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**RYAN ORI**  
On Real Estate

## Developers taking their investments elsewhere

After years of luring corporate headquarters downtown, altering the city's skyline and transforming once-fringe neighborhoods, some of Chicago's best-known developers are taking a new approach for 2020 and beyond.

They're lining up real estate investments in other cities.

A decade into a Chicago construction boom, some major players known for focusing heavily on their hometown are shopping for land to develop in places including Denver, Los Angeles, Miami, Nashville, Austin, Atlanta and Dallas.

Chicago-based firms, including Vista Tower's Magellan Development Group and Lincoln Yards' Sterling Bay, have determined that property tax increases and other factors make it difficult to finance new projects locally.

"We love Chicago but are super nervous about the headwinds Chicago faces," said Magellan CEO David Carlins, whose firm's Vista Tower condominium and hotel project with China's Dalian Wanda Group will become Chicago's third-tallest skyscraper when it opens in the fall.

"I would call it as difficult an environment from a capital standpoint as I've ever seen," Carlins said. "In the recession, it was impossible for anyone to find money. Now there's money, but there are other markets those investors are interested in."

Investing in multiple cities is nothing new for larger developers. It's a way for them to

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Briefed at resort, he chose most dramatic of options

By **JONATHAN LEMIRE AND MATTHEW LEE**  
Associated Press



LYNNE SLADKY/AP

President Trump on Saturday threatened to hit many targets in Iran "very fast and very hard."

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — At the midway point of his annual Christmas vacation, President Donald Trump huddled at his Florida club with his top national security advisers. Days earlier, a rocket attack by an Iranian-funded group struck a U.S.-Iraqi base, killing an American contractor and wounding several others.

Trump's advisers presented him with an array of options for responding, including the most dramatic possible response: taking out Gen. Qassem Soleimani, the head of Iran's elite Quds force and the man responsible for hundreds of American deaths.

Trump wanted to target Soleimani. It was a decision his predecessors had avoided and one that risked inflaming tensions with Tehran. Some advisers voiced concern about the legal justification for a strike without

**THE GENERAL:** Qassem Soleimani was the face of Iran's forces. **Nation & World, Page 21**

evidence of an imminent attack in the works against Americans. So other options were discussed in the intervening days with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Defense Secretary Mark Esper and national security adviser Robert O'Brien.

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Mary Kay and Rick Murry, of Wales, Wisconsin, take a photo outside the CIBC Theatre before Thursday's "Hamilton" performance.

## Farewell to 'Hamilton'

It ends as the biggest Chicago show ever — to the tune of \$400 million

By **CHRIS JONES**

"Hamilton" ends its run of over three years here on Sunday as the most financially and, arguably, artistically successful theatrical attraction in the history of Chicago. By the time Miguel Cervantes, its star from the beginning, takes his final bow as Alexander Hamilton around 5 p.m. at the sold-out CIBC Theatre, the Chicago company of "Hamilton" will have rung up more than \$400 million in gross sales at the box office.

No other show in the Loop ever has come close to that kind of money. Or to such popular appeal and critical acclaim.



JOAN MARCUS PHOTO

Miguel Cervantes, center, starred in the Chicago production of "Hamilton" since 2016.

"I feel joy and pleasure and satisfaction," said the show's lead producer Jeffrey Seller in a recent interview. "We all did this together — and I am including the city of Chicago and its theatergoers in that — and we all did this just right. I feel like this was a theatrical celebration, a family celebration and a celebration of our democracy."

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Publisher and Editor-in-Chief

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Bears general manager Ryan Pace speaks at the team's season-ending news conference Dec. 31 in Lake Forest.



## JOHN KASS

# Lining up for the Golden Moutza of December

Is it possible to award the Golden Moutza of December without touching on politics?

There are certainly many possibilities.

Chicago Bears general manager Ryan Pace drafted failed quarterback Mitchell Trubisky. The Bears sucked. Pace didn't provide a decent offensive line, or tight ends, yet the offensive line coach and tight ends coach were fired.

And Pace still has a job, like an Illinois politician. You cash in and leave others with the bill. Haven't we seen this movie before?

Or what of that British psychologist who thinks anyone who dares say "nerd" or "geek" should be charged with a hate crime.

Haven't the Brits seen the movie "No Safe Spaces," or is that illegal over there too?

All I wanted was to give out a rare December Golden Moutza to someone outside the political realm, so readers could offer the palm of their hand and a hearty Hellenic "Nah!" of contempt to a few nonpolitical morons.

But agitators who want only politics immediately started a revolt. "I'm guessing that the 'no politics' thing is going nowhere," noted Joyce Burger.

"The moutza was made for politics and politicians, John," declared reader Bob Thompson.

"(Deleted)," said another.

It was then that I dreamed I was the governor, with the power to legalize narcotics and calm the proles down before bending them to my will.

By politics, I didn't mean Gov. J.B. Pritzker pushing legal weed on angry Illinois taxpayers, to keep us in a state of passive bliss and avert a revolution.

That's not politics, per se. That's brilliant policy. The only way Pritzker could improve it would be to order all cannabis shops be renamed "JB's Soma Salons," in honor of Aldous Huxley.

"Only in Illinois can stupid, greedy politicians raise taxes on pot so high that they make the street corner gang dealers look like a bargain by comparison," said Don Petersen.

As I was writing this, a city worker friend working on Chicago's West Side told me that dealers are now

shouting "No taxes! We don't tax!" as customers pulled up for their illegal non-Pritzker-approved weed.

Politics never ends. The U.S. killing of that murderous Iranian general, with American blood on his hands, attracts politics like flies. But that deserves serious consideration not to be found in a moutza column.

To lighten things up, what about Santa? Or those internet nutballs who think veggie burgers will give men breasts?

"I'm giving Santa a moutza for giving my daughter an unassembled bedroom set from Ikea for Christmas!" said Matthew Latourette. "I've been reading Swedish hieroglyphic instruction manuals for days. 'Nah!' to Santa. What were you thinking?"

Yeah, Santa.

Mike Hartley, a "Star Wars" fan, as am I, has been triggered by the Baby Yoda phenomenon. But I'm now, weirdly, inexplicably, starting to hate on Baby Yoda.

"Baby Yoda, for being too cute," said Hartley. "NAH! You little green imaginary creature!"

Baby Yoda may be imaginary. He or she (may I still use pronouns when discussing fictional creatures?) is most definitely cute.

But I also hear that Baby Yodas are delicious when sauteed with garlic, and spritz of lemon juice to brighten things up, and maybe some parsley. I should nominate myself for that sick thought.

"We've had some solid, food-related moutzas in 2019," writes Ann MacIntosh Baker. "Seems fitting to end the year with another gem. Burger King's 'Impossible Burger' accused of causing men to grow breasts? 'Nah' to you and food related ridiculousness."

I didn't believe it, but yes, deranged right-wing conspiracy theorists on the internet, possibly on behalf of the livestock industry, insist the veggie-based Impossible Burger causes men to grow breasts. That's fake news and a big fat lie.

I've eaten them — I toss the buns away for health reasons — and have not grown breasts. Not that I wanted to. But I'm secure in my soy-based masculinity.

"My choice is People magazine for

not naming John Kass 'Sexiest Man Alive,'" said Linda Feddor Cappozzo. "Let's see, he escaped death. He is a writer of truth. Nah! to People, which doesn't know that intelligence is sexy. Oh and I forgot to mention he cooks! Tell me that's not sexy!"

I'd feel much sexier if I could see the tips of my shoes. But thanks Linda.

"If you're sticking with 'no politics,' then it has to be the Chicago Bears," said Ray Siebert. "High ticket prices, mediocre product. Customers who bought season tickets were screwed once again. Nah!"

Pace and coach Matt Nagy met the media the other day for a news conference. After it was over, the assistant coaches were fired.

Are these the acts of Chicago Bears or Chicago Weasels?

Nah!

"I vote for the PC police who want to make calling someone a 'nerd,' a hate crime," says Eddie Matsuoka. "One way to shut us up is to eliminate every word that isn't approved by 'Big Mother.'"

The newest member of the Thought Police is Dr. Sonja Falck, a lecturer at the University of East London. She appeared on a morning TV show with a nerdy mathematician who described himself as a "proud geek."

But she said calling someone a "geek" or "nerd," or "brainiac" or "egghead," should be a crime. And, she insisted that "neurodiversity" should be recognized by civilized society.

And if you disagree, and she had the power, she'd put you in a dungeon.

Dr. PC, just who do you think you are, Cersei Lannister?

On behalf of "proud geeks" everywhere, you just earned yourself the Golden Moutza of December.

You don't talk to the hand. The hand talks to you. It says "Freedom."

And it says "Nah!"

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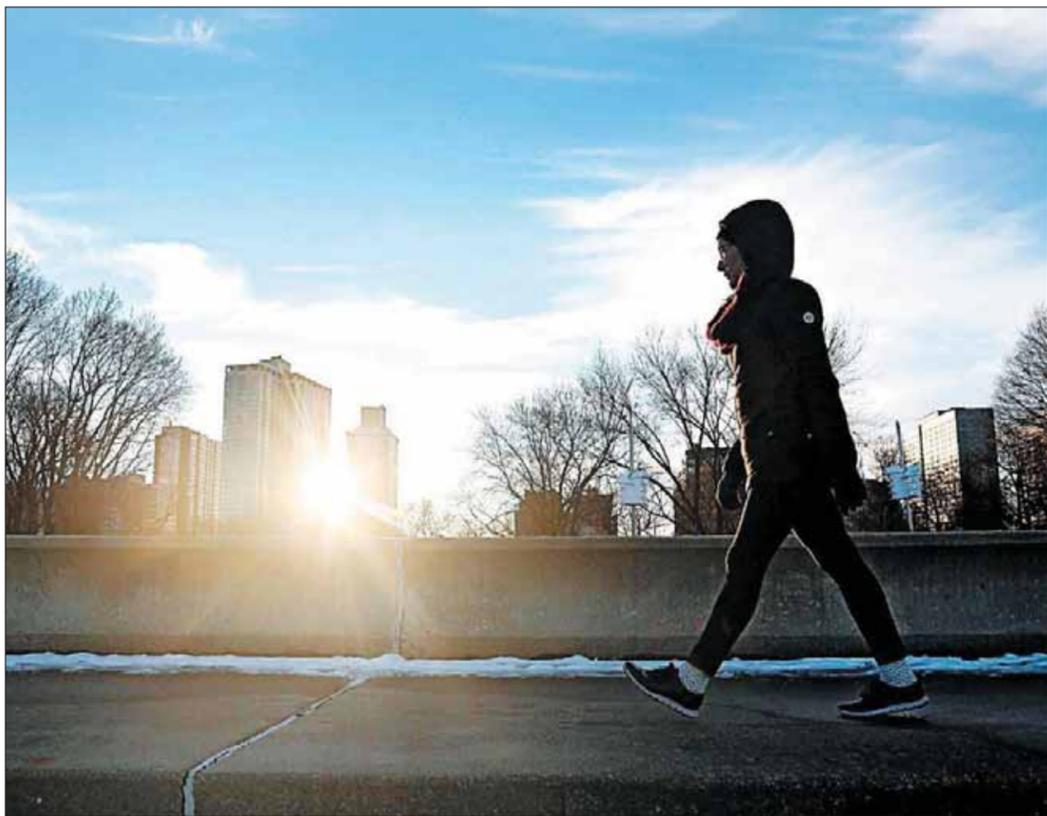
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As the sun shines, a person walks along the lakefront on Chicago's North Side on New Year's Day.

## What's your guiding word for 2020? Breathe? Walk? Travel? Here's mine.



MARY SCHMICH

My guiding word for 2020 presented itself to me on New Year's Day as I was whizzing home in the car after a long walk at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Every January for the past few years, I've chosen an annual guiding word and encouraged Tribune readers to do the same. Many people have written to tell me their choices and every suggestion is a good one.

Gratitude. Compassion. Focus. Give. Breathe. Believe. Do.

Readers have written to tell me why they chose each of those and how the nudge of a single word steered them on their New Year's way.

But there are so many good words. It's like being presented with a 10-page menu from a five-star chef. How to pick just one?

Through the years, my own word-for-the-year choices have included "help," "shed" and "pause."

Help, as in: Think about how you can help other people rather than waiting around for people to help you.

Shed, as in: Get rid of those power cords you haven't used in a dozen years. Ditto for certain attitudes cluttering your mind.

Pause, as in: Before you react, take a moment to ponder what's really going on.

All of those words have been useful to me, at least until I've forgotten about them, which, I confess, usually happens by April. So what? If a word can improve life for even a day, it's worth the work of choosing it.

But on the first day of 2020, I still hadn't settled on my word, despite several that had been auditioning in

my brain.

How about "walk"? As a believer that a walk is the cure for almost everything, I pondered that as my word of the year. But I already walk a lot, and the ideal guiding word is something you need extra encouragement to do.

"Listen"? "Look"? "Organize"?

All these words were fluttering through my brain as I drove home from my New Year's Day walk on Wednesday, and then, suddenly, there was the answer, in the form of a big, blinking roadside sign:

TOO FAST  
SLOW DOWN

I glanced at the speedometer. I was seven miles over the speed limit, not

Speed is thrilling and has its place, but much of the sped-up way we live is self-defeating. In our accelerating world, fast gets faster, and faster gets even faster. Speed becomes a contagion that infects everything we do, from how we eat to how we consume the news and react to it.

It's tempting to think that speed is as vital to life as breath. Occasionally it is. Mostly it's not.

All we have to do is breathe more slowly, and we know that slowing down is a way to see and hear and think more clearly. Slowing down, we make space to notice what's going on, and noticing helps us make better choices.

I once took a driving course that

***But here's the thing about slowing down: It doesn't make you late. Only occasionally does it retard your progress. It does make you calmer.***

because I was in a hurry — I wasn't — but because driving fast is a reflex. So I tapped the brake, and my 2020 word shimmered into view:

Slower.

I thought about my dental hygienist, who tells me and all her patients we could save our teeth by brushing more slowly. I thought about the chiding voice I hear when I'm playing the piano, the one that reminds me I'd be likelier to learn the right notes if I didn't play so fast. I thought about the same voice that when I'm gobbling lunch, with a column deadline looming, says, "Slow. Down. Eating fast won't help you write fast, sister."

My editor may not appreciate that I've chosen "slower" as my word for 2020. When the deadline clock is ticking, she wishes I would hurry up. But here's the thing about slowing down: It doesn't make you late. Only occasionally does it retard your progress. It does make you calmer.

made the point that driving above the speed limit rarely gets you to your destination significantly sooner — but it greatly increases your risk of accident. It's as true in the rest of life as it is in the car. Speed too often makes us anxious, sloppy and aggressive. It wastes time.

As with all resolutions, going slower is easier to state than do. But in the past few days, I've found the poem helpful, and it called to mind a poem by Pablo Neruda.

It's called "Keeping Quiet," which would also be a good guiding word:

*let's stop for a second,  
and not move our arms so much.*

*It would be an exotic moment  
without rush, without engines;  
we would all be together  
in a sudden strangeness.*

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# Chicago Tribune CHICAGOLAND

## To the incarcerated, a bit of comfort

Kolbe House offers help to those inside Cook County Jail

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

For a short time, the maximum security division in Cook County Jail felt like church.

The Rev. Pablo Perez, a Roman Catholic deacon, sat at a metal table bolted to the floor, preaching the gospel to about two dozen inmates.

"When you receive the Lord in your life and in your hearts, he'll change and heal things that no one else could," Perez said.

Dressed in their gray jail scrubs, the detainees hovered around Perez.

They listened to his every word. Most of the men have been accused of heinous crimes, which could likely result in them spending the rest of their lives in prison if they are found guilty. And they say God's message offers something they desperately need while they have no physical freedom — hope.

Perez works through Kolbe House, an agency of the Archdiocese of Chicago that serves incarcerated people and their families. Through ministers like Perez, Kolbe House tries to demonstrate God's merciful love and serve all his children, even those who have committed cruel and callous crimes.

"Society (thinks of) them as monsters, because of what they've done or because of what they've been charged for," Perez said. "But they're human beings. They're somebody's sons."

Perez is the chaplain for Division 9, which holds nearly 900 inmates, according to a Cook County sheriff's spokesman. Kolbe House was formed in the early 1980s by a group of priests, deacons and nuns who were already involved in jail ministry. The ministry was named in honor of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish priest who was executed in the Nazi Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II and canonized as a Catholic martyr in 1982.

Kolbe House now has more than 40 people, including priests, who volunteer inside the jail. And since July 1, Kolbe House



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mike McGillicuddy, a retired social worker who runs a Kolbe House program, speaks to detainees at Cook County Jail in Chicago in November.

has served more than 250 people and families affected by incarceration who are not locked up, said Mary-Clare Birmingham, the executive director of Kolbe House.

On a recent weekday morning, when Perez entered their living quarters, he greeted the two dozen inmates one by one, with a firm handshake and eye contact.

He treats them like men, not criminals. To him, they are sinners, just like him, relying on God's grace and mercy to make it to heaven.

By forging a relationship with these men, he has helped some of them grow closer to God.

"He comes, spreads the word with us," said Paul Gomez, 42, an inmate who sees Perez once a week. "We fellowship. I just get a good sense of love and kindness from him. I'm already a believer in Christ, but he helps my faith grow strong."

In addition to the spiritual guidance its ministers

provide, Kolbe House also hosts a weekly program called Houses of Healing, focused on personal development and emotional healing. The program is technically a nonreligious program, but it's a vital part of Kolbe House's jail ministry.

Houses of Healing is designed to help detainees reflect on their past and equip them with the tools to cope with and heal from past experiences.

"You have people who are in a difficult situation who are probably facing some type of crisis in their lives," said Mike McGillicuddy, a retired social worker and Kolbe House volunteer who runs the program.

"And as they take a long, hard look in the mirror, hopefully, we give them some lessons and techniques to help them get through this and make some changes in their lives."

The heart of the program was on full display during a recent visit by

McGillicuddy to a women's cell block.

It was two days before Thanksgiving, and the day's message centered on gratitude.

McGillicuddy started with the rules written on a large white sheet of paper taped to the wall.

"What's rule number one?" he asked.

"Never, ever, give up," the group recited.

"Sometimes it's easy to feel bad because you're going through a tough time in life. However, remember, no matter how bad your situation may seem, there are tens of thousands of things to be grateful for in life."

"Amen to that," a woman muttered.

The women then went around in a circle, listing a few things they were grateful for: family, second chances, God, health, the obstacles they have overcome.

Not only does Kolbe House provide support to the inmates while they're in jail, but it also helps them

when they get out.

"People upon release often have truly nothing, almost nothing at all to start life with," Birmingham said. That's why Kolbe House assists recently released inmates with clothing, food, public transportation, mental health care, employment and housing needs.

"Often families are struggling emotionally with anguish, fear, grief or shame," Birmingham said. "They can be in a lot of material need, especially when someone critical to the household is not there anymore."

Adrienne Ward, 52, an inmate, said she benefited from Kolbe House's charity firsthand when the agency gave her family hats, gloves and coats for the winter.

"I was in a bind financially," she said. "...I'm a true witness that they do help people. They actually help people."

Houses of Healing is one of the many programs offered to inmates at Cook County Jail.

"We want programs that would be useful in trying to reintegrate them into their community and make them viable members of their community," Cook County Sheriff Thomas Dart said.

Back at the jail, McGillicuddy wanted to demonstrate his own gratitude for being given the opportunity to work with the women in the group by playing them a song.

He had a CD loaded in a black boombox in the corner. He pressed play, and the music filled the room.

"I was born by the river ..." Sam Cooke began to sing, in a popular '60s song "A Change Is Gonna Come."

Some women started humming the melody.

"It's been a long, a long time comin'."

"But I know a change gon' come, oh yes it will," Cooke continued to sing.

They started swaying in their seats as the song played. Some closed their eyes, tilted their heads to the ceiling, and began to sing.

## After a year, little progress in Burge-related case

Tainted confession tossed, but 'nothing is going forward'

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

A little more than a year ago, special prosecutors announced plans to retry Gerald Reed for a 1990 double homicide even after a Cook County judge had thrown out a confession allegedly beaten out of him by Chicago police detectives working under notorious Cmdr. Jon Burge.

In the months that have followed, Reed's supporters have continued to pack the courtroom for regular hearings, insisting on his innocence and hoping for his release after nearly three decades in custody. Prosecutors maintain they have enough evidence to convict him.

But little substantive progress has been made toward his trial, exoneration or release on bond.

"We still have a standstill," Reed's mother, Armanda Shackelford, told the Tribune in a telephone interview. "Nothing is going forward. We just here."

Judge Thomas Hennelly, who took over the case in January, has complained from the bench at the Leighton Criminal Court Building that Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown's office took nearly all of 2019 to produce a complete record of Reed's case to allow him to get up to speed and make

informed rulings.

In the meantime, Reed's attorneys have made any number of attempts to get the charges tossed out. They spent months in a novel — and ultimately futile — effort to get different prosecutors on the case. They filed paperwork for Reed's release on bond more than a year ago, but that motion has yet to even be argued.

Then in October, Hennelly threw a curveball that brought the proceedings to yet another halt, ruling that Judge Thomas Gainer Jr. had thrown out only Reed's oral confession, not a separate written statement that Hennelly held could be used at the retrial. Even prosecutors appeared to be thrown for a loop by the decision.

Gainer had thrown out Reed's conviction in December 2018 after years of legal wrangling over allegations that two detectives under Burge beat him into confessing to the fatal shootings of Pamela Powers and Willie Williams on the South Side.

Reed alleged that Detective Victor Breska kicked him so hard that he broke a rod that had been placed in Reed's leg to aid in his healing from an earlier gunshot wound. Breska's partner, Detective Michael Kill, who was repeatedly accused of abuse before his death in 2018, never reported the beating.

Reed was found guilty

and sentenced to life in prison.

It was one in a litany of cases in which Burge and his "midnight crew" of detectives who worked under him have been accused of torturing or abusing dozens of mostly African American men into confessing to killings in the 1970s and '80s. The scandal has stained the city's reputation and cost taxpayers tens of millions of dollars in settlements, legal fees and other compensation to victims.

Burge, who was fired from the Police Department in 1993, was convicted by a federal jury of perjury and obstruction of justice in 2010 over his denials in a lawsuit of ever witnessing torture or abusing suspects. He died in 2018 after serving 4 1/2 years in prison and home confinement.

Prosecutors maintain that they can prove Reed guilty in the double slaying even without the tainted confession. Two witnesses told authorities that they saw Reed and co-defendant David Turner one night in October 1990 with a terrified Powers "in their control," barefoot and without her coat, prosecutors said in a court filing.

Reed threatened Powers, asking her while Turner ominously warned he would "drop this b---- behind Kennedy King," prosecutors alleged.

Early the next morning, Powers was found under a

viaduct near Kennedy-King College in the Englewood neighborhood, shot in the head and naked from the waist down. The same day, police found Williams shot to death in Powers' ransacked apartment.

Prosecutors allege that the murder weapon was a Gangster Disciples "community gun" that one of the same witnesses — a woman — saw Reed and Turner carry on several occasions. Once, the witness said, she and Turner were handling the gun in the hallway, and it accidentally fired — lodging a bullet in the wall that later analysis showed was fired by the same weapon that killed Powers and Williams.

Turner, who never alleged he was beaten by police, is also serving a life sentence for the double murders.

Reed's attorney, Elliot Zinger, said the evidence cannot be disconnected from the taint of the Burge era.

A series of outside attorneys have prosecuted Burge-related cases since 2003 after a judge found that then-State's Attorney Richard Devine had an inherent conflict of interest since he had briefly represented Burge in private practice in the 1980s. Robert Milan, a former high-level county prosecutor now in private practice who has acted as special prosecutor since 2017, has led the effort to force Reed



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Ex-Chicago police Cmdr. Jon Burge, who in 2010 was convicted of perjury and obstruction of justice, died in 2018.

to a second trial.

Reed's attorneys tried to remove Milan from the case, saying State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office had no such conflict and should take over the prosecution.

At a court hearing before Presiding Judge LeRoy Martin Jr. of the court's Criminal Division, Milan shot back against what he called a blatant attempt to get a more favorable prosecutor.

If the evidence against Reed hadn't held up without his confession, Milan said he would have dropped the charges just as he has in several other cases.

Zinger acknowledged that the effort stalled proceedings for months but said Reed agreed that it was the right tactic.

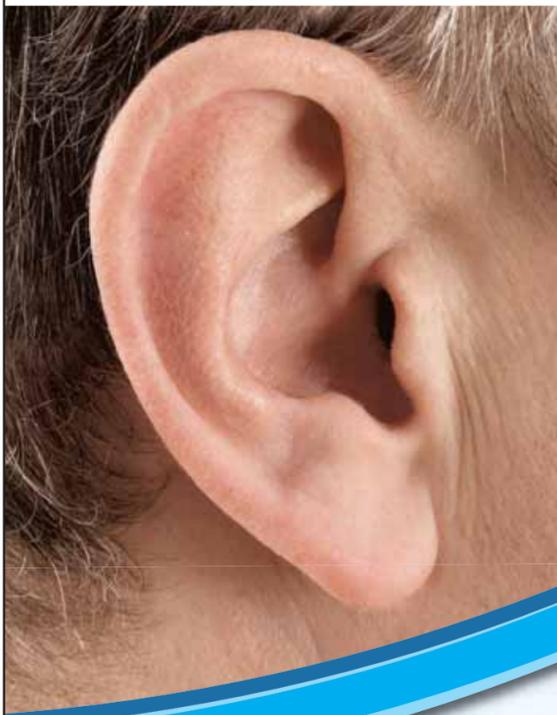
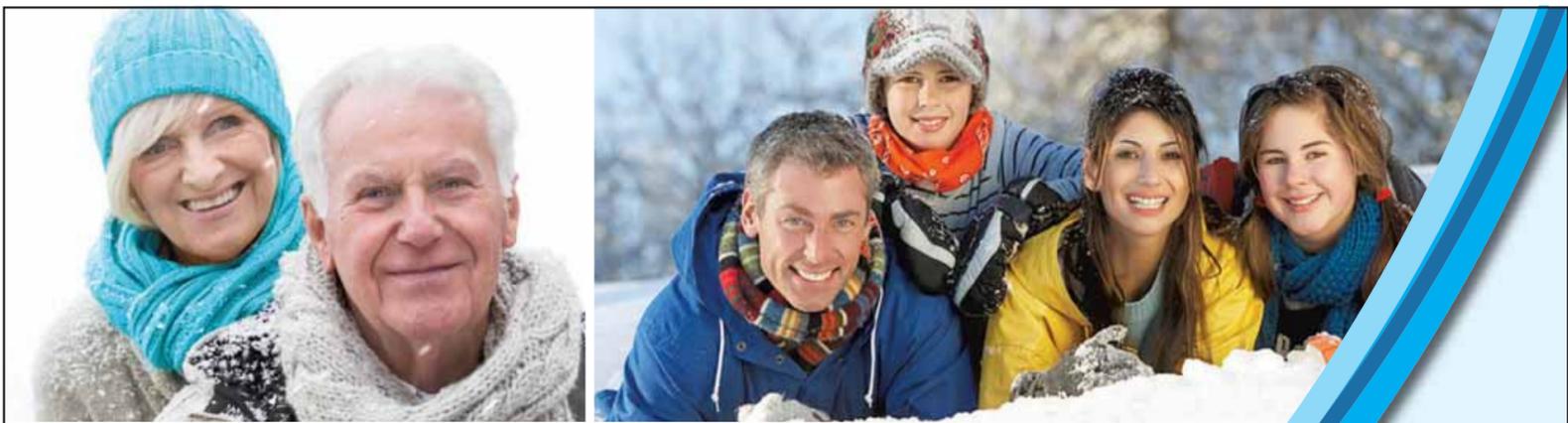
Martin rejected Zinger's arguments last summer that special prosecutors cannot

handle retrials but found that Foxx's office was far enough removed from the stain of the Burge era that it could start handling certain Burge-related cases. However, Reed has been in custody too long to assign a new prosecutor and risk further delays, Martin ruled.

In the meantime, Shackelford, Reed's 77-year-old mother, has come to nearly every one of her son's court hearings except when health issues interfered. Each time, she's hoped for progress — and her son's release after 29 years in custody.

"I've cried, and I've cried thinking something good was going to happen ..." she said, then sighed. "It just gets very frustrating, but I'm not giving up."

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# Psychiatric facility loses federal funding

State license also put in jeopardy for Chicago Lakeshore

By Christy Gutowski

Facing a cutoff of federal funding and potential revocation of its state license, an Uptown psychiatric hospital plagued by allegations of safety violations is struggling to remain open.

Chicago Lakeshore Hospital starts the new year in such straits following much legal wrangling and appeals as well as a November inspection that found deficiencies “so serious they constitute an immediate threat to patient health and safety.” It was the seventh inspection since July 2018 where federal authorities said they found problems.

The hospital could appeal or reapply for certification by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, but it would not be able to bill for care throughout the lengthy process. Only four hospitals across the country had their federal funding terminated for the year ending Sept. 30, according to the agency.

Last month, Chicago Lakeshore officials told a judge that the hospital will “undoubtedly close” without access to federal funding. The vast majority of patients in the 161-bed, two-building facility receive Medicare and Medicaid benefits.

This week, hospital administrators said in a statement that they are exploring options and will work with state and federal health authorities to “safely transition all Medicare and Medicaid patients out of our hospital over the next month.”

Public health officials — and the judge overseeing various lawsuits the hospital brought to stave off the federal action — argue Chicago Lakeshore has had enough second chances.

The hospital came under fire in 2018 after separate investigations by the Chicago Tribune and ProPub-



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**“Our hospital has been a last resort for highly acute patients with several failed placements and nowhere else to go. Quality patient care has always been a top priority for our dedicated staff.”**

— Chicago Lakeshore Hospital administrators, in a statement

lica Illinois that reported allegations of unsafe conditions for young patients in a building that is dedicated to teens and children.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, facing pressure from state lawmakers and child advocacy groups, stopped admitting children in its care to the hospital in November 2018.

By then, federal authorities already had threatened to cut off funding. The hospital asked a federal judge to intervene. In December 2018, U.S. District Judge Sharon Johnson Coleman granted the hospi-

tal’s request to keep federal funding in place while issues regarding compliance and due process were sorted out.

Last month, Coleman ruled against Chicago Lakeshore, citing in part a recent decision by an administrative law judge with the U.S. Health and Human Services Department who found that patients “are some of the most vulnerable people in our society and (the hospital) has shown it is not up to the task of keeping these children safe.”

Hospital administrators dispute the criticism. Since January 2018, the hospital

has made \$2.6 million in improvements to reduce suicide risks, upgrade technology and equipment, better train staff, renovate patient rooms and to hire consultants to assist in improving the hospital’s performance, Chicago Lakeshore has said in court filings.

A spokesman said the hospital repeatedly has fixed problems cited by regulators, but during follow-up inspections, authorities have “ransacked the facility looking as hard as they can for new violations.”

“Our hospital has been a last resort for highly acute patients with several failed placements and nowhere else to go,” hospital administrators said in a statement. “Quality patient care has always been a top priority for our dedicated staff.”

Since July 2018, the Illinois Department of Public Health has cited Chicago Lakeshore for regulatory safety issues, such as whether adequate suicide-prevention measures were in place regarding the length of telephone cords or the doors to empty rooms

were secured.

Hospital staff also has been cited for what regulators said was a failure to properly investigate allegations of patient sexual and physical abuse. Investigators also found that hospital staff failed to notify state health officials about the complaints, and that the facility often failed to take corrective action or launch sufficient investigations, according to inspection reports.

During the latest inspection in November, regulators found that the hospital failed to properly monitor a suicidal patient who had told a nurse she wanted to hurt herself, federal inspection records showed. Staff later found the patient unresponsive with a bedsheet wrapped around her neck. She was revived and taken to an emergency room.

Inspectors also noted another patient with a history of being sexually aggressive was not monitored properly and allegedly kissed another patient, records showed. Regulators ruled the deficiencies were so serious that

they constituted an “imminent threat to patient health and safety.”

Following the inspection, federal authorities terminated Chicago Lakeshore’s funding, effective Dec. 23. The federal government will continue to pay for care for patients already admitted to the hospital for another month.

In addition, state public health officials said they anticipate initiating an administrative proceeding to revoke the hospital’s state license “imminently,” citing Chicago Lakeshore’s “continued failure to comply with regulations.”

The state and federal action comes within days of a lawsuit calling Chicago Lakeshore a “hospital of horrors.” The Cook County public guardian’s suit on behalf of seven patients, as young as 7 and 8, alleges they were beaten and peered or improperly medicated.

The government scrutiny has taken its toll on the hospital. Administrators said in court filings that they have not been able to cover operating expenses since October 2018 and had a net income loss of nearly 40% last year. The hospital has stayed open through borrowing and “most likely” will close within 30 days of losing federal funding, and nearly 300 employees would lose their jobs, the hospital told a federal judge.

Chicago Lakeshore officials noted that the hospital has donated millions of dollars in charity care over the years, taking in “patients who have been forgotten by so many before landing at our door.”

“Maligning providers who are a safety net for the most difficult to treat patients in the state will only further eliminate access to care and diminish the number of willing providers who are equipped to handle these services,” the hospital said in a statement.

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# Illinois presidential primary filing period ends

Walsh not among Trump foes; Dem slates show split

BY RICK PEARSON

The filing period for Illinois' St. Patrick's Day presidential primary ended Friday with President Donald Trump facing only a potential challenge from two little known candidates on the Republican ballot while more than a dozen challengers lined up to seek their party's nomination on the Democratic ballot.

The close of the two-day filing period also proved an embarrassment to the declared candidacy of Trump critic and former Republican congressman Joe Walsh, of Barrington. By not filing in his home state, Walsh raised further doubts about the viability of his challenge to Trump and added fuel to questions of whether the former radio talk show host's run was largely a vanity effort.

It's unlikely all 13 Democrats who filed for president will be contending when Illinois voters go to the polls on March 17. By then, earlier caucus and primary states will have decided more than half of the delegates to the party's national nominating convention in Milwaukee in mid-July.

Additionally, only Sens. Bernie Sanders, of Vermont, and Elizabeth Warren, of Massachusetts, filed full slates of 101 delegate candidates across the state's 18 congressional delegations. Former Vice President Joe Biden fell just shy of a full slate, while businessman Andrew Yang, former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar filed only partial slates.

No delegate candidates were filed by businessmen Michael Bloomberg and Tom Steyer, former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, former Maryland Rep. John Delaney, Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, of Hawaii, and Sens. Cory Booker, of New Jersey, and Michael Bennet, of Colorado.

Under the state's complicated Democratic Party rules, even candidates who don't file delegate slates can be awarded delegates if they secure enough of the primary's popular vote within a congressional district. But those who filed delegate slates, even partial ones, are viewed as having a significant advantage in organizational strength as the national campaign goes into full swing with the Iowa caucuses on Feb. 3.

Looking at the delegate candidates, the filings show a split among Democrats



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Republican candidate Joe Walsh, of Barrington, did not file for Illinois' March presidential primary. That raises doubts about the viability of his challenge to President Donald Trump.

between the party's establishment wing, represented most notably by Biden, and its progressive wing, led by the candidacies of Sanders and Warren. It also shows the increased involvement of women and a continued, growing youth movement in Illinois politics.

Sanders' organizational strength was apparent when he was the only contender to file a full slate of delegates on the first day of the two-day filing period. In Illinois' 2016 primary, Sanders lost to Hillary Clinton by a scant 2 percentage points. The result meant he and Clinton almost evenly split the state's delegate count.

Among Sanders' delegate candidates are Cook County Commissioner Alma Anaya, state Sen. Robert Peters, of Chicago, and state Rep. Carol Ammons, of Urbana.

Warren's delegate slate includes state Treasurer Michael Frerichs, state Sen. Omar Aquino and state Rep. Will Guzzardi, of Chicago, as well as state Sen. Cristina Castro, state Rep. Anna Moeller, of Elgin, and Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi, of Oak Park.

Biden's establishment-oriented delegate candidates include former Gov. Pat Quinn, state Reps. Bob Rita, of Blue Island, Chris Welch, of Hillside, and Jay Hoffman, of Swansea, and Chicago Ald. Rod Sawyer, 6th; Ald. Brendan Reilly, 42nd; Ald. Pat Dowell, 3rd; and Ald. Emma Mitts, 37th.

On the Republican side, filing against Trump was perennial candidate Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente, of

San Diego. But De La Fuente did not file any delegate candidates, making his ballot appearance virtually meaningless toward winning the nomination.

Also filing for a spot on the Republican ballot was John Schiess, of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, who also filed no delegate candidates.

State Republican rules put the emphasis on presi-

dential contenders filing delegate candidates. Unlike the Democratic rules, where delegates are apportioned by the strength of the candidates' showing in each congressional district, the

Republican votes for president are known as purely a "beauty contest" with voters directly electing convention delegates.

Walsh, a one-term "tea party" congressman from 2011 to '13, announced his candidacy to challenge Trump in August. He has appeared regularly on national political shows to criticize the president, whom he endorsed in 2016.

Walsh aides have said he was concentrating on early caucus and primary states, such as Iowa and New Hampshire. But the inability to field a delegate candidacy on his home turf, where he is most well known, would appear to be a serious impediment for him moving forward.

Trump fell one delegate shy of a complete slate of 54 delegates — three for each congressional district. In addition to U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood, of Peoria, Trump delegates include Bolingbrook Mayor Roger Claar, state Sen. Chapin Rose, of Mahomet, state Rep. John Cabello, of Machesney Park, who was co-chair of Trump's 2016 effort in Illinois, and Lake County GOP Chairman Mark Shaw, of Lake Forest, who also is a state GOP co-chair.

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## City police: Suspect in robbery dies after cops tase, shoot him

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL AND PAIGE FRY

A Chicago police officer deployed a Taser twice and then another shot a robbery suspect who lunged toward an officer while brandishing a large knife Saturday afternoon outside a South Shore neighborhood pizzeria, police said.

Officers responded to a call just after 3:15 p.m. of a man wanted for a robbery that had occurred in the 2600 block of East 79th Street, Chief of Patrol Fred Waller told reporters during a news conference near the scene.

Officers spoke to a robbery victim who gave them a description of the person responsible and the direction he left. Officers went to that area and saw a man who fit the description of the suspect near 79th Street and Marquette Avenue, outside a pizzeria, Waller said.

He was holding a large knife, described as about 8 to 10 inches long, when he was confronted by police.

An officer told him to drop the knife, but he advanced toward the officers, who continued to instruct him to drop the knife, Waller said. A female officer then deployed her Taser twice.

The Taser had no effect

on the man, Waller said. A male officer then fired three times, and Waller said he believes the man was struck twice in the chest.

Officers then rendered some aid to the man and called an ambulance, which took him initially in "grave" condition to the University of Chicago Medical Center, said Waller and Chicago Fire Department Chief Walter Schroeder. But the Cook County medical examiner's office said he was pronounced dead there at 4:08 p.m.

The man had robbed several people with the knife before the shooting had occurred, Waller said. At least one of the robberies took place on the street. It is not known yet how many victims there were.

"It's just another example of us attempting to use less lethal force initially and that did not stop the threat, and he continued to advance," Waller said.

The officers' body-worn cameras were working at the time of the incident, and a pod camera also captured the incident, police said.

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability is investigating the incident, and the two officers involved will be placed on desk duty for 30 days, department per policy.

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spread risk, grow their companies and develop valuable business relationships.

But new concerns about the cost of doing business in Chicago, whether real or perceived, could hurt the local economy in the long run, affecting the employment rate, home values, sales of goods and services and the size of Chicago's population.

Uncertainty over property taxes is paired with other issues already on the radar of big, institutional real estate investors. Those worries include ongoing city and state fiscal woes stemming from soaring pension obligations, as well as potential Chicago policy changes such as increased affordable housing requirements, rent control and tax-increment financing (TIF) reform. Construction costs also have been rising.

John Diedrich, global head of investments for CA Ventures, calls the inability to accurately project future property taxes as "one strike too many" for major investors such as pension funds and insurance companies that use highly detailed underwriting formulas to choose what development projects should get their investment.

CA Ventures owns a \$13 billion portfolio of real estate throughout the world, including investments in a 20-story office building near Old St. Patrick's Church and the 33-story Arkadia Tower apartment building in Greektown. The firm plans to begin construction of a 46-story apartment tower near Millennium Park in the first quarter of 2020.

"Most of our institutional investors have basically redlined Chicago," Diedrich said. "They are not going to deploy capital here."

The fear of the unknown could turn out to be greater than the reality, and it's unclear whether a slowdown in Chicago investments will be a blip or a long-term trend.

"In my mind, the bark is worse than the bite," Matt Garrison, managing principal of Chicago developer R2, said of worries over rising taxes. Yet he concedes there's convincing evidence that a slowdown in real estate dollars to Chicago is real, rather than anecdotal.

Combined sales of office, apartment, hotel and industrial buildings in Chicago totaled \$3.9 billion through the first three quarters of 2019, on pace to fall well short of the previous year's \$12 billion volume, according to Jones Lang LaSalle.

Today's sales volume has an impact on developments in the planning stages. If developers are unable to fully lease a project and ultimately cash in by selling it, it's far more difficult to line up capital to kick off construction in the first place.

"It's had a dampening effect on investment sales," said Garrison, whose firm has converted vintage buildings into creative office space in and around Goose Island, the Fulton Market district and other parts of the city. "The numbers don't lie."

"Ultimately, I still think Chicago is a relative value to other large cities, and even some smaller cities."

At a December event attended by dozens of commercial real estate professionals, Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot attempted to allay investors' worst fears, saying they recognize the need



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Construction, top, and an artist rendering, above, of Sterling Bay's 545wyn in Miami's Wynwood district.



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A Lincoln Yards logo flag waves above an undeveloped site near the intersection of North Kingsbury Street and North Southport Avenue.

for predictability and transparency. Kaegi unveiled an online calculator designed to help property owners estimate future taxes based on a variety of changing factors.

Nervousness about property taxes has been rising since Kaegi defeated incumbent Joe Berrios in March 2018, a win helped by pledges to fix inequities in Berrios' practices that were identified in "The Tax Divide" investigation published by the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois.

Kaegi has been widely praised by some for his efforts to make the assessment process more equitable and data-driven. Property owners are bracing for growing pains in the next

few years as Kaegi implements wholesale changes.

Kaegi's early work indicates commercial property owners could shoulder a larger burden than homeowners. Kaegi's first round of new taxes in 2019, covering the northern part of the county and excluding the city of Chicago, caused some property valuations to rise by well over 100%, a Tribune analysis found.

Actual tax bills typically rise at a much lower percentage than assessments do, and the Board of Review, which considers tax appeals, has scaled back many assessment increases, the Tribune reported in December.

Even so, property owners in Chicago said it's

difficult to calm their investors as they await city assessments in 2021.

"When we saw what happened in Evanston, we woke up and realized we needed to start diversifying," John O'Donnell, CEO of Riverside Investment & Development, said of 2019 assessments in northern Cook County, which included massive increases in Evanston.

O'Donnell's known for building trophy office towers, including two under construction now — the 55-story Bank of America Tower at 110 N. Wacker Drive on the river and the 50-story BMO Tower that recently broke ground alongside Union Station at 320 S. Canal St.

Riverside is now looking at its first projects outside the Chicago area, including an office development site under contract in Denver. The firm is also searching for sites in cities including Nashville and Charlotte.

"We've invested our careers and money in Chicago and we love the city," O'Donnell said. "I don't ever want to be in a situation where I have to fire a bunch of highly qualified people. We have to go where it's possible to build."

"Right now it's harder to finance a building in Chicago than it is in, say, Denver."

Another firm that has been known in recent years for rapid growth while maintaining an almost exclusive focus on Chicago is Sterling Bay. Sterling Bay is redeveloping swaths of the once-gritty Fulton Market district, including McDonald's new headquarters and Google's Midwest headquarters, and plans the \$6 billion Lincoln Yards mixed-use project between Lincoln Park and Bucktown.

The firm is redeveloping a historic building in Portland, Oregon, where Google has leased space. Sterling Bay also has an office building under construction in Miami's Wynwood district, with plans for a second office project in the artsy, formerly industrial neighborhood, as well as an office development in Dallas' Deep Ellum arts and entertainment district.

Sterling Bay also is exploring projects in cities such as Atlanta, Denver and Los Angeles, said Sterling

Bay managing principal Keating Crown.

"We spend most of our day trying to convince companies to come to Chicago, either from the suburbs or from outside the state," Crown said. "We love the city. Focusing elsewhere isn't something we take lightly, but we believe it's the prudent thing to do."

Sterling Bay's broader reach is a natural evolution for a firm that has ballooned in size in recent years and is branching out into new types properties, including apartments, hotels, senior housing, life sciences and warehouses.

But Sterling Bay's expansion also is partly a response to its investors' concerns about potential rises in expenses, and thus drops in profits, for Chicago properties, Crown said.

"It's hard to underwrite unknowns, and that's what you're seeing in Chicago right now," he said.

R2's move into cities such as Milwaukee — where the firm may eventually redevelop a 1 million-square-foot post office that it owns and leases to the U.S. Postal Service — and Minneapolis has been opportunistic, after finding that the supply of interesting older buildings to repurpose has become picked over in Chicago, Garrison said.

"A lot of the low-hanging fruit has been harvested in Chicago, so we're looking at places where we can find the type of opportunities we saw five or six years ago in Chicago," he said.

Garrison said even with a big increase in property taxes, Chicago's rents and cost of living will compare favorably with the country's other major cities.

Rob Bond, co-founder and president of Bond Companies, concurs.

"It's important to say that deals are still getting done and money is still flowing into the city," said Bond, whose firm has offices in Chicago and Los Angeles, two cities where the firm is an active residential and retail developer. "The sky isn't falling."

His firm's local projects have included the retail portion of the Center on Halsted in Lakeview, the Maxwell shopping center in the South Loop and the 363-unit Spoke apartment building in River West. The firm also plans an approximately 100-unit apartment building at 1140 W. Erie St. along the west side of the Kennedy Expressway.

The firm has ongoing projects in Los Angeles and is looking at new cities including Dallas, Nashville and Denver, Bond said.

In Chicago, Bond said he and other developers have discussed itemizing rent statements so residents will realize how much of their monthly payments is going to offset the landlord's property taxes.

"I think the consumer needs to know, because it takes everybody to weigh in on this," Bond said.

Although Bond remains mostly positive on Chicago, he worries about the long-range impact if city and state officials fail to make structural changes to their finances.

If higher costs push away residents and businesses, the spiral of higher taxes will only accelerate for those who remain, he said.

"Personally, I would like to see a solution to the rapidly rising pension obligations, because it's not sustainable," Bond said. "If it drives business out of the city, state and region, who's going to be left to pay the piper?"

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# Hamilton

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Seller argues that, in fact, the Chicago run of “Hamilton,” an optimistic and unifying hip-hop musical about the Founding Fathers, has been the most financially successful show in any city in the world, in any era, during the past three years.

That is thanks to “Hamilton’s” fiscal drawing power combined with the much larger capacity of the CIBC Theatre (formerly, and more famously, the Shubert Theatre), as compared with the Richard Rodgers Theatre in New York, where “Hamilton” continues to play on Broadway. Over time, of course, the Broadway gross will far eclipse what happened in Chicago, but for the last three years and three months, Chicago has been the biggest generator of Broadway wealth — aptly with a show about the first U.S. secretary of the treasury.

“It has been pretty extraordinary,” said the show’s creator and author Lin-Manuel Miranda. “And it has been my entry point for falling in love with Chicago.”

Seller said “Hamilton” has played to 100% of its weekly gross potential, a stunning statistic, even though it is made possible by the established Broadway practice of excluding so-called premium seats from those calculations.

Early in the run of “Hamilton,” and over all of the holiday peaks, the company was selling most of its weekend center orchestra seats for premium pricing of several hundred dollars, depending on the date and the seat. That masked the very few weeks, such as last winter and early this fall, when paid “Hamilton” attendance dipped to around 90%. Over the course of the run, though, unsold seats have been rare. “Hamilton” did virtually no discounting, aside from offering its “EduHam” student programs at some of its matinees through its nonprofit arm, as supported here by several Chicago foundations. And by the standards of its peers, it spent very little on advertising, only mounting a significant marketing campaign in its final year.

“Hamilton” will not be the longest running major Broadway show in the history of Chicago. That honor still belongs to “Wicked,” which played about three months longer here between 2005 and 2007, a justifiable point of pride noted recently to the Tribune by its lead producer in Chicago, David Stone. The dedicated Chicago company of “Wicked” grossed about \$200 million, a phenomenal sum in an era when Broadway ticket prices were much less costly.

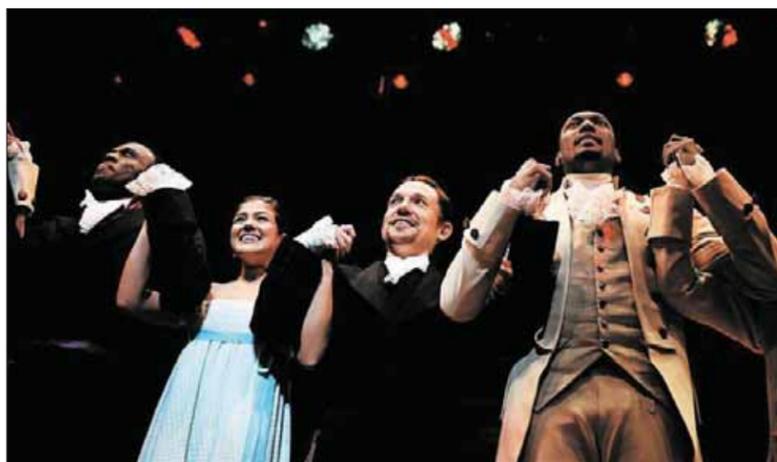
But “Hamilton” has been in a league all of its own.

The company has not released the running costs, or weekly “nut,” for its Chicago production, but by the standards of Broadway musicals, this is not an especially large nor costly show. Based on publicly available data, media reports and an allowance for inflation, the show now



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Patrons enter the CIBC Theatre for Thursday night’s performance of “Hamilton” in Chicago. The show ends its run of over three years here Sunday.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The cast of “Hamilton” takes a bow on the opening night of the musical on Oct. 19, 2016, at the PrivateBank Theatre in Chicago.

costs about \$700,000 a week to run in New York and the Chicago costs likely are similar, meaning that, even by the most conservative estimates, the Chicago production will have returned at least \$200 million to its creators, producers and investors.

But that wealth has been shared by the hotels, restaurants, stores and workers in the Loop and beyond, as well as by the state of Illinois and the city of Chicago, which now together take 10% of the ticket price, an amusement tax rate that is among the highest in the nation and that increased during the run. It also has benefited the theater’s landlord, Broadway in Chicago, which has partnered on its marketing and customer relations.

“More than half the audience came from 100 miles away or more,” said Lou Raizin, president of Broadway in Chicago. “We have all been fortunate.”

Economic-impact studies of arts attractions are common and groups such as the Chicago Loop Alliance and the Arts Alliance Illinois have used varying multiples to try to estimate how much knock-on spending a show such as “Hamilton” generates; on average, those controversial multi-



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mary Kay Murry, of Wales, Wisconsin, shows off her ticket. Chicago’s production was heavily attended by out-of-towners.

ples would put the impact well into the billions of dollars. In New York, there is substantive and widely accepted data pointing out that the theatergoer to a Broadway musical spends on average at least the same amount as the ticket price on transportation, restaurant and accommodations, a reasonable assumption for the Chicago “Hamilton,” given the prevalence of visitors in the audience. That means more than \$100 million a year will disappear from the Loop economy.

Unless Raizin and his associates can find a replacement show.

That won’t be easy. Broadway does not yet have a similar musical to deliver and may not for years. And

theater producers make a wide variety of decisions on where, or if, to move their hits for extended post-Broadway productions. Cities compete with vigor for those rare money-spinners — the British producers of “Harry Potter and the Cursed Child,” for example, picked San Francisco for their first post-Broadway sit-down, likely in part because of its accessibility to the show’s fervent fan base in Asia.

Chicago isn’t always top of those lists, especially with its increased tax burden.

But it got “Hamilton” first. And delivered the results accordingly.

“Unicorns,” Raizin said, dryly, “don’t come along

very often.”

Could “Hamilton” have run longer in Chicago? Most definitely, if running at a profit were the only aim. But after many months of exclusivity, the separate touring companies have now been booked in close-by cities such as Milwaukee, slowly eroding Chicago’s distance from competing markets. And Seller and his associates also have to protect a long-term brand that still commands premium pricing in New York and London; a perceived scarcity that would be threatened by empty or discounted seats in Chicago. In many ways, “Hamilton” is sold as a sophisticated luxury good, albeit one with a philanthropic and educational arm that has, Miranda said, made the show available to more than 30,000 students in Chicago, mostly from the Chicago Public Schools.

“That program has been especially great there,” Miranda said, “right from the beginning.”

There was also a cautionary tale in “Hamilton the Exhibition,” an ill-fated and expensive attempt by the “Hamilton” team to spin the show’s popularity into demand for a high-quality history exhibition on Alexander Hamilton and his fellow creators of American democracy. Undermined by a problematic Northerly Island location for its Chicago debut and long delays before its arrival, the \$13 million exhibition fizzled at the box office and closed much earlier than hoped, despite many admiring reviews and its breathtaking creativity. Its future remains in limbo; its fate suggests that audiences want “Hamilton,” the musical, and that no substitute will do.

What happens now to Chicago’s physical production of the show itself? The Chicago production is moving to Los Angeles for a reprise run there beginning in March, in essence becoming a third U.S. touring company of “Hamilton.”

Some of the actors also will go West; others likely will be cast on Broadway, in touring companies, or in subsequent companies in development for 2021 in Sydney, Australia, and, at some point shortly thereafter, Germany. Some will go on to other Broadway shows, their resumes burnished by the biggest hit of modern-day Broadway.

And, of course, one of the “Hamilton” tours will return to Chicago. There will be a break, Seller said. But it will be back.

It won’t be quite the same next time. And it surely won’t star Cervantes, who has become a bona fide Chicago celebrity as he played this role for longer than its creator. Miranda, a booster of Cervantes’ career, says he was “not surprised at all” by Cervantes, an actor from New Jersey, who adopted his new home city, “carrying the show in Chicago on his back.”

On Sunday, the mood is likely to be celebratory and melancholy; January always is the cruelest month for Broadway shows, and the end of the holiday period often sees closings. This, though, is the first “Hamilton” engagement to close. And many involved say they are emotional.

“The company here felt like our relatives in Chicago,” Miranda said. “I will miss the hotel across the street where I stayed, and my pilgrimages to see the Seurat and to the Puerto Rican neighborhood. But I couldn’t be more thrilled with how Chicago embraced Miguel, his family and this cast.”

And Cervantes, the man doing the heaviest lifting on a nightly basis in Chicago? How does he describe this exit?

“Beautiful and tragic,” he said. “It squeezes on my heart.”

Chris Jones is a Tribune critic.

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# Suspect charged in credit union standoff

Male robber accused of assaulting female hostage in Rockford

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL AND PAIGE FRY

A 39-year-old armed robbery suspect who police say sexually assaulted a woman he was holding hostage for more than six hours at a credit union in Rockford has been charged, police said Saturday.

Nicholas August, 39, of Rockford, was charged with armed robbery, two counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault and aggravated unlawful restraint, according to a Rockford police statement. He was being held on a \$2 million bond at the Winnebago County Jail. He was also wanted on two unrelated warrants.

August and his female hostage walked out of the Heritage Credit Union on State and Mulford streets in Rockford, about 90 miles northwest of Chicago, about 9 p.m. Friday, police Chief Dan O'Shea said. He had a pellet gun that looked like a real gun, and no one appeared to be seriously injured during the incident.

The incident, which police called a "random" robbery, began about 2:30 p.m. Friday, when the initial 911 call indicated "armed robbery in progress" at the credit union, 5959 E. State St. The robber "threatened people" inside the credit union, demanded people to leave, but not everyone left.

While it's not clear how many people were in the credit union when the incident began, August took the 39-year-old woman hostage before "ordering the remainder of the employees out of the building," police said.

Over the next six hours, police learned August had sexually assaulted the woman, whom O'Shea said August did not know.

Officials do not believe the victim was targeted either, O'Shea said.

Crisis negotiators from the police department and the FBI made contact with August over the phone during the next several hours, while SWAT teams held a perimeter, O'Shea said.

August willingly came out of the building with the 39-year-old woman while speaking with negotiators. The woman was taken to a local hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening, and August was then taken into custody, O'Shea said.

The woman was taken to a hospital and checked for injuries before speaking with detectives, O'Shea said.

Earlier Friday, Ashley Noto, 36, of Rockford, said she was sleeping due to being ill but was woken up about 3:15 p.m. by a call from her mother, who told her that a hostage situation was occurring at her younger brother's workplace.

Noto's brother works as a loan officer at the credit union and was working when the incident began. He was able to communicate with their parents that he was safe.

"She woke me up from a dead sleep, so it took a while for it to process for me, but once I realized the severity of the situation ... I was like, 'Oh, my God. This is really happening,'" Noto said.

Noto said she hadn't heard from her brother directly yet and wasn't sure how he got out of harm's way, but she told her mother not to do anything or go

to the scene until he called and said everything was over.

"You kind of become numb to all this stuff," Noto said of the violence in Rockford. "It becomes normal until it's your family."

At around 7 p.m. Friday, police tweeted an update, saying they were "still working to resolve the incident peacefully."

"We're trying to make communications with him with our crisis negotiation team," O'Shea had said earlier outside the credit union. "No one is hurt at this point that we're aware of. ... Hopefully, we can resolve this peacefully and soon."

"The armed suspect has barricaded himself inside with one or more employees or customers," an earlier police tweet read.

Connie Coel, a spokeswoman who answered the phone Friday at the credit union's Madison, Wisconsin, corporate office, which was taking their phone calls, said they didn't have any information to release.

"We don't ... know really what's going on yet," Coel said.

Bryan, a manager at The Vitamin Shoppe located directly across the street and about 200 feet away, said as of 6 p.m., police had continued to swarm the area.

"They're still out there full force," he said at the time, preferring not to use his last name, per corporate policy.

Police told him not to leave the store. He was the only one working and was scheduled till 9:30 p.m. anyway, he said, so he was waiting it out, staying in the back of the store.

Around 4:45 p.m., he watched two black armored trucks that looked like SUVs move from the front of the building to its back.

"They just repositioned the armored trucks," he said. "They were much further back towards the old Taco Bell. Now just getting closer ... more towards the back of the building."

He hadn't heard any gunshots or seen anyone go in or out of the building, but he said one ambulance was there earlier. The building was completely encircled by police cars, some fire department rigs and the two black SUVs. The police cars had their emergency lights activated.

When the incident began, police came into the vitamin shop, which has large, clear glass windows and doors.

The first officer told Bryan and a handful of customers there was a "situation going on at the bank," Bryan said. "He didn't give any details."

About 25 minutes later, a different male officer came in and said, "It's a little bit more severe than we thought," Bryan said, quoting the officer.

"Both officers (were) very short and just said: 'Stay away from the windows.'"

Bryan, who has worked at the store five years, said he couldn't remember any similar incidents there.

The FBI was also investigating.

Commenting on the situation Friday afternoon, Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara said: "This is certainly an unfortunate incident and one that happens too often across the country. I'm confident our police department and their law enforcement partners are working diligently to resolve this peacefully."

"It is unfortunate when situations like this occur," Special Agent Emmerson Buie Jr. said.

The Association Press contributed to this report.



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Former Ald. John Arena, 45th, has resigned his position in Mayor Lori Lightfoot's city planning department.

## Former Ald. Arena resigns city planning adviser post

Represented 45th Ward on council for 2 terms; move effective Jan. 17

BY GREGORY PRATT

Controversial former Ald. John Arena has resigned his position as senior adviser to Mayor Lori Lightfoot's planning department, city officials confirmed Friday.

The Lightfoot administration issued a statement saying Arena informed them last month he was retiring effective Jan. 17. The statement gave no explanation for the resignation, and Arena did not return messages seeking comment.

Arena represented the Northwest Side's 45th Ward for two terms before being thumped in last year's election by Chicago firefighter Jim Gardiner. In September, Lightfoot hired Arena to a \$123,996-a-year job, drawing criticism from some Northwest Side aldermen.

Arena remains the 45th Ward committeeman and has kept a higher profile than most city employees. Last month, Arena showed up at a community meeting where critics say he passed out nominating petitions for a political candidate he supports, according to a Sun-Times report.

During his time on the City Council, Arena earned respect from Chicago progressives for

positions including his support for affordable housing even in communities where residents opposed such developments. Last summer, Arena exchanged insults with fellow Northwest Side Ald. Anthony Napolitano, 41st, over a housing development Arena supported in Napolitano's ward.

At the time, Napolitano called Arena a "coward of an alderman" for lobbying Zoning Committee members on behalf of the project Napolitano opposed. Arena shot back: "A coward is one that caves to pressure that's based in bigotry and hate."

Arena also raised the ire of many first responders in his ward by calling the city's inspector general and Civilian Office of Police Accountability to report racially charged online comments about a controversial Jefferson Park apartment development plan that includes affordable housing.

At the planning department, Arena's responsibilities included working with development partners on the South and West sides, helping outside delegate agencies coordinate with city development projects and helping facilitate development goals set by neighborhood groups, the city said in September.

Gardiner expressed his opposition to the hire during a meeting with Lightfoot. Asked about Gardiner's opposition at a news conference, Lightfoot said, "With due

respect to the freshman, I make my decisions based upon the merits."

"If we start a precedent of somebody who is a winner basically banning someone from employment, where does it end? And so, I think what Gardiner should focus on is what matters to his ward," the mayor said. "He doesn't have a say over my hiring decisions, nor does any other alderman. I respect the views that aldermen bring to the table, but at the end of the day I'm going to make the calls that I think are in the best interests of the city, and that's what I did in this instance."

Asked whether giving Arena a high-paid City Hall job shortly after he lost is an example of the insider politics she had promised to vanquish, Lightfoot replied that she thought Arena would be an asset in the planning department.

"With due respect, I don't spend my time comparing myself to other mayors," she said. "I know that's something that happens in the media. I'm calling balls and strikes based on the information that I have in front of me, based on what our specific needs are. I think John Arena is a smart, able person who brings a wealth of experience that will, I think, aid us and a new commissioner in Planning substantially, or otherwise he wouldn't be there."

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## Police seek group involved in Red Line robbery

BY DEANESE WILLIAMS-HARRIS

Police have issued images of several young people wanted for questioning in a robbery and aggravated assault that happened Sunday on the Red Line train at the Roosevelt Road station.

The group approached the victims, beat them and then robbed them on Dec. 29 about 6:40 p.m., police said.

One of the offenders was a black female wearing a pink-colored jacket. A second female was wearing a black jacket and had black hair. The third female was wearing a red NASA jacket, and a fourth had on a purple-colored hooded sweatshirt and was donning a bandana on her



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head, police said.

Police also released images of two male offenders, one of whom was wearing a gray hoodie, a blue and white jacket, and yellow pants. The other male offender had on a gray-colored hat, a black hooded Nike jacket and tan- or brown-colored pants, police said.

The attack was one of at least three along the CTA's Red Line in the downtown area since the end

of last month. The most recent happened Thursday at 11:30 p.m. in the 100 block of South State Street when a 24-year-old woman was robbed, and on Dec. 29 about 11:40 p.m., a 61-year-old man and the 21-year-old who came to his aid were beaten and robbed by a group of teens.

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Dan Vicari, executive director of the Gary Sanitary District, shows off the new green roof atop City Hall. About 3,000 square feet are filled with self-contained sedum plants.

## Repair to roof on City Hall in Gary gets green thumb touch

Project designed to combat leaks, divert stormwater

BY CAROLE CARLSON

By summer, Gary will have a new garden that very few people will ever see.

Plagued by a series of leaks in the past three years, the roof of City Hall has turned green. About 3,000 square feet are filled with self-contained sedum plants, a cactus variety that are hardy and require little watering.

While the green roof technology is new to Gary, Chicago City Hall installed its rooftop garden in 2000 to combat the urban heat island effect and improve air quality. Chicago mandates green roofs on new buildings, a move that came following a deadly 1995 heat wave that saw more than 700 heat-related deaths.

Gary's \$1.2 million project is designed to capture up to 1½ inches of rainfall, keeping it out of the city's combined sewer and

stormwater system, said Dan Vicari, who headed the project as executive director of the Gary Sanitary District under former Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson.

Vicari said workers discovered eight layers of roofing when they began the project last year. He said the old roof had drains that went directly into the combined sewer system.

When the leaky roof sent water into the city council chambers forcing the relocation of meetings, city officials settled on a green roof solution. Once the old roof layers were removed, workers installed a rubber membrane covered with trays of sedum.

The original concrete parapet wall lining the perimeter of the third story had to be removed to install the rubber membrane.

Consultants at RestoreWorks, in Griffith, a masonry restoration company, determined the parapet couldn't be salvaged because it had been ex-

posed to the elements too long.

Because of the 1927 building's historic value, city officials decided to refabricate the ornamental parapet. Workers built molds from the remaining pieces and recreated the correct aggregate mix.

Famed Chicago architect George W. Maher drafted the original plan for Gary's four-story City Hall and his son, Phillip B. Maher completed the design after his father's suicide.

Indiana Landmarks describes the design as a Doric colonnade and dome in the neoclassical style of the era. According to Indiana Landmarks, it was part of Gary's 1924 Gateway Improvement Plan, which included a grand entrance to the city from Union Station. Across Broadway from City Hall is the Lake County Superior Court, built in a similar neoclassical design, topped by a gold dome.

Carole Carlson is a freelance reporter.

## Woman charged with murder of two sons, held without bail

Prosecutors: Mom stabbed baby, threw toddler out window

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY

Two days before Aleah Newell allegedly stabbed her 7-month-old infant and threw her 2-year-old son to his death from an 11th-story window, she told her mother she wanted to get her life together and asked her to pick up her boys, prosecutors said.

But when her mother arrived on New Year's Day to get the children, Newell was gone.

The next day, in the early morning hours, prosecutors allege Newell attacked and seriously injured her 70-year-old grandfather, brutally killed her two children and then jumped from the apartment window in an attempted suicide in the South Side's South Shore neighborhood.

Cook County Judge Susana L. Ortiz on Saturday ordered Aleah Newell, 20, held without bail during a bond hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building. She is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in connection with the deaths of the two boys, Ameer Newell, 7 months, and Johntavis Newell, 2. She is also charged with attempted first-degree murder in the attack of her grandfather.

Ortiz ordered Newell be held without bail pursuant to an Illinois statute that requires a mandatory no bail in offenses where a life sentence may be imposed. Cook County Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy said Newell may face a life sentence if convicted, citing the victims' young ages, the double homicide and the brutal nature of the allegations.

Newell did not appear in court because she remains hospitalized at the University of Chicago Medical Center. She broke her ankle and wrist, and she is having surgery to repair the injuries, prosecutors said. A public defender appeared on behalf of Newell but waived mitigation for the hearing.

The grandfather remains in critical condition, but he is expected to live.

Police were called to the 7200 block of South Shore Drive about 1:45 a.m. Thursday and found Newell and the older boy on the ground outside of the approximately 21-story apartment building. A security worker at the apartment building then took officers to a unit on the 11th floor, where they found the



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Police found Aleah Newell and her toddler on the ground outside a high-rise in the 7200 block of South Shore Drive.

grandfather with cuts to his face and body. They also found the baby unresponsive in a bathtub.

During the bond hearing, Murphy told the judge that Newell turned on the hot water in the bathroom and let it run. While the water was running, the grandfather went to use the bathroom, and Newell came up behind him, put him in a chokehold and hit him in the head with the towel bar, Murphy alleged.

Newell then walked into the kitchen, grabbed a knife and began stabbing her grandfather, Murphy said, leaving blood spatter all over the toilet, sink and vanity. The grandfather was stabbed more than 10 times in the neck, shoulder, hands and arms until he lost consciousness.

Newell then went to 7-month-old Ameer and stabbed him 19 times in the head, Murphy alleged. She then picked him up, carried him to the bathroom and plunged him face down into the scalding water in the bathtub, according to Murphy.

Newell left Ameer in the bathtub and went to the living room, where Johntavis was. She cut a hole in the window screen and threw Johntavis from the apartment, Murphy said.

About 20 seconds later, Newell crawled through the hole and fell to the ground. Her fall, though, was broken when she hit a scaffold located around the third floor. She broke through the scaffold and landed on the concrete next to Johntavis. Security video caught the two as they landed on the concrete, Murphy said.

Newell can be seen on the video moving and sitting up after the fall, Murphy said.

The security guard heard the loud noise, came outside and called 911, according to Murphy.

Meanwhile, tenants who lived below the apartment called security to report that water was coming into their apartment from the ceiling. Police arrived on scene and forced entry into the apartment, where the water was still running, Murphy said.

A Chicago police officer carried Ameer from the bathtub and performed CPR, but the boy did not move or make a sound, Murphy said.

Newell told police that she jumped from the window with Johntavis, Murphy said.

As the grandfather regained consciousness, he told officers Newell stabbed him.

Officers found a broken knife handle in the bathtub, Murphy said.

Murphy said Newell had taken Johntavis to Comer Children's Hospital on Monday to treat his asthma, according to prosecutors. After he was discharged, Newell took the boys to a homeless shelter where she stayed on Monday and Tuesday, Murphy said.

A spokeswoman for the Salvation Army confirmed the family received shelter but declined to answer further questions due to the investigation.

Newell also attempted suicide over the summer, Murphy said. She was hospitalized, diagnosed with a mood disorder and written a prescription.

The Cook County medical examiner's office on Friday ruled both boys' deaths as homicides. The younger child died as a result of multiple injuries from an assault, and the older child died of multiple blunt force injuries from a fall from height.

Both children lived with Newell in the 8800 block of South Parnell Avenue, according to the medical examiner's office and police.

The Chicago Police Department is offering counseling to the officers who encountered the horrific scene both inside and outside the apartment building. "It's hard for anybody — including cops and detectives — they're mothers and fathers too. For anybody to have to see a child lifeless in a bathtub is exceptionally difficult," department spokesman Anthony Guglielmi told the Tribune on Thursday.

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Zenda had been at Brookfield since 2008. The lion was euthanized for age-related degeneration.

## Brookfield Zoo's male lion dies

BY STEVE JOHNSON

Brookfield Zoo veterinary staff euthanized the institution's 14-year-old male African lion Zenda as a result of age-related degeneration, the zoo announced Friday.

Zenda, who had been at Brookfield since 2008, had lost his mane in recent years, and before Christmas, the zoo said, staff noticed he was having difficulty standing and walking.

The animal's symptoms were being treated with pain medication, but on Thursday, his condition declined further and "the difficult decision was made to humanely euthanize him,"

the zoo said in a statement.

This marks the second death in recent months of a male African lion familiar to Chicago zoogoers. In September, the 9-year-old male Sahar died at Rolling Hills Zoo in Salina, Kansas. Sahar had been at Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo from 2012 through the spring, when he and two female pride members were transferred to Rolling Hills so Lincoln Park could begin a Lion House renovation project.

A necropsy done at Kansas State University revealed that Sahar died from encephalitis (brain inflammation) due to a fungal infection, Rolling Hills an-

nounced in mid-October.

At Brookfield, "preliminary necropsy results revealed Zenda had several degenerative discs in his spine that had ruptured as a result of his advanced age and were inoperable," according to the news release.

Zenda, who was at an age considered geriatric for male lions, was said to have a close relationship with longtime mate, the female Isis, also 14, and zoo staff will be monitoring her closely in coming weeks to help her adjust, according to Brookfield.

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# CHICAGO'S WILDEST WEATHER EVENTS OF THE 2010s: HEAT WAVES. POLAR VORTEXES. AND EVEN A DOUBLE DERECHO.

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Wondering what the wettest, warmest or weirdest Chicago-area weather events of the 2010s were?

So were the meteorologists at the National Weather Service in Chicago who realized even they couldn't come to a consensus because such events often are subjective, said meteorologist Ricky Castro.

The experts decided to instead invite weather enthusiasts to vote in a series of polls posted on social media. And while thousands of people voted, the experts say the result is not a definitive list of the most record-breaking events. But, Castro said, it was a whole lot of fun for everyone involved.

"From working here, we have our own institutional knowledge of these events," said Castro, who worked in Chicago for the whole of the decade. "If you were to ask people here, we'd probably have a slightly different list than the one we put out in the end, but it was a pretty interesting exercise and fun for people to get involved in this way."

The meteorologists set up a sort of playoff-style set of Twitter polls, to take account of things like people forgetting events that happened longer ago.

They also knew enough not to assume the general public remembers events as clearly or fully as the meteorologists themselves. Castro says he has a reputation in the office for being able to not only remember the date on which an event occurred but to also rattle off specifics such as temperatures, snowfall totals, wind speeds or river levels.

"I have a crazy memory when it comes to weather events, even for this place," Castro said, laughing. "You could quibble with a couple items I guess, but you wouldn't say any that made the list are out of place."

With his own memory of covering the events the weather service included in polling, he said if he had voted, some of the winners would've been bumped.

So what would his list include? "There were a couple pretty big flooding events earlier in the decade. To me, those may have been more historic overall," he said.

"February 2015 tied for coldest overall month since 1983. In June of '15, we had the largest hailstone ever recorded in the state. It was nearly 5 inches. But it makes sense most people probably wouldn't remember the largest hailstone," he said with a laugh. "December of '15 was the warmest December in more than 90 years."

The weather service also ranked the top 20 weather events of the previous century, using more objective standards.

*The following is the list of the most important meteorological events of the 2010s in Chicago as determined by participants in polls posted by National Weather Service staff on Twitter and Facebook, beginning with No. 10.*

## April 2019

### Late-season snow

Two snowstorms this April represent the most recent entry to make the list.

On April 14, 5.4 inches of heavy, wet snow fell, causing more than 1,000 flights to be canceled. While that makes it the most snow ever to fall on an April 14, the total narrowly missed breaking a record that was set 58 years earlier.

On April 27, 2.5 inches of snow fell in Chicago, and elsewhere in the state, as much as 7 inches fell, falling short of a 112-year-old record.

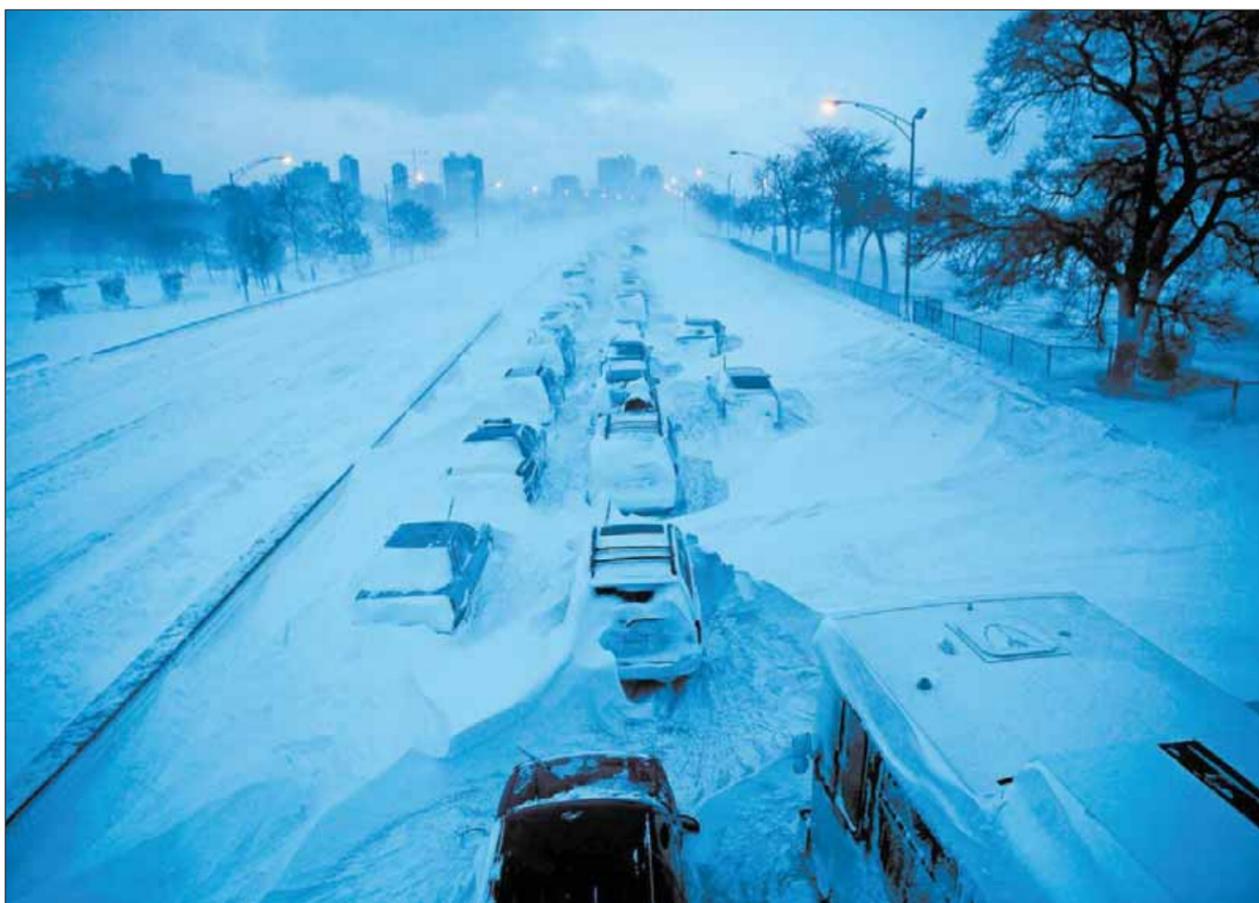
## June 2014

### Derecho tornadoes

On June 30, 2014, a single storm system brought on 30 tornadoes, including 18 in the weather service's Chicago warning area, with winds as fast as 86 mph, dropping as much as 4 inches of rain in 24 hours. The storm knocked out power to 225,000 Commonwealth Edison customers.

The system also introduced some to the term "derecho," a wind storm that stretches more than 240 miles, punctuated by wind gusts of more than 55 mph. But the storm on June 30, 2014, actually contained a double derecho. Castro said at the time there had been another double derecho in Chicago in 2010.

What made the 2014 double derecho even stranger was that the second wave was stronger than the first; it's generally the other way around.



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Abandoned vehicles are stranded along northbound Lake Shore Drive during the Groundhog Day blizzard in 2011.



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Frederick St. Denis bats as a couple pose for wedding photos during 85-degree weather on March 21, 2012, at North Avenue Beach.



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A severe tornado damaged a large portion of Washington, Illinois, near Peoria, on Nov. 18, 2013. Winds reached as high as 190 mph.

## April 2015

### Rochelle/Fairdale tornado

Two people were killed in one of the strongest tornadoes to hit northern Illinois in more than two decades, and that tornado, which hit and virtually obliterated the town of Fairdale, population 150, was one of two tornadoes to carve through part of northern Illinois on April 9, 2015.

The more powerful of the two packed winds of 180 to 200 mph, weather service meteorologists said the following day in Rochelle, which also suffered significant damage. As an EF-4, the tornado was one notch below the strongest classification on the Enhanced Fujita scale.

The worst damage was in tiny Fairdale, where neighbors Geraldine Schultz, 67, and Jacklyn K. Klosa, 69, were killed. A total of 11 people suffered injuries serious enough to be taken to area hospitals.

## Summer 2012

### Heat wave

It's common knowledge the world over that Chicago gets cold in winter. Not everyone realizes just how hot it can get in summer, though: hotter than Miami.

In the summer of 2012, Chicago reached 100 degrees for three consecutive days — July 4, 5 and 6 — tying records set in July 1911 and

August 1947. The average temperature over three days was 91.4 degrees, making it the second warmest three-day average for Chicago, behind July 28-30, 1916.

And while Miami might be hotter on average, with its persistent ocean breeze, Miami has never recorded a temperature hotter than 100 degrees. But Chicago? As of 2012, the city had recorded 65 days with a temperature of 100 degrees or greater in its 140 years of records.

During the 2012 heat wave, the highest temperature recorded at O'Hare International Airport was 103 degrees on July 5 and 6. These were the highest temperatures since July 13, 1995's 104 degrees.

## February 2015

### Record snowstorm

Winter 2014-15 hadn't brought much snow before a severe snowstorm blasted Chicago on Jan. 31 to Feb. 2. The blizzard dropped 16.2 inches on the city on Feb. 1 alone, and a total of 19.3 inches for the entire event, which earns it the distinction of fifth-snowiest event in the city's history. Feb. 1 became No. 4 in history for a single day with the most snow recorded in Chicago.

There were 33 consecutive hourly observations in which snow was reported at O'Hare.

Throughout the storm, forecasters said Chicago was "ground zero," though some outlying areas

received more snow, such as 22 inches in Lincolnshire. The city also endured blizzard conditions for 12 straight hours.

## November 2013

### Tornado outbreak

On Nov. 17, 2013, during an unusually warm stretch in late fall, it was a balmy 70 degrees, and by day's end, six people were killed in Illinois in one of the most destructive tornadic events in the previous 50 years.

Hardest hit was Washington, a town of 15,000 people east of Peoria hit by an EF-4 tornado packing winds of 170 to 190 mph. Whole blocks were leveled, prompting the Illinois National Guard to send a 10-person fire-fighting and search-and-rescue team. At least one death was reported there, more than 120 people in the town were injured and 500 homes were leveled. Numerous counties were declared disaster areas.

The event spawned more than 70 tornadoes across seven states. Indiana had 30 of these tornadoes and Illinois another 25. The event ranked as the fourth largest tornado outbreak for the state of Illinois since 1950.

## March 2012

### Heat wave

It didn't break a record for the highest temperature ever recorded in March. But the March 2012 heat wave broke so many other records, it nearly broke a record for breaking the most records.

From March 14 to March 22, Chicago broke or tied daily high-temperature records nine consecutive days. That meant it became the second-longest stretch of daily temperature records — of any type — after 10 daily high records in a row set in 1953.

Before the spring heat wave, there had only been 10 days ever in March with a temperature in the 80s. But in 2012, there were eight days at or above 80 degrees.

In fact, when it happened, there hadn't been a March day with a temperature above 80 degrees for 22 years.

Only once has April produced as many 80 degree days as were observed that March. That was in 1977, when eight days peaked at or above 80 degrees.

It was so warm it actually became dangerous, triggering a "red flag warning" because of strong winds and low humidity creating the conditions for "explosive fire growth."

## Winter 2013-14

### Polar vortex

The records set in the winter of 2013-14 didn't come all at once. But that was part of what made the oppressively cold season so memorable: It was unrelenting. The average temperature for the season was 22 degrees. It was so cold even the polar bear at Lincoln Park Zoo wouldn't venture outside for a while.

When it snowed Oct. 22, 2013, maybe Chicagoans should have taken it as a sign of what was to come, but by mid-November the temperature had rebounded to

nearly 70 degrees, spawning the deadly tornadoes. A week later, the temperature had dropped to 12 degrees.

From November to March, the season ranked fourth for number of days with a temperature below zero. But it was No. 1 for temperatures at or below zero since records have been kept. It also snowed a lot.

Chicago's 73.4 inches of snow as of Oct. 1 to March 3 was the fourth-most since 1884.

It was also the winter known as "Chiberia," a viral term Castro himself is widely credited with coining.

## January 2019

### Polar vortex

Speaking of "Chiberia," Castro came up with it in part because he was tired of explaining the term "polar vortex." But a few years later in 2019, Castro could barely utter the two words together.

The coldest temperature in Chicago in 34 years (23 degrees below zero) was recorded the morning of Jan. 30, 2019.

And in Mount Carroll, the state's lowest ever recorded temperature of 38 degrees below zero was verified weeks after it was set on Jan. 31.

At 52 hours, it was not Chicago's longest period with temperatures below zero. It did result in the closure of just about everything: Chicago Public Schools to Lou Malnati's delivery to U.S. Postal Service delivery.

## February 2011

### Groundhog Day Blizzard

Not a lot of blizzards get names, but this one had a handful. Snowzilla, the Snowpocalypse and Snowmageddon were some, but the official name was the Groundhog Day Blizzard.

It was the one that saw people abandon their cars or get stuck in them along Lake Shore Drive. The blizzard was so strong that even snowplows got stuck while their drivers tried to rescue stranded vehicles.

About 20 inches fell across most of Chicago, with a three-day storm total at O'Hare of 21.2 inches, making it the third-largest snowstorm on record for Chicago. Eleven people died in Illinois as a result of the storm.

From the afternoon of Feb. 1 through the early morning of Feb. 2, a powerful area of low pressure tracked slowly north. In that time, about 20 inches of the total snowfall came down, making it the highest 24-hour total snowfall in the city's history.

Wind gusts of up to 60 mph reduced visibility to near zero at times and produced widespread snowdrifts of 2 to 5 feet, and a few drifts of 10 feet or more.

The storm was powerful enough to generate vigorous updrafts, resulting in lightning, thunder and small hail.

"This was not a snowstorm," said then-Waukegan Mayor Robert Sabonjian. "This was a natural disaster."

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# Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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Presidential hopeful Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar on stage at the sixth Democratic primary debate at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles last month.

## Klobuchar offers a return to normalcy in the White House



STEVE CHAPMAN

*"My best judgment of America's needs is to steady down, to get squarely on our feet, to make sure of the right path. ... Let us stop to consider that tranquility at home is more precious than peace abroad, and that both our good fortune and our eminence are dependent on the normal forward stride of all the American people."*  
— Warren G. Harding, 1920

In the presidential election that took place 100 years ago, the winning candidate ran on a slogan that might have been soporific: "Return to normalcy." But for a country that had experienced the traumas of World War I, labor strife, a Red Scare and race riots, it promised a welcome respite. Harding got 60% of the popular vote.

Americans often gravitate to the opposite of what they have. Harding was nothing like his predecessor, Woodrow Wilson, whose visionary ambitions included remaking the entire world order. George W. Bush

promised to "restore honor and dignity to the White House," an allusion to Bill Clinton's lechery. Barack Obama, a former law school professor with a gift for inspiring oratory, was a departure from the folksy, inarticulate scion of a famous Texas political family.

Donald Trump, a thin-skinned narcissist with the vocabulary and impulse control of a 10-year-old, could hardly be more different from Obama. If Americans are weary of the turmoil that Trump has made the organizing principle of his presidency, they may be looking for a president they can occasionally forget about.

In that case, Democratic voters would do well to take a long look at Amy Klobuchar, whose restrained policies and unflappable manner are dull only in the best sense of the word. The qualities that make it hard for her to stand out in a crowded debate might endear her to anyone suffering from a four-year spell of jangled nerves.

Klobuchar, 59, is in her third term as a senator, and as Democratic members go, she leans toward the center. The website GovTrack reports that in 2018, 33 of the 47 Democratic senators were more liberal than she is.

She favors expansion of health insurance coverage but opposes "Medicare for All." She has proposed to make community college tuition-free

but says bluntly, "I am not for free four-year college for all."

Klobuchar is a former county prosecutor who had the support of the police union but also won praise from the Innocence Project for pushing to videotape interrogations and reform eyewitness identification procedures. Her views on military action abroad — for leaving Afghanistan, but also for creating a no-fly zone in Syria — are down the middle.

In her 2018 Senate race, she carried 42 counties that had gone for Trump. She's well-positioned to appeal to the 35% of Americans who call themselves moderates.

The same can't be said of her chief rivals. Bernie Sanders is at the far left edge of the Democratic Party, proudly identifying himself as a socialist — a label that is a deal breaker for many Americans.

Elizabeth Warren insists she is "a capitalist to my bones," but the website Progressive Punch gives her a lifetime score higher than Sanders'. Her spending plans, PolitiFact reports, would cost \$7 trillion over a decade — not counting "Medicare for All," which would probably exceed \$30 trillion.

Like Sanders, she promises major changes, and she uses the word "fight" in every other sentence. But drastic measures and militant rhetoric are not the ideal prescription for an electorate

depleted by the incumbent's extreme policies and nasty tweets.

Joe Biden is the most popular centrist so far, but he's dangerously prone to verbal gaffes. More worrisome is that come Inauguration Day, he'll be 78 years old. Trump, the oldest person ever to become president, was a mere 70.

One rival for the middle Democratic lane is Pete Buttigieg, 37, who would be the youngest president ever — and one of the least experienced. Then there is his sexual orientation. A Morning Consult/Politico poll found that only 26% of Americans think their neighbors are ready for a gay president.

Klobuchar would be the first female president, but Hillary Clinton already proved that a woman can win the popular vote. Klobuchar's virtues are precisely the ones that Trump utterly lacks.

Anyone who wants four more years of pointless bedlam in the White House will want to keep the Trump clown car. Klobuchar is the Honda Accord of the field: reliable, practical, affordable — and unlikely to drive you into a ditch.

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# CHANGE OF SUBJECT

BY ERIC ZORN



## Informed speculation, keen predictions and totally wild guesses for 2020

Amy Klobuchar, a Democratic U.S. senator from Minnesota, will be elected president of the United States in November.

There's not enough salt on the famous flats of Bonneville with which to take this, my most fearless prediction for 2020 — remember, I'm the guy who 12 months ago predicted former Texas U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke would be leading the Democratic field heading into the Iowa caucuses.

Prompting this guess is my sense that base Democratic voters will ultimately turn from uninspiring former Vice President Joe Biden, the overwhelming choice of the 825 readers who participated in my annual online news prediction survey.

Biden's main selling point is that his experience and moderate positions make him attractive to swing voters in the heartland who will decide the election, but Klobuchar checks many of the same boxes Biden does without feeling like a rickety bridge back to the 20th century.

And though Klobuchar has a reputation for being an intemperate boss, she, unlike Biden, isn't going to have to spend the entire campaign season trying to explain why a foreign company once gave her child a cushy job.

In fact, these advantages are likely why readers narrowly chose Klobuchar over California Sen. Kamala Harris as the Democrats' probable vice presidential nominee. My pick is Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown, but if Biden is the nominee I agree that he'll select Harris.

I'm in accord with the majority of readers who expect the Democrats to take back the White House from incumbent President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence, and to maintain control of the U.S. House. Yet I predict the Democrats will also take back control of the U.S. Senate, while six in 10 readers disagree.



KRISTOPHER RADDER/AP

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., speaks during a town hall at Keene High School in N.H. on Dec. 31.

Readers and I agree that no Republican senators will vote to convict Trump at his upcoming impeachment trial and that Trump is likely to issue a pardon in 2020 to at least one person implicated, indicted or convicted in the various scandals swirling around his administration.

Will the Dow Jones Industrial Average drop below 28,000 (it's nosing up near 28,700 at this writing)? The hive mind and I say yes, yet we agree this will not signal the onset of a recession. I say the unemployment rate, currently at a very low 3.5%, will be over 4% by the end of the year, but the majority of readers have confidence that it will stay under 4%.

I expect Trump to free imprisoned former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich by commuting his sentence but probably not until safely after the November election, and for there not to be a vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court for Trump to fill. Readers, who trounced me in this little game last year, disagree.

Locally, the biggest question for 2020 is whether the federal investigation into political corruption in Illinois will ensnare veteran House Speaker Michael Madigan. But though he is portentously adjacent to several of the key figures already caught up in G's web, he is also a very careful, famously cautious practitioner of the political arts, and both readers and I are predicting that he emerges from the year legally unscathed.

We also agree that, because of the maddeningly slow pace of the justice system, indicted Ald. Ed Burke, 14th, will still be awaiting trial on the corruption charges facing him a year from now.

Will Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx survive the controversy over her office's troubling, mysterious handling of the Jussie Smollett case to win reelection? Seven in 10 readers say no, but I say yes — strong Democratic Party backing will allow her to eke out a plurality win over three challengers in the March 17 primary, which is traditionally tanta-

mount to victory in the fall.

Readers think Illinois voters will approve an amendment to the state constitution that will allow for graduated income tax rates, that Chicago's next police superintendent will be a man, that bulldozers will go to Jackson Park to at last break ground on the oft-delayed Obama Presidential Center and that Democrats will renominate conservative U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski, of Western Springs.

I don't.

The threshold for passing a state constitutional amendment is high — either three-fifths of those who voted on the question or a majority of those who voted in the election — and the campaign against this one by those who think rich people should not pay a greater share of their income in state taxes, as they do for federal taxes, will be ferocious and effective.

Appointing Chicago's first female police superintendent would be very on brand for Mayor Lori Lightfoot. When she was Chicago Police Board president in 2016, a woman was one of the three prospective superintendents she and her panel offered to Mayor Rahm Emanuel as a replacement for Garry McCarthy, whom Emanuel had fired.

The Obama Center feels mired in bureaucratic inertia. And I was in agreement that Lipinski would again squeak to victory until Thursday, when his name appeared as a signatory to an amicus brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court arguing that two of the Court's key decisions upholding abortion rights — Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey — should be "reconsidered and, if appropriate, overruled."

That's leading with your chin in a Democratic primary, so my guess is that energized supporters of challenger Marie Newman will oust him.

Yet I agree with the consensus

of readers that U.S. Rep. Lauren Underwood, of Naperville, will win reelection in what looks to be a hotly contested race in a traditionally Republican district; that 12 months from now, nothing tangible will have come of the grandiose plans to construct a Tiger Woods-designed championship golf course on the footprint of two adjacent Park District courses on the South Side; and that Lightfoot will ultimately persuade the General Assembly to lower casino taxes in order to spur gambling development.

Readers and I also agree that the ho-hum Chicago Bears won't replace either general manager Ryan Pace or head coach Matt Nagy. Indeed, underlings have already started to take the fall for the team's mediocre performance in 2019, as four assistant coaches got their walking papers Tuesday. Because, you know, they were the real problem.

We made a few other predictions on sports, politics and entertainment. Enjoy the full list along with my picks and final results from the survey at [chicagotribune.com/zorn](http://chicagotribune.com/zorn).

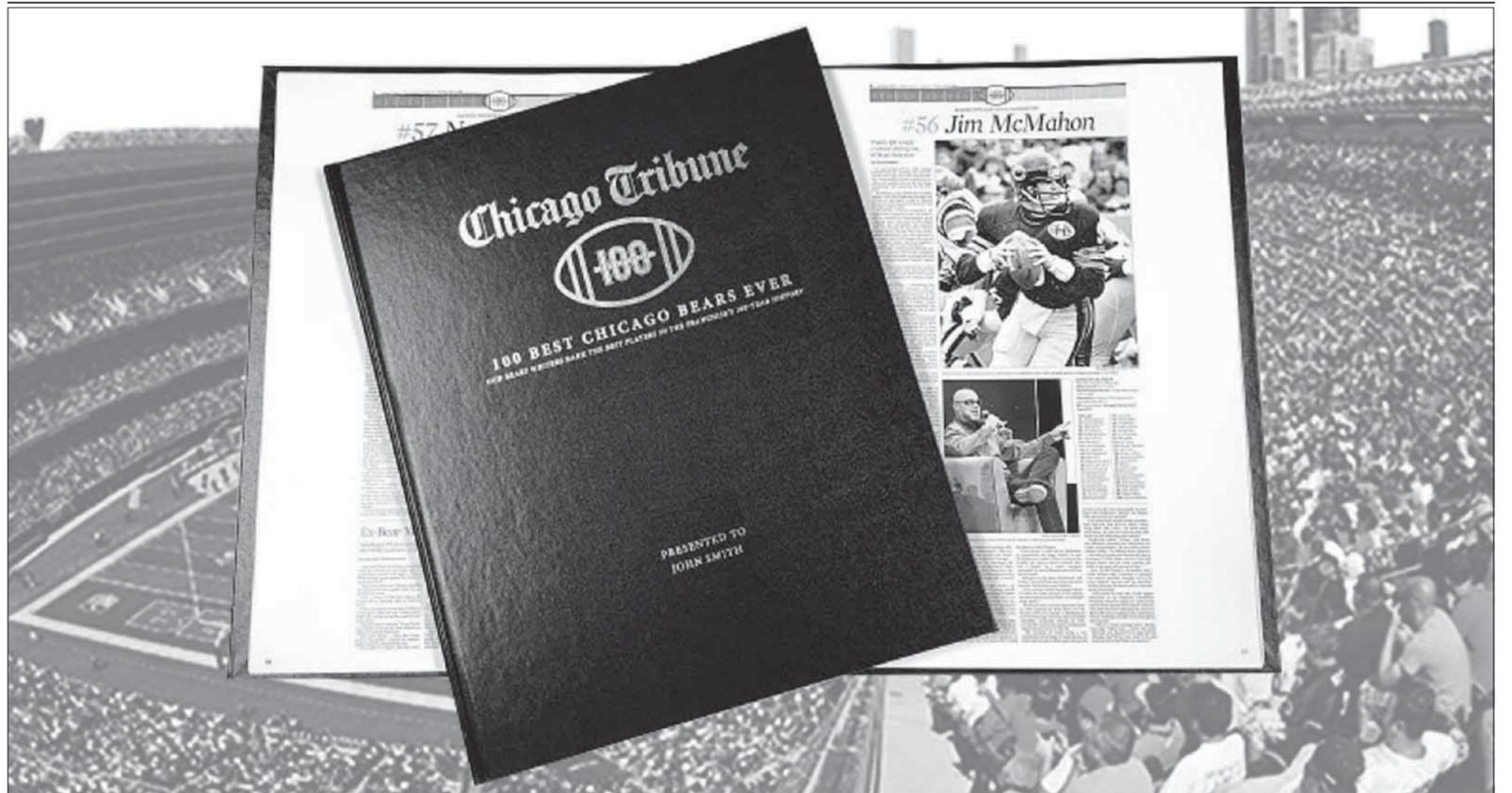
Check back in late December to see how we all did and to join in the speculation about whom President Klobuchar will select for her Cabinet.

### Re: Tweets

The winner of this week's reader poll to select the funniest tweet was "To those who put something in a closet, close the door, hear something crash and walk away. You are my people" by @Kids\_kubed.

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# CHICAGO FLASHBACK

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The good times flowed in a West Randolph Street tavern on Dec. 5, 1933, the first day in nearly 14 years that Americans were able to drink alcoholic beverages in public.

## When Prohibition fell

As crowds greet legal pot era, here's how Chicago reacted to return of booze

BY RON GROSSMAN

Shortly after noon on Dec. 5, 1933, John Burke, vice president of the Congress Hotel, and H.L. Kaufman, the owner, went down to the hotel's wine cellar. The keys to the padlocks on the cellar's outer door having been lost, Burke smashed the door with a sledgehammer. The inner door was unlocked by Joe Mack, once again the Congress' wine steward 14 years after the 18th Amendment had put the kibosh on alcoholic beverages.

Inside the wine cellar was \$250,000 worth of liquor, encrusted "in cobwebs and crusty molds," the Tribune reported.

Mack was poised to resume advising the hotel's guests on which wine went with fish and which complemented a tenderloin steak. The hotel's cache of liquor would soon start flowing into glasses once more — respectably over the counter.

Prohibition was expected to pass into the history books before the day was done. But what good — and what bad — would follow? Such a burning question is once again on Illinois' minds as another form of prohibition ends. Sales of recreational marijuana have begun in earnest — respectably over the counter — in 2020. Will an acrid cloud mark the partisans of pot celebration?

In 1933, some "drys," as prohibitionists were dubbed, thought repeal would be followed by binge drinking. In New York, "Police Commissioner James S. Bolan assigned 90 extra policemen to the Times Square section to handle crowds gathering there," the Tribune reported.

But the chairman of New York state's Alcohol Beverage Control Board, Edward P. Mulrooney, predicted "the rush for liquor will be somewhat dampened because ... there will be a shortage of liquor for some time."

In fact, repeal dealt a crippling blow to the network of suppliers and distributors that had enabled Americans to get a buzz on during Prohibition: Moonshiners operated backwoods distilleries; bootleggers parceled out their products; rum runners brought in surreptitious imports from Canada and Cuba, where the 18th Amendment didn't apply. Say the right thing into a peephole, and the door to a speakeasy, an illicit bar, opened a crack.

The Tribune's "A Line O' Type Or Two" columnist predicted that repeal would trigger a power shift between alcohol's retailers and consumers.

"Bootleggers will be glad to get the job of washing our family auto instead of sneering haughtily at us from the plush lined seats of their own twenty-four cylinder imported cars," the columnist wrote. "And we can stop lying to the doctor to get him to write us a whisky prescription." Then as now, the

medicinal use of intoxicants was legal when using for pleasure wasn't.

Theorizing about post-Prohibition America was subject to empirical verification once Utah ratified the 21st Amendment. Congress had provided that the feds would stop impeding the free flow of booze when three-quarters of the states signed on.

Sometime after 3:32 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on Dec. 5, 1933, the leaders of Utah's legislature notified President Franklin Roosevelt that their state was on board. Roosevelt had championed repeal, and because the nation eagerly awaited the news, a special telegraph line had been installed.

When word reached Chicago, glasses were lifted, not all in moderation.

"The first tipsy tippler was seen in the new Palmer House bar at 6:35 p.m.," the Tribune noted. "After making a speech, he revealed a prohibition hip flask, largely empty, on which he had had a head start."

In some Loop bars, celebrants couldn't resist getting in a last dig at their defeated opponents, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. "Wags made frequent requests of musicians for the W.C.T.U. song, 'It's in the Constitution and It's There to Stay,' but nobody could remember the tune," the Tribune reported.

Some bartenders were uncomfortable with some social mores born in the Prohibition era. Danny Monahan, who was head barman at the Hotel Sherman on Dec. 5, 1933, told the Tribune he was OK with ladies drinking in public. But he regretted there wasn't at least one bar "where men can get away from the ladies."

Maryland's legislature marked the historic crossroads by firing the bootlegger who had "been quenching the thirst of legislators for several sessions." And the New York Police Department put in a bid for its own historical footnote.

Finding the body of small-time mobster Anthony Russo in the back seat of a car, the cops nominated him for the title of "the last man to be 'taken for a ride,'" or executed, in New York during Prohibition.



In March 1933, beer cases are stacked high, ready to be filled when prohibition is lifted, at Schoenhofen Brewery in Chicago.



With repeal of Prohibition official, armed guards accompany the first shipments of liquor to leave warehouses for release in Chicago.

One of the forces behind the push for Prohibition was Frances Willard, longtime head of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She had preached that men were leaving their pay in taverns, money that could have bought groceries for their families. She described the tactics of the group's Save the Home crusade in her 1883 testament "Woman and Temperance":

"While they brew beer we are brewing public sentiment; while they distill whisky we are distilling facts; while they rectify brandy we are rectifying political constituencies; after ere long their fuming tide of intoxicating liquor shall be met and driven back by the overwhelming flood of enlightened

sentiment and divinely aroused energy."

Willard didn't live to see the dries' victory, perhaps fortunately. Prohibition quickly blurred the line between honest citizens and otherwise-upstanding Americans who patronized bootleggers and frequented speakeasies. "The country wanted booze and I organized it," Chicago mob boss Al Capone observed. "Why should I be called a public enemy?"

Well, it was because his administration of the liquor trade was enforced with guns. Disputes over gangster distribution rights led to the 1929 St. Valentine's Day Massacre, when Capone's henchmen are said to have slaughtered seven

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mobsters affiliated with his Chicago rival, Bugs Moran.

That and other gang wars brought new support for the cause of the "wets."

"Everybody agrees that prohibition is to blame for the present high crime rate in the United States," said Anton Cermak, the Democratic Party's successful candidate for Chicago mayor in 1931. His Republican opponent agreed.

On the dries' side, the W.C.T.U. soldiered on, cutting a cake in Chicago's Morrison Hotel to mark Prohibition's 10th birthday. But the temperance movement no longer had a monopoly on women's take on the issue. The Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform was organized by a former W.C.T.U. member and drew a sizable membership that felt Prohibition had done more harm than good.

And then came Dec. 5, 1933: Folks throwing down a whiskey sour or nursing a martini became a tourist attraction. "The Bismarck's new taproom, which fronts on La Salle street, served its first drink at 4 o'clock, through erroneous information that liquor was then legal," the Tribune reported. "Crowds gathered on the sidewalks outside to watch."

Twenty-four states still had laws outlawing booze. But the rest of America slowly but steadily resumed its relationship with alcohol. The Union League Club, a favorite of Chicago's movers and shakers, drafted a plan for a state liquor commission. Though the legislature initially sat on it, Chicago decreed that those speakeasies that didn't get a city license by Jan. 2 would lose their chance to become legitimate taverns. In New York, the feds sold off 39,000 cases of confiscated bootlegged liquor, easing that city's shortage of alcoholic beverages.

And in a Puget Sound shipyard in Washington state, the Navy revived a hallowed tradition that had been in limbo for 14 years. At the launch of the Navy's latest cruiser, a descendant of a founder of the Oregon town for whom it was named took a good, hard swing at it.

"I christen thee Astoria," said Miss Lella C. McKay, as she shattered a bottle of California sparkling wine on the vessel's steel prow.

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## EDITORIALS

WHEN TAXPAYERS TRUST SPRINGFIELD PART 7

# Warren Buffett and others warned about pensions. Illinois pols whiffed.

Yet another reason to vote down Pritzker's graduated-tax amendment

Imagine an Illinois whose state and local officials hadn't buried taxpayers under layers of pension crises.

The government in Springfield wouldn't have to spend a fourth of its annual budget just on retirement costs. There'd be more money for education, health care and public safety. And Democrats wouldn't be hustling even more billions via their misleading graduated income tax pitch.

### A century of ignoring fire alarms

That prosperous Illinois might exist if, sometime in the last century, this state's politicians had tamed their pension monster. Eric Madiar, a Springfield lobbyist and attorney, in a prior life researched Illinois pension history for state lawmakers. A paragraph from his work cited one crucial alert the politicians have foolishly flouted:

*In 1917, in a report commissioned by the General Assembly, the Illinois Pension Laws Commission described the condition of the State and municipal pension systems as "one of insolvency" and "moving toward crisis" because the "financial provisions (were) entirely inadequate for paying the stipulated pensions when due." The Commission recommended that the General Assembly adopt a "reserve plan" whereby the amount needed to pay pensions when due "should be set aside at the time service is rendered" by the State and municipalities so "each generation of taxpayers pays its own obligations for services rendered."*

Straightforward advice. Yet a century of Springfield pols have dodged real reforms. Instead they've pretended the pension debt they've imposed on taxpayers is a nasty surprise that just happened to Illinois, a natural disaster for which they bear no blame.

In truth it's a debacle they've created, tolerated and made worse. State government admits to a \$137 billion unfunded pension liability owed by Illinois taxpayers. But the independent Moody's Investors Service says the true number is \$240 billion.

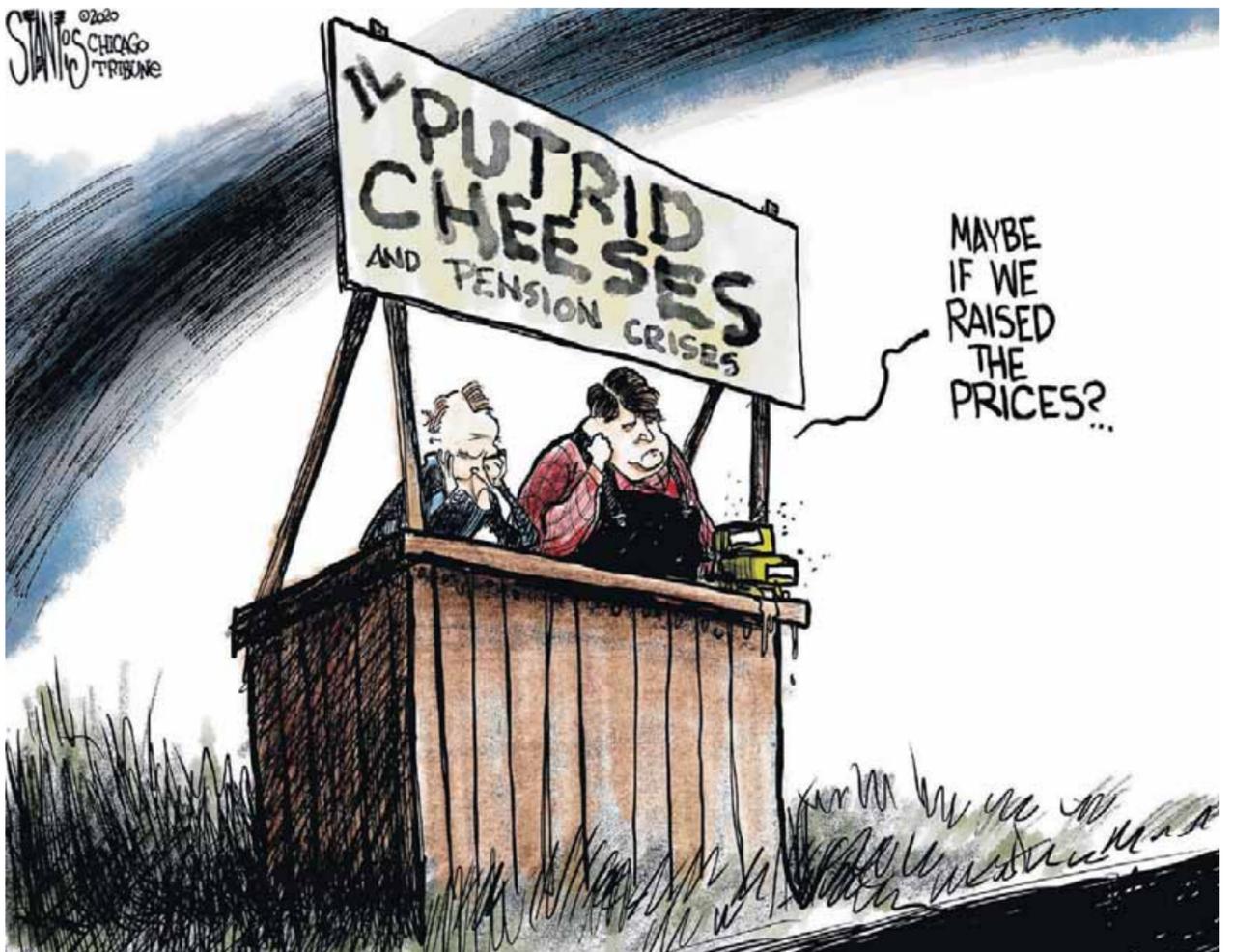
### The Oracle of Omaha foresaw fiascoes like Illinois'

Throughout these 100-plus years of Illinois pension fiascoes, economists and finance experts have alerted politicians — the stewards of taxpayer dollars — that their mismanagement of pensions invited disaster.

Today we focus on perhaps the most succinct of these pension prophets. Almost a half-century ago, investment manager Warren Buffett, aka the Oracle of Omaha, drafted a 19-page memo to Katharine Graham, head of The Washington Post Co., on whose board he served. Buffett distilled decades of lessons about pension follies into a classic document that for decades has been universally available — and respected for its prescience.

### Easier to promise than to pay

Buffett has given the Tribune Editorial Board permission to quote his document's warnings —



SCOTT STANTIS



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A half-century after his pension warnings, investment manager Warren Buffett has seen many of them come true.

many of which, like those of other finance specialists, foreshadowed the crises that Illinois state and local pols foisted on taxpayers:

*The first thing to recognize, with every pension benefit decision, is that you almost certainly are playing for keeps and won't be able to reverse your decision subsequently ... So rule number one regarding pension costs has to be to know what you are getting into before signing up. Look before you leap. There probably is more managerial ignorance on pension costs than any other cost item of remarkably similar magnitude. ... The lexicon is arcane, the numbers seem unreal, and making promises never quite triggers the visceral response evoked by writing a check.*

### A passage that screams, 'Wake up, Illinois!'

Buffett also explained the risks created by public officials who doomed the taxpayers they should have protected. They happily expanded pension ben-

efits for their public union allies while failing to invest enough money to meet all those fast-inflating obligations.

Decade after decade, voters who didn't understand all the risks trusted state and local politicians to look out for their interests:

*And, as will become so expensively clear to citizens in future decades, there has been even greater electorate ignorance of governmental pension costs. In no other managerial area can such huge aggregate liabilities — which will be reflected in progressively increasing annual costs and cash requirements — be created so quickly and with so little immediate financial pain.*

### The folly of trusting Springfield ...

You might think this century of failure would humble today's Illinois politicians. Wrong. The current crop of Democrats who run Springfield want voters in November to approve switching the state from a flat income tax to a progressive tax. Their scheme at

first would hit only the top 3% of income tax filers.

For how long? They don't say. Here's why.

Soaking this small group can't produce enough new revenue to pay for the Democrats' costly agenda and to meaningfully reduce their vast pension shortfall. Soon enough the pols will stick millions of middle-class taxpayers, too, with higher income tax rates.

In a smarter Illinois, the Dems would "Let the people vote," in Gov. J.B. Pritzker's memorable refrain, to permit reduction of public pension benefits earned in future years. But in the Illinois we have, a century of failure to rein in runaway pensions becomes an argument for higher tax rates. As if to tell taxpayers, *Gosh, who knew this could happen? We didn't think about runaway pension costs. Too bad — now give us more billions of tax dollars.*

As Buffett warned:

*... (M)ost managements I know — and virtually all elected officials in the case of governmental plans — simply never fully grasp the magnitude of the liabilities they are incurring by relatively painless current promises. In many cases in the public area the bill in large part will be handed to the next generation, to be paid by increased taxes or by accelerated use of the printing press.*

### 'Will they gouge my company? My employees?'

Half a century after his pension warnings, Buffett has seen many of them come true. Pension costs are the tail that wags governments. In Illinois and other sloppily managed high-tax states, politicians haven't suffered con-

sequences — yet — for chasing off taxpayers and deterring potential employers:

■ With rising pension burdens and rising taxes, Illinois has seen big drops in population for six straight years. New census estimates say that in the last year alone, Illinois contracted by another 51,250 people. The six-year total exceeds 223,000.

■ In an early 2019 interview with CNBC, Buffett explained why many employers steer clear of states where, as in Illinois, politicians have doomed taxpayers: "If I were relocating into some state that had a huge unfunded pension plan, I'm walking into liabilities. Who knows whether they're going to get it from the corporate income tax or my employees — you know, with personal income taxes. ... And when you see what they would have to do, I say to myself, 'Why do I want to build a plant there that has to sit there for 30 or 40 years?' 'Cause I'll be here for the life of the pension plan, and they will come after corporations, they'll come after individuals. They — just — they're gonna have to raise a lot of money.'"

### Vote down the graduated-tax amendment

The alternative to trusting Illinois politicians with more billions in taxes is that voters in November reject Pritzker's constitutional amendment to allow graduated income tax rates.

If you missed this point we offered in the hubbub before the holidays: Illinois politicians won't reinvent and reform government until voters force them to reinvent and reform. Make your 2020 resolution now: I've looked at Springfield's record — and I'm voting No.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Here is the lead to a Wall Street Journal story that ran on Christmas Eve:

*Americans in low-income neighborhoods and rural areas get slower broadband speeds even though they generally pay similar monthly prices as their counterparts in wealthy and urban areas. The country's biggest broadband provider charges more in markets without competition. Most people don't have a choice.*

The story, based on an examination of 3,300 bills for broadband service in 50 states, detailed how customers in

low-income neighborhoods wind up paying the same monthly rates as those in wealthier areas, but for service that is 40 percent slower (it's slower still for folks in rural areas). Plus, lower-income and rural customers are routinely hit with extra fees that others aren't. To make matters even worse, 2 of 3 Americans live in areas where there is only one provider of high-speed internet service — in other words, under a monopoly. ...

High-speed broadband is to the 21st century what electricity became in the 20th, a service so essential that lack-

ing it means not fully participating in modern life. ... Imagine trying to run a web-reliant business in a small town and having to go up against firms in larger cities that have a built-in advantage on internet speed and cost.

As you slowly find yourself unable to compete, you might get a little, you know, *resentful*. You might come to the conclusion that the rules are rigged against you by those urban people. And you might decide to vote for someone who promises to give those people hell.

**Paul Glastriis**, *Washington Monthly*

## PERSPECTIVE



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Presidential hopeful Pete Buttigieg, then-mayor of South Bend, Ind., snaps a selfie with students during a conversation Nov. 18 at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

# Black voters appear to be closing their 2020 enthusiasm gap



CLARENCE PAGE

Then-candidate Donald Trump told a mostly white rally crowd in Michigan in 2016 that “at the end of four years, I guarantee you that I will get over 95% of the African American vote.”

How’s that working out? Alas, he has a lot of ground to make up.

Yet, he hardly could have sounded more determined at the November “Black Voices for Trump” rally he convened in Atlanta. “We’re going to campaign for every last African American vote in 2020.”

Right. The man is nothing if not a salesman. His job-approval ratings among black Americans have bobbed up and down during his term, but not far from the 8% of black votes he received four years ago.

A notable exception occurred in early August when Rasmussen reported a surge to 27% in the president’s black voter approval, but it returned the following week to its usual mid-20% range in a poll that tends to report higher ratings for Trump than other pollsters do.

A shortfall in enthusiasm hurt Hillary Clinton, particularly among

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black voters, the most loyal constituency in Democratic ranks since the mid-1960s. Many people — including me — blamed a 7% drop in black voter turnout for Clinton’s loss.

But now the black apathy that bedeviled Clinton’s race appears to have faded. African American voters are more interested in voting in this year’s presidential election than they were in 2016, according to a national poll and focus groups conducted by Third Way, a self-described moderate center-left research organization, and the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a 50-year-old research center on black community issues.

The survey found that 45% said they were more motivated to vote in 2020 than in 2016, and 40% said they were just as motivated as last time. A resounding 76% were “almost certain” to show up at the polls, the survey’s highest level of intensity.

The rise in motivation showed itself most noticeably in expressions of opposition to President Trump. Of-

fered a half-dozen reasons to vote, the biggest group — 40% — chose the one that mentioned the president by name: “Donald Trump has been a disaster for our country, and we need to do everything we can to vote him out.”

The second highest choice: 21% said their top reason to vote was that “Voting is the best way to make my voice heard in our government.”

So far, Democrats appear to be determined to avoid taking any constituency for granted this time, particularly the 6 million who voted for Trump in 2016 after voting for Obama four years earlier, or the 4.4 million Obama voters who didn’t vote in 2016.

At present, Trump has good reason to make the economy a centerpiece of his reelection campaign, but the Third Way/Joint Center study sees storm clouds on the horizon: Only 22% of black Americans told researchers that their finances have improved, while 50% said they’ve stayed the same and 27% said they’re worse.

Sixty-two percent of black voters said Democrats understand their lives, while only 13% said the same of Trump and the Republicans. Eighty-six percent of black Americans said the cost of living is going up faster than their wages are.

And a majority of black voters said racial relations have gotten worse under Trump, 55% said they face more racism in their daily lives than they used to and 80% said Trump’s election has made people who hold racist views more likely to express them in public.

Also, among those who are employed, 1 in 5 black Americans surveyed said they are working more than one job to make ends meet.

It is on bread-and-butter issues like housing and health care, a strong issue for Dems in the midterms, that black voters expressed the most dissatisfaction.

So far, the president has done more to try to end Obamacare, formally the Affordable Care Act, than offer ideas for how to replace it.

That’s another reason why I don’t expect him to get anywhere near that 95% of black support that he promised, although I’d like to see him try.

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

## Fossil fuel use is killing us

Regarding the proposed expansion of the Dakota Access pipeline: We have been warned, repeatedly, the last few years that we are way off course to fix the chaos that is to come from burning fossil fuels. And the newest reports on climate science indicate that we have been underestimating even what that will mean.

Pipeline leaks are one risk. The successful use of oil as intended is another.

We are heading toward the wall going 90 mph. Instead of slowing or turning away, we are accelerating toward our own destruction. And the Dec. 29 Tribune story (“More oil, more risk?”) presented the oil company version of this situation as if it was a good thing. After all, we’ve been enjoying the ride so far.

The World Meteorological Institute states that climate impacts are hitting harder and sooner than indicated a decade ago, and we now face an increased risk of crossing critical



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A mainline valve of the Dakota Access pipeline is visible in December in the middle of a cornfield in Brown County in western Illinois.

tipping points. And still, our annual emissions of greenhouse gases are increasing.

And there was only a brief mention of the perilous situation we are in being decided by just a few appointed officials — officials whose only concern is to continue business as usual. “Business-as-Usual” is the title of an Inter-

governmental Panel on Climate Change report on models that describe how much change we can expect if we do nothing to change our emissions. It is also called “the worst-case scenario.”

— William Koehl, Geneva

## Grateful for a helpful stranger

Every year about this time, I am reminded of how an incident 61 years ago almost ended my one-week marriage to my wife,

and our lives.

We were married on Dec. 28, 1958, and after a one-week honeymoon at Starved Rock State Park, we were driving to our home in Chicago when we got a flat tire. It was late in the day, darkness approaching and temperatures below freezing. To make matters worse, the car’s heater was malfunctioning, so we only got heat when the car was moving.

I had all the tools to change the tire, but the bolts, probably frozen, couldn’t be bugged. I raised the hood to signal our distress and wondered how long it would take us to freeze to death. In those days there were no cellphones, so we had no way to summon help.

Fortunately, a farmer pulled his pickup truck behind our car on the shoulder and offered his help. In no time he had the flat tire off and the spare on. He would accept no money and drove off.

Today, my wife is 90, and I am close. We’re thankful we are still alive.

— Hal Schweig, Evanston

## Preventive health care saves money

David Howard’s letter (“Free health care services aren’t free,” Jan. 1) complains about free health care not really being free,

and he worries that more money will come out of his pocket. He is missing the point that many of the services he thinks people should just pay for themselves are preventive or proactive in nature. Opinions like his are shortsighted and, if followed, will more often than not lead to higher expenses in the long term, as afflictions get worse and more expensive to treat.

Howard concludes with the stale trope of “let people choose the coverage they are willing to pay for” to argue for keeping government out of health care. His is a typical “let the free market work” argument, but it’s false because medicine and the medical insurance industry are nowhere near a free market. For a market to be truly free, the suppliers and consumers should be on roughly equal footing. That is not the case now and never will be. The complexity of the science of medicine and its technology, along with the arcane, complex rules of the insurance industry, will never allow consumers to be able to make well-informed decisions. The suppliers always have the upper hand, and society suffers.

Economics and medicine need to be divorced as much as possible, and health care needs to be treated as a human right.

— Kurt Hedlund, Oak Park

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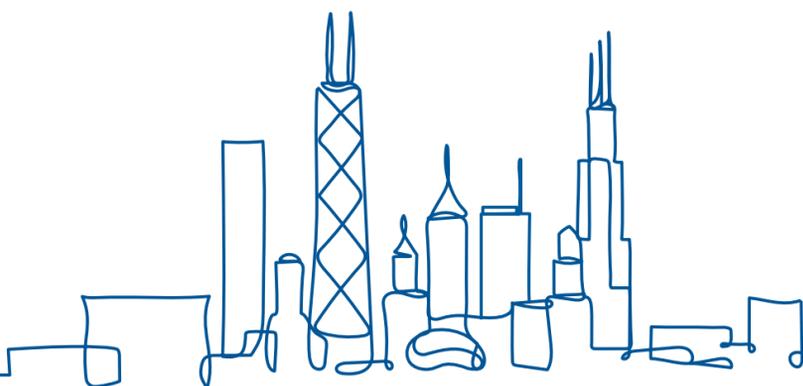
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## NATION & WORLD

# Soleimani was face of Iran's forces

Guard commander became an icon by targeting US

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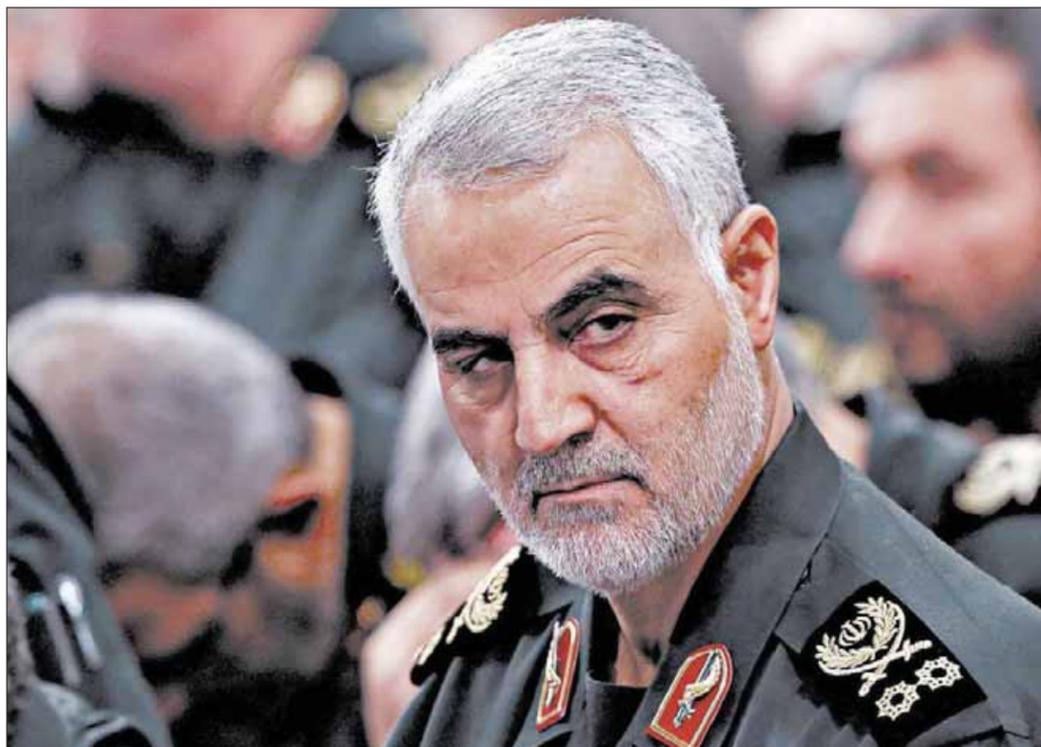
TEHRAN, Iran — For Iranians whose icons since the Islamic Revolution have been stern-faced clergy, Gen. Qassem Soleimani was a popular figure of national resilience in the face of four decades of U.S. pressure.

For the U.S. and Israel, he was a shadowy figure in command of Iran's proxy forces, responsible for fighters in Syria backing President Bashar Assad and for the deaths of American troops in Iraq.

Soleimani survived the horror of Iran's long war in the 1980s with Iraq to take control of the Revolutionary Guard's elite Quds force, responsible for the Islamic Republic's campaigns abroad.

Relatively unknown in Iran until the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq, Soleimani's popularity and mystique grew after American officials called for his killing. A decade and a half later, Soleimani had become Iran's most recognizable battlefield commander, ignoring calls to enter politics but growing as powerful, if not more, than its civilian leadership.

"The warfront is mankind's lost paradise," Soleimani said in a 2009 interview. "One type of paradise that is portrayed for mankind is streams, beautiful nymphs and greeneries. But there is another kind of paradise. The warfront was the lost paradise of the human beings, indeed."



AP 2016

Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani was killed early Friday by a U.S. airstrike near Baghdad's international airport.

A U.S. airstrike killed Soleimani, 62, and others as they traveled from Baghdad's international airport early Friday. The Pentagon said President Donald Trump ordered the U.S. military to take "decisive defensive action to protect U.S. personnel abroad by killing" a man once referred to by Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as a "living martyr of the revolution."

Soleimani's luck finally ran out after he was rumored dead several times over the years. There was a 2006 airplane crash that killed other military offi-

cials in northwestern Iran and a 2012 bombing in Damascus that killed top aides of Assad. More recently, rumors circulated in November 2015 that Soleimani had been killed or seriously wounded leading forces loyal to Assad as they fought around Syria's Aleppo.

As tensions between the U.S. and Iran increased after Trump pulled out of Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers, Iranian officials quickly vowed to retaliate.

While Soleimani was the guard's most prominent general, many others in its

ranks have experience in waging the asymmetrical, proxy attacks for which Iran has become known.

"Trump through his gamble has dragged the U.S. into the most dangerous situation in the region," Hessameddin Ashena, an adviser to Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, wrote on the social media app Telegram.

Soleimani's early years are a bit of a mystery. Iranians say Soleimani grew up near the mountainous and historic Iranian town of Rabor, famous for its forests, its apricot, walnut and peach harvests and its brave

soldiers. The U.S. State Department has said he was born in the Iranian religious capital of Qom.

Little is known about his childhood, though Iranian accounts suggest Soleimani's father was a peasant who received some land under the Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the monarch who was toppled in the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

By the time he was 13, Soleimani was working construction. After Iran's Islamic Revolution swept the shah from power, Soleimani joined the Revolutionary Guard. He deployed to Iran's northwest

with forces that put down Kurdish unrest.

Soon after, Iraq invaded Iran and began the two countries' long, bloody eight-year war. The fighting killed more than 1 million people.

Amid the carnage, Soleimani became known for his opposition to "meaningless deaths" on the battlefield. He wept with fervor when exhorting his men into combat, embracing each individually.

For several years after the Iraq-Iran war, Soleimani largely disappeared from public view, something analysts attribute to his wartime disagreements with Hashemi Rafsanjani, who served as Iran's president from 1989 to 1997. But after Rafsanjani, Soleimani became head of the Quds Force.

As chief of the Quds force, Soleimani oversaw the guard's foreign operations and soon would come to the attention of Americans following the 2003 invasion of Iraq and the overthrow of Saddam Hussein.

Soleimani's greatest notoriety arose from the Syrian civil war and the rapid expansion of the Islamic State group. Iran, a major backer of Assad, sent Soleimani into Syria several times to lead attacks against IS and others opposing Assad's rule.

While a U.S.-led coalition focused on airstrikes, several ground victories by Iraqi forces featured photographs of Soleimani leading them without a flak jacket.

"Soleimani has taught us that death is the beginning of life, not the end of life," one Iraqi militia commander said.

## 'Double tragedy' unfolds amid Australian wildfires

Father, son among 23 killed as threat, temperatures rise

BY SHONAL GANGULY AND STEVE MCMORRAN  
Associated Press

SYDNEY — A father and son who were battling flames for two days are the latest victims of the worst wildfire season in Australian history, and the path of destruction widened in at least three states Saturday due to strong winds and high temperatures.

The death toll in the wildfire crisis rose to 23 people, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said after calling up about 3,000 reservists to battle the escalating fires, which are expected to be particularly fierce throughout the weekend.

"We are facing another extremely difficult next 24 hours," Morrison said at a televised news conference. "In recent times, particularly over the course of the balance of (the) week, we have seen this disaster escalate to an entirely new level."

Dick Lang, a 78-year-old acclaimed bush pilot and outback safari operator, and

his 43-year-old son, Clayton, were identified by Australian authorities after their bodies were found Saturday on a highway on Kangaroo Island. Their family said their losses left them "heartbroken and reeling from this double tragedy."

Lang, known as "Desert Dick," led tours for travelers throughout Australia and other countries. "He loved the bush, he loved adventure and he loved Kangaroo Island," his family said.

Clayton Lang, one of Dick's four sons, was a renowned plastic surgeon who specialized in hand surgery.

The fire danger increased as temperatures rose Saturday to record levels across Australia, surpassing 109 Fahrenheit in Canberra, the capital, and reaching a record-high 120 degrees in Penrith, in Sydney's western suburbs.

Video and images shared on social media showed blood-red skies taking over Mallacoota, a coastal town in Victoria where as many as 4,000 residents and tourists were forced to shelter on beaches as the navy tried to evacuate as many people as possible.

By Saturday evening, 3,600 firefighters were bat-

ting blazes across New South Wales state. Power was lost in some areas as fires downed transmissions lines, and residents were warned that the worst may be yet to come.

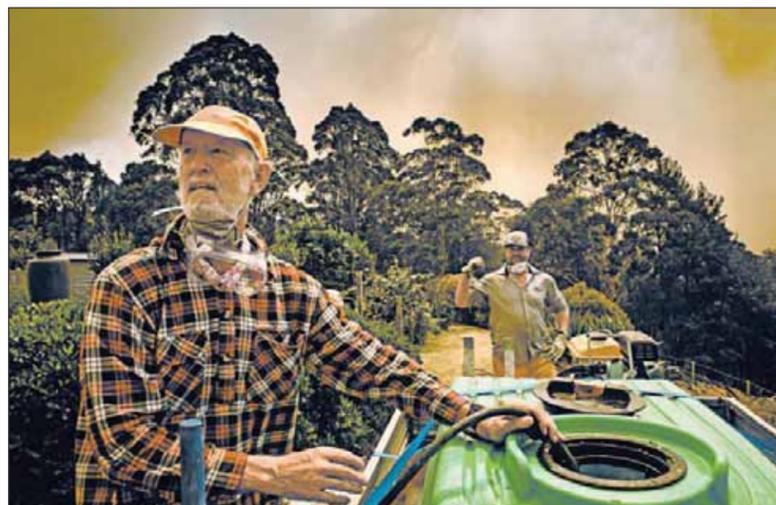
"We are now in a position where we are saying to people it's not safe to move, it's not safe to leave these areas," state Premier Gladys Berejiklian said. "We are in for a long night and I make no bones about that. We are still yet to hit the worst of it."

Morrison said the governor general had signed off on the calling up of reserves "to search and bring every possible capability to bear by deploying army brigades to fire-affected communities."

Defense Minister Linda Reynolds said it was the first time that reservists had been called up "in this way in living memory and, in fact, I believe for the first time in our nation's history."

The deadly wildfires, which have been raging since September, have already burned 12.35 million acres of land and destroyed more than 1,500 homes.

The early and devastating start to Australia's summer wildfires has also been catastrophic for the country's wildlife, likely killing



MATTHEW ABBOTT/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Homeowners make preparations Saturday as wildfires approach Tomerong, New South Wales, Australia. Officials in New South Wales expect more destruction over the weekend.

nearly 500 million birds, reptiles and mammals in New South Wales alone, Sydney University ecologist Chris Dickman told the Sydney Morning Herald.

Experts say climate change has exacerbated the unprecedented wildfires around the world. Morrison has been criticized for his repeated refusal to say climate change is impacting the fires, instead deeming them a natural disaster.

Some residents yelled at the prime minister last week during a visit to New South Wales, where people were upset with the lack of fire equipment their towns had. After fielding criticism

for taking a family vacation in Hawaii as the wildfire crisis unfolded in December, Morrison announced he was postponing visits to India and Japan that were scheduled for this month.

The government has committed \$14 million to lease four firefighting aircraft for the duration of the crisis, and the helicopter-equipped HMAS Adelaide was deployed to assist evacuations from fire-ravaged areas.

The deadly fire on Kangaroo Island broke containment lines Friday and was described as "virtually unstoppable" as it destroyed buildings and burned

through more than 35,000 acres of Flinders Chase National Park. While the warning level for the fire was reduced Saturday, the Country Fire Service said it was still a risk to lives and property.

New South Wales Rural Fire Service Deputy Commissioner Rob Rogers warned that the fires could move "frighteningly quick." Embers carried by the wind had the potential to spark new fires or enlarge existing blazes.

More than 130 fires were burning in New South Wales, with at least half of them out of control.



MORGAN LEE/AP

Bill Donahue, a retired teacher and director of laboratories at St. John's College, uses an armillary sphere in Santa Fe, N.M.

## Device in NM turns back clock on astronomy

BY MORGAN LEE  
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — A newly forged steel instrument that can pinpoint the path of stars and planets using the naked eye is a throwback to the years just before the advent of telescopes, returning stargazers in the hills of northern New Mexico to the essentials of astronomy in the past.

Installed at St. John's College by graduates, the device is a remake of long-lost originals devised by Danish

astronomer Tycho Brahe in the late 16th century to chart the location of stars and the orbits of planets.

The so-called armillary sphere consists of four interlocking rings — forged of precision steel and aligned with the north star and equator — combined with a sliding viewfinder moved by hand to measure angles between any celestial object, the horizon and the equator.

Lengthy, painstaking measurements from such an instrument in the late

1500s allowed Johannes Kepler to show that Mars revolved in an elliptical orbit around the sun, disproving the theory of the circular movement of heavenly bodies and setting off a search for new explanations of planetary motion and forces.

"You can often learn things about how science was done in another age by recreating the artifacts and recreating the instruments," said William Donahue, a retired faculty member and laboratories director at St.

John's College, whose campus overlooks Santa Fe. "This is a lot of fun because you get to do things that nobody has done for 300 years."

None of Brahe's original instruments have survived. Graduates of St. John's commissioned a functioning replica using Brahe's original drawings and illustrations. They hired British craftsman David Harber to assemble an instrument from surgical stainless steel. The venture cost upward of \$100,000, Donahue said.

## ANALYSIS

# Will Iowa swing away from Trump?

Dems point to 2018 midterms as sign of hope in 2020 race

BY THOMAS BEAUMONT  
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Few states have changed politically with the head-snapping speed of Iowa. Months from November, the question is whether it's going to change again.

In 2008, Iowans propelled Barack Obama toward the White House. A year later, the state's Supreme Court sanctioned same-sex marriage. In 2012, Iowa backed Obama again.

By 2016, Donald Trump easily defeated Hillary Clinton in Iowa. Republicans were in control of the governor's mansion and state legislature and held all but one U.S. House seat. For the first time since 1980, both U.S. Senate seats were in GOP hands.

Voters were slow to embrace Obama's signature health care law. The recession depleted college-educated voters as a share of the rural population, and Republicans successfully painted Democrats' as the party of coastal elites.

Trump carried Iowa by a larger percentage of the vote than in Texas, and carried counties no Republican since Dwight D. Eisenhower had won.

But now, as Democrats turn their focus to Iowa's kickoff caucuses to begin the process of selecting Trump's challenger, could the state be showing signs of swinging back?

If Iowa's rightward swing has stalled, it could be a foreboding sign for Trump in other upper Midwestern states he carried by much smaller margins and would need to win again.

"This is an actual correction," Tom Vilsack, the only two-term Democratic governor in the past 50 years, said of Republicans.

Iowans unseated two Republican U.S. House mem-



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP 2019

President Donald Trump's approval in Iowa has remained around 45% or lower, typically problematic for an incumbent.

bers in 2018 during midterm elections where more Iowa voters in the aggregate chose a Democrat for federal office for the first time in a decade.

"I think that leaves little question Iowa is up for grabs next year," veteran Iowa Democratic campaign consultant Jeff Link said.

There's more going on in Iowa that simply a merely cyclical swing.

Once-GOP-leaning suburbs and exurbs have swelled with college-educated adults in the past decade, giving rise to a new class of rising Democratic leaders.

"I don't believe it was temporary," Iowa State University economist David Swenson said of Democrats' 2018 gains in suburban Des Moines and Cedar Rapids. "I think it is the inexorable outcome of demographic and educational shifts."

After the 2006 national

The Democratic caucuses will provide a test of how broad the change may be. For now, that is not a widely held view, as Iowa has shown signs of losing its swing state status.

In the 1980s, it gave rise to a populist movement in rural areas from the left, the ascent of the religious right as a political force and the start of an enduring rural-urban balance embodied by Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley and Democratic Sen. Tom Harkin.

After 30 years of Republican dominance in Iowa's governor's mansion, Vilsack was elected in 1998 as a former small-city mayor and pragmatic state senator.

An era of partisan balance in Iowa took hold, punctuated by narrow Iowa wins by Democrat Al Gore in 2000 and George W. Bush in 2004.

After the 2006 national

wave swept Democrats into total Statehouse control, Obama's combination of generational change, his appeal to anti-Iraq War sentiment and the historic opportunity to elect the first African American president made Iowa an easy win.

"We were like a conquering army, prepared to negotiate terms of surrender," said Cedar Rapids Democrat Dale Todd, an early Obama supporter and adviser.

Today, in the state Capitol, there are reminders of how much the ground had shifted since those heady days.

Republicans today control all of state government for the first time in 20 years, in line with takeovers in nearby states that were completed earlier but traced their beginnings to the same turbulent summer of 2009.

On a Wednesday in August that year, throngs flocked to Grassley's typically quiet annual county visits to protest his work with Democrats on health care legislation.

The previous April, Iowa's Supreme Court unanimously declared same-sex marriage legal. A year later, Christian conservatives successfully campaigned to oust the three Supreme Court justices facing retention.

By 2016, Republicans had completed their long-sought statehouse takeover, in part by triumphantly beating longtime Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal.

The answer for Democrats in Iowa is much the same as the rest of the country: growing, vote-rich suburbs.

Dallas County, west of Des Moines, has grown by

121% since 2000. Last year, long-held Republican Iowa House districts in Des Moines' western suburbs fell to Democrats.

It was the culmination of two decades of shifting educational attainment with political implications.

Since 2000, the number of Iowans with at least a college degree in urban and suburban areas grew by twice the rate of rural areas, according to U.S. Census data and an Iowa State University study.

Since 2016 alone, registered Democrats in Dallas County have increased 15%, to Republicans' 2%. Republicans still outnumber Democrats, but independent voters have leaped by 20% and now outnumber Republicans.

"There is now a third front," Gronstal said.

Though Trump's return to the ballot in 2020 shakes up the calculus, his approval in Iowa has remained around 45% or lower, typically problematic for an incumbent.

Another warning for Trump, GOP operative John Stineman noted, is The Des Moines Register/CNN/Mediacom Iowa Poll's November finding that only 76% of self-identified Republicans said they would definitely vote to re-elect him next year.

With no challenger and 10 months until the election, a lot can change.

"Still, that's 1 in 4 of your family that's not locked down," Stineman said.

Democratic turnout in 2018 leaped from the previous midterm in 2014, according to the Iowa Secretary of State. Republican turnout also rose, but by a smaller margin.

"I think the success in the midterms kind of made people on the Democratic side believe that 'we can do it,'" said J. Ann Selzer, who has conducted The Des Moines Register's Iowa Poll for more than 25 years.

Perhaps, but Trump has his believers, too.

## Headless torso in Idaho cave ID'd as 1916 escapee Loveless

BY REBECCA BOONE  
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — The headless torso that was found in a remote Idaho cave 40 years ago has finally been identified as belonging to an outlaw who killed his wife with an ax and was last seen after escaping from jail in 1916.

Clark County Sheriff Bart May said late last month that the cold case will remain open because investigators don't yet know who killed Joseph Henry Loveless. Still, they were able to notify one of Loveless' surviving relatives, an 87-year-old grandson, of his fate.

For investigators, the mystery began when a family hunting for arrowheads in Buffalo Cave near Dubois, Idaho, on Aug. 26, 1979, found his remains wrapped in burlap and buried in a shallow grave. Few additional clues turned up until March 30, 1991, when a girl exploring the same cave system found a mummified hand. Investigators began excavating, finding an arm and two legs nearby, also wrapped in burlap.

Local authorities turned to Idaho State University for help, and over the subsequent years anthropology students and staffers from ISU worked on the case. Experts from the Smithsonian Institution and the FBI were recruited to assist. No other remains were ever found, however, and without the head, identifying the John Doe of Buffalo Cave seemed unlikely.

Scientists were able to determine the slain man's hair was reddish brown, that he was of European descent, that he may have been around 40 years old when he died, and that his body had been there for at least six months and possibly as long as 10 or more years. They weren't able to tell what killed the man, though they could deter-



LEE BINGHAM REDGRAVE

A composite sketch shows Joseph Henry Loveless, a bootlegger and outlaw.

mine that his body was dismembered by sharp tools, perhaps to make it easier for his killer or killers to hide the remains.

Earlier this year ISU and Clark County authorities asked the DNA Doe Project for help. The nonprofit uses DNA data to identify John and Jane Does in hopes of returning their remains to their families.

Experts from Othram, a technology company focused on forensic DNA sequencing, analyzed a sample taken from the remains.

Then Lee Bingham Redgrave, a forensic genealogist with DNA Doe Project, worked with her colleagues to build a "genealogical tree."

It was huge. The Buffalo Cave John Doe was descended from pioneers who came to Utah with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and his likely grandfather was a polygamist with four wives. That meant Doe's cousins and other relatives numbered in the hundreds, Bingham Redgrave said.

Investigators also weren't sure what time period the remains came from, further broadening the field of possibilities.

"He ended up having a lot of matches that were first cousins three times removed, which is very unusual in this type of

scenario," Bingham Redgrave said. "One by one we eliminated certain candidates and kept coming back to him."

They used news articles, gravestone information and other records to try to find proof of life for all of the DNA candidates, she said.

Loveless's second wife, Agnes Octavia Caldwell Loveless, had been murdered May 5, 1916, by a man named Walt Cairns, according to news articles and a wanted poster created by local law enforcement at the time.

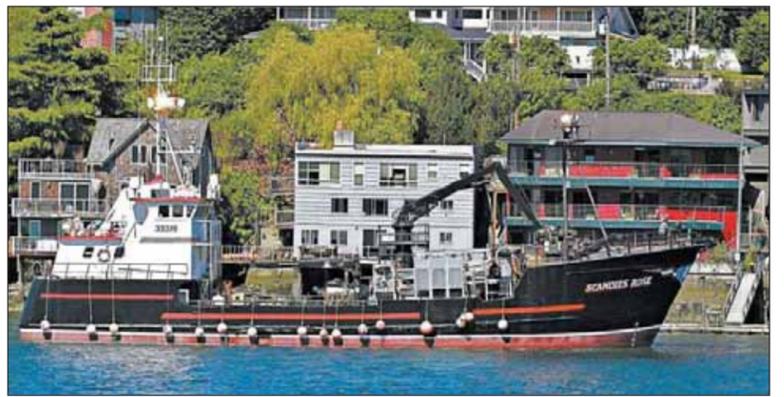
But according to another local news article on Agnes' funeral, one of her children said that it was his father in jail for the murder, not Walt Cairns. The child also remarked that his dad would be escaping soon because he never stayed in jail long.

The DNA Doe Project team eventually unraveled the truth: Joseph Henry Loveless was born Dec. 3, 1870, in the Utah Territory to Mormon pioneers. He married twice — his first wife, Harriett Jane Savage, divorced him for "abandonment," according to Salt Lake City court records — and became a bootlegger, counterfeiter and general outlaw in Idaho.

Loveless used a variety of aliases, including Walt Cairns. He was also notorious for escaping custody, Bingham Redgrave said, sawing through bars with a blade he kept in his shoe.

Investigators believe he died shortly after he escaped from the St. Anthony jail on May 18, 1916, where he was being held for Agnes' murder.

"It's blown everyone's minds," Bingham Redgrave said of the investigation. "The really cool thing, though, is that his wanted poster from his last escape is described as wearing the same clothing that he was found in, so that leads us to put his death date at likely 1916."



MIKE FANCHER/THE SEATTLE TIMES

This undated photo shows the 130-foot Scandies Rose crab fishing vessel in Seattle.

## Alaska boat sinking survivor: From 'sleeping to swimming'

BY BECKY BOHRER  
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Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — A survivor of an Alaska crab boat sinking that left five fellow fishermen missing said the crew went from "sleeping to swimming" in minutes as rough seas and ice threatened to sink their vessel on New Year's Eve.

"On the 31st, we just started listing really hard on the starboard side," Dean Gribble Jr. said in a YouTube video that he posted Thursday to answer questions about the disaster. "From sleeping to swimming was about 10 minutes. It happened really fast. Everybody was trying to get out. Everybody was doing everything they could, and it was just really a (expletive) situation."

Gribble, who's appeared on the Discovery Channel documentary series "Deadliest Catch," said the seven-member crew faced 20-foot seas, 40 mph winds and icy conditions.

"I've fished for 20 years, I know that you do not make it," he said. "Everybody can die in those situations, and I knew that's what we were going into. We were in the raft for about five hours."

Gribble and John Lawler were the only survivors and suffered hypothermia, the

Coast Guard said. They had told rescuers that they were the only ones to make it into a life raft and had been able to get into survival suits, the Anchorage Daily News reported. The suits offer some flotation and hypothermia protection.

"I just wish the other guys would have made it," Gribble said in the video, shaking his head and looking down. "I kind of feel bad now that I'm here and they're not. Send some love to their families."

Some of the fishermen made calls to loved ones in the lead-up to the sinking that also revealed the rough conditions, including ice that did not seem to rattle the captain.

Gary Cobban Jr. is among five fishermen who are feared dead after the 130-foot Scandies Rose sank late Tuesday in an area with warnings about strong winds and heavy freezing spray, officials said. The Coast Guard has not released details on a cause.

Cobban's ex-girlfriend, Jeri Lynn Smith, told the Anchorage Daily News that he called her two hours before the boat sank to wish her a happy new year.

"When I talked to him, he told me the boat was icing and it had a list to it, but he didn't sound

alarmed. He didn't sound scared," Smith said. "The boat ices every winter. It's just something they deal with. I didn't worry about it."

Also missing are the captain's son, David Lee Cobban, Arthur Ganacias, Brock Rainey and Seth Rousseau-Gano, the Coast Guard said. The agency used helicopters, planes and a boat to search for the men over 1,400 square miles before calling off the effort Wednesday evening.

Crabbing boats endure perilous conditions in Alaska waters that have been immortalized in "Deadliest Catch."

Commercial fishing is one of the country's most dangerous occupations, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. It said there were 179 deaths in Alaska fisheries between 2000 and 2014, the most recent numbers available.

David Otness, a retired crab fisherman in Cordova, Alaska, who spent more than 50 years in the industry, agreed it's dangerous work that's "known for its loss." He said it appeals to people with a sense of adventure.

"The love of it is stronger than the fear of it. It's something that gets into you. It's all-consuming," Otness said.

# Strike

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But Trump remained focused on Soleimani, a preference that surprised aides because the president had long been reluctant to deepen U.S. military engagement around the world.

By Thursday, officials believed they had intelligence indicating Soleimani was plotting against Americans, though it's unclear when that intelligence became known to U.S. officials.

Trump slipped out of a meeting with political advisers Thursday to give the final go-ahead. His decision to authorize the drone strike that eventually killed Soleimani has escalated tensions between the U.S. and Iran.

That was on display Saturday when Trump issued a stark warning to Iran, threatening to hit dozens of targets in the Islamic Republic "very fast and very hard" if it retaliated for the killing of Soleimani.

The tweets came as the White House sent to Congress a formal notification under the War Powers Act of the drone strike on Soleimani, a senior administration official said. U.S. law requires notification within 48 hours of the introduction of American forces into an armed conflict or a situation that could lead to war.



KHALID MOHAMMED/AP

Mourners flock to the coffin of Iran Gen. Qassem Soleimani, right, during a funeral procession Saturday in Karbala, Iraq.

The notification was classified and it was not known if a public version would be released.

Thursday wasn't the first time Trump's lush Mar-a-Lago resort had been the backdrop for a momentous national security decision.

In February 2017, Trump huddled with Japan's Shinzo Abe, in full view of club members eating dinner, to weigh a response to a North Korean missile test. Two months later, Trump

authorized a U.S. missile strike on Syria, then shared chocolate cake with China's President Xi Jinping, who was visiting Mar-a-Lago for meetings.

Trump spent much of this vacation angry about the attack on the contractor. He stayed largely out of sight in Florida, emerging only for rounds of golf at his other nearby club and mingling with guests at a New Year's Eve party.

Asked then by a reporter

if he foresaw a chance of war with Iran, Trump said he wanted "to have peace."

"And Iran should want peace more than anybody," he said. "So I don't see that happening."

He betrayed no indication of the decision he was weighing. More than a half-dozen administration officials, congressional staffers and advisers described Trump's decision-making.

Earlier that day, Trump was meeting with his politi-

cal advisers about his reelection campaign when he was summoned to give the final go-ahead. Officials believed they had a legal justification and would cite intelligence suggesting that Soleimani was traveling in the Middle East to put final touches on plans for attacks that would have hit U.S. diplomats, soldiers and American facilities in Iraq, Lebanon and Syria.

U.S. officials have not been more specific about

## Mourning in Iraq

BAGHDAD — Thousands of militiamen and other supporters chanting "America is the Great Satan" marched in a funeral procession Saturday in Baghdad for Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani after he was killed in a U.S. drone strike Friday.

Iran has vowed harsh retaliation, but it's unclear how or when it might respond. Any retaliation was likely to come after three days of mourning declared in both Iran and Iraq. All eyes were on Iraq, where America and Iran have fought for influence since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

On Saturday, a series of rockets fell inside or near the Green Zone, which houses government offices and foreign embassies.

No one was injured by a Katyusha rocket near the embassy, according to an Iraqi security official.

the intelligence.

Administration officials acknowledged that Soleimani's killing carried a risk of retaliation. The Pentagon is sending nearly 3,000 more Army troops to the Mideast and some troops are on standby to travel to Beirut if more security is needed at the embassy there.

As Trump addressed the nation Friday, he declared Soleimani's "reign of terror was over."



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Officers stand guard Friday in L'Hay-les-Roses, where police killed a knife-wielding man in an attack that left one dead.

## Officials: Fatal attack near Paris terror-related

BY SYLVIE CORBET  
Associated Press

PARIS — French prosecutors said a knife attack Friday that left one man dead and two women injured in a park in the Paris area is being treated as terror-related.

In a statement Saturday, they said investigations over the past few hours revealed that the assailant, who was shot dead by police, had been radicalized and had prepared the attack in Villejuif, in the southern suburbs

of Paris.

They said their investigations justify a probe into "murder and attempted murder in relation to a terrorist undertaking."

Earlier Saturday, Creteil prosecutor Laure Beccau described the assailant as a 22-year-old man with a psychiatric history.

She said he had converted to Islam between May and July 2019 and that he shouted "Allahu akbar" — "God is great" in Arabic — several times during the attack.

She added that investigators are also looking into the assailant's phone calls and computer equipment.

Philippe Bugeaud, deputy director of the judicial police, said a letter — details of which were not revealed — and several books about Islam were found in the assailant's bag, including some about Salafism, widely considered to be a strict interpretation of Sunni Islam.

The attacker's family was cooperating with police, Beccau added.

Bugeaud said that there was no evidence that he had any accomplices.

More than 230 people were killed in terrorist attacks in France in 2015 and 2016, most of them claimed by the Islamic State extremist group. Another 17 people have been killed in six other attacks by lone assailants since April 2017, also mostly claimed by Islamic State.

The two women injured in Friday's attack have left the hospital.

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Migrants plucked from the sea in September rest aboard the Ocean Viking, a humanitarian ship partly run by the medical charity known in English as Doctors without Borders.

# MAKING MISERY PAY

## Libya militias prey on migrants in lucrative web partly funded by EU and enabled by UN

BY MAGGIE MICHAEL, LORI HINNANT AND RENATA BRITO  
Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya — When the European Union started funneling millions of euros into Libya to slow the tide of migrants crossing the Mediterranean, the money came with EU promises to improve detention centers notorious for abuse and fight human trafficking.

That hasn't happened.

Instead, the misery of migrants in Libya has spawned a thriving and highly lucrative web of businesses funded in part by the EU and enabled by the United Nations, an Associated Press investigation has found.

The EU has sent more than 3279 million euros (\$366 million) to Libya, with an additional 41 million approved in early December, largely channeled through U.N. agencies. But in a country without a functioning government, huge sums of European money have been diverted to intertwined networks of militiamen, traffickers and coast guard members who exploit migrants. In some cases, U.N. officials knew militia networks were getting the money, according to internal emails.

The militias torture, extort and otherwise abuse migrants for ransoms in detention centers under the nose of the U.N., often in compounds that receive millions in European money, the AP investigation showed. Many migrants also simply disappear from detention centers, sold to traffickers or to other centers.

The same militias conspire with some members of Libyan coast guard units. The coast guard gets training and equipment from Europe to keep migrants away from its shores. But coast guard members return some migrants to the detention centers under deals with militias, the AP found, and receive bribes to let others pass en route to Europe.

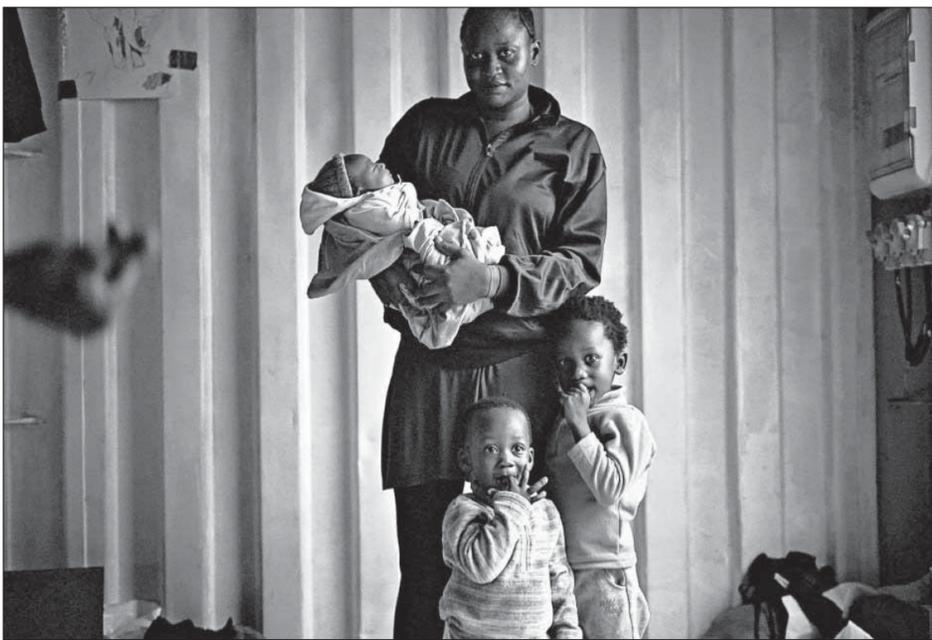
The militias involved in abuse and trafficking also skim off European funds given through the U.N. to feed and otherwise help migrants, who go hungry. For example, millions of euros in U.N. food contracts were under negotiation with a company controlled by a militia leader, even as other U.N. teams raised alarms about starvation in his detention center, according to emails obtained by the AP and interviews with at least a half-dozen Libyan officials.

In many cases, the money goes to neighboring Tunisia to be laundered, and then flows back to the militias in Libya.

**The story of Prudence Aimee** and her family shows how migrants are exploited at every stage of their journey through Libya.

Aimee left Cameroon in 2015, and when her family heard nothing from her for a year, they thought she was dead. But she was in detention and incommunicado. In nine months at the Abu Salim detention center, she told the AP, she saw "European Union milk" and diapers delivered by U.N. staff pilfered before they could reach migrant children, including her toddler son. Aimee herself would spend two days at a time without food or drink, she said.

In 2017, an Arab man came



Prudence Aimee, 30, of Cameroon, is among those exploited at every stage of their journey through Libya.

looking for her with a photo of her on his phone.

"They called my family and told them they had found me," she said. "That's when my family sent money." Aimee said her family paid a ransom equivalent of \$670 to get her out of the center. She could not say who got the money.

She was eventually sold to another detention center, where yet another ransom — \$750 this time — had to be raised from her family. Her captors finally released the young mother, who got on a boat that made it past the coast guard patrol, after her husband paid \$850 for the passage. A European humanitarian ship rescued Aimee, but her husband remains in Libya.

Aimee was one of more than 50 migrants interviewed by the AP at sea, in Europe, Tunisia and Rwanda, and in furtive messages from inside detention centers in Libya. Journalists also spoke with Libyan government officials, aid workers and businessmen in Tripoli, obtained internal U.N. emails and analyzed budget documents and contracts.

**The issue of migration** has convulsed Europe since the influx of more than a million people in 2015 and 2016, fleeing violence and poverty in the Mideast, Afghanistan and Africa. In 2015, the European Union set up a fund intended to curb migration from Africa, from which money is sent to Libya. The EU gives the money mainly through the U.N.'s International Organization for Migration and the High Commissioner for Refugees.

But Libya is plagued by corruption and caught in a civil war. The west, including the capital Tripoli, is ruled by a U.N.-brokered government, while the east is ruled by another government supported by army commander Khalifa Hifter. The chaos is ideal for profiteers making money off migrants.

The EU's own documents show it was aware of the dangers of effectively outsourcing its migration crisis to Libya. Budget documents from as early as 2017 for a 90 million euro outlay warned of a medium-to-high risk that Europe's support would lead to more human rights violations against

migrants, and that the Libyan government would deny access to detention centers. A recent EU assessment found the world was likely to get the "wrong perception" that European money could be seen as supporting abuse.

Despite the roles they play in the detention system in Libya, both the EU and the U.N. say they want the centers closed. In a statement to the AP, the EU said that under international law, it is not responsible for what goes on inside the centers.

"Libyan authorities have to provide the detained refugees and migrants with adequate and quality food while ensuring that conditions in detention centers uphold international agreed standards," the statement said.

The EU also says more than half of the money in its fund for Africa is used to help and protect migrants, and that it relies on the U.N. to spend the money wisely.

The U.N. said the situation in Libya is highly complex, and it has to work with whoever runs the detention centers to preserve access to vulnerable migrants.

"UNHCR does not choose its counterparts," said Charlie Yaxley, a spokesman for the U.N. refugee agency. "Some presumably also have allegiances with local militias."

After two weeks of being questioned by the AP, UNHCR said it would change its policy on awarding of food and aid contracts for migrants through intermediaries.

"Due in part to the escalating conflict in Tripoli and the possible risk to the integrity of UNHCR's programme, UNHCR decided to contract directly for these services from 1 January 2020," Yaxley said.

**About 5,000 migrants in Libya** are crowded into 16 to 23 detention centers at any given time. Most are concentrated in the west, where the militias are more powerful than the weak U.N.-backed government.

Aid intended for migrants helps support the al-Nasr Martyrs detention center, named for the militia that controls it, in the western coastal town of Zawiyah. The U.N. migration agency, the IOM, keeps a temporary office there for medical checks of mi-

grants, and its staff and that of the UNHCR visit the compound regularly.

Yet migrants at the center are tortured for ransoms to be freed and trafficked for more money, only to be intercepted at sea by the coast guard and brought back to the center, according to more than a dozen migrants, Libyan aid workers, Libyan officials and European human rights groups. A UNHCR report in late 2018 noted the allegations as well, and the head of the militia, Mohammed Kachlaf, is under U.N. sanctions for human trafficking. Kachlaf, other militia leaders named by the AP and the Libyan coast guard all did not respond to requests for comment.

**Eric Boakye, a Ghanaian,** was locked in the al-Nasr Martyrs center twice, both times after he was intercepted at sea, most recently around three years ago. The first time, his jailers simply took the money on him and set him free. He tried again to cross and was again picked up by the coast guard and returned to his jailers.

"They cut me with a knife on my back and beat me with sticks," he said, lifting his shirt to show the scars lining his back. "Each and every day they beat us to call our family and send money." The new price for freedom: Around \$2,000.

That was more than his family could scrape together. Boakye finally managed to escape. He worked small jobs for some time to save money, then tried to cross again. On his fourth try, he was picked up by the Ocean Viking humanitarian ship to be taken to Italy. In all, Boakye had paid \$4,300 to get out of Libya.

Fathi al-Far, head of the al-Nasr International Relief and Development agency, which operates at the center and has ties to the militia, denied that migrants are mistreated. He blamed "misinformation" on migrants who blew things out of proportion in an attempt to get asylum.

"I am not saying it's paradise — we have people who have never worked before with the migrants, they are not trained," he said. But he called the al-Nasr Martyrs detention center "the most beautiful in the country."

At least five former detainees showed an AP journalist scars from their injuries at the center, which they said were inflicted by guards or ransom seekers making demands to their families. One man had bullet wounds to both feet, and another had cuts on his back from a sharp blade. All said they had to pay to get out.

Five to seven people are freed every day after they pay anywhere from \$1,800 to \$8,500 each, the former migrants said. At al-Nasr, they said, the militia gets around \$14,000 every day from ransoms; at Tarik al-Sikka, a detention center in Tripoli, it was closer to \$17,000 a day, they said.

Even when migrants pay to be released from the detention centers, they are rarely free. Instead, the militias sell them to traffickers, who promise to take them across the Mediterranean to Europe for a further fee. These traffickers work with some coast guard members, the AP found.

The Libyan coast guard is supported by both the U.N. and the EU. The IOM highlights its cooperation with the coast guard on its Libya home page. Europe has spent more than 90 million euros since 2017 for training and faster boats for the Libyan coast guard to stop migrants from ending up in Europe.

This fall, Italy renewed a memorandum of understanding with Libya to support the coast guard with training and vessels, and it delivered 10 new speedboats to Libya in November.

**Internal documents obtained** in September by the European watchdog group Statewatch, the European Council described the coast guard as "operating effectively, thus confirming the process achieved over the past three years." The Libyan coast guard says it intercepted nearly 9,000 people in 2019 en route to Europe and returned them to Libya this year, after quietly extending its coastal rescue zone 100 miles offshore with European encouragement.

Beyond the direct abuse of migrants, the militia network also profits by siphoning off money from EU funds sent for their food and security — even those earmarked for a U.N.-run migrant center, according to more than a dozen officials and aid workers in Libya and Tunisia, as well as internal U.N. emails and meeting minutes seen by the AP.

An audit in May of the UNHCR, the U.N. refugee agency responsible for the center, found a lack of oversight and accountability at nearly all levels of spending in the Libya mission. The audit identified inexplicable payments in American dollars to Libyan firms and deliveries of goods that were never verified.

Husni Bey, a prominent businessman in Libya, said the idea of Europe sending aid money to Libya, a once-wealthy country suffering from corruption, was ill-conceived from the beginning.

"Europe wants to buy those who can stop smuggling with all of these programs," Bey said. "They would be much better off black-listing the names of those involved in human trafficking, fuel and drug smuggling and charging them with crimes, instead of giving them money."

# Race to save retreating Everglades

Climate data raise doubts about pace of restoration effort

BY ALLEN G. BREED  
Associated Press

FLAMINGO, Florida — Grabbing a clump of vegetation to steady herself, Tiffany Troxler gingerly slides her feet along the makeshift boardwalk as she ventures out into the marsh. The boards sag, dipping her up to her knees in the tea-colored water.

"This is the treacherous part," the Florida International University researcher says. "The water levels are up."

To a layman, this patch of brown-green saw grass and button mangrove deep inside Everglades National Park looks healthy enough, but Troxler knows trouble lurks just beneath the murky surface. She points to a clump of grass: Beneath the water line, the soil has retreated about a foot, leaving the pale root mass exposed. It is evidence that the thick mat of peat supporting this ecosystem is collapsing — and research suggests encroaching seawater is to blame.

"You can think about these soils as your bank account," says Troxler, associate director of FIU's Sea Level Solutions Center. "In the condition that this marsh is right now, the outlook is not good."

Formed roughly 5,000 years ago, during a time of sea level rise, the Everglades once comprised an area twice the size of New Jersey. But over the course of the last century, about half of the Everglades' original footprint has been lost — plowed under or paved over, never to be recovered, so long as South Florida's 8 million human inhabitants claim it for their homes, livelihoods and recreation.

The glades have been sapped by canals and dams that remapped the landscape and altered animal habitats, polluted by up-



Researcher Tiffany Troxler walks on a boardwalk at a research site at Everglades National Park near Flamingo, Fla.

stream agricultural areas, transformed by invasive species. And now, rising sea levels — this time, caused by man — threaten to undo what it took nature millennia to build.

What the Army Corps of Engineers calls a "highly managed system," others have sardonically labeled a "Disney Everglades."

Nearly two decades and \$4 billion into the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, an ambitious federal-state program adopted in 2000, new data about the pace of climate change have called into question how much of the Everglades can ever be restored.

"I tend to think that everything can be saved," says Fred Sklar of the South Florida Water Management District, which monitors and runs much of the Everglades' infrastructure. "Restored is another question."

**Today, we understand** that natural systems like the Everglades provide enormous benefits — water filtration, nurseries for fish and other wildlife, protec-

tion from storm surges, even carbon sequestration. But to 19th-century Floridians, all that water — and the mosquitoes and reptiles it harbored — represented an impediment to progress.

And so when Florida became a state in 1845, one of the Legislature's first acts was to pass a resolution asking Congress to survey the "wholly valueless" Everglades "with a view to their reclamation."

Beginning in earnest during the 1880s, a host of entities set about draining the swamp. They dug canals carrying nutrient-laden water that altered the salinity of coastal estuaries and caused toxic algae blooms. They seeded the wetlands from the air with a thirsty, paper-barked Australian tree called melaleuca. The vast custard apple forest that girded the lake's southern shore was torched. And peat soils that had accumulated over thousands of years dried up and blew away, causing the ground to shrink 6 feet in some places.

And still, the tinkering continued.

It was an event in 1928

that, as much as any, altered the Everglades' course. That year, a hurricane overwhelmed a dike at Lake Okeechobee — the Everglades' 730-square-mile "liquid heart" — causing a deluge that killed 3,000 people. The resulting 143-mile, 30-foot-high Herbert Hoover Dike now nearly completely surrounds the lake, permanently severing its connection to the park.

Scientists estimate that more than 650 billion gallons of fresh water a year once flowed south into what is now the national park. Today, that flow is about 280 billion gallons.

Now, some of the same canals and levees and pumps that helped drain the Everglades are being used to try to save them. Alongside the Everglades Agricultural Area, the 700,000-acre checkerboard of sugar cane and winter vegetable fields south of Lake Okeechobee, huge tracts are being converted to store and clean water for use when and where it is needed.

Perhaps the biggest step toward that end is the re-

engineering of Tamiami Trail, the east-west highway that essentially has acted as a dike through the heart of the Everglades since the 1920s. Since 2013, workers have elevated 3.3 miles of the roadway, allowing water to flow freely into Shark River Slough, historically the deepest and wettest part of the Everglades.

"We're starting to see the vegetation respond, and we're getting more of those marsh grasses, more of those open water sloughs," says Stephen Davis, a senior ecologist with the Everglades Foundation. "I'm very confident that we can restore this ecosystem. And by restoration, I mean enhancing the functionality of what remains."

**In 2015, the Army Corps** of Engineers submitted its most recent report to Congress, estimating the total cost of restoration at \$16 billion — about twice the original projection. Three years later, a panel of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine urged a sweeping reassessment of the projects

in the pipeline, warning that the current work is lagging behind the pace of climate change and could take 65 years to complete at the current funding levels.

When the restoration plan was adopted in 2000, its authors were anticipating seas to rise only 6 inches by 2050. They've since already risen 5 inches.

Last year, an interagency group that includes the Corps of Engineers and the National Park Service issued its latest Everglades status report, writing that "the region's ecosystems are degraded and the anticipated ecological benefits of restoration are still to be realized."

Still, there are at least some hopeful signs.

Scientists poking through the bellies of wood storks, an "indicator species" for Everglades restoration, have found evidence that they are feasting on the nonnative African jewelfish. And the endangered Everglades snail kite is showing a fondness for an exotic species of the mollusk, another latecomer to the region.

Perhaps the most encouraging development of all is the ongoing \$578 million project to restore 40 square miles of the Kissimmee River Basin. Since the demolition of some of the dams, a portion of the river has found its old channel. The wetlands are returning, and so is the wildlife.

Whatever the final price tag, William Nuttle, a consultant with the University of Maryland's Center for Environmental Science who began his career in the marshlands of South Florida, notes that humans created this "hybrid ecosystem."

Thus, he says, it's up to humans to maintain it — for nature's sake, and for our own.

"We started in South Florida by declaring war on the ecosystem," Nuttle says. "It's not restoration that we're paying for; it's restitution."

## NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

### Hong Kong steps up response to mystery disease from China

HONG KONG — Hong Kong authorities activated a newly created "serious response" level Saturday as fears spread about a mysterious infectious disease that may have been brought back by visitors to a mainland Chinese city.

Five possible cases have been reported of a viral pneumonia that has also infected at least 44 people in Wuhan, an inland city west of Shanghai.

The outbreak, which emerged last month, has

revived memories of the 2002-2003 SARS epidemic that started in southern China and killed more than 700 people in the mainland, Hong Kong and elsewhere.

The response level indicates a moderate impact on Hong Kong's population of 7.5 million people. It is the second highest in a three-tier system that is part of a new government plan launched Saturday to respond to infectious diseases of unknown cause.

### Libyan authorities say 16 dead in airstrike at military academy

CAIRO — An airstrike slammed into a military academy in Libya's capital, Tripoli, on Saturday, killing at least 16 people, most of them students, health authorities said.

Malek Mersat, a spokesman with the Tripoli-based health ministry, said the airstrike took place in the capital's Hadaba area, just south of the city center where fighting has been raging for months.

He said the airstrike wounded 37 others.

Tripoli has been the scene of fighting since April between the Libyan National Army led by Gen. Khalifa Hifter and militias loosely allied with the weak but U.N.-supported government that holds the capital.

The government blamed the airstrike on the Libyan National Army. There was no comment from the LNA.

### Skeleton found near Calif. peak ID'd as internment camp artist

LOS ANGELES — A skeleton found by hikers this fall near California's second-highest peak was identified Friday as a Japanese American artist who had left the Manzanar internment camp to paint in the waning days of World War II.

The Inyo County sheriff used DNA to identify the remains of Gichi Matsuura, who died during a summer snowstorm

while on a hiking trip with other members of the camp. He had apparently stopped to paint a watercolor while the other men continued toward a lake to fish near Mount Williamson. His body wasn't found for a month.

While his burial in the mountains was known among members of the camp and his family, the story faded over time and the location of the grave site was lost to time.



A woman makes her way through floodwaters Saturday in Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia. Monsoon rains and rising rivers caused deadly landslides in the Jakarta region.

## Officials: 60 dead in landslides, flash floods in Jakarta region

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Landslides and floods triggered by torrential downpours have left at least 60 people dead in and around Indonesia's capital, as rescuers struggled to search for people apparently buried under tons of mud, officials said Saturday.

Monsoon rains and rising rivers submerged a dozen districts in the greater Jakarta area and caused landslides that buried at least a dozen people.

National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesman Agus Wibowo said most of the fatalities included those who had drowned or been electrocuted since rivers broke their banks early Wednesday after extreme

torrential rains hit on New Year's Eve. Three elderly people died of hypothermia.

It's the worst flooding in the area since 2007, when 80 people were killed over 10 days.

Rescuers recovered more bodies as flash floods and mudslides destroyed several villages in Lebak, a district in neighboring Banten province, Wibowo said. Rescuers were still searching for two villagers reportedly missing in the landslide, he said.

The number of fatalities was expected to increase, with rescuers and villagers also searching for at least three people believed to be buried in another landslide

in Cigudeg village in Bogor district, said Ridwan, the village's secretary, who goes by a single name.

Ridwan said bad weather, blackouts and mudslides were hampering rescue efforts. He said rescuers Saturday managed to reach eight hamlets that had been isolated for days by cut-off roads and mudslides and rescued more than 1,700 villagers in weak condition.

Four days after the region of 30 million people was struck by flash floods, waters have receded in many middle-class districts, but conditions remain grim in narrow riverside alleys where the city's poor live.

### Rights group urges probe in Spain migrant case

MADRID — Spanish human rights groups called Saturday for an investigation into potential human rights violations by authorities after the alleged expulsion of 42 migrants to Morocco without due process.

The human rights group Walking Borders de-

nounced the alleged expulsion of sub-Saharan migrants who had reached one of Spain's Chafarinas islands by boat Friday. The Chafarinas islands are about 2 miles from the coast of Morocco.

The group said Spain's Civil Guard returned the migrants to Moroccan au-

thorities hours later in an alleged violation of the protections afforded by the European Court of Human Rights, which state that undocumented migrants disembarking on European soil should be provided with information, care and have their asylum claims processed.

### Death toll at 7 after building collapses in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — Search and rescue teams in Cambodia found two more bodies Saturday in the rubble of a collapsed building in the coastal province of Kep, raising the death toll in the disaster to seven, officials said.

By Saturday morning, 18 people had been rescued, and crowds watched in the afternoon as two more survivors were pulled out and rushed to ambulances more than 20 hours after the accident.

Kep provincial authorities said that in addition to the seven people who died, 20 were injured.

The website of the National Police reported that the couple who owned the property and hired the construction workers were detained by provincial police for questioning Saturday. Police said the building apparently collapsed Friday when concrete was being poured on its top level.

**Elevator drownings:** Israeli rescue officials said Saturday that two people drowned as heavy rains flooded an elevator in central Tel Aviv.

Israeli rescue crews had to use scuba gear to reach the elevator and pull out the pair, but they died shortly after arriving at a hospital. Emergency agency Magen David Adom identified the dead only as a man and a woman in their 30s.

The downpour caused flooding in areas across the coastal city of Tel Aviv, forcing road closures and stoking fears of additional storms. Rain and thunderstorms were expected to continue Sunday.

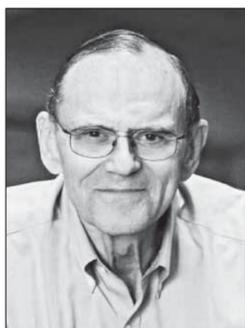
In the Palestinian enclave of Gaza, heavy rains flooded several streets. There were no reports of casualties.

**OBITUARIES**

**DENNIS L. GIBSON** 1937-2019

**Counselor who worked with married couples, cancer patients**

By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**



JIM WHITMER

Dennis L. Gibson was a clinical psychologist in DuPage County and an author.

doctoral fellowship for one year in Norfolk, Nebraska, then taught for two years at the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. After that, he and his wife moved to Wheaton in order to be close to their aging parents. Gibson taught for one semester at Wheaton College before going into private practice and forming a counseling group called Wheaton Counseling Associates.

Gibson's counseling clients included church pastors and married couples. He and his wife also provided marriage seminars across North America.

"He and I did marriage seminars all over, in five states and in Canada, Ecuador and Costa Rica," Ruth Gibson said.

Gibson, who had suffered from lymphoma and prostate cancer, considered himself well-qualified to offer counseling to those battling cancer. Ideal clients were "busy, retired executives who have an engineered kind of thinking, who are not going to just give up and who want me to get them up to speed as quickly as possible" about how to beat their cancer, he told the Tribune in 2006.

Gibson, who never retired, was motivated by a desire to "see people recon-

ciled with each other and to see people get along well," his wife said.

Gibson authored or co-authored four books, including "Live, Grow & Be Free: A Guide to Self-Parenting" in 1982, "The Strong-Willed Adult" in 1987 and "Vitality Therapy: Techniques for Short-Term Counseling" in 1989. "The Strong-Willed Adult" was a takeoff on the title of James Dobson's noted 1978 how-to book on discipline and child-rearing, "The Strong-Willed Child."

Gibson's most personal book, however, was "The Sandwich Years," which he co-authored in 1990 with his wife. Born from their experiences with their own parents and their adult children, the book offered strategies on effective intergenerational reconciliation.

"That was a personal experience book," Ruth Gibson said.

Dennis Gibson saw the book as applicable to legions of Baby Boomers when it was published.

"The Baby Boomers now make up the bologna in the middle of the sandwich," he told the Wheaton Daily Journal in October 1991. "Additionally, with women working outside of the home, people in the sandwich generation find themselves with less time and more responsibilities than ever before.

A son, Scott, died of heart failure Nov. 12. In addition to his wife, Gibson is survived by two other sons, Steve and Dave; two brothers, Norman and Brian; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

A visitation for both Gibson and his son will take place at 10 a.m. Jan. 25 at Wheaton Bible Church, 27W500 North Ave., West Chicago. A funeral service will follow at 11 a.m.

*Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.*

Dennis L. Gibson, a clinical psychologist in DuPage County, wrote books including "The Sandwich Years," which provided advice to middle-aged people caring for aging parents while also providing support to their adult children.

"He was always excited about finding new ways of counseling. He was always interested in techniques and things that would work — things that made a difference in people's lives," said A. Scott Moreau, Wheaton College graduate school dean and professor of intercultural studies.

Gibson, 82, died of complications of mantle cell lymphoma Dec. 24 at Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, said his wife of 59 years, Ruth. He had been a longtime Carol Stream resident.

Born Dennis Lee Gibson in Chicago, he graduated from Proviso High School in Maywood in 1955 and received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Northwestern University in 1960. Gibson also ran track at Northwestern, and he was president of the Triangle fraternity and served on the Technological Institute leadership council.

Gibson worked as chemical engineer for Dow Chemical in Michigan and with his wife formed a Young Life group, ministering to high school students. That experience led Gibson to change careers. He decided that he "would rather work with people than chemicals," his wife said, and he left Dow and moved his family to Minneapolis, where he got a doctoral degree in psychology from the University of Minnesota and where he and his wife started another Young Life group.

Gibson undertook a post-

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**ON JANUARY 5 ...**

**In 1589** Catherine de Medici of France died in Blois, France; she was 69.

**In 1781** a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Va.

**In 1855** King Camp Gillette, an inventor who became the first manufacturer of the safety razor and blade, was born in Fond du Lac, Wis.

**In 1896** the Austrian newspaper Wiener Presse reported the discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen of a type of radiation that came to be known as X-rays.

**In 1925** Nellie Ross succeeded her late husband as governor of Wyoming, becoming the first female governor in U.S. history.

**In 1928** Walter Mondale, the former U.S. senator, vice president and 1984 Democratic presidential candidate, was born in Ceylon, Minn.

**In 1933** the 30th U.S. president, Calvin Coolidge, died in Northampton, Mass.; he was 60.

**In 1943** educator and scientist George Washington Carver died in Tuskegee, Ala.; he was 81.

**In 1949**, in his State of the Union address, President Harry Truman labeled his administration the "Fair Deal."

**In 1972** President Richard Nixon ordered development of the space shuttle.

**In 1975** "The Wiz," a musical version of L. Frank Baum's "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" featuring an all-black cast, opened on Broadway.

**In 1986** the Bears play host to their first playoff game since 1963, defeating the New York Giants, 21-0.

**In 1994** Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, died in Boston; he was 81.

**In 1998**, Sonny Bono, the 1960's pop star-turned-politician, was killed when he struck a tree while skiing in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; he was 62.

**In 2000**, touching off angry protests by Cuban-Americans in Miami, the U.S. government decided to send 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez back to Cuba. (After a legal battle, and the seizure of Elian from the home of his U.S. relatives, the boy was returned to Cuba in June.)

**In 2004** foreigners arriving at U.S. airports were photographed and had their fingerprints scanned in the start of a government effort to keep terrorists out of the country. **Also in 2004**, after 14 years of denials, Pete Rose publicly admitted that he had bet on baseball while managing the Cincinnati Reds.

**In 2012** Rasul "Rocky" Clark, paralyzed while playing football for Eisenhower High School in Blue Island, Ill., in 2000 and who later fought an unsuccessful battle to keep his health insurance, died; he was 27.

**In 2016**, in an emotional televised appeal to American voters, President Barack Obama defended his executive actions to tighten criminal background checks for potential gun buyers.

**In 2017** hate crime charges were filed against four people shown in a Facebook Live video attacking a bound, mentally disabled man from Crystal Lake, cutting his scalp with a knife and punching him while yelling obscenities about Donald Trump and "white people."

**In 2018** the publishing firm Henry Holt and Co. released Michael Wolff's sensational book "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House."

**WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS**

**ILLINOIS**  
Jan. 4  
Powerball ..... **1 11 21 25 54 / 7**  
Powerball jackpot: \$237M  
Lotto ..... **3 6 21 23 30 34 / 22**  
Lotto jackpot: \$2.25M  
Pick 3 midday ..... **723 / 6**  
Pick 4 midday ..... **3800 / 0**  
Lucky Day Lotto midday ..... **05 17 30 43 44**  
Pick 3 evening ..... **008 / 5**  
Pick 4 evening ..... **4657 / 6**  
Lucky Day Lotto evening ..... **2 8 22 24 42**  
Jan. 3  
Mega Millions ..... **31 41 42 53 63 / 16**  
Mega Millions jackpot: \$60M  
Pick 3 midday ..... **528 / 0**  
Pick 4 midday ..... **0273 / 9**  
Lucky Day Lotto midday ..... **03 20 23 24 34**  
Pick 3 evening ..... **147 / 3**  
Pick 4 evening ..... **4926 / 6**  
Lucky Day Lotto evening ..... **12 33 34 35 42**  
Jan. 7 Mega Millions: \$69M

**INDIANA**  
Jan. 4  
Lotto ..... **02 11 20 31 34 42**  
Daily 3 midday ..... **642 / 3**  
Daily 4 midday ..... **1180 / 3**  
Daily 3 evening ..... **187 / 5**  
Daily 4 evening ..... **3961 / 5**  
Cash 5 ..... **01 11 12 16 22**  
**MICHIGAN**  
Jan. 4  
Lotto ..... **03 11 12 26 37 39**  
Daily 3 midday ..... **605**  
Daily 4 midday ..... **3476**  
Daily 3 evening ..... **257**  
Daily 4 evening ..... **5422**  
Fantasy 5 ..... **01 03 08 25 28**  
Keno ..... **02 03 09 10 11 16**  
**17 24 30 31 42 50 58**  
**59 61 63 64 70 73 76 78 80**  
**WISCONSIN**  
Jan. 4  
Megabucks ..... **6 9 14 20 24 49**  
Pick 3 ..... **690**  
Pick 4 ..... **2441**  
Badger 5 ..... **5 6 13 27 30**  
SuperCash ..... **5 11 22 31 37 38**

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## In Memoriam



**Carmen Fashoda Sr.**  
Born January 5, 1920

Dad, today we celebrate your 100th birthday. Although you and mom have been gone from us for a while, we talk about you all the time. We were brought up strictly to respect family, friends and others, and especially our mom. You've left a legacy of kids, grandkids, great-grandkids and soon another generation to continue our family spirit. You and mom are loved and missed.

From your kids-Marie, Tom, Barb, Dom, Carm Jr, Dave and Judy who is with you.

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## Death Notices

### Abrell, Gary A.

Gary A. Abrell, age 80, Retired Navy Captain; beloved husband of Lorel Abrell; loving father of Lorlene and the late Cass (Pamela) Abrell; cherished grandfather of Angelene, Sonny, Ariel and Charles; great-grandfather of Lola Joy and Logan Jay; brother-in-law to Jordan (Vicki) Hessler and Arlene Bailey; also many nieces and nephews; devoted caretaker Isamar. Funeral Tuesday 9:15 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home** to Divine Savior Church. Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Visitation Monday 3-8 P.M. For info: (630) 852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com)



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### Allen, Adrienne

Adrienne Allen, age 98, of River Forest, formerly of Oak Park; devoted daughter of the late John J. and Jennie Allen. Adrienne was a graduate of Rosary College in River Forest, a longtime member of the 19th Century Club in Oak Park and a devoted longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of River Forest. She worked for over forty years at Paine Webber (now UBS) in Chicago before her retirement in the early 80's. She is survived by many dear friends. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of River Forest, 7551 Quick Ave., River Forest on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the First Presbyterian Church of River Forest are appreciated. Funeral info: 708-383-3191 or [drechslerbrownwilliams.com](http://drechslerbrownwilliams.com)

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### Angelos, Evans

Evans Angelos, U.S. Army Veteran, passed away on January 1, 2020. Beloved husband of Mary Jean. Loving father of William (Kimberly) Angelos, Elena Angelos, Nicole Kubesh and Christopher (Rachel) Angelos. Proud grandfather (Papou) of Benjamin, Madeline, Evan, Mary and Sydney. Son of the late William and Mary Angelos. Dear brother of Betty Angelos and the late Elliott Angelos. Evans was a graduate of St. John's Military Academy and the Illinois Institute of Technology. He was a member of MISCA and the Order of Ahepa-Oak Lawn/Englewood. He will be missed by many friends and family. Visitation Tuesday January 7 from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at **Chapel Hill Gardens West Funeral Home**, 17W201 E. Roosevelt Road, Oak Brook Terrace. Visitation Wednesday January 8, 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral service 10:00 a.m. at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Road, Westchester. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Northwestern Military Academy, Delafield WI. For service information (630) 941-5860 or [www.chapelhillgardenswest.com](http://www.chapelhillgardenswest.com). May His Memory Be Eternal.

### Arnheim, Doris W.

Doris W. Arnheim nee Welch, age 83, beloved wife of Ralph L. Arnheim Jr. Loving mother of Marci Arnheim Levine and her husband Matthew Levine, Robin Arnheim-Sohn, and Ralph L. "Buddy" Arnheim III and his wife Julie Lubeck Arnheim. Proud grandmother of Lucas and Alicia Levine, Natalie, Isabelle and Emelia Arnheim, and Rachel and Hannah Sohn. Memorial service Monday, 3PM at Congregation Sukkat Shalom, 1001 Central Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091. Memorials in her memory can be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjffnfo.com](http://www.cjffnfo.com).

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### Ash, Sarah Jane Murfey 'Sally'

Sarah Jane Murfey "Sally" Ash, 99, of Northbrook, formerly of Highland Park, Glenview, and Shawano, WI; at rest January 3, 2020. Beloved wife of the late R.E. George Ash. Loving mother of Pamela Ash, Reggie (Tammy) Ash, Willie (Debbi) Ash, Sally (Joe) Rouse, Cindy (Tom) Vigil, Charles (Shelly Mandry) Ash, Tommy (Tracy) Ash and the late Janie (Jack) Wash. Proud grandmother of 29, dear great grandmother of 54 and great great grandmother of 5. Family and Friends will meet for Memorial Service, Saturday January 11, 2:30 p.m. at St. James the Less Episcopal Church, 550 Sunset Ridge, Northfield. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. John Episcopal Church, 141 S Smalley St, Shawano, WI 54166. Funeral Info 847-998-1020.

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### Bacchi, John A.

John A. Bacchi, beloved son of the late John and Frances Bacchi; loving brother of Valentine (Edward) DeBartolo, Annette (the late Richard) Santo, and the late Anthony Bacchi; dear uncle of Danny DeBartolo, Michelle (Joseph) Mattia, Denise DeBartolo, the late Anthony Santo, and great uncle of Andrea DeBartolo, Richie and Joey Mattia; and dear friend of many. John retired after a career with Western Electric, Illinois Bell and Ameritech. Following this he continued a career of Director of Music at St. John Bosco Church in Chicago and then at Our Lady of Ransom in Niles. Most recently John volunteered to provide music for morning Masses at Holy Family Church in Inverness. He was also very honored to be knighted by the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and thus titled SIR JOHN A. BACCHI. Visitation Thursday from 3:00-8:00 p.m. at **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels, Sciaraffa Funeral Directors**, 450 W. Lake Street (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Road) Roselle, 60172. Funeral Friday beginning with Visitation from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Holy Family Church, 2515 W. Palatine Road, Inverness, 60067 followed by Mass at 10:30 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For information call (630) 889-1700.

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### Basile, Elaine M.

Elaine M. Basile, age 88, passed away on January 2, 2020, at St. Patrick's Residence in Naperville. Beloved wife of Ernest M. and the late Ronald J. Marrero. Loving mother of Susan (Steve) Markus, Kathleen (Michael) Pagnano, Richard (Amy) Marrero, Annette (the late Floyd) Garver, Stephen (Paula) Marrero, and the late James Marrero. Fond grandmother of Michelle (Adrian) Dunholter, Stephanie (Tyler) Holmberg, Katherine Markus, Connor (Katie) Marrero, William (Alexandra) Markus, Kyle Marrero, and Joseph Marrero. Great-grandmother of Andria and Gina. Memorials appreciated to St. Patrick's Residence, 1400 Brookdale Rd. Naperville, IL 60563. Visitation Saturday, January 11, 2020, from 9 AM until the time of funeral mass at 10 AM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 8404 S. Cass Ave. Darien, IL 60561. Interment will be held at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information 630-703-9131 or [www.powellfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.powellfuneraldirectors.com)

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### Beveridge, Scott James

Scott James Beveridge, age 51, passed away on December 23, 2019 in Chicago, IL. In Scott's loving memory, please honor any local community sports team, animal rescue shelter, or one of the foundations of the Blackhawks, Bears or Cubs. Scott is the youngest of three children of James (Jim) Beveridge and the late Rita Kolconay Beveridge. Scott is survived by his loving father Jim; sisters, Susan Beveridge and Dawn Beveridge Ripkey (Scott); nephew Matt Ripkey; niece Hannah Ripkey; uncles/cousins: Ken (Carole) Kolconay and son John Kolconay; Rolf Kolconay and daughters Lindsay (Jon) Ryneason and Brooke (Dave) Bryand. Above all, Scott enjoyed the world travel he shared with his love and life partner, Anu Kumar, who survives him as well as his loving family. For more information visit [www.ToyntonFuneralHome.com](http://www.ToyntonFuneralHome.com) or call 262-275-2171.

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### Bierer, Sr. Frances E. IBVM

Bierer, Sr. Maria (Frances), IBVM died on December 29, 2019 at Mary Ward House, Naperville, IL and was a member of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary for 67 years. Maria was the beloved daughter of Arnold F. and Frances McDonough Bierer, dear sister of the late Mary Alice (Rathmann), sister-in-law of Mary's husband, Robert H. Rathmann, special aunt of her nephews, Arnie and Bob Rathmann, sister-in-law of the late Terri Mansell (Rathmann), and caring family member to many other relatives. Of her numerous talents and interests, music and teaching were primary. Her teaching career began at St. Francis High School, Wheaton, IL while also working to obtain a Master's degree in Theology and Applied Music. She then taught and was principal at Loretto High School, Sacramento, CA and became Director of Worship for the Diocese of Sacramento. Besides teaching at Loretto, Maria produced numerous professional-level musicals and plays that are fondly remembered. Ministry to her IBVM community always held a priority, so she returned to Wheaton to become the Director of Development. Her continued service led to several leadership positions. She was elected General Councilor for North America and the General Superior. When the reunion of the Irish and North American Generalates took place, Maria went to Rome as a General Councilor to assist in the transition. She also accepted the very important task of coordinating the revision of the IBVM constitutions. A Celebration of Life will be Tuesday January 7th, 2020 at St. John of the Cross Church, 5005 S. Wolf Rd. Western Springs, IL 60588. Services are as follows Visitation from 10 a.m. until Liturgy at 11 a.m. followed by refreshments. Burial will take place at 3 p.m. at St. Michael Cemetery, Wheaton, IL. Memorial donations may be made to the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary at [www.ibvm.us](http://www.ibvm.us) or P.O. Box 508 Wheaton, IL 60187. Arrangements by **Williams-Kampp Funeral Home**. Funeral info (630)668-0016 or [www.williams-kampp.com](http://www.williams-kampp.com)

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### Bollow, Barbara Jean

Barbara Jean (Payne) Bollow, 90, of Elgin, IL, passed away December 27, 2019, with her loving daughters close by. She was born to the late Nell Bly Payne and Edward Wayman Payne on August 13, 1929, in Dayton Ohio. Growing up, Barbara lived and attended school in many locations throughout the eastern United States, and graduated from Evanston High School in Evanston, IL. She married Lee S. Bollow in 1949, and they lived together in Skokie, IL for over twenty-five years. In the early 1990s Barbara relocated to central Wisconsin where she lived until recently moving back to IL to be closer to her family. Barbara is survived by her three children and their spouses, who loved her dearly: Lee S. Bollow (Betsy) of Springboro, OH; Peggy Bollow Madda (Robert) of Elgin, IL; and Kathryn Bollow Johnson (Keith) of Wheeling, IL. She is also survived by three grandchildren; Christopher Bollow, Joseph Madda and Thomas Bollow plus, three great-grandchildren; Rebekah Bollow, Mae Madda and Hayden Bollow who will miss her dearly. Barbara was a strong-willed and accomplished businesswoman, working for several prominent companies in the Chicago area, performing in multiple capacities, before finally concentrating in human resource work and employee benefit administration. Barbara was a very artistic woman, loving pottery and ceramics, needlework, drawing and interior decoration. She passed on her business acumen and her artistic talent and appreciation to all her children. Barbara was immensely proud of her family, and leaves behind nothing but sweet, beautiful memories. As her health declined, she took great comfort in her children and grandchildren and talked about them often. A celebration of Barbara's life will be held at Willow Creek Community Church at 67 E. Algonquin Rd., Building B/Chapel, S. Barrington, Illinois 60010, at 1:00 pm, Saturday, January 18, 2020. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in Barbara's honor to: Vitas Hospice, 580 Waters Edge, Lombard, IL 60148. Arrangements by Laird Funeral Home. For information, please call 847-741-8800 or [www.laird-familyfuneralservices.com](http://www.laird-familyfuneralservices.com)

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### Bouboutsis, Louis Kyprianos 'Elias'

Reverend Dr. Louis Kyprianos (Elias) Bouboutsis, 59, died December 6, 2019 in Miami, FL. Loving pastor, dedicated professor, author, ecumenical leader and board member of the Parliament of World's Religion, Elias left this world too soon. Beloved son of Nancy Ann Bouboutsis (nee Demas) and Samuel George Bouboutsis (deceased). Loving brother to Lisa Lowry (nee Bouboutsis), Paul Bouboutsis and Barbara Bouboutsis. Beloved nephew of Uncle Frank Demas and Aunt Jean Demas, among many loving relatives. A memorial service will be held on January 19, 2020 immediately following the Divine Liturgy at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 1017 N. LaSalle Dr, Chicago, IL 60610. A private luncheon for friends and relatives follows. Eternal be his memory.



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### Brandson, Jeanne

Jeanne Marie Brandson ne Manade of Hoffman Estates. Funeral mass will be held at 10am Friday, January 10, 2020, at St Raymond de Peñafort Church 301 S. I-Oka Mount Prospect, IL. Visitation at 9am Friday, January 10, at St Raymond Church prior to the mass.

Born on June 9, 1924, in Baton Rouge, LA., daughter of Edward and Jean Manade ne McKenna. She passed peacefully on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2019, at the age of 95. Worked for the U.S. Government in the aftermath of WWII, 1945-1946, stationed in Germany, Alaska, and San Francisco. Married on June 18, 1954, in Chicago, loving wife of Michael Brandson "Mile Pecenkovic" for 46 years until his death in 2001. Together with her husband she was co-owner and CFO of Branko Corporation, Bristol, WI, before retiring in 2000. She lived in Mt. Prospect, IL and was an active member of St Raymond's parish for approximately 50 years, before moving to Charter Senior Living in Hoffman Estates. Caring sister to Jeannette Lyons, and sister-in-law Pat Manade, and her late siblings Robert (Pat) Manade, Edward (Pat) Manade and Grace (Ben) Zmuda. Proud mother to Michael (Sheila) Brandson, and Karen (Frank) Colasuono. Energetic Yaya to Mila and Max Brandson, Carly, Matthew, and Caycie Colasuono. Wise and caring Aunt Jeannie to many nieces and nephews. A good friend to many, including the late Lucille Giessinger, all at St Raymond's, and her friends and caregivers from Charter Senior Living.

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### Brown, Roy J.

Roy J. Brown. Longtime resident of Park Ridge. Beloved husband of the late Mary A., nee Mast. Loving father of James (Rose), Michael (the late Caryn), Jean (Harold) Gierman, Thomas (Michelle), Joseph, Mary (Raymond) Calvey and the late Anne and Raymond. Devoted grandfather of 26 and great-grandfather of 13. Dear brother of Richard (Carol) and the late Robert. Visitation Sunday, January 5, 3-9 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Funeral Monday, 9:30 a.m. from funeral home to St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 10 a.m. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org). Funeral information, [www.ryan-parke.com](http://www.ryan-parke.com).

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### Buikema, Marilyn Main

Marilyn Main Buikema, 92, Palos Heights, IL, passed away on November 21, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Thomas O. (Tim) Buikema, loving mother of Sue (John) Ptak and Sandra (Brad) Cwiok. Dear grandma of Marisa (Bob) Tell, Lauren (Jeff) Brown, Trevor and Trent (fiancee Savannah) Cwiok. Adored Gigi of Harrison, Emilia, and Griffin Brown, and Emerson Tell. Sister of Marjorie (Robert) Anderson. Visitation will be held at Immanuel United Church of Christ, 9815 S. Campbell, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 on January 11, 2020 at 10 AM, followed by a memorial service at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Immanuel UCC.

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### Callahan-Hazard, Laura

Laura M. Callahan-Hazard, age 38, of Skokie, IL, departed this life at Evanston North Shore Hospital on December 23, 2019. Laura was born March 19, 1981 in Canada, to Christopher and Madeleine Callahan. She married Andrew Hazard on October 6, 2007 in Bloomington, IL. She is survived by her husband; her parents; two sisters, Claire (Christopher) Stocker of Whitefish Bay, WI and Thérèse (Louis Mukobya) Callahan of Longueuil, QC, and nine nieces and nephews to whom she was a doting auntie. She is also mourned by her parents-in-law, Michael and Brenda Hazard, sister-in-law Mary Beth Hazard, the extensive Callahan and Hazard clans, and her Search family. Laura received her B.A. in Theater from De Paul University in 2004. She worked for Search Inc. as a house parent to adult women with developmental disabilities, and taught for Still Point Theatre Collective, where she created and directed plays with DD adults. She also worked for Skokie Parks and Rec., co-writing their latest musical Still Super. Laura was a warm and generous friend to all she met, and she will be dearly missed. Celebration of Life Pending. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Still Point Theatre Collective, 4300 N Hermitage, Chicago, IL 60613 or Niles Township Food Pantry, 5255 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077.

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### Christensen, Nancy Vierling

Nancy Vierling Christensen, 83, long-time resident of Bensenville, IL and retired Chicago Public School teacher died on December 26, 2019 in Lincolnshire, IL. Loving mother of Brent, Deana (Bill) Pugh, and Eric (Jennifer). Proud grandmother of Sarah, Caitlin, Andrew, Megan, and Joshua. Sister of Judith (Tom) Close and loving aunt to Alexandra and Ryan. Dear friend to George and Marie Brezinsky and many others. Preceded in death by brothers George and Philip Vierling, parents Phil and Edna Vierling, cousin Lorraine Lang, and numerous extended family members.

Memorial service to be held on April 4, 2020 at 11:30 am at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 29700 N St. Mary's Rd, Libertyville, IL.

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## Clarke, Jr., Charles F.

Loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother, Charles F. Clarke, Jr. died on January 1st of natural causes at 90 years of age. Born in Chicago, Illinois on March 3, 1929 to Virginia Dennehy Clarke and Charles F. Clarke, Sr., Charley attended the Bell School (class of 1942), Canterbury School (class of 1947), and finally Brown University (class of 1951) where he majored in Classics and made many friends in the DKE fraternity. Following college, Charley served as a Second Lieutenant in the Army during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953.

Once he left the service, Charley soon began his distinguished career in Chicago real estate. He began at Arthur Rubloff & Co in 1956 and eventually became Vice President in 1963. He was recruited by Sudler & Co in 1965, a firm known primarily for its residential property management in Chicago. His first big assignment was to lead the team to manage and lease the new John Hancock Center building, then the world's tallest, which was completed in 1969. He then went on to work on another major multi-use complex, Water Tower Place. Charley continued to work in commercial brokerage at Sudler for thirty-nine years. In conjunction with his professional life, Charley served on the boards of the Mid City Bank, Verado Energy, and the Greater North Michigan Avenue Association.

Charley met Ellie in 1958 when he was asked to escort her to a cousin's bridal dinner in Lake Forest. Their first date was the next day at the wedding. Charley lost no time and, six weeks later, he proposed. They were married on January 3rd, 1959 in Palm Beach, Florida. They were married for 61 years. Charley believed fervently in service and had a long life of philanthropic work. He served on many non-profit boards: Canterbury School, The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Catholic Charities (as President), Onwentsia Club (as President), the Otho S.A. Sprague Memorial Institute (as President), Barat College, and Lake Forest Hospital. He also worked diligently for the City of Lake Forest, where he lived most of his life. He was on the Lake Forest City Planning Commission and its Zoning Board of Appeals and, finally, Charley served as Mayor of Lake Forest from 1990 to 1993 (as had his father 1943-1946).

Charley was an outdoorsman and loved traveling with his wife, kids, and grandkids, especially their time together out west in Telluride, Colorado. From the age of nine until around seventeen, he spent the month of July as a ranch hand on his Aunt Sunny and Uncle Gratiot's ranch, called Hotfoot, named after a college drinking society. Among the many friends he had at Canterbury, one was Pat Hemingway, the son of Earnest. One year, Charley spent his spring break in Havana, Cuba where he went deep sea fishing, hunting, and drank frozen daiquiris at the Floridida bar with father and son Hemingway. He gave his children a love for nature with many trips out west skiing, camping, hunting, fishing, and horseback riding. Family trips to Europe and Ireland were had and, once his work life slowed down, Charley and Ellie enjoyed trips to Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, South America and Australia and New Zealand. In 1984, Charley and Ellie bought property in Telluride, Colorado, which they named Hot Foot in honor of the outdoors and the American West was infectious and was passed onto his children and grandchildren. Charles is survived by his wife of sixty-one years, Eleanor O'Connor Clarke; his sister Louise Clarke Hough; his three children, Charles F. Clarke, III, his wife Vanessa Balbach Clarke, Timothy S. Clarke, and Jay A. Clarke; his seven grandchildren, Arlo, Darby, Chase, Haley, and Ben Clarke, and Liam and Cora Bradley; and many beloved nephews, nieces, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his daughter Eleanor M. Clarke, his parents, his brothers John Clarke and Thomas Clarke and his sister Patricia Clarke Flynn. He was immensely dedicated to, and proud of his wife, kids, and grandkids. May he rest in peace.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2020 at the Church of St. Mary, 175 East Illinois Road, Lake Forest. Interment will be private at St. Mary Cemetery in Lake Forest. Funeral arrangements by **Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest**, 847-234-9649 or [www.RTFunerals.com](http://www.RTFunerals.com).

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Catholic Charities of Chicago (721 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60654) or the Canterbury School (101 Aspetuck Ave, New Milford, CT 06776).



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## Cloud, William E.

William E. Cloud of Elmhurst IL died at home on December 28, 2019. Bill's family was the center of his life. Born on 8/5/32 and a veteran of the Korean War, he was a lifelong teacher, both in the classroom and out. He believed that each of us wants to be the best possible version of ourselves and that to do that we need good intellectual, physical and emotional skills – and that's how he taught. Many of his students still remember the poetry they learned in his classroom. Bill retired from York High School (Elmhurst) in 1994 where he was a gifted teacher of English and Speech and a coach of Debate and Boys' Tennis. He was also an avid tennis player, golfer and bowler whose teammates were inspired by his love of those sports. Bill enjoyed reading and music – everything from "I Can't Stop Loving You" to "Clair de Lune" – and delighted in conquering the tough New York Times crosswords. He was an uncommonly good bridge player and liked to try his luck occasionally at Blackjack and video poker in Las Vegas – his family thought he was Mr. Lucky. Bill's memory will be dearly treasured by his wife of 63 years, Madge (nee King); his children, Cathy Cloud, Mike (Sharon) Cloud, Jenny (Bill) Riddle; his grandchildren, John Cloud, Rob Cloud, Kaitlin Riddle, Alex Riddle, Julia Riddle; and great-grandchildren, Adelyn Cloud, Enzo Cloud. A memorial service will be held on January 24, 2020, at Bethel UCC, 315 E. St. Charles Road, Elmhurst, at 7 PM, with a light reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to HOPE Fair Housing Center at [www.hopefair.org](http://www.hopefair.org) or a charity of your choice.

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## Crane, Morton J

Morton J. Crane, 94, passed away in Fort Myers, Florida on Thursday, December 19, 2019.



He was born in Chicago, Illinois, on December 8, 1925, to Esther Mae Schenker and Benjamin Franklin Crane.

Mort graduated from Sullivan High School in 1942 and graduated from the Technological Institute of Northwestern University in 1945 as a member of the Tau Beta Pi national engineering honorary fraternity.

He worked for the Chicago Milwaukee Railroad on a Co-op program through Northwestern and after graduating he worked for Holabird & Root Architects in Chicago. In 1948 he formed Crane Construction Company, which is responsible for constructing many prominent buildings including Lake Point Tower, Outer Drive East, Mid-Continental Plaza, and Caesar's Palace. The company remains in existence today.

He is survived by his wife Beth (nee Hart) of 40 years, his son Jeffrey (Debra) Crane and daughter Donna (Mark) Chudacoff. He is further survived by grandchildren Leslie (Brad) Hammerman, Carrie (Andrew) Block, Michael (Jessica) Chudacoff, Jamie Chudacoff and Scott Chudacoff and great grandchildren Ari and Noa Block and six nephews and one niece. He is also survived by his mother-in-law Phyllis Hart, sister-in-law Augusta Crane and sister-in-law and brother-in-law Marcia and Jeffrey Baker.

Mort was predeceased by his parents and older brother Edgar Crane.

A Memorial Service for Mort was held at Temple Beth El in Fort Myers, Florida on Monday, December 23. A burial followed at Rosedale Memorial Park Cemetery in Grand Rapids, MI.

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## Dagis, Irene F.

Irene F. Dagis, Age 91 of Park Ridge, formerly of Waukegan. Beloved wife of the late Albert Dagis. Loving mother of Andrew (Alisha) and James (Suzanne Dahm) Dagis. Devoted sister of the late Eugenia Peinsipp, Edward, Severine and Frank Grochecki. Dear aunt of many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, January 5, 3-7 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Funeral Monday, family and friends to meet at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church, (Cumberland and Granville) Park Ridge. Mass 10 a.m. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Avenues to Independence, [www.avenuestoindependence.org](http://www.avenuestoindependence.org). Funeral Information, [www.ryan-parke.com](http://www.ryan-parke.com).



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## DePhillips, Zachary C.

Zachary C. DePhillips, Age 29, passed away suddenly January 1, 2020. Beloved son of George, M.D. and Sherry DePhillips. Cherished brother of George (Brock Spies), Courtney, Elizabeth, Nicholas and Lillie. Devoted grandson of Cynthia and the late Frank Crouse, the late George and the late Rosemarie DePhillips. Fond nephew of Cathy

(Thomas) Baskin and Kimberly DePhillips. Adored cousin of Tyler Baskin. Visitation Monday Jan 6 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, place and time to be determined. Entombment Christ the King Mausoleum, Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral info: 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com).



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## Dimas, Thomas S.

Dearest son of Dorothy nee Kovac and the late Spiro; loving brother of Maria (Mel) Kusta, Diana (Dennis Wojtkiewicz) Dimas and Christina (Keith Shaffer) Dimas; cherished uncle of: Jeannine, Elizabeth, Anastasia, Laura and Emilia and to many dear cousins. Visitation Monday 4 PM to 8 PM at the Dalcamo Funeral Home 470 West 26th Street. Family and friends are to meet Tuesday at St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church 733 S Ashland Ave. for visitation from 9:30 AM until start of mass at 10 AM. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois are appreciated. Funeral info: 312-842-8681 or [www.dalcamofuneralhome.com](http://www.dalcamofuneralhome.com) to sign guestbook.

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## Doehler, Dolores 'Nicki'

Dolores "Nicki" Doehler, 88, a longtime resident of Glenview, passed away January 3, 2020. Beloved wife for 65 years of Robert "Bob" Doehler; devoted mother to Lee (Steve) Macrander and David (Sandy) Doehler; proud grandmother of Lindsay (special friend Jay), Ryan, and Corey (Brittany) Macrander and Leah Doehler; proud great grandmother of Madeline Macrander. Visitation will be held Wednesday, January 8 from 4 to 8 pm at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview. Memorial service will be held Thursday, January 9 at 11 am at Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm St., Glenview. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lattof YMCA, 300 E. Northwest Highway, Des Plaines, IL 60016. Funeral information [www.nhscotthanekamp.com](http://www.nhscotthanekamp.com) or 847-998-1020.



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## Effrig, Russell J.

Russell J. Effrig, passed away 12/11/19. Born in Pottstown, PA. Attended Penn State & Northwestern Univ-Kellogg School of Mgmt. He helped several startup companies early in his career & was previously: SVP- Finance & Admin for Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago, Interim CFO for CEDA, Controller for Access Community Health Network, CEO for Infant Welfare Society of Chicago, & most recently CFO for Alivio Medical Center in Chicago. There will be a Celebration of Life Service Saturday, Jan 18, 3-5:30 pm, Shannon Hall, 14 N Van Buren St., Batavia, IL. Open visitation 3 - 4 pm. Service 4 pm. Reception immediately following the service.

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## Fahey, Mary Lee

Mary Lee Fahey, nee Czerwionka, died peacefully January 2, 2020, age 79, loving mother of Lee Anne (Eugene) O'Donoghue, John (Lori), Christine and Mary Beth Fahey, beloved grandmother of Margaret (Franklin) Smith, Katherine and Eileen O'Donoghue, cherished sister of Jim (Marcia), Joseph(Maggie) Czerwionka, Anne(Edward) Murphy, Terry (Bruce) Griffith, Lori (Scott) Bohlke, Ted and Peter (Lisa) Czerwionka and daughter of the late Theodore and Gladys Czerwionka, dear aunt of many and long time friend of Patrick. Visitation, Monday, January 6 from 4 to 8pm at the John E. Maloney Funeral Home, 1359 W. Devon Ave, Chicago, family and friends will meet for funeral Mass, Tuesday January 7th 11:00 am St. Ignatius Church, 6559 N. Glenwood, interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please send donations to American Lung Assoc. [www.lung.org/get-involved/ways-to-give](http://www.lung.org/get-involved/ways-to-give). Funeral info: (773)764-1617



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## Ferrier, Rosemary

Rosemary Ferrier, nee Zielinski, age 90; Beloved wife of the late John "Jack" Ferrier for 60 years; Loving mother of Joy (the late Raymond) Pacelli, Judi (John) Young, the late Jinx (Jim) Doyle, Jackie (Stanley) Lic and Jill (Ken) Mixer; Loving grandmother of 10 and great grandmother of 11; Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews; in lieu of flowers, donations appreciated to Rainbow Hospice and/or Ronald McDonald House Charities; Funeral Prayers beginning Tuesday 9:45 a.m. from **Belmont Funeral Home**, 7120 W. Belmont Ave. to St. Priscilla Church, Mass 10:30 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Monday 3-9 p.m. Info. 773-286-2500 or [www.belmontfuneralhome.com](http://www.belmontfuneralhome.com)



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## Fina, Ruth

Ruth Fina, (nee Layton). Beloved wife of the late Anthony. Loving mother of James A. (Sharon), John M., Stephan B. (Robin), Frances (James) Beers and Katherine; loving grandmother of 11; great-grandmother of 9. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, January 10th, 2020 from 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge. Funeral Saturday, beginning at the funeral home at 9:00 a.m. and will then proceed to St. Beatrice Church in Schiller Park for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Hillside, IL.



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## Frankiewicz, Eugene S.

Eugene S. Frankiewicz, age 88, of Chicago, Illinois passed away in Phoenix, AZ on Thursday December 19, 2019. Eugene was born August 12, 1931 to Lillian and Joseph Frankiewicz. 'Geno' lived most of his later life in Las Vegas before moving to Phoenix in 2017.

Devoted brother of Joseph (Beatrice) Frankiewicz, the late Eleanor (the late John) Santoro, Alice (the late Robert) Gomolka and the late Rita Antczak. Geno (Uncle Gene) never married, but always treated his nieces and nephews as his children. He was the beloved uncle of the late Patrice, Marci (Jan), Cindi (John), John (Jean), Lori, Mary Ann, Joan, Phillip (Dina), Karen, Michele (Wymond), Joel and Edward. Loving great uncle of many grand nieces and nephews.

Geno was a bright light in our lives, always smiling and the life of every party he attended. We will miss him dearly.

A visitation will be held on Monday January 6, 2020 at Mount Auburn Funeral Home in Stickney, IL from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM followed by a Funeral Service at 10:30 AM at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Stickney, IL. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, IL.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.MountAuburnFuneralHome.com](http://www.MountAuburnFuneralHome.com) for the FRANKIEWICZ family.



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## Frischer, M.D. PhD, Henri

Henri Frischer, Emeritus Professor of Medicine, M.D. PhD, 85. Holocaust Survivor. Loving father of Marc (Soo), Paul (Susan) and the late Arnie Simone Frischer. Proud grandfather of Olivea, Charlotte, Jonathan, Jacob, Maurice, Sophia and David. Beloved life partner of Alison Edwards. Cherished former husband of Laya Frischer, mother of his children and good friend. Will be missed by many dear friends and colleagues. Memorial service Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020 at 11 AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to US Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW, Washington DC 20024, [www.ushmm.org](http://www.ushmm.org). Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfinfo.com](http://www.cjfinfo.com)



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## Gallas, Natalie Julia

Natalie Julia Gallas, 87, of Charlotte, NC, and formerly of Mt. Prospect, IL, died December 28, 2019. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at St John Neumann Catholic Church in Charlotte, NC. Burial will follow at Salisbury National Cemetery, NC. For a full obituary, please visit her online memorial at [www.LoweNeddoFuneralHome.com](http://www.LoweNeddoFuneralHome.com) or call 704-545-3553.

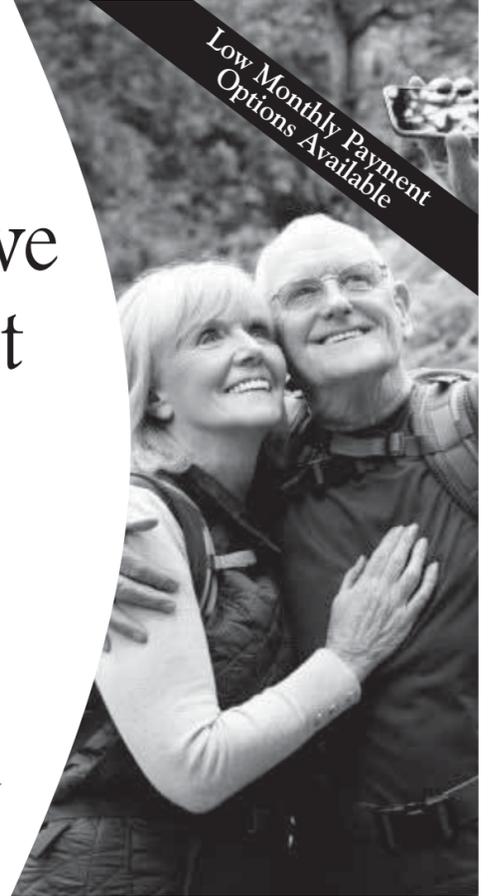
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## Gannon, Terrence 'Terry'

Terrence "Terry" Gannon, age 76, of Chicago, passed away on December 18, 2019. Full obituary to follow. Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)

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**Gates, Christine S.**

Christine S. Gates passed away peacefully on December 13th, 2019 in Lake Forest, IL. She was 91 years old. She was predeceased by her loving husband, John S. Gates and is survived by her children John S. Gates Jr. (Weezie), Susan Gates Cooper (Bill), Sarah Gates Colley (Bryan) and 7 grandchildren. She was born in Philadelphia, PA., and graduated from The University of Pennsylvania. She was actively involved with many civic interests in Philadelphia, Lake Forest and in Chicago. She will always be remembered for her love for her family and friends, a truly devoted mother. and for her kindness to all. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lake Forest Hospital payable to Northwestern Memorial Foundation, 1000 N. Westmoreland rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045 or online at giving.nm.org/lf. In memory of Christine S. Gates

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**Gonzalez, Barbara R.**

Barbara R. Gonzalez (nee Sushinski), beloved wife of the late Dr. Martin Gonzalez; loving mother of Martin (Susie) Gonzalez, Ruth (Steve) Machain, Katherine (Matthew) Zahner, Michael (June) Gonzalez, and Mary (Charlie) Pastors; cherished grandmother of Martin (Susanne), Rachel, Natalie (Roberto), Carson, Bryce, Quinn (Kelli), Chase, Michael (Lauren), Adam (Kaitlin), Emily, Katie, John, Megan, Shannon, and great-grandmother of Martin, Madeline, and Dylan; preceded in death by siblings Ronnie Sushinski, Ruth Kennefick, and Tommy Sushinski; fond aunt and great-aunt of many. Funeral Saturday beginning with Visitation from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at St. Giles Church, 1045 N. Columbian Ave., Oak Park, 60302 followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Arrangements by **Sciaraffa Funeral Directors**. For information call (773) 889-1700.

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**Good, Laura Marlene**

Laura Marlene Good, age 51, of Chicago and Lake Forest, IL. Beloved Daughter of Daniel Good and Marlene (Breithaupt). Loving sister to Julie Mora and husband, Antonio. Mother of Marlena and Michael Stathos. Aunt to Clara and Antonio Mora and Drew and Adam Munger and several cousins. Graduate of the University of Colorado, The Dwight School (NYC) and Lake Forest Country Day School, she leaves behind many friends. Volunteer at Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, Chicago. Funeral services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, Feeding the Homeless. For more information please go to Laura's memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com) or call 773-736-3833.

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**Grod, Genevieve C.**

Genevieve C. Grod (nee Furtak), age 95, of Hometown, IL, formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away on Thursday, January 2, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Frank Grod; loving mother of Hillary (James) Bellert and Gary (Marie) Grod; dear sister of Therese (the late Harry) O'Keefe; fond aunt to many nieces and nephews. Genevieve is preceded in death by her parents Frank and Victoria Furtak; sister Anne (the late George) Poblocki, Frances (the late Frank) Stambor and Elizabeth Furtak; one brother Frank (Patricia) Furtak. Visitation Monday, January 6, 2020 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn, IL followed by Funeral at Our Lady of Loretto Church, 8925 S. Kostner, Hometown, IL. Mass 12:00 p.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL. For more information 708-636-1193 or visit [www.blakelamboak-lawn.com](http://www.blakelamboak-lawn.com)

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**Halladay, Virginia 'Gina'**

Virginia "Gina" Halladay, 80, of Burr Ridge, Illinois, passed away on December 8, 2019. Gina was born on November 5, 1939 to the late Richard and Elizabeth (Betty) Carver. She was the loving wife of Eugene, dear mother of Jeffrey (Julia) Davis, Gretchen (David) Lamarche, Stuart (Cara) Halladay, Sarah Halladay, Matthew (Kara) Davis and the late Elizabeth "Betsy" Davis and was grandmother to seven grandchildren. Gina was a sister of David (the late Anne) Carver and Celia (Larry) Besselman. She graduated from Troy High School in Ohio in 1957 and attended Denison University where she was a member of Tri Delta sorority and homecoming queen. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 11:00 am at the Church of the Holy Nativity, 275 S. Richmond Ave. & 55th St. in Clarendon Hills, Illinois. In lieu of flowers donations in Gina's name can be made to the Altar Guild of CHN or the Wellness House of Hinsdale at [www.wellnesshouse.org](http://www.wellnesshouse.org).

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**Harrison, Sylvia Elizabeth**

With great sadness, the family of Sylvia Harrison announces her sudden passing on December 22, 2019, at the age of 89 in Chicago, Illinois. Born December 18, 1930 she was the daughter of late George Wiita and late Mary Wiita (nee Talvite) of Searchmont, Ontario. Prior to marriage she worked for the Algoma Central Railway and later joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. While serving in Germany she met her future husband, the late Ebert Darwin "Red" Harrison. Together they lived in the United States and she eventually moved to Chicago, Illinois. Sylvia was instrumental in helping to raise her grandchildren. She is survived by her loving son Darwin Harrison (Lisa) of Gilbert, Arizona, her daughter Catherine Harrison (late Mario) of Merida, Yucatan, Mexico and her daughter Carolyn Edwards (Stephen) of Chicago, Illinois. She joins her brother Leo Wiita (late Ann), and sister Mildred Parlowe (late Norman). She is survived by her sisters Bertha Cameron (late Bill), Irene Wiita, and step-brothers Jim Kells (Diane) and Ernie Kells (Margo) of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. She will be greatly missed by her grandchildren Sarah, Emily and Amanda Harrison, Carrie and Christopher Weems, Alex and Elizabeth Aguado, Reed and Aneirin Edwards, great-grandson Austin Aguado and numerous nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank Pastor Erin Bouman, David Hall and Sylvia's church family at Irving Park Lutheran Church for their visits and constant caring after she became housebound. Interment will be June 6, 2020 in McKee, Kentucky.

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**Higgins, Paul W.**

Paul W. Higgins, native of Texas, longtime resident of Chicago, age 78, passed away December 24, 2019. Beloved husband of Rita, nee Connor; loving father of Jennifer (the late Stephen) Linder, Chris (Lisa) Higgins, Stephen (Chris) Rice, Thomas (Shelley) Rice and the late Steven Corey Higgins; proud grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of four; dear brother of Janet (Elmo) Barrera, Linda (Donald) Thompson and Kyla Walker. Paul was a graduate of the University of Texas and went on to become a senior partner with Deloitte, having retired in 2003 after 39 years. Paul was the Executive Director of Global Financial Services on Wall Street and his final assignment prior to retirement was with World Bank. Paul also served on the board of Volunteers of America. Funeral services and interment were held privately. Memorials in Paul's name to your local humane society are deeply appreciated. Arrangements handled by **Peter B. Kennedy & Co. Funeral Directors**. Funeral Info: 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L. PETER B. KENNEDY & CO. Funeral Directors

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**Hogan, Deborah Susan**

Deborah Susan Hogan (née Alfonso), 66, of the North Side of Chicago, passed away unexpectedly December 28, 2019. Beloved wife of John Bitinas for almost twelve years. Beloved mother of Holly Hogan. Deborah is survived by one brother and a host of family members. She is preceded in death by her father, one brother and other family members. Deborah had earned two master's degrees and dedicated her career to being an educator, working for over twenty years as a high school teacher for CPS at Roger C. Sullivan HS, as an adjunct professor for the City Colleges of Chicago and at Harper College. As an educator, Deborah touched many lives and was accredited as the first National Board Certified teacher at her high school. Deborah had a passion for writing and she loved the feeling of how the words would flow as she wrote. She enjoyed composing fiction and spent a couple years as a performer at Chicago's 2nd Story. In addition to her creativity, Deborah was enthusiastic about charity work, as she was collecting stuffed animals for children in need. Memorial visitation to be held on Saturday, January 11th 2020 from 2pm until the start of the service at 4pm at Michalik Funeral Home, 1056 W. Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60642. In lieu of flowers, donations of stuffed animals may be made in Deborah's honor to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements entrusted to Chicagoland Cremation Options of Schiller Park, Illinois.

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**Huchthausen, Inez D.**

Inez D. Huchthausen, nee Deckwerth, 90, of Elmhurst; beloved wife of the late Edward H.; loving mother of William and Edward; cherished grandmother of Edward (Hannah), Alexis (Matt) Cosenza, Sabrina, Monica & Zachary; great grandmother of Mason, Brayden and Rigby. Visitation at **Ahlgrim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Rd. Elmhurst from 10:00 a.m. until time of services at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2020. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials will be appreciated for the American Heart Association, 300 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60606. Funeral info 630-834-3515 or [www.ahlgrim.com](http://www.ahlgrim.com).



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**Hughes, Martin J**

Martin J. Hughes - Beloved son of the late James and Beverly. Fond brother of Nancy (Pat) Quinn and Lois Hughes. Dear uncle of Kathleen and Michael. Martin was a Certified Public Accountant, a member of the Assumption Council Knights of Columbus and an Adjunct Professor at Triton College. Funeral Service Tuesday, 9 AM from Pederson-Ryberg Mortuary, 435 N. York Road, Elmhurst IL proceeding to St. Domitilla Catholic Church, 4940 W. Washington Street, Hillside IL for Mass of Christian Burial at 10AM. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside IL. Visitation Monday from 3-9PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to The American Diabetes Foundation, [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org), would be appreciated. Arrangements provided by **JGelis Funeral Services**. For funeral information, please call 630-247-6623

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**Johnson, Mary Christine "Stina"**

Mary Christine Johnson, 73, of Littleton, Colorado, known to all as Stina, died at The Denver Hospice in Colorado on November 28, 2019. After suffering with cancer and heart disease, she was finally at peace, with her sister Kathy and niece Colleen holding her hands. She died on the evening of Thanksgiving, at a time when all who knew her were giving thanks and raising a glass to the joy she brought to everyone's life.

Born in Elgin, Illinois on July 25, 1946, Stina was the daughter of the late Catherine Lord and Frederick Farman Johnson. She was preceded in death by her sisters Carroll Mahoney (Bill), and Ann Dougan (Dave) and brother Frederick Farman Johnson Jr. (Pam). She is survived by her sister Joan Kathleen Fleming (Mike), nieces and nephews Erin Mahoney Alderfer (Dave), Kevin Mahoney (Kate), Megan Mahoney, Sheila Mahoney Startup (Mike), Nora Mahoney Petchkofski (Mark), Colleen Fleming, Danny Fleming, Molly Dougan Wall (Dan), Jenni Dougan, Fred Johnson (Lindsay), Ashley Johnson Trotter (Brian), Margaret Hiss and Daniel Hiss, and their families.

Stina graduated from Loyola University Chicago with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She worked at Cook County Hospital in Chicago and St. Francis Hospital in Evanston before taking time off to care for her parents. After a 25-year leave, she took a six-month intensive review course in nursing and restarted her career at Centegra Hospital in Woodstock, Illinois in the Skilled Nursing Unit. She moved to Littleton, Colorado in 2012.

Stina was known and loved for her sense of humor, wry wit and easy-going manner. A child of the '60s, she loved all kinds of music, from singing along with Simon and Garfunkel to playing Scott Joplin on piano. She also loved to travel and play golf, and was in bowling leagues in Crystal Lake and Colorado. Her cat, Cleo, was the light of her life. She lovingly tended to the gardens, grounds and birds in Crystal Lake, providing a home that was known to friends and family for great fun and grand parties as well as peace and comfort.

One of Stina's great passions was genealogy. Long before the internet and DNA testing, she was tracing her ancestors back hundreds of years, and has a treasure trove of old family photos and documents.

Stina will be remembered for her patience and love for all, and the kindness she showed day in and day out. Her Catholic faith brought her hope and solace, which she shared with those around her.

Celebration of Life Services will take place in Colorado in April, 2020. Stina's remains will be interred at The Cremation Gardens at Rocky Mountain Memorial Park County Line Road, Centennial, Colorado. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Denver Hospice, 501 S. Cherry Street, Suite 700, Denver, Colorado 80246, [thedenverhospice.org](http://thedenverhospice.org), or Dumb Friends League, 2080 S. Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado, 80231-3298, [dfl.org/match](http://dfl.org/match).

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**Kadin, Saul B.**

Saul B. Kadin, age 85, beloved husband of Susan, nee Frank for 58 years. Loving father of Alan (Jackie) Kadin and Janet (Eric) Giesser. Proud grandfather of Hannah and Trent Kadin; Ella and Hadley Geisser. Barbra brother of the late Murray (Barbara) Kadin and Sheldon Kadin. Memorial service Monday, 11 AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be made to the Jewish charity of your choice. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com).



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**Kaplan, Alvin L.**

Alvin L. Kaplan, 95; dearly beloved husband for 52 years of Lenore nee Rosenfeld, devoted abba of Holly (Michael) Rosenberg, Debra Kaplan and Stacy Kaplan-McMillan (David McMillan); loving zayde of Arielle Rosenberg; dear brother-in-law of Dr. Robert L. Rosenfeld and treasured brother of the late Milton (the late Vivian) and the late Irving (the late Gloria) Kaplan, adored uncle and friend of many. Alvin was a decorated WWII veteran and liberator of Dachau. He was a respected attorney, practicing until age 91, served as past president of Ezra Habonim the Niles Township Jewish Congregation and United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism-Midwest Region. He was a kind and gentle soul who will be deeply missed by all. Funeral services will be held Monday 2:30 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Jewish War Veterans, Jewish National Fund and Sager Solomon Schechter Day School. For information and to leave condolences: (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)



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**Keenan, Jr., William Brooks**

William Brooks Keenan, Jr., 81, of Oak Brook, IL; son of William Brooks and Genevieve Sullivan Keenan. Beloved husband of Nancy Higgins Keenan for 59 years; loving father of Betsy (Brian) Moran, William Brooks III (Denise) Keenan, Trish (Patrick) Kinsella, Dan (Tracey) Keenan, Tom (Danielle) Keenan, and Nora (Robert) Tonn; dear grandfather of Kate (Christian) Arquilla, and Jack, Christopher and Nora Moran, and William IV and Hannah Keenan, and Genevieve, Patrick Cass and Colette Kinsella, and Christopher, Lauren, Jane and Ben Keenan, and Patrick, Caroline and Sean Keenan, and Hunter, Griffin, Scarlett and the late Brooks Tonn; great-grandfather of Hannifin and Elizabeth Arquilla; brother of John Keenan. Proud graduate of Fenwick High School '56 and Xavier University '60. Bill was President of Keenan Transit Co. for 59 years, a company founded by his father in 1946. Past President of Butterfield Country Club. Visitation Wednesday, January 8th, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Sullivan Funeral Home**, 60 S. Grant Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521. Family and friends to meet Thursday, January 9th for an 11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. John of the Cross Church, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL 60558. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Brooks Strong Foundation, [brookstrong.org](http://brookstrong.org), are appreciated. 630-323-0275 or [www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com](http://www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com).



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**Kessl, Patricia Ann**

Age 85, passed away peacefully December 3, 2019. She was diagnosed with Breast Cancer at the age of 84, despite the outlook she fought courageously with great spirit and humor.

She was born in Chicago Illinois to Marion and William Chill, graduated from St. Anne's Hospital School of Nursing in 1955, and soon after met and married the love of her life, Richard James Kessl who passed in 2012.

Patricia loved working as a nurse, she shared numerous stories about her years working in the operating room, upon starting a family she chose a different path in nursing and worked as a Director of Nursing at a variety of nursing homes in Illinois. Patricia was known to have a kind heart with her employees, as well as giving 110% to whatever she set her mind to.

In 2015 she moved from her hometown of Chicago to Minneapolis to be closer to her family. The experience of a new city to explore, and time with family was a great comfort to her.

Patricia is survived by her brother Donald Chill, daughters, Deborah Parke and Diane Sterna, 4 grandchildren: Jessica, Jolene, Amanda, Eric and 4 great-grandchildren; she will live forever in our hearts, her kindness, quick wit, smarts, sense of humor and tremendous strength will be greatly missed. Please join us for a "Celebration of Life", on Friday January 17, 2019 at 10:30 AM at: Holy Family Catholic Church, 5900 West Lake St, St Louis Park, MN.

In Lieu of Flowers a Memorial Donation to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation can be made in honor of Patricia Kessl

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**Kilgast, Helmut**

Helmut Kilgast, 89, of Elmhurst. Beloved husband of the late Aino, nee Uksik, 40 years of marriage. Born in Voru, Estonia January 19, 1930 to Jaan and Leida Kilgast. Loving father of Kalev Helmut (Ann Paulette) Kilgast. Cherished grandfather of Sophia Elizabeth, Lily Ann and Kalev Helmut, Jr. Helmut escaped from the Soviet occupation of Estonia to Germany during WW II where he lived in a displaced persons camp in Hanau until moving to a farm in Nebraska as part of a Lutheran Immigration and Refuge Service. Helmut moved to Chicago with his parents and served in the US Army during the Korean War. He remained active in the Estonian Community, in particular at the Estonian House of Chicago. Helmut worked for over 30 years for General Telephone and Electronics Corporation/AG Communications before retiring. Helmut enjoyed his many passions including traveling and cooking great meals with his beloved wife Aino and close friends. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and pursuing his hobbies such as wood carving, photography and stamp and coin collecting. Memorial visitation Sunday, January 19, 2020 from 11 am until time of service at 1 pm at Pedersen Ryberg Funeral Home, 435 N. York St., Elmhurst, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Estonian American National Council, c/o Leelo Linask, EANC Executive Director, 16 Peppercidge Rd, Monroe, CT 06468 or [estosite.org](http://estosite.org). For info and condolences, [www.PedersenRyberg.com](http://www.PedersenRyberg.com) or 630-834-1133.

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**King, Donald T.**

Donald T. King, age 71, of Western Springs & formerly of Evergreen Park; beloved husband of Cathie King; cherished father of Kevin (Ellisa), David (Jen), & Steven (Kristin) King; proud Papa of Bennett & Elliot; dear brother of Michael D. (Karen) & Theodore 'Ted' King. Don was a CPA who retired from JMG Financial Group, Ltd. in 2015. Don & Cathie were members of Legatus of DuPage County, active parishioners at both St. John of the Cross & St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Parishes, and devoted students of the Bible. Don also served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Visitation is 3 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside, where vigil prayers will take place at 7 p.m. Family & friends will gather at St. John of the Cross Church, 5005 S. Wolf Rd., Western Springs, on Wednesday, January 8 for 11 a.m. Mass. After a luncheon reception, all are welcome to join the family for committal prayers at 2:30 p.m. at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 6001 W. 111th St., Alsip. Funeral info: (708) 352-6500 or [hjfunerals.com](http://hjfunerals.com)

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**Krupowicz, Steven**

Steven Krupowicz, age 48 passed away peacefully with his family by his side. Loving son of Kenneth G. Krupowicz, (Ret. CPD), Kathy Clepp - stepmom, (Ret. CPD), and Diane nee Ferrecki (Dean - stepfather.) Chrones. Dearest nephew to Thomas E. (the late Patsyann) Krupowicz (Ret. CPD), Rosemary (Robert) Savage. Cousin to Michael (Linda) Krupowicz, Tommy (Ruth) Krupowicz, Pamela (Steve) Windy. Steven had many other cousins and friends who helped him fight his 48 year battle with Cystic Fibrosis. He also loved his two dogs, Mo and Pearl. Steven loved fast cars, guitars and sport shooting and was also a big supporter of Respiratory Health Association by starting his own team Lungs A Go-Go that participated in Hustle Up the Hancock for 10 years. Memorial Visitation Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. with a Memorial Service at 2:00 p.m. at **Ridge Funeral Home** (Edward A. Tylka Manager/Director), 6620 W. Archer Ave, Chicago. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation would be appreciated. Info: 773-586-7900 or [www.ridgefh.com](http://www.ridgefh.com).

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**Kufner, Georgine C.**

Georgine C. Kufner, nee Vernon, 72, of Niles, formerly of Norwood Park. Beloved wife of Richard E. Kufner. Loving mother of Brian (Mytzy) Kufner, Mark (Jessica) Kufner and Bridget Kufner. Proud Grandmother of Nathan, Matthew, Marin, Maeve and Luca. Dear sister of Sandra (the late Wolfgang) Schweppe and Paula (David) Aniol. Dear sister-in-law of Jack, David and Mary Kufner. Visitation Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N Northwest Hwy., Chicago from 3 until 9 pm. Funeral Wednesday, 9:30 AM prayers at the funeral home to Saint Thecla Church. Mass 10 AM. Memorials appreciated to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 E. Ohio Street, Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60611. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. For further information 773-631-1240 or [www.suerth.com](http://www.suerth.com).



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**Kuhn, Elizabeth Raup 'Libby'**

Libby Kuhn passed away in Chicago on November 12, 2019 following complications from a bad fall. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, Edward Adolph Kuhn, her parents George Stanley and Ada Bryant Raup and her brother and sister-in-law, George Bryant and Elizabeth Hart Raup. She is survived by her nieces Sarah Raup (Mark) Johnson, Katherine Raup (David) O'Connell, and Janet Raup (Robert) Gross and their children: Elizabeth and Virginia Johnson; Caroline O'Connell Mitchell (Alex), Daniel O'Connell, and Robert O'Connell; and Charlotte Gross as well as nephew, Jay Kuhn and niece, Pamela (John) Lent and their children Charles (McRae) and William Lent. Libby was born and raised in Springfield, Ohio. After graduating from Springfield High School in 1946, she attended MacMurray College and graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1950. After graduating, she moved to Chicago with friends, where she worked as an editor at the American Medical Association until moving to New York City in 1960. In New York she quickly found a position with the United Nations and worked in the Public Information Division of UNICEF for 17 years. She and Edward, whom she had met during her time in Chicago, had kept in touch and commenced a long-distance romance in 1975, marrying in 1976. In 1977, Libby rejoined Edward in Chicago. They enjoyed visiting family, traveling in the USA and abroad, and spending summers entertaining at the Kuhn family cottage on Pistakee Lake near McHenry, Illinois. After Edward's death in 2004, Libby further developed her interests and robust friendships. Despite painful osteoporosis in her later years, she kept her mind and body active with the help of friends, neighbors and staff at her condo building and the Lifelong Learning Programs through Fourth Presbyterian Church. She especially enjoyed water aerobics at the Condo building and Tai Chi classes and many afternoon concerts at Fourth Presbyterian. Libby was an independent woman, and at the same time she was a wonderful aunt and friend who was supportive, loving, and interested in all of our varied activities and families. She leaves a tremendous void in the lives of many. Memorial Service will be held at Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 11am. In lieu of flowers memorial contribution to Fourth Presbyterian Church appreciated. Info 773-561-6874 or [www.drakeandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.drakeandsonfuneralhome.com)

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**Kunde, Charlene Louise**

Charlene Louise Kunde: nee Egan; born November 17, 1928 and peacefully became our newest angel on January 1, 2020. Welcoming her to Heaven were her parents, Louise (nee Budzinski) and Walter Egan Sr.; her sister Phyllis Lukstein and her brothers Walter Jr (the late Patricia) and Robert Egan. Charlene was the adored mother of Ronald Gerald Kunde; the beloved sister of Maryann (the late Leroy) Brown and cherished aunt, great aunt and cousin to many. Charlene was a gentle person who taught us all to appreciate the simple things in life such as a good cup of coffee with a little cream, a piece of Fannie May candy and Sponge Bob cartoons. She loved being with the family and will be greatly missed. Services entrusted to The Original **Rago Brothers Funeral Home**, 7751 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago on Tuesday January 7, 2020 with visitation from 9:00am - 11:00am and service immediately following. Interment will take place at Rosehill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to: Council for Jewish Elderly, Adult Day Services, 1015 Howard St., Evanston, IL 60202, 847-492-1400. For info: 773-276-7800 or [ragobrothersfuneralhome.com](http://ragobrothersfuneralhome.com)

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**Larsen Sr., Martin Stanley**

Martin Stanley Larsen Sr., 87, of Elmhurst. Beloved husband of Virginia "Ginger" nee Ward; loving father of Leanne (Stephen) Zier and Martin (Sheryl) Larsen Jr.; cherished grandfather of Jacob (Pamela) Zier, Michael Zier, Tori (Michael Gibson) Larsen and Kara Larsen; brother of June (Lewis) Stevens; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Marty was a member of the Telephone Pioneers, a U.S. Navy Veteran and a longtime Spring Inn patron. Visitation at **Ahlgim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 5:00 p.m. until time of Service at 7:00 p.m. January 6, 2020. Private interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials will be appreciated for Providence Life Services, 18601 North Creek Drive, Tinley Park, IL 60477. Funeral info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgim.com.



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**Laskonis, James M.**

James M. Laskonis, age 77, of McHenry, at rest January 1, 2020, on his beloved farm. Dear father of Debra Laskonis, Laura (Paul) Laskonis Severin, Michele Chiaro; cherished grandfather of eight. Visitation held from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2020 at **Justen Funeral Home & Crematory**, 3700 W. Charles J. Miller Rd, McHenry. Service to follow at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials to the American Heart Association at Heart.org. INFO: 815-385-2400 or www.justenfhome.com.



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**Lentzner, Joanne G.**

Joanne G. Lentzner, age 82, of Cary, passed away January 1, 2020 at her home. She was born January 1, 1938. Joanne is survived by her nephews: Robert (Julie) Hanebuth, David (Julie) Hanebuth; her niece Paula (Derek) Koomjohn as well as her great-nieces and nephews: Cannon, Kaylee, Erica, Bradley, Megan, Gretchen and Tanya. She is preceded in death by her siblings: Betty Hanebuth and William Lentzner. She was an active member of the Cary Senior Citizens Club.

Memorial visitation for Joanne will be held on January 11, 2020 from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM at the **Kahle-Moore Funeral Home**, 403 Silver Lake Rd., Cary. Memorials would be appreciated to the American Diabetes Association.

For info: 847-639-3817 or kahlemoore.com

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**Lopatka, Annette**

Annette Lopatka, 92, of Elk Grove Village, passed away January 1, 2020 at Alexian Brother's Hospice Residence. She was the beloved wife of the late Horace E. McMahon (1960) and the late Art Lopatka (2007). She was a loving mother, stepmother, grandmother and great grandmother. Lying in state Friday, January 10, at Queen of the Rosary Church, 680 W. Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove Village from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. Mass. Interment at All Saints Cemetery. For more info, 847-640-0566 or grovememorialchapel.com

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**Lowry, III, Thomas F.**

Thomas F. Lowry III, 67, of Mundelein, IL passed into eternal life on January 1, 2020 after living with brain cancer for two years. He was born on July 4, 1952, raised in Glenwood, IL and attended Homeewood-Flossmoor High School (class of '70), the University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign (class of '74 and Law '77), and DePaul University (LLM).

Tom is survived by his wife Laurel (nee Rieboldt) of 36 years, daughters Kristin (Tim) Cochrane, and Kathryn, Kelly and Karen Lowry, grandchildren Cora and Flynn Cochrane, his brothers Craig (Leslie) and Robert (Connie) Lowry, his sister Patricia Crofoot, brothers-in-law Ron (Jean) Rieboldt and Brick Mason, mother-in-law Shirley Masters, and his nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Joyce (nee Rodgers) Lowry and sister Nena Lowry Mason.

Funeral services will be at 3:00pm Tuesday Jan. 7th at **McMurrough Funeral Chapel**, 101 Park Pl, Libertyville, IL. with visitation from 12:00pm until time of service. If desired, memorial donations made to BrainUp would be appreciated. Full obituary at [libertyvillefuneralhome.com](http://libertyvillefuneralhome.com) info (847) 362-2626

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**Lutz, Diana M.**

Diana M. Lutz nee Frodyma passed away December 22, 2019. She was born on the south side of Chicago, into a loving circle of family and friends. She came to be known as "Diane" or, simply "Di", to the many who came to know and love her. Diana received her undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago - Circle Campus, and her Masters in Education from Northern Illinois University, where she also served in many roles in the Department of Student Living, and where she formed lifelong friendships with students and staff. In 1980, she moved to Philadelphia, PA to work as an Assistant Director in the University of Pennsylvania Division of Residential Living. While at Penn, she met her husband-to-be, Joseph Lutz, of Philadelphia, PA. They married on June 19, 1982, and were blessed with over 37 years of loving marriage. Diana continued work in student-related jobs at other colleges and universities in the Philadelphia area until her retirement. Diana was preceded in death by her father, Stanley Frodyma, her brother, Richard Frodyma and her mother, Frances Frodyma. She is survived by her husband, Joseph Lutz, and by many cousins and their families, with whom she was very close, including Helen Pekny (the late Frank), of South Pasadena, CA, Ronald Altman (Eleanor) of Dade City, FL, Halina Kiebal, of Chicago, IL, the late Frank Fodyma (Ada), of Downers Grove, IL, Conrad Frodyma (Elaine), of Tinley Park, IL, as well as numerous cousins living throughout Poland. She was especially proud of her beloved goddaughters: Jacqui Pekny Magnuson (Eric) and her daughter, Steffi Magnuson, of Las Vegas, NV, Lisa Altman Brackett (Richard) and her daughter, Hannah Brackett of Lakeland FL, and of her irreplaceable "boys", Ronald Edmund Altman (Pamela) and Cameron James Altman, of Port Richey, FL

Visitation, Thursday January 9, 2020 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ridge Funeral Home (Edward A. Tylka Manager/Director), 6620 W. Archer Ave, Chicago. Funeral Friday, January 10, 2020; family and friends will meet at St. Joseph Church (7240 W. 57th St., Summit, IL 60501) for a 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial. Inurnment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org) would be appreciated. Info: 773-586-7900 or [www.ridgefh.com](http://www.ridgefh.com).

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**MALINA, EDWARD M.**

Edward M. Malina, 86 of Riverside, beloved husband of Valda; devoted father of Steven and Vincent (Samantha); dearest grandfather of Olivia N. and Nicholas J.; fond brother of Anne Johnson and the late Joseph, Walter, Stephanie Glen and Mary Anne Kozwinski; fond uncle and great uncle of many. Visitation on Sunday, January 5, 2020 from 2 to 8:00 p.m. and Monday, 9:00 a.m. till time of services at 9:45 a.m. at **Invins/Moravecek Funeral Home** 80 E. Burlington St. Riverside going to St. Mary Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Entombment and Military Honors at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral info 708-447-2261 or [www.moravecek.com](http://www.moravecek.com).

### Invins/Moravecek Funeral Home

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**Maloney, Rita A.**

Beloved daughter of the late John and Isabelle Maloney; loving sister of Maureen (John) Berry, and Catherine (Tim) Berry; fond aunt to Maureen, Sean, Michael, Kevin, Brendan, the late Bridget, Meghan, Timothy, Daniel and Brian; great aunt to 17. Visitation will be held on Monday from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Raymond de Penafort located at 301 S. I-Oka in Mount Prospect. Interment All Saints Cemetery. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com)

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**Mansfield, Bernardine P.**

Bernardine P. Mansfield (nee Jaros), age 88, of Burr Ridge; beloved wife of the late James C. Mansfield for a loving 58 years; dear mother of Jamie Claire (Jay) Refieuna, James Clarence Mansfield, Jr. and the late William Jaros Mansfield; devoted grandmother of Jeffrey and Jason Refieuna, Danielle Mansfield and the late James C. Mansfield III; fond sister-in-law of Gloria (the late Robert) Thomas and the late Anita (the late Dave) White; cherished aunt to many nieces & nephews. Bernie enjoyed spending time at her homes in Lake Geneva, WI and Highland Beach, FL and loved traveling. She enjoyed the nice things in life, including fine dining and libations. Bernie will always be remembered for her humor, laughter, generosity, and her love of family, friends and animals. Visitation Tuesday, January 7th from 3:00 until 8:00pm at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral Service 11:00am Wednesday, January 8th at the funeral home. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Cancer Society, 225 Michigan Ave., #1200, Chicago, IL 60601 or the Gift of Carl Foundation, PO Box 1161, Westmont, IL 60559 are appreciated. Service info: (708) 352-6500 or [hjfunerals.com](http://hjfunerals.com)



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**McCann, Annette Marie**

Annette Marie McCann. Beloved sister of Alfred (the late Kathleen) McCann, the late James McCann and Marilyn Jacks. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation Monday, January 6, 4-7 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Funeral Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. from funeral home to St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 10 a.m. Private Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Funeral info., [www.ryan-parke.com](http://www.ryan-parke.com).

### RYAN-PARKE FUNERAL HOME

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**McKee, Edward F.**

Edward F. McKee age 89 of Glen Ellyn, beloved husband, loving father and cherished grandpa, passed away peacefully on January 2nd, 2020. Edward is survived by his wife Dorothy (nee: Kosmal), four children Edward Jr. (Marnie) McKee, Noreen Shanahan, Kevin McKee and Michelle McKee and nine grandchildren Edward III, April, Kristen, Christopher (Katie), Steven, Katelyn (Peter), Kevin, Carolyn and Liah. He was preceded in death by his parents Edward and Therese McKee and his sister Mary Healy. Edward worked for Lake Shore National Bank for 31 years and served in the US Army during the Korean War. A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, January 11th from 11:45 AM until time of service at 1:45 PM at Leonard Memorial Funeral Home, 565 Duane St., Glen Ellyn. ([www.leonardmemorialhome.com](http://www.leonardmemorialhome.com) or 630-469-0032). In lieu of flowers please make donations to St. Bernard Abbey, 1600 St. Bernard Drive SE, Culman, AL 35055, [www.stbernardabbey.com](http://www.stbernardabbey.com).

### Leonard Memorial Home

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**Michelotti, Carmen P.**

Carmen P. Michelotti, 90, of Chicago, passed away Wednesday, December 18, 2019. He is survived by his wife Lynn R. Michelotti, sister Marie Giannoni, niece Diane (John) Horban, brother-in-law Ward Riedesel and nephew Stark Riedesel. Funeral service private. Arrangements entrusted to Chicagoland Cremation Options of Schiller Park, Illinois.

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**Moriarty, Anthony**

Anthony Raymond (Tony) Moriarty, 74, of Huntsville, AL passed away on Dec. 27. He lived life to the fullest until the day he died, enjoying his last Christmas at home with family. Tony was born in Vancouver, WA to Michael Patrick Moriarty and Eleanor Moriarty on February 21, 1945. He grew up in Chicago's Visitation Parish.

His legacy of hard work began early with paper routes, ushering at White Sox games, and loading trucks on the docks. He further supported himself while earning a bachelor's, master's, and PhD from University of Illinois. His career in education spanned teaching, coaching, guidance, and administration. He was a published author, and maintained a practice as a clinical psychologist, specializing in helping individuals, families, and police officers. He played football for U of I Navy Pier, and threw discus on the track team. He loved softball, tennis, racquetball, golf and jogging. He enjoyed reading, bird-watching and chess.

Tony is survived by his wife of 51 years, Allenda Gail (Smith) Moriarty, his daughter, Erin Moriarty Wade of Boca Raton, FL, her husband, David Wade, and their children Charleston, Ansley and Hudson Anthony; his daughter, Meghan Moriarty Nestor of Huntsville, AL, her husband Tyler Nester, and their children James, Owen and Maia. Brother Gene (Fran) Moriarty; sisters Eleanor (Vince) Champagne, Karen Moriarty and Christine (Mark) Field; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers Michael (Louise) Moriarty and Donald (Gloria) Moriarty; and sister Katy.

A celebration of his life will be held in Chicago on March 28 at a location TBD. Memorial donations may be made in his name to the Leo High School Scholarship Fund (773-224-9600 ext. 209) or the Cap & Gown Project ([www.capandgownproject.org](http://www.capandgownproject.org)).

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**Norred, James E. "Fonz" "Jimmy"**

Age 76, late of Homer Glen, passed away peacefully Saturday, January 4, 2020 surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama and a resident of Homer Glen for the past 34 years. Retired from Neumann Company after many years of dedicated service. A very proud United States Air Force Veteran. James was an avid bowler and on many bowling leagues, but above all else he cherished spending time with his family. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Anna Charlene Norred in 2015; son, John Lawrence Norred; parents, Earl and Thelma (Hanna) Norred; three brothers, Wayne, Joe and Michael Norred. Survived by his two loving children, Michael Norred and Debra (Paul) Fus; four cherished grandchildren, Ryan Norred, Nicholas, Alexandra and Matthew Fus; two brothers, Harold and Edward (Kathy) Norred; his godson, Patrick Norred. Numerous nephews, nieces and many dear friends also survive. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Lung Association or Wounded Warriors would be greatly appreciated. Services will be held Wednesday January 8, 2020 in the O'Neil Funeral Home chapel 1105 E. 9th St. (159th St.) Lockport, IL, 60441 at 10:00am. Following all services cremation rites will be respectfully addressed.

Visitation Tuesday, January 7, 2020 in the funeral home chapel from 4:00pm until 8:00pm. Family and friends can obtain directions or sign the online guestbook at: [www.oneilfuneralhome.com](http://www.oneilfuneralhome.com)



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**O'Brien, John G. "Jack"**

John "Jack" G. O'Brien, 91, of Norwood Crossing, formerly of Oak Park. Beloved husband of the late Carol, nee Turner. Loving father of Georganne (Michael) Moreth. Proud grandfather of Mia and Molly. Preceded in death by his parents, William and Louise; his siblings, William, Jr., Robert (Maryalice), Patricia (Jack) Rene, Isabelle (Joseph) McKitrick, Edward (MaryEllen), Mary Louise and Rev. Joseph O'Brien. Dear uncle and friend of many. Visitation Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home** - Peter Heneghan, Director, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago from 3:00 - 8:00 PM. Funeral Thursday, 9:30 AM at funeral home to immaculate Conception Church, Mass 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers memorials to Norwood Crossing, 6016 N. Nina, Chicago, IL 60631 appreciated. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For further information 773-631-1240 or [www.suerth.com](http://www.suerth.com).



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**O'Byrn, Josephine T.**

Josephine T. O'Byrn, Nee Rizzico. Jan. 2, 2020. Age 88. Devoted wife of Daniel E. O'Byrn, Sr. Loving mother of Brian(Gail), Daniel E., Jr. (Ginny), and Michael O'Byrn. Cherished grandmother of Jessica and Emily O'Byrn. Beloved sister of Jean Ann Lavictoire, and preceded in death by her siblings, Joseph B. ("Pip"), Rizzico, Sr., Samuel F. Rizzico, Sr., Louis Paul(Gig) Rizzico, Eleanor L. Selva, Philomena "Phyllis" St. Peter, and Carmie Vinceggara. Josephine is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends. Visitation will be Wednesday 10:30 AM until time of Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 AM at the St. Francis of Assisi Chapel at Franciscan Village, 1270 Franciscan Dr., Lemont, IL., 60439. Interment Ss. Cyril & Methodius Cemetery, Lemont, IL. In lieu of Flowers, Memorial Offerings in Josephine's name may be made to Catholic Charities of Chicago, 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL.60654 or [www.donate@catholiccharities.net](http://www.donate@catholiccharities.net), and will be deeply appreciated. Petkus & Son Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements. 800-994-7600 or [www.petkusfuneralhomes.com](http://www.petkusfuneralhomes.com)



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Josephine is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends. Visitation will be Wednesday 10:30 AM until time of Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 AM at the St. Francis of Assisi Chapel at Franciscan Village, 1270 Franciscan Dr., Lemont, IL., 60439. Interment Ss. Cyril & Methodius Cemetery, Lemont, IL. In lieu of Flowers, Memorial Offerings in Josephine's name may be made to Catholic Charities of Chicago, 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL.60654 or [www.donate@catholiccharities.net](http://www.donate@catholiccharities.net), and will be deeply appreciated. Petkus & Son Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements. 800-994-7600 or [www.petkusfuneralhomes.com](http://www.petkusfuneralhomes.com)

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**O'Reilly, Marcy**

Marcy O'Reilly, nee Fisher, 57. Beloved wife of Dennis O'Reilly. Loving mother of Steven O'Reilly. Devoted daughter of the late Sheldon and Beverly Fisher. Dear sister of Greg (Judy) Fisher and the late Sharon Lisitza. Adored aunt of Michelle Fisher, Michael Lisitza, and Andrew (Rachel) Lisitza. Will be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Chapel service Monday 11 AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road, (One block north of Lake Cook Rd.) Buffalo Grove. Interment Zion Gardens Cemetery, Chicago. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Camp Nageela Midwest Scholarship Fund, 3542 W. Peterson Ave., Chicago, IL 60659, [www.campnageelamidwest.org](http://www.campnageelamidwest.org). Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com).

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**Overman, Lisa**

Lisa Overman, nee Madonick, 61, cherished mother of Jami (Jason) Copeland; devoted grandma of Jack, Jonathan and Grace Copeland; devoted daughter of the late Gloria and Arthur Madonick; dear sister of Lauren (Gene) Lucas and Robbi (Ken) Sobczyk; loving aunt of her "honey bunnies" Spencer and Matthew Bartlett and Jenna and Dana Sobczyk. Lisa will be dearly missed by her faithful four-legged companion Danjy. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Carol and Kiana of Residential Hospice and Ebonie and Kimberly of BrightStar for their outstanding care.

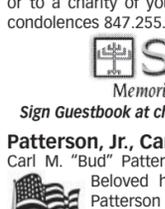
Lisa, AKA the "Midnight QVC shopper", had a love of all things. She especially loved her family, concerts, the Blackhawks, the White Sox, laughing, afternoon siestas and most of all her adored grandchildren. She had the most contagious laugh and her warm loving personality will most certainly be missed. Chapel service Monday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, [www.donate3.cancer.org](http://www.donate3.cancer.org) or to a charity of your choice. For information or condolences 847.255.3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com).

### Shalom Memorial Funeral Home

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**Patterson, Jr., Carl M 'Bud'**

Carl M. "Bud" Patterson, Jr. age 91 of Evanston. Beloved husband of the late Marilyn Patterson nee Kordick; loving father of Joseph, James and John Patterson; dear brother of Patricia (Ray) Van Heck, the late Rita Byrne and the late Jane Shreeves. Bud was a combat veteran serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as a 2nd Lt. Visitation, Saturday January 11, 2020, 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass, 10:00 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church, 9248 North Lawndale Avenue, Evanston, IL 60203. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in memory of Carl M. Patterson Jr. to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60607. Funeral info (847) 675-1990 or [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com)



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**Peltier, Sr., Noel Charles**

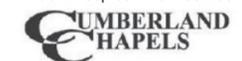
Noel Charles Peltier, Sr. died on December 29, just a few weeks short of his 97th birthday. Noel was born and raised in the City of Chicago. He proudly served in the Military Police during World War II, then graduated from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism with a master's degree. For years, Noel enjoyed telling stories about his first job out of college: a police reporter for the City News Bureau. He moved into corporate marketing where he developed a specialty in pharmaceuticals first at Mead Johnson and later at Abbott Labs. His crowning career achievement was his 20 years as a teacher at Barat College. He enjoyed teaching so much that he tried to keep his age a secret so he wouldn't be forced to retire. Noel married Lois Olsen in 1947. Lois died in March, 2019, a few months after the couple's 71st wedding anniversary. The couple are survived by their son, Noel C. Peltier, Jr., daughter Patrice Peltier (Paul Zillgitt), and niece, Patricia Peltier. The couple lived in Lake Forest for more than 30 years before moving to Vi Senior Living about 15 years ago. Services are private. Memorials can be made to Bright Futures Foundation, 2500 Indigo Lane, Box 2600, Glenview, IL 60026.

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**Polvere, Primo**

Primo Polvere, 88, Franklin Park, passed away January 2, 2020. Beloved husband of Domenica for 66 wonderful years. Loving father of Michael (Pamela) Polvere, Gary (Michele) Polvere, Christine (John) Laka, and Dan (Mary) Polvere. Cherished grandfather of Stephanie (Jackson), Alexander, Natalie, Kristiana (Alex), Marissa, Domenica (Austin), Payton, and Presley. Great grandfather of Silas. Dear uncle of many. Proud Army Veteran. Visitation will be Saturday, January 11, at St. Gertrude Catholic Church, Franklin Park, from 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rainbow Hospice. Info: 708-456-8300



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**Preston, Nora L.**

Nora L. Preston, age 94 of Downers Grove, IL. Formerly of San Francisco, CA. Beloved wife of the late George T. Loving mother of Gina Castle. Beloved daughter of the late Olga and Voldimar Landesen. Proud grandmother of Nicholas and Jacques. Family and friends to gather Saturday, Jan. 11th for 10AM Memorial Mass at Divine Savior Church 6700 Main St, Downers Grove. Arrangements by **DuPage Cremations, Ltd. and Memorial Chapel** (630) 293-5200.



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**Remish, Anita**

Anita Remish (nee Sack), 93, passed away on December 17, 2019 in San Diego, Ca. Beloved wife of the late Alexander Remish for 61 years. Cherished mother of Steven (Nancy) Remish and Daniel (Barbara) Remish. Proud grandmother of Nicole, Michael, Lauren, Matthew, Madeline, Emma and Nikolas. Dear sister of the late Dr. Leonardo Sack, the late Dr. Sophia Sack, and Dr. Mary Cohen. Born in Argentina she came to Chicago and earned her master's degree in Education and worked for the Chicago Public Schools until her retirement. Funeral services were privately held. Donations can be made to your favorite charity. Graveside memorial to be held at Waldheim cemetery this spring, date TBA.

**Rieger, Sharon Z.**

Sharon Rieger nee Zick, age 69, of Golf, IL. Survived by her husband Brian Rieger; her two daughters Megan (William) Witt and Rebecca Rieger; sister Cathy (George) Manning; two granddaughters, Ella and Annabelle Witt; and two nieces Stephanie Zick and Jennifer (Thomas) Johnson. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Sutter Zick, her father, John W. Zick; and her brother John "J.O." W. Zick. Jr. Funeral Service Friday, January 10, 2020, 11:30 a.m. at Winnetka Presbyterian Church, 1255 Willow Road, Winnetka, IL 60093. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 E. Ohio, Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60611 or Epilepsy Services for Northeastern Illinois, 1698 First Street, Highland Park, IL 60035. Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990.



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**Riley, Nancy Byrnes**

of Lake Forest, IL died on January 1, 2020 at the age of 92. Born to the late Edward and Mazie Byrnes, she was an honors graduate of St. Scholastica Academy and St. Mary's College of Notre Dame. Nancy was pre-deceased by her husband, Fredrick J. Riley and her son Edward B. Riley. Her surviving children include Fred Riley, Maureen Riley, Elizabeth Riley Dwyer, Mark Riley, Nancy Riley Gross and William Riley. Her eight grandchildren include Michael Riley, Samantha Riley, Colin Riley, Adam Gross, Natalie Gross, Shannon Gross, Madeline Dwyer and Charles Dwyer. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, January 10th at 10am at St. Mary's Church, 175 E. Illinois Avenue, Lake Forest, IL

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**Sachs, Rita Chilow**

Rita Chilow Sachs, born October 10, 1920, in Glasgow Scotland to Louis and Tillie Chilow. She was the devoted wife of the late Sam Sachs, loving mother of the late Barbara (the late Charles) Linn, and fond sister of the late Philip Chilow. She is survived by her daughter Laurie (Arthur) Travers of Boulder, CO; her adored granddaughter Deborah (Peter) Smith and great-grandsons Nathan, Brandon, and Liam Smith of Wilmette; dear nephew and niece Richard and Arline Nechtow of Deerfield, and by her extended family in Colorado and Scotland. Rita lived most of her life in Chicago and Winnetka. She graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in sociology. She loved the theater and all kinds of music and was an accomplished pianist. Chapel service Friday, Jan. 10, 2020, 12:00 PM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd. (at Niles Center Rd.) Skokie. Interment Westlawn. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals-Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)



**Sajdak, Dolores T. 'DoDee'**

Dolores T. Sajdak (nee Wasilewicz) age 80 passed away on January 1, 2020. Loving wife of the late Henry Sajdak. Dearest mother of Teresa Sajdak, Charles (Nancy) Sajdak and the late John (Peggy) Sajdak. Proud grandmother of Adam, Nathan, Grace, Joseph, Sophia and Savannah. Dear sister of the late Jean (Wayne) Stratton. Dolores's family wishes to thank her caregiver Margie for the fine care she provided her. Visitation on Monday, January 6, 2020 beginning at 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **G. L. Hills Funeral Home**, 745 Graceland Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016. Funeral service Tuesday, January 7, 2020, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home followed by interment in St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles, Illinois. For information please call (847) 699-9003 or ghillsfuneralhome.com.

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**Schaefer, Ray**

Schaefer, Ray, 82, of Chicago passed December 31, 2019. Survived by many nieces, nephews and in-laws. Preceded in death by his parents, Josephine and Emil, and siblings, Emil, Bob, Bill and Arlene. His passion was college sports and collecting records, and he spent his whole career servicing jukeboxes at Apex Amusement Corp. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11am, Saturday, January 11, 2020 at St. Benedict Nursing and Rehab, 6930 W. Touhy, Niles, IL 60714. Info, **Cremation Society of Illinois** 773-774-3333.



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**SCHAUER, LOUIS F**

Louis F Schauer of Riverside died on December 20. Lou was a most generous man, not only with his means but with his time. Lou was a gregarious man with a fine sense of how to tell a story; he had a ready smile and a quick wit. Lou was born in Chicago on December 4, 1928 to Mary Vittich Schauer and Frank William Schauer. Lou grew up in Chicago attending public schools and later graduated from Northwestern University in 1949 and Harvard Law School in 1952. Upon graduation from Law School, he served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. Upon discharge in 1955, Lou joined the Chicago law firm of Lord, Bissell & Brook, becoming a partner in 1963. He remained with the firm until his retirement in 1992. Lou's life took a sharp upturn when he met a young lady, Nancy Wilson, who became his wife. Lou suffered the sadness of having both Nancy and their son, Christopher, predecease him. Lou's older sister, Lorraine, also predeceased him earlier this year. His life was filled with many interests. As a lawyer, Lou responded to a concern in the American business community in the 1970s that an increase in shareholder litigation against directors of large corporations had highlighted the risks individuals assumed in serving on boards of directors. Lou chaired committees of the American Bar Association, working with a handful of other lawyers, corporate officers and insurance professionals to develop forms for insurance for directors and officers that were then sold to the largest corporations; now this insurance product is sold to organizations of every size. As a partner at Lord, Bissell, Lou developed this practice, founding a department concentrating on issues of liabilities of corporate directors and officers. Lou's legal interests took him into other arenas. Lou served as Village Attorney for Western Springs and later as President of the Board of Trustees of the Village. Lou also served as Chairman of the Western Suburban Mass Transit District. Lou's concern for our world led him to devote substantial energy to the Brookfield Zoo and the Chicago Zoological Society. Lou was a long-time member of the CZS Board of Trustees, served as Secretary of the Board for many years and played a key role in CZS's collaboration with the Australian Government in conserving 850,000 acres of wildlife habitat. He became a Life Trustee in 2005. Nancy's and Lou's artistic interests led them to the Theater of Western Springs beginning in 1957. Lou served as Business Manager for several years and later as Treasurer. He was on the Theater's first Board of Trustees and also served later terms. He continued to serve on committees of the Theater until his death. During his 62 years of devotion to the Theater, he was cast in 16 plays. Lou also was on the Board of the Chicago Opera Theater. Lou is survived by relatives and friends, the good he did for many, and the memories of those who were fortunate to know him. Info at [www.moravecek.com](http://www.moravecek.com) or 708-447-2261.

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**Schiro, George J.**

George J. Schiro, 98, of Chicago. Beloved husband of Frances, nee Parziale. Loving father of Rosanne Schiro and Jo Marie (Michael) Lang. Loving grandfather of Maria. Adored brother of Vito (Myrna) Schiro, Mary (the late Michael) Harjung, Saverio (Estelle) Schiro, the late Frances (the late George) Koukios, and the late Joseph Schiro. Dear cousin, uncle, and friend to many. George served proudly in the United States Army 8th Infantry Division during WWII. He will be missed by all who knew him. Funeral Services 9:30 AM, Wednesday, January 8, 2020, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Avenue, to St Mary of the Woods Church for a Funeral Mass at 10 AM. Interment Mt Carmel Cemetery in Hillside, IL. Visitation Tuesday 3 PM to 8 PM at the funeral home. Info 773-736-3833 or visit [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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**Schramm, Henry C. 'Hank'**

Henry C. Schramm, 91 of Skokie died surrounded by his loving family on January 1, 2020. Henry is survived by his four daughters, Susan (Fred Lake) Sellers, Donna (Michael) Clark, Karen (Lou) Kailer and Linda (Alvaro Camara) Schramm; proud grandfather of Brian (Alison) Keith, Angela (Leddie), Ashley and the late Alvaro; Great-grandfather of Logan, Alaina, Noelle and Mason. Henry was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Betty Mae Schramm, brother Irving and sister Eleanor. Henry "Hank" was born and raised in Evanston. He and Betty Mae met when, at eleven years old, she moved into his Noyes Street neighborhood. They were married at 21 and devoted to each other for life. At Evanston High School, he played baseball and football. His love of sports followed him through life and was a fan of all Chicago Sports teams. He especially loved the Cubs and became a Season Ticket Holder in 1995. After High School, he joined his Evanston based family business, Charles Schramm Plastering. He became an expert in plastering architectural detailing and was in great demand throughout the North Shore area homes. In his retirement, it gave him great pride and joy, when driving around, to point out the beautiful homes where he had left his artistic footprint. He recently received a plaque for 70 years of membership in the Plasters' and Cement Masons Union Local #502 from the Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons International Association of the United States and Canada. He was also proud that at 91, he had passed his driver's test. Hank was also a member of the National Guard and remembered fondly his camp experiences and camaraderie with fellow members. He enjoyed gardening, reading and travelling. Hank and Betty Mae traveled extensively but his favorite type of travel was Road Trips. He loved visiting rural towns in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. He was an active, lifetime member of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Evanston. His strong faith in God, strong work ethic, honesty and respect for others was who he was. Visitation Sunday, January 12, 2020, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077 and Monday January, 13, 2020 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service 11:00 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1334 Wesley Avenue, at Greenwood Street, Evanston, IL 60201. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, 1334 Wesley Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201 Funeral info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-199



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**Schubert, Irene**

Irene Schubert, nee Pfrommer; beloved wife of the late Edwin; loving mother of Lynn (Michael) Slattery, Ellen (Ron) Szelina and Lora (Jim) Schaefer; dearest grandmother of Tim (Sara) Slattery, David Slattery, Scott Schaefer, Andy Szelina and Joey Szelina; fond sister of the late Lore (the late Fred) Dreck; cherished aunt of many. Visitation, Tuesday, 3 to 8 p.m. Funeral Service, Wednesday, 11 a.m. at **The Elms Funeral Home** 7600 W. Grand Ave. (Turn north at 76th Ave.) Elmwood Park. Interment private at Ridgewood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a donation to Seasons Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated. For information 708-453-1234 or [www.elmsfh.com](http://www.elmsfh.com)



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**Skloot, Richard Ross**

Richard Ross Skloot, age 56, beloved husband of Kari, nee Flugum. Loving father of Mason Skloot. Devoted son of Ina (the late Gerald) Nechamkin and the late Marvin (Judy Nelsen) Skloot, and son-in-law of Curtis and LaDonna Flugum. Cherished brother of Howard Skloot and Janet (Paul) Katz, brother-in-law of Kristi (Mike) Upham, Kandi (Dave) Brittain, and Mike (Marissa) Flugum. Adored uncle of Ian and Adam Katz; Alex and Ainsley Upham; Luke, Jack and Klare Brittain; Libbie, Emma and Christain Flugum. Preceded in death by nephew Nicholas Upham. Service Monday, 1:30 PM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 195 North Buffalo Grove Rd., (one block North of Lake Cook Rd.) Buffalo Grove. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory may be made to Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, 302 Ridgefield Court, Asheville, NC 28806, [www.curethekids.org](http://www.curethekids.org). Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove Chapel - 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com).



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**Smith, Benjamin Alex**

Ben passed away January 3, 2020 after a long illness. He is survived by his sister Nancy Smith (Tania) and preceded in death by his grandparents (Maurice and Silvia), his parents (Ron and Paula), his stepfather (John) and his sister (Bonni). May he Rest in Peace. Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)

**Smith, Clifford 'Smitty'**

Clifford "Smitty" Smith, age 74, of Lombard. Loving brother of Randall (Mary Kay); dearest uncle of Jenifer Smith, Amanda (Matthew) Consalvo, and Wendy (Kyle) Mason; great-uncle of Brooklyn, Rosalie, Bella and Lincoln; many other relatives. Smitty was the son of the late Rosalie Smith nee Mahy. A Visitation will be held Thursday, January 9 from 2-8 PM at **Brust Funeral Home**, 135 S. Main St., Lombard. Funeral Services will be held Friday, January 10, with Smitty Lying-in-State from 10 AM until the time of a Funeral Service at 10:30 AM at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church. Interment will follow at 1:30 PM at Chapel Hill Gardens South. More info [www.brustfuneralhome.com](http://www.brustfuneralhome.com) or call 888-629-0094.

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**Smith, Lucille M.**

Lucille M. Smith, nee Stegmaier, beloved wife of Joseph G. Smith. Dear sister of Anita M. Kaas (late Dennis T. Kaas), the late Dorothy F. Stegmaier, the late Clement C. Stegmaier, Jr., the late Charles G. "Chuck" Stegmaier and sister in law of Katherine Bily. Dear aunt of Susan (Steve) Grimes, Randy Kaas, Cindy (Ross) Rice, Glenn Kaas, Buzz (Sherry) Kaas, Rene' Jewett, Jennifer S. Stegmaier, Cynthia Biedrzycki, James Gleason, Peggy Donohoe, Diane Ostojic, Edward Bily, Jr., and Thomas Bily and many great-nieces, great-nephews and God-children. Cousin of Loretta Kandefer and Donald Allaire. Lucille is also survived by her beloved dog, Pinky, who was adopted from her dearest sister, Dorothy. She was preceded in death by her parents Clement C. and Marie A. Stegmaier. Lucille loved so deeply... her Lord, her family, her friends. Visitation Thursday, Jan 9th, from 4-8pm at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Funeral Friday, Jan. 10th, 11:00am from the funeral home to Queen of All Saints Basilica for Mass at 11:30am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park. For funeral information, 773-736-3833 or visit Lucille's memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com).

**Smith-Corcoran Funeral Homes**

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**Smith, Sheldon B.**

Sheldon B. Smith, 75, passed away on Friday, December 27, 2019 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was born in Chicago on December 8, 1944, formerly of Glencoe, living in Las Vegas for the past 11 years. Sheldon was a graduate of University of Illinois, Chicago in 1967. In 1971, he joined Stanley H. Kaplan Educational Centers (now Kaplan University) and was responsible for its expansion to Chicago. In all he opened 26 Kaplan centers in 11 states. From 2006 until his passing, Sheldon was a well-established dealer of casino collectibles and sold extensively on eBay as "onenevadadollar." Sheldon is survived by his wife, Christine (Mandracia Kassak) Smith; three children and seven grandchildren and many other well-loved family members: Steve and Brenda (Mobile) Smith (children, Hannah and Matthew Smith); Jennifer (Smith) and Doug Freymark (children, Will and Lane Freymark); and Jeff Kassak (children, Kory, Derek and Shanna Kassak) and brother, Irwin (Shirley) Smith. A visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until time of services at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, January 11, 2020 at **Burnett-Dane Funeral Home**, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnett-dane.com](http://www.burnett-dane.com).

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**Stefani, Jayne M.**

Jayne M. Stefani, age 92 of Glen Ellyn. Jayne retired after 35 years as a board member of Marian Joy Auxiliary. She is the beloved wife of the late Charles. Loving mother of Patty (Barry) Kenis. Proud grandmother of Amanda (Ian) Johnson and Valerie (Matt Medick) Kenis. Great grandmother of Grant Johnson. Services were private. Arrangements by **DuPage Cremations, Ltd. and Memorial Chapel** (630) 293-5200.



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**Stettler, Marian D.**

Marian D. Stettler, 89, passed away at home on December 23, 2019. She is survived by Clifford, her loving husband of 58 years; her son Peter (Kim) and daughter Linda; her granddaughters Megan and Hannah; and her sister in law Janice, wife of her late brother Ray Drebing. A physical education teacher, counselor and librarian for CPS, Marian began her career as a teacher for the US Army stationed in Paris and suburban Chicago school districts. Marian served as president of the Wildwood Elementary, Taft High School, and regional PTAs. Marian was active at Edgebrook Community Church where she led the youth group and was a member of the Women's Club, and later at Park Ridge Community Church also in the Women's Club. A memorial service is planned for 2:00 pm on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland Ave, Park Ridge, IL. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Marian's name to either Shriners Hospitals for Children or JDRF.

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**Suess, Robert Wesley**

Robert W. Suess, age 73, died January 2, 2020. Robert retired as a Sergeant after 40 years as a Chicago Police Officer. He was the beloved husband of Regina M., fond father of Robert Wesley (Amy), proud grandfather of Kyle Robert and Ryan William, brother to Kathrynne and was a dear son of the late Robert and Regina K. Arrangements are entrusted to DUNN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME with CREMATORY, 1801 S. Douglas Road, Oswego, IL 60543. For information: 630/554-3888 or [www.dunnfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dunnfamilyfuneralhome.com)

**Sweeney, Michael Patrick**

Michael Patrick Sweeney, beloved husband of Meaghan, nee Nash; devoted father of Margaret Agnes and Rosemary Frances; dear brother of James (Sarah) Delany, Kathy (Steve) Routhier, Kevin (Susan) Sweeney, Robert Sweeney, John (Jancy) Sweeney, William Delany, and the late Carol (Ted) Burkett; dear son-in-law of Patrick and Gail Nash; dear brother-in-law of Stephanie (Paul) Hart and Christopher Patrick Nash; beloved uncle of Willa, George, Owen, Mary Agnes, Catherine, Eamonn, and many nieces and nephews. Michael was the proud graduate of the University of Washington, earning a bachelor and master's degree. He most recently was the Principal of St. Joan of Arc School in Lisle. Visitation will be Tuesday, January 7th from 9:30 am until the 10:30 mass of Christian burial at St. Joseph Church, 1747 Lake Ave., Wilmette, IL. INT. Private. [www.pomierskifuneralhome.com](http://www.pomierskifuneralhome.com)

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**Szalay, Emmerich**

Emmerich Karl Szalay, 91, passed away peacefully on December 29, 2019. He was born in Romania and immigrated to Chicago with his family in 1957. He was an avid stamp collector and worked in the printing industry for 40 years.

Emmerich is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Elisabeth (Pospeich) Szalay. He is remembered by Regina Szalay (daughter), her husband, Richard Peck, and their daughter, Elizabeth Szalay in Chicago, IL; Detlev Szalay (son) and his family in California; Emmy Krueger (cousin), her daughter, Dori (Krueger) Cronk, and her son-in-law, John Cronk, in Edmonton, Alberta; and Annamarie Hummel (niece) and her family in Nuremberg, Germany.

Services are private, but a memorial service will be held in his honor at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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**Tenegal, Kathleen M.**

Kathleen M. Tenegal nee Midona. Beloved wife of Michael F. Tenegal. Dear sister of Patricia (the late Charles W.) Rydberg, Michael (Elizabeth) Midona & the late Donald Midona. Loving aunt & great aunt of many nieces & nephews. Fond cousin of many. Proud godmother & aunt of Christine Zuza. Funeral Monday 9:45 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to St. Louis de Montfort Church for Mass at 10:30 am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Sunday from 3:00 pm until 8:00pm. [thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com](http://thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com) 708-425-0500

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**Tuner, Dale Roy**

Dale Roy Turner, age 73, of Oak Park, veteran US Army National Guard; beloved husband of Melody nee Jackson; loving father of Alison (Mark) Duray and Justine C. Turner (Mike) Smith; cherished grandfather of Theodore 'T.J.' Duray and Alden Smith; dear brother of Linda (Kamal) Fatehi, R. Sam (Rebecca) Turner and the late Thomas Turner; devoted son of the late Roy and Jane Turner. Visitation 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, January 10 at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Memorial Service 1 p.m. Saturday, January 11 at Grace Episcopal Church, 924 Lake St., Oak Park. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Brain Foundation, ACLU, or Arts organization of your choice are appreciated. Funeral info: [drechsler-brownwilliams.com](http://drechsler-brownwilliams.com) or 708-383-3191.

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**Van Bussum, Margaret**

Margaret Van Bussum nee Kunz age 96 of Evanston. Beloved wife of the late Phillip C. Van Bussum; loving mother of Kathy Reiland, Peg (David) Kritzler; Betsy (Marc) Sillars, Phillip Van Bussum and David (Elizabeth) Van Bussum; proud grandmother of 17; great-grandmother of 16. Visitation Friday, January 10, 2020 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Saturday, January 11, 2020 11:00 a.m. at Saint Athanasius Church, 1615 Lincoln Street, Evanston, IL 60201. In lieu of flowers Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105. Info [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990.



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**Vernon**

See Georgine C. Kufner notice.

**Vitrano, Madeline J.**

Madeline J. Vitrano, nee Pavone, 95. Beloved Wife of the late Russell L. Vitrano, Sr. Loving Mother of Marylou (Sig) Gadin, Michaline (Chuck) Korponya and Russell Jr. Proud Grandmother of 9; Great Grandmother of 15. Cherished Sister of John, Luke, Mary and the late Rose, Joseph, Peter and Frank. She will be dearly missed by many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday, January 7, 2020 from 3PM to 9PM at FORAN FUNERAL HOME, 7300 W. Archer Ave. (55th street just west of Harlem). Visitation at the funeral home on Wednesday, 8:30 AM until time of prayers at 9:30AM. We will go in procession to St. Rene Goupil Church for a 10 AM Mass of Christian Burial. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Please omit flowers. Condolences may be sent to Madeline's family on her personal tribute website at: [www.foranfuneralhome.com](http://www.foranfuneralhome.com). 708-458-0208

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**Walsh, Rev. Michael J.**

Rev. Michael J. Walsh, Age 89, Born into Eternal Life on December 31, 2019. Beloved son of the late Bridget (Brennan) and Michael J. Walsh. Dear brother of the late Mary Ellen. Fr. Walsh was ordained on May 1, 1956 by Samuel Cardinal Stritch. He was a Faithful Servant of the Lord for 62 years. Serving as Associate Pastor at eight parishes and on the Metropolitan Tribunal from 1968-1983. He attended St. Francis De Paula Grammar School, Quigley North Preparatory Seminary, and St. Mary of the Lake University. Fr. Mike loved to travel to Ireland (23 excursions). He was issued his Irish Passport in Dublin Ireland, in October, 1986. Visitation Monday 9:00am-11:00am at Holy Family Villa, 12220 S. Will-Cook Rd, Palos Park, IL 60464. Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at Holy Family Villa at 11:00am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Committal Service Monday at 2:00pm. Memorials to Holy Family Villa (address listed above), or Priests Retirement and Mutual Aid Association (PRMAA), 1400 S. Wolf Rd., Hillside, IL 60162 are most appreciated. Info: **Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors**, 708-636-5500 or [www.heeneyff.com](http://www.heeneyff.com)

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**ZELMER, MURIEL C**

Muriel C. Zelmmer, age 86, of Downers Grove, IL passed away January 3, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Ralph, loving mother of Becky Z. (Don) Jankowski and Wendy J. (Mark) Steward, and proud grandmother of James and Alec Steward. Visitation Sunday, January 5, 2020 from 3 -7 p.m. at Toon Funeral Home, 4920 Main St., Downers Grove, IL. Visitation Monday, January 6, 2020 9 am until time of service 10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., Downers Grove, IL. Interment Bethania Cemetery, Justice, IL. For further information, 630-968-0408 or [www.toonfuneralhome.com](http://www.toonfuneralhome.com).

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**Zirn, Marilyn R.**

Marilyn R. Zirn (nee Rosenthal) passed away peacefully on December 25, 2019, at age 84. Beloved wife of 50+ years of the late Benjamin Howard Zirn, loving mother and forever miss of her three children Jonathan (Lauren) Zirn, Ruth Hillary Rosenfeld (Robert), Alison Zirn (Scott Greenberg), proud grandmother of seven grandchildren: Juliet, Nico and Micah Zirn; Hannah (Justin) Loeb, Jeremy, Eve and Liza Rosenfeld. Fond sister of Philip Rosenthal (Barbara Pearson). Aunt to the late Jeffrey and Jody Zirn, Claudia Iantorno, Marji, Michael (Sue) and Jeffrey (Nina) Pearson. Joining in condolences are lifelong friends and extended family, including Samantha (Matthew) Lerner, Jeremy and Gabriella Greenberg. She had a zest for life and would want every one of us to continue celebrating it. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Department of Neurology at Mayo Clinic.



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SUNDAY, JAN. 5      NORMAL HIGH: 31°      NORMAL LOW: 17°      RECORD HIGH: 56° (1890)      RECORD LOW: -18° (1884)

## Temperatures stay above normal with little snow

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 43    **LOW** 28

■ A slight chance for an early sprinkle or flurry. A Gale Warning is in effect for Lake Michigan from Sunday afternoon through Sunday evening. Occasional waves 8 to 10 feet.

■ Skies begin to clear in the afternoon. Very windy with SW winds turning W 15-25 mph with gusts to 40 mph.

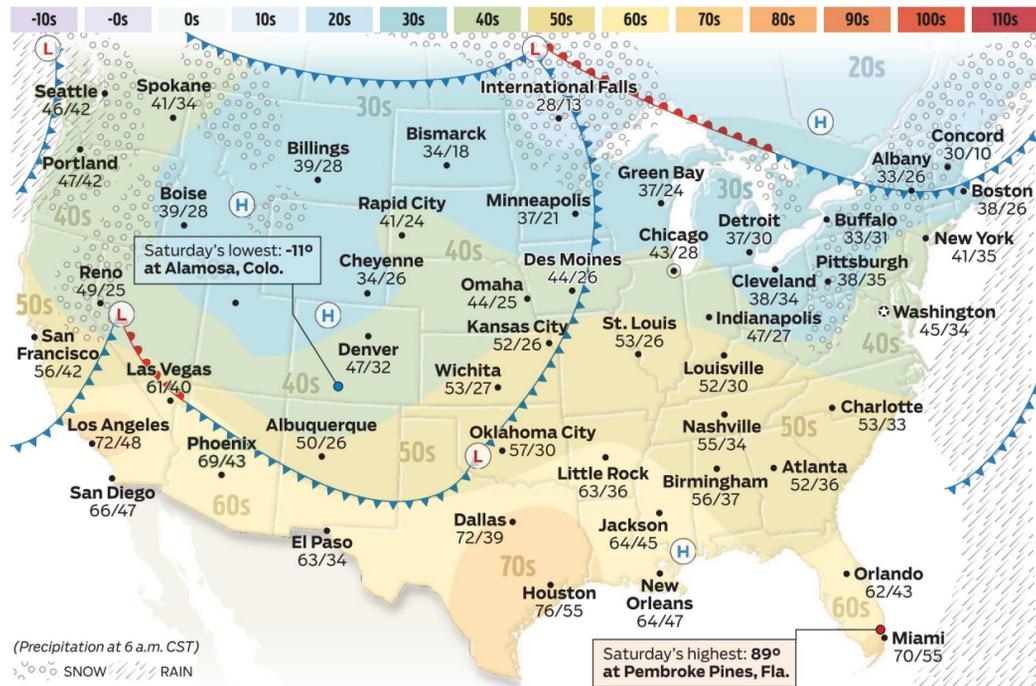
■ Mild. Highs in the low to mid 40s. The normal high for Sunday is 31.

■ Mostly clear overnight with some clouds developing by daybreak.

■ Winds remain strong at sunset; diminish overnight.

■ Low in the upper 20s.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



Mild winter weather is expected to continue over the next seven days with Wednesday being the coldest day of the week. Although Wednesday will be the coldest day this week, the forecast high is still near normal for Jan. 8. The normal maximum daily temperature for Chicago from Jan. 2 through Jan. 29 is 31 degrees and is the lowest daily normal maximum temperature for the year. The lowest daily average temperature, which considers maximum and minimum temperatures, is 23 degrees from Jan. 17 through Jan. 20.

Early season snow at O'Hare had snowfall 7.9 inches above normal through Nov. 14. A Saturday morning snow total of 0.5 inches at O'Hare put the official Chicago seasonal snowfall total near normal for the season.

No significant snow is currently forecast.

### MONDAY, JAN. 6

**HIGH** 40    **LOW** 30

Partly sunny with clouds increasing during the daytime hours. A little cooler but still nearly 10° above normal. SW winds 5-10. High near 40. Mostly cloudy overnight. Nighttime winds increase and turn west.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 7

**HIGH** 36    **LOW** 19

Mostly cloudy with a snow shower possible early. West winds 12-18 mph with gusts to 25 mph. High in the mid 30s. Clouds decrease overnight but breezy winds continue. Colder nighttime temperatures.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

**HIGH** 32    **LOW** 26

Mostly sunny. A little cooler with a high in the low 30s. Light west winds turn SSE in the afternoon. Clouds increase overnight. Warmer nighttime temps in the mid 20s. South winds 6-12 mph gusting to 20 mph overnight.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 9

**HIGH** 46    **LOW** 36

Cloudy, windy and warmer. High in the mid 40s, nearly 15 degrees above normal. Rain showers develop in the afternoon. SSW winds 15-20 mph gusting to 30 mph. Showers continue overnight with breezy west winds.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 10

**HIGH** 43    **LOW** 28

A cloudy start to the day with lingering rain showers. Becoming partly sunny and mil. Highs in the low 40s. Chance for light overnight snow showers with breezy NW winds. Colder nighttime temps in the upper 20s.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 11

**HIGH** 38    **LOW** 24

Partly cloudy with temperatures still above normal for the second week on January. High in the upper 30s. NW winds diminish. Mostly clear overnight. Low in the mid 20s, nearly 10° above normal.

### ASK TOM

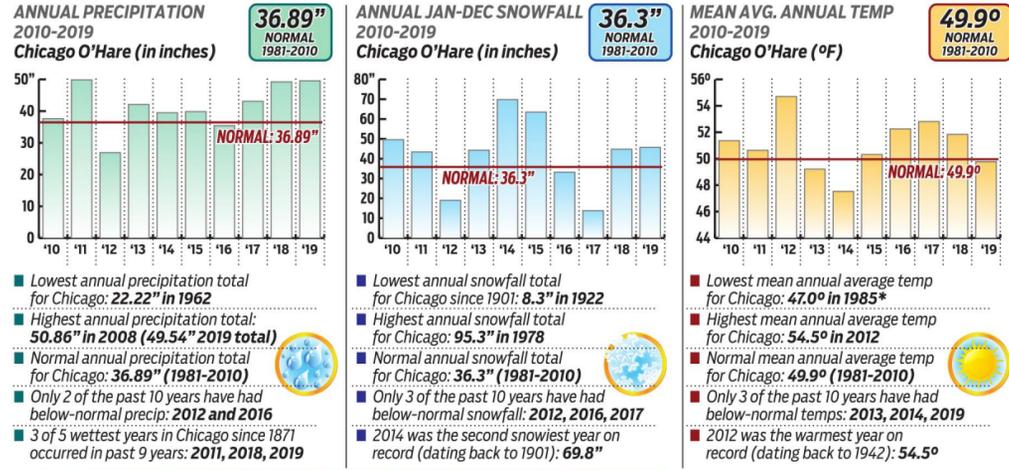
Dear Tom,  
 2019 was the city's third wettest year in terms of total precipitation, but what are the city's top years with the most days of measurable precipitation?  
 William J. Ooms Jr.  
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Dear William,  
 You raise an interesting point. Checking precipitation records dating back to 1871, Chicago climatologist Frank Wachowski found that 1878 leads all other years with 166 days of measurable precipitation. With an annual total of 41.95 inches, that equates to an average of 0.25 inches per day. Runner-up was 1882 with 152 days of measurable precipitation totaling 41.34 inches, an average of 0.27 inches per day. The city's wettest year, 2008, totaled 50.86 inches over 138 days, an average of 0.37 inches per day. 2019's 49.54 inches was accumulated over a third-highest 151 days, for an average of 0.33 inches a day.

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## The past decade: Above normal precipitation, snow and temps



NOTES ON 2019—  
 ■ 2019—3rd wettest year on record for Chicago.  
 ■ 2019—2nd wettest meteorological spring on record for Chicago  
 ■ 2019—4th wettest meteorological fall on record for Chicago  
 ■ May 2019—wettest May on record for Chicago (2018 2nd wettest)

RECORDS BEGAN IN 1871

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

MIDWEST CITIES				OTHER U.S. CITIES				WORLD CITIES						
SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO			
Illinois	su	54	26	pc	48	29		Albino	pc	66	35	pc	61	30
Carbondale	su	46	24	cl	41	26		Albany	pc	33	26	cl	41	27
Champaign	su	47	25	pc	42	28		Albuquerque	su	50	26	su	52	22
Decatur	su	45	25	pc	42	28		Amarillo	su	54	32	pc	52	25
Moline	su	45	25	pc	41	28		Anchorage	pc	-4	-8	pc	0	-7
Peoria	su	48	25	cl	42	28		Asheville	pc	47	32	su	52	34
Quincy	su	50	27	pc	44	29		Aspen	pc	36	13	pc	24	6
Rockford	su	44	24	pc	44	28		Atlanta	su	52	36	pc	61	44
Springfield	su	49	25	cl	44	28		Atlantic City	pc	44	34	pc	48	31
Sterling	su	44	24	pc	40	27		Austin	su	76	47	pc	73	44
Indiana	pc	49	27	pc	46	29		Baltimore	pc	44	35	pc	50	30
Bloomington	su	52	27	su	47	30		Billings	pc	39	28	pc	40	30
Evansville	su	52	27	su	47	30		Birmingham	su	56	37	pc	63	46
Fort Wayne	cl	43	27	pc	39	27		Bismarck	su	34	18	pc	36	15
Indianapolis	pc	47	27	pc	44	29		Boise	rs	39	28	cl	41	34
Lafayette	pc	45	26	cl	41	26		Boston	pc	38	26	pc	38	32
South Bend	su	41	27	pc	39	26		Brownsville	su	75	56	pc	75	56
Wisconsin	ss	37	24	pc	37	28		Buffalo	sn	33	31	pc	34	28
Green Bay	ss	37	24	pc	37	28		Burlington	ss	28	15	ss	33	27
Kenosha	pc	43	26	pc	41	29		Charlotte	su	53	33	pc	58	39
La Crosse	pc	40	25	pc	42	27		Charltn SC	su	56	42	pc	62	49
Madison	pc	41	24	pc	41	28		Charltn WV	pc	44	33	pc	45	27
Milwaukee	pc	42	25	pc	41	28		Chattanooga	su	54	33	pc	57	43
Wausau	ss	34	19	pc	32	24		Cheyenne	pc	34	26	pc	31	26
Michigan	sh	37	30	pc	41	28		Cincinnati	pc	48	28	pc	45	30
Detroit	sh	37	30	pc	41	28		Cleveland	sh	38	34	pc	41	30
Grand Rapids	ss	37	29	su	38	30		Colo. Spgs	su	41	27	su	40	24
Marquette	sn	31	24	pc	32	24		Columbia MO	su	52	27	pc	46	29
St. Ste. Marie	sn	31	26	ss	28	22		Columbia SC	su	57	39	pc	62	42
Traverse City	sn	34	27	pc	35	30		Columbus	pc	42	29	pc	42	28
Iowa	pc	43	24	sh	42	26		Concord	pc	30	18	pc	31	22
Ames	pc	43	24	sh	42	26		Corps Christi	su	75	56	pc	74	53
Cedar Rapids	pc	43	24	cl	40	27		Dallas	su	72	39	pc	65	39
Des Moines	pc	44	26	sh	43	27		Daytona Bch.	su	59	39	su	64	42
Dubuque	pc	43	24	pc	41	28		Denver	su	47	32	su	42	30
El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29		Duluth	su	44	21	pc	31	21
Florida	pc	64	45	pc	64	45		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Jackson	pc	64	45	pc	64	45		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
New Orleans	pc	64	45	pc	64	45		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
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San Diego	pc	66	47	su	75	48		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
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Seattle	pc	51	35	su	57	35		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
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Washington	su	53	27	su	54	31		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Wilkes Barre	pc	33	28	pc	36	25		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Yuma	su	73	52	su	72	46		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Algeria	su	62	38	su	62	38		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Amsterdam	cl	46	40	pc	46	40		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Ankara	cl	40	30	pc	40	30		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Athens	sh	54	41	pc	54	41		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Auckland	pc	67	60	pc	67	60		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Baghdad	pc	63	41	pc	63	41		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Bangkok	fr	94	74	pc	94	74		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Barbados	sh	84	76	pc	84	76		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Barcelona	su	57	41	pc	57	41		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Beijing	pc	42	30	pc	42	30		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Beirut	rn	60	56	pc	60	56		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Berlin	pc	38	35	pc	38	35		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Bermuda	rn	73	59	pc	73	59		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Bogota	pc	68	43	pc	68	43		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Brussels	pc	45	35	pc	45	35		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Bucharest	fr	40	29	pc	40	29		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
Buenos Aires	su	39	22	pc	39	22		El Paso	su	63	34	pc	60	29
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Emily Coates, left, and Michaela Urbani wait to board a United Airlines flight Friday at O'Hare International Airport.

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# SHOPPING FOR 70-DEGREE WEATHER?

Increasingly for Gen Z travelers, it's about finding the right experience, not visiting a specific destination

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Rebecca Coleman credits her family with inspiring a love of travel, from the grandmother who showed Coleman paintings of places she'd visited to her road trip-loving dad. That doesn't mean Coleman, 26, of Albany Park, travels the same way her family does.

They're "planners" who hesitate to deviate from an itinerary, Coleman said. She, on the other hand, once spent a month touring Europe with no fixed agenda. She takes a similar approach to planning trips now, periodically running a wish list of destinations through travel apps like Kayak and Hitlist to see if she can spot a deal during dates that fit her school schedule.

"I just keep looking for what works," she said.

Airlines and other companies in the travel industry say they're eager to win over members of Coleman's generation by paying attention to ways their approach differs from that of their parents. Some offer new tools for browsing destinations or work to catch the interest of young travelers on the social media networks they turn to for inspiration. Others offer straightforward discounts based on age.

Budget-conscious students and young adults might not sound like lucrative customers, and on a recent Friday morning at O'Hare International Airport, several travelers in their early 20s said price is a top factor when booking flights. But young adults also tend to value experiences like travel and are at an age when many are starting to plan trips independently rather than tagging along with family.

"It's one thing that drives me to see

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Mehmet Aytekin, left, checks his cellphone Friday while waiting to board his United Airlines flight to Newark, N.J. at O'Hare International Airport.

*"It's the Cheesecake Factory menu problem. There are so many options, any would be wonderful, but you end up having the paralysis of having to make that choice."*

—Jeff Allen, co-founder of *The Vacation Hunt*

## Auto industry shifting forward

Illinois automakers plan electric trucks, factory launch, huge merger, more in 2020

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

From electric trucks and startups to international megamergers, the state of the fast-evolving auto industry in Illinois comes down to a tale of three cities: Normal, Belvidere and Chicago.

Plants in all three cities will be building SUVs — by far the largest segment of auto sales — but their paths forward will be shaped by radically different forces.

In downstate Normal, a hibernating auto town is eagerly awaiting the rebirth of a long-dormant plant, as electric truck startup Rivian flips the switch and begins production of its inaugural models.

Still reeling from the loss of a third shift, the Fiat Chrysler plant in Belvidere now faces a massive merger with Peugeot. And fresh off a \$1 billion renovation, Ford's Chicago assembly plant is at full speed heading into 2020.

Both Fiat Chrysler and Ford recently ratified four-year contracts with the United Auto Workers, avoiding the prolonged strike that shut down General Motors for 40 days before reaching an agreement in October.

But a future that includes everything from electric and self-driving vehicles to assembly lines increasingly staffed by robots could portend more challenges for Illinois auto plants — and their workers — down the road.

Adding to the uncertainty, new car sales are projected to decline 1.2% to 16.8 million vehicles in 2020, according to the annual forecast released last month by the National Automobile Dealers Association. That would mark the first time annual new vehicle sales dip below 17 million units in five years.

"Most of the pent-up demand for new vehicles has been met," said Patrick Manzi, senior economist for the dealers association. "Many people, even those that could afford a new vehicle, may be tempted to shop used."

New car sales bottomed out at 10.4 million vehicles during the Great Recession in 2009, and peaked at 17.5 million in 2016. Light trucks and SUVs have since supplanted sedans as the

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# 72%

Percentage of new vehicle sales represented by SUVs and light trucks. Illinois factories will continue to build SUVs, but their paths forward will be shaped by radically different forces.

## Aldermen propose freeze on building near The 606



RYAN ORI

Real estate investors looking to tear down, construct or redevelop residential buildings into single-family homes along the western portion of The 606 could be in for a wait.

In an effort to slow the displacement of lower-income residents, two aldermen whose wards include parts of the elevated trail are proposing rules that would put a 14-month moratorium on building and demolition permits and zoning changes.

During the more than yearlong freeze, the city and neighborhood groups would formulate policies to slow or stop the loss of longtime residents to rising home prices, property taxes and rents near The 606, the aldermen said.

The ordinance, introduced Dec. 18, is sponsored by Ald. Roberto Maldonado, 26th, and Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th.

"What I hope will happen in a year is to have clear guidelines in the 606 designated area so we can slow down and hopefully stop gentrification, so that people who look like me can stay in the area," Maldonado said.

"Right now, we are being pushed out. I'm trying to stop market-rate developers from pushing people of color out of the neighborhood."

If passed, the moratorium would be effective from Feb. 1 through March 31, 2021.

The area impacted would be bounded by Western Avenue, on the eastern one-third of the trail, through Kostner Avenue a few blocks west of the trailhead. The zone also would extend about a half-mile north of the trail to Palmer Street and a half-mile south to Hirsch Street.

The aldermen said they hope



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The 606, also known as the Bloomingdale Trail, opened in 2015. Starting at Ridgeway Avenue, the trail extends 2.7 miles east.

to have the ordinance approved at Tuesday's meeting of the City Council's Committee on Housing and Real Estate and passed by the full City Council at the Jan. 15 meeting.

The only exceptions to the moratorium would be in cases where a building needs to be demolished for safety reasons or to accommodate developments whose new units all would have

affordable rents, the aldermen said.

While the eastern portions of the trail were already upscale residential areas, the path's emergence as a recreational attraction also has pushed the surge in property values toward the western edge of the trail.

The ordinance would halt the demolition of two- and three-flat buildings, and conversions of such structures to large single-family homes, the aldermen said. Tearing down and conversions are reducing the number of homes and causing real estate values to soar, allowing wealthier buyers and renters to replace longtime residents who can't afford to stay, they said.

During the moratorium, the city, neighborhood groups such as the Logan Square Neighborhood Association, Latin United Community Housing Association (LUCHA), and others can study

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vehicle of choice among consumers, and now represent 72% of new vehicle sales, Manzi said.

"That shift is permanent," Manzi said.

**RIVIAN, NORMAL, ILL.**  
**Current products:** Electric truck and SUV models set to begin production in late 2020  
**Employees:** 250, with plans to hire "thousands" as the plant gears up

Startup electric truck manufacturer Rivian received a big boost as it heads into its first year of production, closing on a \$1.3 billion round of funding late last month, including new investments from Ford and Amazon.

By all indications, auto manufacturing is indeed returning to Normal, a central Illinois city that used to build Mitsubishi sedans and SUVs.

In October, the excitement was palpable when Rivian held an open house in the town circle, offering sneak peeks of its sleek prototypes, meet-and-greets with its CEO and founder, RJ Scaringe, and the promise of thousands of new jobs.

The rubber will presumably meet the road in late 2020, as the first vehicles — a high-performance electric truck and SUV — are expected to roll off the line at the former Mitsubishi plant being retrofitted on the outskirts of town.

"When you see what's in this facility, I think the scale of what we're doing is going to become more clear to a lot of people," said Scaringe, 36.

Founded 10 years ago, Plymouth, Michigan-based Rivian is gaining momentum in its mission to become the Tesla of trucks, drawing more than \$2.8 billion in investments last year from Ford, Cox Automotive and Amazon, among others. In September, Rivian announced it will build 100,000 custom electric delivery vehicles for Amazon alongside its consumer-focused truck and SUV.

When the Mitsubishi plant closed in July 2015 after nearly 30 years of production, it left 1,100 people out of work. In its heyday, the plant had about 4,000 employees producing more than 200,000 vehicles per year.

In addition to \$4 million in local incentives, Rivian is set to receive \$49.2 million in state tax credits over 15 years if it meets employment and investment targets. Those goals include creating 1,000 new jobs by 2024.

Currently there are about 250 employees at the Normal plant, with hiring slated to ramp up along with production. Rivian will begin filling preordered trucks and SUVs, with the first deliveries in 2020 and "many customers" taking delivery in 2021, according to company spokeswoman Amy Mast.

Rivian will begin delivering Amazon vans in 2021, the company said.

"All the right signals are happening," Scaringe said. "We have a lot of interest in electrification, both from a



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The Ford Explorer and Lincoln Aviator sport utility vehicles are assembled at the Ford Chicago Assembly Plant on the Southeast Side.

regulatory point of view and overall public policy point of view, but you also see in terms of consumer demand, consumers are beginning to really start to see the benefit of an electric drive train."

Rivian's R1T pickup and R1S SUV will be able to go from zero to 60 mph in about three seconds and travel up to 400 miles on a single charge, according to the company.

While optimism is running high in Normal ahead of Rivian's launch, skepticism remains over how quickly demand for its \$69,000 base model truck — and electric vehicles in general — will grow. In 2019, electric vehicles accounted for about 1.4% of 17.1 million new cars and light trucks sold in the U.S., according to dealer association economist Manzi.

"I don't think it's going to be a monumental shift," Manzi said. "I think it's going to be gradual over the course of the next decade."

## FORD'S CHICAGO ASSEMBLY PLANT

**Current products:** Ford Explorer, Lincoln Aviator and Police Interceptor SUVs  
**Employees:** 5,700, with an additional 1,100 at Ford's nearby stamping plant in Chicago Heights

In March, Ford spent \$1 billion and shut down its Torrence Avenue plant on the Southeast Side for a month, transforming the nearly century-old facility with a host of new amenities for workers, and an army of new robots to help them build vehicles.

The automaker's oldest plant in continuous operation enters the new year hitting on all cylinders, with 5,700 hourly employees working three shifts to churn out the new 2020 Ford Explorer, Lincoln Aviator and Police Interceptor



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The R1T Truck is displayed in October near Uptown Circle for an open house and hiring event hosted by Rivian, an electric startup company that will begin producing its inaugural line this year at the former Mitsubishi factory in downstate Normal.

SUVs. The Chicago Assembly Plant, which made the Model T when it opened in 1924, phased out production of the Taurus sedan last year to focus exclusively on building all-new SUVs.

The investment was also used to upgrade Ford's stamping plant in Chicago Heights and convert another facility into a full assembly line to build the Police Interceptor and several lower volume hybrid models. Ford added 1,000 employees during the year across its Chicago footprint as the renovated Torrence Ave. plant ramped up production.

"They're working like crazy," Ford spokeswoman Kelli Felker said. "We are at full production right now and have been for a while."

Ford was on track to sell more than 2.4 million vehicles in the U.S. in 2019, down about 3% for the year, according to automotive research firm Edmunds.

While the new lineup of SUVs being built in Chicago is on trend with the industry's move away from sedans, productivity will nonetheless be directly tied to how well they sell in

2020, Felker said.

"We always are building to customer demand," Felker said. "So assuming that the demand is there, we expect to be building a lot at Chicago Assembly."

## FIAT CHRYSLER'S BELVIDERE ASSEMBLY PLANT

**Current product:** Jeep Cherokee  
**Employees:** 4,000

For 55 years, tiny Belvidere has been an auto town, surviving ownership changes, economic downturns and shifting consumer tastes to build a widely varied succession of nameplates amid the cornfields about 75 miles northwest of Chicago.

That legacy took another blow in May when Fiat Chrysler Automobiles eliminated the third shift at the Belvidere Assembly Plant near Rockford, leaving the nearly 1,400 members of "C Crew" out of a job because of slowing demand for the plant's only product — the Jeep Cherokee.

Now the town and the automaker's remaining 4,000 workers face new

uncertainty in the wake of the proposed merger of Fiat Chrysler and Peugeot, which agreed to terms on Dec. 18, forming what will be the world's 4th largest automaker with annual sales of 8.7 million vehicles. The deal is expected to close in early 2021.

The Belvidere plant opened in 1965, building a range of vehicles from the Chrysler New Yorker to the Dodge Neon. During Chrysler's bankruptcy in 2009, the plant was down to 200 employees before Fiat and a government bailout rescued it and the company.

In 2017, the plant became the exclusive home for the Jeep Cherokee, the sweet spot in an auto industry where SUVs have supplanted cars in many family garages. Production rose 27 percent in 2018, with nearly 270,000 Cherokees built in Belvidere.

But the robust supply outstripped demand and in February, Fiat Chrysler announced its plans to scale back to two shifts and lay off the 1,371 least-tenured union workers at the plant as Cherokee sales declined in the increasingly crowded SUV segment. The current

Cherokee model was introduced in 2013, and analysts say it may be getting a little long in the tooth compared to newer SUVs.

Production peaked in 2015, when nearly 295,000 Cherokees rolled off the line at the SUV's previous assembly plant in Toledo.

Jeep Cherokee sales were down 17% to about 149,000 vehicles through the first nine months of 2019, according to Fiat Chrysler.

For the year, total Fiat Chrysler sales in the U.S. are projected to be just under 2.2 million vehicles, a 1.7% decline, according to Edmunds.

As part of the four-year UAW contract ratified in December, Fiat Chrysler agreed to invest \$55 million in the Belvidere plant, to keep building the current Jeep Cherokee and to build "fresh models" off the Jeep Cherokee platform.

But there will be a new owner.

Fiat Chrysler and Peugeot of France, a venerable European powerhouse whose portfolio also includes Citroën and Opel, signed a binding merger agreement on Dec. 18 that will create a massive global automaker and a new corporate parent for the Belvidere plant. The deal, which is expected to close in 12 to 15 months, is projected to generate \$4 billion in annual cost-savings.

During a conference call announcing the merger, Peugeot CEO Carlos Tavares, who will serve in the same role with the combined company, may have allayed some short-term fears about the future in Belvidere and beyond.

"The synergies of costs will not come from any plant closures resulting from the transaction," Tavares said.

Chicago Tribune's Ally Marotti contributed.

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displacement of residents and come up with proposals to slow or reverse the trend, the ordinance's co-sponsors said. Findings would be reported to the housing committee next January.

The legislation potentially could be widened to include other areas of the city where multiunit apartment buildings are being replaced by larger homes, or perhaps even to the entire city, Ramirez-Rosa said.

"It's really looking to address the unintended consequences of The 606," Ramirez-Rosa said. "It's a wonderful addition to the neighborhood, but we've lost so many two- and three-flats that have become luxury homes. The

policy is to protect the supply that still exists, while we come up with a more robust policy that we hope could become a city-wide policy."

A study of a large portion of the proposed moratorium area found that median home prices rose from \$97,000 in 2012 to \$461,500 in mid-2019, according to Geoff Smith, executive director of the Institute for Housing Studies at DePaul University.

In recent years, tear-downs and deconversions of small multifamily buildings have become common in neighborhoods such as North Center, Lincoln Park and Bucktown, Smith said.

"The loss of two- to four-flat buildings throughout the city is one of the key reasons for the loss of affordable rental housing," Smith said.

The proposed moratorium is an opportunity to

formulate ideas, Smith said. Concepts could include creating land trusts to buy residential buildings, and allowing smaller landlords to add revenue-generating basement units, which is now illegal in many cases, Smith said.

But the 14-month pause, on its own, is not a solution, he said.

"You're not addressing demand," Smith said of the moratorium. "By restricting supply in a high-demand area, are you at risk of adversely affecting affordability? There are benefits and costs to every policy consideration."

"The key will be to think about ways to create affordability. Over the longer term, without specifically addressing the affordability component, just freezing development isn't going to accomplish that by itself."

The 606, also known as the Bloomingdale Trail,

opened in 2015.

Starting at Ridgeway Avenue, the trail extends 2.7 miles east to Ashland Avenue near the Kennedy Expressway. The walking, running and biking path passes through the Humboldt Park, Logan Square, Wicker Park and Bucktown neighborhoods on the city's Northwest Side. The trail connects to a series of parks.

The newly proposed ordinance would replace previously discussed legislation such as imposing steep demolition and deconversion fees near the trail, the aldermen said. That proposed ordinance was tabled after concerns from the city's law and planning departments about whether it would withstand legal challenges, according to the aldermen.

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# Beware of the smart device: Ways to stay private and safe

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NEW YORK — Did someone invite a spy into your home over the holidays? Maybe so, if a friend or family member gave you a voice-controlled speaker or some other smart device.

It's easy to forget, but everything from internet-connected speakers with voice assistants such as Amazon's Alexa to television sets with built-in Netflix can be listening — and sometimes watching, too. As with almost all new technology, installing such devices means balancing privacy risks with the conveniences they offer.

The research firm IDC estimates worldwide shipments of 815 million smart speakers, security cameras and other devices in 2019, up 23% from 2018.

You could sidestep the risks altogether by returning the devices right away. But if you decide to keep them — and the artificial intelligence behind them — there are a few things you can do to minimize their eavesdropping potential.

**The speakers listen and watch:** Smart speakers such as Amazon's Echo and Google Home let you check weather and appointments with simple voice commands. Fancier versions come with cameras and screens.

Many of these devices listen constantly for commands and connect to corporate servers to carry them out. Typically, they will ignore private chatter and transmit sound recordings only when you trigger the device. Some gadgets also have a mute button to disable the microphones completely.

But there's no easy way for consumers to verify those safeguards. In one case, the Alexa assistant in an Echo device misheard background conversation as



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An Echo controls the blinds, TVs and lighting at an Amazon Experience model home.

a command to send the chatter to an acquaintance — and so it did.

One more catch: Voice commands sent over the internet are typically stored indefinitely and may include conversations in the background. They can be sought in lawsuits and investigations.

Reputable companies let you review and delete your voice history, Amazon now lets you request automatic deletions after three or 18 months — but you need to set that up, and there's no option to keep Amazon from saving your command

history at all.

Until recently, tech companies allowed employees and contractors to review the voice interactions for quality control — and some of those details leaked. Following a backlash, many companies are at least making it clearer and easier to opt out of human review. Pay attention to your choices.

If you have kids, set up a pass code for shopping if your speaker allows it. Otherwise, it can be child's play for a kid to order toys.

As for those screen models, many also have cameras

for video chats. When you're not using the device, consider turning it around to face the wall, especially in the bedroom and other private settings.

**Security with security video:** Online security cameras let you check in on your pets or kids when you're not home. Amazon's Ring doorbell lets you check who's at the door without getting up. Here's the rub: If you can view video on an app, it's possible a hacker can, too.

When you use the same password at multiple services, a hacker stealing your

password from one place can try it on the camera service, too. So don't reuse password. When available, enable two-factor authentication, which requires you to enter a temporary code sent as a text to ensure it's you.

Again, you might want to turn the camera to face the wall when you're home. It's a pain, though, and if you forget to turn it back when you leave, it defeats the purpose of having a security camera.

**Are smart locks smart?** Smart locks let you unlock

doors with an app, so you can let in guests even when you're not home. Burglars might try to hack the system, though it's often easier for them to just break a window.

As a precaution, disable any capabilities to unlock doors through a smart speaker voice command, especially if you have prankster kids — or teens who might want to sneak someone in.

Though digital keys can be convenient for letting in guests and contractors, they can also leave a digital trail. In a child-custody dispute, for instance, your ex might subpoena the records to learn that you've been staying out late on school nights. If you rent and create a guest key that's used daily, the landlord might suspect an unauthorized occupant.

About those TVs: Many smart TVs and TV streaming devices come with mics for voice-activated playback controls and video search. That means having audio snippets transmitted over the internet. The same warnings for smart speakers apply here.

There's a simple fix if you aren't using the internet features on your smart TV: Just don't connect the TV to your Wi-Fi in the first place. Of course, this won't work if you're not using a separate gadget for streaming video.

**Toys that talk:** Kids might get a kick out of dolls and other toys that talk back. But if the toy is connected to the internet, pay attention to how much control it's giving parents and whether it's letting kids connect to the outside world.

You can check online to see if other parents or consumer groups have identified problems.

And be sure to install the latest apps and other software updates, as they may come with fixes for flaws that can otherwise be exploited by hackers.

## Travelers

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more and meet more people. A lot of the things I do as hobbies are things I've learned from people I met," said Mehmet Aytakin, 28, who was passing through Chicago Thursday on his way back to Newark after visiting friends in Austin.

He recently spent five months traveling in Thailand, Cambodia and Malaysia and says he's saving up for another adventure.

Even though Sara Wimmer, 23, of McHenry, suffered sticker shock planning an upcoming trip to Japan with a friend, cost wasn't the only factor.

"I'm willing to spend on things I know will be worth it in the end," said Wimmer, who said she prioritizes memorable activities and direct flights that make travel easier over things like fancy hotels.

United Airlines recently extended a sale giving customers between the ages of 18 and 22 who booked travel using the airline's app 10% off flights through June. It also pledged to offset carbon emissions associated with the first 25,000 trips booked using the discount, since younger consumers tend to be more interested in sustainability.

The airline also recognizes that traditional flight booking tools that require starting with a specific destination city might not be the best fit for price-conscious travelers with a long list of places they'd like to visit. Those booking tools also may not be ideal for travelers who are driven more by a desire to explore an interest than a locale.

Wimmer's trip to Japan, for instance, was inspired by her love of Japanese animation. She also once visited Toronto, Canada, because she and her mom, both fans of ballet, wanted to see a production of "Swan Lake."

United added a section to its website that recommends destinations based on a traveler's departure city and interests, like cities with good street food, kid-friendly beaches or destinations with great art.

"People want to explore our network based on expe-



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James Gray, third from right, waits to board a United Airlines flight to Japan with fellow travelers Friday at O'Hare International Airport.

rience, not airport code," said Praveen Sharma, United's vice president of digital products and analytics.

The airline is also experimenting with a new way to let customers search for flights: an interactive map that highlights airfares to multiple destinations instead of asking the traveler to search for flights to one city at a time. It was inspired by comments from customers last winter who asked whether they could "just shop for 70-degree weather?" Sharma said. Only about 20% of visitors to United's website see the map, which is still being tested.

Flight search website CheapTickets, meanwhile, has a "Vacation Value Finder" tool that recommends destinations based on the traveler's budget and preferences, such as whether they want a trip that's active or relaxing, family-friendly or romantic, in a warm climate or a cool one. The feature isn't available on sister site Orbitz, which has a slightly older audience.

Most baby boomers have already picked a destination when they decide to take a trip, according to a 2017 survey by Expedia Group, which owns CheapTickets. Younger travelers were more likely to say they were

still deciding between two or more destinations at the time of booking, and 9% of Generation Z travelers — those under 23 at the time — said they would decide to take a trip with no destination in mind at all.

Because members of Generation Z generally haven't traveled as extensively as older consumers, they tend to have "a lot of destination indecision," said Orbitz director of brand marketing Carey Molloy.

Some conduct extra research to narrow an overwhelming list of choices or figure out how to make the most of their time, turning to social media platforms like Instagram and YouTube and a range of online guidebooks and review sites in addition to consulting family and friends.

Stephanie Smith, 21, of Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, said she likes looking for YouTube vlogs posted by travelers close to her own age or with similar interests when scouting potential destinations for an annual vacation with friends from high school.

"You can actually see what they did, how their experience was and what they recommend," Smith said.

Wimmer said Instagram

and Facebook can provide ideas even though she primarily follows friends and family, not influencers or travel-specific accounts.

"When I'm watching others go on trips, if I see a cool thing in a location, I'll file it away for later," she said.

Southwest Airlines knows its youngest customers are paying attention to social media. For the past two years, the airline has picked a group of customers to serve as social media influencers in an effort to boost awareness of Southwest's destinations and perks like free checked bags. This year's cohort was chosen through a contest meant to highlight people who could create images that might inspire someone to take a trip, even if they weren't household names, said Lorren Thomas, who manages Southwest's influencer program.

Southwest declined to share the value of the influencers' compensation, but it includes all travel expenses for four trips to Southwest's key markets, where they're expected to document their travels and create content Southwest can share. One recent post from Southwest influencer Kyle Fredrickson, with a photo of a traveler watching a sunset

from a hammock, described a trip to Cabo San Lucas and noted customers can use frequent flyer points on experiences at their destination in addition to flights and hotels.

Fredrickson, 30, of Lincoln, Nebraska, thinks his photos connect with other young travelers trying to balance busy jobs with the desire to travel often.

"The reason it started to take off was I was talking about how you can go on trips and have work-life balance," he said.

Southwest is still testing the program and has not determined whether there will be another cohort of influencers, Thomas said. The airline has seen more people engage with influencers' posts than posts from its own social media accounts, she said.

But relying too heavily on visual inspiration also has risks.

Shawna Huffman Owen was stumped when a millennial requested a trip to Peru to visit the Rainbow Mountain. Owen, CEO of Huffman Travel, with offices in Chicago and Ohio, had never heard of it, though she'd visited the country three times.

On Instagram, a hashtag for the site has 161,000 posts. But a local contact

warned Owen that the peak, which appears to be covered in colorful stripes online, is a disappointing gray in person. There wasn't even much to see on the three-hour drive from the closest city, she said.

Other travelers decide to outsource the destination decision altogether. A handful of "surprise trip" operators plan trips based on clients' responses to a survey on their travel preferences. Before the trip, travelers get a weather report and list of recommended items to pack, but they're encouraged not to open the envelope revealing their destination and itinerary before arriving at the airport.

Both The Vacation Hunt and mystery trip company Pack Up + Go say most of their customers are between 21 and 35, though more Gen X travelers and Baby Boomers are signing up, too.

"It's the Cheesecake Factory menu problem. There are so many options, any would be wonderful, but you end up having the paralysis of having to make that choice," said Jeff Allen, co-founder of The Vacation Hunt.

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# INVESTING

## Stocks Recap



WEEKLY PERFORMANCE			WEEKLY PERFORMANCE			WEEKLY PERFORMANCE		
52-WEEK HIGH	LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD %CHG
28872.80	22638.41	Dow Jones industrials	28872.80	28376.49	28634.88	-10.38	-0.0	+0.3
11226.54	8850.49	Dow Jones trans.	10994.49	10793.64	10911.40	-25.30	-0.2	+0.1
882.61	688.44	Dow Jones utilities	879.76	863.67	867.44	-8.78	-1.0	-1.3
14003.39	11169.46	NYSE Comp.	14003.39	13843.98	13917.05	-27.10	-0.2	+0.0
5900.05	4817.70	NYSE International	5900.05	5807.97	5845.67	-7.13	-0.1	+0.2
8873.63	6139.40	Nasdaq 100	8873.63	8671.92	8793.90	+22.92	+0.3	+0.7
9093.43	6457.13	Nasdaq Comp.	9093.43	8909.19	9020.77	+14.15	+0.2	+0.5
3258.14	2443.96	S&P 500	3258.14	3212.03	3234.85	-5.17	-0.2	+0.1
2073.72	1624.69	S&P MidCap	2073.72	2040.84	2055.67	-7.21	-0.4	-0.4
33143.52	25180.08	Wilshire 5000	33143.52	32691.62	32943.33	-33.49	-0.1	+0.2
1681.68	1325.18	Russell 2000	1678.14	1648.54	1660.87	-8.16	-0.5	-0.5
420.72	331.80	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	420.43	415.01	418.33	-1.41	-0.3	+0.6
7727.49	6599.48	FTSE 100	7644.90	7532.38	7622.40	-22.50	-0.3	+1.1

**Gold** **+34.90**  
\$1,549.20

**Silver** **+0.22**  
\$18.07

**Crude Oil** **+1.33**  
\$63.05

**Natural Gas** **-0.08**  
\$2.13

**10-year T-note** **-0.09**  
1.78%

**Euro** **+0.016**  
to .8956/\$1

**Yen** **-1.39**  
to 108.01/\$1

## Most active

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Gen Electric	11.97	+0.79
Chesapeake Energy	.92	+0.06
Avon Products	5.60	-0.08
Ford Motor	9.21	-0.15
Bank of America	34.90	-0.45
Aurora Cannabis Inc	2.00	+0.09
Berkshire Hathaway	287.76	-0.82
AT&T Inc	39.06	-0.18
Stamps International	2.33	+0.06
Snap Inc A	16.75	+0.72
Uber Technologies	31.37	+1.20
Transocean Ltd	7.04	+0.47
Rite Aid Corp	14.49	-0.81

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Inpixon Corp	.46	+0.38
FuelCell Energy	2.06	+0.79
Oncoviva Therapeut	.49	+0.07
Adv Micro Dev	48.60	+2.42
Apple Inc	297.43	+7.63
Microsoft Corp	158.62	-0.34
Guardian Health Sci	.36	+0.15
Pain Therapeutics	9.65	+4.44
Savara Inc	4.07	+2.34
Titan Pharmaceut	.26	+0.09
Comcast Corp A	45.01	-0.09
Micron Tech	54.53	+0.50
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	7.09	-0.05

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Alps Alerian MLP	8.70	+0.13
iPath Sh Term Fut	15.29	+0.06
iShares Gold Trust	14.81	+0.37
iShares Brazil	47.99	+0.68
iShs China Large Cap	43.91	+0.20
iShs Emerg Mkts	44.93	-0.14
iShares EAFE ETF	69.27	-0.77
iShares Rus 2000	165.13	-0.72
Invesco QQQ Trust	214.18	+0.57
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	322.41	-0.45
SPDR S&P O&G ExpPdr	24.03	+0.64
SPDR Financial	30.75	+0.20
VanE Vect Gld Miners	29.17	+0.30

## Largest Companies

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc	39.06	-0.18
Adobe Inc	331.81	+1.02
Alibaba Group Hldg	217.00	+1.53
Alphabet Inc C	1360.66	+8.77
Alphabet Inc A	1361.52	+6.88
Amazon.com Inc	1874.97	+5.17
Amnusr-Busch InBev	82.75	-0.37
Apple Inc	297.43	+7.63
Bank of America	34.90	-0.45
Berkshire Hath A	339155.00	+234.98
Berkshire Hath B	226.18	+0.04
Boeing Co	332.76	+2.62
Chevron Corp	121.01	+0.71
China Mobile Ltd	41.74	-0.33
Cisco Syst	47.63	+0.21
Citigroup	79.70	+0.03
CocaCola Co	54.69	-0.66
Comcast Corp A	45.01	-0.09
Disney	146.50	+0.75
Exxon Mobil Corp	70.33	+0.44
Facebook Inc	208.67	+0.57
FEMSA	96.66	+1.92
HSBC Holdings PLC	26.96	-0.24
HSBC Holdings prA	26.96	+0.25
Home Depot	218.93	-1.04
Intel Corp	60.10	+0.02
JPMorgan Chase & Co	138.34	+0.10
Johnson & Johnson	144.28	-1.47
MasterCard Inc	300.43	-0.31
Medtronic Inc	113.88	+0.53
Merck & Co	91.25	-0.25
Microsoft Corp	158.62	-0.34
Novartis AG	94.79	-0.58
Oracle Corp	53.76	+0.30
PepsiCo	135.63	-1.91
Pfizer Inc	38.93	-0.39
Procter & Gamble	122.58	-0.51
Royal Dutch Shell B	61.33	+1.23
Royal Dutch Shell A	60.21	+1.12
SAP Se	133.98	-1.00
Taiwan Semicon	58.06	-0.40
Toyota Mot	140.75	-0.53
Unitedhealth Group	289.54	-6.43
Verizon Comm	60.40	-1.13
Visa Inc	189.60	+0.21
Walmart Strs	117.89	-1.70
Wells Fargo & Co	53.42	-0.50

## 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, January 3, 2020

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR
1 Boeing Co	187,274	332.76	▲ +2.62	+5.5
2 Abbott Labs	151,892	85.89	▼ -1.51	+27.0
3 McDonalds Corp	150,678	200.08	▲ +1.91	+16.7
4 AbbVie Inc	131,171	88.70	▼ -0.50	+5.2
5 Caterpillar Inc	82,036	148.44	▲ +1.16	+22.1
6 Mondelez Intl	78,096	54.24	▼ -0.75	+38.9
7 CME Group	73,302	204.55	▲ +1.77	+11.7
8 ITW	57,567	179.11	▼ -0.95	+46.8
9 Deere Co	54,995	175.55	▲ +0.50	+21.5
10 Walgreen Boots Alli	52,462	59.08	▲ +0.06	-10.5
11 Exelon Corp	44,299	45.57	▲ +0.16	+6.4
12 Baxter Intl	43,652	85.50	▲ +1.45	+32.8
13 Kraft Heinz Co	38,149	31.24	▼ -0.38	-23.4
14 Allstate Corp	36,551	112.83	▲ +0.96	+40.6
15 Equity Residential	30,005	80.80	▲ +0.42	+28.7
16 Motorola Solutions	28,164	164.38	▲ +2.93	+42.9
17 Discover Fin Svcs	26,293	83.88	▼ -1.07	+46.4
18 Arch Dan Mid	25,618	46.02	▼ -0.28	+16.0
19 Nthn Trust Cp	22,326	105.37	▼ -1.62	+31.1
20 United Airlines Hldg	22,242	87.90	▼ -0.47	+6.6
21 Ventas Inc	21,272	57.07	▲ +0.03	+4.6
22 CDW Corp	20,424	142.15	▼ -1.81	+83.3
23 Grainger WW	18,349	340.66	▲ +3.19	+26.7
24 Gallagher AJ	17,777	95.31	▲ +0.56	+35.3
25 Dover Corp	16,818	115.78	▲ +0.31	+66.8
26 TransUnion	16,626	88.30	▲ +2.91	+57.3
27 ConAgra Brands Inc	16,225	33.34	▼ -0.84	+61.7
28 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	14,299	250.17	▼ -3.00	+2.7
29 Zebra Tech	13,806	256.05	▲ +0.05	+65.9
30 CBOE Global Markets	13,440	121.33	▲ +2.49	+26.0
31 IDEX Corp	13,140	172.76	▲ +0.14	+40.1
32 CNA Financial	12,293	45.28	▲ +0.82	+10.8
33 LKQ Corporation	10,845	35.39	▼ -0.48	+51.1
34 Packaging Corp Am	10,338	109.22	▼ -2.55	+34.7
35 NiSource Inc	10,235	27.40	▲ +0.11	+11.6
36 CF Industries	10,019	46.08	▼ -1.47	+13.3
37 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	9,099	65.39	▼ -0.20	+73.2
38 Jones Lang LaSalle	8,958	173.84	▲ +0.59	+37.5
39 US Foods Holding	8,937	40.73	▼ -1.04	+29.3
40 Hill-Rom Hldgs	7,552	113.12	▼ -0.27	+34.8
41 Aptargroup Inc	7,290	114.04	▼ -0.98	+27.6
42 Old Republic	6,793	22.38	▲ +0.17	+19.6
43 Paylocity Hldg	6,724	125.67	▲ +3.97	+112.9
44 CDK Global Inc	6,664	54.90	▲ +0.19	+16.4
45 Morningstar Inc	6,503	151.92	▲ +0.20	+40.6
46 IAA Inc	6,442	48.25	▲ +1.87	+1.8
47 Equity Lifesty Prop	6,380	70.09	▲ +0.58	+49.6
48 Ingredion Inc	6,255	90.97	▼ -0.45	+3.1
49 Middleby Corp	6,125	109.11	▼ -0.62	+6.9
50 Steris Inc	5,647	61.97	▼ -2.07	+70.0
51 First Indl RT	5,286	41.64	▲ +0.55	+50.1
52 Kemper Corp	5,168	77.55	▲ +0.87	+19.3
53 Brunswick Corp	4,812	59.00	▼ -1.78	+30.2
54 Littelfuse Inc	4,652	191.07	▼ -1.01	+14.8
55 GrubHub Inc	4,313	47.17	▼ -1.89	-37.4
56 Cabot Microelect	4,241	145.75	▲ +3.61	+55.9
57 RLI Corp	4,056	90.48	▲ +0.77	+35.7
58 Wintrust Financial	4,046	70.90	▲ +0.13	+6.1
59 Equity Commonwlt	3,996	32.78	▲ +0.17	+21.4
60 Envestnet Inc	3,753	71.54	▼ -0.02	+44.7
61 John Bean Technol	3,642	115.01	▲ +0.18	+64.1
62 Anixter Intl	3,261	96.41	▲ +3.44	+74.2
63 Hyatt Hotels Corp	3,252	88.90	▼ -1.78	+34.3
64 GATX	2,914	83.03	▼ -1.33	+20.6
65 Navistar Intl	2,802	28.24	▼ -1.05	+5.6
66 Retail Prop Amer	2,792	13.07	▼ -1.19	+28.8
67 Teleph Data	2,691	25.04	▲ +0.18	-21.3
68 TreeHouse Foods	2,689	47.84	▲ +0.05	-6.5
69 Fst Midw Bcp	2,528	22.99	▼ -0.07	+16.6
70 Stepan Co	2,300	102.21	▲ +2.28	+42.1
71 Federal Signal	1,984	32.79	▲ +0.36	+65.5
72 Knowles Corp	1,958	21.59	▲ +0.45	+60.6
73 Adtalem Global Educ	1,903	34.57	▼ -0.47	-26.8
74 US Cellular	1,903	35.82	▲ +0.80	-30.7
75 Coeur Mining	1,852	7.70	▼ -0.27	+62.4
76 Horace Mann	1,833	44.48	▲ +0.75	+20.7
77 Hub Group Inc	1,746	52.32	▲ +0.65	+41.1
78 AAR Corp	1,595	45.71	▲ +0.50	+23.2
79 Huron Consulting Gp	1,582	69.08	▲ +0.83	+35.6
80 Allscripts Hlthcare	1,563	9.63	▼ -0.26	-9
81 First Bussey Corp	1,500	27.26	▼ -0.30	+13.6
82 Addus HomeCare	1,487	95.59	▼ -0.02	+45.9
83 Methode Electronics	1,443	38.93	▼ -0.25	+66.7
84 Tootsie Roll	1,313	33.66	▼ -1.07	+5.5
85 Groupin Inc	1,293	2.29	▼ -0.04	-27.5
86 SP Valps Corp	873	42.40	▼ -0.32	+42.1
87 Aco Brands Corp	871	8.99	▼ -0.35	+30.5
88 Enova Intl Inc	800	23.69	▲ +0.30	+20.6
89 Sanfilippo John	786	89.49	▼ -1.99	+71.0
90 Tenneco Inc	760	13.31	▲ +0.41	-49.1
91 Great Lakes Dredge	749	11.73	▲ +0.63	+72.5
92 ANI Pharma	726	60.15	▼ -1.18	+31.1
93 Heritage-Crystal	716	30.39	▼ -0.67	+35.8
94 OneSpan Inc	699	17.89	▲ +0.23	+32.6
95 Century Aluminum	692	7.80	▲ +0.40	+2.3
96 QCR Holdings Inc	678	42.95	▼ -0.39	+33.0
97 Hehrich & Struggles	618	32.28	▼ -0.01	+5.8
98 Fst Mid Bancshares	581	34.88	▼ -0.38	+9.4
99 Echo Global Logis	556	20.40	▼ -0.61	+2
100 MYR Group	542	32.61	▲ +0.53	+14.3

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# More bad work habits to shake

Here are more problematic habits that people tend to develop at work — and strategies for overcoming them.

## Temper-tantrum

Being professional means handling disappointments or problems with a degree of calm. If you yell, scream, or otherwise show rage at work, that can very quickly earn you a reputation as a hothead that no one wants to deal with, for fear of risking the Red Rage. Temper tantrums are never acceptable for adults in a work environment, no matter how calm and productive you feel after you've unburdened yourself and the rage has subsided.

**The solution:** Find ways to channel that anger into temporary zen, so you can move on with your day and deal with the anger later, in a more appropriate way out of work. Try learning some meditation techniques that you can reach for when you feel the anger bubbling up in your brain.

## Ill communication

If you have poor grammar or bad email etiquette, it undermines how people see you. People may think you're uneducated, less intelligent than you are, or uncaring about how you come off to others.

**The solution:** If written communication is a weak point, brush up on some of the most common grammar issues you're likely to encounter in a professional environment. If appropriateness is your issue, make sure not to use swears or slang at work.

## Lazy Larry

If you're shifting (or shirking) responsibilities because you don't want the aggravation or want something easier while someone else does the heavy lifting, people notice. They'll either think you're incapable of accomplishing tasks, or that you just don't care.

**The solution:** Make the effort to go above and beyond. Offer to help people with tasks (assuming you're not ignoring your own in the meantime). Take initiative to develop new responsibilities, and/or talk to your boss to see what else you can be doing to expand your role.

## Rudeness

This one is especially problematic in crowded or open plan workplaces. My office has an open plan sea of cubicles, and that makes it a minefield for poor or obnoxious office behavior. Things like being loud, eating strong-smelling food, or leaving messes everywhere you go fall into this category. Will you get fired for this kind of transgression? Not likely. Will it make your colleagues like you less and damage your rep? Quite possibly.

**The solution:** Whenever you find yourself having a phone conversation in a public place, ask yourself, "would this annoy me?" In fact, "would this annoy me?" is a good rule of thumb in general. It's important to keep in mind that work behavior is public behavior.

## Anti-team player

Chances are you don't work in a vacuum, and work as part of a team in some capacity. If you shun others as much as possible, and try to handle everything without input from others, that makes it easy to dismiss your contributions. It also amplifies any problems or mistakes—if you plow ahead on your own without input from other stakeholders, that puts the onus on you to succeed, or else.

**The solution:** Go out of your way to initiate conversations with coworkers, whether it's social (work appropriate) small talk or related to specific work responsibilities. If a task or project has a number of people involved, go out of your way to ask for their input, or at least make sure they know what you're working on.

## Promises, promises

If you say you are going to get something done at a certain time, you need to make good on your promises. If you don't, then it undermines your reliability and trustworthiness.

**The solution:** Set realistic priorities. If you originally said something could be done by Tuesday but now it's looking like there's no way it'll be done by Thursday, be up front about that. If you're struggling with something, talk with your boss to prioritize tasks so you can manage expectations. If you need help, ask for it. Better organization and planning up front can also help.

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**February:** Sending Valentines to all your peers might be a little creepy but there is no reason you shouldn't drop a quick email to some people you've worked with or for in the past. February is a great month to reconnect with your peers in the hopes that one day, if you need their recommendation, they won't have to dig back seven years to remember who you are.

**March:** Do a little spring cleaning and get rid of some of the dead weight at the office. It sounds silly but you've been carrying around some of the same files, desk toys, books and shoes for years. If you can do some decluttering now, you'll be able to make a less dramatic exit when you finally do decide to leave.

**April:** Spend April cultivating new contacts. Take a close look at your LinkedIn profile and start connecting with some friends of friends. If nothing else, you may find some of the items they share to be helpful with your current and future situation.

**May:** Make sure you have at least one decent suit for interviews. You never know when an opportunity will become available. Sometimes jobs are filled in a hurry and you may be called in to interview for the position within a matter of days. It's always helpful to have that one go-to suit in the closet.

**June:** Take some time off for yourself and assess where you are and where you want to go. Take a day or two to go somewhere where you'll find some peace and quiet. Make a list of your goals and see if you are accomplishing them. If not, you'll have a renewed sense of purpose.

**July:** See what's out there. Since most employees are limited to the scope of their own job, they often don't realize what other exciting projects they could be working on and the money they could make when doing so. There's nothing wrong with talking to others in similar positions to find out what they do and, if they're willing to share, how much money they make.

**August:** Go back to school. Sign up for at least one class or seminar to sharpen your skills for your current position or learn something new that may be helpful for one a job may pursue in the future.

**September:** Brush up on your interviewing skills. If you're not a great public speaker or feel uncomfortable in one-on-one situations, you shouldn't expect to excel at a job interview without some practice. Meet up with a friend and go over some of the basic interview questions.

**October:** Embrace a piece of new technology. Find out if there is a device or an app that you're not using that may help you. Take a look at the job ads in your field and see some of the technological requirements. If you have no clue what those ads are listing, it's time to enter the new millennium.

**November:** Refine your presence on social media. Get rid of all the old photos from college – you know, the ones where your roommates drew horrible things on your face and arms with a black permanent marker? Those should be the first to go. Then make sure you clean up the posts where you bad-mouth an employer or a client or even say something negative about your job. Those are the types of things that recruiters look for when considering candidates.

**December:** December is a great time to cultivate contacts. Go ahead and send a holiday greeting to former co-workers, professors and anyone else who has had an impact on your career. Even if they'll never be a direct reference, it's nice to spread some cheer during the holidays.

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## Career advice? Here's all you need to know

We ask people about their jobs and they tell us all we need to know. Here's part two of our collection of 2019's most interesting quotes:

"People associate certain names with people from their past. Let's say you recently fired a bad employee named Dominick. Chances are rare that the next person interviewing for the job will share the same name but if they do, good luck."

— Gabriel Sarges, an HR specialist and career coach in Toronto, on names being a factor in getting hired

"It's kind of creepy when I'm in bed and get a text from [a co-worker] asking about an Equifax change or an email from our boss. It's always really innocuous stuff but it's just unimportant. It's nothing that can't wait until the next day or, if I'm being honest, the next month."

— Michelle Lindsay, a credit counselor in Hoboken, New Jersey, on getting work-related texts from co-workers

"I think most employees think there's a certain level of hypocrisy to volunteer days. I think that given a choice, most people would rather work and have the company give money. I've heard people complain when volunteer-day photos show up on the company website. They feel like they're PR props."

— Daniel Madison, an executive trainer in New York, on corporate volunteer excursions

"It's a people-centric job so you have to like people. Sounds simple but it's really important. I hated being in a cubicle all day, but some people love that isolation. Nurses aren't isolated. They're in the middle of it all the time. If you can't handle that type of proximity to others, nursing's probably not the job for you."

— Michelle Orlando, a registered nurse in Arlington, Virginia, on an important trait most nurses share

"It reminded me of my dad and his garage at home. It's like a museum to his life but like my mom says, it's a museum of garbage. He'll keep a pair of shoes that he's never worn but feel like he made some progress when we ask him to clean because he threw out the shoebox."

— Jennifer Curran, a 24-year-old marketing assistant in Oakland, California, comparing the remaining clutter after her office-mandated cleaning day with her father's garage

"They really emphasize the hippest, latest fun thing in their space, like a mini climbing wall. The funny part is that they show you all this cool stuff, then tell you that employees can work from home three days a week, so what's the point?"

— Andrew Wentworth, a New York-based marketing specialist on the irony of trendy, activity-friendly workspaces

"I was working from home the first time I tried it, and I got into bed and slept for an hour. I felt great afterward, but I felt like a bum sleeping in my bed, like I was cheating while my co-workers were sitting at their desks, so after that, I just sat on the couch and napped."

— Jackie Burke, a medical records technician from Oak Park, Illinois, on the mid-workday nap

"People spend years building a career, proving their best to people, and then they seem to have this idea that throwing it all away in a dramatic scene is a good thing, quitting their job in some office blowup, saying all the things they've kept to themselves for years like they're in a movie. Let me tell you, it's not a good thing. It's a bad thing. A very, very bad thing."

— Brad Alan, a career coach in Providence, Rhode Island, on the explosive work exit

"I feel it, you know, like a person who starts walking toward the desk next to me. I feel it when he's across the room and I pick up on it and it throws me off my game. No, it's not like 'I see dead people.' I can just tell when they're closing in on me. And when you're in an open space, there's always someone closing in on you."

— Matt Hernandez, a graphic designer in Philadelphia, on how he's developed a headphone-created sixth sense after working in a shared workspace

"...I hate walking in office parks. They don't have a lot of sidewalks. People were so committed to their cars in the 1970s that no one even thought about creating a path from one building to the next. In the winter, there's nowhere to walk."

— Julia Farris, Cleveland, on her preference for talking lunch walks in an urban setting

"The recruiter literally asked a question that I had been asking myself ever since I was laid off. She said, 'how did you go from Employee of the Year to losing your job?' I mumbled through an explanation, something about the parameters changing and how I was still focusing on old markets when they decided to embrace new markets. Whatever I said, it was a disaster. Needless to say, I didn't get a callback for a second interview."

— Tobias Howard, on having to answer for his prominently listed company awards on his resume, despite admitting to being laid off

"I usually run on the treadmill inside the health club in my building during lunch. I'm at the point in my life where I need to take a break from work to just clear my head. I don't even listen to music anymore. I just run. I feel like I can go back to my desk without all that noise and that helps me have a much more productive afternoon."

— Jason Spelling, Chicago, on what he does — or doesn't — do during his lunchtime workout to be productive

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## Words don't hurt

The Bears rarely say what they mean, so Ryan Pace's endorsement of Mitch Trubisky doesn't mean much



**DAVID HAUGH**  
*In the Wake of the News*

Audacity best describes what the Bears exhibited the other day while trying to sum up a disappointing season that defied description. General manager Ryan Pace and coach Matt Nagy spent nearly 45 minutes behind a microphone because NFL rules dictate they must, two football guys providing a working definition of "perfunctory." One of the most telling exchanges came after Nagy was asked if he planned to make any changes to his coaching staff.

"That's all part of the reflection stuff that I talked about a few days ago," Nagy said. "So we are working through that."

They sure worked fast. Three hours after the cameras stopped rolling at Halas Hall, the Bears announced the firing of four assistant coaches.

They fired the offensive coordinator never entrusted to call plays, the offensive line coach in charge of an injured position group full of young players who regressed and the tight ends coach apparently held responsible for the stunted growth of one of Pace's draft busts. They also dismissed an assistant special teams coach.

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

## Not yet a failure to launch

Here's a little history lesson for Cubs fans, who already excel at anticipating worst-case scenarios:

In late 2015, the Yankees' YES Network and Comcast got into a dispute over how much the ballclub wanted the cable company to pay to carry its games.

They didn't come to terms on a new agreement until early 2017, meaning more than 900,000 Comcast households in northern New Jersey and parts of Connecticut and Pennsylvania missed a healthy chunk of the 2016 season.

Just something to think about roughly seven weeks from the Cubs' first spring training game and the launch of Marquee Sports Network, the TV channel they're launching with Sinclair Broadcast Group, which will have exclusive rights to all the games the team controls.

While Marquee currently has deals in place to run on a handful of carriers, including DirecTV, U-verse, AT&T TV, Charter Communications and Mediacom Communications, it is lost on no one that it's still negotiating with many others, including Comcast's Xfinity, the Chicago-area's largest carrier with an estimated 1.5 million households.

The general assumption has been that Marquee will get its affairs in order by the time the regular season starts at the end of March. Only greed or ineptitude can stop it.

But what if Marquee drops the ball, lets it roll between its legs or just can't close out?

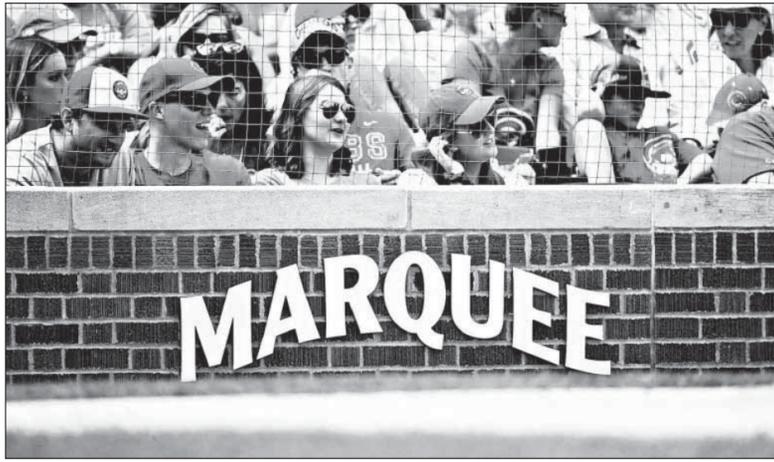
In other words, what if the Cubs TV people do something Cub-ish?

Everyone tends to point to the Dodgers and SportsNet LA as a bright flashing beacon of caution.

While the 25-year, \$8.3 billion TV deal has been supremely lucrative for the team, it has been a difficult proposition for fans. The channel heads into its seventh season this year still unavailable in a majority of Los Angeles-area homes because carriers consider it too expensive.

But the YES standoff also bears study, in part because it involves Comcast but also because what pushed Comcast to settle had nothing to do with sports or fans irate they couldn't see the Yankees, Nets or New York City FC.

The channel had carried 130 baseball games in 2015, and Comcast was quick to point out, "Well over 90% of our 900,000-plus customers who receive YES Network didn't watch the equivalent of



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Marquee Sports Network has deals to run on a handful of carriers, but not Comcast yet.

even one-quarter of those games during the season, even while the Yankees were in the hunt for a playoff berth."

The argument then, as it will be over Marquee, is that the regional sports network business model — frankly, the model for most cable networks — calls for customers to subsidize channels whether they watch them or not.

That, Comcast said, was unacceptable "given the network's minimal viewership, which is why we have decided we can no longer justify continuing to carry (it). YES simply does not present an appropriate price-value proposition for our customers."

Dropping the channel, predictably, did not go over well with the Yankees.

"It's a typical gutless act by a cable carrier seeking to promote its own self-interest," Randy Levine, the team's president, told the New York Daily News. But that's free enterprise for you.

What ultimately drove Comcast to do a deal with YES in early 2017 was also in its self-interest.

At the time Fox had an equity stake in YES. Fox's deal with Comcast for Fox News Channel was due to be renewed.

Comcast felt it could afford to hold its ground on CC Sabathia and Gary Sanchez but not Sean Hannity and Brit Hume and wound up agreeing rights deals cover Fox News Channel as well as YES and several other regional sports networks Fox owned.

Since then, Fox's stake in YES and those sports channels has been acquired by none

other than Sinclair, the Cubs' partner in Marquee.

Sinclair used a similar tactic last year to ensure Marquee was picked up by AT&T's DirecTV, U-verse and AT&T TV. It leveraged its 191 local stations in 89 markets across the country to secure carriage deals for the former Fox regional sports network, Tennis Channel and the soon-to-launch Marquee.

It didn't hurt that AT&T was vulnerable and in no position to risk alienating customers.

It was coming off a quarter in which it lost 1.4 million TV subscribers, more than 5% of its total, and the company was under pressure from an activist investor who did not approve of how it was running its TV business.

Sources have said the DirecTV deal puts pressure on Comcast to pick up Marquee, although the AT&T services are in less than half as many Chicago-area households as Comcast's Xfinity.

But it's not yet clear whether that pressure is enough to push Comcast to sign on the dotted line sooner than later. The longer it waits after Marquee's preseason launch next month, the more money it saves.

Not saying this is Comcast's strategy, but holding off on agreeing to a deal right away also enables it to see just how much backlash there would be for holding out on Cubs games.

A baseball season without YES taught it the power of saying no.

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## BULLS



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## Late rally isn't enough

The Bulls cut a fourth-quarter deficit from 16 points to four but were unable to catch the Celtics in a 111-104 loss on Saturday night at the United Center. Zach LaVine scored a game-high 35 points, and his fast-break layup with 1 minute, 31 seconds to play pulled the Bulls within 105-101. Jayson Tatum answered with a 3-pointer to put the Celtics back up by seven, and they held on from there. Tatum scored 28 points on 12-for-15 shooting, while Gordon Hayward added 24 and Jaylen Brown 17 for the Celtics (25-8). Wendell Carter Jr. had 11 points and 14 rebounds for the Bulls, who led by 10 points in the first quarter and played even with the Celtics except for a third quarter when they were outscored 30-21. Lauri Markkanen scored 15 points, and Kris Dunn added 13. For more go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

# Masters of disasters

Bulls know about losing close games, need to learn how to get over the hump

BY PHIL THOMPSON

A basket here, a deflection there, and who knows where the Bulls would be?

Winning teams find a way to make a play or two that make the difference between a win and a loss. But the Bulls, perpetually looking to get over the hump and into playoff contention, just plain have a knack for finding themselves on the losing end of tight games that could've turned on a play or two. Thursday's loss to the Jazz, which dropped the Bulls to 13-22, is the latest example.

"I told the team in September we're going to be in 20 to 25 one-possession games," coach Jim Boylen said after practice Friday. "I think we're — maybe not one-possession games — but we've been in 24, I think, crunch-time games, five points with five minutes to go."

Bulls forward Thaddeus Young said coaches such as assistant Roy Rogers have shown recurring problems on film.

"We're just giving away way too many easy baskets," Young, a 13-year veteran, said. "It's kind of putting us in a deficit. Roy counted 84 points of baskets (by the Jazz) that were totally our fault. Miscues on defense. Not getting back. Or an easy transition bucket from no communication. Just small things like that."

"Once we get ourselves over that hump — the type of team that we are, we have to be a little bit more vocal with each other, especially on the court. We just don't have guys right now in regard to our screen-and-roll coverage that are forceful in their commands. You have to be forceful in your commands."

After the Jazz loss, Bulls top scorer Zach LaVine reflected on what it will take for his team to cross whatever hurdles have tripped them up at critical moments.

"It's just a couple of plays to where our record flips, or a couple of decisions or rebounds, made free throws, whatever it may be, because we're in a lot of one-possession, two-possession games at the end of the game. It means we're right there," LaVine said. "We compete."

Here is a look at four examples of the Bulls' struggles in close games.

### 1. Thursday: Lost 102-98 to the Jazz

**What happened:** The Bulls started well in the first quarter but let the Jazz go on a 24-4 run in the third. They tied the score on Zach LaVine's 3-pointer with 1 minute, 43 seconds left in the game, but center Rudy Gobert exploited the Bulls' pick-and-roll defense to put down a crucial dunk for a four-point Jazz lead.

Wendell Carter Jr.'s free throws got the Bulls back within two, and with 21 seconds left, everything rode on LaVine with the ball in the hands. Still down two, he went directly at Gobert hoping to get a basket and a foul, and he got neither.

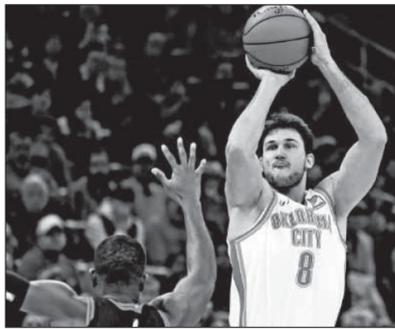
**What they said:** "If Zach makes a layup it puts us in a way better position," Bulls forward Thaddeus Young said Friday. "But he drove and tried to finish over a Defensive Player of the Year. One of the biggest things for us is just continuing to stay the course, continuing to do what we do, which is guys getting in the gym and just grinding it out and working and getting better with time."

"We're a young team. We're going to have miscues," Young said. "We're going to have bonehead mistakes and stuff like that. But these are the things that are definitely fixable and definitely things that can be worked through teaching and just coming to the gym each and every day."



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Zach LaVine shows the frustration Thursday as a missed layup is key in a loss to the Jazz.



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The Thunder's Danilo Gallinari hit a key 3-pointer Dec. 16 when the Bulls gave one away.

### 2. Dec. 23: Lost 103-95 at the Magic

**What happened:** The Bulls scored on consecutive drives to the basket to close the gap to four points with about 2½ minutes left in the game. Here was another situation when a Bulls defensive stop, followed by two or three points on the offensive end, really would have put pressure on their opponent and changed the complexion of the final seconds.

But that opportunity went away thanks to another defensive breakdown in which the Bulls seemed to be confused about their responsibilities or late rotating to the open man after a pick-and-roll blitz. In this case, Wendell Carter Jr. helped Kris Dunn trap Evan Fournier, who passed to Nikola Vucevic at the top of the key. Carter ran up to Vucevic, but Tomas Satoransky already had him covered. Zach LaVine moved up to guard Terrence Ross, who had been battering the Bulls from 3-point range. That left Markelle Fultz completely uncovered in the corner, streaking toward the basket.

Carter quickly changed direction, and LaVine altered course, too, but it was too late, and Fultz made an easy layup off a pass from Vucevic.

**What they said:** "As far as going out there and executing, sometimes we don't execute and sometimes the defense, it kind of picks us apart or they kind of see what we're doing," Thaddeus Young said Friday. "So, we just have to get better in our decision-making. But like I said, that's all signs of a young team. That's all signs of us trying to grow each and every game."

### 3. Dec. 16: Lost 109-106 at the Thunder

**What happened:** The Bulls missed 22 3-pointers, including all seven of their fourth-quarter attempts. Still, they led from two minutes into the game — building the lead to as many as 26 points — until the fourth quarter. Thunder forward Danilo Gallinari's 3 tied it with 5 minutes, 22 seconds remaining. The Bulls gave up 17 points off 11 second-half turnovers.

No giveaway was worse — or more



JOHN RAOUX/AP

The Bulls couldn't stop Jonathan Isaac and the Magic in a close game Dec. 23 in Orlando.



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LeBron James and Lakers beat the Bulls on Nov. 5 when the Bulls faded in the fourth.

symbolic of the Bulls' general lack of awareness in pivotal moments — than Wendell Carter Jr. pulling down a rebound only to have Chris Paul sneak behind him and poke out the ball. Paul then hit a 3-pointer — his fifth of the fourth quarter — over 7-footer Lauri Markkanen to put the Thunder up 104-100.

The Bulls were down just a point, however, with four seconds left, but they allowed Steven Adams to rebound his own miss from the free-throw line and were forced to foul Paul, whose two free throws salted away the largest rally to a win in Thunder history.

**What they said:** "That was the first team that defended us like that on the ball screen," Paul said via Oklahoman.com. "Denver was up, but most teams every night are in drop (coverage). Once our bigs got adjusted to (it), they were the ones that were going to have to make the plays, we were OK."

### 4. Nov. 5: Lost 118-112 to the Lakers

**What happened:** The Bulls took the lead late in the first quarter, padded it to a 19 points but rapidly lost it early in the fourth quarter.

Right from the outset of the final quarter, when the Lakers' Kyle Kuzma nailed a 3-pointer, everything seemed to go wrong for the Bulls. Thaddeus Young made a bad pass. Chandler Hutchison traveled. Coby White found himself on the business end of a monster block by Dwight Howard, then missed a 3-point attempt.

The Bulls were down 98-97 with about 6½ minutes left when the Lakers' Alex Caruso poked away Tomas Satoransky's attempted handoff to Zach LaVine, and Caruso got a bucket and foul for a three-point play on the other end. The Bulls never recovered.

**What they said:** "Lakers game irks me. Thunder game irks me. Those could be very, very key and vital to what we're trying to do," Young said Friday. "Orlando game irks me. Those were games that were all winnable that we had a chance to really take a grasp and a hold on our fate and future going forward."

"We've just got to finish games. We've got to put our hard hat on each and every night and be ready."

## LaVine gaining All-Star support

Boylen, Dunn have seen it: 'He's developing in front of our eyes'

BY PHIL THOMPSON

Zach LaVine's teammates and coach see the same thing NBA fans have noticed this season: The Bulls guard is a potential All-Star.

"Absolutely," Kris Dunn said of LaVine, who received the fifth-most votes among Eastern Conference guards when early results were released Thursday. "He's done so much for the team. He's developing in front of our eyes in the sense of getting guys involved and still being himself."

"That's a hard role to take on for any team and any player, and he's taken it on head-on. He takes the mistakes right to the chest. A lot of people wouldn't be able to do that."

Added coach Jim Boylen: "I think he's an All-Star player. I've coached a bunch of them, been around a bunch of them."

LaVine's offensive skills have generated plenty of highlight-worthy moments, such as when he capped up a 49-point performance against the Hornets with a winning 3-pointer in November. Or last month in Washington, when he made a series of clutch plays, including a 3-pointer and high-pressure free throws, to send the game to overtime in an eventual Bulls victory against the Wizards.

According to NBA statistics, he has made the most "clutch" 3-pointers in the league with 13 after taking the most attempts in those situations — within a five-point margin with five minutes or fewer to go — with 37, shooting 35.1%. He's 10th in the league in 3-pointers made per game at 3.1.

"If he gets in the All-Star Game, I need him in the dunk contest," Dunn said about LaVine, who twice won the contest in 2015 and '16. "I told him you've got to shut down Chicago, they're coming to our house. I'm happy for him."

LaVine is the Bulls' leading scorer at 23.4 points per game, good for 18th in the league. But even LaVine acknowledged in the preseason that offense alone probably wouldn't get him an All-Star nod for the Feb. 16 game at the United Center.

"I need to transition to being more of a two-way player," he said in October. "A lot of people know I can score the ball many ways, (but) I want to be not just known as a scorer, a good player on the team. I want to be in that elite-group conversation of All-Stars in the NBA. And I feel like that comes with winning."

LaVine has 45 steals in 35 games this season — he had 63 in 60 games in 2018-19 — and his defensive rating has improved from 112.4 to 106.7.

"He came really far," said Dunn, who usually defends opponents' best scorers. "A lot of people discredit his on-ball defense. He's actually a really good on-ball defender."

Boylen also said LaVine has improved defensively.

"The thing I like about him in the walk-throughs and the shootarounds and our times when we drill stuff, he's communicating better and he's got that chatter going," the coach said. "He's bought into communicating and being tied in with his teammates. He's guarded some of the better players in the league. He's taken the challenge on those matchups."

"His goal is to become an elite two-way player and he's really moving in that direction."

But LaVine's still prone to defensive lapses, such as not picking up weak-side help.

"Everyone has their mishaps," Dunn said.

Boylen agreed that LaVine could be a better with his off-ball defense, like anyone else on the team. But he's seeing a difference in LaVine's reaction in those moments he makes a costly mistake.

"He gets frustrated," Boylen said. "I think it pains him more than ever when there's a mistake made in that situation, and I like that."

— Jim Boylen on Zach LaVine

## BLACKHAWKS

## Time to see if 'Crow' flies

Crawford likely to start with severity of Lehner's knee injury up in the air

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

As the injuries piled up this season, the Blackhawks stayed in playoff contention largely because Robin Lehner played spectacularly while unseating Corey Crawford as the No. 1 goalie.

Turns out, however, Lehner is not indestructible.

The Hawks will be without Lehner for Sunday's game against the Red Wings at the United Center and possibly longer because of a right knee injury suffered in their 7-5 road loss to the Canucks on Thursday.

The injury occurred late in the third period when Canucks forward Tanner Pearson fell on Lehner's right knee after a shove from behind from Jonathan Toews. After a visit from Hawks trainer Mike Gapski, Lehner stayed in the game.

Lehner had a large ice pack on the knee afterward but insisted it was "good" and wouldn't be a problem.

But Lehner sat out of practice Saturday at Fifth Third Arena, and the Hawks called up goalie Kevin Lankinen from Rockford on an emergency basis.

"We're still trying to figure out exactly how serious it is," coach Jeremy Colliton said of Lehner's injury. "But he didn't skate."

Lankinen, 24, is 7-7-1 with a .905 save percentage in 15 games with the IceHogs and is their lone representative in the AHL All-Star Game.

So for the time being, Crawford will get a shot to prove he again should be sharing time with Lehner.

"He hasn't played much lately," Colliton said, "so he's going to be excited to get in."

Crawford and Lehner were largely splitting starts until Dec. 23 against the Devils, when Crawford allowed four goals on 16 shots. After giving up the fourth goal, Crawford waved to the coaching staff to take him out and hasn't played since.

"I definitely think I can still make an impact," Crawford said Saturday after practice. "But Lenny's been playing great, so (Colliton's) choice was to stick with him, and we got some big wins. ... I get a chance here so just trying to be ready."

Lehner relieved Crawford against the Devils and since started four consecutive games, his longest stretch of the season. It was also the most consecutive games Crawford hasn't played while being healthy since Ray Emery twice started six straight games during the 2011-12 season.

The Hawks planned to open the season with Crawford as their starting goalie until Lehner surprisingly became available via free agency in July. General manager Stan Bowman quickly swooped in and signed Lehner to a one-year, \$5 million deal.

Crawford got off to a slow start but turned things around and in November, posting a .941 save percentage over seven starts.



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Corey Crawford gives up a goal against the Devils. He was pulled after allowing the goal, the fourth of the game, and hasn't played since.

But beginning with a Nov. 29 loss to the Avalanche in which he allowed five goals, Crawford failed to keep pace with Lehner's solid play. Crawford went 1-6 with an .877 save percentage over eight starts and assumed the unfamiliar role — for him — as the backup.

"That Jersey one was obviously a rough one," Crawford said. "I don't think I've been playing bad. Just got to make that extra big save. I've had some good starts. I've just got to keep going, keep working hard. It's not going to be easy, so just be prepared. Just play hockey."

When the Hawks signed Lehner, it was viewed as insurance in case Crawford suffered a serious injury for a third straight season. He missed the final three months of the 2017-18 season with a concussion and two months last season with another concussion.

But Crawford has been healthy and now has a chance to help keep the Hawks afloat while Lehner recovers.

"(Lehner) has been our best player, most consistent player all year and a big reason

why we're in what you'd call a playoff hunt right now," Patrick Kane said. "This is probably the situation they thought of when (they) signed both guys. If one gets injured, you have the other one available and ready to go."

"I think Crow's probably looking forward to the opportunity. He's a great goaltender. He's even played very well for us this year, so I'm sure he's excited about getting back in there."

It's hard to tell with Crawford, whose laid-back demeanor is the same whether he's starting for a Stanley Cup contender or a backup for a team trying to stay in the playoff race.

Despite the recent slump that led to Lehner getting four straight starts, Crawford said he won't do anything differently.

"No, not at all," he said. "Trying to prepare the same way every time and trying to be at my best every time. Not playing for a few games hopefully I can get the feelings going right away and feel good. We'll see. I'll just play hard and try to be at my best."



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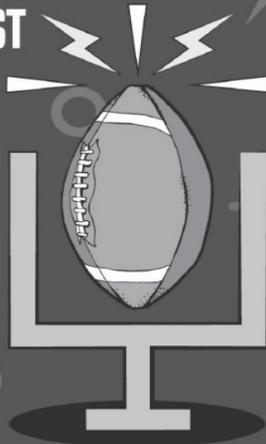
*"I don't think I've been playing bad. Just got to make that extra big save."*

— Corey Crawford

Chicago Tribune

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Jan. 12 | 5:40 p.m.

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Deshaun Watson celebrates after completing a 34-yard pass to set up the Texans' game-winning field goal.

TEXANS 22, BILLS 19 (OT)

## Comeback kids

Watson rallies Texans from 16-point deficit to secure playoff win

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Deshaun Watson threw a touchdown pass and ran for a score in regulation and then led the winning drive in overtime as the Texans added another comeback to Houston playoff history by rallying from a double-digit second-half deficit for a 22-19 victory over the Bills in the first round of the playoffs Saturday.

Both teams had to punt on their first possessions of overtime. On the Texans' next drive, Watson evaded a sack by wriggling away from one defender and bouncing off another before rolling out to find Taiwan Jones for a 34-yard reception to set up first-and-goal.

Ka'imi Fairbairn then kicked a 28-yard field goal to lift the Texans to the victory.

The Texans scored 19 straight points to take the lead before Steven Hauschka's 47-yard field goal tied it with 5 seconds left to force overtime.

"We never quit, regardless," Watson said. "Whatever it takes to get the win. I mean, we're going to keep fighting."

The win gives the Texans their

first playoff victory since the 2016 season and extends the Bills' postseason losing streak to six games, with their most recent playoff win coming in 1995. It's the first wild-card overtime game since the Broncos beat the Steelers 29-23 in the 2011 season.

The game conjured memories of another huge comeback in a wild-card game. The last time teams from Houston and Buffalo met in the playoffs it was in a game that is known as "The Comeback." The Bills set an NFL record for the largest comeback by rallying from a 32-point deficit for a 41-38 overtime win against the Houston Oilers in a wild-card game in 1993.

This time Josh Allen and the Bills used a dominant first half to build a 13-point lead and were up 16-0 in the third quarter.

Watson had 247 yards passing and ran for 55 yards and DeAndre Hopkins had 90 yards receiving.

Allen threw for 264 yards, ran for 92 and caught a touchdown pass on a trick play in the first quarter, but often looked rattled late in his playoff debut.

Three-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year J.J. Watt had a sack and gave a boost to the Texans defense in his return after sitting out since October with a torn pectoral muscle.

"This is why you come back," Watt said. "I don't know if I meant to come back for these

many plays ... but these feelings, these emotions, these fans, these players, Deshaun Watson and all the guys on this team, this is why you come back."

The Texans couldn't get anything going on offense before halftime and had 81 yards in a first half where Hopkins didn't catch a pass for the first time since Week 16 of the 2017 season.

They were finally able to sustain a drive on their second possession of the third quarter when Hopkins had receptions of 14 and 10 yards to help move the ball. The Texans cut the lead to 10 when Watson dragged two defenders into the end zone on a 20-yard touchdown run.

Watson then dove into the end zone for a 2-point conversion that got the Texans within 16-8 with about two minutes left in the third.

The Bills were driving early in the fourth quarter when Allen was sacked by Whitney Mercilus and fumbled, and it was recovered by Jacob Martin at the Bills 47. The Texans cashed in on the miscue with a 41-yard field goal that cut the lead to 16-11 with about 11 minutes to go.

Watson connected with Carlos Hyde on a 5-yard touchdown pass and Hopkins on a 2-point conversion with about five minutes left to put the Texans on top 19-16. Hopkins had a 41-yard reception earlier in that drive.

## Cook, Kamara make Vikings, Saints go

Dynamic runners likely to play pivotal roles in wild-card showdown

BY BRETT MARTEL  
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The Dalvin and Alvin show is coming to the Superdome.

And the stakes are a lot higher than the last time they shared the stage as NFL debutants three seasons ago.

Vikings running back Dalvin Cook and Saints rusher Alvin Kamara look primed to play pivotal roles when the Saints (13-3) host the Vikings (10-6) on Sunday in the wild-card round of the NFC playoffs.

They are two of the most dynamic running backs in the league capable of breaking off big gains as runners or receivers.

Saints coach Sean Payton said Cook, who's returning from a shoulder injury that sidelined him the last two weeks of the regular season, has a "substantial" influence on the Vikings offense.

"He has extremely good balance. He's a strong runner and has outstanding speed," Payton said.

Vikings coach Mike Zimmer sounds as if he could be talking about Cook when he is in fact discussing the challenge Kamara presents to Minnesota's defense.

"He's extremely shifty in the way he runs, but he's a physical runner as well," Zimmer said. "Catches the ball out of the backfield, runs good routes. The thing that impresses me is that not very often does one guy bring him down. He slips and steps up out of tackles. ... He can go the distance at any time."

Cook had the better NFL debut, gashing the Saints for 127 yards rushing in a 29-19 Vikings victory to open the 2017 season.

But while Cook's rookie campaign was ended prematurely by a major knee injury, Kamara blossomed into the offensive rookie of the year, with 1,554 yards and 13 TDs from scrimmage in 2017.



ELIZABETH FLORES/STAR TRIBUNE

Vikings RB Dalvin Cook gained 1,135 yards and scored 13 TDs rushing in 14 games this season.

VIKINGS (10-6)  
AT SAINTS (13-3)

Saints by 8 | O/U 49½

The Saints have been playing like a top seed of late, with Drew Brees on fire and a legit defense. The Vikings just don't look right, and Kirk Cousins hasn't consistently proven he can step up in big games.

**Sam Farmer's pick:**  
Saints 31, Vikings 23

This season was Kamara's least productive because of nagging knee and ankle ailments that sidelined him for a couple mid-season games. But Kamara increasingly regained form as the playoffs approached, rushing for four TDs in the last two weeks.

Kamara also is a playoff veteran, having played four postseason games.

Cook is making his playoff debut after fulfilling the promise he showed before tearing up his knee in October of 2017.

In 14 games this season, he gained 1,135 yards and scored 13 TDs rushing while catching 53 passes for 519 yards.

"You've seen the kind of football that we play with him," Vikings receiver Stefon Diggs said of Cook.

"He definitely changed the game."

## Red-hot Eagles not fazed by pressure

'Battle-tested' winners of NFC East confident, eager to face Seahawks

BY ROB MAADI  
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Eagles have been playing must-win games for a month to get to this point.

Now, it's win or go home.

The Eagles (9-7) will host the Seahawks (11-5) in an NFC wild-card playoff game Sunday after winning four straight games to secure their second division title in three years.

Pressure won't be new. Many players on the Eagles roster faced it during the 2017 Super Bowl run. For the new guys, they got to experience it throughout December when one loss in any of the last four games would've cost the team a playoff berth.

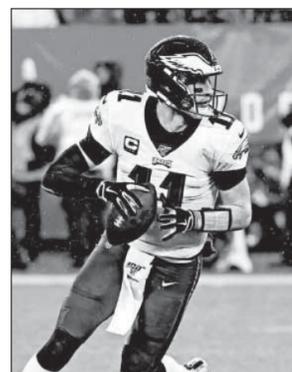
"The last month, they have been playoff-type games for us," coach Doug Pederson said. "This team is battle-tested that way and we prepare that way."

While the Eagles claw their way into the playoffs, the Seahawks enter on a two-game losing streak. The Seahawks would've clinched the NFC West and secured a home game this weekend with a win in Week 17 but lost 26-21 at home to the 49ers.

On the bright side, the Seahawks were better on the road this season, going 7-1. They beat the Eagles in Philadelphia, 17-9, on Nov. 24.

"They finished great," Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said of the Eagles. "They know us. We know them. They game plan all over again and they do, too."

Russell Wilson is 4-0 against the Eagles, including a win in Seattle over the eventual Super Bowl champions in December



SETH WENIG/AP

Carson Wentz led the Eagles to four straight victories to close out the regular season.

SEAHAWKS (11-5)  
AT EAGLES (9-7)

Seahawks by 1½ | O/U 45

The Eagles are the enticing pick because of the way Carson Wentz has been playing with a surrounding cast of nobodies. Still, Russell Wilson is experienced, dynamic and can take advantage of a vulnerable pass defense.

**Sam Farmer's pick:**  
Seahawks 27, Eagles 24

2017 when the Eagles came in at 10-1.

Carson Wentz will make his first career playoff start after missing the Super Bowl run because of knee surgery and last year's wild-card win due to a back injury.

"We know what's on the line and to some extent we've kind of felt that way the last few weeks," Wentz said. "We've kind of had our backs against the wall. It's a one-game season, we're excited for it. It's going to be a fun one."

AP Sports Writer Tim Booth in Seattle contributed to this report.

TITANS 20,  
PATRIOTS 13

## Henry, Titans end Patriots' title defense

Derrick Henry bursts through the Patriots defense during the Titans' 20-13 postseason victory Saturday night in Foxborough, Mass. Henry finished with 182 rushing yards and a touchdown and added 22 receiving yards to help end the Patriots' Super Bowl defense in the first round of the playoffs.



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## BEARS

# 'Unfinished business'

Safety Jackson reflects, looks ahead after signing 4-year, \$58.4M extension

BY RICH CAMPBELL

Eddie Jackson was asleep when the Bears drafted him in 2017. It was almost half past noon in his hometown of Lauderdale Lakes, Fla. The fourth round was underway, and Jackson was still on the board the final day. By then, the excitement and anticipation had waned. He figured he would wake up if a general manager blew up his phone.

Sure enough, when Ryan Pace called from Halas Hall, Jackson jumped up. The Bears had traded up five spots to pick him. A celebratory cookout with family and friends commenced.

In hindsight, it seems rather crazy that Jackson still was available for the Bears at No. 112.

Yes, Jackson's final season at Alabama prematurely ended because of a broken left leg. But he was a team captain. At Alabama. He was known for his range, instincts, ball skills and return touchdowns. At Alabama.

In three seasons since, those traits have helped him earn two Pro Bowl selections and one first-team All-Pro nod. And, as of Saturday, they made him the highest-paid safety in the NFL.

Jackson signed his four-year extension worth \$58.4 million, including \$33 million guaranteed. The contract runs through 2024.

After putting pen to paper at Bears headquarters, Jackson reflected on his rise from that uncertain draft weekend to bona fide NFL star.

"It was one of those unreal moments, unsure moments that you didn't know things were going to go, how your career was going to be, or whether you were even going to get an opportunity to be here," Jackson said. "They came and traded up a few picks in the fourth round to get me. Right now, all those moments are just replaying in my head. I'm forever thankful."

Pace was not made available for an interview but was quoted in the Bears' announcement of Jackson's extension.

"We're very excited to get this deal done with Eddie to keep him in a Bears uniform long term," Pace said. "It's rare to find a player in this league with talent like Eddie's. He's a rangy ballhawk with exceptional IQ, a great teammate and a natural leader. He is the anchor to the back end of our defense, and we are fortunate to have him."

Jackson, who turned 27 last month,



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Bears safety Eddie Jackson signals an incompletion as Broncos tight end Jeff Heurman lands hard during the Sept. 15 game in Denver.

indicated the Bears had their contract proposal ready at season's end. That's when his representatives at SportsTrust Advisors presented it to him.

It underscores the Bears' determination to lock up Jackson before he entered the final season of his four-year rookie contract. Obviously, they weren't deterred by the fact his interceptions total dropped from six in 2018 to two in 2019 — both occurred on last-minute, long, desperation throws by backup quarterbacks.

As the Bears and Jackson see it, he became a better-rounded safety in 2019, as new defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano asked him to play closer to the line of scrimmage more often.

Jackson's tackles increased from 51 to 60 and his tackles for losses jumped from two

to five. (He played two more games this season than he did last.)

"I was playing in the back end, free safety, just roaming all the time," Jackson said. "This year I got to get in the box. I really enjoy being in the box, making plays behind the line or on the line of scrimmage. It just overall made me more aggressive. You read run better, with your keys and details, so hats off to Coach Pagano for helping us become all-around players and playing out of our comfort zone."

Pagano was just one recipient of all the thank-yous Jackson doled out Saturday. He started with Alabama coach Nick Saban for helping him overcome his numerous injuries in college.

"He taught us how to deal with adversity, overcoming those obstacles, things and

different challenges in your life that you feel like want to set you back and stop you from getting to where you need to be," Jackson said. "Just having that mindset installed has always worked."

Among the others: Pace for drafting him and proposing the new contract; the McCaskeys for approving the deal; former defensive coordinator Vic Fangio and defensive backs coach Ed Donatell for lifting him in his first two seasons; and Matt Nagy for creating a player-friendly atmosphere.

"There's still a lot of unfinished business out there," Jackson said. "The most important part is bringing that Super Bowl trophy back to Chicago. I'm not going to stop until I can't go no more. That's one thing they'll get from me. They're going to get my hardest until I can't go no more."

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## BEARS



# Passersby

The Bears draft room once skipped over 9 of the 12 QBs in this season's NFL playoffs. Revisionist history? Sure. But it did happen.

BY DAN WIEDERER

It has become an obligatory annual question for George McCaskey, with the Bears chairman asked to detail his mother's emotions regarding the state of the Bears. Virginia McCaskey will turn 97 on Sunday. And while George McCaskey didn't go so far this year as to paint his mom as "pissed off" with the team's struggles, he readily acknowledged that the citywide disappointment hit close to home.

With all the anticipation and hype that led up to the Bears' 100th season, the team's 8-8 fizzle-out was entirely unsatisfying.

"The hope was there. The Bears were back," George McCaskey said Tuesday morning. "And then to take a step back was especially disappointing. And she feels it, like all Bears fans do."

The playoffs will go on without the Bears for the 11th time in 13 seasons. And as if that sting weren't sharp enough, the emptiness surrounding the 2019 season will be amplified by another bit of "What might have been" lament.

This year's postseason includes nine starting quarterbacks the Bears once had a chance to draft but didn't. Yep. Seventy-five percent of the starting quarterback in this year's Super Bowl bracket could have begun their careers with the Bears if the organization had wanted them badly enough.

On that topic, here's a painful history lesson (in chronological order) of the draft-weekend decisions that took the Bears in a different direction.



## Tom Brady

### Patriots

**Drafted:** Sixth round (No. 199 overall) by the Patriots in 2000.

**Player selected with the Bears' previous pick:** K Paul Edinger (No. 174).

**Other Bears selected before that in that draft:** LB Brian Urlacher (No. 9), S Mike Brown (No. 39), WR Dez White (No. 69), TE Dustin Lyman (No. 87), CB Reggie Austin (No. 125), WR Frank Murphy (No. 170).

**Bears incumbent starting QB:** Cade McNown.  
**The knocks:** Brady was thought of as wiry with limited athleticism and average arm strength. He hadn't started his first two seasons at Michigan and even in his last two years, he continued competing for playing time with Drew Henson. Brady left college with 30 touchdown passes and 17 interceptions.

**The scoop:** Can you imagine if the Bears had a 2000 draft class that featured Urlacher and Brady? Can you even fathom, in retrospect, that the organization had seven chances to draft Brady and instead opted for players such as Frank Murphy? Obviously, no one in the spring of 2000 was projecting Brady to play for two decades and win six Super Bowls (and counting). And the Bears, for what it's worth, had taken their big swing at finding a franchise quarterback the previous year when they drafted Cade McNown at No. 12. But it's clear that too many teams failed to recognize or properly weight Brady's most special skills such as his competitiveness, savvy, accuracy and natural leadership ability. Interestingly, this fall in an article for The Athletic, longtime NFL writer Bob McGinn shared pre-draft notes on Brady that he compiled from five NFL executives, including Bill Rees, who at the time was the Bears director of college scouting. Rees' thumbnail on Brady: "Very accurate, good toughness, good leadership. Has a chance to be a good player in the league in time. I think he'd be a real solid backup initially and end up growing into a starter."



## Drew Brees

### Saints

**Drafted:** Second round (No. 32) by the Chargers in 2001.

**Player selected with the Bears' previous pick:** WR David Terrell (No. 8).

**Bears incumbent starting QB:** Jim Miller.  
**The knocks:** In scouting circles, Brees was most criticized for his lack of prototypical height (6 feet). Others thought his college production was inflated by the nature of Joe Tiller's spread offense at Purdue. Still, Brees received widespread praise for being a fiery competitor who shattered records at Purdue, became a Heisman Trophy finalist and led the Boilermakers to the Rose Bowl.

**The lowdown:** Brees was selected at the top of the second round and was the second quarterback off the board after Michael Vick was taken with the No. 1 overall pick. The Bears felt comfortable with their quarterback trio of Jim Miller, Shane Matthews and Cade McNown. (After Jerry Angelo became the general manager in June 2001, the team traded McNown to the Dolphins that same summer.) Brees, now in his 20th season, continues to rewrite the NFL record book. Terrell turned out to be a first-round flameout, finishing his four-season career with the Bears with 128 catches, 1,602 yards and nine touchdowns.



## Aaron Rodgers

### Packers

**Drafted:** First round (No. 24) by the Packers in 2005.

**Player selected with the Bears' previous pick:** RB Cedric Benson (No. 4).

**Bears incumbent starting QB:** Rex Grossman.  
**The knocks:** Rodgers' torturous wait in the NFL draft green room has been well-chronicled. Twenty-one teams passed him over, with the Vikings and Cowboys both making two picks while Rodgers was on the board. In some league circles, a large amount of Rodgers' college success was credited to the system of Cal coach Jeff Tedford. Rodgers was frequently compared to Joey Harrington and Kyle Boller, who also played under Tedford in college but failed to live up to expectations in the NFL.

**The lowdown:** Angelo was still firmly behind Grossman as his franchise quarterback, confident that the young gunslinger would return from the previous season's ACL injury to lead the Bears to new heights. Through that lens, it makes sense that the Bears wouldn't prioritize taking a quarterback in the top five of that draft, even with Angelo openly rating Rodgers ahead of Alex Smith as the top one in the class. But let's not forget: The Packers had Brett Favre as their starter when they picked Rodgers at No. 24. And it turned out to be a wise investment. In 12 years as the Packers starter, Rodgers has won six division titles, nine playoff games, two MVP awards and a Super Bowl. The other NFC North players drafted ahead of him: Benson, receivers Troy Williamson and Mike Williams and defensive end Erasmus James.



## Russell Wilson

### Seahawks

**Drafted:** Third round (No. 75 overall) by the Seahawks in 2012.

**Player selected with the Bears' previous pick:** WR Alshon Jeffery (No. 45).

**Other Bears selected before that in that draft:** DE Shea McClellin (No. 19).

**Bears incumbent starting QB:** Jay Cutler.  
**The knocks:** Like Brees, Wilson's height (5-11) was deemed problematic. There were additional worries about his ability to be a traditional pocket passer in the NFL. Talent evaluators also wondered how Wilson's improvisational athleticism would translate against bigger, faster, stronger defenders.

**The lowdown:** Five quarterbacks came off the board before Wilson — Andrew Luck, Robert Griffin III, Ryan Tannehill, Brandon Weeden and Brock Osweiler. Two Wilsons also came off the board before Russell — running back David Wilson and safety Tavon Wilson. Needless to say, Wilson was easily the best value pick of the 2012 draft and probably tops Luke Kuechly and Harrison Smith as the top player of the class. The Bears had Cutler as their starter and had signed Jason Campbell as their backup a month before the draft. The opportunity to pick Wilson never matched up with their board.



## Kirk Cousins

### Vikings

**Drafted:** Fourth round (No. 102) by the Redskins in 2012.

**Player selected with the Bears' previous pick:** S Brandon Hardin.

**Other Bears selected before that in that draft:** McClellin, Jeffery.

**Bears incumbent starting QB:** Cutler.  
**The knocks:** Cousins was thought to have a limited ceiling, projected by many as a career backup who excelled most as a game manager. He had ordinary athleticism. Very little on his scouting report stood out as elite.

**The lowdown:** Even though the Redskins pushed all their chips to the center of the table to draft Robert Griffin III at No. 2, they dipped back into the 2012 quarterback class the next night to grab Cousins in Round 4. The team wanted to add depth and stabilize the position with a young, talented quarterback they could groom. Eventually, when Griffin's career went off the rails, Cousins took over. It's worth noting that the Seahawks and Redskins hit on midround quarterbacks in 2012. With Wilson, the Seahawks found a catalyst to start a nine-season run that has seen them win 86 regular-season games while making seven playoff appearances. Four picks later, the Bears drafted Hardin, who suffered a series of injuries and never played a regular-season game.



## Jimmy Garoppolo

### Patriots

**Drafted:** Second round (No. 62) by the Patriots in 2014.

**Player selected with the Bears' previous pick:** DT Ego Ferguson (No. 51).

**Other Bears selected before that in that draft:** CB Kyle Fuller (No. 14).

**Bears incumbent starting QB:** Cutler.  
**The knocks:** Coming out of the Ohio Valley Conference in the Football Championship Subdivision, there were questions as to how to translate Garoppolo's impressive statistical production, which included 5,050 passing yards, 53 touchdowns and only nine interceptions his senior year at Eastern Illinois. There also were criticisms of his deep-ball production and ability to operate from under center after playing his college career exclusively out of the shotgun.

**The lowdown:** Before the draft, Emery had privately expressed praise for Garoppolo's quick release, accuracy and feel for the game. But it wasn't enough to convince the Bears to use a second-round pick on the up-and-coming quarterback from Arlington Heights. In retrospect, the choice of Ferguson stings even more. Three months before the draft, the Bears had given Cutler his massive seven-year, \$126 million extension. They later chose to fill their backup spot with a different Jimmy, signing free agent Jimmy Clausen in June.



## Patrick Mahomes

### Chiefs

**Drafted:** First round (No. 10) by the Chiefs in 2017.

**Player selected with the Bears' previous pick:** QB Mitch Trubisky (No. 2).

**Bears incumbent starting QB:** Mike Glennon.  
**The knocks:** Mahomes was criticized for improvising too frequently and becoming too much of a risk taker whose desire to hit the big play created a habit of frequently throwing the ball into coverage and hoping for the best. That, draft experts and talent evaluators warned, could prove problematic in the NFL. Mahomes' prolific stats also were seen as inflated by the pass-happy offense he played in at Texas Tech.  
**The lowdown:** The Bears were in the market for a quarterback. Ryan Pace was intent on drafting one and had Mahomes in the top cloud on the team's board. Pace was enamored with Mahomes' big arm and big-play ability. But he had become even more impressed with Trubisky, believing he had better accuracy, footwork and pocket presence. The belief for Pace was that, even with Trubisky making only 13 starts at North Carolina, his skill set would eventually distinguish him as the quarterback in the class most equipped for success. At the end of Trubisky's third season, however, the gap has widened significantly between him and Mahomes, who won last year's NFL MVP award.



## Deshaun Watson

### Texans

**Drafted:** First round (No. 12) by the Texans in 2017.

**Player selected with the Bears' previous pick:** Trubisky.

**Bears incumbent starting QB:** Glennon.  
**The knocks:** Watson's 32 career interceptions at Clemson were seen as a red flag. There were additional questions about his slender frame and ability to hold up physically against NFL defenders. Some scouts were uncertain how quickly Watson would be able to handle the mountain of pre-snap responsibilities NFL quarterbacks face.

**The lowdown:** For reasons that have still never been divulged publicly, Pace and Bears director of player personnel Josh Lucas didn't believe Watson was on the same tier as Trubisky or Mahomes even though then-coach John Fox and quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone rated Watson as their No. 1 quarterback in the class. The Bears interviewed Watson at the combine and spent additional time with him after his pro day at Clemson. But they did not take him out to dinner or put him through a private workout as they did with the other two top quarterbacks in the class. It was a major miscalculation, particularly with Watson's special leadership skills and performance in leading Clemson to back-to-back national championship games and the 2016 title.



## Lamar Jackson

### Ravens

**Drafted:** First round (No. 32) by the Ravens in 2018.

**Player selected with the Bears' previous pick:** LB Roquan Smith (No. 8).

**Bears incumbent starting QB:** Trubisky.  
**The knocks:** Jackson was polarizing as he entered the 2018 draft. His harshest critics skewered his ability as a pocket passer and questioned whether his special running prowess would leave him vulnerable to injury in the NFL. He was labeled as a bit too short and perhaps a bit too skinny to survive at the next level. His throwing accuracy was seen as erratic.  
**The lowdown:** No one was pinning for the Bears to take Jackson when the 2018 draft arrived, particularly not in the top 10. And no one anywhere projected Jackson to become an MVP front-runner by the end of his second season. Still, the Ravens deserve credit for identifying Jackson's greatest game-changing strengths and working to bring those out as often as possible. Their ability to develop the offense and the young quarterback in unison has helped make them the favorite to win this year's Super Bowl.

## BEARS

## Haugh

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Why Nagy brazenly chose to obfuscate when asked directly about staffing moves he knew were coming merely underscored how little the Bears respect those public opportunities for transparency. This was just the latest glaring example of a systemic organizational problem. This was so Bears.

The media — and, by extension, the fans — seek answers and immediacy, especially after an 8-8 season that exposed the Bears as a team that couldn't handle success. But the Bears traditionally fail to grasp the powers of perception in the NFL's third-largest media market. If that weren't true, Pace wouldn't go four months between news conferences. Pace's inaccessibility is far from a petty thing; shielding himself from objective scrutiny deprives Pace of the benefit of the doubt when he could use it and diminishes his credibility. How Pace is perceived shapes his reality, not that he cares.

All this matters because it helps us understand why what Pace said about quarterback Mitch Trubisky probably isn't worth the stir it created.

"Mitch is our starter," Pace said — as Chicago gasped.

Only four qualifying NFL passers finished 2019 with a lower passer rating than Trubisky's 83.0. Trubisky was last among those quarterbacks in yards per attempt. Forget the numbers; Trubisky regularly failed the eye test. Not even the most devoted Grabowski could argue that Trubisky did anything but regress. Yet here was Pace, two days after the season, committing to a quarterback defined by inconsistency and inaccuracy after 41 NFL starts.

Really?  
The initial reaction to Pace's declaration of support is that he's living in denial and turning 2020 into a playoffs-or-bust proposition for a GM inexorably tied to the quarterback he drafted No. 2 in 2017. All of which still might be true. But it bears remembering that Pace puts very little stock into the comments he makes to the media.

Seldom do the Bears say what they really mean.

Remember when Pace said before the 2017 NFL draft how much he valued experience in a quarterback, then drafted a guy with 13 college starts. Recall how "fired up" Pace was in March 2017 when he signed Mike Glennon to a three-year, \$45 million contract to be the Bears starting quarterback — which lasted four games.

The point is, the patience Pace mentioned when defending Trubisky will come in handy when evaluating his own offseason approach. Wait until March 18 — the beginning of NFL free agency — before concluding how truly committed Pace is to Trubisky. Words uttered at a perfunctory postseason news conference don't matter. Actions do.

Too many potentially better alternatives exist at quarterback for Pace to ignore the chance to upgrade the game's most important position. He can call him the starter now without consequence. But to allow Trubisky enter training camp as the Bears' unchallenged starting quarterback would fall under the category of professional negligence.

Beneath the veneer of his polished appearance and rehearsed rhetoric, I suspect Pace understands this. That could be a total miscalculation. too, but to me, a truer indication of what the Bears think of Trubisky came when Pace was asked about picking up the quarterback's fifth-year option. The Bears have until May to make a decision they could have announced as early as this week — a \$24 million commitment for 2021.

"We're not at that point right now with the season ending just two days ago," Pace said.

Yet it wasn't too early to declare Trubisky as the starter for 2020? Pace's noncommittal answer essentially reminded everyone to follow the money. Reserve judgment until seeing which veteran free agent the Bears sign to join Trubisky in the quarterbacks room. Wait until after the NFL draft April 23-25 to see how high the Bears select Trubisky's potential successor.

If after adding two quarterbacks — one via free agency, the other through the draft — the Bears still commit \$24 million to Trubisky despite all the evidence advising otherwise, then Pace will invite even more criticism. Trubisky hasn't earned that level of financial commitment.

The defense remains good enough to carry the Bears back into playoff contention next season. Whoever plays quarterback, Pace would be wise to start fixing a broken offense by rebuilding the offensive line and installing a power attack by signing a tight end and a full-back. Tweaking the roster to reflect a bigger emphasis on the running game, of course, would require a brutally honest conversation with Nagy about evolving as a play-caller. Nagy's inability to adapt to Trubisky's limitations when calling plays gives Pace a mandate for his coach just as big as the one for his quarterback.

That commitment to change offensively is the most significant one the Bears can make this offseason. The words from Pace to Nagy privately — and how they affect the team's actions publicly — are the ones for which we should hold the GM most accountable.

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## CUBS



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Any move regarding Kris Bryant is on hold pending a decision in an arbitration case involving the All-Star's free-agent status.

# What's up, docket?

Eight things to watch for on the Cubs' 2020 calendar, including a decision on Bryant

The windows of Maddon's Post were covered New Year's Day after the sudden closing of Joe Maddon's ill-fated restaurant while a new cannabis dispensary was opening a couple of blocks north of Wrigley Field.

Out with the old and in with the new?  
Wrigleyville continues to evolve, for better or worse, as we enter the new decade, even as the Cubs threaten to put things in reverse after a disappointing end to the Maddon era. As we await team President Theo Epstein's long-rumored reckoning from the 2019 season, here's what's on the Cubs' calendar for the next three months.

BY PAUL SULLIVAN

## 1. A Bryant decision

The Cubs expect an arbitrator's decision soon on the grievance the players union filed over the alleged manipulation of Kris Bryant's service time in 2015.

The decision has contributed to the holdup on a potential trade of Bryant, who could be declared a free agent after the 2020 season if the union wins. But that's a long shot, most in baseball believe. Obviously, Bryant would be worth more to interested teams with two years of team control instead of one and thus command a bigger return for the Cubs.

The free agency of third baseman Josh Donaldson — and rumors of the availability of Rockies third baseman Nolan Arenado — will factor into whether Bryant gets moved. The Cubs also could wait until the July trade deadline, though they seem intent on getting under the \$208 million luxury-tax threshold, and Bryant is expected to get around \$18 million in arbitration for 2020.

## 2. Arbitration hearings

Bryant and Javier Baez are the two biggest and most expensive names on the Cubs' arbitration list while Kyle Schwarber and Willson Contreras are also big-ticket items. Albert Almora Jr., Kyle Ryan and newly acquired pitcher Jharel Cotton also are eligible.

Hearings are held Feb. 3-21 in Phoenix, but most players come to an agreement before that stage.

## 3. Cubs Convention

The team's annual fan fest begins a new era Jan. 17 with manager David Ross taking center stage for the first time.

As a former Cubs player, Ross is well aware that what happens at a Cubs Convention doesn't necessarily stay at a Cubs Convention, which Kris Bryant discovered last year when he called St. Louis "boring" during a talk-show panel with Ryan Dempster. Bryant was reminded of the remark throughout the season, and his teammates jokingly piled on in St. Louis by joining Cardinals fans in booing. If Bryant is still a Cub and is in attendance with his fate still twisting in the wind, he figures to be a focal point of the convention again.

There's no word yet on whether the Rickettses will have their own seminar after blowing it off last year during the Addison Russell controversy. Chairman Tom Ricketts claimed no one wanted to hear the owners' thoughts.

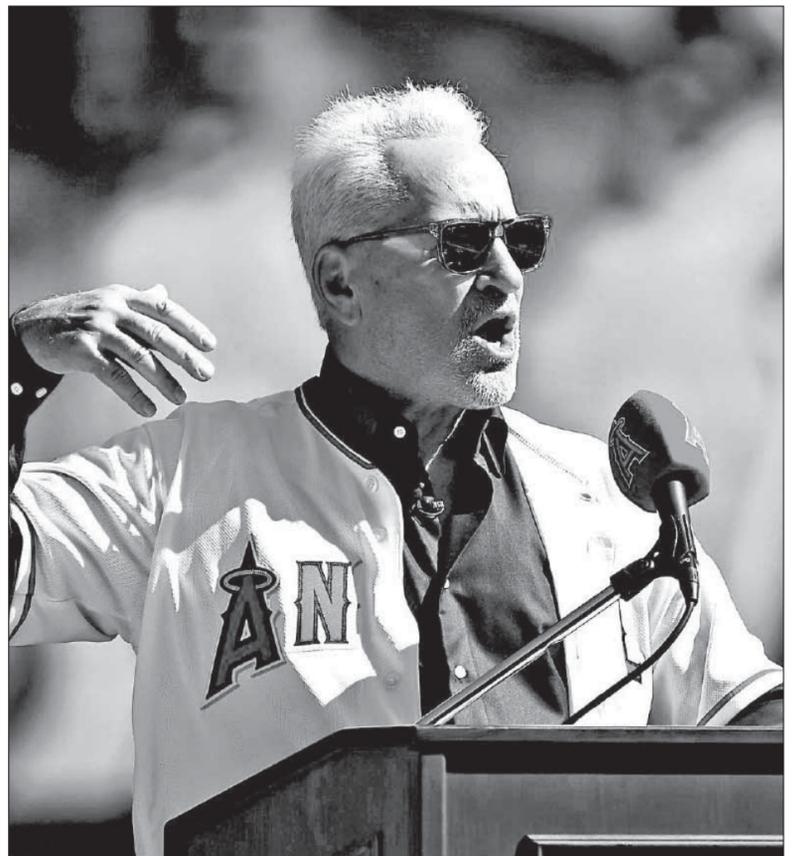
"We had a low-rated panel," he said. "It got kind of dull over the years because the questions were the same. If people want us to come back next year, fill out the forms and we'll be happy to do it next year."

Did you remember to fill out your form?

## 4. Marquee Sports Network

The new team-owned network is expected to begin broadcasting in February, with a programming schedule and its on-air employees — aside from Len Kasper and Jim Deshaies — yet to be announced.

How different it will be from the broadcasts fans are accustomed to watching is unknown. And whether the rest of the programming consists of a sunny, team-approved outlook, as the Bears do with their shows, bears watching. The network also plans to air all Cactus League games.



## 5. Camp opens

Pitchers and catchers report for most teams on Feb. 11-12, though the Cubs have not announced an official date. It will be earlier than usual, thanks to the earliest opening day ever on March 26, ensuring cold, rainy spring games for most teams in the Midwest and East.

Ross expects to bring some new, team-oriented workout routines while keeping some of the things he thought worked from Maddon's camps.

"I hope it's a shock for the players," Ross said. "I'm kind of relying on that. I want to be different. As much as Joe brought to the table and all that I respect that he's done, I will keep a lot of the music on. I like the vibe that he created. There will be a little bit more structure. I want some guys working together, not guys on their own plan."

## 6. Cactus League opener

Ten years ago the Cubs were trying to wrangle a \$1 surcharge on all Cactus League tickets to help fund a new \$84 million stadium, insisting they helped every other team draw in spring training with their huge fan base.

The rest of the team owners, led by White Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, managed to get that crazy idea shot down. But the Cubs eventually got their stadium, and Sloan Park has been the biggest attraction in spring training annually since its opening in 2014.

The Cubs open their 2020 Cactus League schedule on Feb. 22 at Sloan Park, taking on the A's, who moved into the Cubs old haunt, HoHoKam Park.

## 7. A Maddon reunion

Maddon's Angels meet the Cubs twice this spring, including March 2 at Sloan Park.

The Cubs will save a space in the parking lot for "Cousin Eddie," Maddon's famous RV, and it should be the highlight of the home schedule in Arizona.

It also will mark the return of former strength and conditioning coach Tim Buss, who served as co-conspirator with Maddon during many wacky spring training moments, including the day they dressed as hippies and drove an old Chevy van onto the field.

## 8. Opening day

Nothing can completely erase the stench of the 2019 ending, but a new season brings new things to worry about.

Will all of Epstein's changes work? Has the golden era peaked? Is Craig Kimbrel OK? It all begins March 26 in Milwaukee under a retractable roof, thankfully.

While Ross won't name his opening-day starter for a while, it's hard to argue against Yu Darvish after a strong second half bolstered his status as Cubs ace. That could set up the first Darvish-Christian Yelich matchup since Yelich dissed the Cubs starter on Twitter in November during a beef over an apparent sign-stealing episode from last year.

Your move, Yu.

Joe Maddon speaks to the media Oct. 24 after being hired as the Angels' manager.

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## COLLEGES



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DePaul forward Romeo Weems watches Providence guard Alpha Diallo celebrate after Providence's 66-65 victory Saturday.

**PROVIDENCE 66, DEPAUL 65**

# More home groans

A last-second free throw spoils rally as Demons drop to 0-2 in Big East

BY SHANNON RYAN

DePaul had an impressive 12-1 nonconference record, earning national recognition with votes in the Associated Press poll and opening some eyes around the city. But the Blue Demons understand that without a strong Big East showing, all of the early love will mean little.

Despite a gutsy performance down the stretch, DePaul lost to Providence 66-65 on a Nate Watson free throw with 1.1 seconds left Saturday at Wintrust Arena, falling to 0-2 in conference play.

"Man," forward Paul Reed said as he walked off the court, swinging his arms in front of him in exasperation. Coach Dave Leitao silently stared. Point guard Charlie Moore shook his head.

The Blue Demons (12-3) know they let an important game slip away — again — after dropping their Big East opener at home Monday to Seton Hall.

"This league is going to be about survival — each game," Leitao said. "From an overall standpoint, you have to get there whether you lose the first two, the last two, two in middle, three in a row. You have to pick yourself up and understand why."

Watson, who entered the game shooting 37.9% on free throws, missed his first pressure-packed attempt but made the second.

"I was shaking," the Friars big man said. His teammates mobbed him after the Demons' failed final play.

DePaul had rallied from a late 10-point deficit to tie the game at 65 on three Jalen Coleman-Lands free throws with 16 seconds left. But he was called for a foul on the other end, challenging Providence's attempts for a tiebreaker under the basket and failing to grab a decisive defensive rebound.

"No comment on that," said Coleman-Lands, who scored 15 points. "At end of the day, he made the call. What we can do and can control is prevent situations where it's



DePaul forward Paul Reed looks to pass the ball in the second half Saturday against Providence at Wintrust Arena.

in the refs' hands."

Reed was a force with 24 points on 10-for-15 shooting, 15 rebounds, three blocks and three steals in 39 minutes. It was the 11th double-double of the season for Reed, who has been DePaul's most consistent and productive player.

"Not much more you can ask out of a guy," Leitao said. "Unfortunately it's supposed to equal a win and be celebrated as a tremendous performance in a win. The thing that makes it eyebrow-raising (is) it was quiet. It was not an explosion. It was making plays and getting rebounds."

"We need to find a way to get everyone playing at their best." DePaul starting forward Jaylen Butz played only 9 minutes, 41 seconds in the first half before leaving with a sprained leg. He didn't return and finished with two points. Freshman Nick Ongenda filled in and had three blocks and two rebounds in 16:29.

Providence guard Luwane Pipkins, a

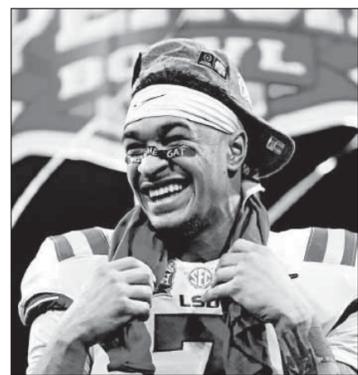
Chicago native and Bogan graduate, finished with 16 points, scoring all but two after halftime. He went to the stands after the game to greet a cheering throng of hometown fans.

The Friars (9-6, 2-0) used a 10-0 run, during which DePaul committed four turnovers, to build a 60-50 second-half lead. Back-to-back 3-pointers by Moore and Devin Gage pulled the Blue Demons within 65-62 with 1:21 remaining before Coleman-Lands' free throws.

The Blue Demons came up with some key defensive plays in the final minute. Reed grabbed a rebound off the front end of a Providence one-and-one miss, and Romeo Weems took a charge from Pipkins with 33.3 seconds left.

The Blue Demons need a sense of urgency, Leitao said. DePaul plays its next two games on the road against St. John's and No. 10 Villanova before returning to Chicago to face No. 11 Butler.

"Lesson learned," he said.



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Grant Delpit won the Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# LSU's Delpit overcame twists, turns

Tigers safety switched positions, battled injuries

BY RALPH D. RUSSO

Associated Press

Grant Delpit has had an unusual season.

LSU's star safety switched positions early in the year to compensate for an injured teammate. Later in the season, he was the injured player and the Tigers defense suffered from Delpit being limited by a sore ankle.

That didn't stop Delpit from winning the Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back or keep No. 1 LSU (14-0) from reaching the College Football Playoff with a perfect record.

In a case of fortuitous timing for the Tigers, Delpit heads into the national championship game against No. 3 Clemson (14-0) on Jan. 13 in New Orleans feeling healthy and playing about as well as he has all season. No coincidence, the same goes for LSU's defense across the board.

"He was being tough all year and battling through injuries, and he got healthy towards the end of the year, and that was kind of the turning point of our defense," LSU quarterback Joe Burrow said Thursday. "I think that just shows how important he is."

Delpit's season took a turn after teammate Todd Harris was lost for the year with a right knee injury in the third game of the season against Northwestern State.

Harris had played free safety and Delpit was slotted as a strong safety. From that spot, the 6-foot-3, 205-pound junior wreaked havoc on offenses last year and stuffed the stat sheet. He had five interceptions, five sacks, 9½ tackles for loss and 14 passes defended to become an AP All-American in 2018. He established himself as a possible future first-round pick in the NFL draft.

Without Harris, Delpit moved into the vacated role because he was best suited to be LSU's last line of defense. That put Delpit farther from the line of scrimmage, with fewer opportunities to blitz and run to the ball.

JaCoby Stevens has played Delpit's role this season. The junior has three interceptions, is second on the team in tackles with 85 and has five sacks among 8.5 tackles for loss.

"I'm all about the results of the team," Delpit said. "So whatever position they put me, I'm going to play it. I played a lot of free safety this year in the middle of the field, and just trying to get other guys in position to make plays like JaCoby being down around the ball a lot."

Delpit's season took another turn in late October when he sprained his ankle against Auburn.

He played through the injury in the Tigers' No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown against Alabama, a game in which the Crimson Tide passed for 419 yards, and the next week when Mississippi ran for 402 yards.

Delpit took a week off against Arkansas. When he returned, the Tigers played two of their best defensive games of the season, against Texas A&M and then Georgia in the Southeastern Conference championship game.

"Yeah, the ankle was hurting pretty bad the second half of the season a little bit, but now towards the end of it it's feeling pretty good," Delpit said. "I consider myself close to 100%, so it shouldn't be a problem."

Delpit was one of several important defensive players for LSU who were in and out of the lineup this season.

An ankle injury also slowed top-pass rusher K'Lavon Chaisson. The sophomore has been a terror lately and had two sacks in the semifinal victory against Oklahoma. Linebacker Michael Divinity, who sat out the last six games for what the school called personal reasons, is expected to play in the title game.

Trevor Lawrence and Clemson will face maybe the best version of the LSU defense the Tigers have fielded all season.

"I think after the Ole Miss game, it was kind of a turnaround for us," Delpit said. "It wasn't our best performance, and I think we sat down as a defense and just saw what we did wrong, understood that some teams might try to make those plays and run it against us again. And I think we just kind of lit a fire and started playing LSU football after that. So hopefully ... we can keep it going."

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## SCOREBOARD

## NBA

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	25	8	.758	—
Toronto	24	12	.667	2½
Philadelphia	23	14	.622	4
Brooklyn	16	18	.471	9½
New York	10	25	.286	16

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	25	10	.714	—
Orlando	16	20	.444	9½
Charlotte	15	23	.395	11½
Washington	11	24	.314	14
Atlanta	8	28	.222	17½

## CENTRAL

Milwaukee	32	5	.865	—
Indiana	22	14	.611	9½
Chicago	13	23	.361	18½
Detroit	13	23	.361	18½
Cleveland	10	25	.286	21

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	24	11	.686	—
Dallas	22	13	.629	2
San Antonio	14	20	.412	9½
Memphis	14	22	.389	10½
New Orleans	12	24	.333	12½

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	24	11	.686	—
Utah	23	12	.657	1
Oklahoma City	20	15	.571	4
Portland	15	21	.417	9½
Minnesota	13	21	.382	10½

## PACIFIC

L.A. Lakers	28	7	.800	—
L.A. Clippers	25	12	.676	4
Phoenix	14	21	.400	14
Sacramento	13	22	.361	15½
Golden State	9	28	.243	20

## SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Memphis 140, L.A. Clippers 114
Toronto 121, Brooklyn 102
Utah 109, Orlando 96
Atlanta 116, Indiana 111
Oklahoma City 121, Cleveland 106
Boston 111, Chicago 104
Washington 128, Denver 114
Charlotte 123, Dallas 120 (OT)
Detroit 111, Golden State 104
Milwaukee 127, San Antonio 118
New Orleans 117, Sacramento 115

## SUNDAY'S GAMES

New York at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.
Portland at Miami, 5 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.

## CELTICS 111, BULLS 104

<b>BOSTON:</b> Hayward 9-14 4-24, Tatum 12-15 2-28, Theis 2-7 0-0 4, Brown 7-13 2-2-9, Smart 2-8 4-7 8, Green 2-4 2-6, Ojелеye 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 1-3 0-0 3, Kanter 7-17 3-4 17, Wanamaker 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 43-82 17-21 111.
<b>CHICAGO:</b> Dunn 4-6 1-5, Markkanen 5-12 2-2 15, Carter Jr. 3-9 5-5 11, LaVine 11-21 8-14 35, Satoransky 4-11 3-12, Young 5-11 1-2 12, Gafford 0-2 0-0 0, White 2-8 0-0 6. Totals 34-80 23-31 104.

## 3-Point Goals—Boston 8-19 (Brown 3-5, Hayward 2-4, Tatum 2-4, Williams 1-2, Smart 0-3), Chicago 13-34 (LaVine 5-9, Markkanen 3-9, White 2-5, Satoransky 1-2, Young 1-6, Carter Jr. 0-2).

## Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 44 (Kanter 12), Chicago 37 (Carter Jr. 14).

## Assists—Boston 22 (Smart, Wanamaker 5), Chicago 23 (Dunn 7).

## Total Fouls—Boston 22, Chicago 22.

## A—21,130 (20,917)

## SCORING LEADERS

Player, TM	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Harden, HOU	383	362	1305	38.4
Antetokompo, MIL	373	200	1002	30.4
Dionice, DAL	279	224	872	29.1
Young, ATL	297	206	911	28.5
Beal, WAS	293	197	862	27.8
Davis, LAL	321	240	919	27.8
Lillard, POR	285	233	916	26.9
Booker, PHX	289	181	818	25.6
Leonard, LAC	239	158	683	25.3
Ingram, NOP	279	150	780	25.2
James, LAL	326	129	852	25.1
Siakam, TOR	253	104	677	25.1
Mitchell, UTA	315	144	848	24.9
Wiggins, MIN	240	107	644	24.8

## through Friday

## NHL

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	24	8	11	59	140	111
Toronto	24	14	5	53	155	135
Tampa Bay	23	13	4	50	144	124
Florida	21	15	5	47	147	140
Buffalo	19	17	7	45	127	135
Montreal	18	17	7	43	134	136
Ottawa	16	21	5	37	117	143
Detroit	10	29	3	23	90	161

## METRO.

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	28	9	5	61	150	125
Pittsburgh	25	11	5	55	141	109
N.Y. Islanders	25	12	3	53	115	105
Carolina	24	15	2	50	139	116
Philadelphia	22	15	5	49	133	129
Columbus	19	15	8	46	109	116
N.Y. Rangers	19	17	4	42	132	136
New Jersey	15	20	6	36	106	144

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	26	10	7	59	135	119
Colorado	25	13	4	54	156	124
Dallas	24	14	4	52	115	104
Winnipeg	22	16	4	48	130	129
Minnesota	20	17	5	45	129	139
Nashville	19	15	6	44	138	132
Chicago	18	18	4	42	123	139

## PACIFIC

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vegas	24	15	6	54	144	133
Arizona	24	16	4	52	128	112
Vancouver	23	16	4	50	141	125
Edmonton	22	17	5	49	131	138
Calgary	21	17	4	47	118	130
San Jose	19	21	3	41	115	143
Los Angeles	17	22	4	38	110	136
Anaheim	16	20	5	37	105	128

## 2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

## SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Edmonton 4, Boston 1
Buffalo 3, Florida 2
San Jose 3, Columbus 2
Minnesota 3, Winnipeg 2 (OT)
Vegas 5, St. Louis 4 (OT)
Toronto 3, N.Y. Islanders 0
Pittsburgh 3, Montreal 2 (OT)
Colorado 5, New Jersey 2
Tampa Bay 5, Ottawa 3
Arizona 6, Philadelphia 2
Vancouver 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Nashville 4, Los Angeles 1

## SUNDAY'S GAMES

San Jose at Washington, 11:30 a.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 4 p.m.
Florida at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
Calgary at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.
Nashville at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

## SABRES 3, PANTHERS 2

<b>Florida</b>	0	0	2	—
<b>Buffalo</b>	1	2	0	— 3

**FIRST PERIOD:** 1, Buffalo, Jokiharju 4 (Reinhart, Eichel), 12:49. **Penalties:** Okposo, Buf (High Sticking), 10:34; Sheary, Buf (Slashing), 14:18.

**SECOND PERIOD:** 2, Buffalo, Sheary 7 (Vesey, Johansson), 1:35. 3, Buffalo, Reinhart 14 (Dahlin, Johansson), 5:42 (pp). **Penalties:** Miller, Buf (Tripping), 2:05; Stralman, Flo (Hooking), 5:33; Florida bench, served by Hoffman (High Sticking), 10:05; Brown, Flo (High Sticking), 10:05; Okposo, Buf (Hooking), 10:05; Brown, Flo (Delay of Game), 16:43.

**THIRD PERIOD:** 4, Florida, Matheson 4 (Seviuff), 12:40. 5, Florida, Dadonov 17 (Hoffman, Barkov), 18:50. **Penalties:** None.

**SHOTS ON GOAL:** Buffalo 11-9-14—34. Buffalo 5-8-5—18.

**POWER PLAYS:** Florida 0 of 3; Buffalo 1 of 3.

**GOALIES:** Florida, Bobrovsky 15-12-4 (7 shots-4 saves), Florida, Dierdorff 31-0 (11-11). Buffalo, Ullmark 13-1-3 (34-32). A: 17,731 (19,070). T: 2:21.

**Referees:** Peter MacDougall, Brad Meier.

**Linesmen:** Tyson Baker, Scott Cherrey.

## NFL

## WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

<b>SATURDAY'S RESULTS</b>
Houston 22, Buffalo 19 (OT)
Tennessee 20, New England 13

## SUNDAY'S GAMES

Minnesota (10-6) at New Orleans (13-3), 12:05 p.m. (FOX)
Seattle (11-5) at Philadelphia (9-7), 3:40 p.m. (NBC)

## TEXANS 22, BILLS 19 (OT)

Buffalo	TEN	NE
First downs	24	19
Total net yards	425	369
Rushes-yards	30-172	33-141
Passing	253	219
Punt returns	1-8	1-11
Kickoff returns	0-0	2-15
Int. returns	0-0	0-0
Comp-att-int	25-49-0	20-25-0
Sacked-yds lost	3-27	7-28
Fumbles-lost	4-44-8	5-43-2
Penalties-yards	7-64	4-20
Possession time	35:15	36:25

**Rushing:** Buf, Allen 9-92, Singletary 13-58, Gore 8-22. Hou, Watson 14-55, Hyde 16-48, D.Johnson 3-38.

**Passing:** Buf, Allen 24-46-0-264, Brown 1-0-16, Bojorquez 0-1-0-0. Hou, Watson 20-25-0-247.

**Receiving:** Buf, Singletary 6-76, Brown 4-50, Williams 4-49, Beasley 4-44, McKenzie 4-23, Allen 1-16, Knox 1-14, Smith 1-8. Hou, Hopkins 6-90, Stills 4-46, Fells 4-37, D.Johnson 3-30, Jones 1-34, Carter 1-5, Hyde 1-5.

**Tackles-assists-sacks:** Buf, Edmunds 8-4-1, Milano 8-4-0, K.Johnson 7-2-0, Murphy 4-2-2, Hyde 4-1-0, White 4-1-0. Hou, Roby 7-0-0, McKinney 6-4-0, Conley 6-1-0, Hargreaves 6-0-0.

## TITANS 20, PATRIOTS 13

Tennessee	7	7	0	6	— 20
<b>New England</b>	3	10	0	0	— 13

## First quarter

NE: FG Folk 36, 12:37.

Ten: Firkser 12 pass from Tannehill (Joseph kick), 5:39.

## Second quarter

NE: Edelman 5 run (Folk kick), 14:57.

NE: FG Folk 21, 2:16.

Ten: Henry 1 run (Joseph kick), :35.

## Fourth quarter

Ten: Ryan 9 interception return (run failed), :09.

## TEAM STATS

	TEN	NE
First downs	19	18
Total net yards	272	307
Rushes-yards	40-201	22-98
Passing	71	209
Punt returns	0-0	1-23
Kickoff returns	2-40	1-10
Int. returns	1-9	1-0
Comp-att-int	9-16-1	20-37-1
Sacked-yds lost	1-5	0-0
Fumbles-lost	6-45-8	5-46-0
Penalties-yards	2-9	2-1
Possession time	31:09	3:28

**Rushing:** Ten, Henry 34-182, Tannehill 4-11, Lewis 2-8. NE, Michel 14-61, White 1-14, Edelman 2-12, Harry 1-7, Burkhead 3-4, Roberts 1-0.

**Passing:** Ten, Tannehill 8-15-1-72, Mariota 1-1-0-4. NE, Brady 20-37-1-209.

**Receiving:** Ten, Firkser 2-23, Pruitt 2-4, Henry 1-22, J.Smith 1-9, Lewis 1-8, Sharpe 1-6, A.Brown 1-4. NE, White 5-62, Watson 3-38, Burkhead 3-32, Edelman 3-30, Harry 2-21, Michel 2-9, Sanu 1-11, Dorsett 1-6.

**Missed field goals:** None.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## BOWL SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY**

**Armed Forces:** Tulane 30, So. Miss 13

**MONDAY**

**Lendingtree:** Miami (Ohio) (8-5) vs. La-Laf. (10-3), 6:30 p.m. (Mobile, Ala.)

## JAN. 13

**CFP Championship (New Orleans):** LSU (14-0) vs. Clemson (14-0), 7 p.m.

## FCS CHAMPIONSHIP

**Jan. 11: At Toyota Stadium; Frisco, Texas**

North Dakota State (15-0) vs. James Madison (14-1), 11 a.m.

## ODDS

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at Miami	6	221	Portland
at Cleveland	off	off	Minnesota
at Phoenix	7	232½	Memphis

## BEARS



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# Yes, Virginia: Matriarch turns 97, and what a ride it has been

BY TIM BANNON AND KORI RUMORE

Virginia Halas McCaskey would have preferred a Bears playoff game for her 97th birthday on Sunday. But she should enjoy her milestone anyway, for she is living a remarkable life. Here are eight things to know about the principal owner of the Bears.

## 1. Virginia McCaskey's parents were surprised their firstborn was a girl.

"I had assumed — and so had Min (Minnie, his wife) — that the new arrival would be George Stanley Halas Jr.," the founder and owner of the Bears admitted in the 1979 book, "Halas by Halas: The Autobiography of George Halas." "I already had visions of drawing my son into the thick of the Bears. We didn't even have a name for a girl. After some searching we decided on Mary Barbara, for her two grandmothers. But my brother Frank already had appropriated those names for his daughter.

"I filled in the baby's certificate of birth, leaving the name blank. Many years later, upon getting a copy of her birth certificate for a passport application, my daughter discovered that the name we gave her — Virginia Marion — had been inserted in pencil.

"She also learned that despite my wholehearted devotion to the Bears, I had not yet been sure the world would respect as father's occupation the designation of 'football club owner, manager, coach and player.' I had written in the more conservative career of 'civil engineer.'"

## 2. Red Grange used her to sneak past fans.

Pro football was struggling to build an audience, so George Halas, Red Grange and the Bears went on a 19-game, 66-day barnstorming tour to drum up interest during the winter of 1925.

And 3-year-old Virginia McCaskey went along for the ride.

"We made the first part of the tour with my mother and her sister, my Aunt Lil, to help along," she told the Tribune. "And after the games in Florida, I think mom said: 'This is it (for me), you can go on to California.'"

As interest built, Grange became a celebrity, and fans thronged to see the Bears when the team's train pulled into towns.

If Grange wanted to avoid the crowds, he'd pick up Virginia.

"When Red Grange would get off the train there were so many people waiting to see him they decided I could be his camouflage," McCaskey said in the NFL film "A Lifetime of Sundays." "If he wore a hat and carried me off the train, people wouldn't recognize him. That got him through the crowd."



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George Halas with his daughter, Virginia McCaskey, at a Bears-Packers game in 1968.

## 3. What she remembers from the 1st NFL championship game: 'the odor.'

In 1932, when she was 9, McCaskey attended the NFL's first championship game at Chicago Stadium, where the Bears beat the Spartans of Portsmouth, Ohio, 9-0. Nine decades later, McCaskey didn't hesitate when asked for her memory of the game, which was indoors atop 8 inches of dirt spread over concrete.

"Just the odor," she told the Tribune. "It was almost overwhelming because the circus had just left town."

## 4. She went to Drexel University — and majored in secretarial studies.

McCaskey enrolled at Drexel University in Philadelphia in 1939 when she was 16 and lived with her Uncle Walter, who was the school's football, baseball and basketball coach.

"The only place my dad would permit me to go to school was to go live with Uncle Walter and his family," she told the Tribune. "I now realize what a blessing it was to share my freshman year with my family."

She majored in secretarial studies, a department the school started in 1914. Her plans were to become her father's secretary.

Her sophomore year she met her future husband, Edward McCaskey, who was attending the University of Pennsylvania. They married in 1943 and moved to Des Plaines, where they raised 11 children.

## 5. She never expected to be the boss.

Virginia McCaskey was one of Halas' two children. Her younger brother, George Jr., known as "Mugs," was expected to take over the team after their father died or turned it over to his heirs.

"I just assumed he would be the one to take over for my dad, and that put me in a great position," she told the Tribune. "I would be able to enjoy all the perks and not have any of the problems. But God had other plans for all of us."

George Halas Jr. died in 1979, four years before his father, leaving his sister in charge of the team.

"Dad finally got around to his estate planning," Virginia McCaskey said in "A Lifetime of Sundays." "There was a small paragraph that 'in matters relating to football operations, Virginia would have the final word.' And to me that was his vote of confidence."

George Halas died in 1983.

Virginia McCaskey now controls 80% of Bears stock. On the team's website, she is listed as "secretary," although the formal title is corporate secretary.

"She has set such a great example of how owners of professional teams should conduct themselves, with a quiet dignity and a love of their teams," John Mara, president of the New York Giants, told the Tribune. "Too many of us have not followed that example."

## 6. That fur coat has a history.

When McCaskey received the George Halas Trophy after the Bears won the NFC title in January 2007, she was wearing the same fur coat her mother wore when the Bears won the 1963 NFL title.

"That gives you an idea of how important tradition and this legacy is to her," former Tribune Bears reporter Don Pierson said in the NFL film about McCaskey.

When asked what she recalls from that celebration, she said: "On the platform, everybody was smiling and laughing and singing the Bears fight song. And it was the way things should be.

"I never felt the cold at all."

## 7. She removed her son as team president.

During a news conference on Feb. 10, 1999, Virginia McCaskey named a new president and chief executive officer for the Bears — by ousting her eldest son, Michael, from the position. Ted Phillips, the first non-Halas or McCaskey family member to hold the title, still is team president.

"She wielded the big stick inherited from her father with the same toughness she hides so well under her reserved smile," the Tribune's Don Pierson wrote.

Michael wasn't removed from the organization. Instead he took over his 79-year-old father, Ed's, job of board chairman. Virginia said in a 1999 Tribune story that she hoped "that Mike will be able to make other good contributions to the club and will be available for Ted when Ted wants to consult him." Michael retired in 2011.

## 8. No more Honey Bears: That was also her decision.

The Bears formed the Honey Bears cheerleading/dancing team in 1975.

But Virginia McCaskey reportedly prevailed in having the group abolished when its contract expired after the 1985 season.

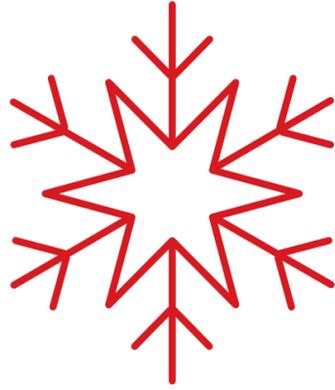
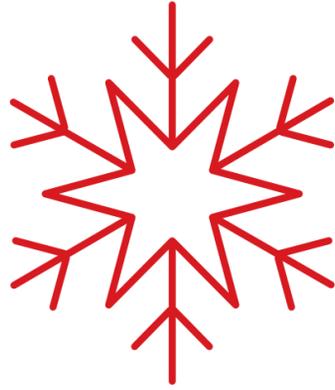
"Michael McCaskey said through (former Bears general manager) Jerry Vainisi: 'The Bears want to get back to blood and guts football and get rid of the fluff,'" Cathy Core, the group's founder and choreographer, told the Tribune. "I never once met with Michael McCaskey. He never once gave me the opportunity to meet with him. Everything was done through Jerry."

"People give me credit for that, or blame," Virginia McCaskey wrote in the Bears "Centennial Scrapbook." "Michael came to me and said, 'How would you feel about eliminating the Honey Bears?' ... To me, it was always a distraction.

"They weren't really cheerleaders. It was past what goes on in high schools and college situations. I always hope our fans would be football fans and interested in the team rather than the trimmings."

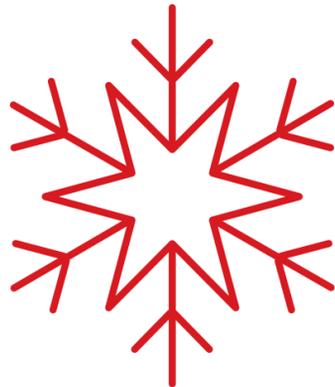
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# Winter arts guide

What's new? We look ahead to the best bets in the arts in Chicago in early 2020.



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# WINTER ARTS GUIDE

## THEATER

# Visits from 'Island' and 'Constitution'

BY CHRIS JONES

With the 2010s now toast, and the Year of Chicago Theatre now officially replaced by the Year of Chicago Music, our much-loved Chicago theater opens up a challenging new decade of homegrown artistic attractions.

And we'll all have to survive without "Hamilton."

So, as we reluctantly face the January of the 2020s, assuming we count our decades that way, what especially promising shows will guide us through the rest of the winter, not to mention life thereafter?

While advance predictions are never a substitute for informed recommendations, here is an alphabetical list of 10 upcoming shows that will have me both hopeful and excited to slide into my seat.

**"An American in Paris":** The long-lived Drury Lane Theatre in Oakbrook Terrace faces the 2020s with real ambition, and its January presentation of this George Gershwin musical, a work filled with dance, is prima facie evidence of its expanded sense of artistic purpose. As seen on Broadway in 2015, where it was produced by the Chicagoan Stuart Oken and directed and choreographed by Christopher Wheeldon, "American in Paris" is based on a modernist and experimental 1928 Gershwin work, as famously adapted into a movie wherein Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron danced through the City of Light. At Drury Lane, Lynne Kurdzial Formato directs. *Jan. 31 to March 29 at Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace; 630-530-0111 or drurylane theatre.com*



JOAN MARCUS

MiMi Crossland (as Little Girl), Courtnee Carter (as Ti Moune) and the company of "Once on This Island."

**"Bug":** The most-anticipated show of the new year in Chicago, with interest coming from across the country, is this revival of the bizarre Tracy Letts play set in an Oklahoma hotel room. It will feature Carrie Coon, the acclaimed Chicago actress (and wife of the playwright), working with the auteur Broadway director David Cromer, the man responsible for "The Band's Visit" and the legendary Chicago "Our Town." Coon is now a celebrity, following successes in TV drama, and there will be a clamor for tickets. *Jan. 23 to March 8 at Steppenwolf Theatre, 1650 N. Halsted St.; 312-335-1650 or www.steppenwolf.org*

**"Emma":** The author Jane Austen has proved popular with Chicago theater audiences. "Emma," based on Austen's 1815 novel, the last to be completed and published during her lifetime,

is a full-blown new musical with a score from Paul Gordon, who previously adapted "Sense and Sensibility" and "Jane Eyre." With Lora Lee Gayer in the title role, Barbara Gaines directs a show hoping for a life beyond Chicago. *Jan. 28 to March 15 at Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier; 312-595-5600 or www.chicagoshakes.com*

**"Her Honor Jane Byrne":** The Lookingglass Theatre was quiet last fall when it came to new work. Presumably, this venerable Chicago company was gearing up for "Her Honor Jane Byrne," a rare Lookingglass foray into Chicago's political history and, more specifically, the city's first woman mayor. J. Nicole Brooks sets her much-anticipated play in 1981, when years of urban neglect in Chicago are coming home to roost and Byrne decides to move into

the public housing project known as Cabrini-Green. *Feb. 26 to April 12 at Lookingglass Theatre, 821 N. Michigan Ave.; 312-337-0665 or www.lookingglass theatre.org*

**"How to Defend Yourself":** In this new play from Liliana Padilla, developed at this theater in workshops, seven college-aged women find themselves in a self-defense program that turns out to be a catalyst for emotions from anger to desire. The play, which focuses on young women now very much aware of the possibility of a sexual attack, won the Yale Prize for Drama last year and premiered at the Actors Theatre of Louisville's famed Humana Festival of New American Plays. Marti Lyons directs. *Jan. 24 to Feb. 23 at Victory Gardens Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.; 773-871-3000 or www.victorygardens.org*

**"Once on This Island":** The first national tour of the exuberant 2017 Broadway revival of the much-loved musical by Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens is well timed for the middle of a Chicago winter, offering Chicagoans a chance to escape to warmer climes for some passionate storytelling and charming island tunes. We'll have to see how well an immersive production conceived for a theater in the round translates to a large proscenium stage at the Cadillac Palace. *Jan. 21 to Feb. 2 at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St.; 800-775-2000 and www.broadwayin chicago.com*

**"Roe":** Playwright Lisa Loomer's carefully balanced drama looks at the political and social history of abortion in the United States, focusing especially on the real woman behind the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court case: Norma McCorvey, the plaintiff who became known by a pseudonym and Sarah Weddington, her 26-year-old lawyer. This is the first Chicago production of a play being produced at many regional theaters this season. The hugely talented Vanessa Stalling directs at the Goodman. *Jan. 18 to Feb. 23 at the Goodman's Albert Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St.; 312-443-3800 and www.goodmantheatre.org*

**"Sheepdog":** The busy activist-director Wardell Julius Clark is at the helm of a two-character police drama by Kevin Artigue. Widely admired after being produced at South Coast Rep this past spring, the play looks at two romantically involved police officers, one of whom is

white and the other African American. Their lives are upended following an officer-involved shooting. Leslie Ann Sheppard and Drew Schad star. *Jan. 16 to Feb. 29 at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave.; 773-975-8150 or www.sgtheatre.org*

**"Verboten":** After a fallow period, the venerable House Theater of Chicago is back with the world premiere of an original musical, featuring a book by the Chicago playwright Brett Neveu and music and lyrics by Jason Narducy. Set in 1983, "Verboten" is all about a punk rock band made up of Chicago teenagers, hoping to make their mark at the Cubby Bear before their parents put the kibosh on their fledgling music careers. Nathan Allen directs. *Jan. 16 to March 8 at Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St.; 773-769-3832 or www.thehousetheatre.com*

**"What the Constitution Means to Me":** For most politically oriented feminists and progressives, Heidi Schreck's self-performed, one-woman story of her morphing relationship to the Constitution of the United States was the most exciting show on Broadway last season. The piece — part memoir, part academic analysis, part a liberal call to arms — is now touring, but not with its author. The actress Maria Dizzia, known for her work on stage and TV, is taking the role of "Heidi." *March 4 to April 12 at the Broadway Playhouse, 175 E. Chestnut St.; 800-775-2000 and www.broadwayinchicago.com*

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## MUSIC

# Top winter shows in Chicago

BY GREG KOT

Winter is in full swing, but so is the indoor concert season. Here are 10 of the more notable rock, pop and R&B shows in the next few months (listed chronologically):

**Yola:** Though the singer lives in England, her acclaimed Dan Auerbach-produced 2019 debut album, "Walk Through Fire," brims with country-soul melodies and textures. (8 p.m. *Jan. 14 at Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St., \$20-\$30; thaliahallchicago.com*)

**John Cale:** It's only fitting that this legend of underground rock and avant-garde music helps close out the Art Institute's Andy Warhol exhibit. The artist was a benefactor of the Velvet Underground, the ground-breaking band Cale co-founded with Lou Reed in New York City during the '60s. (7 p.m. *Jan. 26 at the Art Institute, 230 S. Columbus Drive, \$25-\$35; artic.edu*)

**Jill Scott:** The singer celebrates the 20th anniversary of her debut album, "Who Is Jill Scott? Words and Sounds Vol. 1," and it's earned the accolades as a



SYDNEY WORDEN PHOTO

Country musician Sturgill Simpson will headline the United Center in April.

landmark of the neo-soul movement. (8 p.m. *Feb. 20 at Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St., \$145; chicagotheater.com*)

**Raphael Saadiq:** The R&B singer, producer, multi-instrumentalist and hitmaker is coming off his most transcendent and personal album, "Jimmy Lee." (7:30 p.m. *Feb. 21 at the Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave., \$35-\$174; jamusa.com*)

**The Sea & Cake:** The trio has been a Chicago mainstay for more than two decades, though its album releases and hometown shows have become increasingly rare. The songs in all their subtlety, slyness and catchiness remain

sublime. (8:30 p.m. *Feb. 29 at the Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave., \$18-\$20; emptybottle.com*)

**Destroyer with Eleanor Friedberger:** A terrific double bill with the ace songwriter Friedberger opening for a kindred spirit in Destroyer's Dan Bejar, who has a new album teed up for release in a few weeks. (8 p.m. *March 1 at Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St., \$25-\$35; thaliahallchicago.com*)

**Drive-By Truckers:** "The Unraveling," the follow-up to the Truckers' excellent 2016 album, "American Band," will be out Jan. 31, so expect plenty of new songs to be rolled out. (7:30 p.m. *March 13 at Metro, 3730 N. Clark St., \$35; metrochicago.com*)

**Blood Orange:** Dev Hynes, a prolific performer and producer, has been on a roll with "Negro Swan" (2018) and last year's sprawling "Angel's Pulse." (7:30 p.m. *March 13 at the Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave., \$36; jamusa.com*)

**Billie Eilish:** The teen singer sold out the United Center last year and she's at it again as she continues to ride the massive wave of support that greeted her 2019 debut album, "When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?" (7:30 p.m. *March 24 at United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., sold out; ticketmaster.com*)

**Sturgill Simpson:** Guitar feedback and screaming synthesizers may not be staples of country music, neo-traditional or otherwise, but Simpson demonstrated on his recent "Sound & Fury" album that he plays by nobody's rules. *April 3 at United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., \$50-\$100; ticketmaster.com*

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The "Birds of Prey" squad, from left: Rosie Perez, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Margot Robbie as Harley Quinn, Ella Jay Basco and Jurnee Smollett-Bell.



DISNEY

Liu Yifei stars in Disney's live-action remake of "Mulan."



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Michael B. Jordan, left, as Bryan Stevenson and Jamie Foxx as Walter McMillian in the drama "Just Mercy."



NEON

Adèle Haenel and Noémie Merlant play star-crossed lovers in "Portrait of a Lady on Fire."

## MOVIES

# Harley Quinn, Dolittle and Mulan are all back

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Greetings from Chicago, where we just spent the second-warmest Christmas in nearly 150 years.

Warm weather meant football outside, and eating strata and habanero-spiced chili and homemade pie inside at my wife's parents' place. My father-in-law's annual model train set-up around the Christmas tree included a drive-in movie scene, complete with two dozen little cars and a drive-in screen (portrayed by a portable DVD player) showing "American Graffiti." That film comes from a time when director George Lucas hadn't yet become the Palpatine of merchandising, and a steady presence under so many Christmas trees since the first "Star Wars" in 1977.

But enough talk of "Star Wars" and global warming. Let's look ahead to what the new year will bring. Here are 10 films to anticipate as winter rolls along, whatever global warming has to say about it. Tales of racial injustice, dementedly

righteous ex-girlfriends of famous comic book psychopaths, a Disney title repurposed very possibly for the better and much more await, along with Robert Downey Jr. and a large animal menagerie.

Dates are subject to change and studio release schedules.

In order of appearance:

**"Just Mercy."** Based on the memoir by civil rights lawyer Bryan Stevenson, co-founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, the film tells the true story of how Stevenson (Michael B. Jordan, of "Creed" and "Black Panther") takes on the case of Alabama death row inmate Walter McMillian (Jamie Foxx) in the late 1980s. Brie Larson, Rob Morgan and Tim Blake Nelson co-star; the director is Destin Daniel Cretton, who did the well-regarded "Short Term 12." *Opens Jan. 10.*

**"Dolittle."** Now that Iron Man is free from the Marvel Cinematic Universe, Robert Downey Jr. is available for the latest screen incarnation

of the multilingual animal lover created in 1920 by Hugh Lofting. Downey Jr. follows in the footsteps of Rex Harrison and Eddie Murphy; in the reboot, reclusive widower Dolittle must save an ailing Queen Victoria by trekking halfway around the world to find a cure. Antonio Banderas and Michael Sheen co-star; various animals are voiced by, among others, Emma Thompson, Rami Malek, Marion Cotillard and, yes, John Cena. *Opens Jan. 17.*

**"The Rhythm Section."** Debut novelist Mark Bunnell adapts his spy story, directed by cinematographer-turned-helmer Reed Morano, about a Bourne-again heroine (Blake Lively), her various identities and a barrage of global adversaries. Jude Law co-stars. *Opens Jan. 31.*

**"Birds of Prey (and the Fantabulous Emancipation of One Harley Quinn)."** In the 2016 "Suicide Squad," Margot Robbie triumphed as the Joker's partner in crime, Harley

Quinn, in a grubby, mediocre entry in the DC Comics universe. Here's a spinoff with a good chance of being a lot better; Robbie moves up from the supporting roster, Cathy Yan's the director and hope springs eternal. *Opens Feb. 7.*

**"Portrait of a Lady on Fire."** Premiering last year at the Cannes Film Festival, French director Céline Sciamma's love story went on to great acclaim in limited release in the U.S. and made a slew of Top 10 lists (mine included). It's a beautiful — a precise, meticulous period drama set in late 18th century Brittany, about a painter (Noémie Merlant) hired to capture the image of a noblewoman (Adèle Haenel) soon to be married. Artist and subject fall in love, the film is their story. *Opens Feb. 14 (Feb. 21 in Chicago).*

**"The Photograph."** Another Valentine's Day special, this one from Canadian writer-director Stella Meghie. When a famous photographer dies, her

grieving daughter (Issa Rae) pieces together her mother's secret romantic life, while embarking on a love affair of her own with a journalist (Lakeith Stanfield). Expect a story spanning the generations, a la "The Notebook." *Opens Feb. 14.*

**"Fantasy Island."** The ABC-TV series starring Ricardo Montalban handed 1977-1984 audiences weekly doses of romantic dreams come true. Now the Blumhouse folks give us a different sort of escapism, with Michael Peña taking over as Mr. Roarke, and the titular island transformed into what appears to be a horror show, full of violent comeuppance and lessons learned the hard way. *Opens Feb. 14.*

**"The Way Back."** Originally titled "The Has-Been," director Gavin O'Connor ("Miracle," "Warrior") reunites with Ben Affleck for a hard-charging drama of a onetime basketball star struggling with addiction. He returns to his alma mater to bring discipline and life lessons to a new

generation of players. *Opens March 6.*

**"A Quiet Place Part II."** John Krasinski's character made the ultimate noble sacrifice at the end of the 2018 smash. But Krasinski returns as writer-director for the sequel, again starring the reliably terrific Emily Blunt, again set in a near-future ruled by blind extraterrestrials with excellent hearing. Cillian Murphy co-stars. *Opens March 20.*

**"Mulan."** The 1998 animated Disney adventure goes live action, under the direction of Niki Caro ("Whale Rider"). The remake stars Liu Yifei as the warrior's daughter who disguises herself as a man to fulfill her imperial Army destiny. Will Caro's film do "The Lion King," "Dumbo" and "Aladdin" one better, by not being lame? We'll know soon enough. *Opens March 27.*

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## BOOKS

## REVIEW

## A look at Holocaust's stubborn silences

Gory, majestic 'Doppelgänger' a somatic experience

BY PARUL SEHGAL  
The New York Times

This month, Merriam-Webster named the pronoun "they" its word of the year. Runners-up included "quid pro quo," "impeach" and, for good measure, "egregious" — as thrifty a description of 2019 as we could hope for.

But what if lexicographers did us the favor of not only anointing words but annually retiring a few that have been embraced too exuberantly and look a little shabby for it — a little dazed to find themselves miles from their original meanings.

"Witness" (as in "the act of witness," "bearing witness" and all its vacant subsidiaries) would be high on my list. A complicated notion has been breezily expanded so that any chronicle, any memoir might wear the mantle with unembarrassed self-regard. Why write when you can "witness"? A form that was once both proud and uneasy about the price it exacted from writer and reader now seems to demand so little of itself.

I had forgotten how great the cost could be when I came (shamefully late) to the gory, majestic work of Croatian novelist Dasa Drndic, who died last year at 71. Fewer than half of her 13 novels have been translated into English, many with the scrupulous care of Celia Hawkesworth. The linked novels "Belladonna" and "EEG" have recently been published, along with "Doppelgänger," an earlier work, her favorite of her novels — this "ugly little book of mine," she joked, wondering if it was too repulsive for readers. (S.D. Curtis co-translated "Doppelgänger" with Hawkesworth.)

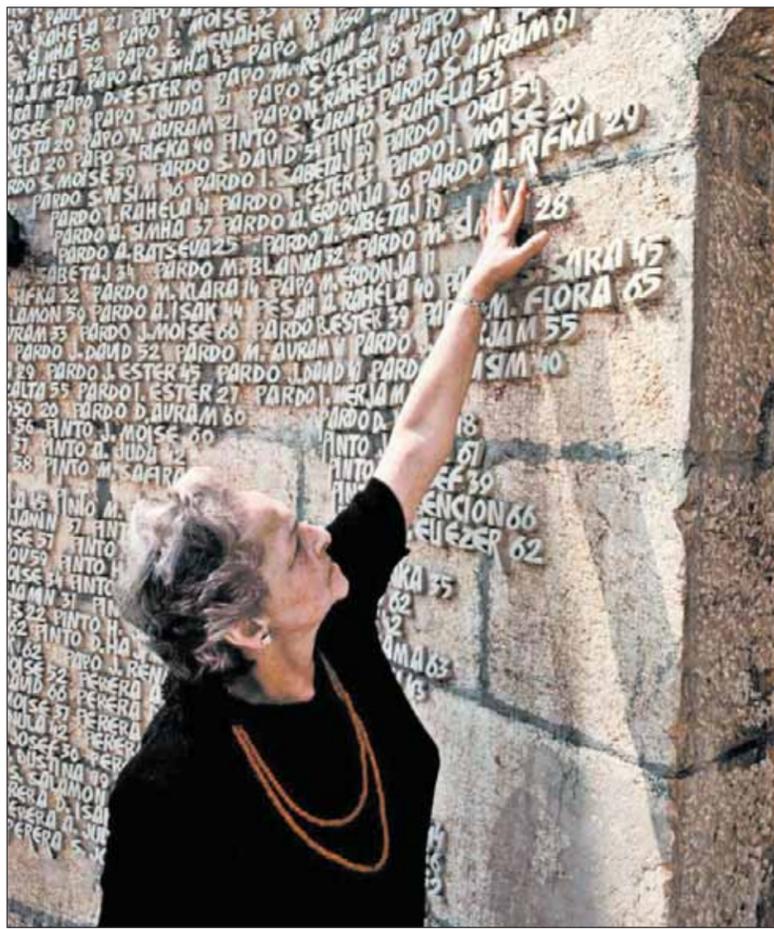
Drndic is often described as a blend of Beckett (for the bleakness and rhythms), W.G. Sebald (the reliance on photographs and interest in historical amnesia) and Thomas Bernhard (first-rate misanthropy), but these sorts of comparisons do nothing to convey the singular experience of reading her work.

This writer does not tell stories; she had flagrant contempt for them — those cozy bourgeois tchotchkes that belonged to a safer time, when retreat from the political was permissible. Her books are contraptions intended to produce a series of psychological and somatic responses in her readers. In short: panic, pity, shame, nausea, exhilaration — and then, the bewildering desire to experience these very emotions again.

These are not books to be read but endured. I resumed all my old vices to survive them, and adopted a few new ones. I developed warm, fraternal feelings for Job. "Art should shock, hurt, offend, intrigue, be a merciless critic of the merciless times we are not only witnessing but whose victims we have become," Drndic once said. She wanted her rhythm and repetition to "irritate," and struck any flourishes that might "sweeten" the prose. She wanted her novels to feel like a punch in the stomach. The books frequently open with a startling image, something frightening, but also quite funny or gently obscene — an old man registering the fullness of his diaper, in "Doppelgänger." It's as if the writer is testing us.

For much of her career, her great subject was the former Yugoslavia's unacknowledged role in the Holocaust, the butchery of the fascist Ustasha puppet state established by the Nazis. (Drndic's father was a leader of the anti-fascist movement.) "In Germany and Austria, almost 70 years after the end of the war, ever new serials of undigested Nazi trauma keep appearing," Drndic's alter ego Andreas Ban laments in "Belladonna." "In Croatia, in a patriotic trance, Ustasha crimes and their perpetrators dress up in carnival robes of rotten nostalgia, their descendants keep quiet or lie about their fathers' and grandfathers' pasts."

The characters in her novels, however, give themselves over to voluptuous grief. Complicity rots them from within. Andreas Ban immures himself in his apartment on a mission to amputate his memories, trying to forswear speech,



Antonia Radmil Slosberg, a Jew who survived by changing her name to the Serbian name Antonia Radmila Babic, touches a name at a memorial to Jews killed in World War II. Author Dasa Drndic spent much of her career exploring the former Yugoslavia's unacknowledged role in the Holocaust.

and even thought, while his body goes to ruin with breast cancer, hemorrhoids, glaucoma. In "Doppelgänger," a man spends his life cutting little holes in his shoulders, belly and thighs with a pair of nail scissors. He attempts to return his family's silver to the original Jewish owners and ends up, like so many of Drndic's characters, killing himself.

Damage to heads, mouths, lips are common in these novels. So too are references to asthma, lung disease and cancer, pulmonary obstructions. Drndic's fondness for commas gives her sentences their peculiar gasping quality. The characters choke on what they cannot, will not, say.

Sebald once counseled against depicting horror too directly, particularly where the Holocaust was concerned. "We've all seen images," he said, referring

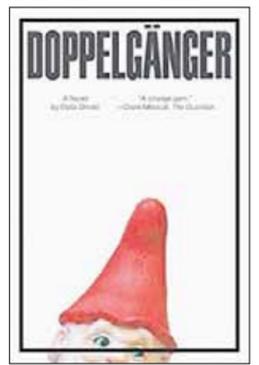
to the concentration camps, "but these images militate against our capacity for discursive thinking, for reflecting upon these things." They "paralyze, as it were, our moral capacity." To tell such stories effectively demanded a degree of canniness and obliquity to sidestep reflexive responses and surprise readers into fresh feeling and seeing. In Drndic, however, everything is depicted bluntly and head-on.

Everything is to be faced. While being treated for cancer, Drndic told critic Eileen Battersby how "fascinated" she was by the pain radiotherapy produced in her bones. When she knew she was dying, she threw herself a farewell party at a favorite bookshop.

This desire for directness is best exemplified by the obsession with naming that runs through her nov-

els. In "Trieste," the narrative is interrupted by a 40-page list that names the Jews who met their deaths in Italy or were deported to camps from Italy between 1943 and 1945. One of Drndic's British publishers recalled a London event at which a copy of the book was passed around and the audience told to tear out pages on which they recognized a name — "the book lost its form, as a society does when an element is removed." In "Belladonna," a list names the 2,061 Jewish children sent to camps from the Netherlands between 1938 and 1945. In "EEG," she lists chess players exterminated by the Nazis or lost to suicide.

"History remembers the names of the perpetrators, not the victims," Andreas Ban says in "EEG," Drndic's last completed novel. He shares his crea-



### 'Doppelgänger'

By Dasa Drndic, translated by S.D. Curtis and Celia Hawkesworth, 156 pages, New Directions, \$15.95

tor's preoccupation. He "obsessively" names people, he says, "because I see more and more clearly that this, their name, is perhaps the last cobweb thread that separates them from general, universal chaos, from the cauldron of turbid, stale mash."

Is this true? Reading these names aloud slowly, carefully, is an overwhelming experience. But does it single out and rescue any particular individual from history? The opposite seems true: The names run together. What hooks them into the brain is something different. In the list of the children's names in "Belladonna," it is their ages — Clara Deborah Van Leeuwen (4 months), Sara Stad (3) — that makes each one suddenly so unique and irreplaceable. It is the clumping together of certain surnames (Leons and Weis) — were they siblings? It is detail, story and selection that propel some of these names out of the enveloping oblivion.

Detail, story, selection are traits that Drndic grew to disdain as her work grew ever more demanding and diffuse. She made an ethic of sprawl and amplitude. In her final work, "EEG," Andreas Ban, who once refused speech, refused memory, allows himself to be inhabited by ghosts of history and his family. The narrative no longer belongs to him — did it ever?

"Maybe none of us has his own life," Drndic once wrote. "Is your life unconditionally yours?"

### WINTER ARTS GUIDE Books

## Start the year off with some noteworthy reads

BY LAURA PEARSON

Resolved to read more books in 2020? Plenty of options await you. From freshly collected Harlem Renaissance-era stories by Zora Neale Hurston ("Hitting a Straight Lick With a Crooked Stick," due out Jan. 14) to a Churchillian saga by the ever-probing Erik Larson ("The Splendid and the Vile," due out Feb. 25) to a new novel by Louise Erdrich drawing on her grandfather's extraordinary life ("The Night Watchman," due out March 3), a flurry of noteworthy titles arrive this winter. Here are 10 more to add to your list.

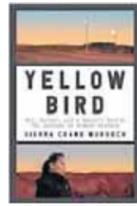
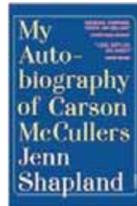
### Fiction

**"American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins** (Jan. 21, Flatiron, 400 pages, \$27.99)

In this pulse-pounding novel, Lydia, an Acapulco-based bookstore owner, befriends one of her patrons, Javier, not realizing he's the jefe of a drug cartel. When her journalist husband publishes an explosive tell-all about Javier, all hell breaks loose, forcing Lydia and her son to flee for their lives. Early praise for "American Dirt" has been nothing short of rhapsodic, and we can't wait to dig in.

**"Everywhere You Don't Belong" by Gabriel Bump** (Feb. 4, Algonquin, 272 pages, \$25.95)

Boynhood and racial



politics collide on Chicago's South Side as young Claude McKay Love, reared by his principled grandma, comes of age against a backdrop of violence. Is there nowhere in America a young black man can be safe? Amid all the heartbreak, Bump injects sly humor. The South Shore native began working on this, his debut novel, while studying at the School of the Art Institute.

**"Temporary" by Hilary Leichter** (March 3, Coffee House, 208 pages, \$16.95)

In this surreal, late-capitalist fable of the working life, a young woman takes on 23 temp jobs — from mopping the deck of a pirate ship to shining shoes — all while dealing with her 18 boyfriends. The premise strikes us as a more whimsical Halle Butler novel,

and the tone has been likened to Italo Calvino, yet this debut novel sounds refreshingly original.

**"Whiteout Conditions" by Tariq Shah** (March 17, Two Dollar Radio, 114 pages, \$14.99)

This Midwestern noir takes place during a brutal Chicago winter and follows two friends, Ant and Vince, returning to the city after the sudden death of their friend Ray. The first novel by poet, writer and Illinois native Shah, "Whiteout Conditions" explores toxic masculinity, revenge, tragedy and other forces that obscure a life's path.

**"Bubblegum" by Adam Levin** (April 14, Doubleday, 784 pages, \$28.95)

Set in 1988 and 2013, the second novel by former

Chicagoan Adam Levin ("The Instructions") takes place in a world in which the internet doesn't exist. Instead, everyone is obsessed with their robotic pet, or "Curio." Belt Magnet, a maladjusted 38-year-old who lives at home with his widowed father, was one of the first to own a Curio and now struggles to interact with the outside world. "Bubblegum" finds him forced to confront it.

### Nonfiction

**"My Autobiography of Carson McCullers" by Jenn Shapland** (Feb. 4, Tin House, \$22.95)

Having lit upon love letters between Carson McCullers and Swiss writer Annemarie Schwarzenbach, Jenn Shapland was inspired to write something

equally unabashed. The odd syntax of the title is intentional: Shapland interweaves her own story with that of McCullers, examining queer history, loneliness, storytelling and selfhood in this intriguing, genre-blending debut.

**"The Adventurer's Son" by Roman Dial** (Feb. 18, Morrow, 368 pages, \$28.99)

When his son, Cody Dial, disappeared on a solo trek into the Costa Rican rainforest, Roman Dial — a professor of mathematics and biology at Alaska Pacific University and lifelong pursuer of epic adventures (rafting, ice-climbing, mountaineering) — embarked on a desperate search for answers. He also questioned his own role in Cody's fate, having traveled with his son to some of Earth's most rugged places. This true-life family saga is sure to be both riveting and devastating.

**"Yellow Bird: Oil, Murder, and a Woman's Search for Justice in Indian Country" by Sierra Crane Murdoch** (Feb. 25, Random House, 400 pages, \$28)

In this ambitious work of investigative journalism, described as "part true crime, part social criticism," Sierra Crane Murdoch tells the story of a murder on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in North Dakota and the Arikara woman, Lissa Yellow Bird, determined to

solve it. As Lissa pursues answers, she reckons with her own choices and confronts legacies of greed, violence and exploitation on Native lands.

**"Recollections of My Nonexistence" by Rebecca Solnit** (March 10, Viking, 256 pages, \$26)

Solnit, who's known for "Men Explain Things to Me," "Whose Story Is This?" and many more books, recalls coming of age as a writer and feminist thinker in 1980s San Francisco: inhabiting a tiny apartment, listening to punk rock and slowly awakening to the forces that try to silence women. "Recollections" is about finding a voice and using it thoughtfully and unreservedly.

**"Wow, No Thank You" by Samantha Irby** (March 31, Vintage, 336 pages, \$15.95)

Irby's star continues to rise — and deservedly so. The writer and humorist penned the famous pool party episode of "Shrill," recently profiled Lizzo for Time magazine and blesses inboxes with her hilarious newsletter, "Who's on Judge Mathis today?" Her new essay collection dishes on bad dates, weird Hollywood experiences and life as a "cheese fry-eating slightly damp Midwest person."

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Nearly all of the 10 bestselling books of the past decade have a female protagonist and a common theme.

## BIBLIORACLE

# Top bestsellers rail against patriarchy

BY JOHN WARNER

Without looking down the page or asking Siri or Alexa or the person sitting next to you on the 'L,' I want you to guess the best-selling book of the 2010s.

Remember when it wasn't so convenient to look up any bit of trivia and have a definitive answer within seconds, when you could have a nice little debate with your friends or even inside your own head as you reasoned your way to an answer?

That's what we're trying here, and, seriously, you got this. Just think.

That's right: "Fifty Shades of Grey" by E.L. James. Once you know the top-selling book of the decade, it's easy to guess the second- and third-ranked titles ("Fifty Shades Darker" and "Fifty Shades Freed"). But can you go deeper than that?

I'll give you some hints: Every book in NPD Bookscan's top 10 was made into a movie, they all have female protagonists, and "girl" shows up with high frequency in the titles.

In order, the rankings after the "Fifty Shades" trilogy are: "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins; "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett; "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins; "Gone Girl" by (Chicago-based) Gillian Flynn; "The Fault in Our Stars" by John Green; "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson; and "Divergent" by (Barrington native) Veron-

ica Roth.

I find the list fascinating for a number of reasons, particularly the shared thematic resonance of just about every protagonist doing explicit battle with a patriarchal society, be it a dystopian world in which teenagers engage in gladiatorial battle ("The Hunger Games") or the Jim Crow South ("The Help").

The outcomes of those battles vary greatly. Anastasia Steele of "Fifty Shades" reaches a kind of accommodation, living under the protection of her ruthless uber-capitalist husband while seizing some power for herself over the course of the three books.

Amy Dunne of "Gone Girl" ultimately forces her husband Nick to stay permanently silent about her actions by giving birth to his genetic progeny, securing her safety by becoming someone's mother.

Lisbeth Salander, of "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo," exacts revenge on men who exploited her sexually and psychologically, becoming a kind of avenging angel on behalf of others who are abused.

You can find similar patterns in most if not all of these books, with the possible exception of "The Fault in Our Stars," which regards humans as fundamentally well-meaning and kind.

Looking at the list of best-selling books of the last 10 years, perhaps we should have foreseen the #MeToo movement that

would break at the end of the decade. Perhaps we would also not be surprised by justifiably disgraced men popping up in the media to attempt to claw back some portion of their relevance and power.

When the bestseller list was released, I heard some grumbling about how none of these books is for men, which is silly on several fronts. First, women buy the vast majority of books. If we're going to declare that books with female protagonists are for women and those with male protagonists are for men — not that we should — it's only sensible to cater to the larger share of the audience.

Second, there's still plenty of so-called "male" books out there, if you believe war, golf and grilling are the exclusive province of men. (They aren't.)

Third, and most importantly, there's plenty of pleasure to be had by men reading books with female protagonists. The only books on this list I haven't read are the two "Fifty Shades" sequels, and last I checked my "man card" is still secure in my wallet.

I wonder what the next decade will bring.

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## Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells readers what book to pick up next, based on the last five titles they've read.

1. "Unsheltered" by Barbara Kingsolver
2. "Glass Houses" by Louise Penny
3. "The Turner House" by Angela Flournoy
4. "The Art Forger" by B.A. Shapiro
5. "The Book Women of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson

— Emily M., Skokie

Emily expressed a desire for a series. I'm going to recommend Robertson Davies' Deptford Trilogy, which leads off with "Fifth Business."

1. "The Tattooist of Auschwitz" by Heather Morris
2. "Scenes from Provincial Life: Boyhood, Youth, Summertime" by J.M. Coetzee
3. "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee
4. "Don't Skip Out on Me" by Willy Vlautin
5. "Call Me by Your Name" by Andre Aciman

— Ken S., Glencoe

This recommendation can be a little tricky because the novel is a bit unconventional, but I think its themes will resonate with Ken: "Asymmetry" by Lisa Halliday.

1. "Chances Are ..." by Richard Russo
2. "Wonder Boys" by Michael Chabon
3. "Outside Looking In" by T.C. Boyle
4. "Motherless Brooklyn" by Jonathan Lethem
5. "The River" by Peter Heller

— Jeffrey P., Aurora

Jeffrey's email signature indicates he's a former creative writing teacher, so I'm going to recommend a sly little take on the dynamics of the writing workshop: "Blue Angel" by Francine Prose.

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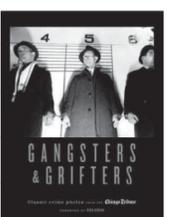
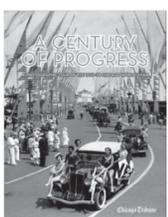
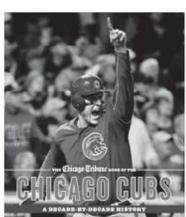
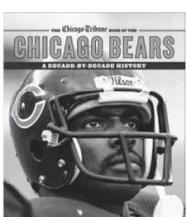
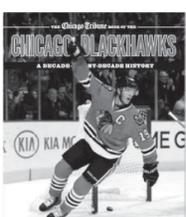
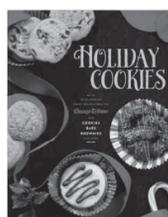
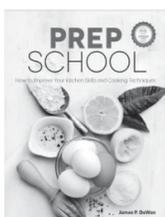
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## WINTER ARTS GUIDE

## ARCHITECTURE

## For richer or poorer or in between

BY BLAIR KAMIN

Architecture is the inescapable art, touching the super-rich, the struggling poor and everyone in between. The coming year will underscore the field's broad impact as major buildings, urban plans and historic preservation battles take shape.

Here's a look at what's coming up:

**Make way for a new skyline standout:** The Jeanne Gang-designed Vista Tower, which will be Chicago's third-tallest building and the world's tallest building designed by a woman, will officially take its place on Chicago's vaunted skyline.

Flaunting a striking curvilinear silhouette and a remarkably thin top made possible by hidden engineering features, Vista consists of three interconnected tiers of varying heights at 363 E. Upper Wacker Drive.

The 1,191-foot hotel and condominium tower is expected to welcome its first group of condo owners in the third quarter, according to the project's Web site.

**A new base for Willis Tower:** Ever since Willis Tower opened in 1974 as the Sears Tower, its base has been a modernist fortress, seemingly designed to repel passersby.

That will change in the third quarter with the debut of Catalog, a 300,000-square-foot emporium that will add five levels of shops, eateries and event spaces to the landmark 1,451-foot tower, which was once the world's tallest building.

Seattle-based SkB Architects and the Chicago office of the global firm Gensler are the designers for Catalog, whose name alludes to the legendary Sears, Roebuck and Co. catalog. Portions of the revamp, like a new Shake Shack at 316 W. Jackson Blvd., already are open. The \$500 million-plus project is scheduled to be complete sometime in the third quarter.

**Chicago takes Manhattan:** Speaking of supertall skyscrapers, Chicago archi-



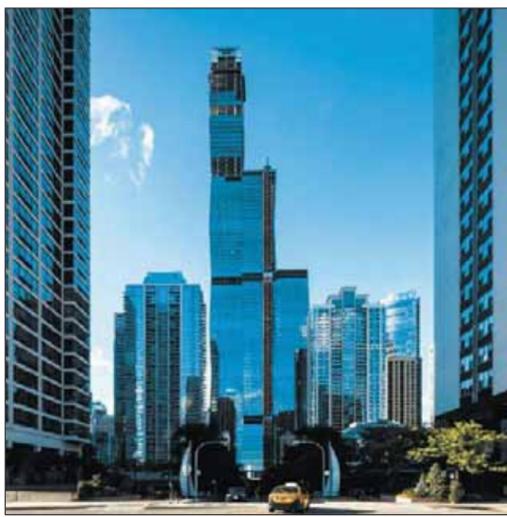
A model shows the planned Obama Presidential Center in Jackson Park.

itects Adrian Smith and Gordon Gill have designed a new one for Manhattan's "Billionaire's Row" — the Central Park Tower, whose roof height (1,550 feet) gives it the wonky distinction of having the Western Hemisphere's tallest roof.

Located on West 57th Street, two blocks south of Central Park, the ultra-thin, ultra-pricey residential tower rises above a Nordstrom department store at its base. A dramatic cantilever maximizes views of Central Park. Completion is anticipated for fall 2020, according to a spokeswoman for the architects.

**A Thompson Center sale looms:** Expect a major historic preservation battle to break out when state officials ask developers to submit plans to redevelop the James R. Thompson Center, the controversial, Helmut Jahn-designed state office building in the heart of the Loop.

Preservationists want to save the controversial post-modern landmark, which opened in 1985. They've floated a Jahn plan that would maximize the site's zoning and revenue potential by attaching a hotel and residential tower to the center. State officials, who



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The Vista Tower was under construction last summer.

want to sell the building to bring in much-needed dollars, have indicated no preference for whether the new owner preserves or tears down the 1.2 million-square-foot structure.

The request for development proposals is expected to go out next summer, and the state wants to be under contract with a buyer by the end of 2020.

**The Obama Center's endless slog:** Will they ever break ground for the

Obama Presidential Center?

When May rolls around, it will be three years since New York architects Tod Williams and Billie Tsien unveiled their initial design. Since then, the project has been mired in controversy over everything from its location in Jackson Park to what benefits it will (or won't) deliver to the surrounding area.

A federal review of the project, required because Jackson Park is listed on

the National Register of Historic Places, is expected to grind on through the first half of 2020. A federal decision on the project's environmental impact should come by summer, according to the city of Chicago's latest timetable.

**New plans for the South and West sides:** Under the leadership of Mayor Lori Lightfoot's planning commissioner, Maurice Cox, the city will press ahead with its \$750 million "Invest South/West" initiative to revitalize 10 battered business districts on the South and West sides.

Following a December kickoff for three South Side areas (Englewood, Auburn Gresham and New City), city officials will hold more community meetings for three West Side areas Jan. 18 (Humboldt Park, Austin and North Lawndale). More meetings will follow Jan. 25 (Quad Communities, South Shore and South Chicago) and Jan. 31 (Roseland).

In addition, the city announced last year that it would hire seven urban planners, bringing its total number of planners to more than 30 — the highest count in recent history, according to Curbed Chi-

cago. The move is part of Cox's push to make planning proactive rather than reactive, especially in areas of Chicago where a lack of investment by developers often lead to a lack of attention from City Hall.

**Can this Wright cottage be saved?** The fate of an endangered Frank Lloyd Wright-designed cottage in Glencoe could be determined soon.

Village officials in the north suburb have been in talks with the local historical society and other parties about moving the structure, a one-story frame house built in 1913 for developer Sherman Booth, to a nearby park in Glencoe. But it's unclear who would pay for the move, which is likely to cost tens of thousands of dollars.

Last spring, new owners filed for a permit to tear down the cottage, which sits west of Sheridan Road at 239 Franklin Road. Yet no teardown can happen until the village approves plans for a new home at the site. If a demolition were to occur, it would be the first Wright home to be torn down since the 2004 razing of a modest beach house in Grand Beach, Michigan.

**The Farnsworth House, once more:** Can there possibly be anything new to say about Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's much-celebrated Farnsworth House and the fraught, ultimately antagonistic, relationship between the architect and his client, Chicago nephrologist Edith Farnsworth?

We'll know come March 17 with the publication of "Broken Glass: Mies van der Rohe, Edith Farnsworth, and the Fight Over a Modernist Masterpiece." Publicity for the book, a Random House hardcover, promises it will shed new light on the iconic mid-20th century design and the "previously overlooked" story of its protagonists. The author, Alex Beam, is a Boston Globe columnist.

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## VISUAL ART

## AI, immigrants and climate change: 10 stunning shows

BY LORI WAXMAN

Is it any wonder that the upcoming season of art exhibitions testifies to so much that is wretched in our world, from runaway climate change to unchecked technological takeovers to the crackdown on immigrants? It shouldn't be. This is the new now. If sometimes artists reflect on disaster and injustice through beauty and contemplation, that explains why we are able to keep looking.

**"In Real Life":** How do machines see humans? And how does their vision affect us in turn? As artificial intelligence becomes ever more sophisticated and pervasive, the seven artists in this group show examine the ramifications. Xu Bing spins a story from 10,000 hours of surveillance footage, Stephanie Dinkins conducts a probing conversation with Bina48, a social robot prototype, and more. Jan. 16-March 29, *Museum of Contemporary Photography*, 600 S. Michigan Ave., 312-663-5554, [mocp.org](http://mocp.org).

**"Modernisms: Iranian, Turkish and Indian Highlights from NYU's Abby Grey Collection":** The Block continues its expansion of what we think we know about modern art with this selection of 114 paintings, prints and sculptures bought during the 1960s and '70s by Abby Weed Grey, a widowed Midwestern army-wife-turned-globetrotting art lover. In her ability to look

beyond Eurocentric art discourses, Grey, like the artists she collected, proved herself to be ahead of her time. Jan. 21-April 5, *Block Museum of Art*, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, 847-491-4000, [blockmuseum.northwestern.edu](http://blockmuseum.northwestern.edu).

**"Carissa Rodriguez: The Maid":** Artworks, not entirely unlike people, are fertilized, incubated, born, and then they lead their independent lives. Rodriguez explores these reproductive existences via photographs of human embryos; Hi8 footage of girls playing in a Chinatown park in the 1990s; and the titular video, which offers a day in the life of six "Newborns," sculptures produced by artist Sherrie Levine as copies of a pair made 70 years earlier by Constantin Brancusi. Jan. 25-May 25, *Art Institute of Chicago*, 111 South Michigan Ave., 312-443-3600, [www.artic.edu](http://www.artic.edu).

**"Luftwerk, Requiem: A White Wanderer":** Two years ago Larsen-C, a 120-mile-long crack that ran along the Antarctic ice shelf, fractured into a trillion-ton iceberg named A 68. While the U.S. government reverses agreements and protections that could mitigate more such disasters, the Luftwerk duo has been hard at work on this ongoing project, the latest installment of which involves composer Katherine Young, seismic data from the catastrophic break, and a musical experience meant to communicate the urgency of climate change. It



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"One of Them Is a Human" is a conceptual work that presents three androids (human-looking robots) and one plausible human, part of "In Real Life" at the MCA.

ought to be terrifying. Jan. 31-Feb. 2, *Jay Pritzker Pavilion*, Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St., [bit.ly/whitewanderer](http://bit.ly/whitewanderer).

**"Luis A. Sahagun: Both Eagle and Serpent":** A previously undocumented immigrant and former laborer, Sahagun is a Latinx Midas whose touch turns to gold the stuff of dumpsters and hardware stores. Acts of cultural reclamation are pledged alongside the literal reclamations he performs at the center of his artistry, of silicone, lumber, concrete and cast-off cardboard into intricate works of heart-shattering intensity. Feb. 1-April 26, *Chicago Cultural Center*, 78 E. Washington St., 312-744-3316, [chicagoculturalcenter.org](http://chicagoculturalcenter.org).

**"The Allure of Matter: Material Art from China":** What do gunpowder, Qing dynasty tables, cigarettes, silkworm cocoons and nylon stockings have in common? Each has been used to make artwork by one or another of the Chinese contemporary practitioners in this massive, two-venue exhibition. Expect all kinds of wow moments while contemplating the full-size house Gu Wenda strung from human and synthetic hair, or the carpet Liu Jianhua assembled from 8,000 flame-shaped pieces of black porcelain. Feb. 7-May 3, *Smart Museum of Art*, 5550 S. Greenwood Ave., 773-702-0200, [smartmuseum.uchicago.edu](http://smartmuseum.uchicago.edu); and *Wrightwood 659*, 659 W. Wrightwood Ave., 773-437-

6601, [wrightwood659.org](http://wrightwood659.org).

**"NKAME: A Retrospective of Cuban Printmaker Belkis Ayón":** Ayón, who died young at the age of 32, was something of a genius at collography, a process in which materials are glued to a printing plate before being run through a press with paper. She worked at a monumental scale, mostly in black, white and gray, and nearly always on the same, mysterious subject matter: Abakuá, a powerful Afro-Cuban fraternal society with few visual representations other than her own. Feb. 29-May 24, *Chicago Cultural Center*, 78 E. Washington St., 312-744-3316, [chicagoculturalcenter.org](http://chicagoculturalcenter.org).

**"Doru Olowu: Seeing Chicago":** The MCA resumes its foray into the nexus of fashion and art with this show, guest curated by Nigerian-born fashion designer Duro Olowu. Presenting selections from various local collections — including Terry Adkins' two-headed trombone, a sunny geometric abstraction by Judy Chicago, and a lazy little Matisse — the exhibition promises to be as idiosyncratic as are the eclectically multipatterned garments for which Olowu is famed. Feb. 29-May 3, *Museum of Contemporary Art*, 220 E. Chicago Ave., 312-280-2660, [mcachicago.org](http://mcachicago.org).

**"Apsáalooke Women and Warriors":** Native American communities have

rarely been given the opportunity to tell their own stories in museums. In an unprecedented move that will hopefully become the new norm, the Field Museum invited Apsáalooke scholar Nina Sanders to curate this two-venue exhibition of historical battle shields, traditional horse regalia and modern tipis, plus contemporary artworks and fashion designs by living artists of the Crow Nation. March 12-Aug. 21, *Neubauer Collegium*, 5701 S. Woodlawn Ave., 773-795-2329, [neubauercollegium.uchicago.edu](http://neubauercollegium.uchicago.edu); and March 13-April 4, 2021, *Field Museum*, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, 312-922-9410, [fieldmuseum.org](http://fieldmuseum.org).

**"The World to Come: Art in the Age of the Anthropocene":** Every day of rising sea levels, weather disasters, animal extinctions and depleted biodiversity offers evidence of the irreversibly destructive human impact of our era. While those with enough power to do anything about it refuse to do so, it behooves the rest of us, including the 35-plus international artists in this urgent group show, to reflect on this catastrophic state of affairs — or there might not be a world to come. March 19-Aug. 16, *DePaul Art Museum*, 935 W. Fullerton Ave., 773-325-7506, [resources.depaul.edu/art-museum](http://resources.depaul.edu/art-museum).

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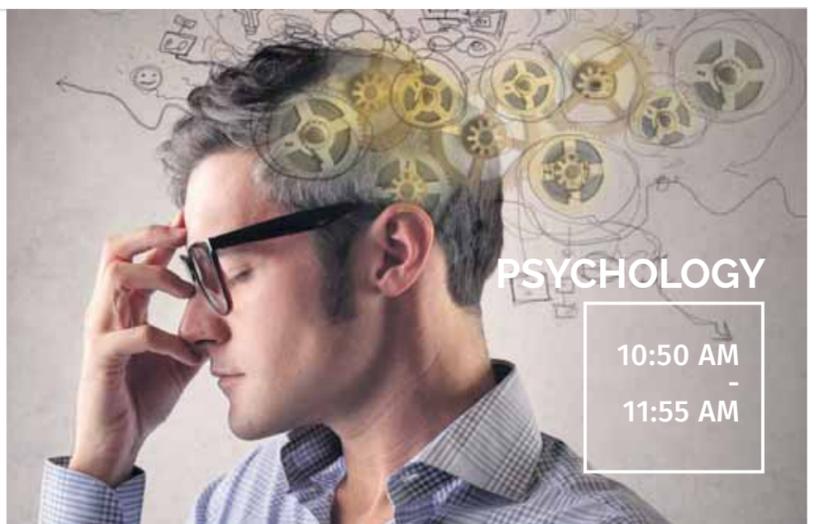
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## WINTER ARTS GUIDE

## JAZZ

## From cutting edge to mainstream

BY HOWARD REICH

The most promising jazz events of the winter season:

**Mike Reed's People, Places & Things.** Drummer-composer-impresario Reed takes the stage at his indispensable club, Constellation, a nexus for new music in Chicago. He'll lead his acclaimed People, Places & Things band, which tours the world steadily but hasn't played Chicago in two years. Reed will share the bandstand with alto saxophonist Greg Ward, tenor saxophonist Tim Haldeman and bassist Jason Roebke. 8:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at Constellation, 3111 N. Western Ave.; \$15; [www.constellation-chicago.com](http://www.constellation-chicago.com)

**Howard Levy.** The brilliant harmonica player is in such constant demand internationally that he rarely gets to play here at home. Here's a chance to hear him with the Joe Policastro Trio, staffed by bassist Policastro with guitarist Dave Miller and drummer Mikel Patrick Avery. 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. Jan. 17 and 18; at Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St.; \$15; 312-642-6805 or [www.andysjazzclub.com](http://www.andysjazzclub.com)

**"Too Hot to Handel: The Jazz-Gospel Messiah."** Can 15 years have passed since this life-affirming production first set down roots in Chicago? Apparently so, but the show hasn't worn out its welcome, its transformation of Handel's "Messiah" a rousing, all-American tribute to a landmark work. Singers Rodrick Dixon, Alfreda Burke and Karen Marie Richardson front a massive ensemble featuring orchestra, choir, and jazz band. 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 and 3 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Dr.; \$29-\$68; 312-341-2300 or [www.auditoriumtheatre.org](http://www.auditoriumtheatre.org)

**Christopher Madsen.** In the coldest months of the year, when audiences typically are at their smallest, the Jazz Showcase



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Chicago drummer-impresario Mike Reed will bring his People, Places & Things band to Constellation.

casts its spotlight on Chicago musicians. This gives local musicians the opportunity to play a national room and the Showcase a chance to vary its lineup. Chicago saxophonist Madsen proffers a hefty sound and a scholarly sensibility. For this engagement, he'll collaborate with trombonist Michael Dease to revive the Dease-Madsen Quintet they co-lead in New York long ago. This will mark the ensemble's first re-emergence in 15 years. 8 and 10 p.m. Jan. 23-25; 4 and 8 p.m. Jan. 26; at the Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Court; \$20-\$35; 312-360-0234 or [www.jazzshowcase.com](http://www.jazzshowcase.com)

**Amir ElSaffar.** The former Chicago multi-instrumentalist/composer stands at the forefront of intertwining jazz techniques with Arabic musical practices. The result is

a music of shimmering beauty and unmistakable originality, with ElSaffar playing trumpet and santur and contributing vocal lines, as he leads his singular Two Rivers Ensemble. This performance is part of the Harris Theater's Mix at Six series, which has been quite effective in a developing a new, open-eared audience for one-hour, after-work performances. 6 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph St.; \$15; 312-334-7777 or [www.harristheaterchicago.org](http://www.harristheaterchicago.org)

**Makaya McCraven.** Chicago drummer McCraven makes his Symphony Center debut performing an original work, "In These Times." The piece features McCraven with guitarist Matt Gold, trumpeter Marquis Hill, bassist Junius Paul, saxophonist Greg Ward and harpist Brandee

Younger and "embraces sociopolitical themes, accompanied by historical footage and spoken-word passages," according to Symphony Center. 8 p.m. Jan. 31 in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; \$24-\$76; 312-294-3000 or [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org)

**Jean-Michel Pilc.** A pianist of considerable technique and consistent sensitivity, Pilc long has made the Green Mill his venue of choice in Chicago. In this intimate environment, listeners can savor the energy, virtuosity and creativity of a pianist who's also a noted educator, teaching at McGill University in Montreal since 2015. He'll lead a trio. 9 p.m. Feb. 7 and 8 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway; \$15; 773-878-5552 or [www.greenmilljazz.com](http://www.greenmilljazz.com)

**Igor Butman.** The last time I heard tenor saxophonist Butman, he was thundering before a capacity audience at a Moscow jazz club nearly two decades ago. Chicagoans won't have to go quite that far to hear the Russian master, who makes a rare stopover here. 8 p.m. Feb. 9 at The Promontory, 5311 S. Lake Park Avenue West; \$20-\$38; 312-801-2100 or [www.promontorychicago.com](http://www.promontorychicago.com)

**"The Piano Soul of Nat King Cole."** To mark last year's Nat King Cole centennial, the Symphony Center jazz series will spotlight a facet of the musician's art that's overshadowed by his immensely popular vocals: his pianism. Pianists Kenny Barron and Benny Green will do the honors, in the company of guitarist Russell Malone, bassist David Wong and the Chicago

Jazz Orchestra, led by Jeff Lindberg. 8 p.m. Feb. 14 in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; \$28-\$89; 312-294-3000 or [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org)

**Aaron Diehl and Warren Wolf.** Pianist Diehl leads his trio plus vibraphonist Warren Wolf to pay homage to the Modern Jazz Quartet, a justly revered ensemble that elegantly transcended artificial barriers separating jazz and classical music. In this concert, on the Jazz at the Logan series, the musicians will revisit and update MJQ's signature works. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21 in the University of Chicago's Logan Center Performance Hall, 915 E. 60th St.; \$10-\$38; 773-702-2787 or [arts.uchicago.edu](http://arts.uchicago.edu)

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## CLASSICAL

## Yuja Wang, Wagner's 'Ring' top the season

BY HOWARD REICH

A vibrant season ahead in classical music:

**Winter Chamber Music Festival.** The annual event at Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music celebrates intimate facets of music-making. On the schedule: violinist James Ehnes and pianist Andrew Armstrong, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10 and 12; Aizuri Quartet, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 17; Dudok Quartet Amsterdam, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19; Bienen Faculty and Guests, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24; American String Quartet with mezzo-soprano Stephanie Blythe, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26; at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston; 847-467-4000 or [music.northwestern.edu](http://music.northwestern.edu)

**Chicago Sinfonietta.** The genre-bending orchestra presents its annual "MLK Tribute Concert," honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. Sinfonietta music director Mei-Ann Chen and guest conductors will present Patty Griffin's "Up to the Mountain," Joel Thompson's "The Seven Last Words of the Unarmed," John Legend and Common's "Glory" from the film "Selma" and the fifth movement of Mahler's Symphony No. 2, "Resurrection," featuring the North Central College Concert Choir and Roosevelt University Conservatory Chorus. 3 p.m. Jan. 19 at North Central College's Wentz Concert Hall, 171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville; and 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20 in



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Pianist Yuja Wang will play a much-anticipated recital in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center.

Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; \$10-\$62; 312-284-1554 or [www.chicagosinfonietta.org](http://www.chicagosinfonietta.org)

**Music of the Baroque.** Trumpeter Alison Balsom performs Haydn's Trumpet Concerto on a program that includes the composer's Symphony No. 30, "Alleluia," and Mozart's Symphonies Nos. 36, "Linz," and 38, "Prague," with Jane Glover conducting. 7:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph St.; and 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie; \$25-\$85; 312-551-1414 or [www.baroque.org](http://www.baroque.org)

**Andrew Davis with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.** Lyric Opera's outgoing music director ventures across the Loop to lead the CSO in Tippett's "Little Music for String Orchestra" and Praeludium for Brass, Bells and Percussion, plus Beethoven's Piano Concertos Nos. 1 and 4, with soloist Paul Lewis. 8 p.m. Jan. 30; 1:30 p.m. Jan. 31; 8 p.m. Feb. 1; and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4; in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; ticket prices vary; 312-294-3000 or [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org)

**Bryn Terfel.** The majestic bass-baritone has a long and rich history at Lyric Opera, where he made his

debut with the company in Wagner's "Das Rheingold" during the 1992-93 season. He also played "Sweeney Todd" in 2003 and "Don Giovanni" in 2004. He returns as recitalist. 2 p.m. Feb. 2 at Lyric Opera House, 20 N. Wacker Drive; \$49-\$219; 312-827-5600 or [www.lyricopera.org](http://www.lyricopera.org)

**"Cavalleria Rusticana" at Chicago Symphony Orchestra.** Following the CSO's European tour and just before its Florida residency, music director Riccardo Muti conducts the orchestra, chorus and soloists in a concert performance of Mascagni's beloved one-act opera. The opportunity to hear Muti in this

repertoire is not to be missed. 8 p.m. Feb. 6, 7 and 8; Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; ticket prices vary; 312-294-3000 or [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org)

**"Freedom Ride."** Chicago Opera Theater music director Lydia Yankovskaya conducts the world premiere of Dan Shore's opera exploring issues race and equity in 1960s New Orleans. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 and 14; 3 p.m. Feb. 16; at the Studebaker Theater, 410 S. Michigan Ave.; \$45-\$150; 312-704-8414 or [www.chicagooperatheater.org](http://www.chicagooperatheater.org)

**Yuja Wang.** The remarkable piano virtuoso offers an eclectic program spanning

baroque to 20th century repertoire and including Bach, Chopin, Liszt, Albeniz, Scriabin and Berg. 3 p.m. Feb. 16 in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; \$40-\$62; 312-294-3000 or [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org)

**"The Complete Beethoven Symphonies."** The CSO isn't the only orchestra performing all Beethoven's symphonies here to celebrate the composer's forthcoming 250th birthday. John Eliot Gardiner will conduct the Orchestra Revolutionnaire et Romantique in historically informed performances, with Symphony Nos. 8 and 9, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27; Symphony No. 1 and "Prometheus" and "Leonore" excerpts, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28; Symphony Nos. 2 and 3, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 29; Symphony Nos. 4 and 5, 7:30 p.m. March 2; and Symphony Nos. 6 and 7, 7:30 p.m. March 3; Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph St.; ticket prices vary; 312-334-7777 or [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org)

**Wagner's "Ring" Cycle.** Lyric Opera presents its production of the most ambitious operatic work in the repertoire. The four-opera cycle will be presented on select evenings April 13 through 18; April 20 through 25; and April 27 through May 3; at the Lyric Opera House, 20 N. Wacker Drive; ticket prices vary; 312-827-5600 or [www.lyricopera.org](http://www.lyricopera.org)

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## WATCH THIS: SUNDAY



Ricky Gervais

**“The 77th Annual Golden Globe Awards”** (7 p.m., NBC): Break out your best fake smile, all you Hollywood stars! British actor and comic Ricky Gervais, who has a fondness for cracking jaw-dropping, take-no-prisoners jokes at the expense of the rich and famous, returns for his fifth stint as host of this year’s ceremony. Among nominees, it was a good year for streaming services: Netflix leads the pack with a combined total of 17 film and TV nods, while the recently launched Apple TV Plus picked up its first Globe nominations for “The Morning Show.”

**“God Friended Me”** (7 p.m., CBS): Miles (Brandon Micheal Hall) stumbles across a new clue to who is behind the God Account when Joy (Jessica Lu) points out what may not be a coincidence: All Miles’ friend suggestions have been clients of the same insurance company. So is the newest one, Abe (Judd Hirsch), a Holocaust survivor desperate to find information about the fate of his long-lost sister.

**“Tolkien”** (7 p.m., 11 p.m., HBO): Dome Karukoski’s 2019 period biographical drama stars Nicholas Hoult (“Jack the Giant Killer”) as English professor J.R.R. Tolkien, who achieved his greatest fame for writing “The Hobbit” and “The Lord of the Rings.” The film’s primary focus, however, is on Tolkien’s early years as an academic, when he discovers his passion for languages. Lily Collins plays Edith Bratt, Tolkien’s lifelong love and eventual wife, who inspired several of his female fantasy characters. Colm Meaney and Derek Jacobi also star.

**“Crossword Mysteries”** (7 p.m., HMM): Lacey Chabert returns as New York Sentinel crosswords editor and part-time sleuth Tess Harper in a new mystery called “Abracadaver.” The story opens as a magician abruptly drops dead in mid-performance, leaving Tess and NYPD Detective Logan O’Connor (Brennan Elliott) to figure out who’s behind what they soon ascertain was a premeditated murder. John Kapelos, Barbara Niven and Romaine Waite also star.

**“Worst Cooks in America”** (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): Alton Brown (“Good Eats”) joins chef Anne Burrell as a team mentor as they lead a new class of 16 decidedly unpromising recruits through another rigorous culinary boot camp, which includes some of the craziest challenges ever. In the season premiere, “Bottom’s Up,” Burrell and Brown gauge the rough talent level of their newbies by having them make a baseline dish, but the results are pretty depressing.

**“Sister Wives”** (8 p.m., 12 a.m., TLC): As Season 14 opens with a premiere called “Kicked Out,” the Sister Wives have just moved to Flagstaff, Ariz., but they quickly discover they weren’t able to leave behind them the dramatic challenges posed by their polygamous lifestyle. One wife is driven from her home by angry neighbors, and the cost of the properties Kody needs to accommodate his four wives and large brood threaten financial disaster. He considers building one giant house for everyone, but his wives are skeptical.

**“Naked and Afraid”** (9 p.m., 1 a.m., Discovery): Discovery Channel opens Season 11 of its survivalist challenge with a premise more harrowing than ever before. The show invites some of the strongest and most resourceful players ever featured on past seasons and drops them in isolated areas around the globe, leaving them with not even the clothes on their back — and, this time around, no one by their side.

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	<b>Court</b> 9.3	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	<b>PBS</b> 11	Victoria on Masterpiece: “A Public Inconvenience.”		Victoria on Masterpiece: “The White Elephant.” ©		Jane Austen: Behind Closed Doors (N) ©		Check, Please!	
	<b>CW</b> 26.1	Batwoman ©		Supergirl: “Blurred Lines.”		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	<b>The U</b> 26.2	Mixed Nuts (PG-13, ‘94) ★★	Steve Martin.			A Night at the Roxbury (PG-13, ‘98) ★★			
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Columbo: “Murder by the Book.” ©		Collector		Flintstones	Honeymoon.	D. Van Dyke	
	<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ★	
	<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	★ (5) Coach Carter (‘05) ★★		The Negotiator (R, ‘98) ★★		Samuel L. Jackson, Kevin Spacey. © ★			
	<b>FOX</b> 32	The Simpsons (N)	Bless the Harts (Season Finale) (N)	Bob’s Burgers (N)	Family Guy (N) ©	Fox 32 News at Nine Sunday		Fox Chicago Final Word ★	
	<b>Ion</b> 38	NCIS: Los Angeles		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D.: “Sacrifice.”		Chicago ★	
	<b>TeleM</b> 44	★ Tears-Sun	Sicario (R, ‘15) ★★	Emily Blunt, Benicio Del Toro. ©				Noticiero	
	<b>MNT</b> 50	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Dateline ★	
	<b>UniMas</b> 60	★ (6) The Hunted (‘03) ★★		Hancock (NR, ‘08) ★★		Will Smith, Charlize Theron.		Out ★	
<b>WJVS</b> 62	Ever Increasing Faith		Truth of God		Pol-News		Van Impe (N)		
<b>Univ</b> 66	Eddie the Eagle (PG-13, ‘16) ★★		Taron Egerton.		Crónicas: Historias		Noticias (N)		
<b>CABLE</b>	<b>AE</b>	Live PD	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	Court Cam (N) ©		Alaska PD ★	
	<b>AMC</b>	X-Men: First Class (PG-13, ‘11) ★★	James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender. ©					X Men ★	
	<b>ANIM</b>	(7:01) Lone Star Law		(8:01) Lone Star Law (N)		(9:02) Lone Star Law (N)		Lone Star ★	
	<b>BBCA</b>	Doctor Who: “Spyfall, Part 2.” (N) ©		(8:27) Doctor Who: “Spyfall, Part 1.”				Dr. Who ★	
	<b>BET</b>	National Security (PG-13, ‘03) ★★	Martin Lawrence, Steve Zahn. ©			This Christmas (‘07) ★★			
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	★ College Basketball (N)		BIG Postgame (N)		Basketball (N)			
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Housewives-Atlanta (N)		Married to Medicine (N)		Watch		Housewives-Atlanta	
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	<b>CNN</b>	Impeachment-Trump (N)		CNN Special Report (N)		CNN Special Report ©		Nineties ★	
	<b>COM</b>	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	
	<b>DISC</b>	Naked and Afraid: “Luke’s Journey.” (N) ©				Naked and Afraid (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Afraid ★	
	<b>DISN</b>	Gabby	Gabby	Gabby	Gabby	Star Wars	Big City	Raven	
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	<b>ESPN2</b>	★ (6) Professional Fighters League: Championship.						Playoff	
	<b>FNC</b>	Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		The Next Revolution (N)		Watters’ World ©		Life ★	
	<b>FOOD</b>	Guy’s Grocery Games		Worst Cooks (Season Premiere) (N)		Beat Flay (N)	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	
	<b>FREE</b>	★ Pitch Perfect (7:45) The Notebook (PG-13, ‘04) ★★	Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams. © ★						
	<b>FX</b>	★ (6:30) Baby Driver (R, ‘17) ★★	Ansel Elgort. ©			The Weekly	The Weekly	Baby ★	
	<b>HALL</b>	★ (6) Winter in Vail (‘20) ©		A Royal Winter (NR, ‘17) Merritt Patterson. ©				Golden Girls	
	<b>HGTV</b>	Holmes & Holmes (N) ©		Holmes & Holmes (N) ©		Rehab (N)	Rehab (N)	Rehab (N)	
	<b>HIST</b>	American Pickers		(8:02) American Pickers		(9:05) American Pickers		Pickers ★	
	<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Vengeance: Killer (Season Premiere) (N)		Vengeance: Killer (N)		Forensic	
	<b>IFC</b>	★ (6) Full Metal Jacket (R, ‘87) ★★	©	(8:45) Full Metal Jacket (R, ‘87) ★★	©				
	<b>LIFE</b>	Abducted on Air (NR, ‘20) Perrey Reeves. ©				(9:03) From Straight A’s to XXX (‘17) ★			
	<b>MSNBC</b>	(6:00) Kasie DC (N) ©		Dateline ©		Dateline: “The Inside Man.”		Dateline	
	<b>MTV</b>	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	
<b>NBCSCH</b>	Bensinger	Poker (N)	Heartland Poker Tour		Blackhawks Postgame (N)		Poker ★		
<b>NICK</b>	Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG, ‘12) ★★	©			Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©		
<b>OVATION</b>	★ (6) Ghost (PG-13, ‘90) ★★	Patrick Swayze.			A Few Good Men (R, ‘92) ★★	©			
<b>OWN</b>	20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 ★		
<b>OXY</b>	Snapped: “Helen Frazier.”		Killer Siblings ©		Criminal Confessions ©		Snapped ★		
<b>PARMT</b>	★ Hangover	The Hangover Part II (R, ‘11) ★★	Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms. ©				Dumb ★		
<b>SYFY</b>	★ E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial	Hancock (PG-13, ‘08) ★★	Will Smith. ©				Futurama		
<b>TBS</b>	Transformers (PG-13, ‘07) ★★	Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson. ©					Transform		
<b>TCM</b>	Fiddler on the Roof (G, ‘71) ★★	Topol, Norma Crane. ©					Bachelor ★		
<b>TLC</b>	90 Day Fiancé		Sister Wives: “Kicked Out.” (Season Premiere) (N)				90 Day ★		
<b>TLN</b>	IMPACT	Manna Fest	In Grace	Turning Point ©		Insights	King		
<b>TNT</b>	Thor: Ragnarok (PG-13, ‘17) ★★	Chris Hemsworth. ©					Guardians-Glxy ★		
<b>TOON</b>	Burgers	Burgers	Joe Pera	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy		
<b>TRAV</b>	Expedition Bigfoot ©		Expedition Bigfoot ©		Expedition Bigfoot (N) ©		Lost- Wild		
<b>TVL</b>	King	King	King	King	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men		
<b>USA</b>	Law & Order: SVU		(8:01) Dare Me ©		Dare Me (N) ©		Mod Fam ★		
<b>VH1</b>	★ (6:30) Good Deeds (PG-13, ‘12) ★★	Tyler Perry. ©			Think Like a Man (PG-13, ‘12) ★★	©			
<b>WE</b>	Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law ★		
<b>WGN America</b>	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Married		
<b>PREMIUM</b>	<b>HBO</b>	Tolkien (PG-13, ‘19) ★★	Nicholas Hoult. ©			Unknown (PG-13, ‘11) ★★	Liam Neeson. ★		
	<b>HBO2</b>	Alien (R, ‘79) ★★	Tom Skerritt. ©			Aliens (R, ‘86) ★★	Sigourney Weaver. ★		
	<b>MAX</b>	Replicas (PG-13, ‘18) ★	Keanu Reeves. ©			(8:50) Stay (R, ‘05) ★★	©		
	<b>SHO</b>	Ray Donovan (N) ©		Shameless (N) ©		The L Word (N)			
	<b>STARZ</b>	Power: “Still Dre.” (N) ©		Power (N)	(8:32) Power: “Still Dre.”	Power Con.	Power ©	Power ©	
<b>STZNC</b>	Quigley Down Under (PG-13, ‘90) ★★	Tom Selleck. ©			(9:02) The Blues Brothers (‘80) ★★	★			



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## WINTER ARTS GUIDE

## DANCE

## Quirky cirque, and Joffrey goes Gaga

BY LAUREN WARNECKE

Looking ahead, the Auditorium and Harris theaters are about to be filled with dance. But there's also plenty to see in small, more intimate spaces. Here are the events I'm most excited about in the coming months.

**LookOut Series:** Steppenwolf's curated black-box series is particularly focused on dance this year. Of the shows that remain, save room on your dance card for Auri CuriAtlas, a team of physical theater experts who've schemed a new plot based on characters from the Tarot; Grammy-nominated Spektral Quartet, musicians venturing into physicality for the first time; and an expanded version of J'Sun Howard's "aMortitorium," a dance created in conjunction with the Art Institute's excellent Charles White retrospective last year. *Through Feb. 1 at Steppenwolf's 1700 Theatre, 1700 N. Halsted St.; tickets \$20-\$30 at 312-335-1650 and www.steppenwolf.org*

**"The Times are Racing":**

Two Tony Award-winning choreographers and three Chicago debuts are just some of the highlights of the Joffrey Ballet's mixed-rep program. Former Bat-sheva dancer Itzik Galili sets "Mono Lisa" and "The Sofa" — a comedic love triangle set to music by Grammy winner Tom Waits — on the company, taking Joffrey's dancers on a rare foray into Gaga, a genre about as far as one can get from classical ballet. Less of a stretch is Justin Peck's "The Times are Racing," a "sneaker ballet" merging dance with themes of protest and political activism. Christopher Wheeldon's "Commedia," created in 2008 as a 100th anniversary tribute to the Ballets Russes, and Stephanie Martinez's "Bliss!" set to Stravinsky's "Dumbarton Oaks," are the more conventional of the works on this rangy program, last seen this past summer in a first-time collaboration with the CSO. *Feb. 12-23 at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive; tickets \$25-\$197 at 312-386-8905 and www.joffrey.org*

**"Blizzard":** The Quebec-based troupe Flip Fabrique returns to Chicago for first time in five years with a



The Quebec-based troupe Flip Fabrique brings "Blizzard" to the Harris Theater in 2020.

winter-inspired extravaganza. These circus artists do all the standard disciplines — aerial, acrobatics, trampoline and more — but their shows are quirky and character-driven, with a balance of spectacle and heart. Apropos for the Harris' two casual show series, "Blizzard" appears as part of Mix at Six, a happy hour show with food trucks on lower Randolph, and the theater's Saturday matinee, designed for families. *Feb. 21-22 at the Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph Drive; tickets \$10-\$15 at 312-334-7777 and www.harristheaterchicago.org*

**Same Planet Performance Project:**

Same Planet's universes can be difficult to unpack, but almost always transport you to bizarre, beautiful places. Artistic director Joanna Read's newest work is about the unfettered natural world, drawing from rejuvenating forests and flora's ability to propagate and procreate unabashedly as a metaphor for consent and boundaries among people. Per usual, Read's design team is a gaggle of artists on top of their game,

among them, composer Erica Ricketts and costumer Vin Reed — whose long resume currently includes "The Voice" contestant Katie Kadan's wardrobe. *Feb. 21-22 at the Dance Center of Columbia College, 1306 S. Michigan Ave.; tickets \$30 at 312-369-8330 and dance.colum.edu*

**Project Bound Dance and Emma Draves:**

On the storefront scene, two of my favorites are collaborating for the first time together at Links Hall. Having both recently presented ambitious full-length works, the vibe here is more casual: an evening of cozy solos and duets, most of them brand new. With themes of safety, hibernation, intimacy and empathy at their disposal, this concert aims to feel like pulling on a big, cable knit dance sweater near the beginning of the end of Chicago's frigid winter. *Feb. 28 to March 1 at Links Hall, 3111 N. Western Ave.; tickets \$18 at www.projectbound.dance*

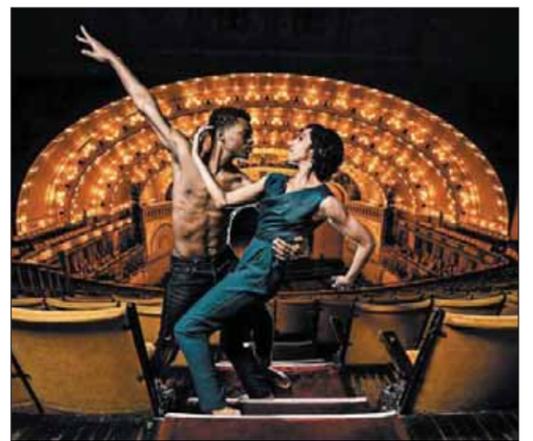
**Trinity Irish Dance Company:**

Get tickets early for this Leap Day performance, which features a world

premiere collaboration with tap dance star Michelle Dorrance. It's part of an increased effort to merge Irish dance with other percussive dance forms, but if you're not much for experimentation, all of Trinity's audience favorites will be part of this one exhilarating performance. *Feb. 29 at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive; tickets \$35-\$66 at 312-341-2310 and www.auditoriumtheatre.org*

**Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre:**

Ailey's annual pilgrimage to the Auditorium includes several works not yet seen in Chicago. Among them is resident choreographer Jamar Roberts' "Ode," a piece about victims of police violence. It's not a literal translation, but an elegy created for the company Roberts has danced with since 2002. "Ode" shares a program with a revival of Aszure Barton's terrific "Busk," made a decade ago and a quintessential example of this extraordinary choreographer's CV. Per tradition, each of the three lineups ends with Alvin Ailey's



Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's Solomon Dumas and Sarah Daley-Perdomo at the Auditorium Theatre in Chicago.



"The Nearest Place" by Emma Draves and her ensemble, with Ashley Deran and Emily Loar of Project Bound Dance.

"Revelations." *March 4-8 at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive; tickets \$35-\$104 at 312-341-2310 and www.auditoriumtheatre.org*

**Hubbard Street Dance Chicago:**

If you haven't managed to see Israeli choreographer Ohad Naharin's "Minus 16" in the 20 years since it first came to Chicago, now is your chance. The iconic piece is presented as part of a suite called "Decadance/Chicago," Hubbard Street's personalized compilation of select Naharin works, created last season. *March 12-15 at the Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph Drive; tickets \$25-\$110 at 312-334-7777 and www.hubbardstreetdance.com*

**American Ballet Theatre:**

A multiyear partnership with ABT brought the whimsically wacky "Whipped Cream" last season. This year's program might be more austere, but it's no less spectacular, with Antony Tudor's "Lilac Garden" and Twyla Tharp's "Deuce Coupe" — created for the Joffrey and premiered at the Auditorium

in 1973 — anchored by the gorgeous Kingdom of the Shades scene from "La Bayadere." Bonus: Misty Copeland is scheduled to dance in three performances. *March 19-22 at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive; tickets \$50-\$130 at 312-341-2310 and www.auditoriumtheatre.org*

**Giordano Dance Chicago:**

Longtime friend of the company Autumn Eckman returns to set new work to original music by Dan Myers, the same composer of Eckman's audience favorite, "Commonthread." Plus, Peter Chu's "Groove, in formed" returns, along with revivals of Joshua Blake Carter's Rat Pack-inspired "Take a Gambol," Ray Mercer's electrifying "Shirt Off My Back" and works by Brock Clawson and Nan Giordano. *April 3-4 at the Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph Drive; tickets \$20-\$90 at 312-334-7777 and www.giordano-dance.org*

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## COMEDY

## Love to laugh? We have you covered this winter

BY ZACH FREEMAN

From January to March, here are our picks for stand-up comedy in Chicago.

**Tomorrow Never Knows:**

Some of the best, funniest and weirdest former Chicagoans are returning from both coasts for this uber-impressive comedy lineup that's a part of the Tomorrow Never Knows music festival. With four nights of stellar stand-up in a row at the Hideout, it's hard to choose, but you can't go wrong with standouts like Liza Treyger (from Netflix's "The Degenerates"), Sarah Sherman (and her twisted "Helltrap Nightmare," returning for one night) and Megan Stalter (the star of the online, inimitable "Megan Stalter Show"). *Jan. 16-19 at the Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave.; tkfest.com*

**Ms. Pat:** As she deftly showcased in her moving page-turner of an autobiography, "Rabbit," Ms. Pat has lived an exceptional life, from young mother to drug dealer to stand-up comic. A storyteller with a captivating style, Ms. Pat has appeared on "Last Comic Standing" and Jeff Ross' "Roast Battle." Zanies offers seven chances to see her over three nights in January. *Jan. 22-25 at Zanies*



Stand-up comics to watch for this winter in Chicago include Gabriel Iglesias, Ms. Pat and Nikki Glaser.

Chicago, 1548 N. Wells St.; [chicago.zanies.com](http://chicago.zanies.com)

**Drew Michael:** This Chicago native has two full-length comedy albums, a Comedy Central half-hour and a self-titled HBO special released in 2018. Directed by Jerrod Carmichael, the special garnered a lot of (polarizing) attention for its lack of a live audience. An acerbic observationalist with a direct and piercing performance style, here's a chance to find out what Michael's act is like when he has an audience. *Jan. 25 at the Den Theatre, 1331 N. Milwaukee Ave.; theden-theatre.com*



**Todd Barry:** One of the best — if not the best — crowd-work comics of all time, Barry even put out a special called "The Crowd Work Tour" consisting entirely of off-the-cuff audience interactions. But as all of his comedy specials demonstrate, his written material is top-notch as well, delivered with a dry, self-aware deadpan. He's also a podcaster, author and actor. *Feb. 22 at Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St.; thaliahallchicago.com*

**Tim and Eric: 2020 Mandatory Attendance World Tour:** One of the weirdest live shows you could hope to see coming to



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one of the nicest venues you could hope to see it in. Comedy duo Tim Heidecker and Eric Wareheim, the creators of the offbeat hit "Tim and Eric Awesome Show, Great Job!," return to Chicago demanding attendance at their sure-to-be-wild night of comedy. Expect plenty of laughs, groans and uncomfortable silences, and that's just from the performers. *Feb. 22 at the Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St.; thechicago-theatre.com*

**Piff the Magic Dragon:** A comic/magician/dragon hybrid who appeared on "America's Got Talent" and has his own ongoing show

at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Piff also tours the country. He's stopping in Skokie to give Midwesterners a chance to see a real live dragon magic act, complete with his caustic wit, glittering dragon costume and unflappable assistant, Mr. Piffles, described as "The World's Only Magic Performing Chihuahua." *Feb. 28 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie; northshorecenter.org*

**Gabriel Iglesias: Beyond the Fluffy:**

One of the most popular comedians in the world, Gabriel Iglesias frequently makes Forbes' list of highest paid comics. But he's not just highly paid, he's also highly hilarious, with an overly excitable oversized persona that can draw laughs from the simplest of stories. Iglesias has long been an arena comic, and with this tour (titled "Beyond the Fluffy") he tackles the United Center. If any comedian has a style meant to be seen with 20,000 of your closest friends, it's Iglesias. *March 14 at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St.; www.ticketmaster.com*

**Nikki Glaser:** An actress, writer, podcaster, TV and radio show host and total roast master, Nikki Glaser is a comic who knows how to deliver the harshest burns

and most expertly crafted punchlines with a perfectly juxtaposed smile and a glimmer in her eye. Her most recent Netflix special, "Bangin'," showed that Glaser is on the top of her game, and this tour promises to showcase all new material. *March 21 at The Vic, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave.; victheatre.com*

**Festival of Laughs 2020:**

The Festival of Laughs returns to the expansive Arie Crown Theater with a solid lineup of nationally headlining comics all sharing the same stage. This time the roster includes Sommore, Gary Owen, Tony Rock, Tommy Davidson and Tony Sco. *March 28 at Arie Crown Theater, 2301 S. Lake Shore Drive; ariecrown.com*

**Gary Gulman: Peace of Mind:**

Actor/comedian Gary Gulman's 2019 HBO special "The Great Depression" combined documentary and stand-up footage to present a moving, frank and, yes, still very funny discussion about his own battle with depression. With a wave of newfound appreciation for his comedic stylings, Gulman is on a countrywide tour. *March 28 at The Vic, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave.; victheatre.com*

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2019

Legendary retailer Barneys closes

2017

Inclusivity hits the beauty world big time with Rihanna's Fenty Beauty

2018

Chicago's Virgil Abloh is crowned artistic director of Louis Vuitton menswear

2010

Instagram influencers change the face of fashion

2017

The 'ugly' sneaker rules

2019

Fashion mastermind Karl Lagerfeld dies

2011

Ikram brings the fashion world to Chicago



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## The decade in fashion

Chicago's Virgil Abloh heads to Louis Vuitton, Gaga wears a meat dress and Instagram influencers change the face of fashion **In Style**

### TRAVEL

## Taste of the tropics

Bar hopping on Oahu in search of the best mai tai

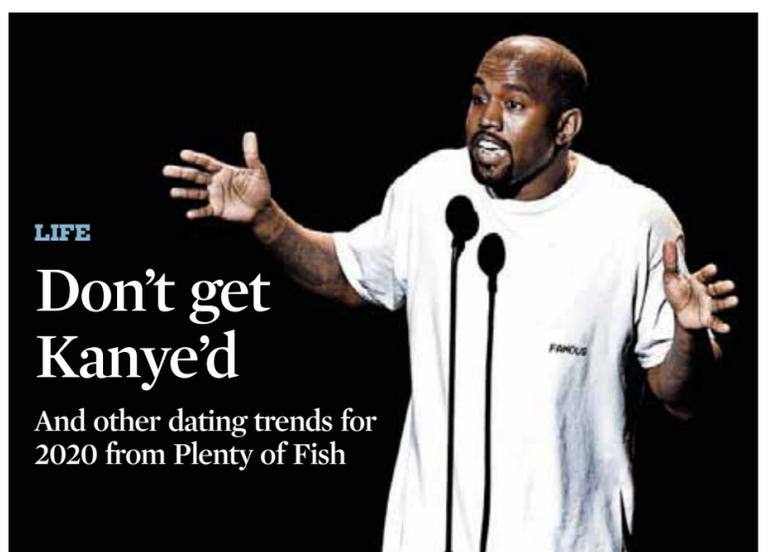


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### LIFE

## Don't get Kanye'd

And other dating trends for 2020 from Plenty of Fish



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# BALANCING ACT

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## Same-sex bride in ad shocked over controversy

When Aishling Pembroke was 5 years old, she auditioned for a part in “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” at the Oak Lawn Park District’s Broadway Junior program.

“My mom was obsessed with the show,” Pembroke, 27, told me. “I think that’s why she made us audition.”

Pembroke tried out with her sister, Nicole. They landed a couple of parts, and their love for theater was cemented. They and their other sister, Shana, grew up in Oak Lawn and spent their childhoods performing at the Oak Lawn Park District.

“People have mistaken us for triplets our whole lives,” she said. (They’re not triplets.) “We were collectively known as, ‘the Pembroke girls’ and then sometimes simply, ‘the girls.’”

In March, Pembroke will star as Emmy in the Florida Repertory’s production of “A Doll’s House, Part 2,” when it’s staged at the historic Arcade Theatre in Fort Myers.

Between “Joseph” and “A Doll’s House,” Pembroke performed in dozens upon dozens of shows — at the Oak Lawn Park District, at Mother McAuley, where she graduated high school, at Fordham University, where she earned her undergraduate degree, at New York University as part of the Tisch Graduate Acting program, on CBS, where she made her television debut on a show called “Evil.”

She’s done Lady Macbeth in “Macbeth” and Mabel in “An Ideal Husband” and Henry V in “Henry V.”

And she’s done, to much unexpected fanfare, the same-sex bride in That One Commercial.

You know the one. It aired on the Hallmark Channel. It was for Zola, a wedding planning site. It showed two women joining together in holy matrimony, committing their lives to one another, celebrating one of life’s greatest, oldest, deepest pleasures: love.

And people — some of them — were outraged. They signed peti-



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Actress Aishling Pembroke at her parents’ home in Oak Lawn last month. Pembroke portrayed one of the brides in the controversial Zola commercial that aired on the Hallmark Channel recently.

tions. They threatened to boycott the Hallmark Channel. They couldn’t abide their family-friendly channel showing two women becoming... a family.

And Hallmark, in a stunning act of cowardice, dropped the commercial. And people — a bunch of them — were outraged.

And then, two days later, in an encouraging (if calculated) acknowledgment that bowing to bigots can also cost you viewers, Hallmark reversed course and reinstated the commercial.

And Pembroke watched it all a little bewildered.

“I’m still in shock that this was a controversy,” she said. “The Hallmark Channel is literally a channel about love.”

She was frankly not sure people would even see it. You audition for a commercial and they don’t tell you what channels will air it or when it will air. Plus, it’s a commercial.

“People are checking their phones during commercials,” she

said. “Getting up to go to the bathroom. Getting a snack.”

But they saw it. And it made them feel some kind of way, which is exactly what actors hope for their work.

“I think this was good in some ways because it showed us there are so many conversations and so much work that needs to be done,” Pembroke said. “I like being a part of difficult conversations. I like trying to figure out human beings and why we’re doing what we’re doing and why we’re here and why we love who we love and what this is all about.”

Pembroke had the distinct honor of learning under Erica Heilmann, a pillar of Oak Lawn community theater. I wrote about Heilmann in 2017, when she earned a nod at the Tonys for excellence in theatre education. She directed the Broadway Junior program where Pembroke and her sister tried out for “Joseph.” She directed the Pembroke girls

(“the girls”) in countless shows.

“Erica’s passion for theater is 1000% why I have my love for it,” Pembroke told me. “She was literally an angel to us. She devoted her life’s work to other people.”

In addition to her theater work, Heilmann had four kids and a rare form of cancer that forms around the outside surface of the thymus gland. She used to FaceTime her cast from chemotherapy. She scheduled a surgery around “Annie.”

“The doctor probably thought I was completely insane,” Heilmann told me in 2017. “I said, ‘Well, I’m directing ‘Annie,’ and I want to be there for the kids, and I don’t want them to be worried about me. Can we just schedule it a week later? I mean, the cancer’s not going anywhere.’”

Heilmann passed away in October 2018. She was 43.

“Erica taught thousands,” Dave Heilmann, her husband, told me. “She changed lives. Our hearts

are crushed.”

Her lessons live on.

“As a little kid I grew up loving movies. I loved memorizing dialogue and actions and then performing for my parents and friends or really anyone who would watch,” Pembroke said. “But it was Oak Lawn Park District’s theater program that first gave me a place to start honing my craft. It was more than just a theater space to me. It was a second home, a community and a place where I felt I always belonged. Erica and Dave Heilmann were the pillars. I hope that whatever I do in life will make them proud.”

She wishes Erica Heilmann had seen the Zola commercial.

“No doubt she would have said something encouraging and then added a good zinger like, ‘Well, you always knew how to get people talking,’” Pembroke said. “Erica kept you humble and laughing at the same time. She really was one of a kind. I still look up to her in every way.”

Acting is an incredibly vulnerable gig. You don’t know if anyone will watch. If they do watch, you don’t know how they’ll react.

“Your love of art and storytelling and human beings has to be so great that you worry less about what’s going to happen and focus on the characters and the stories and how they can maybe help someone or be part of a conversation,” Pembroke said.

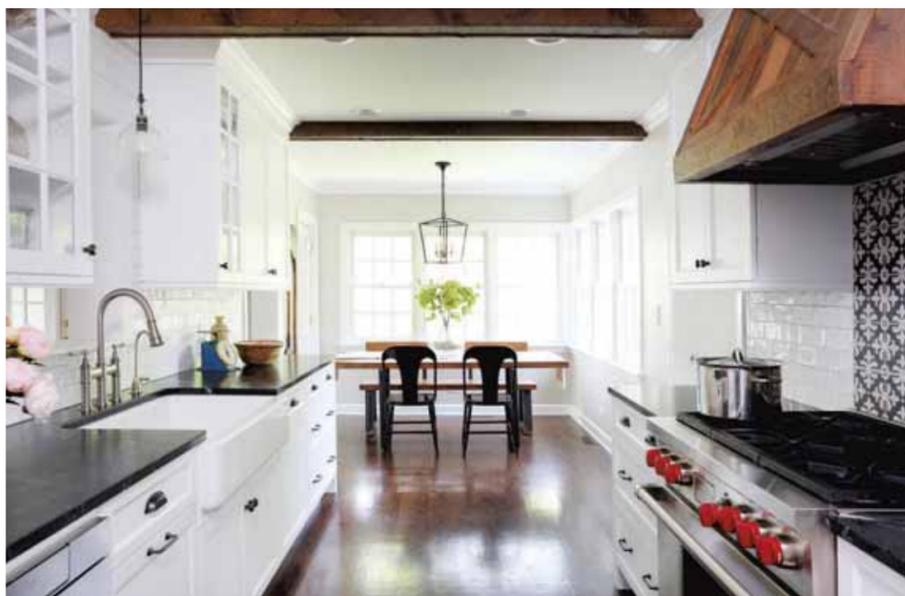
The Zola commercial, for all its hills and valleys, felt like that.

“You just put things out there that you’re proud of and that you believe in,” she said. “And sometimes you get to see people uniting together, speaking up for love. I think it will always win. Love is love.”

A good note to close out the decade.

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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Bart Komar's bicycle won first place in Rockler Woodworking and Hardware store's #RocklerBentWoodChallenge. The New Lenox resident won a \$500 Rockler gift card for a bicycle he made using the bentwood style of woodworking.

# New Lenox craftsman wins #RocklerBentWoodChallenge

Bart Komar's lowrider bike design came out on top over more than 250 contest submissions

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

Bending wood does not require magic. However, the effects of wood bending do seem somewhat magical when New Lenox resident Bartosz Skomorowski, aka Bart Komar, is behind it.

Komar's woodworking skills recently garnered him a first place win in a national woodworking competition hosted and sponsored by Rockler Woodworking and Hardware, a supplier of specialty hardware, tools, lumber and woodworking products based in Medina, Minnesota. The #RocklerBentWoodChallenge generated more than 250 bent wood submissions and over 1,300 social media posts from woodworking enthusiasts all over North America, according to the national retailer. But Komar was victorious with his lowrider bike design — a bent lamination construction that took him about two months and approximately 400 to 450 hours to build. The entire bike frame, forks and even the seat are made of woods such as walnut, maple, silver maple and zebrawood.

"The handle grips are zebrawood, and the seat is silver maple," he said. "All the accents are brass, even the bell. The bike sits on 24-inch wheels and is 80 inches long. I didn't intend it to be that way, but the frame came out that way because you have to kind of follow the way the wood is flowing. It's got three sprockets. I had some clearance issues in the back for the chain, so I needed to add another sprocket — and I think it made it look so much cooler."

The bike has been on display at the Orland Park Rockler store for the past few weeks. That's where Komar walked us through the 13 pieces of wood that make up the bike's frame, the joinery, the mortise work and the brass rods that were added for strength. The springs from the seat and the

wheels with orange rims were recycled from an old beach cruiser bike. The video of the build already has over 144,000 views.

"I knew I wasn't going to be able to reproduce the sprockets, so I did take a few pieces from that old bike, but other than that, everything else was fabricated by me," Komar said. "I thought I wanted to paint the wheels black, but as the weeks went by, orange started to grow on me, and it just makes the bike pop."

To look at Komar's work, it's hard to believe he just picked up woodworking less than three years ago. He entered the bent wood challenge this year, having heard of other Rockler challenges in previous years. The bike is 95% wood and "totally ridable," per Komar.

"I was trying to figure out what to do, when I realized that I always wanted to build a lowrider. The whole lowrider scene just entices me; I think it's so cool," Komar said. "So I said, I'm going to try to do a regular bike. But then I started bending the wood, and that's how the lowrider came into it. I had no idea how this would look when I started it."

The rules for the challenge were twofold: Projects had to use some form of bending wood (whether that's bent lamination, steam bending, kerf bending, etc.), and entries had to be submitted on social media using the #RocklerBentWoodChallenge hashtag.

"I took a regular 2-by-4 from Home Depot and cut, like, an 8-inch strip out of it and started bending it to see how much it would flex and then made a template on a piece of plywood," he said. "The process entails building forms, cutting thin strips of wood and putting the strips into clamps in the form and leaving it overnight — I did that for the entire frame."



Bart Komar, first place winner of Rockler Woodworking and Hardware's #RocklerBentWoodChallenge, works in his New Lenox home's basement workshop last month.

The creation was not without missteps, though. According to Komar, a lot of things snapped. The first time he ever sat on it — the whole bike fell apart because the bike's forks weren't strong enough. And he also messed up on the finish, which he had to redo. But the Army Reservist and father of three kept at it until he had built something award-winning. DIY YouTubers Mike Montgomery (Modern Builds), Chris Salomone (Foureyes Furniture) and Ben Uyeda (HomeMade Modern), of the Modern Maker podcast, judged the competition and gave Komar top honors, which came with a \$500 gift card from Rockler. He's already spent the money on a sprayer to apply finishes.

"Some people made some amazing things, and for the guys to call me and tell me that I won, I was like: 'Get out of here!'" Komar said. "I had no idea how to

construct a bike. ... I don't know their geometry or mechanics, so when I got into it, it was like, 'Holy crap!' I had to learn all these things as I was building it, but now ... it's all done, and I have an idea of what it takes to build a bike."

Komar plans to take the bike to WorkbenchCon in Atlanta this year and to some lowrider shows to show off the craftsmanship. He said he's received an offer of \$5,000 for his creation, but he's not willing to part with it.

"This is the thing — this is my favorite build so far. There was so much artistic design in it and just so much of me in this, in terms of what's going to work, what's not going to work and what looks cool and what doesn't look cool, that parting with that is going to be kind of like parting with your child," he said.

"I don't know if I'm going to sell it," he said. "I'm going to take

it to WorkbenchCon this February and have people ride it and have fun with it. It's a bike; it's supposed to be ridden. If you want to make a piece of art, make a piece of art. This, to me, is a functioning piece of art, and I want people to enjoy it — ride it."

Komar started his own YouTube channel in June, documenting the building of his projects. He hopes that by the end of this year, it will be generating income for him. Until then, he's working on projects like a kids table comprising 10,000 colored pencils that are facing up in the shape of the world map; restoration of a massive 150-year-old door; and just experimenting and having the best time of his life.

"People say it's not work when you love it, and it's so true," he said. "Doing this? I'm having a blast."

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## SOCIAL GRACES

# Kindness, sharing is caring in the world of pot

BY HANNAH HERRERA GREENSPAN

**Q: More and more states are legalizing recreational marijuana. Can you ask to bum some weed the way you would a cigarette?**

A: It's even easier to ask to share cannabis than it is to "bum" a cigarette because sharing is an integral part of cannabis culture.

Think about a circle of cannabis smokers, passing a joint. When new people come up to the edge of that circle, they don't all

pull in closer and make a wall with their shoulders — they open up the circle, they invite in the newcomer, and that is usually true even if they have never seen that person before. This is because one of the lessons that cannabis teaches us is to be kind, generous, compassionate — and radically inclusive. And because we understand cannabis very differently from alcohol. Cannabis is not a vice that can kill you; it is a medicine that heals you. When seen in that light, not sharing cannabis with somebody who

needs it, if you can provide it, turns into a serious moral shortcoming.

The right way to ask is just to be upfront, something like, "Hey man, can I have a hit?"

— Steve DeAngelo, co-founder and chairman emeritus of HarborSide, cannabis activist and author of "The Cannabis Manifesto: A New Paradigm for Wellness"

A: Being stingy with cannabis is sacrilegious and most cannabis users would happily give and share. The act of sharing and the

feeling of community are super ingrained in cannabis culture. If you're at a party, there's no need to ask — that joint will eventually make its way to you.

It's actually a faux pas to leave anyone out. And we've all been in the situation of being the bummer, so it's like paying it forward. But — as with everything else in life — please be polite and gracious when doing so.

A tip for weed bums: If someone is sharing cannabis with you, please remember to pass that joint/bowl around and not keep it



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hostage while you're telling a story.

— Christine Yu, owner of Bliss Shop, a female-friendly CBD and accessories shop.

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# THE KIDS

HOW TO KEEP THEM BUSY THIS WEEK

## Celebrate 2020 in Hellenic style

By Web Behrens

### Monday

#### 'ALADDIN'

The marriage of voice actor to animated role rarely gets better than Robin Williams to The Genie. But the real triumph of Disney's 1992 comedy-action romp "Aladdin" is how thrilling it is from the jump. The Genie doesn't even appear until the second third of the film — after our title hero's tremendous roller-coast heist of the magic lamp. To top it all off, the musical boasts an Oscar-winning score by composer Alan Menken. This screening is one of two super-bargain-priced Disney Mondays this month; the original animated "Cinderella" (1950) screens Jan. 13. At Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora. \$1 admission (cash only). paramountaurora.com/events/aladdin-1992/

### Thursday

#### MEET ALYSSA ZACZEK, AUTHOR OF 'MARTIN McLEAN, MIDDLE SCHOOL QUEEN'

Originally from Chicago, Minnesota journalist and author Alyssa Zaczek makes her middle-grade debut with "Martin McLean Middle School Queen." A novel about a shy seventh-grade math whiz who learns how to shine socially when he dresses in drag. Meet Zaczek when she returns to the area, at 7 p.m. Thursday, at Women and Children First in Andersonville; or 7 p.m. Friday, at Anderson's Bookshop in La Grange. Women and Children First, 5233 N. Clark St.; Anderson's Bookshop, 26 S. La Grange Road, La Grange. Free to attend, \$17 for "Martin McLean, Middle School Queen."

#### YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL

Every year, Pegasus Theatre sifts through hundreds of one-act plays written by Chicago high-school students to select a few winners, which receive a professional production. For the festival's 33rd annual production, the featured playwrights are Angelina Davila of Taft High School; Reba Brennan of Senn; and Henry Williams of Lane Tech. Gain insight into the concerns of today's teens when you catch all three short plays. Thursday through Jan. 24 at Columbia College's Courtyard Theatre, 72 E. 11th St.



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VASILOPITA CELEBRATION

Sunday, Jan. 12:  
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### Saturday

#### 'ON THE RIGHT TRACK': TRAIN SONGS OF AMERICA

Calling all junior rail buffs! Elmhurst History Museum's temporary exhibit, "On the Right Track: By Rail to Chicago and Beyond," runs through March 29. It's got plenty to engage adult train enthusiasts, while kid-friendly activities include a toy-train set and a track-switching game. If you visit at 2 p.m. Saturday, folk

musician Dean Milano performs an all-ages concert of train songs. At Elmhurst History Museum, 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst. Free. elmhursthhistory.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=2516

#### VASILOPITA CELEBRATION

Need one more celebration to help kick off the new year? Take the family to Greektown to celebrate 2020 in Hellenic style. Inside the city's beautiful Greek-American heritage museum, experience the blessing and cutting of the Vasilopita. Also known as St. Basil's bread, this traditional loaf dates back to the fourth century. Vasilopita contains a coin, said to

bestow good luck on the person who receives the piece with the trinket baked inside. 1 p.m. at the National Hellenic Museum, 333 S. Halsted St. \$10, \$7 for kids 3-12. www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/education/children-and-family/fall-and-winter/

#### MCA FAMILY DAY: TREASURE BOX

For the January edition of its monthly Family Day, MCA unpacks geometry (with some cool sculptures and activities) and the hobby of collecting things. What's in your personal box of treasures? Drop in and explore, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave. Free for families with kids 12 and under. mcachicago.org/Calendar/2020/01/Family-Day-Treasure-Box

### Sunday

#### BOTANIC GARDEN FAMILY CLASS: LOCO FOR COCOA

How on earth does bitter fruit produce such delicious desserts? Find out today at the Botanic Garden's family class devoted to the cacao bean. Together, grown-ups and children ages 4-10 learn about the plant, taste different kinds of chocolate, then dip treats into fondue. All together now: yummm! Advance registration recommended. Four sessions over two dates: 9:30-11 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday and Jan. 25, at Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. \$24 per adult-child pair. tinyurl.com/wz7ur9r

#### 'FORTS: BUILD YOUR OWN ADVENTURE'

The time-honored childhood DIY ritual of creating with cardboard is the centerpiece of "Forts! Build Your Own Adventure." Designed for families to experience together, this interactive Filament Theatre show uses boxes, blankets, clotheslines and more to design new worlds. In a nod to Chicago's proud immigrant communities, instructions are also available in Spanish and Polish. January brings two special performances: a sensory-friendly www.filamenttheatre.org/sensoryfriendly/ version Jan. 12 Sunday, and an additional show Jan. 20, which is Martin Luther King Day. At Filament Theatre, 4041 N. Milwaukee Ave. \$8-\$9.75. www.filamenttheatre.org/forts/

Web Behrens is a freelance reporter.

## What's the best game console for young kids to teenagers?

By Caroline Knorr  
Common Sense Media

If your kids are at the age where you're considering buying a game console, now might be the right time.

Whether you want the immersive virtual reality of the Sony PlayStation or the portability of the Nintendo Switch, today's consoles offer more realism, interactivity and flexibility than ever before.

The question still remains: Which console is best for your family's needs?

#### Best for families with young kids: Nintendo Switch/Switch Lite

With games such as "Super Mario Party," "Luigi's Mansion 3," "Ring Fit Adventure" or "Mario Tennis Aces," as well as cool activity packs such as the "Labo Toy-Con Variety Kit," Nintendo maintains its position as the best option for families to use together. The Switch works both as a stationary console that plugs into your TV and a portable gaming device with two built-in controllers and a touchscreen.

The recently released Switch Lite, on the other hand, uses the same games as the Switch, but it's strictly a portable station that's designed only for gaming on the go. While the Switch library does offer its share of mature games, the consoles include parental controls so you can help your kids regulate their use.

#### Best for tweens and serious gamers: Microsoft Xbox One S and Sony PS4

These may be the basic systems from Microsoft and Sony, but they're still very powerful and run all of the games that you can get your hands on. One of



A Nintendo Switch Lite

the big advantages is that you can often find these machines bundled with a few games to play along with the system. Xbox One S is a better choice for families who already own a lot of Xbox games, as it will play some Xbox 360 titles. If you're tired of discs cluttering things up, consider the Xbox One S All-Digital Edition console, which stores all your games in the cloud. The PS4, by contrast, provides access to older PS3 games through its digital store and its PS Now service.

Of course, violent games such as "Resident Evil 2," "Red Dead Redemption 2" and "Wolfenstein: Youngblood" are available for each, but so are family-friendly titles such as "The Lego Marvel Collection," "Madden NFL 20" and "The Jackbox Party Pack 5." Plus, both systems contain parental controls with customizable family settings to control screen time and purchase limits, as well as content filters to block inappropriate games for kids.

#### Best for tweens, teens and serious gamers:

Microsoft Xbox One X, Sony PlayStation Pro. If your kids are really passionate about games, then these machines are the best — if not the only — choices. Keep in mind that, though there are plenty of games for each console

designed for tweens and younger, the vast majority of Xbox One X and PlayStation 4 games are intense and mature. But there are still plenty of titles to get these players hearts pumping, whether it's the galactic action of "Star Wars Jedi: Fallen Order," the multiplayer-focused adventure of "Monster Hunter World: Iceborne," or the stadium rocking noise of "FIFA 20."

Sony has the edge for serious gamer families with its PlayStation VR headset designed to work with the PS4 and PS4 Pro. PSVR provides a totally immersive, virtual reality game experience. There's a number of impressive games for the headset, like the anti-bullying-themed "Concrete Genie," the colorful and entertaining links of "Everybody's Golf VR" and the soaring adventure of "Falcon Age."

Along with "Fallen Order," gamers can easily explore engaging titles like the time-traveling "Outer Wilds," the fuel-injected speed of "Need for Speed Heat," or the colorful multiplayer fights of "Plants vs. Zombies: Battle for Neighborville."

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# 8 new relationship trends for 2020

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

We're at the start of a new year, which lends itself to looking ahead to possibilities and looking back at missteps in all aspects of our lives, including relationships and dating.

We know that donning a Canada Goose coat may alarm potential dates. But did you know that 22% of engaged couples used online dating websites or apps to meet each other? That's according to a recent poll from The Knot, the multiplatform wedding resource, and it's up 5% from 2017.

Now the dating app Plenty of Fish has come out with its annual dating trends survey, where we can glimpse what's to come in 2020. The app polled more than 1,000 U.S.-based Plenty of Fish users (ages 18-50) in November; of those who participated, 56% identified as male and 44% as female.

Here are some terms from the survey that daters should keep an eye out for in the new year. And here's hoping dating is easier and more fruitful this time around.



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**Dial-toning**

Don't get it twisted — this is not ghosting. Instead, dial-toning is the act of giving people your phone number and ignoring them when they reach out. Sixty percent of singles have experienced this, while 35% of singles admit to doing this to someone.



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**Eclipsing**

Adopting the interests or hobbies of someone you're dating and pretending you like those activities; 48% have dated someone who did this, while 45% of singles admit to having done it.



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**Yellow carding**

This is when people are called out on their poor dating behavior; 27% of singles have confronted a date this way.



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**Kanye'd**

When dates spend the entire time talking about themselves. Sound familiar? Forty-five percent of singles think so.



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**Glamboozled**

Getting dressed up for a date only to have the other person cancel at the last minute; 58% of singles can relate to this.



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**Cause-playing**

When a casual relationship fizzles out, only to have one person later circle back to ask a favor: Will you come to his band's show or contribute to her Kickstarter? Sixty-one percent of singles have had someone ask them for a favor post-breakup.



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**Type-casting**

Solely dating people based on Myers-Briggs type or "Love Language" compatibility; 27% of singles know someone who talked about one or the other on a date.



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**White Clawing**

The act of staying with people you find basic and boring because they're attractive; 27% of singles admit to having done this.

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The Alkali Flat Trail is the longest and most strenuous at White Sands. Hikers have to blaze their own path from one orange sign post to the next.

## Newest national park

### Hiking, camping and a tarantula threat in southern New Mexico's White Sands

BY MELANIE RADZICKI  
MCMANUS

WHITE SANDS NATIONAL PARK, N.M. — I didn't expect to be hugged today, let alone three times. And by strangers.

But that's what happened after I snagged one of the 10 coveted campsites at White Sands National Monument last October, then offered to share it with some people who just missed the cut. None of us knew that, weeks later, White Sands would become the country's newest national park.

Defense legislation signed Dec. 20 by President Donald Trump included a provision to turn this national monument into the 62nd national park, putting it among the likes of the Grand Canyon, Yosemite and Yellowstone.

But on this fall day in southern New Mexico, national park designations weren't on any of our minds. What was: procuring a campsite.

The simple gesture of sharing landed me three new besties: Meghan, a local seed collector preparing for graduate school, and Jules and Owen, artists from Austin, Texas. After their round of hugs, bracketed by heartfelt thanks, I jokingly note there is a catch to the deal: The trio must promise to rescue me if a tarantula comes creeping near my tent.

While I'm an experienced backcountry hiker, I was dismayed to learn tarantulas are abundant at White Sands. The large, furry spiders can't kill you, but they're ugly, their bite can be painful, and I know I'll freak out if I spot one near my tent.

The three readily agree to form a tarantula brigade, and we part ways with a cheery, "See you tonight!"

White Sands is home to a 176,000-acre gypsum dune field, the world's largest. More than 600,000 visitors stop in annually to admire its shifting, sparkling-white dunes, which can travel as much as 38 feet a year and are visible from space. In 2019, New Mexico's congressional delegation renewed a push to make it a national park, a prestigious designation reserved for areas with outstanding scenic features or natural phenomena, coupled with inspirational, educational and recreational value.

White Sands fits the bill. Its gypsum dunes are breathtaking — and they're a bit of an anomaly, since gypsum is a soft mineral that dissolves easily in water. It's typically washed out to sea via rivers and other waterways, not left alone to be transformed into sand.

But White Sands is part of the Tularosa Basin, which has no outlet. Over time, when gypsum-laden water washed down the surrounding mountains into the basin, the gypsum stayed put. Repeated freezing-and-thawing cycles, coupled with fierce winds, transformed the gypsum crystals into tiny grains of sand, which created the dunes we see today.



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Trekkers make their way through White Sands on a full moon hike in October.



Campers catch the sunset on top of the dunes.

The dunes' existence was threatened around 1885, when profiteers wanted to mine them. Thankfully, preservationists prevailed, and the area was designated a national monument in 1933.

I'd arrived at White Sands the previous evening for its full moon hike, a popular monthly event from May through October. As the plump moon's bright light reflected off the snowy dunes, park ranger Brenna Rodriguez regaled our group with tales of

life in the dazzling dunes, from the Apache pocket mice whose fur grew lighter over time to the sand verbena and soap tree yucca that grew fast (verbena) and tall (yucca) to avoid being buried alive by the shifting sands.

When our trek was finished, I told Rodriguez I'd be camping at the monument the following night. But she nixed my plan to arrive at 9 a.m., when the office opened.

"This morning, all of the campsites were taken in four minutes"

she said, advising me to arrive at 7 a.m. when the park entrance gate was unlocked.

Thanks to her advice, I was eighth in line, got a campsite and made three new friends. Now here I am, with the entire day to explore. My first decision: hike or sled?

Sledding is one of the most popular activities at White Sands. The gift shop sells plastic saucers, the most efficient means of rocketing down a sandy slope. I opt to hike instead.

The monument contains 8.9 miles of trail via five paths. I spend the day meandering along the various trails, enjoying otherworldly vistas of expansive, snow-white mounds.

It's afternoon when I begin my final hike along the 5-mile Alkali Flat Trail, the longest and most strenuous. This path skirts a portion of the adjacent White Sands Missile Range, where the first atomic bomb was tested in 1945.

There's no actual pathway here as the shifting sands easily erase footsteps and change the look of the terrain, sometimes from day to day. Instead, you have to hike from one orange signpost to the next, blazing your own trail. As I wind up and down the rare, milky dunes, framed by the stately San Andreas and Sacramento mountain ranges, I feel as though I'm on another planet.

With the sun sinking, I head for the backcountry campsites. Each site sits at the bottom of a small depression in between the dunes. My new friends arrive as I'm preparing dinner, which they eschew in favor of climbing atop the dunes to catch the sunset. I toss down my spork and scramble after them.

Minutes later, the show begins. "Wow! That's incredible!" says Owen, as ribbons of pink, tangerine and butter unroll across the horizon, their light painting the dunes the palest of pinks.

"The sky looks enormous," whispers Jules.

As the sun continues its decline and the moon powers up, the dunes take on a delicate lavender hue that deepens to a rich plum. I turn off my camera, knowing I'll never be able to capture the grandeur unfolding before my eyes.

At sunrise, we again gather atop the dunes, now bathed in a striking baby blue. No one says a word. Eventually, I head down to break camp, and alone in my tent I see it: a fat, fuzzy spider.

"Tarantula!" I scream, hopping around half-panicked, yet half-amused that I have to call the tarantula brigade into action.

Jules, Owen and Meghan race down the dune while I point to the beast from a safe distance. Jules ponders poking at it with a trekking pole, but I say no, fearing that will send it racing toward me.

We look at one another for a moment before Jules says, "This is curious. The tarantula isn't moving." Bending down, she scoops it up, then thrusts it toward me with a grin.

"It's a fake," she says. "I got it at the gift shop." We all roar with laughter.

Later, I tuck the tarantula into my backpack. It'll be a reminder that the world is filled with all kinds of beauty, from shining white sands and magnificent sunsets to hugs from strangers and belly laughs with new friends.

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# What's new in Northern Italy for 2020



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Nighttime's the right time — and reservations are smart anytime — when it comes to seeing the great sights in Northern Italy. With all the crowds heading for the same few attractions, popular sights and destinations are packed, and ticket lines are long. For 2020, officials thankfully have promised longer hours and easier opportunities to book entries in advance. Here's the latest:

At Venice's St. Mark's Basilica, it is now easy to reserve an entry time online, even for same-day tickets. While you'll pay a small reservation fee, you'll save valuable time with a guaranteed entry.

To accommodate more visitors, the Doge's Palace — where the government met for four centuries to administer the Venetian Republic — has extended its hours into the evening. In peak season, it's open until 9 p.m., and even later on weekends. The evening hours are a good time to visit this popular sight thanks to fewer tourists.

For grand views over Venice, travelers can visit the rooftop terrace of the recently opened T Fondaco dei Tedeschi luxury mall, housed in the historic German Exchange building. Four times an hour, 70 people are allowed onto the roof for 15 minutes to take in the sweeping views of Venice's canals and rooftops. Entry is free, but you must reserve a time slot either online or at the mall itself.

About 30 minutes from Venice, the city of Padua is home to several famous sights, including the Scrovegni Chapel, where art lovers flock to experi-



Travelers in Venice can now enjoy a visit to the Doge's Palace at night, when crowds are smaller.



Milan's redeveloped Porta Nuova neighborhood shows visitors a modern side of the city with tree-covered skyscrapers.

ence Giotto's beautifully preserved frescoes depicting the lives of Jesus and Mary. Because only 25 people are allowed in at a time, visits are by reservation only. But now, travelers visiting in peak season have the option of booking a nighttime visit to the chapel (between 7 and 10 p.m.).

At Padua's other major sight, the Basilica of St. Anthony, a new combo-

ticket includes entry to the basilica's museum, Oratory of St. George, and Scuola del Santo, and also includes an excellent audio guide that covers the basilica and related sights.

At Milan's Duomo, the third-largest church in Europe, both ticket and security lines can be long. When visiting, you can save time by buying tickets in advance online, visiting late

in the day after the crowds die down, or touring the rooftop first then descending directly into the church (thereby avoiding the main church security line).

For a completely different side of Milan, travelers can head north of the center to the redeveloped Porta Nuova neighborhood, featuring a sparkling forest of skyscrapers surrounding a park. An hour spent wandering this happy land of sleek and successful urban Italy does more to expand your understanding of Milan (and Italy) than any other hour you could spend in the city.

In Florence, two tram lines are a boon for travelers. The new T2 tram connects the airport and the city's main train station. It runs frequently, is much cheaper than a taxi ride, and takes 20 minutes, making it the best option for getting to and from the airport. The T1 tram is helpful for drivers, who can leave their cars at the Villa

Costanza park-and-ride outside town and zip downtown on the tram.

Florence's sightseeing ticket options continue to keep visitors on their toes. At the Accademia (home of Michelangelo's David) and the Uffizi Gallery (Botticelli and other Italian masterpieces), it's essential to buy tickets in advance to avoid the long ticket lines. But for most travelers, it no longer makes sense to buy a Firenze Card. While this sightseeing pass once justified its expense by allowing you to automatically skip the lines at both of these sights, it now requires you to book an entry time in advance.

About an hour south of Florence, in the Tuscan hill town of Siena, ticketing options for its monumental cathedral complex have changed. A new, unified combo-ticket covers admission to the Duomo, as well as the Duomo Museum, Baptistery, and Crypt.

In Pisa, a fine way to get away from the day-tripping

crowds that descend upon the Leaning Tower and the Field of Miracles is by walking the two-mile stretch of the 12th-century city wall that connects the river and the Field of Miracles. For a small fee, you can stroll upon a recently opened section of the wall, offering views of the Field from above, as well as residential areas that show off a quieter, greener part of the city.

For any vacationer, time is money — and you'll get more value from your sightseeing time by planning thoughtfully and knowing your options. And, especially in Northern Italy — so rich in history and art — the rewards are well worth the trouble.

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## TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

### USDT's 24-hour refund rule gets applied to gift cards too

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT  
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I booked two roundtrip tickets from Dallas to Los Angeles for my fiancé and myself earlier this year. I used two American Airlines \$100 gift cards and then charged the remaining amount to my credit card.

I canceled the flight an hour later and received the amount I charged to my credit card. But American Airlines didn't return the gift cards. I called over and over and the airline directed me to many different departments. Everyone told me the flight was nonrefundable because it was a basic economy ticket.

However, I canceled within 24 hours and also received a partial refund. This is absolutely absurd, and I would appreciate any help I can get. It's very upsetting and I don't know where else to go. Does the 24-hour refund rule apply to gift cards?

— Sarah German, Coppell, Texas

A: You're right. This is absolutely absurd. American Airlines refunded your credit card charges (about \$1) but didn't return the rest. What gives?

First, let's take a minute to marvel at the cost of flying today. Two tickets from Dallas to Los Angeles for a hundred bucks each. Wow!

OK, now that we're done with that, let's get down to business. American's policy is to refund gift cards back to you as a gift card credit, which means you should have gotten your \$200 back quickly.

Why didn't you? In your correspondence with American, the company

says you had a "basic" economy class ticket that "cannot be refunded or changed." That may be true, but the U.S. Department of Transportation also has a 24-hour refund rule. Its rule overrides any terms and conditions on your ticket purchase. So if your ticket is refundable — which it is — you should have received the entire refund.

It looks as if the American Airlines refunds department just got this one wrong. The 24-hour refund rule does, indeed, apply to gift card purchases. It doesn't matter how you paid. The 24-hour rule still applies to your ticket.

You might have appealed this to an executive at American. I list all the names, numbers and email addresses of the American Airlines customer service executives on my nonprofit consumer advocacy site.

I reached out to American Airlines on your behalf. You received a full refund of your gift card credit.

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## CELEBRITY TRAVELER

### Reifler packs light for his many trips

BY JAE-HA KIM  
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Musician Kurt Reifler divides his time between the United States, Germany and Malta. His motto for getting from one home to the other is the same as when he tours or travels for pleasure: less is more.

"I travel with a Timbuk2 daypack and have lived out of that for months at a time, no problem. The clothes on my back, plus about three days more in the bag," he says. "I either wear the coat I'm bringing, purchase one when I arrive or, better yet, I try not to be in places that would require a coat."

Reifler's latest EP, "The Bear," is the second of a two-part project that pays tribute to the life and death of his friend, who passed away three years ago.

An edited version of our conversation follows.

**Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?**

A: Tough one. I find myself migrating to Southeast Asia when it's time to reset, particularly to Thailand and Vietnam.

**Q: To someone who was going there for the first time, what would they do during their visit?**

A: Take a motorbike trip through Vietnam. You can go on a guided adventure for a week for less than it would cost you to just live in the West for that same amount of time. And what's liberating about a motorbike trip is that you aren't waiting. Traveling is full of waiting — buses, trains, events. On a motorbike, you just go.



KURT REIFLER PHOTO

**Q: What untapped destination should people know about?**

A: I recently spent three months in Bulgaria, mostly in Plovdiv, which is (one of the) oldest cities in Europe. The English level was surprisingly decent, and the culture and history are very rich. Being American, it's always incredible to me that our old is a few hundred years. Europe's old is thousands of years.

**Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?**

A: I went to New Orleans. I remember being about 10 years old, watching a horn band on the street and thinking, "If I was ever that cool, even for a single moment, I could die happy." In some ways I think I still feel that way.

**Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?**

A: I can honestly say that people are the same everywhere. Six continents and 50-plus countries have taught me that people have the same needs, wants, drives, problems and solutions everywhere. There's something humbling about being all over the globe and realizing that your neighbors on your street are just

like your neighbors across the globe.

**Q: What are your five favorite cities?**

A: This is a fluid and changing list, but let's take a shot at it, in no particular order: New Orleans, Melbourne, Louisville, Berlin, Tulum (Mexico).

**Q: When you go away, what are some of your must-have items?**

A: Phone, keys, wallet, passport, laptop. That's really it. If there's one thing I've learned from traveling, it's that the less you bring, the better. There's virtually nothing that you would need that you couldn't find where you're going if you truly had to. And really, what do you need?

**Q: What kind of research do you do before you go away on a trip?**

A: Wikipedia, Airbnb and some cultural sites. When I arrive somewhere, I usually try to find the coffee shops and the music bars, even if I'm not playing or on tour. The heartbeat of a place is usually found where the drugs are. And by drugs, I mean coffee and alcohol.

*For more from the reporter, visit [www.jaehakim.com](http://www.jaehakim.com).*



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A tourist jumps on the photo-friendly glass box Ledge at Skydeck Chicago in Willis Tower. TripAdvisor ranks Skydeck Chicago as one of the world's most popular tourist attractions.

# Reaching new heights in popularity

Skydeck among top-10 tourist spots for 2019

BY LORI RACKL

Skydeck Chicago at Willis Tower has reached new heights in popularity with TripAdvisor users.

The 1,353-foot-high observation deck in the city's tallest skyscraper ranks among the world's most sought-after tourist attractions in TripAdvisor's massive portfolio of bookable experiences, according to the travel website's recently released data for 2019.

With its lofty perch on the 103rd floor and its Instagram-friendly glass box Ledge, the Skydeck is one of three U.S. sites on TripAdvisor's Top 10 list of attractions. It squeaked in at No. 9.

Other domestic draws are the French Quarter in

New Orleans (No. 7) and New York's Statue of Liberty (No. 4). The latter made the 2018 list, but the Big Easy's party playground and the Skydeck are newcomers for 2019.

San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, ranked No. 7 in 2018, got booted off the latest roster.

For the second year in a row, Rome's Colosseum won the TripAdvisor battle for the world's most popular tourist attraction.

European spots, especially those in Italy, dominated the rankings. The Louvre Museum in Paris came in at No. 2, followed by the Vatican Museums in Vatican City (No. 3), Paris' Eiffel Tower (No. 5), Gaudi's eternal work in progress, Basilica of the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona (No. 6), the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam (No. 8) and the flood-prone Piazza San Marco in Venice (No. 10).

In writing about the



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A rendering of Catalog, a five-story dining, retail and entertainment experience being built at the base of Willis Tower. Catalog is anticipated to open to the public in mid-2020.

results, TripAdvisor declares "no trip to Chicago is complete without a visit to the top of the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere." (Shhh...don't tell New York. Guess TripAdvisor missed the memo about that spire nonsense that

handed the title to One World Trade Center.)

The website also touted the chance to dig into deep-dish pizza with "Pie in the Sky" private dining for \$100 a person at the Skydeck, where views of four states can be had on a clear

day.

Attracting about 1.7 million visitors a year, the Skydeck is poised to become even more popular in the near future, when construction work wraps up on a five-story dining, retail and entertainment space at

the base of Willis Tower, 233 S. Wacker Drive.

Set to open in mid-2020, the new development is called "Catalog," a nod to the 1973 skyscraper's original namesake tenant, Sears, Roebuck & Co., and the city's historic ties to the mail-order retail business.

The Skydeck is open every day of the year. General admission costs \$25 for ages 12 and up and \$17 for children 3-11. Entry is free for younger kids.

Chicago also fared well with TripAdvisor users earlier in 2019, when an architecture cruise on the Chicago River ranked as the world's second-best travel experience in the website's Travelers' Choice Awards.

In that popularity contest, Europe once again snagged the top berth with City Wonders' tour of the Vatican, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica.

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# Chicago hotel lands on the 2020 Gold List

Langham named one of the best

BY LORI RACKL

Condé Nast Traveler recently unveiled its 2020 Gold List, the magazine's roster of the best hotels and resorts on the planet.

With an unprecedented 129 entries spanning six continents and 50 countries, it's still a relatively short list for a big world. But one Chicago property managed to make the cut: The Langham Chicago.

The luxe property in Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's final skyscraper at 330 N. Wabash Ave. is the only Midwest address on the list, and one of only 16 in the U.S. to get the kudos. "To check into the Langham Chicago, which has occupied the building's first 13 floors since 2013, is to step into the story the building tells about the American city," the magazine says, noting that rooms start around \$340 a night. "You feel like you could be a character in a spy thriller as you pass through the note-perfect midcentury lobby and take the elevator to the elegant second-floor reception area."

In 2019, two Chicago hotels landed on the Gold

List: The Robey in Wicker Park/Bucktown and the swanky Peninsula, whose Z Bar recently got major props from Forbes Travel Guide as one of the world's best hotel bars.

The Gold List is chosen by a team of Condé Nast editors in New York and London. The magazine also publishes an annual list of favorites picked by its readers. As previously reported, the 2019 Readers' Choice Awards that were rolled out in October dubbed Chicago the best big city in the country for the third year in a row. Readers also weighed in on the city's hotel scene, giving the No. 1 title to Acme Hotel Company, a River North property known for being more hip than high-end. Readers ranked The Langham at No. 10 among Chicago hotels.

Condé Nast Traveler editors recently released their list of best places to go in 2020. Chicago didn't pop up on that list, but southwest Michigan did. The popular vacation spot for many a city dweller was praised for its agritourism, with special shoutouts going to Virtue Cider and a new "glamping" site on a blueberry farm in South Haven, Michigan, called The Fields, which has set



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The lobby of The Langham Chicago, named one of the world's best hotels and resorts in the 2020 installment of Condé Nast Traveler's Gold List.

up a trio of glamping tents on the terrace at Hotel Zachary in Wrigleyville for the winter.

In writing about The Langham for its Gold List, Condé Nast gave a nod to the hotel's dining and drinking venue, Travelle, "the handsomely brassy New American restaurant." (It specifically mentioned the pasta dish cacio e pepe.) Side note: Travelle is tapping into the Art Institute's Andy Warhol exhibit with a series of cocktails inspired by the artist.

Of the other 15 U.S. hotels to make it on the Gold List, five are in New York City. They are The Whitby, Lowell, NoMad, Greenwich

and Baccarat. The Los Angeles area is home to another three: Sunset Tower, Beverly Wilshire and Surfrider. The remainder include Zero George in Charleston, South Carolina; The Wauwinet on Nantucket Island in Massachusetts; Farmhouse Inn in California's Sonoma County; Dunton Hot Springs in Dolores, Colorado; Hawaii's Four Seasons Resort Lanai; Bluffton Palmetto Bluff in Bluffton, South Carolina; and NoMad Las Vegas.

The winners are featured in the magazine's January/February issue that hit newsstands in late December.



GALDONES PHOTOGRAPHY

Travelle's Andy Warhol-inspired cocktail menu features a drink called El Pajaro. It's served in a bird-shaped glass, and \$1 of the \$20 cocktail is donated to World Wildlife Fund.

NEWS TO USE

# Snowmobile races, winter games and more

BY PHIL MARTY

Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

■ Fans of snowmobile racing have lots to choose from this month at the World Championship Derby Complex in Eagle River, Wisconsin. Jan. 10-12 will be the Vintage World Championship Snowmobile Races, and the 57th World Championship Snowmobile Derby will be run Jan. 16-19. Machines in the latter exceed 100 mph. [www.derbycomplex.com](http://www.derbycomplex.com)

■ Victory Cruise Lines is offering savings up to \$3,000 per stateroom for select Great Lakes cruises. The offer is good on new bookings made by March 31 for travel between March 19 and Dec. 27. [tinyurl.com/ucb76c8](http://tinyurl.com/ucb76c8)

■ The Ultimate Fishing Show Detroit will be Jan. 9-12 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. They claim this is the larg-

est pure fishing show in America and it may well be, covering 7 acres with tackle, bait, boats, outfitters, charters, guides and resort info. [tinyurl.com/rdgpzlu](http://tinyurl.com/rdgpzlu)

■ The 2020 Winter Iowa Games, aimed at weekend athletes of all ages, begin in January. Competitions cover a broad range of sports, from archery to figure skating and from indoor paddling to table tennis. [www.iowagames.org](http://www.iowagames.org)

■ Manistee County, Michigan, has a 36-page Winter Trails Guide online at [tinyurl.com/yx59bx5n](http://tinyurl.com/yx59bx5n). You can also order paper copies of a variety of travel guides for the county at [tinyurl.com/w9lj46r](http://tinyurl.com/w9lj46r).

■ You don't have to go to New Orleans to celebrate Mardi Gras. The Souard neighborhood of St. Louis celebrates what's billed as the second-largest Mardi Gras festival in the country from Jan. 6 to Feb. 25. Twelfth Night kicks off the action, and among other activities are a Family Win-



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The 57th World Championship Snowmobile Derby heats up this month in Wisconsin.

ter Carnival on Jan. 11, a Cajun Cook-off on Feb. 8, Taste of Souard on Feb. 15-16 and the Grand Parade on Feb. 22. [www.stlmardigras.org](http://www.stlmardigras.org)

■ The beginning of a new year is always a popular time to start trotting out those "best of" lists. Conde Nast Traveler recently picked its 20 Best Places to go in 2020, and southwest Michigan was one of just two U.S. destinations to make the list, which includes areas such as the Canadian Arctic, Dubai and Tangier, Morocco. Nashville is the other U.S. entry on the list. [tinyurl.com/wvpk4eo](http://tinyurl.com/wvpk4eo)

■ Top ski jumpers from around the world will compete Jan. 17-18 at the 134th Silver Mine Invitational. The event at the Silver Mine Ski Jump in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, includes the Junior World Qualifier as well as adult competition. There's also a Nordic Combined Race. [www.flyingeaglesskiclub.org](http://www.flyingeaglesskiclub.org)

■ Tractor pulls are usually something you see at county fairs during the summer, but the 2020 Winter Nationals will find truck and tractor pullers from around the country competing on what's billed as the world's largest in-

door track. The National Tractor Pullers Association event will be Jan. 10-11 at the C Bar C Expo Center in Cloverdale, Indiana. [www.ntpawinter-nationals.com](http://www.ntpawinter-nationals.com)

■ Winter will be here for a while, but some folks are already looking ahead to summer fishing. The Heartland Fly Fishing Festival will be Jan. 18-19 at the Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Indiana. There will be all manner of fly-fishing gear for sale, along with seminars aimed at both novices and experienced fly casters. Fly tying will be demon-

strated, and there's also a casting pond. [www.heartlandflyfishingfestival.com](http://www.heartlandflyfishingfestival.com)

■ And, speaking of fishing, Jan. 18-19 will be Winter Free Fishing Weekend in Wisconsin. Residents and non-residents don't need a fishing license or trout stamp to fish anywhere in the state except for spring trout ponds. There also will be winter fishing clinics available in some locations. [tinyurl.com/y9ynv2cd](http://tinyurl.com/y9ynv2cd)

■ You can learn to cross-country ski or snowshoe Jan. 11 during the Winter Trails Day with the Great Lakes Winter Trails Council at the Cross Country Ski Headquarters in Roscommon, Michigan. Rental ski and snowshoe gear will be available, and lessons will be free. This is the 23rd year for this event. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. [tinyurl.com/yx5dchx6](http://tinyurl.com/yx5dchx6)

*Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time. Listings are not an endorsement. Send tips at least a month in advance to [ChicagoTribTravel@gmail.com](mailto:ChicagoTribTravel@gmail.com).*

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## GEOQUIZ ANSWER

**Mexico and Guatemala.** On its eastern side, Belize faces the Caribbean Sea.

# Grace period extended for Global Entry renewal

BY CATHARINE HAMM  
Los Angeles Times

If you're fretting about how long it's taking to get your Global Entry renewal, take a breath. If you've submitted your application and its status continues to say "pending," your privileges will last a year beyond the original expiration date.

The program, which gives approved applicants expedited reentry through U.S. Customs and through airport security screenings, has proved popular and is

receiving as many as 7,000 applications a day, Customs and Border Protection said.

The backlog, which CBP said earlier in 2019 totaled 300,000 applications, is now up to 350,000.

If you submitted your renewal before the expiration date and it still has not been approved, CBP has granted a year of extra time in which you may continue to use the benefits of the program.

The approval process was slowed in the summer when CBP personnel were dis-

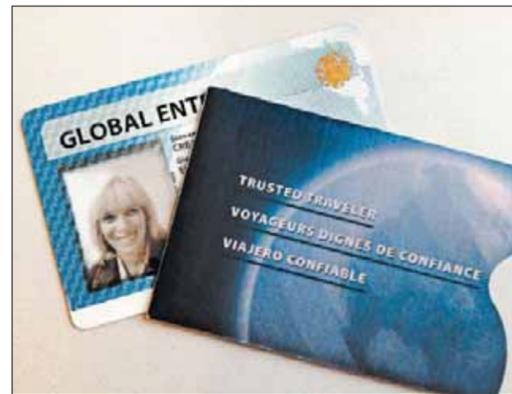
patched to the U.S. border with Mexico to address what the agency called a "humanitarian" and "security" crisis.

The program, which costs \$100 for five years, has two components: Global Entry is designed to speed your way through Customs upon your return to the United States. Customers check in at a kiosk, complete a questionnaire, have their fingerprints scanned, then are directed to baggage claim.

PreCheck, a program of

the Transportation Security Administration, lets approved travelers go through security screening without removing their shoes, belt or light jackets or taking their liquids (3.4 ounces or less) or laptops out of their bags. It is available separately through TSA for \$85 for five years.

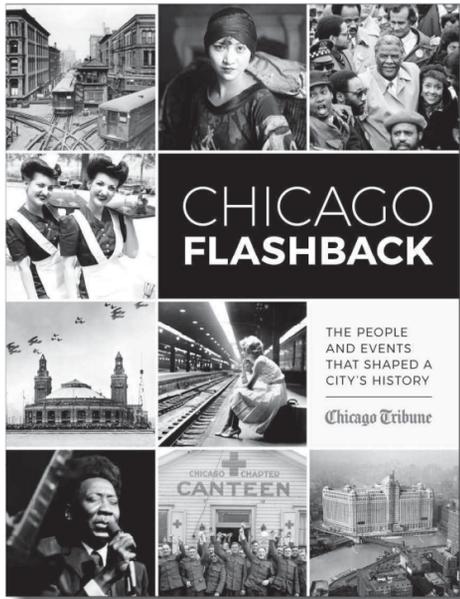
An alternative to Global Entry — but only for Customs entry — is free and available by app. It's called "Mobile Passport" and it also expedites you through Customs.



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Global Entry is a "trusted traveler" program run by U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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# FORK IN THE ROAD

WHAT TO EAT WHEN YOU GET THERE

## Taste of the tropics

Bar hopping on Oahu in search of the best mai tai



BAR LEATHER APRON

A hand-carved Tiki wood smoker adds flavor and nuance to Bar Leather Apron's mai tai.

BY SUSANNE FOWLER  
Chicago Tribune

HONOLULU — My quest to find the ultimate tropical cocktail has brought me here, to Roy's Beach House at Turtle Bay Resort on the northern edge of the Hawaiian island of Oahu, to watch the highly entertaining bartender (and part-time surfer dude) Mark Miranda work his magic.

Into the metal shaker he puts a shot of small-batch, golden Koloa spiced rum (distilled and blended on the island of Kauai), a nonalcoholic elixir of pressed ginger and cane sugar, velvet falernum (a spicy, citrusy cordial), pineapple juice and ice. He gives his biceps a workout with a few seconds of shaking to achieve the ultimate icy temperature before pouring the mixture into a tall glass, topping it with a layer of Koloa dark rum and garnishing it with a wedge of fresh lime. The final touches include a pineapple "crown" of thinly sliced fruit fanning out along the rim and an environmentally friendlier paper straw.

What makes the best-selling \$14 Beach House Spiced Mai Tai special, Miranda says, is that "little bit of a ginger kick, a little of that spicy zing."

I soak it all up, along with the outdoor bar's view of turquoise Pacific waters in a sheltered cove.

Still, from my beachfront barstool perch, I wondered how far the recipe had strayed from what many consider the original mai tai emanating from one of two California watering holes: Don the Beachcomber in Hollywood or Trader Vic's in Oakland — beverage bragging rights that have sparked many a bar debate. I needn't have worried



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At Roy's Beach House at Turtle Bay Resort, Mark Miranda prepares a Beach House Spiced Mai Tai.



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Fete bartender Kevon Schiessel mixes a tasty mai tai in Honolulu's Chinatown.



GETTY

At Waikiki's Royal Hawaiian resort, the beachside bar is named after the mai tai cocktail.

because I found plenty of classics in the heart of Honolulu, as well as more contemporary twists on the *de rigueur* rum-and-juice

drink named decades ago, according to time-honored lore, after the Tahitian word for "good."

One of the more inven-

tive mai-tai-delivery systems can be found at the Bar Leather Apron, a small, low-lit cocktail bar in a surprising location, almost

hidden on the mezzanine level of a downtown office tower called the Topa Financial Center. Here, the bar's co-owners, Tom Park and Justin Park (the head bartender and no relation), offer their E Ho'o Pau Mai Tai, a recipe that earned a world's-best accolade in 2015 at the annual Don the Beachcomber Mai Tai Festival.

"Justin's goal was to layer different flavor profiles into one harmonious, delicious cocktail that — although is a modern take — still has a classic backbone," Tom Park explained. "Raisin, vanilla, coconut and licorice are the main flavor profiles, with Hawaiian kiawe wood smoke to give it a smoky aroma." (Among the actual ingredients are ice cubes swirled in absinthe, two types of El Dorado rum from Guyana, a spicy

orgeat almond syrup, coconut water syrup, honey, lime and a twist of orange peel.)

Here, the cocktail becomes part beverage and part performance art: If you get a seat at the bar, the drink's preparation involves a wooden smoker in the shape of a Tiki god.

"Justin actually hand-carved each Tiki smoker," Tom Park said.

If you sit at a table, the drink is slowly poured from a glass flask that has been filled with the charred-wood smoke, its curling tendrils scenting the air.

All this theater comes at a price: \$18. And to sit at the bar sometimes requires a two-drink minimum. After that level of potency, you may want some help negotiating the stairs on your way out.

About a 15-minute stroll away is Moku Kitchen, where a \$13 Monkeypod Mai Tai places the emphasis on the local with Kula organic silver and dark rums, and macadamia-nut orgeat. But the best aspect of this one is the top layer of lilikoi (passion fruit) foam.

In nearby Chinatown, Fete restaurant bills itself as having "local roots and a global outlook." The outlook for a tasty mai tai (\$14) at the bar was nothing short of sunny.

Bartender Kevon Schiessel started with rum that had been infused with Hawaiian mamaki tea leaves. He added what's called a shrub — a concentrated syrup that typically blends fruit, sugar and vinegar — using pohia berries to achieve acidity and sweetness.

"The rest of the ingredients are standard," he said. "Normally we use Flor De Cana rum but today I'm using Plantation Original Dark."

Served over ice in a tall glass, he garnished his creation with skewered cherries.

If it's a classic mai tai you're looking for, head to the industrial warehouse setting of the old-school, Tiki-themed La Mariana Sailing Club. This popular spot boasts live music, a fake waterfall, a shoreline of moored yachts and occasionally hula-dancing patrons, along with its signature double rum, orange curacao and pineapple juice mai tai, a relative bargain at \$7.50. This one features a dark rum float and an old-timey garnish of a maraschino cherry, lime and pineapple wedges and a small paper umbrella. If the atmosphere strikes you as a touch tacky, keep in mind that the club started out decades ago as a place that catered to the marina crowd, so the fish netting and colorful floats aren't here just for the kitsch factor.

Back in Waikiki, an iconic drink at the upscale Royal Hawaiian resort comes with an equally iconic view of majestic Diamond Head and all those Waikiki Beach high-rise hotels. The Royal Mai Tai (\$15) with Maui rums and fresh-squeezed pineapple juice is such the classic, it also lends its name to the beachside Mai Tai Bar.

Even at this legendary spot, the bartenders can't resist putting their own spins on the storied cocktail. Offerings include the Bali Tai with lychee puree and a black pepper syrup (\$15), a White Wash with a top float of what they call coco-loco foam (\$15), and, for a true splurge, the Ali'i Mai Tai, featuring aged rums, coco-loco foam and bitters (\$35).

Searching for your own ultimate mai tai doesn't have to test your tolerance for high-octane rums, fruit juices and flavored foams. You can always simplify things and do what my squad did: Hit the grocery store to buy a bottle of Master of Mixes Mai Tai Mixer and pints of make-to-measure white and dark rums to make our own. We then donned our pink flamingo-rimmed sunglasses, repaired to our hotel room's ocean-view balcony and drank in the sights.

Susanne Fowler is a freelance writer.

# HOME

MAKE YOUR SPACE

## Haven of bohemia

Daring style lives on inside New York City's famed Hotel Chelsea

BY KATHERINE ROTH  
Associated Press

When Colin Miller and Ray Mock set out to document the remaining inhabitants of Hotel Chelsea, the bohemian haven where Jackson Pollock, Andy Warhol, Patti Smith, William S. Burroughs and others once lived and worked, they imagined it as a sort of requiem.

After all, much of the 12-story Gilded Age building, once New York City's tallest, has been gutted and is being converted into hotel rooms and apartments.

Instead, they found daring, dramatic style alive and well in many of the hotel's remaining homes. Their new book, "Hotel Chelsea: Living in the Last Bohemian Haven" (The Monacelli Press), is a big, colorful celebration of more than two dozen residents, their living spaces and their stories.

"I went into this thinking I was making some kind of eulogy, recording something that was being lost. But I discovered that while there are huge portions of the hotel that were gutted, it's still a living place, with vibrant amazing lives being lived there," says photographer Miller.

After much legal wrangling and a few changes of building ownership, between 50 and 60 people still live in the Chelsea, a national historic landmark in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood. Nineteen of them are featured in the hefty coffee-table book.

Miller calls it "a story of resilience, an exploration of how people adapt in New York City."

"I'm not sure I could see myself living in some of these situations, but they're really beautiful," adds Miller. "It seems like every door that opens enters into a whole different world."

Mock, who wrote the text, concurs. "You never know what to expect when walking into these apartments," he says. "I had a real 'Oh, wow!' moment when I walked into Tony Notarberardino's



Tony Notarberardino inside his apartment in the Chelsea Hotel.

no's apartment, for example. Earthy rich colors on the walls and ceiling. It immediately opened a window into the past."

The apartment consists of two rooms joined by a colorfully painted curved hallway and is one of the most visually arresting apartments featured in the book.

The rooms are crowded with "wondrous objects, photographs, furniture and garments, yet each has its own visual identity owing to the elaborate murals left behind by a previous tenant, the enigmatic artist Vali Myers, in what is now Notarberardino's bedroom," reads a description in the book. It goes on to describe Notarberardino's own first impressions of the building he has long called home.

"It was late at night. I walked in and immediately loved it. I felt like I had walked into a movie set," he's quoted as saying.

Describing the book project, Mock says, "Maybe part of what attracted me to Hotel Chelsea is some of these apartments reminded me of my college apartment. There are living spaces where no wall is unpainted. People just get an idea in their head and they go for it. It's very liberating."

The residents of Hotel Chelsea can teach us all something about the rooms we live in, he and



COLIN MILLER/MONACELLI PRESS PHOTOS

The Chelsea Hotel apartment of Tony Notarberardino from "Hotel Chelsea: Living in the Last Bohemian Haven." The book celebrates residents, their living spaces and their stories.



The apartment of Suzanne Lipschutz inside the Chelsea Hotel.

ately set to work transforming her one-bedroom apartment.

The book describes her wallpaper as "exquisite period papers and borders selected to amplify the mood in every corner of the apartment. The small private hallway of her unit, which she shared for years with her next-door neighbor, the actor Ethan Hawke, was covered in American arts and crafts wallpaper showing a lush forest scene. She later donated rolls of the same wallpaper to the Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum."

Lipschutz says of her home, "It became this gem, this jewel box of an apartment."

The book's other big takeaway is Hotel Chelsea's sense of community, particularly unusual in a big city like New York.

"Some of that is lost, but there are so many stories of dinner parties attended by all the residents on an entire floor, of people who always left their doors open and neighbors who were also good friends," says Mock.

"After hearing all these stories, I asked myself what I can do in my life to foster a sense of community, with maybe shared gatherings on the rooftop or other ways to reach out to neighbors," he says.

Miller say.

"In terms of my own apartment, it emboldened me a little bit," admits Mock. "It reinforced my belief that it's OK to be a little wild and different, and a little clutter is OK."

Miller, a self-described minimalist, says immersing himself in the world of Hotel Chelsea made him push his aesthetic limits.

"One of the things I love so much is how bold the living spaces are. All the walls are black, or all the walls are red. They show how to be really brave when

you're making design decisions," says Miller.

"I generally have a pretty minimalist aesthetic, but now I'm thinking about doing a room of my home in wallpaper. I saw an apartment all done completely in antique wallpapers at Hotel Chelsea," he admits. "I never would have considered that before."

He was referring to the home of Suzanne Lipschutz, an antiques dealer and wallpapers expert who moved into Hotel Chelsea in the 1990s and immedi-



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# STYLE

WHAT TO WEAR NOW

Chicago's Virgil Abloh heads to Louis Vuitton, Gaga wears a meat dress and Instagram influencers change the face of fashion

# The decade in fashion

BY KRISTIN LARSON AND DAVID SYREK

## 2010 Alexander McQueen dies

The news that Alexander McQueen had died at the age of 40 shook the fashion world to its core. The British designer, considered one of the most wildly creative fashion designers of all time, created some of the most beautiful, daring and provocative designs to this day. — *Kristin Larson*



GETTY  
Alexander McQueen in 2010, and a look from his Fall 2009 collection.

## 2010 Instagram launches

First there were blogs, and then there was Instagram. No one could have predicted the magnitude and influence Instagram would have on the fashion and beauty worlds. Instagram stars like Aimee Song used the social media platform to build their brand. According to Rakuten Marketing's 2019 survey on influencer marketing, 80% of consumers revealed they made a purchase recommended by an influencer. — *K.L.*



IKRAM GOLDMAN

## 2011 Ikram Goldman brings the high fashion world to Chicago

There are other emporiums of high fashion dotted around the world, but few — if any — compare to Ikram, the glossy red boutique in Chicago. After shuttering her first shop, Ikram Goldman, along with husband Josh, decided to go big, creating a 14,000-square-foot emporium of the new, the beautiful, the edgy. Goldman, now legendary in the international fashion world, culls the best, most interesting pieces for her devout following of clients. Entering the shop is like walking into a jewel box bursting with the creative output of fashion's best, but the highlight is interacting with Goldman, herself, who brings her frank personality, a solid dose of levity and a lack of pretense to the all-too-often stuffy fashion world. — *David Syrek*

## 2017 Fenty Beauty: At last, makeup for all skin tones

Inclusivity hit the beauty world big time when Rihanna launched Fenty Beauty, which now offers 50 foundation shades. The "Fenty Effect" ensued and other brands followed. "People seeing that they are considered by brands, whether that be by having your skin tone available in makeup or via size inclusion is not frivolous, it's good business," Pieri says. — *K.L.*



GETTY  
Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex in 2018

## 2018 Meghan Markle steals the show

Call it the Meghan effect. Ever since the former Northwestern University student became the Duchess of Sussex, whatever fashion brands the royal wears benefit. Global fashion search engine Lyst proclaimed Markle the "most powerful dresser" of the year, with her outfits sparking on average a 216% increase in searches for similar pieces. For instance, the white-and-blue Club Monaco dress she wore in South Africa sold out in less than 24 hours, following a 570% spike in searches. — *K.L.*

## 2017 "Ugly" sneaker mania takes over

The decade saw sneakers rise to the level of designer shoes, but who would ever think huge-soled, orthopedic-looking sneakers would be fashionable? The "ugly sneaker" may have started with Balenciaga's Triple S and Louis Vuitton Archlight style, but the giant sneaker trend picked up speed and continued with designers like Gucci, Prada and Coach. — *K.L.*



GETTY  
Gucci's chunky Flashtrek sneaker  
NORDSTROM

## 2017 Athleisure is here to stay

Blame it on the rise in sportswear or celebrities like Jennifer Lopez and Gigi Hadid rocking sweats, hoodies and leggings in their downtime, but athleisure shows no signs of slowing down. Activewear currently represents 24% of total apparel industry sales and is forecast to grow, according to a "Future of Apparel" study by NPD Group. — *K.L.*



GETTY  
Athleisure on the Alexander Wang runway.

## 2018 Chicago's Virgil Abloh becomes men's artistic director for Louis Vuitton

Designer Virgil Abloh had already gained a major following with his Off-White fashion label, but in spring 2018, things really got really serious when he ascended to the position of men's artistic director for Louis Vuitton, the iconic French brand that represents the height of luxury. From the start, Abloh injected the storied fashion house with cool, youthful energy, showing fluid silhouettes — along with morphing the brand's logo-embazoned accessories into coveted, futuristic abstractions of their former selves. With the appointment, Abloh became Vuitton's first black designer and one of only two black creative directors at a European luxury fashion house. — *D.S.*



GETTY  
Designer Virgil Abloh and a look from his spring collection for Louis Vuitton.

## 2019 Karl Lagerfeld dies

Part designer, part cultural superstar, Karl Lagerfeld was without a doubt the most prolific and influential fashion designer of a generation. As Chanel's creative director for 36 years, the iconic designer pushed the fabled fashion house into the future by continually reinterpreting the brand's style. His collections were staged on epic sets; for spring 2019, Paris' Grand Palais was transformed into a beach, complete with white sand and functioning waves. Through collections that blended the classic Chanel codes of tweed, pearls and quilting with elements of youth culture from goth to streetwear to surfer, Lagerfeld connected the brand with a new, younger audience, all the while challenging what luxury could be. — *D.S.*



## 2019 Industry embraces size-inclusive fashion

The body positive movement is here to stay thanks to body positive icons like model Ashley Graham, singer Lizzo and social media influencer Katie Sturino, and for the first time, designers like Dolce & Gabbana, Tanya Taylor and Christian Siriano expanded their size range, offering sizes up to 24. Online retailer 11 Honoré, also made fashion history holding its first runway show at New York Fashion Week, showcasing models from sizes 12 to 20. It's about time the fashion industry listened — the majority of U.S. women are a size 14 and above, according to Edited Retail Data. — *K.L.*



GETTY  
Model Ashley Graham walks the runway in Dolce & Gabbana's 2019 show.

## 2019 Barneys New York: End of an era

The bankruptcy and closure of Barneys New York, the legendary retailer founded in 1923, proved no retailer is immune to the challenging retail climate. Its demise also raised questions about the future of retail, if the store known for promoting cutting-edge fashion from designers like Rick Owens, Loewe and Comme des Garçons could not survive. Still, Barneys, from its uber chic black shopping bags to its iconic "Route du Thé" fragrance to its iconic window displays, will be terribly missed. — *K.L.*

*Kristin Larson is a freelance writer*

## 2010 Lady Gaga wears a meat dress

Leave it to Lady Gaga to wear the first dress made out of raw meat. It didn't spark any fashion trends (thank goodness!), but everyone remembers the dress — it even has its own Wikipedia page. Gaga turned out in the steak dress at the MTV Video Music Awards to make a political statement, urging the U.S. military not to discriminate against gay men and women. If you'd like to see the dress up close, the preserved version resides at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. — *K.L.*



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## 2015 Rihanna Wows at the Met Gala

Talk about a fashion moment — Rihanna in that dramatic, over-the-top yellow cape gown by Chinese designer Guo Pei at the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute Gala catapulted her into fashion icon status. It had a 16-foot embroidered train, but all eyes were on Queen RiRi. "From 'the moment when she walked in, late, and stole the show from virtually every celebrity in the known world, was truly a moment to behold," said Kerry Pieri, fashion and features director at HarpersBazaar.com. — *K.L.*

## 2016 Women Ascend the Fashion Throne — Finally

For decades, there were only a handful of women overseeing major European fashion houses. Then, Dior made fashion history by naming Maria Grazia Chiuri artistic director of the luxury house — the first female creative director in the French brand's 70-year-history, and Givenchy followed suit, appointing Clare Waight Keller as artistic director. The designers join the ranks of other female designers overseeing fashion houses such as Natacha Ramsay-Levi at Chloe, Sarah Burton, at Alexander McQueen, and Virginie Viard, who succeeded Karl Lagerfeld, at Chanel. — *K.L.*



GETTY  
Clockwise from left: Virginie Viard, Clare Waight Keller, Maria Grazia Chiuri.

# Solutions for when you're going gray



**ELLEN WARREN**  
Answer Angel

Lots of post-holiday hair questions ...

**Dear Answer Angel**

**Ellen:** I'm 52 and I have been going gray for years. The gray used to be only at the temples and now it's everywhere. My hair looks like a tiger's tail. What should I do? If I color it darker, I'll have to keep it up and there's that pesky grow-out line. I had thought about having the frosting thing with the cap where they pull your hair through with a crochet hook. Do ladies still do that? I don't want to look old.

— Rebecca S.

**Dear Rebecca:** It's called highlights now and often it involves "foils" (lightener applied to selected strands and wrapped in aluminum foil). This is an excellent solution to maximize your time between trips to the salon. Another trick is colored spray or powder at your hairline and your hair part to cover gray regrowth between salon visits. I've seen more and more of this root touch-up stuff in drugstores in the hair color aisle. My favorite is Style Edit Root Touch-Up Binding Powder, which is not cheap (amazon.com, \$33.99). Other brands' touch-up powder on Amazon do the same thing for a lot less money, but I haven't tested them to make sure they don't color my pillowcase and clothing, which would be a deal breaker.

**Dear Answer Angel**

**Ellen:** I've got the post-holiday guilt trip going on. I haven't seen my hair stylist for a while, but after the holidays I'll be going in and



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Getting highlights is an excellent solution to maximize your time between trips to the salon.

— like every year — I don't know what to do about tipping. Because I am a generous tipper throughout the year (30%), I usually don't give a holiday tip. What are your thoughts? Am I a cheapskate?

— Joanie G.

**Dear Joanie:** I'm on your side. I try to tip generously throughout the year (you're ahead of me; I usually go for 25%), which I believe eliminates the need for a holiday bonus. So, no, you're not a cheapskate! In our case, Christmas doesn't just come once a year but every time we go to the salon. You shouldn't feel guilty. Feel generous. Let's hear from readers how they handle this issue.

**Dear Answer Angel**

**Ellen:** A friend of mine has

been wanting to get married for what seems like forever. Headline: He's finally got a serious girlfriend! She's got a nice personality and a nice figure, but she has long, stringy hair that makes her look like a horse and probably is not age appropriate. How do I politely tell her she'd be a lot more attractive if she got a good haircut?

— Anonymous

**Dear Anon:** If you want to keep your friendship with this fellow and his potential wife intact, stay out of it. Way far away out of it. This is smack dab in the category of, "You'd be so pretty if you lost weight!" Don't say a word. It's none of your business.

**Dear Answer Angel**

**Ellen:** I have a pair of light camel-colored leather gloves I bought for \$25 at H&M several seasons ago. How can I clean them? There are black streaks on the palms and underside of fingers from use — gripping handrails, etc.

— Polly A.

**Dear Polly:** The tag on your gloves (thanks for sending) shows that H&M suggests professional cleaning only. But that will cost nearly as much as your purchase price. First, try the cheapest and simplest method: water and a soft white cloth, paper towel or sponge. To avoid a water ring, feather the edges as you go (and whatever the method, test on an inconspicuous spot first). If water doesn't do the job, try a weak cleansing solution —

20 parts water to one part Mr. Clean. There are several good leather cleaners and conditioners to try or leather cleaner wipes (target.com, \$3.89). Real Simple has a product to clean leather furniture, but it works for gloves too (amazon.com, \$10.99). Saddle soap (walmart.com, \$4.96) is another answer. Sparingly apply a small bit of soap with a dampened paper towel to the soiled parts. Use a fresh damp paper towel to clean away the soap/grime. Air dry. Oh, and next time think twice before buying any light-colored leather items — including furniture.

**Reader Rant 1**

I have no horror stories to report other than the continuous experience of

planned bra obsolescence. As soon as I find a bra that really works for me, the maker discontinues it. Grrrr.

— Catherine A.

**From Ellen:** We've all been there. When you find something you love, stock up immediately on the assumption that it will soon be discontinued.

**Reader Rant 2**

I hid a spare house key in one of those magnetic boxes I bought at Walmart. When my friend went to fetch the hidden key, the little box was rusted shut and she couldn't get the key out. What the heck! She had to take the darn thing to the hardware store to get someone to open the "convenient" spare key box.

— Marilyn P.

**Reader Rant 3**

Why does lotion come in pump containers? It is impossible to get the last 25% out without cutting the container, which is not safe and a pain. It needs to be in tubes similar to toothpaste.

— Sharon R.

**From Ellen:** Stand it upside down (not easy; you'll have to prop it up). Tubes are no better. I cut my expensive sunscreen tube to get at the last bit and discovered at least 40% of the sunscreen was still in there. There are devices to prop the pump container upside down, but I've never found one that really works. Let's hear from readers on how they outfox the manufacturers whose packaging is so wasteful.

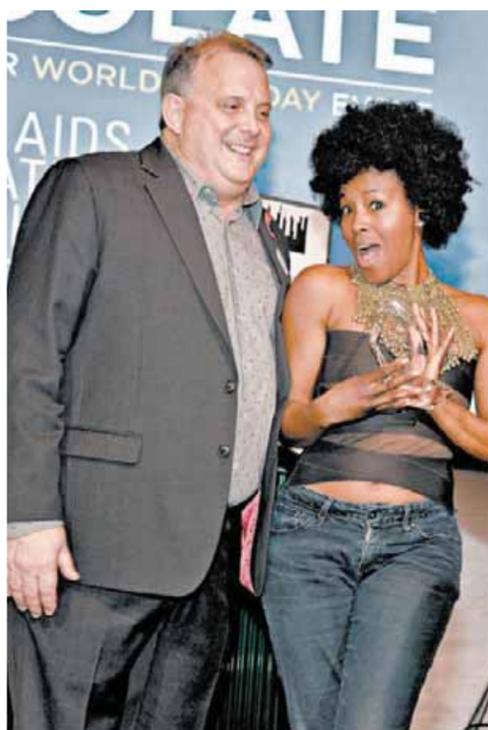
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Glen Pietrandoni and Journey Shannon of Noir d'Ebène Chocolat et Patisserie.



Greg Reich and Thomas Gorczyca hold their awards.



Megan Ambrose, left, Natasha Andric and Clelita Mathole.

## CANDID CANDACE

BY CANDACE JORDAN



### Funds raised for AIDS Foundation of Chicago

There was a dish to satisfy every sweet tooth at the AIDS Foundation of Chicago's 18th annual World of Chocolate event Dec. 5 at Revel Fulton Market.

Nearly 1,000 guests sampled sweets, savory bites and craft cocktails from over 20 of Chicago's top restaurants, hotels and bakeries, all in competition for the evening's best creations. The event raised \$200,000 to support AFC's mission to end HIV/AIDS cases in Illinois and support those who are living with the disease by providing housing, medical and food services, advocacy and more.

The event theme evoked the glitz and glamour of a 1940s ocean liner cruise with nautical decor created by Kehoe Designs. Live entertainment was provided by Metropolis Performing Arts Centre.

Local notables serving as judges for the competition were Veronica LePinske (A Cook's Canvas website), Hank Mendheim (ABC-7), Paul Lisnek and Sean Lewis (WGN News), and Valerie Beck (Chocolate Uplift website).

LondonHouse Chicago won awards for best large business and best sweet. Executive pastry chef Thomas Gorczyca's winning dish was malted milk chocolate nitrogen ice cream in waffle cones with hazelnut praline layer cake.

Other award recipients were: Terry's Toffee (people's choice); Noir d'Ebène Chocolat et Patisserie (best small business) and Crail Management Consulting (best libation). The Gwen Hotel won for best savory with its smoked beef short ribs with Cacao Barry mole and charred scallions.

A check for \$30,000 from event sponsor Mariano's was presented onstage by Amanda Puck (Mariano's director of brand development) and Harold Mays (Illinois Lottery director).

The World of Chocolate event commemorates World AIDS Day on Dec. 1, a celebration of local, national and global progress the HIV/AIDS community has made to end the epidemic.

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](http://www.chicagotribune.com/candidcandace)

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Jameson Skaife, left, Michael Holtzman, Taylor Koepke and Jonah McHenry.



Michelle Dallas, Ramsey Prince, Antonio Viviano and Tone Filippone.



Jovanté Thomas, Belinda Jackson, Jada Smith, Kali Rockingham and Kye Adams.



Kaity Paschetto, left, Kelly Lohrenz, Maddie Dorsey and Anastasia Arnold.



Shaun Rajah and Christopher Patron.

## Denying one's family may bring on further questioning



JUDITH MARTIN  
Miss Manners

**Dear Miss Manners:** I was raised by horribly abusive cult members. As it turns out, they did me a great kindness by excluding me from their lives when I came out as a gay man, decades ago, at age 17. I avoid them as best I can.

When well-intentioned people ask about my family, I usually say I don't know them. This often serves to let discerning people know that I don't want them to pursue the subject any further. What can I say to those who persist in asking further questions?

I realize that those lucky enough to have supportive and loving families sometimes cannot imagine a situation as dire as mine was, and I don't wish to be abrupt or unpleasant.

**Gentle reader:** Saying that you do not know your parents, Miss Manners fears, sets the nosy — and maybe the ordinary — brain reeling, wondering how that is actually possible.

"I am afraid that I am not currently in touch with them, but thank you for your concern" might serve your purpose better. It also has the advantage of being more relatable, even if others' circumstances are not as dire as yours.

**Dear Miss Manners:** I am 50 years old and have been living with a man for more than eight years. I have always had a good relationship with his mother.

Over the years, we have received holiday cards from his mother addressed to both of us and signed "Love." But this year, the envelope was addressed only to her son; enclosed

was a "son"-specific card signed "Love," and a second card to me with only her name noted.

I mentioned this to my partner and he said, "What is the big deal? You got a card." I told him that it was hurtful. Am I being too sensitive?

**Gentle reader:** Not knowing how this lady generally operates, Miss Manners could not say. It is her usual policy, however, to assume the best.

If you are anxious to find out her intention, you may do so delicately by saying, "It was so kind of you to think of me, as always, with a holiday card. Even more so to go to the trouble of getting us two. But really, Lance and I are at the point where we can share one card. Was there any reason you thought otherwise?"

Be prepared for an answer ranging anywhere from "I thought you would like the picture of the cats" to "Yes, get away from my son."

**Dear Miss Manners:** I have been with my boyfriend for seven years. It seems that every time I bring up the goals in this relationship, and ask if he plans a future with me, he always has a reason why marriage is not a good idea and how everything needs to be just right in every way: religious and political views matched, family relationships and friendships accepted mutually, etc.

Everyone around us, including our families, constantly asks when the big day will be, and his response is always "soon." At times, he has even told people we are already engaged.

When I ask, he says I have to be patient and it will happen one day. But it's been seven years, and I have grown tired of hearing these "reasons." I feel that

"when you know, you know," and the proposal should have happened already.

Am I being impatient or expecting this too soon?

**Gentle reader:** Seven years of this seems, to Miss Manners, to demonstrate greater patience on your part than your boyfriend has a right to expect. It is apparently long enough for him to have realized that there are no consequences when he gives evasive answers. Whether you decide in advance to leave, you might at least want to change this impression.

**Dear Miss Manners:** I am so frustrated. My husband is very hard of hearing but refuses to wear his hearing aids. Therefore, he misses out on details of conversations, and if I raise my voice to repeat something for the third or fourth time, he will tell me not to yell.

He is constantly fighting with our son because he says our son screams at him. It is everyone else's fault, not his. I have pretty much stopped conversing with him. Any suggestions other than divorce?

**Gentle reader:** While it is not Miss Manners' belief that etiquette applies any less at home, family problems are less likely to benefit from the indirect solutions one often uses in company. Explain — in writing, if necessary — the impossible situation in which he is putting his family: He cannot hear you and you are admonished for speaking up. What would he suggest be done?

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to [missmanners.com](http://missmanners.com) or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

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# Chicago Tribune REAL ESTATE



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## Room for mom and dad

### How Chicago homeowners are making multigenerational homes work

BY CARISA CRAWFORD CHAPPELL

**A**my Decombaz wanted her senior mom to live with her, and after house shopping for a space to accommodate them both, she purchased a home in Logan Square.

"I bought the house specifically so mom could have her own floor," said Decombaz, adding that among the modifications, she had the builder reinforce stair railings and changed the flooring from carpet to tile. Her mom was able to live with her for 10 years before recently moving to a senior facility.

As the elderly population grows, more homeowners are finding themselves making plans for their parents to live with them. Some have been creative in figuring out what multigenerational living will look like.

Whether homeowners are making adjustments to their home's interior, taking advantage of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) on the property, looking for a new home or moving elderly parents next door, the real estate industry has noticed an uptick in multigenerational living.

Jaime Torres, founder and principal of Canopy Architecture + Design in Chicago, said that Midwest designers, developers and homeowners are soul searching to find the right balance among different generations living with one another.

He said people are adjusting their home to make it more livable for both aging grandparents and adult children looking to move back in. "It just makes

sense from both a cost standpoint and a social health and wellness standpoint," he said.

Torres is building multigenerational homes in Little Village and Pilsen. He started designing multigenerational homes in the area about six years ago after homeowners contacted him about their dilemma. They had bought a lot in Pilsen next to a park and a senior living facility and wanted their aging parents to live with them.

Torres' solution was to build a three-story, two-unit home for both generations. "It's not a suburban McMansion," he said. Instead, it's a fairly modest sized home with about 1,100 square feet per floor. It has three bedrooms and two bathrooms on the first two floors, and a one-bedroom apartment on the lower garden unit.

"The idea is that you minimize the amount of vertical changes from one floor to another, so you have a really simple way to navigate it if you have a cane," he said.

Torres, who grew up in Mexico City, said that during his childhood it was second nature to grow up around extended family like grandparents and aunts and uncles. "And now in Chicago, I think there's a good number of folks, whether Latino or other cultures, that do the same. It's just the human instinct of being able to grow around your family," he said.

After eyeing his first multigenerational home design, another family requested something similar from Torres. Rosy Lawson's maternal grandparents lived until they were 98 and 102 with family all around them. About five years ago she realized her own parents may live just as long, so she and her siblings decided they wanted their parents closer to them.

"My dad adamantly wanted to maintain a sense of independence," she said, and that ruled out initial thoughts of renovating her own home to accommodate her parents. Instead, the family had a new structure built next to her existing home in Pilsen.

To accommodate Lawson's needs, Torres is building a LEED-certified home with three apartments, one for the grandparents and one for other extended family and one that will be used as flexible space for kids coming home from college or to rent out through an Airbnb platform for extra income. He also carved out more green space for the entire family to enjoy the outdoors together.

"My favorite feature is the view into the courtyard which pays homage to (my parents') homes in Mexico, where they lived as children," said Lawson. Designing a new building next to hers allowed the family to easily share spaces with her parents yet maintain physical boundaries for privacy as needed.

Rodney Harrell, the American Association of Retired Persons' (AARP) vice president of livable communities and long-term services and support, said having a good design for older family members doesn't need to translate to a hospital feel. "Thing is, most people don't want that clinical-looking design, it's a last resort," he said.

While the home for Lawson's parents is accessible, she said it's also "peaceful and modern with incredible light penetrating from several angles."

Harrell said modifications like zero step entrances, doors that are wide enough to get through with a walker or a wheelchair, and features to help navigate open floor designs, are some of the ways to make it easier for older residents.

Morgante Wilson Architects is an Evanston-based architecture and interior design firm that has worked with several clients to design homes with multigenerational living in mind. John Potter, partner with Morgante Wilson, said one client bought two side-by-side units in the same urban condominium building so his dad, who had MLS, could be nearby.

"We designed the whole unit so that the dad could live independently, and the son was right next door," he said.

One of the most popular features among clients who want a flexible space that will eventually accommodate aging parents is a first-floor guest bedroom with a bathroom and shower that can accommodate a wheelchair.

The firm has also had homeowners request elevators in their homes, either because they have an elderly family member already living with them or anticipate doing so in the future. In these instances, Morgante Wilson will build just the elevator shaft so the home can be outfitted with the elevator mechanicals when the time comes.

"Especially in the city, where we're dealing with narrower houses, elevators are very popular. And they've come down so much in price," he said.

Rooftop decks are popular in the city and having an elevator allows an older parent to be with everyone else when the family is entertaining on the roof.

Potter has recently worked with two sets of clients who planned additions for their parents in anticipation of them moving in at some point. "When we designed the house, we made sure there was enough floor area, the setbacks were so that if the occasion arose, we can permit an en suite bedroom on the

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#### ELITE STREET

## Late actor's Oak Park condo listed for \$322,000

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

A three-bedroom, 1,800-square-foot condominium unit in Oak Park that actor John Mahoney had co-owned until his death in early 2018 has been listed for \$322,000.

A veteran of Chicago's stage community and a Steppenwolf Theatre Company ensemble member from 1979 until his death, Mahoney was a longtime Oak Park resident, including long before he began his role as Martin Crane in the popular sitcom "Frasier," which aired from 1993 until 2004.

In 1989, Mahoney and a friend, Bernard Dowling, paid \$125,000 for the condo, which is in Oak



Mahoney

Park's vintage Decker building, which was constructed in 1929. The unit has three baths, hardwood floors, a decorative stone fireplace and crown moldings.

Listing agent Lois Harb declined comment on the listing. In the Decker building, Mahoney also had owned another unit, which he purchased in 2001 for \$275,000. After his death, his estate decided that condo to Dowling, who sold it in January 2019 for \$330,000.

**Former Unification Church headquarters sells:** A nine-bedroom, 6,600-square-foot American Foursquare-style mansion in the North Side Rogers Park neighborhood that until recently had been the longtime local headquarters of the Unification Church sold Dec. 19 for \$1.25 million.

Built in 1912, the three-story mansion, at 7450 N. Sheridan Road, had been owned by the Unification Church, which was headed by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, from the early 1970s until 2016, and was used as the church's local headquarters.

Records show the church sold

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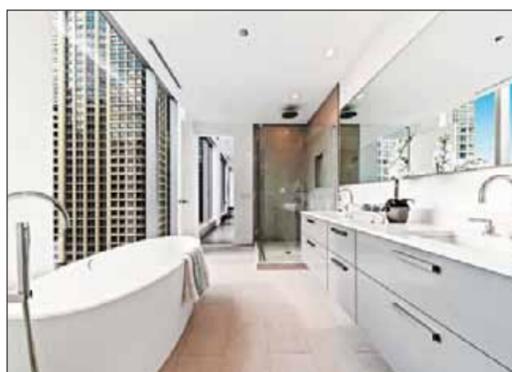
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REAL ESTATE MATTERS

# Take these steps to terminate your PMI

BY ILYCE GLINK AND SAMUEL J. TAMKIN  
Tribune Content Agency

**Q: I have a question about mortgage loans, private mortgage insurance (PMI) and smart money moves. Somehow my lender managed to stick me with eight years of PMI. In a few months, I'll be hitting seven years on the origination date of my loan. I want to take out a separate loan (at 5% interest) to prepay my mortgage payments (including real estate taxes and insurance for the next 12 months in advance) and terminate the PMI immediately.**

**This would save me thousands of dollars since the PMI is \$337 per month. My thinking is that I will redirect my mortgage payments to the newly issued short-term loan while avoiding mortgage payments for the next 12 months.**

**Could the mortgage lender reject this idea? What about the PMI that they're expecting to collect for the next 12 months? Would they refund that to me?**

**A:** You say that your lender stuck you with mortgage insurance payments, but you should know that just about every loan taken out that exceeds 80% of the home's value will carry mortgage insurance. (Of course, without PMI, you'd have been unable to buy your home unless you came up with a full 20% of the purchase price in cash, so there's that.)

To make the math easy, if your home has a value of \$100,000 and you take out a loan for \$81,000 or more, your loan will have some form of mortgage insurance attached to it.

Private mortgage insurance insures the difference between the 20% a conventional lender would have



Borrowers can't get rid of mortgage insurance unless they take certain steps to do so.

required you to put down on the home and what you're actually putting down. So, if you put down 18%, you'll pay less in PMI than if you put down 3% (because the lender's risk is lower). Also, your lender is the primary beneficiary of the mortgage insurance. If you fail to make your monthly mortgage payments, and your loan goes into default, the lender will collect — not you.

Here's how that part of PMI works: If you default on your loan and the lender takes the property over, the lender will then sell off the home to pay off the debt you owe. In the course of that sale, the insurance

company will pay the lender money in case the lender does not get repaid the full amount owed under the loan. In very simplistic terms, the insurance company is there to cover the lender's potential loss on the amount of the loan that exceeds 80% of the original value of the home. In your example, if the loan goes into default and the lender recovers \$80,000, the insurance company would pay the lender \$10,000.

Once you have a loan with conventional private mortgage insurance, the premium ends when the loan gets to 78% of the original value of the home or midpoint in the amor-

tization schedule. For most people with 30-year loans, the 78% comes around the seventh or eighth year of the loan term, just as you mentioned.

Unfortunately, you can't just get rid of mortgage insurance unless you take certain steps to do so. The first option is to simply refinance the loan. Given where interest rates are now, you might be able to get a lower rate and save even more than what you had in mind by refinancing. Furthermore, given you are about eight years into a 30-year loan, you might consider refinancing into a 15-year loan. A 15-year loan, even at this point, will save

you thousands of dollars compared with what you'd pay over the 22 years left of your original loan, and you'd likely eliminate the PMI payments since property values in most of the country have risen so much over the past eight years.

If you are unable to or, for some reason, don't want to refinance, you can apply to get rid of your PMI by paying down the mortgage balance; but you may have to pay for an appraisal of the home so the bank can confirm that the current value is at least where it was when you took out the loan eight years ago. You must also be current in your payments for the prior

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two years. If you were late in making a payment, you may have trouble ending the PMI payments.

These are some of the basic rules, and there are others that you might have to comply with. For example, you generally can't get rid of mortgage insurance during the first two years of a loan. In other situations, the appraisal rule may be a little more restrictive than the 78% that is used to automatically get rid of mortgage insurance.

Given these issues, it's sometimes easier to refinance a loan than to apply for the PMI termination. Furthermore, if you can refinance your loan in 30 days, you might get the refinance done faster than having to apply for the elimination of the mortgage insurance through the lender.

Your lender can give you a list of what you must do to eliminate PMI from your loan. You should also talk with a few other lenders to see what your options are. If you're looking for your best money move, it's this: Shop around and then compare what kind of loan you qualify for (including payments and fees) with what you'll have to pay to get rid of PMI. We're betting a 15-year refinance is where you'll end up.

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# WEIGHING ALL THE POINTS

Paying mortgage points to a lender could cut your interest costs — under the right circumstances

By SARAH LI CAIN  
Bankrate.com

Mortgage rates are near historic lows these days, but there's a way to make them even lower. It's called buying points, essentially paying money upfront to the lender to get a better rate for the life of the loan. And while it sounds great on the surface, it may not be the best deal, depending on your circumstances.

It's crucial that you understand what mortgage points are and how to calculate whether this move can really save you money.

## What are mortgage points?

Your lender may offer you the option of paying points when you take out a mortgage on a house purchase or refinance an existing home loan. What you are doing is paying interest in the loan in advance. When you do so, you'll be able to lock in a lower, discounted rate — the more points you purchase, the more you can save on your loan.

In most cases, one point gets you 0.25% off the mortgage rate and costs the borrower 1% of the total mortgage amount.

For example, if you buy a house and your mortgage is \$200,000, one point would cost you \$2,000. That would lower your mortgage rate by 0.25 percentage points, so a 4% mortgage would become a 3.75% one. It's up to the lender to determine whether to offer borrowers the opportunity to purchase points, al-

though most do. And it's up to you if you want to pay down the rate on your loan.

You'll be able to see any points listed on your loan estimate, which is a document summarizing the key details of your loan offer. Points are also itemized on the closing disclosure, a form you get before settlement that provides the final mortgage terms. Mortgage points are paid at closing.

Discount points is another term for mortgage points.

## What are origination points?

Origination points cover the lender's cost of processing the loan. They're a way to pay closing costs — and they're negotiable. The number of origination points lenders charge varies, so be sure to ask when you are shopping for a mortgage lender.

Lenders may use different terms for points such as "loan discounts." Ask your lender for clarification if you're unsure. Origination points do not lower the rate on your loan, but they are a way to wrap closing costs into your loan without having to come up with the cash when the mortgage is issued. There's no free lunch, however. You'll have to pay interest on these costs over the life of the loan.

## When is it worth it to buy points?

Deciding whether to pay mortgage points depends largely on the amount of your down payment and how long you plan on staying in the home. Generally



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speaking, the longer you plan on staying put, the more likely your eventual interest savings will be greater than the upfront fee you paid to reduce your mortgage rate — and the more likely you will save on interest over the lifetime of your mortgage.

It's important to consider how long it will take to recoup the cost of buying mortgage points — the so-called break-even point. This is how long it'll take for the savings you receive from lower monthly payments to equal the amount you prepaid with points.

## How does the math work on points?

Let's say you took out a mortgage for \$200,000 and purchasing one point at \$2,000 saves you 0.25% in interest, reducing your mortgage rate to 4% from 4.25%. Instead of paying

\$983 a month, you're now paying \$954, saving you \$29 a month. That means it'll take nearly 69 months to break even, or 5.7 years. Over the life of the 30-year loan, you would save \$10,502 in interest.

Keep in mind too that your \$2,000 spent on the point could have been earning a return for you. Even at just 2% interest, that's \$40 a year, stretching your break-even longer.

"Buying down your interest rate through discount points is a financial decision that looks better the longer you own the home," says Greg McBride, CFA, Bankrate's chief financial analyst. "The upfront payment of points translates into a permanently lower monthly mortgage payment, so the longer you benefit from those lower payments, the better return on investment

you get from paying points."

Something else to consider before paying for points is your down payment. Make sure you do some calculations if you're debating between buying points and making a higher down payment. One reason: If you put down less than 20%, you could be subject to paying private mortgage insurance (PMI), which can negate the benefit you'll receive from buying points.

However, if you take out an adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) loan, you may not be able to save enough money on points to make it worthwhile. After your initial fixed-interest rate period, your lender will adjust your rate based on the index it's tied to. Points might make sense with a rate that adjusts at 10 or seven years, but probably

not at five years.

## Are mortgage points tax-deductible?

Discount points can be deductible as mortgage interest on a primary residence or on a second home, even if it's being rented out. However, there are some caveats.

These include:  
■ The loan must be secured against your home, whether it's for a purchase or to build and improve the home.

■ The money to buy the points must be paid directly to the lender.

■ If you pay points to refinance a mortgage, you may have to spread out the deduction over the entire loan term.

Consult a tax professional if you have questions about the deductibility of mortgage points and interest.

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The Breakers at Edgewater Beach Chicago, IL 60640	888-864-1801	\$1,655	\$1,895	\$3,100	RC	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
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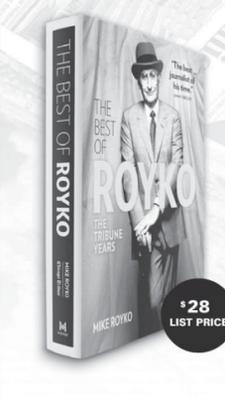
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The Lake Forest home purchased by Camping World President Brent Moody features a kitchen with a large island off the family room.

## Elite

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the mansion in 2016 for \$655,000. Listing agent Bing Tie, who was part of the group that bought the mansion from the church in 2016, said her group embarked on a renovation of the mansion.

The mansion has 6 1/2 baths, one fireplace, two sunrooms, an open eat-in kitchen with an island, a formal living room and a first-floor laundry room. Tie and her ownership group upgraded the mansion's plumbing, electrical and mechanicals, and also installed new windows and baths. The mansion's basement has an exercise room or lounge, including a wet bar.

Tie and her group first listed the mansion in April 2017 for \$2.2

million. They cut their asking price to \$1.99 million in May 2017 and to \$1.7 million in July 2017. They then took the mansion off the market and relisted it in April 2018 for \$1.5 million.

Tie told Elite Street that she sold the mansion "for family reasons," and that she and her family are moving out of state.

"(The sale price) is not what we planned, but we had to sell it," she said. "We did what we had to do."

Asked if she was happy that she did the renovation, Tie replied, "Oh yeah, it's good."

Public records do not yet identify the buyers.

**Camping World President Brent Moody buys in Lake Forest:** Camping World Holdings President Brent Moody and his wife, Kim, paid \$2 million



KAREN LOFFING

Camping World Holdings' Brent Moody's house.

Nov. 21 for a four-bedroom, 4,227-square-foot house in Lake Forest.

Moody joined the publicly traded, Lincolnshire-based Camping World, which is the largest outdoor and RV retailer in the U.S., in 2002. He was promoted to president in 2018.

In Lake Forest, the house the Moodys bought was built in 1997 and has 4 1/2 baths, five fireplaces, arched doorways, oak hardwood floors, a kitchen with a large island and professional appliances, a butler's pantry, a mudroom, a home gym, a family room with

vaulted ceilings and a stone fireplace, a cherrywood paneled office and a den with heated floors.

The sellers bought the house in 2013 for \$1.26 million and then embarked on a significant renovation. They listed the house in June for \$2.299 million. The sellers then cut their asking price to \$2.199 million in July and then to \$2.1 million in August.

Moody's new place isn't far from the home of his boss, Camping World Chairman and CEO Marcus Lemonis. Long a denizen

of Lake Forest, Lemonis currently owns a six-bedroom, 7,405-square-foot, Georgian-style mansion in Lake Forest that he bought for \$4.9 million in 2013.

Patricia Carter, the agent who represented the Moodys in their purchase, declined to comment on the deal.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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## Generations

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first floor," he said.

Some other design features Potter uses include lever door-knobs that are easier to grab, motion detector lights inside walk-in closets, and showers over tubs with lower thresholds. AARP also offers a guide that helps with making homes safe and accessible as people age.

Jessica Sims, owner of a coaching and consulting business for caregivers, said she and her brother, David Lewandowski,

noticed their mom needed someone to check on her every day and be there for showers in case of a fall.

Their mom, Dianne Lewandowski, moved in with her brother. He takes care of the house and Jessica manages the medical issues. "After a fall going down a step to get outside, we had to put ramps at the front and back entrance and make her bathroom handicap accessible," she said.

The set-up works for her mom and brother, but she added that it doesn't have much room for privacy and respite.

Some are lobbying to make use of secondary buildings on their

property for multigenerational households. "I think another recent trend we're seeing, that's very encouraging, is the accessory dwelling unit," said Harrell.

Accessory dwelling units may be the answer to many Chicago-area homeowners' need to live with aging parents. They've become a hot topic with people looking to make use of extra buildings like coach houses, that have been deemed illegal in Chicago since 1957.

"A lot of people in Chicago have told me, through a survey and petition that I organized, that they would like the ability to build ADUs on their property in order

to house family members," said Steven Vance, founder and CEO of Chicago Cityscape and data expert spearheading the ADU movement in Chicago.

Torres said ADUs include not just a carriage house in the back of a building, but maybe an attic built above a two-flat, or a garden unit. "There's a whole zoning issue that's impeding the ability to have multiple units within a single-family home. That's a big push."

Vance has heard from homeowners who want to use the ADUs or tear down their garages to build one so their elderly parents and caretakers can live there. Despite the convenience and

peace of mind, having parents live in the same property is a big undertaking. Lawson said occasionally her parents will have a small issue, and it immediately becomes everyone's problem.

Decombaz's mom has unexpected bouts of confusion due to her illness. But, despite the challenges, she said living together has worked. "Having a parent live with you can be very rewarding knowing you are giving back the love they gave you growing up," she said.

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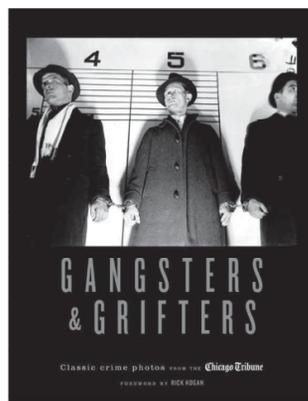
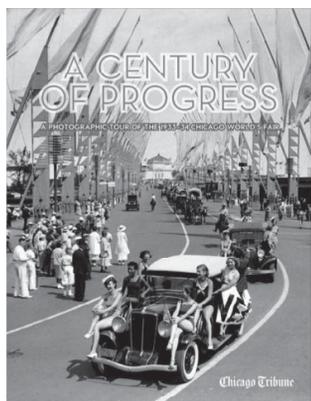
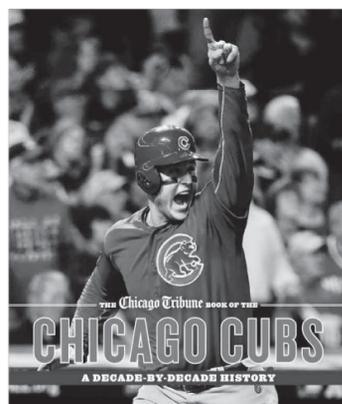
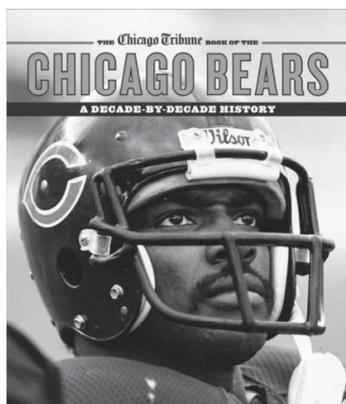
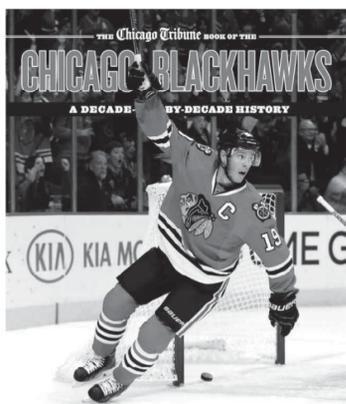
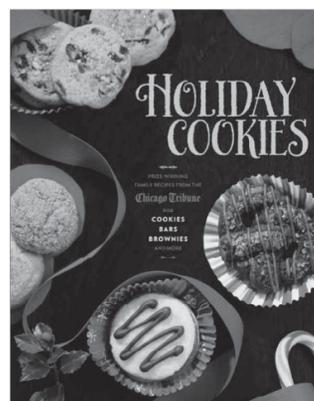
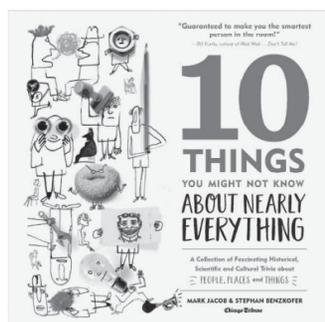
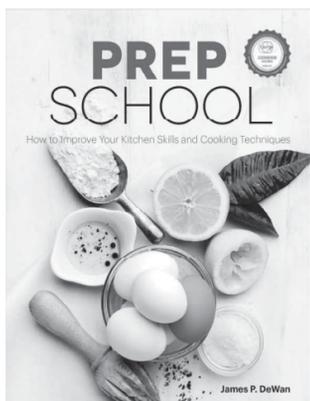
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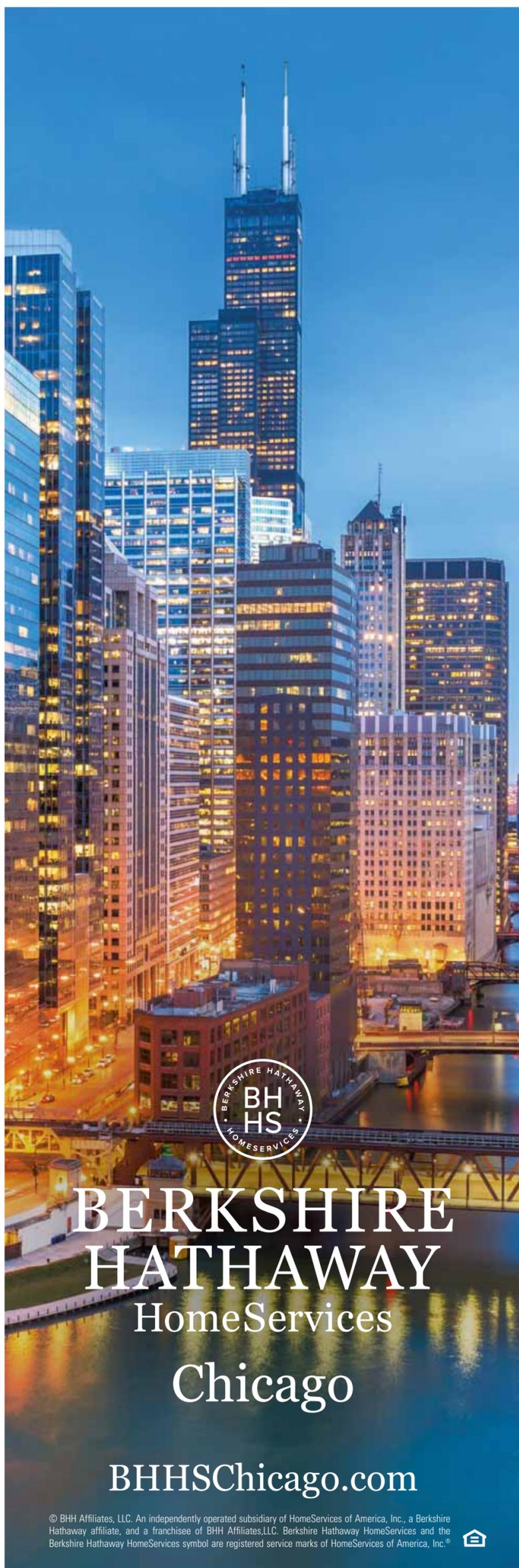
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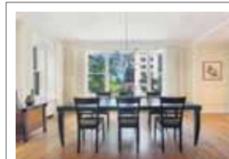
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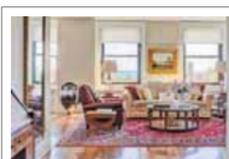
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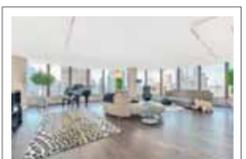
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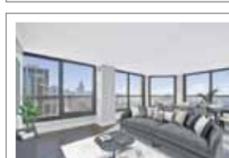
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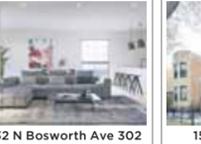




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SUBARU

The 2020 Subaru Crosstrek Hybrid, a compact SUV that can drive about 17 miles on electricity and then switch to a gas engine that averages about 35 mpg.

# GREEN SPACE

## Environmentally friendly hybrid SUVs that have plenty of room

**BY RYAN ZUMMALLEN**  
Edmunds

Hybrids have evolved in recent years, moving on from the original Toyota Prius to a new crop of efficient crossover SUVs.

These larger utility-focused vehicles combine green technology with the space and capability that today's buyers want. The resulting fuel economy can be eye-opening, with 40 mpg or more becoming commonplace.

Here are five vehicles that Edmunds has identified as ideal choices for the eco-minded utility buyer. Some are already on dealer lots, while others will make their debut in the first half of 2020. The list is organized in alphabetical brand order.

### 2020 Ford Escape Hybrid

**Starting MSRP:** \$29,450 (includes destination fee)  
**EPA fuel economy:** 41 mpg combined

The Ford Escape was the first hybrid SUV to be sold in the U.S., and now Ford is back with an all-new Escape Hybrid. As with the regular 2020 Escape, the hybrid benefits from a

roomier interior, new styling and improved safety features. It's also considerably more fuel-efficient than the previous-generation Escape Hybrid, which was last sold for the 2012 model year.

Other highlights include sporty handling and an EV driving mode that keeps the vehicle in electric-only driving as long as the battery lasts. We noticed the hybrid is a bit noisier than the regular Escape, but it's a small trade-off for the improved efficiency.

There is also a plug-in version with 30 miles of electric range coming soon.

### 2020 Honda CR-V Hybrid

**Estimated starting MSRP:** \$28,000  
**Estimated fuel economy:** 40 mpg combined

Honda is bringing a hybrid version of its popular CR-V to the market for 2020. This move is significant because it could turn out to be an even more appealing vehicle than the standard CR-V, which is already Edmunds' top-rated small crossover SUV. Honda says the hybrid will get 50% better fuel economy than the standard CR-V.



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The 2020 Honda CR-V hybrid, a compact SUV that the automaker says will get 50% better fuel economy than the standard CR-V.

We expect the hybrid will maintain the CR-V's impressive blend of performance, practicality and value. We're slightly disappointed that Honda has elected to give the hybrid the CR-V's regular infotainment system, which can be distracting to use, but that's likely to be this vehicle's only drawback.

### 2020 Subaru Crosstrek Hybrid

**Starting MSRP:** \$36,155 (includes destination fee)  
**EPA fuel economy:**

electric range of 17 miles; 35 mpg combined

Subaru's attempt at a true no-compromise SUV is the Crosstrek Hybrid. As a plug-in hybrid, it has a bigger battery pack that can provide a small amount of all-electric driving. You can also recharge the battery pack at home or at a public charging station. Regularly doing so can greatly reduce your fuel consumption. As with the regular Crosstrek, the hybrid has standard all-wheel drive

and an impressive 8.7 inches of ground clearance. The combination gives the Crosstrek above-average off-road ability. Compared with the regular Crosstrek, however, the hybrid has a smaller cargo area.

It's also significantly more expensive, although available rebates and tax incentives help defray the cost.

### 2021 Toyota RAV4 Prime PHEV

**Estimated starting MSRP:** \$36,500

**Estimated fuel economy:** electric range of 39 miles; 40 mpg combined

Plug-in hybrids have been slow to catch on with mainstream buyers. That could change with the Toyota RAV4 Prime. The Prime starts out as a RAV4 Hybrid, which is popular with RAV4 buyers as well as Edmunds' experts. Now Toyota is adding the same technology in its Prius Prime plug-in to make the RAV4 Prime both greener and faster.

Toyota says you'll be able to drive the Prime up to 39 miles on all-electric power, which is an above-average distance for a plug-in. Still not sold? Toyota also says

the Prime will have 302 horsepower and will be the second-quickest vehicle in the brand's lineup behind the Supra sports car.

We don't expect the Prime will be suited for off-road trails, but that won't be a concern for most buyers.

### 2020 Volvo XC60 PHEV

**Starting MSRP:** \$55,590 (includes destination fee)  
**EPA fuel economy:** electric range of 20 miles; 27 mpg combined

Green SUVs come in luxury guise these days too, as evidenced by the Volvo XC60 T8, a plug-in hybrid version of this small luxury SUV. The T8 provides 400 horsepower in addition to its 20 miles of all-electric range. All of the regular XC60's traits are here as well, including an elegant, spacious interior and many standard safety features.

There are a few minor drivability issues. Specifically, the T8's grabby brake pedal can make it hard to stop smoothly, and it isn't as nimble in overall handling as the regular XC60. But overall, this is still one of the best ways to get high fuel economy and luxury trappings.

## GM looks to self-driving tech to decrease deaths of troops

**BY JAMIE L. LAREAU**  
Detroit Free Press

Since 2006, improvised explosive devices have killed more than 1,000 U.S. troops in Iraq as small groups of U.S. soldiers routinely travel in convoys on bomb-ridden roads, Congressional Research Service data shows.

But General Motors is developing commercial vehicle technology that could dramatically lower the casualty count from IEDs.

In fact, GM is gambling that it has a lot of technology that the military will want to buy.

For example, "GM has demonstrated leader-follower capability," GM Defense President David Albritton told the Free Press.

Leader-follower means a manned vehicle leads a dozen unmanned vehicles using GM's self-driving vehicle technology. By removing soldiers from those dozen trailing vehicles, human safety rises

dramatically, said Albritton.

"GM can do that," said Albritton. "We have yet to flesh that out, but it's an opportunity."

GM sees myriad opportunities to use its electric vehicle and autonomous technology in military applications. In two years ago, it started GM Defense, a wholly owned subsidiary.

GM Defense is looking to use hydrogen fuel cells in unmanned submarines, create remote-controlled robots, and potentially a

militarized version of the all-electric Chevrolet Bolt car.

It is also poised to add hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue to GM's coffers if it wins a U.S. Army contract for which it's a finalist.

"There are a range of things across our portfolio beyond just making vehicles that we're looking to introduce to the military," said Albritton. "That's part of what I've been focusing on — to introduce those capabilities to the Depart-

ment of Defense or other government agencies."

GM is not new to the defense business. In World War I, GM made the trucks used in the U.S. military. GM operated a defense business until 2003, then sold it to General Dynamics.

Neither Ford Motor Co. nor Fiat Chrysler Automobiles has a similar business arm dedicated to the military. Both do general business with the government, including the military.



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GM sees many opportunities to use its electric vehicle and autonomous technology in military applications.

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MYUNG J. CHUN/LOS ANGELES TIMES

The 2020 Porsche 911 Carrera 4S sits low to the ground and maneuvers beautifully.

## Iconic Carrera gets upgrades

BY CHARLES FLEMING  
Los Angeles Times

Porsche's 2020 911 Carrera 4S is so quick and capable that it seemed only a racetrack could demonstrate its true capabilities.

So, wary of testing the laws of physics and the limits of the California Highway Patrol, I asked the Porsche people if I could have a couple of laps on their Porsche Experience Center track south of downtown Los Angeles.

The German car company's iconic sports car — by no means its bestselling model but still its pride-and-joy model — is 56 years old and in its eighth generation. The new iteration differs stylistically only a little. But in terms of performance, as has been the case with every new generation, it's a new car in impressive new ways.

On the outside, very few alterations from the 2019 911 are visible. The rear of the car is a little wider, almost imperceptibly. It is slightly wider up front, and slightly longer overall, though the wheelbase itself is unchanged. New LED headlights bracket a faintly redesigned hood. Door handles retreat and sit flush within the body, which is now made almost entirely of aluminum.

Most non-Porsche people won't notice these changes. But under the hood, the performance upgrades are dramatic.

The six-cylinder boxer engine, rear-mounted and fitted with twin turbochargers, now puts out

### 2020 PORSCHE 911 CARRERA 4S CABRIOLET

Two door, four-passenger, convertible sports car

As tested:

**\$154,470**

**Base price:** \$134,750

**Powertrain:** 3-liter, 6-cylinder, twin-turbo gasoline engine

**Transmission:** Eight-speed automatic, all-wheel drive

**Estimated fuel economy rating:** 18 miles per gallon city / 23 highway / 20 combined

443 horsepower (up 23 ticks from 2019) and 390 pound-feet of torque (up 22 over 2019). It jets from zero to 60 mph in 3.4 seconds, almost a half-second faster than its predecessor, and is said to have a top speed of 182 mph.

Driving modes are Normal, Sport, Sport+ and Wet. Each offers slightly different steering, suspension and transmission settings, and each allows the driver different amounts of available power.

New this year is an industry first: The wheels are equipped with rain sensors. If the road is wet, the driver will get a visual alert on the dashboard suggesting that the car be placed in "wet" driving mode. (This limits power to the wheels and improves traction on slippery surfaces.)

I had a delightful week with the Carrera 4S in its convertible Cabriolet version. Like all 911s, it sits low and requires a certain flexibility for ingress and egress, but it drives nicely in traffic, maneuvers beautifully around town, and on longer drives was a pleasant traveling companion.

As a daily driver, it presents challenges. The vehicle rides so close to the ground that, even with the optional electronic nose-lifting feature, I found it difficult to avoid scraping the chin going in and out of driveways.

The back seats? Well, they aren't really back seats. The storage capacity is minimal. Visibility is only fair. The engine noise, while delightful as engine noise, makes musical enjoyment and telephone conversation somewhat challenging.

On the other hand, a new deflector, mounted behind the rear seats, significantly reduces wind noise when the top is down.

The combination of power and precision makes this car go fast very quickly. On a canyon road or two, I found I was overly tempted to push the envelope. Eager to avoid turning into a 9-1-1 emergency situation, I contacted Porsche and asked if they'd host me for a spin around their Experience Center.

The 4S is a remarkable car, and on Porsche's track, I felt quite comfortable diving into and out of tight corners at speeds I'd never attempt on a public road.

## Driving car around may reset some error codes



BOB WEBER  
Motormouth



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A reader wonders why driving around tollways and the interstate reset his car's sensors.

### choose original equipment for your domestic or import?

—A.K., Tinley Park, Illinois

A: Aftermarket filters such as AC Delco, Fram, Purolator, Autolite and even auto parts stores' house brands are safe and will not harm your engine. Online, you can find many of the brands and part numbers that fit your car. Or you could visit a store and have a salesperson look them up or look them up yourself in the catalogs hanging near the shelf. I don't have a recommendation.

### Q: Is that Aquapel or RainX (mentioned in a previous column) still useful for my daughter and son-in-law if they have that system that allows them to warm up the car from inside the house or at work? I never know what to buy them.

—D.G., Homer Glen, Illinois

A: Warming up the car will certainly help rid the windshield of snow or ice, but depending on accumulation and temperature, it may take some time. Even with the auto start convenience, some scraping or brushing may be required. Glass treatment products help. Being basically a lazy person, I use them all the time and treat not only the windshield, but all glass on the sides and rear.

Lincoln recently announced its Advanced

VisioBlade wiper system, available on the Aviator, designed to keep windshields clear by dispensing wiper fluid through integrated nozzles in the blades. There is also a heating element that keeps blades warm up to 86 degrees Fahrenheit to defrost the windshield in four minutes, versus 15 minutes using a traditional defroster, according to the company. There was no mention of how much replacement blades will cost.

### Q: It appears that the major German automakers have permanently eliminated CD players as an option. Is this an industry-wide trend or will the CD option still be available from some Japanese or other car-makers?

—B.B., Pembroke Pines, Florida

A: The "Highway Hi-Fi" was a record player available as an option on the 1956 Chrysler, Desoto, Dodge and Plymouth. Then came the 8-track tape followed by the cassette tape and eventually the CD. Digital media is the current king. Although expensive, CD players that plug into the car's USB port are available.

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**Gladiator**

Sport #200018

MSRP: \$43,965<sup>†</sup>

Lease:

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NEW  
2020  
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**Cherokee**

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RAM

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Lone Star

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Lease:

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42 MOS.<sup>^</sup>



NEW  
2020  
JEEP

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Cherokee**

Limited 4x4 #200534

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Lease:

**\$289** PER MO. |  
42 MOS.<sup>^</sup>



NEW  
2019  
RAM

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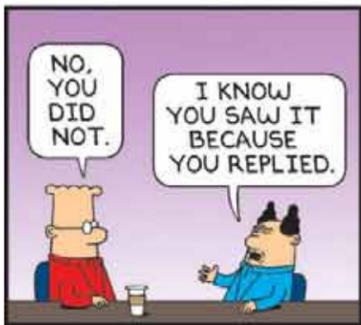
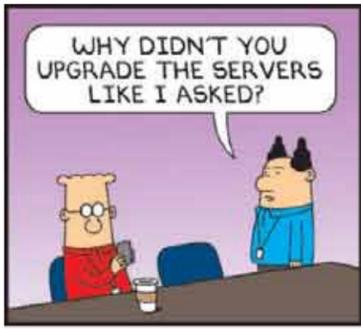
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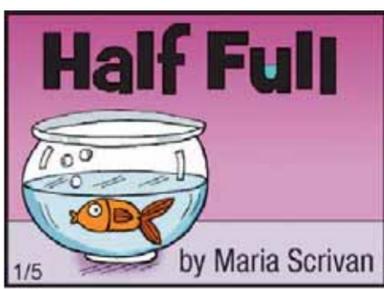
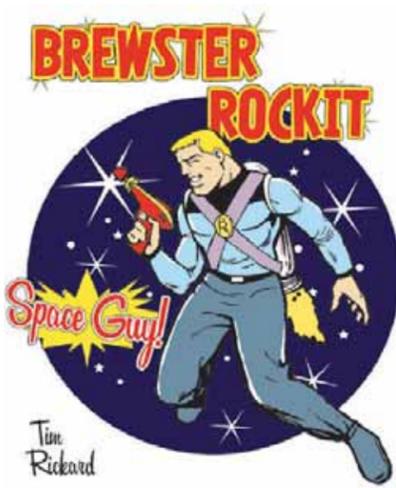
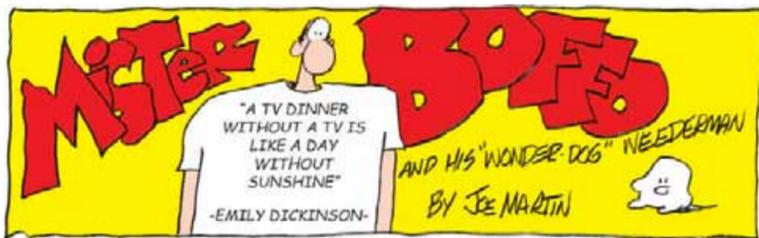
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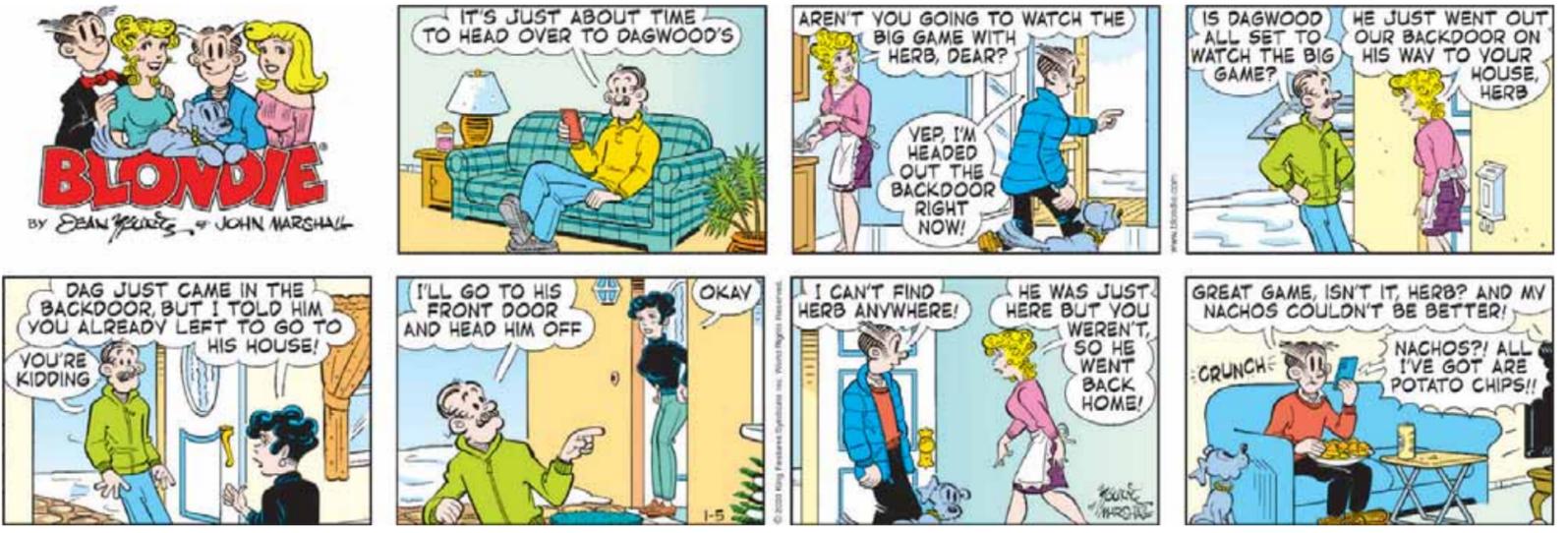
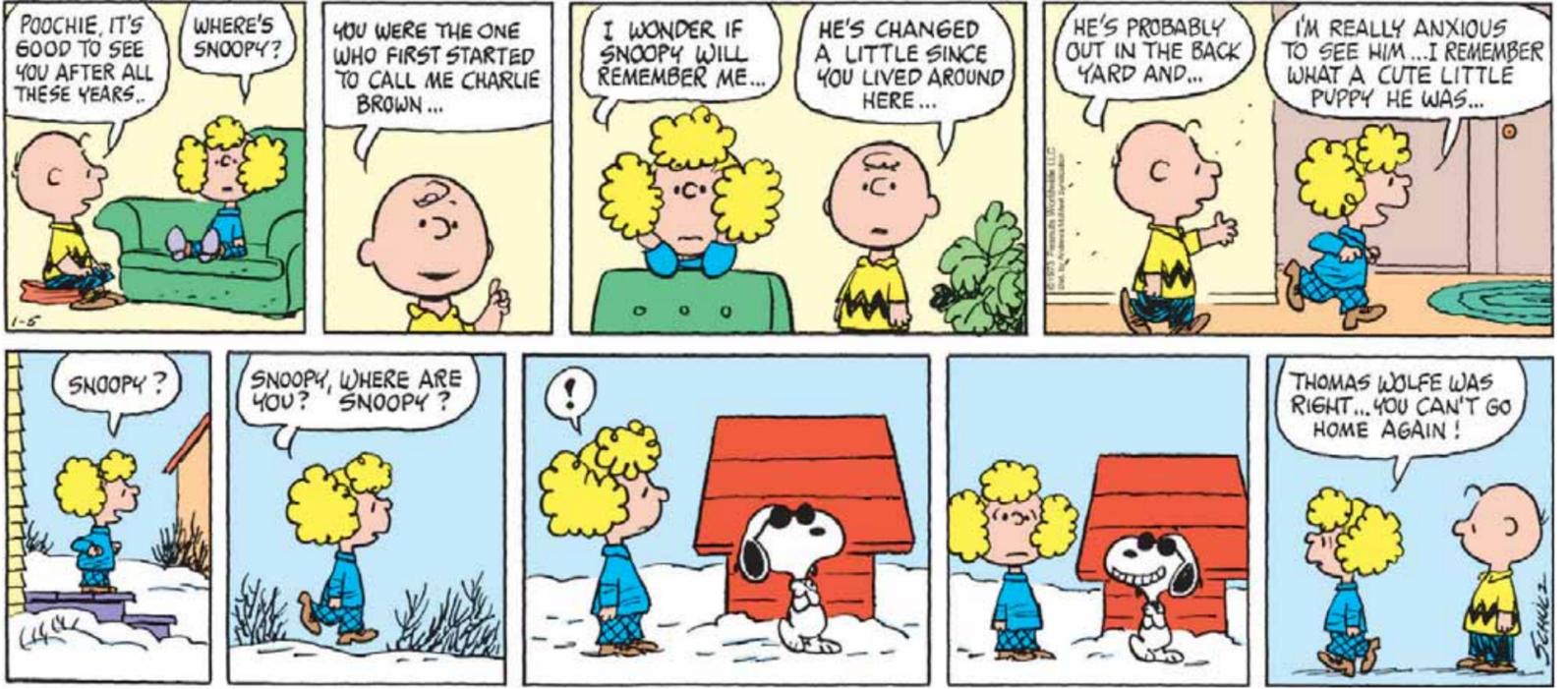
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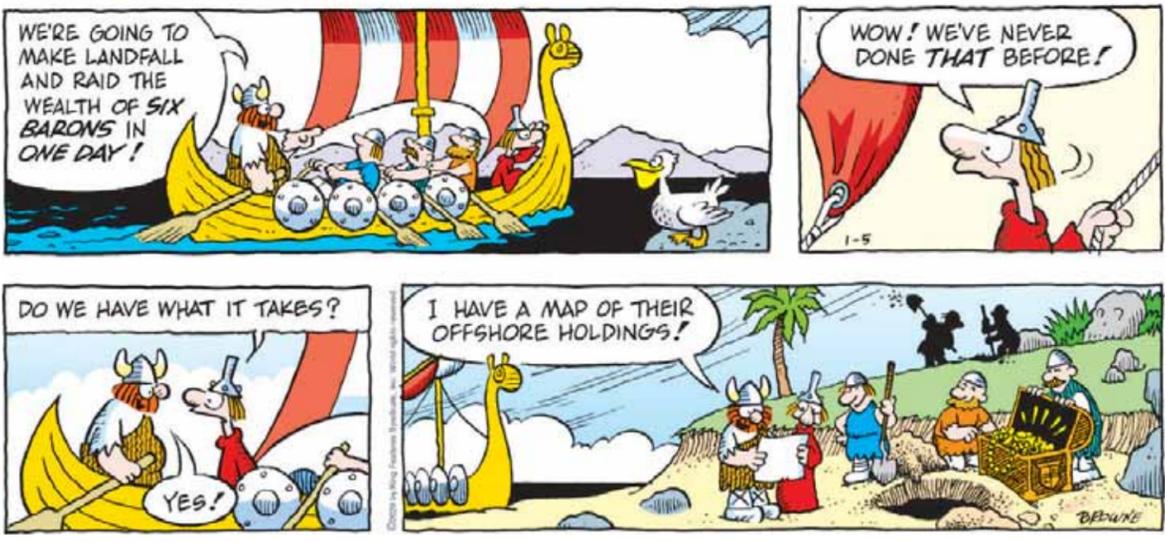
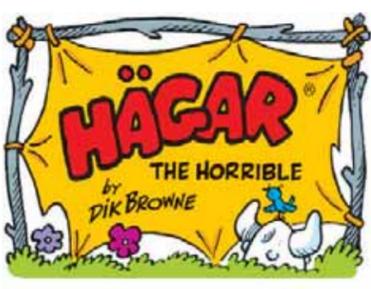
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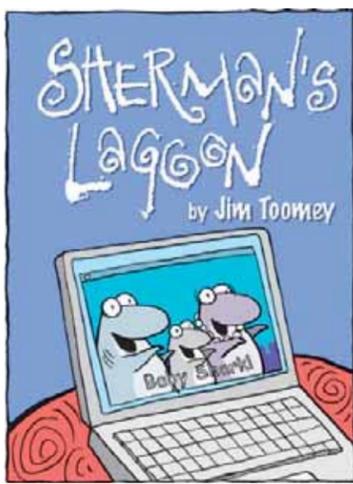


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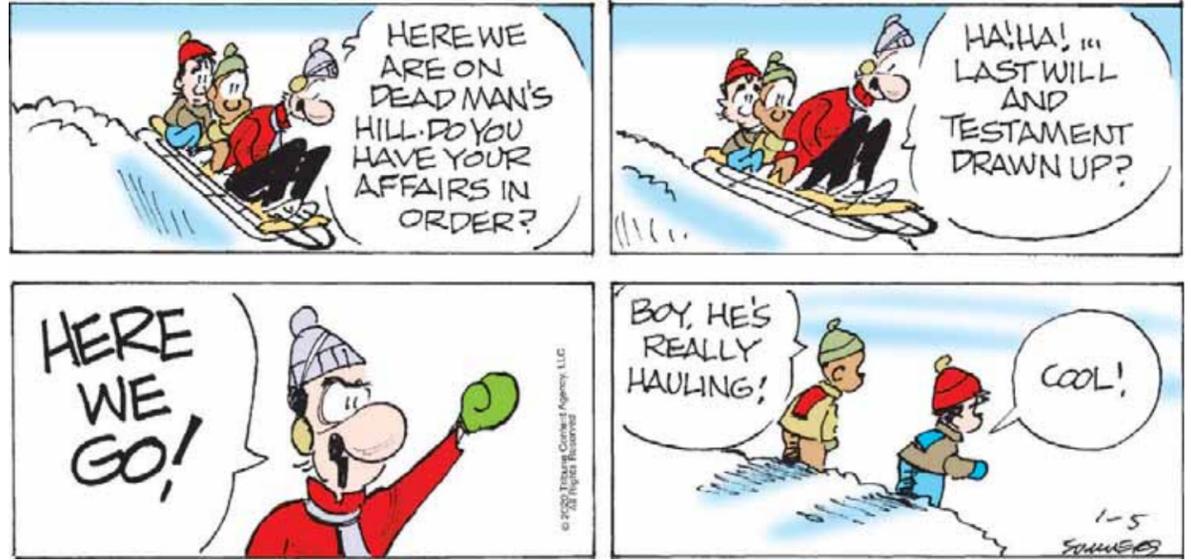




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## A CENTURY AGO: What happened in 1920

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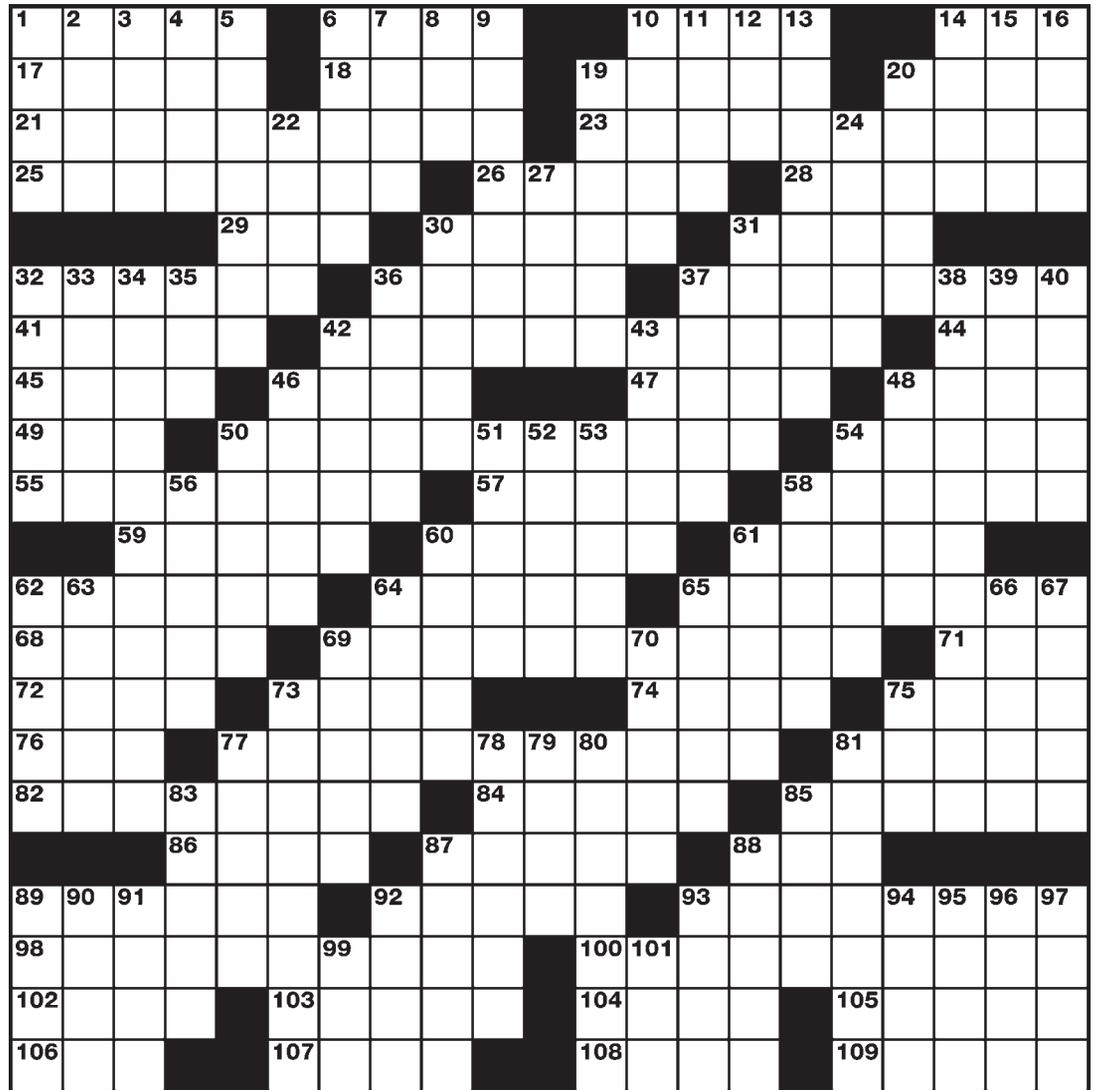
- 1 Text message illustration  
6 Selects, with "for"  
10 Young male zebra  
14 Autobahn auto  
17 Klondike's region  
18 Gather, as grain  
19 Nashville music, for short  
20 Mid 11th-century date  
21 Constitutional amendment that went into effect in 1920  
23 His Memorial statue was completed in 1920  
25 Kept talking tediously  
26 How change will come to Iberians  
28 Group of close friends  
29 Paid promotions  
30 Montréal stop sign  
31 Arcade game name  
32 Gaudy  
36 *Compadre* of Carlos  
37 Kept going  
41 Smartphone screen array  
42 A Big Apple newspaper called it "impossible" in 1920  
44 Emulating  
45 Russia's legislature  
46 Dutch astronomer Jan  
47 "Now \_\_\_ me down to sleep ..."  
48 Tel \_\_\_  
49 Comprise  
50 Star of the Ziegfeld Follies of 1920  
54 Magazine publisher Forbes  
55 Certain real-estate transaction

- 57 Eye-bending paintings  
58 Stuffed tiger of the comics  
59 Hunters' outerwear  
60 In reserve  
61 Up to now  
62 Ecological regions  
64 "In my wildest dreams"  
65 Freedom of action  
68 Up to  
69 Mexican revolutionary who retired from hostilities in 1920  
71 Miss Piggy's scarf  
72 Birdseed ingredient  
73 Dropped by  
74 With skill  
75 Strong inclination  
76 Go wrong  
77 Sci-fi author born in 1920  
81 Specialized market  
82 Finales of feasts  
84 Cash  
85 Add, as an extra charge  
86 Part of AD  
87 Overly frugal  
88 Trucker's compartment  
89 Sharp as a tack  
92 Bistro patron  
93 Holds to be true  
98 Swedish-born star who made her film debut in 1920  
100 Virtuoso violinist born in 1920  
102 To be, to Henri  
103 Deeply felt  
104 Big beverage brewers  
105 Cuban dance  
106 *Green Eggs and Ham* kid

- 107 Show biz award quartet  
108 Talk show guest's device  
109 Leading the league

### Down

- 1 Examined closely  
2 Sierra Club cofounder  
3 "You may leave now"  
4 Most popular papal name  
5 Weeping  
6 Triple-tier sweets  
7 Wharton's university  
8 Arm art  
9 Globular  
10 Princess Diaries author  
11 What loonies replaced  
12 "Bad" cholesterol  
13 End of an experiential adage  
14 Interest group  
15 Pepper holder  
16 Domain of Dionysus  
19 Envelope phrase  
20 Jazz singer Carmen  
22 Sea swirl  
24 Dracula's prime time  
27 Lobby for  
30 Find \_\_\_ for (match with)  
31 Baking staple  
32 Of ocean motion  
33 Lexus alternative  
34 Members of a "League" founded in 1920  
35 Inheritance with a twist  
36 National Humor Month  
37 Hanks' role in *Sully*  
38 Jazz pianist born in 1920



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- 39 Yellowish green  
40 Places for pews  
42 Some soft drinks  
43 Petrol measure  
46 *Golden Boy* playwright  
48 Beside the catcher for a bit  
50 Henry Ford's son  
51 Shaped like a funnel  
52 Imitative  
53 Cheese-topped chip  
54 Eastern European capital  
56 Resign  
58 It often precedes "contested"  
60 Dog-tag datum  
61 Charlie Brown's sister  
62 Went by coach  
63 Become accustomed (to)  
64 Poetic feet  
65 Inanimate zodiac sign  
66 Hawaiian singing legend  
67 Gobbled up  
69 Money order phrase  
70 Gymnastics move  
73 New York Hall of fame  
75 Capped pen brand  
77 Oscar de la \_\_\_  
78 Key akin to C  
79 Venetian ruler of yore  
80 Element #107  
81 6 Down brand  
83 One way to cook  
85 Soft mineral  
87 Himalayan region  
88 Stop it  
89 Pretty long time  
90 Latina's addr.  
91 Semester  
92 Fleming mad scientist  
93 Riverside  
94 "The chief nurse of England's statesmen"  
95 Volcano's outlet  
96 Consequently  
97 Kiddie coat fastener  
99 Director Lee  
101 \_\_\_ Lanka

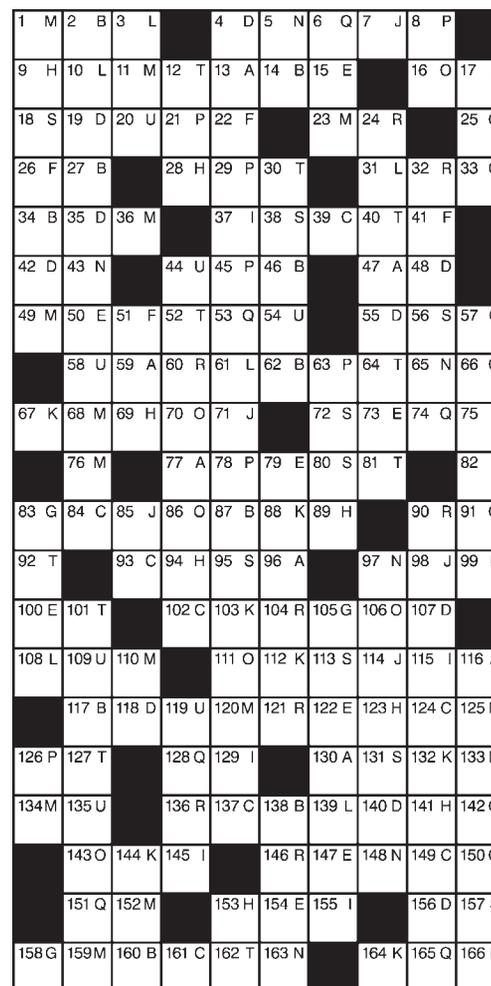
## Quote-Acrossic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

## Clues

- | Clues                            | Words                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| A. US aviation industry founder  | 77 13 116 96 59 47 130             |
| B. Father of microbiology        | 138 117 14 34 46 27 62 2 99 160 87 |
| C. Even-keeled personalities     | 39 84 93 124 161 137 57 149 102    |
| D. Vital vitamin                 | 4 140 156 48 55 19 35 118 42 107   |
| E. Pashtuns' seat of power       | 100 79 154 15 50 73 122 147        |
| F. Those, objectively            | 41 26 22 51                        |
| G. Dialectical reasoning pioneer | 150 83 142 105 158                 |
| H. Final stage of progress       | 94 141 89 9 153 69 28 123          |
| I. Young's proposed state        | 37 145 129 155 82 115 75           |
| J. Gypsy-speak                   | 17 7 98 85 71 114                  |

- |                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| K. Faux science                  | 67 112 103 144 88 132 164       |
| L. Ribbed fabric                 | 108 31 61 139 10 3              |
| M. Steinbeck work: 2 wds.        | 68 152 110 1 159 134 36 76      |
|                                  | 49 120 11 23                    |
| N. Scrooge, for one              | 163 125 5 65 133 148 43 97      |
| O. 'Dilbert' obnoxious character | 143 70 16 111 106 86            |
| P. Complete: 2 wds.              | 8 78 166 126 21 45 63 29        |
| Q. Cause support material        | 74 66 6 53 33 91 25 128 165 151 |
| R. King of cards                 | 146 90 121 104 60 136 24 32     |
| S. Info for the few              | 18 95 56 72 157 38 131 80 113   |
| T. Sign of excitement            | 12 52 64 92 101                 |
|                                  | 40 30 162 127 81                |
| U. Hit the Deck composer         | 135 109 20 58 119 44 54         |



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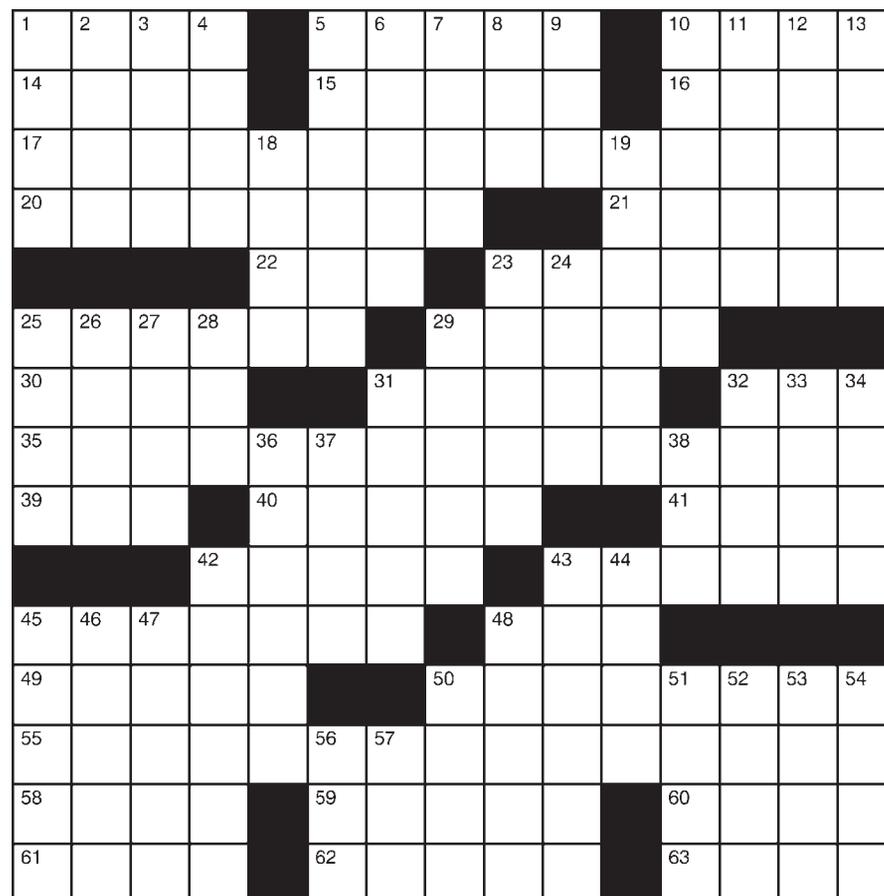
## Across

- 1 Longfellow's bell town
- 5 Reflection
- 10 Wanes
- 14 Fake
- 15 Twangy
- 16 That, in Tours
- 17 Weighed
- 20 Counteractant
- 21 Opera highlights
- 22 Forest creature
- 23 Raffle
- 25 Lassitude
- 29 Please, to Hans
- 30 Matinee \_\_\_
- 31 Polite
- 32 Oahu garland
- 35 Barely visible part
- 39 United
- 40 Maureen or John
- 41 Give a wolfish look
- 42 Songbirds
- 43 China group
- 45 Discerning
- 48 Fen
- 49 In tow
- 50 Barren area

## Down

- 1 Nora's pooch
- 2 Like 1 Down's master
- 3 Engrossed
- 4 Zulu warriors
- 5 Kind of swimming pool
- 6 Paper finish
- 7 NC county
- 8 Depart, in the Highlands
- 9 They loop the Loop
- 10 Game of cards
- 11 Controvert
- 12 Dim
- 13 Impertinent
- 18 Taro root
- 19 Range group
- 23 Claudius's grandmother
- 24 Auditory

- 25 Josip Broz
- 26 Norse god
- 27 Early Hitchcock flick
- 28 Arafat's followers: abbr.
- 29 Catafalques
- 31 Intone
- 32 Table features
- 33 Gardner, of mystery
- 34 \_\_\_ a *Kick Out of You*
- 36 Abstain
- 37 "And \_\_\_ there were none"
- 38 Constrictor
- 42 Cold
- 43 Walk like a babe
- 44 He, to a polite Italian
- 45 Composer Erik
- 46 Straighten
- 47 Tenor Vladimir
- 48 Trite
- 50 Herald
- 51 Just \_\_\_
- 52 Cleo's river
- 53 Name in pineapples
- 54 Cut
- 56 Evenings, briefly
- 57 Tenter's bed



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# Initial Offerings

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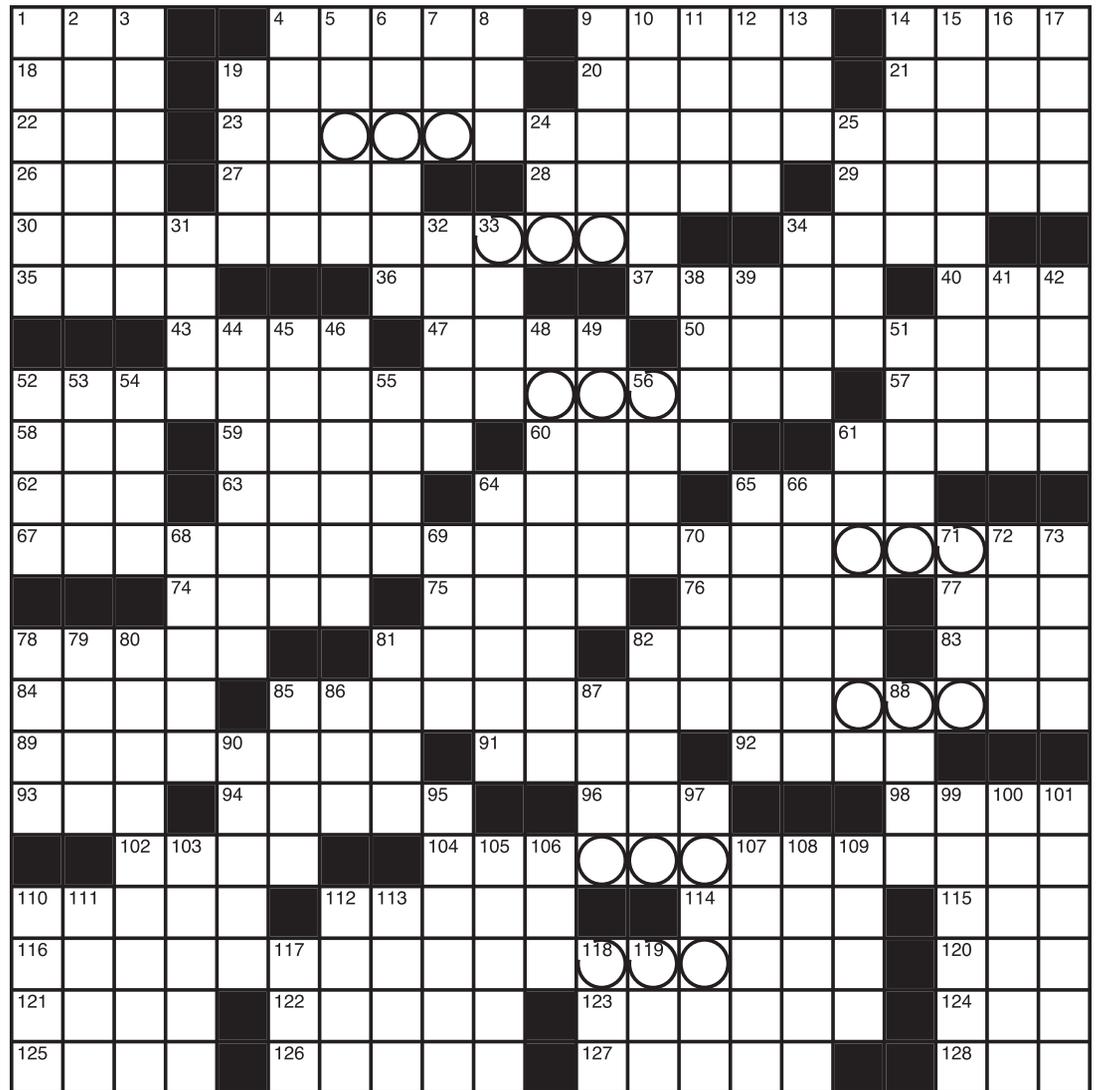
- 1 Extra NHL periods  
4 Official order  
9 Prefix suggesting savings  
14 Weightlifting units  
18 Like a nonexistent chance  
19 Provides an excuse  
20 Queen Amidala's "Star Wars" home  
21 Rink move  
22 Christmas buy  
23 When the Commodore 64 computer was released  
26 Clean Air Act org.  
27 Eye drop  
28 Looks for prints  
29 Driveway hoops game  
30 World capital since 1931  
34 Bart Simpson's grandma  
35 One might be slipped  
36 California's Santa \_\_\_ River  
37 Character who said about her father, "Yet he hath ever but slenderly known himself"  
40 Amigo of Fidel  
43 Doctrines  
47 Tennis great  
50 Hood  
52 1982 Physical Tour singer  
57 Corrida participant  
58 Bug  
59 Novel makeup  
60 Prey for a Hauskatze  
61 Starchy roots  
62 Card game shout  
63 "Cotton Candy" jazzman  
64 Defeat  
65 Low-pH stuff  
67 "Excuse me ..."  
74 Son of Seth  
75 "Gigi" playwright  
76 Assures, as a win  
77 Cal Poly campus site, initially  
78 Zoo features  
81 "Beloved" novelist Morrison  
82 Lab dish eponym  
83 Give the chance to  
84 Word on a bill  
85 What a shutout lowers  
89 Place to get a lift  
91 Aspiring atty.'s exam

- 92 Sushi roll wrap  
93 Camera move  
94 Ahead  
96 Personal quirk  
98 Org. giving G's and R's  
102 Declines  
104 Capital near Siena College  
110 Stiller's partner  
112 Lucas droid  
114 Quick reminder  
115 Hindu title  
116 Highest grossing movie of 1980, with "The"  
120 X, at times  
121 Cut out  
122 Attach with twine  
123 Unsettling looks  
124 Bread grain  
125 Living \_\_\_  
126 Professional gps.  
127 One of the vitals  
128 With 87-Down, fairly

## Down

- 1 Insult  
2 National Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall site  
3 Soda shop supply  
4 Architect Saarinen  
5 Alice's cat  
6 Andorra's region  
7 Op. \_\_\_  
8 Half a fly  
9 Ho-hum feeling  
10 Type of salad  
11 Parting words?  
12 Quaffs with punch  
13 Massage reaction  
14 Ersatz silk  
15 Tool for removing broken screws  
16 Seats arranged in rows  
17 Shrub with a purple fruit  
19 Chip in a pot  
24 Baseball Hall of Famer Roush  
25 Beachwear for the immodest  
31 Lowest multiple of CLI that fits in this space  
32 Thunderstruck  
33 Creator of the GOP elephant  
34 "Death in Venice" author  
38 Freudian topics  
39 "Dilbert" cry  
41 Subway fare?  
42 God with a quiver  
44 Drawing tools

- 45 First quarterback to exceed 5,000 passing yards in a season  
46 Derisive sounds  
48 Superfamily including gibbons  
49 Makes into law  
51 German town  
52 "Movin' \_\_\_": '70s-'80s sitcom theme song  
53 "Smallville" character  
54 Horror film helper  
55 O.T. queen  
56 Artful dodge  
61 More under the influence  
64 Soccer great Messi  
65 Inverse trig function  
66 Big name in tequila  
68 Thinks  
69 SpaceX CEO Musk  
70 Nothing, in Nantes  
71 Madonna's "La \_\_\_ Bonita"  
72 Cassini of fashion  
73 Reference book reference  
78 Verge  
79 "Lonely Boy" singer  
80 Testing subject  
81 Palm smartphone  
82 World leader who's a judo black belt  
85 Long times  
86 Pertinent  
87 See 128-Across  
88 Frost-covered  
90 Kind of pneumonia  
95 Benefactor  
97 One of two in a crash  
99 Recovery place  
100 Overdue debt more commonly pluralized  
101 Quite a bit like  
103 Shiny, in product names  
105 Butcher shop cuts  
106 \_\_\_ choy  
107 Is closer to reaching  
108 Run the show  
109 Bowl-shaped pans  
110 "I'm ready to come in now"  
111 John's first partner on American TV's "The Avengers"  
112 Clearance item caveat  
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117 Bus sched. letters  
118 FRA neighbor, to the IOC  
119 Onetime Beatle Sutcliffe

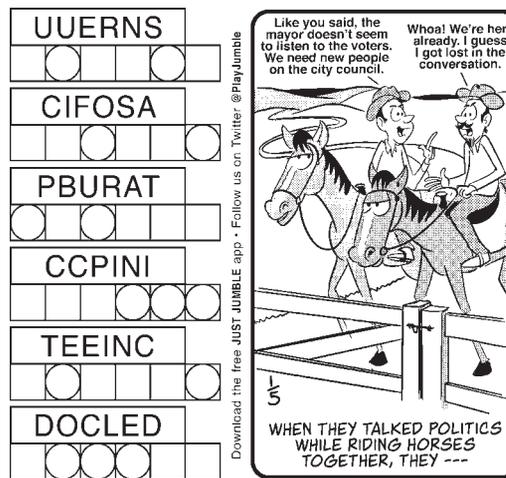


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## Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



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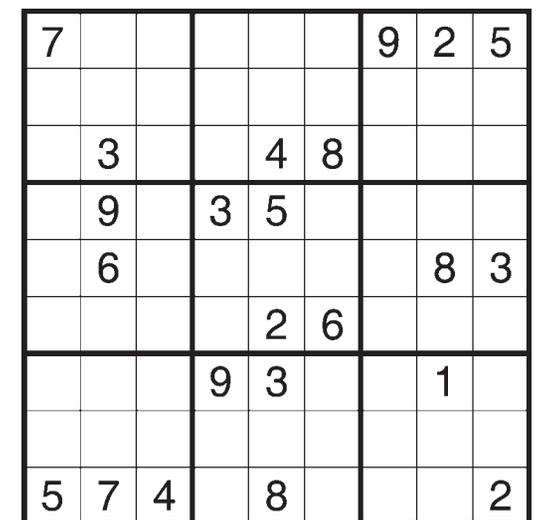
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## Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: **1 2 3 4**



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## Horoscopes

**Today's birthday** (Jan. 5): Fortune favors well-laid plans this year. Steady efforts can realize personal ambitions. Your wildest dreams could come true this winter, before a twist with a partner requires ironing out. Unforeseen obstacles redirect your summer, leading to blossoming collaboration and romance. Use your power for good.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. You're exceptionally quick and charming now. The facts you need can be found. Let someone teach you a new trick. Make a valuable connection.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 9. Pursue a personal project. Talk, negotiate and make deals. Your influence is spreading. Draw upon hidden resources. Take advantage of favorable conditions.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 6. Consider your dreams, visions and ambitions. Plans laid now can develop into long-term benefit. Study secrets and mysteries. Figure out how to get what's needed.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Friends help you make the right connection.

A shared goal or dream seems within reach. Use words and actions to advance for long-term gain.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Imagination leads to bold, innovative professional ideas. Venture farther out. Work with what others deliver. Streamline routines and practices. Your influence is rising.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Expand your territory. Make long-distance connections and explore unexpected wonders. Discover new views, cultures and ideas. Travel and study beckon with hidden treasure.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Fire up your financial engines. Put together beneficial deals and bargains. Collaborate to get more for less. You can exceed goals with determination and coordination.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. A meaningful conversation with a partner leads to deeper connection. Pull together for shared gain. Share feedback and coaching. Empower each other to new levels.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Physical action gets valuable results.

Practice for best performance. Nurture health and wellness with good food, exercise and rest. You're building new strength.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Romantic opportunities abound. Words and actions align. Let the object of your affections know how you feel. Express your heart for long-term benefits. Share love.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Take advantage of an unexpected chance to benefit your home and family. One person's ideas spark another's. Make an investment for long-term domestic gain.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. You're especially persuasive. Use your charms to get the word out about an important cause or passion. News travels in unexpected ways. Express with creativity.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

## Word Game

This game challenges you to find as many words as you can, as quickly as you can, in one master word.

**INSTAR (IN-star):** A stage in the life of an insect.

Can you find 21 or more words in INSTAR?

**Average mark:** 14 words  
**Time limit:** 30 minutes

**Here are the rules:**

1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of an "s," such as "bats" and "cats," are not used. 3. Use only one form of a verb — either "pose" or "posed," not both. 4. Proper nouns and slang terms are not used.

**Answers to the word game:**

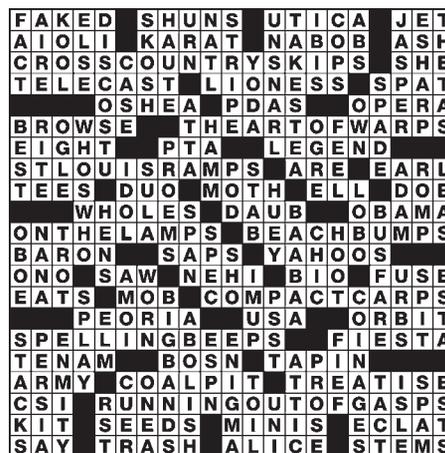
plant; ant; astir; rain; rant; strain; strai; tsar; snit; stain; star; stier; narts; saint; sar; sartin; stear;

— Kathleen Saxe, distributed by Andrews McMeel Syndication for UFS



## Last week's crosswords

### "AFTERTHOUGHTS"



### "Fruitarian"



### "Electronic Games"



## Last week's Quote-Acrostic

GEORGE (Bernard) SHAW: IN THIS WORLD: People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are... The people who get on in this world are people who get up and look for circumstances they want. If they can't find them, they make them.

## Last week's Sudoku

9	1	6	5	4	2	7	3	8
2	7	8	9	6	3	1	4	5
5	3	4	7	1	8	2	9	6
3	8	1	2	7	6	9	5	4
6	5	7	4	3	9	8	2	1
4	2	9	8	5	1	6	7	3
8	4	2	1	9	5	3	6	7
1	6	5	3	2	7	4	8	9
7	9	3	6	8	4	5	1	2

## This week's Jumble

UNSURE ABRUPT ENTICE  
FIASCO PICNIC CODDLE

When they talked politics while riding horses together, they —

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## Bridge

**Q.1**—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A74 ♥ AJ7 ♦ J76 ♣ KQ107

Partner opens 1NT, 15-17, and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

**Q.2**—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K3 ♥ KJ5 ♦ AQ82 ♣ K964

Partner opens 1S and right-hand opponent passes. What is your plan?

**Q.3**—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 3 ♥ KQ3 ♦ K865 ♣ AK763

As dealer, what call would you make?

**Q.4**—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A5 ♥ A985 ♦ KQ109 ♣ A84

East	South	West	North
1♠	Dbl	Pass	1NT
Pass	?		

What call would you make?

Answers in Monday's comics pages.

— Bob Jones

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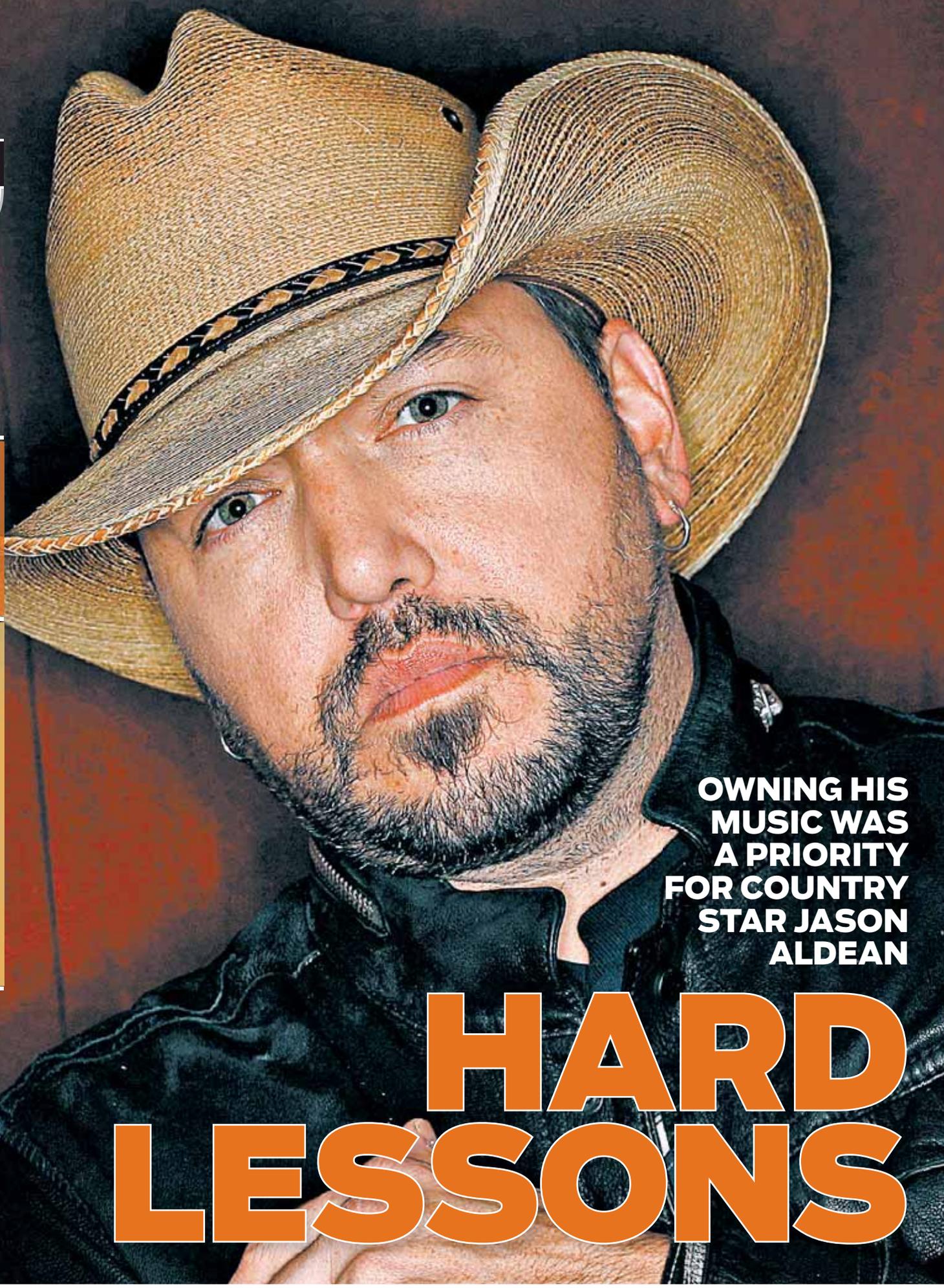
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**OWNING HIS MUSIC WAS A PRIORITY FOR COUNTRY STAR JASON ALDEAN**

# HARD LESSONS

# Aldean: Owning my music was a priority

BY KRISTIN M. HALL  
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Country star Jason Aldean learned the hard lessons about the music business when he first signed a record deal with Capitol Records that ended up never producing any music. Years later, he signed to Broken Bow, a Nashville-based indie label that has gone on to release all nine of Aldean's records, six of which have been certified platinum or multiplatinum.

"I got kicked around in the music business pretty good early on and learned a lot," Aldean said of his new record, the appropriately titled "9," which came out in November. "Broken Bow giving me an opportunity to do what I've done over the years and giving me a chance to have a career means a lot."

Two years ago, the German-based BMG bought BBR Music Group, which includes Broken Bow, and Aldean this year signed a new global distribution and marketing deal with BMG, a big step for Aldean, who was already one of country music's most downloaded artists.

In many ways, Aldean has become the face of the label and is invested in its success, which now includes artists like Dustin Lynch, Runaway June, Lindsay Ell, Jimmie Allen, Zac Brown Band, Trace Adkins, Kid Rock and more. Recently named artist of the decade by the Academy of Country Music, he's sold nearly 12 million albums in the U.S. alone, had more than 20 No. 1 singles and filled arenas and stadiums along the way. He also has his own imprint at the label, where he has signed and released music from Tyler Farr.

Now with BMG's sup-



CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION

Jason Aldean, shown at the Academy of Country Music Awards in April, released his ninth studio album with Broken Bow.

port, Aldean and the rest of BBR Music Group's artists have greater access to an international audience for country music that has been growing, said Jon Loba, executive vice president of recorded music at BMG Nashville.

"In the next year, you're going to see some really big

picture initiatives specific to Aldean that will not only advance his career overseas, but the genre as a whole," Loba said. "We're trying as a company not to just elevate our artists in other territories, but the entire genre."

"I think that's something every artist would like to

have," Aldean said.

Aldean discussed owning his music, a hot topic in Nashville lately during the public feud between Taylor Swift and Nashville-based Big Machine Label Group, which owns her first six records. The three-time ACM entertainer of the year told The Associated

Press that was a priority in his last contract negotiations.

"When I redid my record deal a few records back, when I upped with Broken Bow for the first time, that was a big point for me," Aldean said. "I wanted to own my own stuff. And then when I just re-upped

again, I wanted to own more of it."

Loba declined to discuss specifics of Aldean's contract, but acknowledged he was getting strong offers from their competitors.

"We were happy to deliver in this instance on the things that were important to him because he is so incredibly important to us," Loba said.

"Those are our paintings, you know," Aldean said. "That's our piece of art. And the record companies, I feel like, we both did well. I made these records. They profited a lot off it and got that initial stuff off it. At some point, I want that stuff back and to be able to leave to my family."

But Aldean also feels a loyalty to his label, which has trusted him to be his own A&R guy, essentially picking out his songs and singles with his longtime producer Michael Knox. Luckily, he has other country artists bringing him songs, such as Tyler Hubbard of Florida Georgia Line, who co-wrote his driving, country rock single "We Back." Morgan Wallen, who is opening for Aldean next year, co-wrote "Keeping It Small Town," and Brantley Gilbert co-wrote "The Same Way," both songs that Aldean felt fit his style of arena country rock.

"I feel like whenever we go into the studio and start recording, it's almost like a lot of these guys start writing specifically for us, for our record, which is cool," Aldean said.

Even as the music industry moves more and more to a singles-driven approach, Aldean still sees the value in a full 16-song album.

"I feel like it's really hard for a fan to get an idea of who an artist is by listening to one song every few months," Aldean said.

# 4 photogenic mascara alternatives



ELLEN WARREN

## 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](http://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 Beauty-Garde Lash Adhesive, which is formaldehyde and latex-free ([beautygarde.com](http://beautygarde.com)), or Xtreme Lashes Flexfusion Adhesive ([xtremelashes.com](http://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



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False lashes are one of several promising options for those who cannot wear mascara.

(with a license required in some states). These too require adhesives than can contain ingredients, such as 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/35flT1V](http://bit.ly/35flT1V))

■ **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 com-

fortable. Sue A. should try ThirdLove bras ([thirdlove.com](http://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 ([wacoal-america.com](http://wacoal-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:

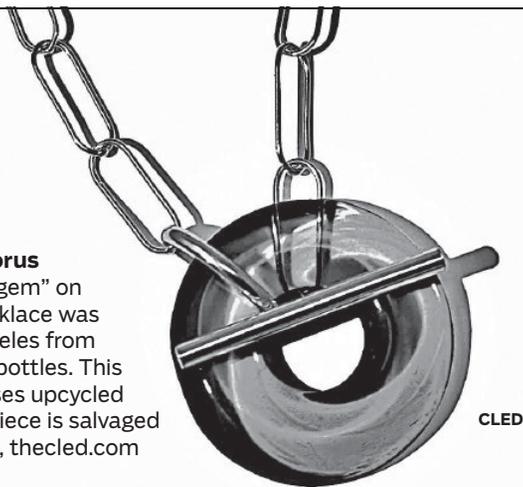
"I have found that covering them with a Band-Aid that has a fabricy outside works pretty well. Then just peel off the Band-Aid before washing the bra."

## 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."

## It's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to [answerangel@icloud.com](mailto:answerangel@icloud.com).



**Cled The Day Torus Necklace:** The “gem” on this delicate necklace was made in Los Angeles from discarded glass bottles. This company only uses upcycled gems, so every piece is salvaged and unique. \$170, thecled.com

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## Save the planet, one gift at a time

BY DANIELLE BRAFF  
Chicago Tribune

The hottest gifts aren't about the latest colors, styles or designers. Instead, what the most coveted items have in common are their purpose. Companies are wreaking havoc on the consumer market by striving to make the most ethical, sustainable, cruelty-free designs on the market.

Finally, designers are using ethically sourced and recycled fabrics, vegan materials and cruelty-free methods to create products that are essentially the opposite of fast fashion.

The sustainability movement has finally reached the top notches of the designer world, with players like Prada and its Re-Nylon collection made of waste materials, and other designers like Rag & Bone and Everlane joining the ethical voyage along with longtime champion of sustainability Stella McCartney.

If you can snag McCartney's new sneakers that are made from zero waste (they're created from



NEIMAN MARCUS

**Stella McCartney Falabella Reversible Tote:** The faux deerskin leather tote is rocker yet sexy, vegan and cruelty-free. \$1,145, neimanmarcus.com

ocean plastic *and* they look hot), why would you choose any other shoe?

*Danielle Braff is a freelance writer.*



THE HUMBLE CO.

**The Humble Co. Toothbrush:** Available in multiple fab colors, this toothbrush was created from biodegradable bamboo rather than plastic. The world consumes more than 3.6 billion plastic toothbrushes annually, and these fill landfills and oceans. Every Humble purchase funds projects that benefit children in need. \$5, anthropologie.com



ELVIS &amp; KRESSE

**Elvis & Kresse Overnight Bag:** This chic bag is made from decommissioned fire hoses with reclaimed military-grade parachute silk lining. These materials were in active duty for up to a quarter of a century putting out fires throughout the United Kingdom. Oh, and half the profits go to The Fire Fighters Charity. \$325 at elvisandkresse.com

**L:la Bruket Broccoli Seed Serum:** Don't worry, your face won't smell like broccoli. It's more reminiscent of fresh herbs. The broccoli seed extract helps with cell renewal and is a hydrating antioxidant for all skin types. The Swedish brand ships its materials to warehouses in each country by boat to lower carbon emissions and uses recyclable bottles. \$62 at labruket-usa.com

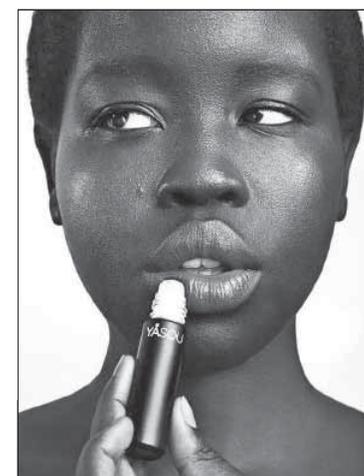


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STELLA MCCARTNEY

**Stella McCartney Eclipse sneakers:** Bring a little attitude to your look with McCartney's part retro, part futuristic sneakers made from nonleather materials. \$685, stellamccartney.com



YASOU

**Yasou Vegan Lip Elixir:** The elixir is designed to plump lips by adding hydration and essential oils. It's made for all skin types, is gender neutral and is also effective in healing lips that are dry, chapped and cracked from exposure to sun and cold. \$22.95, yasouskincare.com

# Online thrift stores give new ways to score

BY TALI ARBEL  
Associated Press

It's not just eBay anymore. A slew of websites and apps act as virtual thrift stores for vintage devotees, deal hunters and those just looking to unload stuff they don't want anymore.

These sites have proliferated as the recession of a decade ago and the slow comeback in wages since then dramatically altered how people shop. Discounters like T.J. Maxx have been sweeping up, while many traditional retailers have shrunk, gone bankrupt or disappeared. The stigma of "used" has fallen away, and many now shop knowing full well they can sell their pieces later and get some money back. Some consider buying used clothes online a more eco-conscious approach to trends.

There's a range to the Goodwills and consignment stores of the internet. Some cater to kids or young adults; some are specifically for high-end fashion; some are a free-for-all. Online, stuff may be more expensive than at an actual thrift store, especially when you add in shipping costs. But in many cases, it's also easier to find stuff — no dusty racks, no piles of clothing, and you can search for a brand name and item without leaving your couch. There's often room to negotiate price.

The best sites create an experience for shoppers that's not only easier to navigate than an actual thrift store but better than going to a traditional store and buying something new (at full price), said Anita Balchandani, a McKinsey partner.

It's hard to determine how big the used-clothing market is, but you can see increasing consumer interest in it due to the growing number of companies en-



MATT YORK/AP

Willie Walton hangs clothing on a three-tiered conveyor system at the ThredUp sorting facility in Phoenix in March.

gaged in it, said Balchandani, who is co-author of a report predicting that consumers will use more "preowned" or rented clothing, a la Rent the Runway's model of renting out clothes to its subscribers.

The best-known online marketplace that connects individual sellers and buyers is eBay. But sites built for different purposes also function as bargain-hunting middlemen. You can list your wares on neighborhood app Nextdoor, Craigslist and Facebook's marketplace. In these cases, you're typically limited by geography as these sites mostly connect locals, pointed out Kathy Kristof,

editor of the SideHusl website that gives tips on gig jobs. Some people also use Facebook's groups function, dedicated to specific brands, and ship to each other across the country. Etsy also is more wide-ranging.

Fraud protections vary on these platforms. Etsy and eBay have a process to resolve disputes. On the others, it may be free to post listings, but that means there is no mediator when things go wrong.

On some sites, sellers manage their own "closets." They can try to develop a personal following by using social media to promote themselves and ingratiate themselves to

buyers by enclosing thank-you notes with purchases.

"A lot of my sales come solely from Instagram," said Haley Gibbs, 24, who resells clothes that she picks up from thrift stores in Minneapolis, where she lives. She sells on Poshmark, a site that's a grab-bag of styles and prices. She sends handwritten notes to her buyers, whom she considers a supportive community that helped her transition to selling full time.

The whole look and feel of Depop, an app popular with teens and young adults, is reminiscent of Instagram, complete with stylized posts by wannabe influencers. Other sites

cater to parents of young children, like Kidizen. It's a market that makes particular sense for used clothing, since kids grow so fast.

For those focused on high-end items, like deluxe watches, designer garments and gently used handbags that cost hundreds or even thousands of dollars, a model like TheRealReal guarantees that the merchandise is authentic. The company's employees, not individual sellers, sets prices and the site takes a hefty cut — it can be over half of the selling price. But buyers are able to trust that a Hermes scarf is actually Hermes.

Reselling and refurbish-

ing used clothes is attracting so much attention that some resale sites are striking partnerships with retail names more than a century old. J.C. Penney and Macy's are working with ThredUP, which operates similarly to TheRealReal in that a customer buys from the middleman, not from another individual. (ThredUP does not have the same singular high-end focus, though.) Neiman Marcus has an arrangement with Fashionphile, in which it owns a minority stake. There's a plan for customers to be able to sell their old handbags and accessories to Fashionphile inside Neiman Marcus' luxury department stores.

# How to bring nature indoors

By **KIM COOK**  
Associated Press

The term “biophilia,” an affinity for the living world, was coined back in the 1980s by American biologist and author E.O. Wilson. We have an instinctive drive to connect with nature, he said, and the more we connect, the happier we are. That’s why a walk in the woods can feel so good, or a sit on a quiet beach.

In our homes, we might try to bring the outside in with a potted tree, some herbs on the window sill, perhaps floral wallpaper or landscape art.

Some other creative ideas from innovative designers today:

“When I first started reading about biophilic design and how we needed to be flooding our homes with gorgeous natural views, daylight and plants I thought, ‘Well that’s dandy, but how about people in homes and work spaces that just don’t have access to these things?’” says Phoebe Oldrey, who runs Smart Style Interiors in Tunbridge Wells, England.

“How do I, as an interior designer, give them the benefits of biophilic design? The answer came in the choice of materials we use in our designs, and natural materials is the way to go.”

In one home, she designed floating maple cabinetry inlaid with a pattern of swallows in flight. In a dining/kitchen space with doors opening onto a leafy outdoor area, she placed a large light fixture composed of colorful glass bubbles; it’s as though a cluster of errant balloons drifted in from the backyard. And in a weekend cottage, she placed a ceiling fixture made of woven sticks over the bed, evoking a cozy bird’s nest.

Lighting is a great way to bring a biophilic element



BUNCH DESIGN

A converted garage project by Bunch Design in Los Angeles where long clerestory windows were placed high on the walls of a living room. Afternoon sun streams through a skylight, and a stepped ceiling creates more interesting light plays.

into a room.

If you like the idea of that stick fixture, check out Serena & Lily’s Vero pendant made of wispy woven rattan twigs. All Modern has the Organique chandelier, a freeform ‘nest’ of rubbed bronze. Arteriors Home has the Tilda fixture made of whitewashed wood sticks, and the Wichita floor lamp crafted of downed teak tree trunks.

Brooklyn’s Nea Studio has found a formula for treating green marine algae so it becomes firm yet malleable. Designer Nina Edwards Anker handcrafts the algae into light shades that cast a warm glow. Anker has also created a solar chandelier made from

shells and photovoltaic modules; hang the fixture in a window and it becomes a solar clock, turning on at dusk. Passing breezes make it a wind chime, too.

New technologies are giving us lighting that’s more reflective of outdoor light. Ketra offers an LED system that can be tuned so the room lighting moves from warm candlelight to a wintry Arctic sky. Nanoleaf’s light panels interlock; affix them to a wall, then operate them remotely to cycle through arrays like “sunrise” and “Northern Lights.”

If you’re renovating or building, think about adding cutouts beyond the traditional windows and

sliding doors — horizontal lighting like skylights, for instance.

Bo Sundius of Bunch Design in Los Angeles says the firm always thinks about how sun and light moving across rooms can be used to connect interiors to the outdoors.

In one converted garage project, long clerestory windows were placed high on the walls of a small living room. Afternoon light streams through a west-facing skylight, and a stepped ceiling creates more interesting light plays. “The house sits in the middle of a dense residential neighborhood,” says Sundius, “yet it feels airy and open.”

something unusual, consider Flavor Paper’s Saguaro Sessions collection. The studio’s founder, Jon Sherman, and photographer Boone Speed were inspired by a trip to Saguaro National Park to make wallpapers that showcase macro photography of gemstones and minerals, with the crystalline structures creating unique patterns in extreme close-up.

Roche Bobois’ Bois Paradis collection from Maison Lacroix features wood cabinets and screens, and upholstered seating, printed with a woodland scene. On the casegoods and tables, the pattern is in silhouette, giving them an air of mystery.

Bedding maker Buffy offers the Breeze comforter made of sustainable eucalyptus, and stitched with a wave and wind pattern inspired by the rolling hills of artist Maya Lin’s Storm King Wavefield in Orange County, New York.

Buffy’s also introduced a collection of naturally dyed sheets, with dye experts Maria Elena Pombo and Kathy Hattori. They’ve used botanicals like walnut, gardenia, turmeric and pomegranate to gently color the textiles.

Miami-based design house Plant the Future is known for biophilic installations like “living” plant murals on building exteriors. They also clad the walls of a Florida client’s dining room in a blanket of soft green moss, and created a 3-D mural out of mushrooms for a client in Spain. They sell preserved moss circles and hearts to hang on the wall, moss letters, and a lush, cursive “I love you.”

And to bring the outdoors in via scent, Otherland has soy-based candles with scents of smoke, wood fires, grass and desert sand.

This fall, Farrow & Ball debuted Colour by Nature, a collection done in collaboration with London’s Natural History Museum. Rare books, including an early color guide used by Charles Darwin, provided inspiration. There’s an orange-tinged white inspired by the breast feathers of an owl; a green evinces the emerald hue of a mallard’s neck.

Behr Paint’s 2020 color of the year is a soothing green called Back to Nature; complementary colors include Light Drizzle, Secret Meadow, Dragonfly and Bluebird.

Murals can showcase nature dramatically; they work well in family rooms, hallways or bedrooms. For



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Animal print accessories accent your wardrobe while still keeping it professional.

## Incorporate bold prints into work wardrobe

**BY ARAMIDE ESUBI**  
Tribune Content Agency

I've always been a fan of animal print in fashion. There's something so beautiful about a sharply styled outfit that boasts a bold print.

For some, sporting animal print is second nature. However, others may not have the easiest time rocking cheetah, leopard or zebra patterns, especially on the job.

Something to remember is that you don't have to commit to incorporating prints into your work wardrobe all at once. It can be done gradually over time as you see fit. Here are some simple ways to ease eye-catching prints into your professional attire.

### 1. Accessorize, accessorize, accessorize

Accessories are a trustworthy gateway to adding patterns to your work attire. A pair of peacock feather-themed heels, a snakeskin bootie, a skinny cheetah belt or a gator-skin clutch can be an edgy

addition to any outfit. Accessories are also a subtle way to get your animal print fix while keeping your professional look intact if you're worried about going overboard at a more buttoned-up office.

### 2. Skirt your prints

Skirts are comfortable, nonrestrictive and, paired with a good pair of tights or leggings, they're your saving grace while transitioning to colder temps. I am absolutely loving the printed skirts I've seen trending and how they bring a versatile look to a more traditional piece. Whether you prefer mini, midi or maxi skirts, there's a statement piece out there that's sure to make all your animal print dreams come true. Pair your skirt with a turtleneck, blazer and black pumps for a more formal but stylish work look. Or, dress it down on casual Friday with a solid tee, leather jacket and black booties for the perfect cool-girl-in-the-office vibe.

### 3. Sport a statement jacket

Adding a printed jacket or blazer to any outfit can

launch you from a bland to chic vibe in seconds. If you don't want to wear your statement piece all day, you can make an entrance in your jacket or coat and then still have your usual work attire under your fabulous outerwear. Whenever you feel like taking your fashionista alter ego for a spin during the workday, simply put your jacket back on or drape it over your shoulders for an effortless look you can switch in and out of throughout the day.

### 4. Put on a pair of powerful printed pants

To me, rocking a pair of snakeskin or cheetah trousers states, "I'm fun, but I also have my life together." If you decide to go this route, you'll want to keep the rest of your outfit neutral, so your pants stand out. Pair them with your favorite solid-colored work blouse to elevate your office fashion game.

Even during the busiest work week, your wardrobe doesn't have to be monotone. Try incorporating some bold prints into your attire and take things up a notch! Your sense of style will make you a bright spot in your office in no time.



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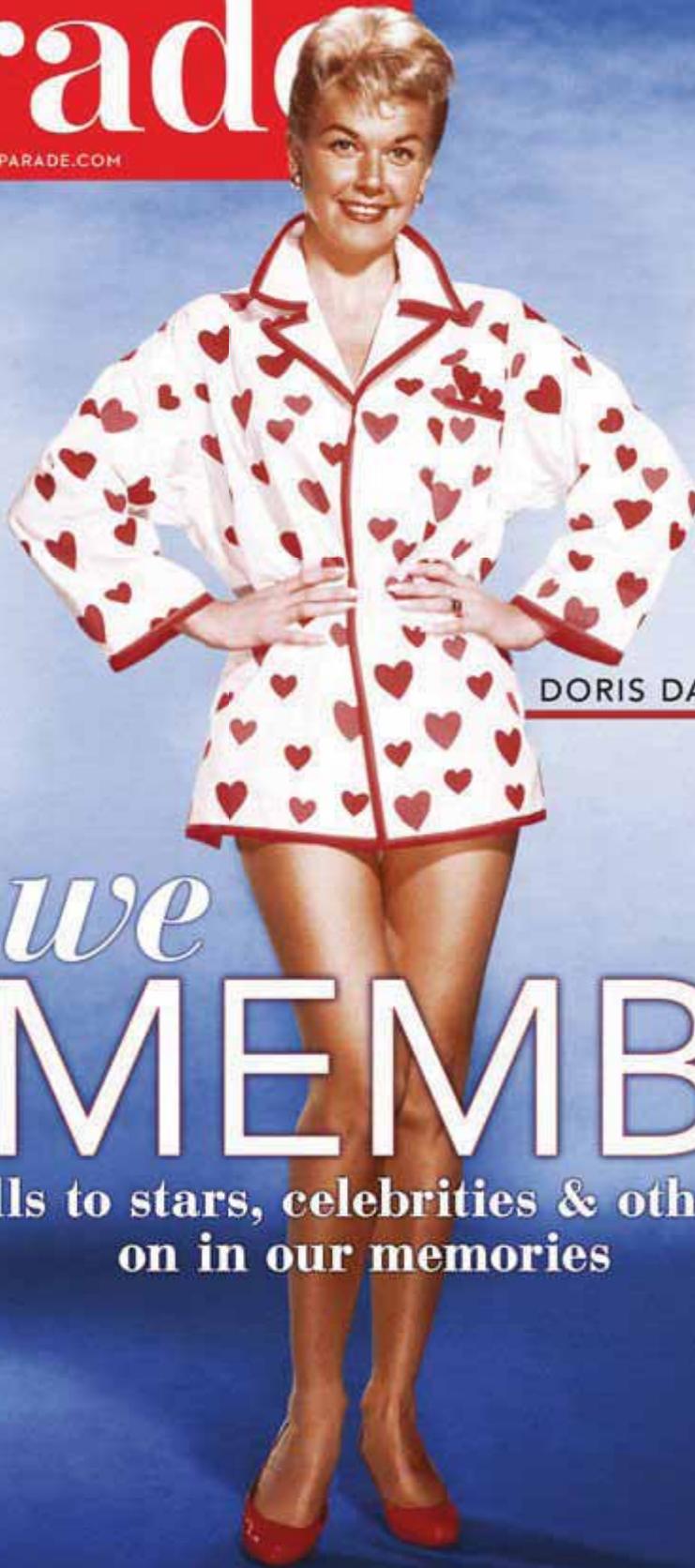
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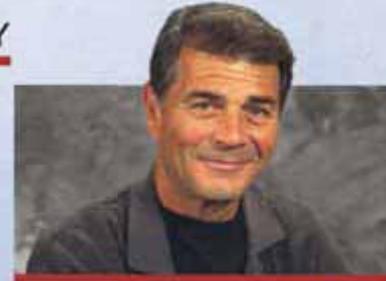
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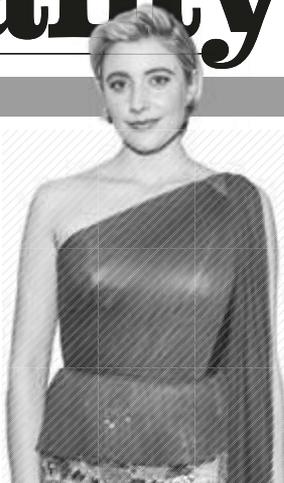
# Personality Parade

## LITTLE WOMEN ON THE SCREEN

WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

### GRETA GERWIG

The double Oscar nominee for *Lady Bird*, 36, is getting Oscar buzz again for *Little Women* (in theaters Dec. 25). Gerwig directed the new movie, based on the classic novel by Louisa May Alcott about the March sisters—Jo (**Saoirse Ronan**), Meg (**Emma Watson**), Amy (**Florence Pugh**) and Beth (**Eliza Scanlen**)—in 1860s New England.



**What about this 150-year-old story speaks to us today?** I thought there was an opportunity to bring out what's still fresh and wonderful about the book—all of these big, inappropriate and ambitious ideas that these girls had—and then also give Louisa May Alcott an ending she might have liked. She never wanted Jo to get married.

**Your approach is to look back at their childhood through the lens of adulthood.** I wanted to start the movie in the thick of it when they're adults, all separated from each other. [Their] childhood is this snow globe that they want to get back into, but it's also something they want to figure out in order to move forward in their adult lives.

**What great advice did she get from Meryl Streep? Go to [Parade.com/gerwig](http://Parade.com/gerwig) to find out.**

**You had Alcott's astrological chart done. What do you have in common with her?** We have a few things in common: being strong-willed, artistically inclined. But her chart was a lot lonelier than mine. She was more of a lone wolf. I think in some ways I wanted to try to keep her company. But she was, as all great artists are, ahead of her time.

**You and partner Noah Baumbach are co-writing a Barbie film. How does that sit with your feminist sensibilities?** Get ready—it does. Margot Robbie [who plays Barbie] is such an amazing actor and producer, and she has a very specific idea of how to come at this. Barbie's on board to do something radical.

### ADAM SANDLER Like You've Never Seen Him

Sandler is getting rave reviews for his starring role in the crime thriller *Uncut Gems* (in theaters now). It's the story of New York City jeweler Howard Ratner (Sandler) trying to score big as a con man who runs into all sorts of unsavory characters. "I only got one face, I only got one voice, but I tried to think differently [for Howard]," says Sandler, best known for his goofball performances in comedies like *The Waterboy*, *Little Nicky*, *Happy Gilmore* and *Billy Madison*.



Hollywood has been "big" on Louisa May Alcott's classic novel for more than a century.

**1933** Katharine Hepburn starred as daughter Jo in this early version—but it wasn't the first. There were silent movies as early as 1917.



**1949** The star-studded cast included **Elizabeth Taylor** (Amy), **Janet Leigh** (Meg), **Margaret O'Brien** (Beth) and **June Allyson** (Jo), with former silent film star **Mary Astor** as Mrs. "Marmee" March.

**1978** Some recognizable TV names—**Meredith Baxter**, **Susan Dey**, **Eve Plumb** and Robert Young—helped make this NBC miniseries a hit with fans.



**1994** **Claire Danes** made her feature film debut in this adaptation, which also starred **Winona Ryder**, Kirsten Dunst, Christian Bale and Eric Stoltz.

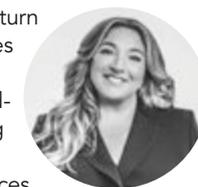


**2018** **Lea Thompson** starred—as Marmee—in this modern retelling, released in theaters to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the first publishing of Alcott's novel in 1868.



### Supernanny to the Rescue

Supernanny **Jo Frost** makes her return to television for 20 all-new episodes (Jan. 1 on Lifetime) in which the child-rearing expert helps stressed-out parents tackle issues, including postpartum depression, ADHD, kids obsessed with electronic devices, blended families struggling with children acting out and military and first-responder spouses facing separation. "These families are very vulnerable," Frost, 48, says. "I go into a family's home to support them, be a voice for children who need to be heard and find solutions to problems."



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# Stay Healthy



## THESE 6 THINGS ARE BAD FOR YOUR EYES

You're protecting your eyes from the sun, but do you know about these other dangers?

By Sheryl Kraft

"Although some causes of vision loss can't be prevented, many can be avoided by taking simple precautions," says Jeffrey Goshe, M.D., an ophthalmologist at Cleveland Clinic Cole Eye Institute. Here's how to protect yourself from activities that can endanger your eyes.

**EATING TOO MUCH JUNK FOOD** Here's another reason to live by the advice "everything in moderation": Too much junk food may affect your sight. A 2019 issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine* reported that it happened to a teenage boy. The teen's steady diet of potato chips, french fries and deli meat deprived his body of some of the essential vitamins and nutrients for eye health (called "nutritional optic neuropathy," a form of malnutrition), including vitamin B12, vitamin A, iron, calcium, magnesium and copper. At 17, he was declared legally blind.

While this boy's vision issue is extreme, good nutrition matters for all of us: Eating foods high on the glycemic index (like refined starches and sugars) could contribute to the development of age-related macular degeneration (AMD), the leading cause of blindness in adults over 60, according to a study published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.

**2 NOT CLEANING YOUR CONTACT LENSES** Dirty contacts can cause severe eye infections, like Acanthamoeba or fungal keratitis, or other chronic damage. That's why you should always rub your lenses, even if you use a "no-rub" solution to clean and disinfect, says Goshe. This helps clear them of proteins from your tears, dust, pollen and other particles.

**3 USING OLD MASCARA** It may look and smell OK, but using too-old mascara puts you at risk for a serious eye infection. Although usually safe when you first purchase it, the tube—which is dark and moist inside—offers bacteria a friendly breeding ground and may put you at risk for an infection (at best) or temporary or permanent blindness (at worst). To keep your eyes safe, experts say to toss your mascara after three months. And never share with family or friends or use a communal tester at a beauty counter.

**4 NOT WEARING SAFETY GLASSES** Fact: Almost half of all eye injuries happen at home. That's why it's important for anyone using tools, machinery, landscaping equipment or anything capable of creating high-velocity projectiles (and that includes opening a champagne bottle and cooking with oil or grease!) to wear protective eyewear to prevent injuries, says Goshe. Surveys show that only 35 percent of people wear protective eyewear while doing home repairs or projects, yet taking this simple step goes a long way—wearing it can prevent 90 percent of eye injuries. Tip: Bystanders are at risk too, especially small children or grandchildren who stand by watching others mow or cook.

**5 IGNORING FLASHES OR FLOATERS** Almost everyone has the occasional floater, which is not the sign of a problem, says Craig See, M.D., an ophthalmologist at Cleveland Clinic. Those specks, transparent threads or cobweb-like images that drift across the line of vision are usually caused by age-related changes or conditions such as diabetes, inflammation in the back of your eye or bleeding in your eye. Though painless, they're not always harmless: A sudden increase in floaters and/or blurry vision, or "flashes" usually seen in your peripheral vision (and most noticeable in the dark), could indicate a retinal tear or detachment, which can threaten your sight and cause permanent vision loss. Retinal tears or detachments are treated with surgery or lasers, but your vision will stand a better chance of recovery if you act fast.

**6 HANGING AROUND SMOKERS** You know that smoking or being exposed to secondhand smoke can cause heart disease and lung cancer, but did you know it could harm your sight too? Smokers have three to four times the risk of developing age-related macular degeneration than nonsmokers. Smoking also increases the risk of cataracts. If you smoke 15 or more cigarettes a day, your chance of developing cataracts, which can cloud and impair your vision, is three times greater than that of a nonsmoker.

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- In some patients, injections with EYLEA may cause a temporary increase in eye pressure within 1 hour of the injection. Sustained increases in eye pressure have been reported with repeated injections, and your doctor may monitor this after each injection.
- There is a potential risk of serious and sometimes fatal side effects related to blood clots, leading to heart attack or stroke in patients receiving EYLEA.

- Serious side effects related to the injection procedure with EYLEA are rare but can occur including infection inside the eye and retinal detachment.
- The most common side effects reported in patients receiving EYLEA are increased redness in the eye, eye pain, cataract, vitreous (gel-like substance) detachment, vitreous floaters, moving spots in the field of vision, and increased pressure in the eye.
- It is important that you contact your doctor right away if you think you might be experiencing any side effects, including eye pain or redness, light sensitivity, or blurring of vision, after an injection.
- EYLEA is for prescription use only. For additional safety information, please talk to your doctor and see the full Prescribing Information for EYLEA.

**You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch), or call 1-800-FDA-1088.**

**Please see the Consumer Brief Summary on the adjacent page.**



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## Consumer Brief Summary

This summary contains risk and safety information for patients about EYLEA. It does not include all the information about EYLEA and does not take the place of talking to your eye doctor about your medical condition or treatment.

### What is EYLEA?

EYLEA is a prescription medicine that works by blocking vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF). VEGF can cause fluid to leak into the macula (the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye responsible for sharp central vision). Blocking VEGF helps reduce fluid from leaking into the macula.

### What is EYLEA used for?

EYLEA is indicated for the treatment of patients with:

- Neovascular (Wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)
- Macular Edema Following Retinal Vein Occlusion (RVO)
- Diabetic Macular Edema (DME)
- Diabetic Retinopathy (DR)

### How is EYLEA given?

EYLEA is an injection administered by your eye doctor into the eye. Depending on your condition, EYLEA injections are given on different schedules. Consult with your eye doctor to confirm which EYLEA schedule is appropriate for you.

### Who should not use EYLEA?

Do not use EYLEA if you have an infection in or around the eye, eye pain or redness, inflammation in the eye, or are allergic to aflibercept and/or any other ingredients in EYLEA.

### What is the most important information I should know about EYLEA?

- EYLEA must only be administered by a qualified eye doctor. Injection into the eye with EYLEA can result in an infection in the eye and retinal detachment (separation of retina from back of the eye). Inflammation in the eye has been reported with the use of EYLEA. If your eye becomes red, sensitive to light, painful, or develops a change in vision, seek immediate care from an eye doctor
- In some patients, injections with EYLEA may cause a temporary increase in eye pressure within 1 hour of the injection. Sustained increases in eye pressure have been reported with repeated injections, and your eye doctor may monitor this after each injection
- There is a potential risk of serious and sometimes fatal side effects related to blood clots, leading to heart attack or stroke in patients receiving EYLEA
- Serious side effects related to the injection procedure with EYLEA are rare but can occur including infection inside the eye and retinal detachment
- You may experience temporary visual problems after receiving EYLEA and also during and/or after the eye doctor visits that will follow. Avoid driving or using machinery until your sight has recovered

- Because EYLEA is composed of large molecules, your body may react to it; therefore, there is a potential for an immune response (allergy-like) in patients treated with EYLEA

### What are possible side effects of EYLEA?

#### EYLEA can cause serious side effects, including

- See important safety information listed under “What is the most important information I should know about EYLEA?”

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.

**It is important that you contact your doctor right away if you think you might be experiencing any side effects, including eye pain or redness, light sensitivity, or blurring of vision, after an injection.**

**You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA.**

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### What should I tell my eye doctor before receiving EYLEA?

- Tell your eye doctor if you have any medical conditions
- Tell your eye doctor if you are pregnant or are planning to become pregnant. It is not known if EYLEA may harm your unborn baby
- Tell your eye doctor if you are breastfeeding. It is not known if EYLEA may harm your baby. You and your eye doctor should decide whether you should be treated with EYLEA or breastfeed, but you should not do both

### How is EYLEA supplied?

EYLEA is supplied in a clear, colorless to pale yellow solution. It is provided in a pre-filled glass syringe or glass vial containing the amount of product required for a single injection into the eye, which is 0.05 mL (or 2 mg of the medicine product).

### Where can I learn more about EYLEA?

For more information, talk to your eye doctor and see the full Prescribing Information at [EYLEA.com](http://EYLEA.com).



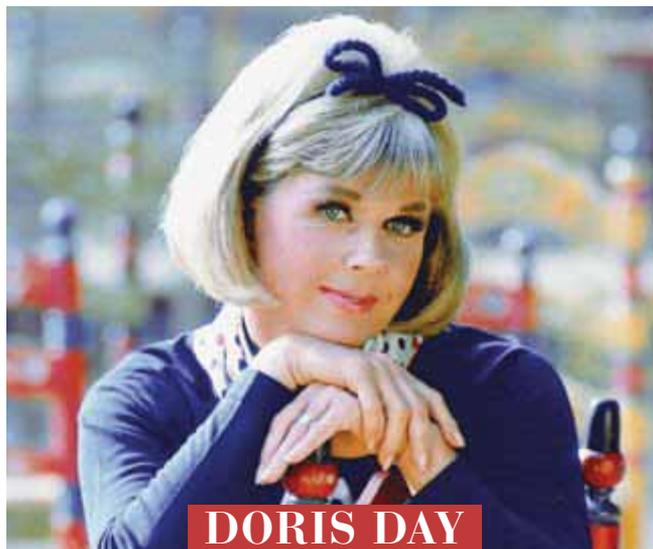
# WE REMEMBER

## Fond farewells to stars, celebrities and others who'll live on in our memories

BY SAMUEL R. MURRIAN

**W**hy look back? “It’s always been important to remember,” says Ben Mankiewicz, a host on TV’s Turner Classic Movies network. “It’s more than just nostalgia. Acknowledging our history and celebrating it is critical to moving forward as a society. It makes it particularly important to acknowledge where we came from. Celebrating the lives of great artists is a huge part of it.”

We forge a unique and powerful bond with public figures and celebrities, says Mo Rocca, a correspondent for *CBS Sunday Morning*, host of TV’s *The Henry Ford’s Innovation Nation* and author of the recent book *Mobituaries: Great Lives Worth Reliving*. “People who we see on TV, I think especially, become part of our lives,” he says. “We mourn them. Maybe not in the same way we mourn family members, but they’re a part of us.”



**A**n icon of the big screen, the actress, singer and animal welfare activist rose to prominence in the golden age of Hollywood, best known for pictures made with co-star Rock Hudson. She sang in many movies, but most memorable may be her haunting rendition of “Que Sera, Sera (Whatever Will Be, Will Be)” in Alfred Hitchcock’s *The Man Who Knew Too Much*. Day was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004, and was 97 when she died May 13. “She managed to be sunny without ever being saccharine, and I think that’s a very hard thing to pull off,” says Rocca. “And her sensitivity and kindness to her friend Rock Hudson, at a time when people were terrified by AIDS, just reminded us why we loved Doris Day.”

**Doris Day turned down the role of Mrs. Robinson opposite Dustin Hoffman in *The Graduate*.**

What songs by Ringo, Elton and Wham! mention Doris Day? Go to [Parade.com/goodbye](http://Parade.com/goodbye) to find out and for more fond farewells.

Son of Henry, brother of Jane and father of Bridget, the New York City-born actor **PETER FONDA**

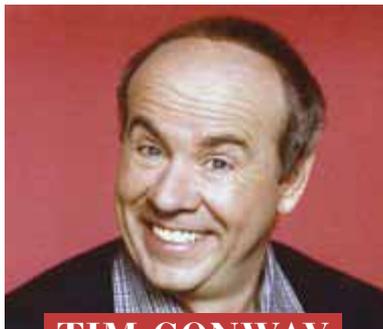


cut his teeth in theater and established himself as a key figure in the counterculture movement in the 1969 movie *Easy Rider*, which he produced, co-wrote and starred in. He died Aug. 16 at 79 in Los Angeles. In a statement shortly after his death, sister Jane said, “He was my sweet-hearted baby brother. The talker of the family. He went out laughing.”

TV journalist and author **COKIE ROBERTS**



died Sept. 17 at 75. Her decades-spanning career as political reporter included spots with NPR and ABC. Growing up, Rocca would see Roberts at church: “Every Sunday at noon mass, she would be a few minutes late, because she came in from the taping of *This Week With David Brinkley*. She would go right to the front and sing with the choir. That tells you something about her dedication and her willingness to put herself out there, in a really good way.”



## TIM CONWAY

The co-star of Carol Burnett's iconic variety show (for which he won four Emmys) passed away May 14 at 85. Among Conway's most unforgettable *Carol Burnett Show* sketches: "The Dentist" opposite Harvey Korman. Look it up on YouTube; you'll laugh 'til it hurts.

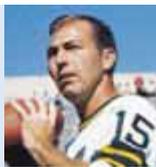
**"I spend a lot of time thinking of the hereafter—each time I enter a room, I wonder what I'm here after."**

—Tim Conway

"Nobody says 'the Great Conway and Korman,'" says Mankiewicz. "But maybe they should."

"Like his erstwhile partner Don Knotts," says Rocca, "Tim Conway was one of those funny people who was both wildly popular and a comedian's comedian. I think it's because he so clearly did what he did simply because he loved cracking people up."

Famous Green Bay Packers QB and coach **BART STARR**—the only quarterback in NFL history to win three consecutive league championships—died May 26 at 85.



Baltimore civil rights activist **REP. ELIJAH CUMMINGS** passed away Oct. 17 at 68. He integrated a segregated South Baltimore swimming pool when he was 11.



## PETER MAYHEW

English-American actor Peter Mayhew played Chewbacca in all of the character's *Star Wars* appearances from 1977 through 2015's *The Force Awakens*. This year's *The Rise of Skywalker* is dedicated to the memory of Mayhew, who died April 30 at 74.

**Chewbacca was inspired by George Lucas' dog, who liked to ride in copilot position in the director's car. Mayhew got the role, in part, because of his unusual height: 7 feet 3 inches.**

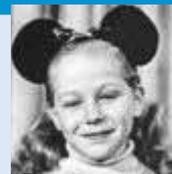


## CAROL CHANNING

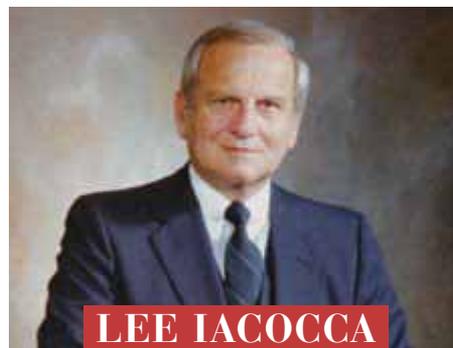
An American Theater Hall of Fame inductee, Channing broke through as Lorelei Lee in *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* in 1949. She won a Tony for *Hello, Dolly!* in 1964, then continued performing well into her 90s. She died on Jan. 15 at 97. "I can think of no greater loyalty than that which Carol Channing had for the role of Dolly Levi. She played that role for nearly 5,000 performances," says Rocca. "I have a real affection for the troopers and the survivors—people who just keep going for sheer love of performing. She was one of those."



1992 and '96 presidential candidate billionaire **ROSS PEROT** died July 9 at 89.



Original Mouseketeer **KAREN PENDLETON** died Oct 6 at 73.



## LEE IACOCCA

Best known for the development of the Ford Mustang and Pinto, auto exec Lee Iacocca also co-authored several books, including an autobiography and *Where Have All the Leaders Gone?* He died July 2 at 94. "He represents America's comeback during one of this country's worst recessions, in the early '80s," says Rocca. "There was a forcefulness and a warmth about him. Because he was a child of two Italian immigrants, there was something so American about him."



Scene-stealing **GEORGIA ENGEL** (*The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *Everybody Loves Raymond*) died April 12 at 70.

Heiress, artist, author, actress and fashion designer **GLORIA VANDERBILT** was eulogized by her son, newscaster Anderson Cooper, in a CNN broadcast following her death on June 17 at 95.



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## Ask Marilyn

By Marilyn vos Savant

Is it possible for an adult with naturally blond hair to have brown eyes?

—Margaret Flinn, Normal, Ill.

Inheritance of eye color is more complicated than we had once thought. So the answer is yes, but the combination is extremely rare.

I am inspired by the quizzes in your column to submit this one. What do these words have in common (other than having six letters): abhors, adopt, almost, begins, bijoux, biopsy, chimps, chinos, chintz?

—Richard Lederer, San Diego, Calif.

Ah, a question from my verbivore friend (also known as Attila the Pun and Conan the Grammarian)! What do you think, readers? The answer appears below Numbrix.

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79				1
63				37
61	55	49	47	45

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Answer: The letters in each word appear alphabetically.

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54165025

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225 lb. capacity

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54170249

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**SUPER COUPON**

**14" ELECTRIC CHAINSAW**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

~~\$499~~ **\$399** **SAVE 50%**

COMPARE TO CRAFTSMAN **\$80.74**

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54171042

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**SUPER COUPON**

**WIRELESS SECURITY ALERT SYSTEM**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

~~\$1499~~ **\$999** **SAVE 69%**

COMPARE TO FIRST ALERT **\$32.99**

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**10 FT. x 20 FT. PORTABLE CAR CANOPY**

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~~\$1199~~ **\$999** **SAVE \$99**

COMPARE TO SHELTER LOGIC **\$199**

ITEM 63054, 62858 shown

54172945

LIMIT 2 - Coupon valid through 2/22/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

**4 PIECE, 1" x 15 FT. RATCHETING TIE DOWNS**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

400 lb. working load

~~\$1299~~ **\$699** **SAVE 69%**

COMPARE TO KEEPER **\$22.80**

ITEM 62322/61524, 53056/63057/63150/56668/63094 shown

54175002

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**1 TON CAPACITY FOLDABLE SHOP CRANE**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

Room extends from 34" to 45"  
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~~\$1899~~ **\$1399** **SAVE \$90**

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54175240

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54179937

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**ULTRA-LIGHT, CRUSH PROOF WEATHER-RESISTANT LOCKABLE CASE**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

8-1/8" L  
5-5/8" W  
3-3/4" H

~~\$1399~~ **\$999** **SAVE 74%**

COMPARE TO PELICAN **\$39.95**

ITEM 64550/63518 shown

54180663

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**SUPER COUPON**

**3/8" x 50 FT. RETRACTABLE AIR HOSE REEL**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

~~\$799~~ **\$599** **SAVE \$99**

COMPARE TO KOBALT **\$99**

ITEM 64685, 69265/62344, 93897 shown

54189093

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**SUPER COUPON**

**DIMMABLE LED SUPER BRIGHT LIGHT SWITCH**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

~~\$499~~ **\$399** **SAVE 49%**

COMPARE TO PREMIER **\$6.97**

ITEM 64485

54186493

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**SUPER COUPON**

**20 GALLON, 135 PSI OIL-LUBE AIR COMPRESSOR**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

• Air delivery: 4.0 SCFM @ 90 PSI

~~\$1999~~ **\$174.99** **SAVE \$75**

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