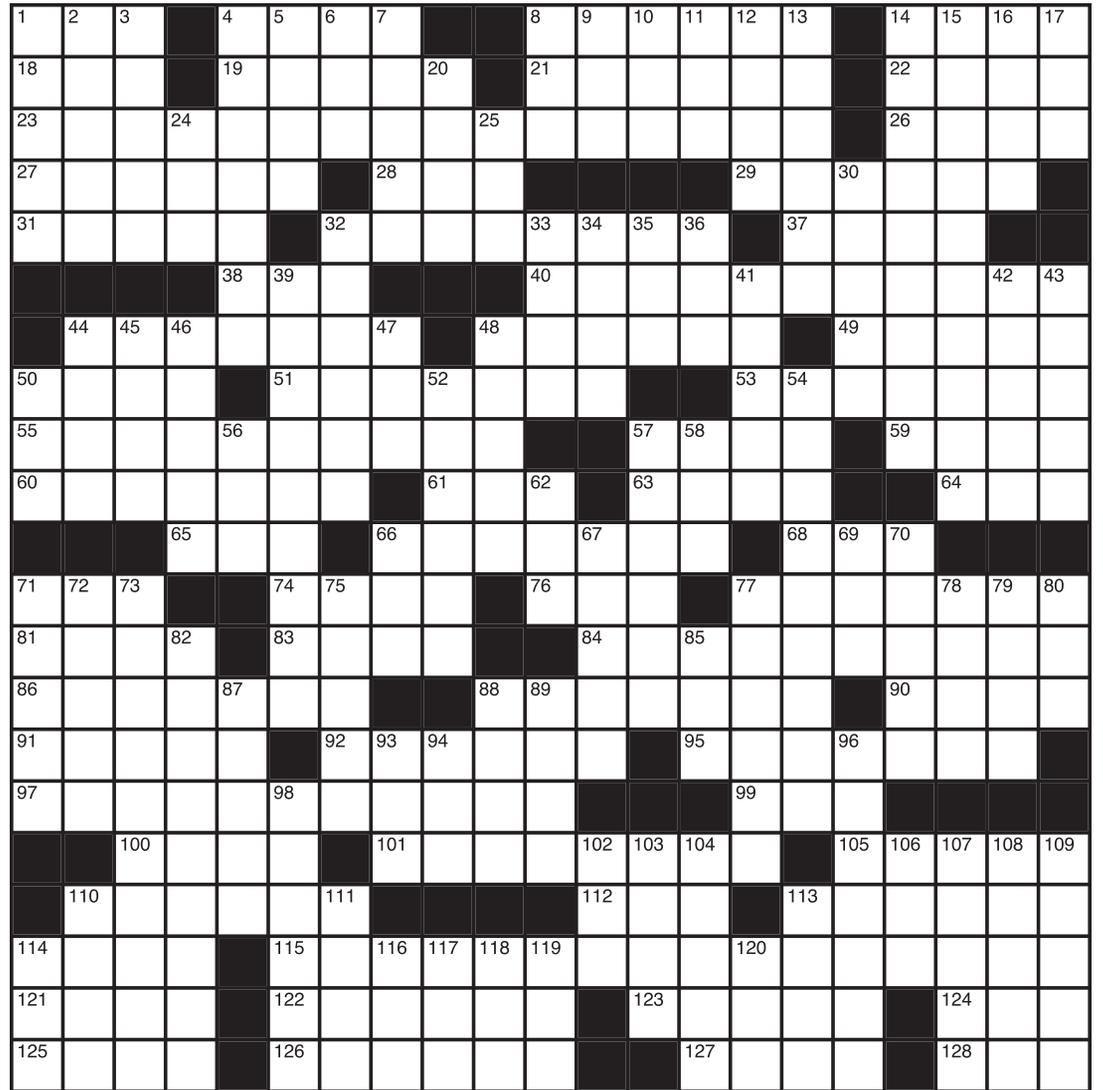
- 1 Medical chart entry
- 4 Author Janowitz
- 8 Green eggs and ham promoter
- 14 USPS deliveries
- 18 Brown of jazz
- 19 Beats it
- 21 Thorny shrub
- 22 "That's not good"
- 23 On easy street
- 26 Beer buy
- 27 Hall of Famers
- 28 Put away
- 29 Knife holder
- 31 Demands
- 32 Curtain
- 37 "___ fair ..."
- 38 My Chemical Romance 2-Down
- 40 Sedentary sort
- 44 They pick up things
- 48 Mailed
- 49 Get ready to eat?
- 50 Muffin topping
- 51 Battery terminal
- 53 Assure
- 55 Orchestra section leader
- 57 Response in court
- 59 Blues singer James
- 60 Tiny lab subjects
- 61 Maxwell competitor
- 63 "If it's handcrafted, ... it's on ___"
- 64 Designing initials
- 65 Airline to Stockholm
- 66 Most Dresden residents
- 68 H.S. class
- 71 Medical suffix
- 74 Anatomical canal
- 76 Its "B" is sometimes turkey
- 77 Lively musical piece
- 81 1993 Literature Nobelist Morrison
- 83 Brings home
- 84 Chart with branches
- 86 Chaotic but appealing person
- 88 Powerless motion?
- 90 Boosts, e.g.
- 91 Sneak off to Vegas, maybe
- 92 Pinpoint
- 95 Part of a Shakespearean soothsayer's warning
- 97 Track foundation
- 99 Parenthesis, essentially
- 100 Film ___

- 101 To begin with
- 105 Bridge positions
- 110 Repair, as sewn-together edges
- 112 A in French
- 113 Excoriate
- 114 Queens' ___ Field
- 115 Opposite of commends
- 121 Choir voice
- 122 Conservative foe, in the U.K.
- 123 Suddenly paid attention
- 124 "Yo te ___"
- 125 Stereotypical angst sufferer
- 126 Wears slowly
- 127 High-tech workers
- 128 Gymnast's goal

Down

- 1 Adjust, as car wheels
- 2 Category
- 3 Cosmetician
- 4 African menaces
- 5 Orthopedic surgery targets, initially
- 6 Kid's cry
- 7 For face value
- 8 Longtime "The Avengers" comics artist Buscema
- 9 Pressure lead-in
- 10 Nth degree
- 11 Post-OR area
- 12 Affectations
- 13 Perchance, old-style
- 14 Hour in a pilot's announcement
- 15 Response to sad news
- 16 Hebrew for "head"
- 17 "___ Loves You": Beatles hit
- 20 Annual Jan. speech, in Twitter hashtags
- 24 Ate
- 25 Bog
- 30 Ecuadoran gold region
- 32 Holy scrolls
- 33 Emailed a dupe to
- 34 Bang-up
- 35 "For shame!"
- 36 Outer: Pref.
- 39 Deerskin attire
- 41 Aspirations
- 42 Proficiency determiners
- 43 1992-'93 NBA Rookie of the Year
- 44 Slight, as a chance
- 45 Architect Saarinen
- 46 Attendance count
- 47 Penn, e.g.: Abbr.

- 48 Aching to a larger degree
- 50 Birds-feather link
- 52 Staff builders
- 54 Dancer who played a scarecrow
- 56 Not yet on the sched.
- 57 Quintet
- 58 Capt.'s inferiors
- 62 Fed. fiscal agency
- 66 Acquire
- 67 1966 Michael Caine title role
- 69 Aloof
- 70 Group of eight
- 71 Wise start?
- 72 Loot
- 73 2006 Dunst title role
- 75 Big name in electric cars
- 77 Soldier's helmet
- 78 R&B vocalist
- 79 "Bill & ___ Excellent Adventure"
- 80 '50s political initials
- 82 Self-destruction
- 85 Charles River sch.
- 87 Like TV's "Supernatural," e.g.
- 88 Mother of the Titans
- 89 Former Fords
- 93 Harem room
- 94 "60 Minutes" network
- 96 Antarctic features
- 98 Expert in futures?
- 102 252 wine gallons
- 103 Unwanted workers
- 104 Detox program
- 106 Berne's river
- 107 Fifth-century bishop in Ireland, familiarly
- 108 Most crosswords have one
- 109 Determined about
- 110 Upset and then some
- 111 Photographer Dora who had a relationship with Picasso
- 113 Cottontail's tail
- 114 One of six hidden in this puzzle, each sitting on an apt location
- 116 Certain corp. takeover
- 117 Airport near Tel Aviv
- 118 Go after, in a way
- 119 Surg. sites
- 120 Ike's WWII arena



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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.

KLNUCY

VEIDDI

BNAMOE

OREECC

YGERES

LLOOFW

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12/8

THE CAR HAD BEEN IN MINT CONDITION FOR YEARS, RIGHT UP UNTIL THE ---

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW



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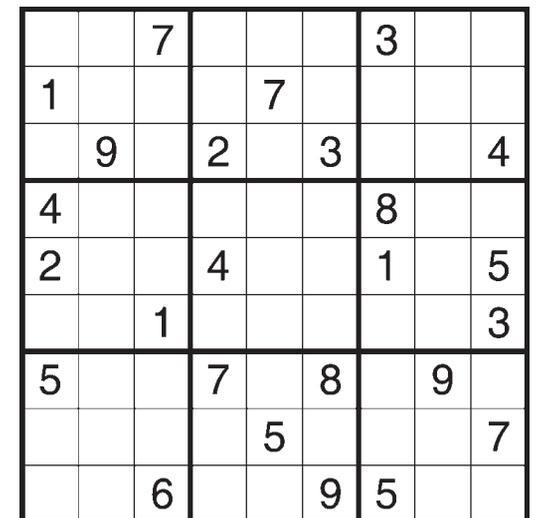
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Sudoku

12/8

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: **1 2 3 4**



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ANSWER ANGEL

SHOULD YOU LISTEN
TO FASHION GODS?



THE GOODS

LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE

**RISK-TAKING STAR
HOLDS HER OWN
IN HOLLYWOOD**

BEING AWKWAFINA

Being Awkwafina

Unashamed and always taking risks, actress stakes her claim in Hollywood

CAROLINE FRAMKE

Variety

Half a lifetime ago, a teenage Nora Lum saw Margaret Cho and felt a spark of hope. Even going to a performing arts high school in Queens, New York, didn't give her much confidence that the music industry would understand her, a restless Asian American tomboy with equally brash and nervous energy to spare.

She even gave herself the name "Awkwafina" to poke fun at her own awkwardness, stemming from the fact that she was never quite sure of her place in the world. Cho, however, made success feel within reach.

"She existed at that specific time of my life when I saw no other Asian women, and she was so completely unashamed," 30-year-old Awkwafina says now. "And I could tell that she suffers from something that I suffer from, which is the impossibility of being anybody else but yourself — and also, not ever wanting to be anyone else."

And so Awkwafina doubled down on being herself. In 2012, she was working as an assistant at a publicity firm when she released a music video called "My Vag," in which she raps about the superiority of her vagina like men do about their penises. It was an unabashedly filthy, highly visible swing for the fences, and she knew it — so she wasn't surprised when she got fired from that desk job, nor was she sorry.

Awkwafina knew what she was doing when she published "My Vag" to YouTube, and that the explicit video would get more attention for the fact that it starred an Asian American woman who many would otherwise expect to be meek. (Now, she says of the once controversial track with a sly laugh, her aunt's running group jogs to it.)

"Everything comes back to that," she says. "It was the biggest risk I've ever taken in my life to this day."

It paid off. "My Vag" racked up millions of views and led Seth Rogen and Nicholas Stoller to cast her in 2016's "Neighbors 2: Soror-



MYUNG J. CHUN/LOS ANGELES TIMES

"To see the name that you essentially used to make fun of the fact that you were awkward at 15 on a chair back or call sheet ... it's very powerful," Awkwafina says of the stage name she gave herself.

ity Rising," where she made a memorable dent with her limited screen time. She even caught Cho's attention; the two collaborated on her 2016 single "Green Tea," an experience Awkwafina says was even more meaningful because Cho reached out to her at a time when she was still relatively unknown.

But Awkwafina's last few years in the spotlight, particularly her breakout turns in glossy ensemble comedies like "Ocean's 8" and "Crazy Rich Asians," have made her a household name in her own right, and in a big, game-changing kind of way that keeps blowing her mind.

"I didn't create Nora, I gotta thank my parents for that — but I created Awkwafina," she says. "And to see the name that you essentially used to make fun of the

fact that you were awkward at 15 on a chair back or call sheet ... it's very powerful."

This summer, her career hit a new peak with her more somber turn in "The Farewell," which revealed the depth of Awkwafina's range and earned her rave reviews. For Awkwafina, though, accolades weren't the point of signing on to a story that she related to so much. Fighting for the role of Billi, the conflicted and preemptively grieving American granddaughter, was a no-brainer. ("The Farewell") was very different from anything I'd already done, but it didn't matter what genre it was," Awkwafina says. "It could've been sci-fi horror and I still would've done it."

Meanwhile, her list of upcoming projects, including roles in Ryan Murphy's adaptation of

"The Prom" and the "Jumanji" sequel, just keeps getting longer. She's particularly excited to become a part of the ever-growing Marvel Cinematic Universe with starring roles in "Shang-Chi," the first Marvel movie with a predominantly Asian cast, and "Raya and the Last Dragon," an animated adventure penned by "Crazy Rich Asians" co-writer Adele Lim.

"The two stories are very special to me," Awkwafina says. "They're both one of a kind in their own certain ways, so I'm really excited. I just hope I do a good job."

Awkwafina doesn't take her success, or what it means to other people, for granted.

"After 'Crazy Rich Asians,' people were coming up to me tearing up because it was a kind of

joyous picture of representation for a lot of people who didn't have it for years," she says. "And when we screened 'The Farewell' at Sundance, I had people come up to me hours after who were absolutely shuddering, like they couldn't control their emotions. That was very, very moving for me to experience."

Still, Awkwafina remains wary that the industry's increased awareness of inclusivity could fade out if not given proper and sustained support.

"I always worry about that," she says. "I wonder if it is a trend, and we don't want anything to be a trend — especially people."

One way she hopes that fate can be avoided is for people like her to take matters into their own hands, like she did as a teen pressing "publish" on her YouTube page.

"I know what I want, and that's to tell stories that make impact on people," she says. "That's what I have control over."

Case in point is her upcoming Comedy Central series, an autobiographical comedy fittingly titled "Awkwafina Is Nora From Queens."

When building her writers' room with showrunner Karey Dornetto ("Portlandia"), she pushed to find people who could write to growing up in New York and "from the Asian American experience."

Her writers' room ended up being mostly women, a happy accident that continues Awkwafina's streak of working alongside more women than has traditionally been the entertainment industry norm.

Reaching out to promising new voices — like Cho once did with her — is high on Awkwafina's priority list right now.

"I really didn't think that I could do anything like this in TV or movies, it just didn't seem possible," she says. "So I do think there's a certain power in showing other people that you could do this, too. If that's where I can derive my power from, I'd be content with that. It's really hard to materialize a dream if you haven't seen it."

Should you listen to the fashion gods?



ELLEN WARREN

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: Recently I read that the newest color for fall is mint green. I cannot find it anywhere. I remember a few years ago the “it” color was sort of an orchid/lavender color, and it also was not available in that current season. Is it only the high-priced boutiques that possibly have the trending colors?

— Madeleine

Dear Madeleine: There are so many “experts” telling us what the color trends are that your best bet is to ignore them and go with what flatters your skin tone — or that you just love. You saw a report that mint green is all the rage, but the Pantone Color Institute makes no mention of mint in its “2019/2020 NYFW (New York Fashion Week) Color Palette.” Instead of mint, Pantone lists Chili Pepper (bright red), Biking Red (burgundy), Crème de Peche (palest peach), Peach Pink (looks like apricot to me), Rocky Road (dark brown), Fruit Dove (sort of bright pink), Sugar Almond (rust) and Dark Cheddar (orangeish). Meanwhile, an internet search for “mint green for fall” turned up a story about this trend — in 2012.

Many manufacturers take months to produce fashions in the current “it” colors, so when fashion gods declare a shade to be THE ONE, it takes some time for the news to trickle down to places where many of us shop. That said, “fast fashion” chains like Zara (zara.com) and H&M



DREAMSTIME

Instead of looking for mint green because it may be the “it” color, it’s better to stick to what flatters your skin tone.

(hm.com) are better at keeping up with trends than many more traditional retailers. Both of those sites have an array of mint fashions on their websites, although nothing in Fruit Dove or Crème de Peche!

And it’s not only women with fashion/color questions ...

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I know men can wear pastel-colored shirts because I favor pink ones and I get a lot of compliments when I wear them. I live in a warm weather part of the country where I see pink, aqua, lavender, etc. shirts on men year-round. But I am moving to the Midwest and wonder if

I can continue to wear my pastels there when the seasons change and it gets colder.

— Philip J.

Dear Philip: Many men stick with earth tones and grays when the weather gets cool and I think that’s a mistake. When I see a guy in a shirt of any color besides those dreary, safe, blend-into-the-background colors, it perks me (and the wearer?) right up. If you want to stand out or just feel happy, wear any color you like no matter what the temperature.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I miss one of my favorite shopping destinations. They had a shop

downtown in my suburb and another storefront in a nearby suburb. They closed maybe five to seven years ago.

I have seen nothing since their closure that is like it or replaced it. The store was eclectic, with native and cultural jewelry, accessories and some home furnishings from all over the world: Asia, India, Europe, North America. Things that you couldn’t find anywhere else, unless of course you were visiting that country. How can I find a similar store or a website or catalog? I would prefer a destination shopping experience. I like to see things up close, hold them, etc.

— Milly C.

my recommendations will be what you’re looking for. However, Ten Thousand Villages is a nonprofit fair-trade retailer with handcrafts from artisans in more than 35 developing countries. They don’t sell online, but the website tenthousandvillages.com will tell you if there’s a shop near you.

Angelic Readers 1

Georgette C. has this info for the reader who wanted to know what to do about her “droopy” eyelids: “Insurance will cover a blepharoplasty (eyelid surgery) if the doctor says the droopy lids interfere with vision, which they can. This simple surgery removes a small pad of fat and leaves a very slight scar in the crease of the lid, which will disappear over time. The results are excellent, and no amount of cosmetics can open the eye and have the same pleasing cosmetic affect as this eyelid surgery.”

From Ellen: Check with your insurer before signing up for the surgery.

Angelic Readers 2

Some advice from Sheila S.: “A number of years ago I saw a very tall young woman looking for a winter coat. She was very frustrated with what she found. I suggested to her that she go to the men’s coat department. Their styles have become very fashionable and definitely unisex. In addition, prices are less than the women’s department.

“This is also true for fashion belts. The high-end stores charge a fortune for women’s belts — but not in the men’s departments. And the small sizes for men are perfect for women.

Our favorite lamps

By DARCEL ROCKETT | Chicago Tribune

Find some home decor that will light up your life with a bit of panache. After all, you will be waking in the dark and going home in the dark over the next several months. We found these lamps that may do the trick.



HIVE MODERN

The aluminum Piani table lamp from Flos has a base that can be used as a tray where objects can be displayed in a beam of light as if they were on stage. \$395, hivemoder.com



TOM DIXON

Tom Dixon's copper Melt table lamp has a half-metallized shade that creates an extraordinary optic effect when turned on. \$725, switchmodern.com



Mooi's 71-inch-tall Brave New World floor lamp has a natural oak frame grounded with cast iron weights. \$4,390, hivemoder.com

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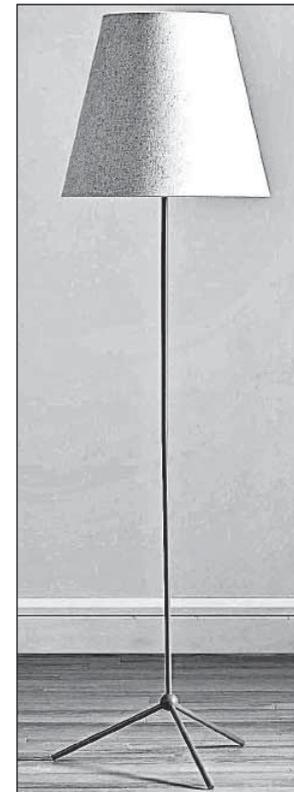
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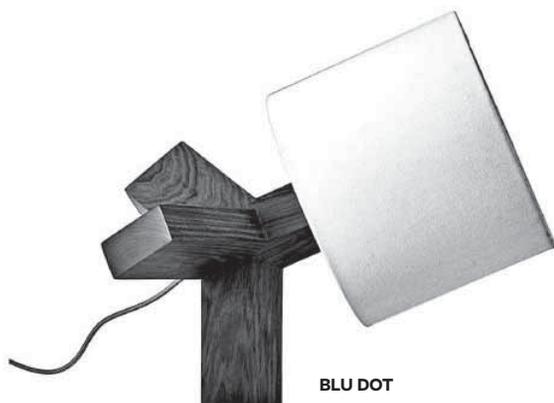
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Stylish books for favorite fashionistas

By **DEBBIE CARLSON**
Chicago Tribune

If you are looking for the perfect gift for your most stylish friend, several new books are bound to please. While the words “icon” or “legendary” get thrown around loosely, these books all feature true masters of style in different genres: men’s and women’s fashion, music and art. Whether it’s getting a rare peek behind the making of Chanel’s haute couture collection or slice-of-life images of New York street style, there’s something guaranteed to delight and inspire any reader.

“Bowie: An Illustrated Life”

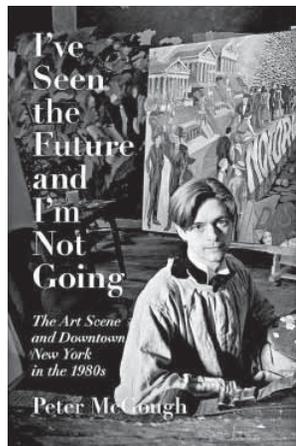
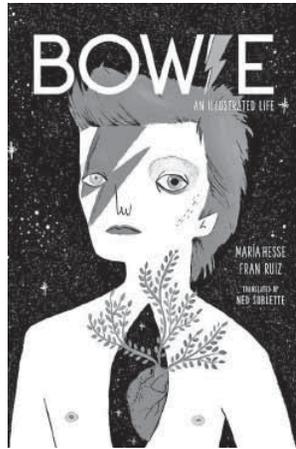
By *María Hesse and Fran Ruiz*

One of the most innovative artists of the 20th century, David Bowie created work that crossed genres and shattered boundaries. This inventive biography told through María Hesse’s hip illustrations and text by Fran Ruiz explores his life from his working-class childhood as David Jones to his transformation to David Bowie and eventual superstardom to the final recording sessions before his death from cancer in 2016. Told from Bowie’s viewpoint, readers follow along his personal and professional life and meet many of the famous musicians he interacted with, including Iggy Pop, Brian Eno, Freddie Mercury and others. \$21.95

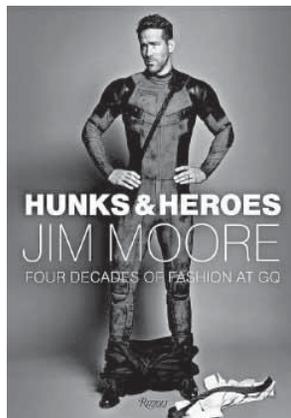
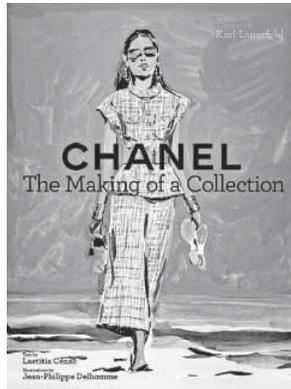
“Chanel: The Making of a Collection”

By *Laetitia Cénac, Illustrated by Jean-Philippe Delhomme*

Rarely can mere mortals glimpse how a fashion



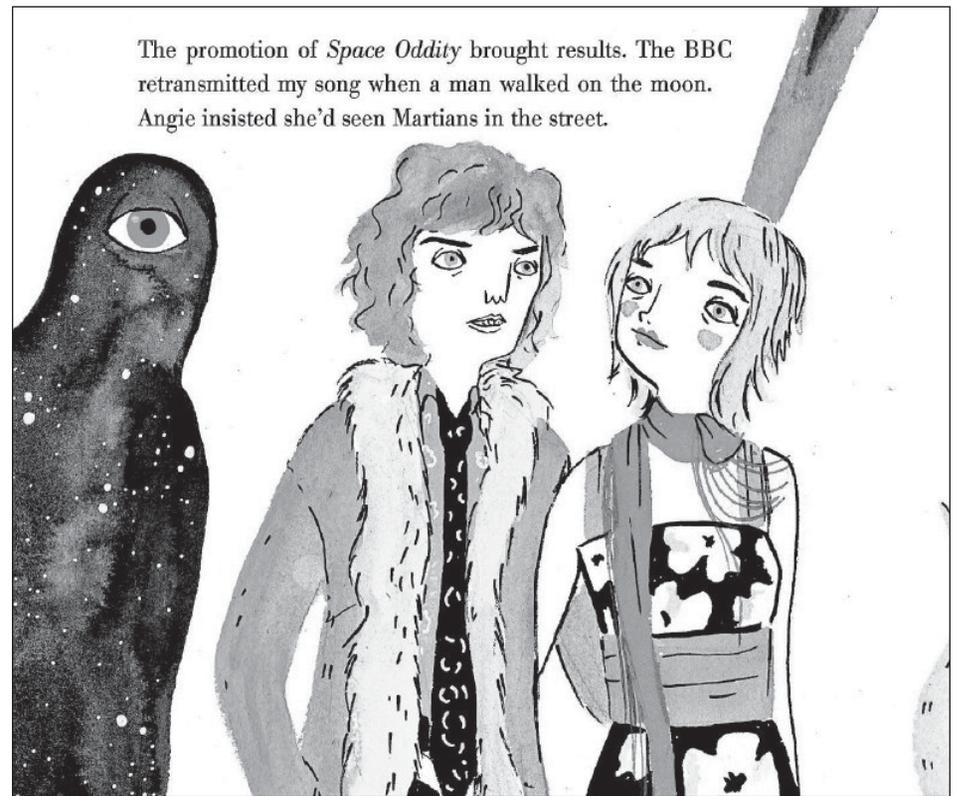
collection comes together from idea to fruition, but the new book about the House of Chanel by fashion writer Laetitia Cénac pulls back the curtains. This 240-page book contains hundreds of color illustrations by famed artist Jean-Philippe Delhomme detailing Karl Lagerfeld’s Spring 2019 collection — Lagerfeld’s last before his death. The book also highlights the work of the artisans who create the fashion house’s distinct style, the embroiderers, flower-makers, shoemakers and many others. Cénac weaves in the history of the iconic house with its contemporary collections. \$35



“I’ve Seen the Future and I’m Not Going: The Art Scene and Downtown New York in the 1980s”

By *Peter McGough*

In his memoir, artist Peter McGough tells of that almost-mythical time in New York’s pregentrified Lower East Side in the 1980s, when he fell into the East Village’s art scene, getting to know artists like



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A page from “Bowie: An Illustrated Life.”

Andy Warhol, Keith Haring and Jean-Michel Basquiat, and frequenting mythic locations like Studio 54 and the Chelsea Hotel.

When McGough first moved to New York in 1980, he met and fell in love with another artist, David McDermott, and has collaborated with him ever since. McDermott and McGough became as well-known for their work in painting and photography as much as their lifestyle, which embraced a Victorian aesthetic in all they did, including wearing top hats and detachable collars and living in a converted townhouse lit only by candlelight.

Their paintings were backdated to various decades, depending on the subject, adding a highly conceptual element to the work, and their photography was produced in historical processes such as cyanotype, gum bichromate and salt prints, leading the duo to become hugely successful, and showing in three Whitney Biennials.

Told with humor, McGough looks back at their professional and romantic partnership and struggles. \$29.95

“Hunks & Heroes: Jim Moore Four Decades of Fashion at GQ”

By *Jim Moore*

Few editors have had such an influence on men’s fashion as Jim Moore, GQ magazine’s famed creative director at large. For nearly 40 years, Moore shaped modern men’s fashion, discovering new designers, highlighting trends and giving fashion advice and critiques. The book contains 250 of Moore’s legendary fashion photographs that showcase in an eye-popping manner the magazine’s most memorable covers, many in a double gatefold. It’s not simply a look book of cool covers and celebrities but also includes Moore’s commentary and shows the evolution of men’s style through the decades. Classic covers include a 1980s “American Gigolo”-era Richard Gere

and Kanye West, who does the forward for the 352-page book. \$75

“Bill Cunningham: On the Street: Five Decades of Iconic Photography”

By *The New York Times*

From the 1970s until his death in 2016, New York Times photographer Bill Cunningham captured New York street style almost daily. A new book by the newspaper chronicler through his eyes not only how fashion changed over nearly 50 years, but also how people and culture changed. The book focuses heavily on style — it includes essays and contributions from Anna Wintour, Guy Trebay and others — but also on important moments, such as the 1980s New York transit strike, the rise of casual Fridays and President Barack Obama’s inauguration. The 384-page book contains famous Cunningham photographs that ran in The New York Times and many never-seen-before images of how he captured life. \$65

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What to do if online delivery arrives damaged

BY COURTNEY JESPERSEN
NerdWallet

Nowadays, consumers shop online for just about everything. So you've likely experienced the stinging disappointment when a TV, piece of furniture or something else you ordered finally arrives on your doorstep — damaged.

Here's what you should do if your delivery comes in less-than-optimal shape.

Examine the item (thoroughly).

As soon as you receive a dented box or open a package only to discover broken merchandise, get to work. Take pictures to document the condition of the delivery when it arrived — retailers may want proof. Hang onto any enclosed packing slips and return labels.

If the item is brought into your home as opposed to being left on your porch, inspect it for damage before you're asked to sign off on the delivery. This procedure is common with large products such as a couch or dining set.

Contact the retailer (quickly).

Most businesses have return policies on their websites, and there will typically be a section within that policy that addresses damaged or defective

items. With a quick Google search, you can pull up such policies for big-name retailers like Amazon, Overstock, Wayfair and Best Buy.

Look for information about how the damaged product should be handled. The return policy at Lowe's advises contacting customer care within three days of receiving a damaged item.

Best Buy's policy says customers can return products that were defective or damaged in shipping either to a store location or through the mail during the return and exchange time period. The retailer says to call for return-by-mail instructions and it'll cover "all reasonable and customary ground shipping fees."

Report the broken item right away so the retailer doesn't think you're responsible for the damage, advises Kevin Brasler, executive editor at the non-profit Consumers' Checkbook.

If you don't notice the damage for weeks, instead of shipping the item back to the retailer for a replacement, you may need to ship it to the manufacturer for repair.

"If it's a defective item, the store should just step up and make it right, get you a replacement item as fast as possible," Brasler says. "If it's a warranty issue — if the thing has broken since you've taken delivery — now you have to deal with the manufacturer and possibly their warranty underwriter."

Unpack the issue (calmly).

Once you get on the phone with a retailer — or hop into a chat with an online representative — clearly articulate how you'd like the problem resolved, says Nicole Leinbach, founder of Retail Minded and an author of "Retail 101: The Guide to Managing and Marketing Your Retail Business."

"Understand what you want from that conversation so that you can best lead that conversation to a resolution," she says.

Remaining calm can greatly benefit your interaction with a customer service rep. Acknowledge that your frustration is not directed at the agent, but rather at the situation, Leinbach says.

Once you conclude the call, see the process through to completion. Ship the product back, if you're asked to, and stay on top of the retailer to ensure your replacement arrives in a timely manner.

If the seller isn't willing to work with you on a legitimate issue, tell them you will report them to the Better Business Bureau, recommends Charles R. Taylor, a marketing professor at Villanova School of Business.

If that doesn't change their minds, and you paid for the item with a credit card, you can dispute the charge. Check with your credit card company for full details, but Brasler says 9 times out of 10, the credit card issuer will side on your behalf.



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Your style, like your life, is a testament to the growth and progress you're making as a person.

What to do when wardrobe doesn't reflect the real you

BY ARAMIDE ESUBI
Tribune Content Agency

With winter and a new year right around the corner, now is a good time to think about change. But what happens if you are the one changing? Maybe you just started a new career venture, or perhaps you're going through a breakup or divorce.

What if the change is internal, like finally getting over something that's been holding you back or becoming otherwise enlightened?

As you go through this internal or external metamorphosis, ask yourself, are you living with a closet full of clothes that belong to the person you were before?

The truth is, your style could be holding you back from making a full transformation. It's hard to feel fully comfortable and truly like yourself if your style hasn't made a shift with you when you go through a big change. So, what do you do when you find your-

self changing and want your personal style to evolve, too?

Create a 'You List'

First, think about what has truly changed for you. Sometimes identifying a shift generally will get the wheels turning stylewise, so say it out loud or write it down. Ask yourself the following questions:

What do I want to be noticed for, both in my physical appearance and my personality?

What are the three things I love most about myself and want to share with the world?

If you want to take it a tad deeper, ask a couple friends to name three things they notice or value most about you. Reflect on how your answers align with your friends' answers.

Take it to the closet

Now it's time to take your self-assessment data to the closet. Does your closet reflect the possibilities

and the future you're working toward?

Take a hard look at the clothes you wear the most. What three words would you use to describe them?

Go through and reflect on which (if any) of the lesser-worn clothes in your closet possess the qualities you described in the first exercise

This may feel a little odd, but it works! You will find yourself with two piles of clothes and lots to think about as you consider phasing out pieces that no longer suit you.

Seek inspiration

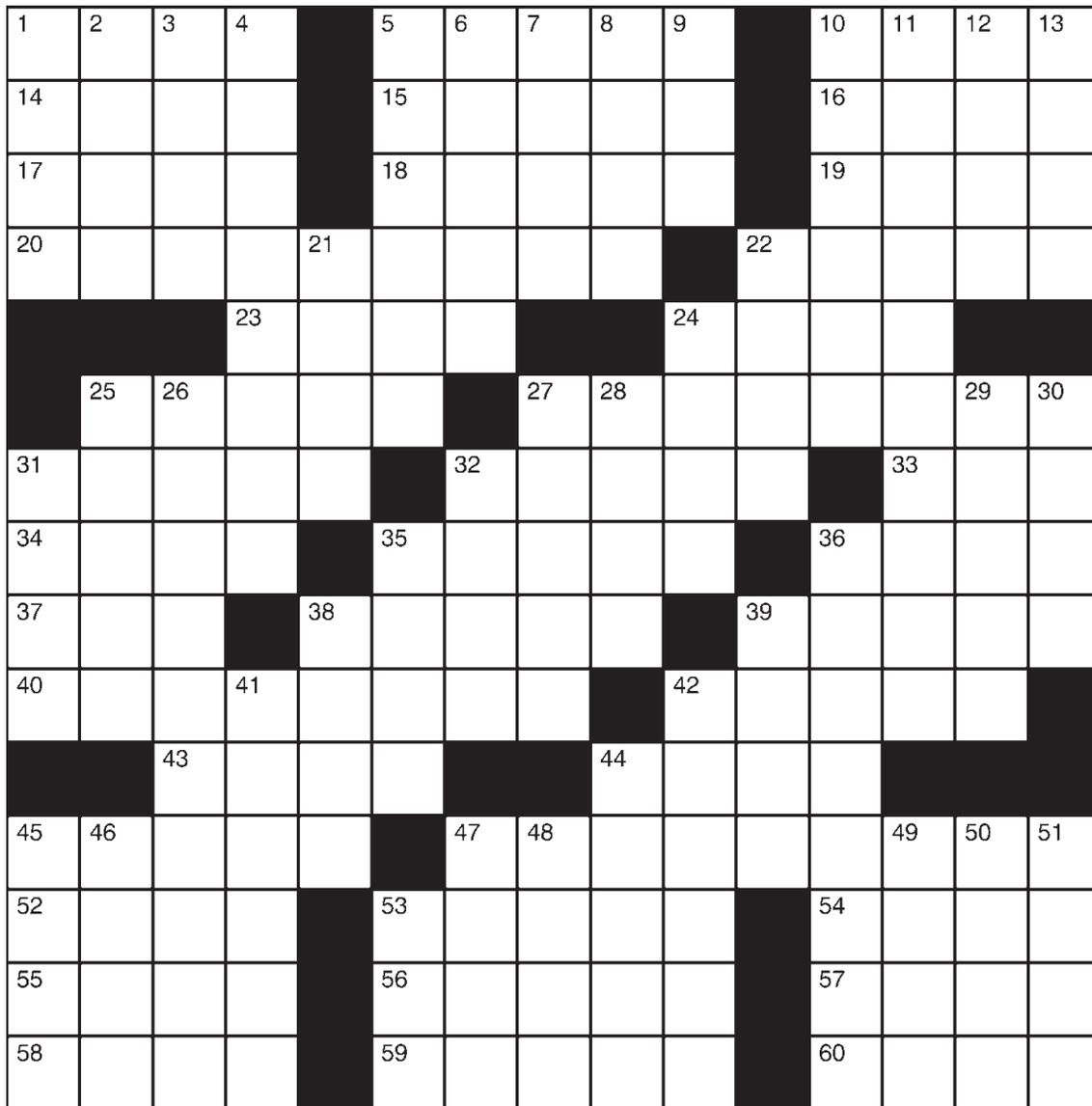
How much of your wardrobe can you confidently say reflects who you are now? If it's not a lot, it's probably time to seek some inspiration so you can really dive into your style shift. The easiest way to do this is to either go old-school with cutouts from fashion magazines or hop on Pinterest to create a digital inspo-board.

Cut out or pin any image that strikes you. Don't think about it too deeply, just pin if it moves you.

Once you have a collection, examine your images for connections. Do the images you're drawn to align with your three words from above?

Now you can use the information and images to build your refreshed style, which will be a truer reflection of who you are now.

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ACROSS

- 1. Catchall abbreviation
- 5. Sacred Islamic text
- 10. Clichy cleric
- 14. Lombardy town
- 15. Blue shade
- 16. Shipboard quaff
- 17. Tantamount, in Tours
- 18. Copland ballet
- 19. Kind of hand or wolf
- 20. Footwear for little girls
- 22. Artificial conduit
- 23. Choice hors d'oeuvre
- 24. Mongoloid tribe in Burma
- 25. ___ Suspicion
- 27. Year-end time
- 31. Estate of the Whiteoak family
- 32. Electromagnetic unit
- 33. Wallach
- 34. Character in Antony and Cleopatra
- 35. Russian novelist
- 36. Cap. of Manche
- 37. ___ many cooks
- 38. Gilbert and Sullivan producer
- 39. Before four or point
- 40. Living-room item
- 42. Cafeteria equipment
- 43. Long ago
- 44. TV offering
- 45. French novelist
- 47. Sweetened teacake
- 52. Not care ___
- 53. Secret plotters
- 54. District
- 55. Respectful term

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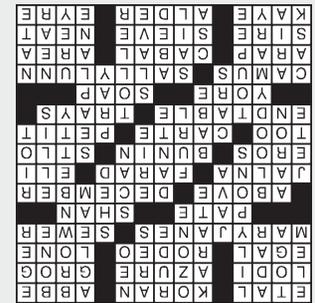
- for a sovereign
- 56. Leaky vessel
- 57. Unadulterated
- 58. Mitty portrayer
- 59. 1950 Nobelist in chemistry
- 60. Australian peninsula

DOWN

- 1. Kind of sch.
- 2. Wardrobe item for Cato
- 3. Hebrew month
- 4. Coloratura soprano
- 5. Kind of chop
- 6. Ethereal element
- 7. Without refinement
- 8. Greek god
- 9. Avant-garde member
- 10. Shining
- 11. Baked pudding
- 12. Kind of meal or china
- 13. River to the Elbe
- 21. Al Hirt hit
- 22. Wood or water follower

- 24. Conform to rules of meter
- 25. NL luminary
- 26. Mixed drink
- 27. Italian poet
- 28. New York Indian
- 29. Fielder Burks
- 30. Noisy disorder
- 31. Tour ___
- 32. Stow a genoa
- 35. Toyland denizen
- 36. Flier with floats
- 38. Side followers
- 39. Let us ___
- 41. Cover-up for Kojak
- 42. German dramatist Ernst
- 44. Nat Turner, e.g.
- 45. Container in a Poe tale
- 46. Un bel di, e.g.
- 47. Crossjack or lug
- 48. Not up
- 49. Pioneer in heavy hydrogen
- 50. ___ miss
- 51. Ending for cog or do
- 53. 1861 initials

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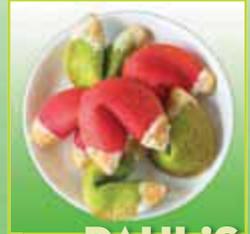
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JOHN LEGEND HAS A LOT TO CELEBRATE

WALTER SCOTT ASKS

ELLEN DEGENERES

The popular daytime talk show host and comedian will be making a list and checking it twice on the prime-time special *Ellen's Greatest Night of Giveaways* (Dec. 10, 11 and 12 on NBC). DeGeneres, 61, along with celebrity friends, will deliver incredible gifts to everyday deserving people and in-studio audience members.

You're generous year-round, so what makes it more special to give gifts at Christmastime?

It's partly the spirit of the season, but mostly I like to give gifts at Christmas because there's free wrapping at the mall. It saves me a lot of time and moolah.

How do people make your nice list? I'm not really a list person. It's why it takes me two hours to go grocery shopping.

Are in-studio guests the only ones who will receive gifts? Or will you be making home drops

across the country?

Both! We'll be surprising people all over the country with surprise guests and gifts, and we'll be surprising people in studio with surprise surprises. I guess what I'm saying is there will be a lot of surprises.

Which of your celebrity friends will be taking part?

I can't believe how many of my friends signed up immediately to help us with this. Jennifer Aniston, Justin Timberlake, Melissa McCarthy, Robert Downey Jr., Chrissy Teigen, Jason Momoa and so many more, plus one that's so big I can't even say it. Fine, I will: Michelle Obama.

When did you first discover the joy of giving?

I've always liked to give as long as I can remember. So when I got my own talk show, I couldn't wait to give free stuff and money to as many people as I could.

Will the *Ellen* show still do its "12 Days of Giveaways"? Yes. And, no, you can't have tickets.



WHAT'S DEGENERES' "CRAZY" HOLIDAY TRADITION? GO TO PARADE.COM/ELLEN TO FIND OUT.

Kathy Bates Plays Richard Jewell's Mom

After several successful seasons on *American Horror Story*, Kathy Bates, 71, returns to the big screen under the direction of Clint Eastwood for *Richard Jewell* (Dec. 13). The Oscar winner will star as Richard's mother, Bobi Jewell, in the film based on the true story of a man falsely accused of the Centennial Olympic Park bombing during the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Later cleared, Richard (played by **Paul Walter Hauser**) never really recovered and went on to sue those who sullied his reputation. He died in 2007 at age 44.



December is a busy month for the current team-title holder of *The Voice*, who will defend the honor as the singing competition wraps its season Dec. 16 and 17. Legend, 40, recently voted the year's Sexiest Man Alive by *People* magazine, will also appear in the new holiday music special *Christmas Under the Stars* (Dec. 1 on BYUtv) and in the rerun of *A Legendary Christmas With John and Chrissy* (Dec. 12 on NBC). There's also a new deluxe version of his *A Legendary Christmas* album featuring Kelly Clarkson.



On *The Voice*, how do you convince artists to join Team Legend? Talk about how much I enjoyed them and how much it would mean for me to be able to work with them. It tends to work.

Is there a "secret sauce" to what makes you and wife Chrissy Teigen work as a team? Her making me laugh is definitely a big bonus. When I was dating, I never considered someone funny as an ideal partner. But when I started dating Chrissy, I realized how cool it was to be with someone who made me laugh so much—and she continues to make me laugh a lot.

Is there something you don't have that you still want? I truly am content. It doesn't mean I don't work hard. I'm still very ambitious, and I'm always pushing myself to get better as an artist, but there's not some other thing out there that I'm looking to get. I'm just trying to be the best version of myself that I can be.

WHO IS HIS BIGGEST COMPETITION ON *THE VOICE*? GO TO PARADE.COM/LEGEND TO FIND OUT.

It's Game On for *Jumanji*

Dwayne Johnson, 47, and the gang—Nick Jonas, 27, Karen Gillan, 32, Jack Black, 50, and Kevin Hart, 40—return in *Jumanji: The Next Level* (in theaters Dec. 13) but quickly discover that it's a game-changer. First, there are *Freaky Friday*-type body swaps. Then the playing field expands from the jungle to arid deserts and snowy mountains. Franchise newcomers Danny Glover, Danny DeVito and Awkwafina are also along for the ride.



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By Marilyn vos Savant

Do people who are tone deaf hear music differently from the rest of us?

—Jonathan Klein, Chicago, Ill.

Very much so. About 5 percent of the population is "tone deaf," which means they cannot accurately detect differences in pitch (how high or low a note is). These people are unlikely to enjoy music with melodies (the string of single notes that you may hum) or harmonies (two or more notes played at the same time): It won't make sense to them. But just because you can't sing doesn't mean you're tone deaf. Without musical training and a significant degree of vocal control, it's quite difficult to produce a particular series of notes.

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4 FOOD SMARTS Besides eating right for healthy peepers (omega 3—rich fish and nuts are eye-friendly choices), you need to be careful when cooking with hot oil or grease, which can easily spray upward and injure your eyes. A splatter screen keeps the hot stuff where it belongs—in the pan. **Calphalon Splatter Guard**, \$30, macys.com

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What are possible side effects of EYLEA?

EYLEA can cause serious side effects, including

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The most common side effects include

- Increased redness in the eye
- Eye pain
- Cataract
- Vitreous (gel-like substance) detachment
- Vitreous floaters
- Moving spots in the field of vision
- Increased pressure in the eye

There are other possible side effects of EYLEA. For more information, ask your eye doctor.

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THE GREAT BRITISH BAKING SHOW



JUDGES PRUE LEITH AND PAUL HOLLYWOOD SHARE RECIPES FOR THEIR FAVORITE HOLIDAY SWEETS. PLUS, WHAT IT'S REALLY LIKE BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE POPULAR COOKING SHOW. BY WILL LAWRENCE

WHY A TENT?

The marquee (what the Brits call a party tent) recalls afternoon tea and fetes (parties) at country estates. It also adds another element of surprise to baking: the weather.

You might recognize him by his steely blue-eyed stare, her by her signature colorful clothing and funky eyewear. They're Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith, judges on the incredibly popular, totally binge-worthy *The Great British Baking Show*, streaming now on Netflix. The show features amateur home bakers competing each week in a trio of daunting challenges. The first challenge is the signature "bake" to show off each contestant's favorite recipe, followed by a mystery technical challenge and a showstopper judged for professional-quality

technique and flavors.

Like most food competition shows, the baking challenges can be tense and the results either stupendous or disastrous. But it's the English countryside setting ("like a British fete on the village green with the local vicar coming in to judge," says Hollywood), some of the strange-to-Americans ingredients and names (see "British Baking Lingo," page 16) and the yin-yang personalities of the judges that are key ingredients to the show's enormous success.

"I'm not emotional about anyone in the tent," says Hol-

lywood, who never minces words when offering his assessment. Bakers may tremble when he takes a hard look at their work, but his famous "Hollywood handshake"—which he doles out on rare occasions when he's really wowed by a baker's efforts—is coveted almost as much as the winner's trophy.

With her warm, hip-grandmother vibe, Leith has a softer approach and must check her desire to offer help. "I do find it really difficult if I'm looking at something and I must tell them that it is not right and then they're on the verge of tears," she admits.

"It's very difficult not to pull back a bit and be too kind. I have to force myself to say what I think rather than what they want to hear."

What the judges have in common is baking chops. Hollywood, 53, who just completed his 10th season on the show, began his pastry career working in his dad's bakery, rising to head baker at some of Britain's landmark hotels and ultimately launching his artisanal bread

BEHIND THE SCENES!

line before getting his big TV break as a judge on the show in 2010.

South Africa-born Leith, 79, has just wrapped up her third season after taking over for former co-judge Mary Berry. Leith is a culinary legend in the U.K., having owned a Michelin-starred restaurant, run a pair of cooking schools, authored numerous cookbooks (and several novels) and been a mainstay on British cooking shows.

“We’ve made baking cool. It’s a global success, not just a British one.”

—Paul Hollywood

BAKING UP MEMORIES

The judges are tickled that the show is such a hit. “We’ve made baking cool,” says Hollywood. “It’s a global success, not just a British one.” In fact, there are native-language versions of the show in countries as far-flung as Turkey and Thailand. And Hollywood is also a judge on the U.S. version, *The Great American Baking Show* on ABC. Season five premieres this month.

Part of the show’s appeal is that “baking is a very nostalgic thing and really triggers memories of childhood,” says Leith. That’s especially true this time of year, when so many of us spend time in the kitchen baking family recipes for the holidays.

Hollywood remembers his
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THE HOLLYWOOD HANDSHAKE

The judge’s congratulatory handshake is

so coveted, contestant Michael Chakraverty teared up: “It’s official. I got the first handshake. My mum’s going to cry.”

THERE’S NO FAKING! The show’s producers “never manufacture disaster or encourage it,” says Leith. “Obviously, if somebody drops something, they hope that the cameras are there because it’s always good television. But they never make them drop it again.”

BEWARE OF “INTERESTING” “When I say ‘interesting,’ I mean, ‘I wouldn’t do that if I were you,’ or ‘Be really careful,’” says Hollywood.

THE CHALLENGES Contestants are told the first challenge and the showstopper challenge when they are cast, and they’re welcome to practice them during the week. “The ones who wing it end up leaving pretty early,” Hollywood says.

BEWARE THE TECHNICAL CHALLENGE This is the one bakers don’t know in advance, and it’s often obscure—taken from one of Leith’s or Hollywood’s cookbooks. (One recent technical challenge was dubbed “Tarts From Hell” on the show’s Instagram; all of the

bakers failed to make successful Maids of Honor tarts with cheese curd filling.) Bakers are given minimal instructions and a parting bit of cryptic advice from the judges. Technical challenge recipes are pretested by one of the show’s home economists to help producers set a time limit that’s challenging but doable.

THE BEAUTY SHOT Many American cooking shows feature quick edits to turn up the drama. But *The Great British Baking Show* specializes in long, lingering shots. “We’ll spend 15 seconds just looking at a cake,” says Hollywood. That’s an eternity in TV time!

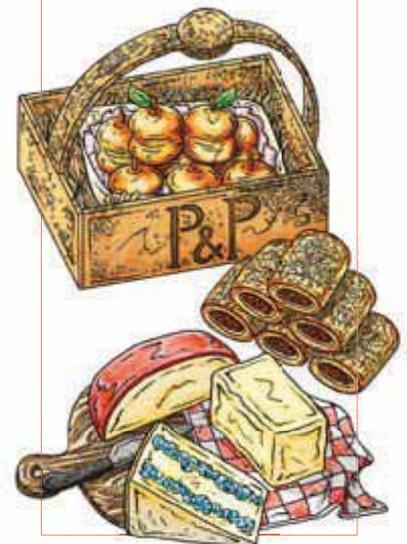
THE DISHES Yes, someone washes them by hand (a dishwasher could make too much noise during a show) and makes sure each baker has everything they need.

FORKS IN THEIR BACK POCKETS Some camera-men have been accused of whipping out a fork to sample the bakes before filming is finished!



THOSE CUTE DRAWINGS!

Illustrator **Tom Hovey**, who has been working on the show since season one, estimates he’s made more than 3,000 illustrations of the contestants’ creations. You can see (and buy) some of them at tomhovey.co.uk/thebakedprintshop.



YULETIDE FORTUNE COOKIES



Paul Hollywood had contestants make fortune cookies as a technical challenge a few seasons ago. We've adapted his recipe with a holiday spin. Heed the directions to bake just two at a time, since you'll need to shape them while they're still hot. It's a technique that takes some practice but yields festive results. Have fun composing fortunes to tuck inside.

You can find superfine sugar, sometimes labeled "baker's sugar," in many supermarkets, or make your own by pulsing regular granulated in a food processor until it's the consistency of fine sand. For best results, use good-quality white chocolate, such as Ghirardelli Premium Baking White Chocolate. A nonstick baking mat and a good spatula will help when it comes to removing the delicate cookies.

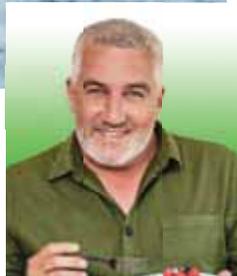
Preheat oven to 325°F. In a medium bowl, sift together ½ cup **all-purpose flour**, 2 tsp **cornstarch** and a pinch of **salt**. Stir in ½ cup **superfine sugar**.

In another medium bowl, whisk 2 large room-temperature **egg whites**, 3 Tbsp **vegetable oil**, 1 Tbsp water and 1 tsp **almond extract** until frothy. Add to flour mixture. Gently stir until smooth. (You don't want any bubbles in batter.) If desired, tint batter with **red and/or green food coloring**.

Spoon 2 (1-Tbsp) portions batter spaced well apart on a baking sheet lined with a silicone baking mat. Use the back of a spoon to swirl batter into 2 circles, each measuring about 4 inches in diameter. Bake 6–7 minutes or until outer edges are set and starting to turn golden.

Working quickly, lift 1 cookie, flip it, place a fortune in the middle and fold it in half, pinching edges to seal. Place folded edge of cookie over the rim of a glass; gently pull corners down on inside and outside of glass to form a classic fortune-cookie shape. Repeat with remaining cookie. Place cookies in a muffin pan (to help them hold their shape as they cool). Repeat with remaining batter. Cool completely.

Melt 4 oz **white chocolate**. Dip ends of each cooled cookie in melted chocolate; sprinkle with **gold sanding sugar** or **sprinkles**. Place on a wire rack; refrigerate 10–15 minutes or until chocolate sets. Store up to 3 days in an airtight container. **Makes 16**.



“I love ginger in anything, but especially in ice cream,” says Prue Leith of this recipe we've adapted from her cookbook *Prue*. Even better, it doesn't require an ice cream maker. If you like, you can add a sprinkling of crushed crystallized ginger for a bit of crunch. Stem ginger—chunks of fresh ginger preserved in syrup—is a popular ingredient in British baking during the holidays. Look for it in English grocery stores or online.



In a small, heavy saucepan, combine ⅔ cup water and 7 Tbsp **granulated sugar**. Bring to a boil; cook 3 minutes. Remove from heat; cool 1 minute.

In a large bowl, whisk 4 large room-temperature **egg yolks** and 2 tsp **ground ginger**. Gradually whisk in hot syrup. (Don't allow syrup to touch whisk.) Stir in 4 pieces **stem ginger**, finely chopped, or ⅓ cup finely chopped **crystallized ginger**.

Lightly whip 2½ cups **heavy whipping cream** until thickened but still just liquid (not quite soft peaks). When yolk mixture is cool, fold in cream. Pour into a 2-quart plastic or metal container. Cover and freeze 2 hours. Remove from freezer; stir to distribute stem ginger. Freeze. Serve garnished with **mint sprigs**, if desired. **Makes 1½ quarts**.

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BRITISH BAKING LINGO

Watching *The Great British Baking Show*, it's clear the U.S. and U.K. really are two nations separated by a common language. Here's a glossary of some oft-used British baking terms.

BAKE: used as both a noun to refer to any baked good (as in a "good bake" with no dreaded "soggy bottom") and a verb (as in "On your marks, get set . . . bake!")

BAP: a soft bread roll, similar to a burger roll

BISCUITS: what Americans know as cookies

CASTER SUGAR: superfine or "baker's" sugar

FAIRY CAKES: cupcakes, but with a drizzle of icing instead of loads of frosting

ECCLES CAKES: small, round flaky pastries filled with currants



PASTY: a savory hand pie

PROVING: proofing, as in letting dough rise

PUDDING: what the British call any type of dessert. Brits would call what we know as pudding a custard.

SPONGE: a light-textured cake. Contestants often make an especially light version called a genoise and a traditional Victoria sponge (made with more fat and, yes, named for Queen Victoria).

TRAYBAKE: a cake baked in a square or rectangular pan and cut into squares

TREACLE: what we know as molasses

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grandmother's Christmas pudding, complete with the British tradition of sixpence pieces buried inside. “Seeing the Christmas pudding coming in from the kitchen, flaming, and then having a big scoop, and my nan has put the sixpence in—all that just screams Christmas to me,” he says.

“We do all that still,” says Leith. “I make a Christmas pudding and get the kids to make a wish when they're stirring it!”



That warm-and-fuzzy feeling permeates *The Great British Baking Show*. The competition is entirely good-natured. Contestants regularly help each other out, and viewers warm to that camaraderie—especially American fans used to a steady diet of fierce competition for enormous cash prizes.

“I meet Americans who can never believe it,” says Leith. “They can't believe that there's no money in it, and at the end we just give [the winner] a trophy.”

Ultimately, the judges want their show to be inspiring. “I hope that what people learn when they watch are the little tips and techniques and flavors, not just from the bakers but from us as well,” says Hollywood. “Hopefully, people will want to try it and realize baking is nothing to be scared about.”

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