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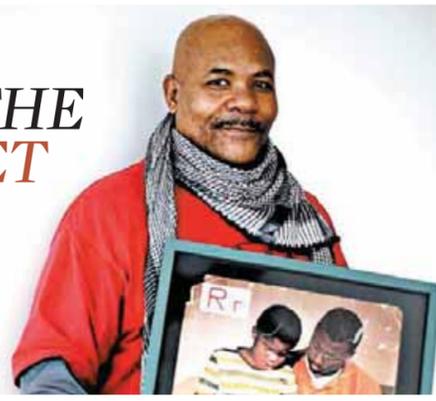
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Just over three weeks before the Iowa caucuses, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., greets supporters at a campaign stop Jan. 11 in Davenport.

'They should be scared'

As Bernie Sanders rises in Iowa, his 2020 supporters slam establishment warnings he could lose to Donald Trump

BY BILL RUTHHART

DAVENPORT, Iowa — For the last five years, Diane and Joel Franken have been fervent students of the politics of Bernie Sanders and the mechanics of his presidential campaigns.

The couple, dressed in matching blue "Bernie" T-shirts for a recent event in Davenport, have seen the Vermont senator speak at 10 rallies, watched him play softball at the Field of Dreams in Iowa,

frequently volunteered for the campaign and even housed Sanders campaign staffers in their home for the last two presidential cycles.

They've noticed some differences in 2020 compared with the last go-round: The staff is more diverse and experienced, the campaign is doing a better job of reaching out to black and Latino voters, and the voter contact program is more sophisticated than it was four years ago. Plus,

Iowans are far more familiar with Sanders, who now has the benefit of being a household name, with his push for a political revolution well-known to the masses.

"I have no doubt he's going to win Iowa this time. His ground team this year is unbelievable," Joel Franken, a 73-year-old arts educator, said before a recent Sanders rally at St. Ambrose University as his wife nodded in

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IMPEACHMENT OF PRESIDENT TRUMP

Dueling previews of trial in Senate

House outlines case; Trump's legal team issues fiery defense

BY ERIC TUCKER, ZEKE MILLER AND LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's legal team issued a fiery response ahead of opening arguments in his impeachment trial Saturday while House Democrats laid out their case in forceful fashion, saying the president had "abandoned his oath" and betrayed the public trust.

The dueling statements previewed arguments both sides intend to make once Trump's impeachment trial begins in earnest Tuesday. Both sides are seeking to make their case for a Republican-led Senate and for an American public bracing for a presidential election in 10 months.

The House's 111-page brief pulls together the private and public testimony of a dozen witnesses — ambassadors and national security officials at high levels of government — who raised concerns about the president's actions with Ukraine. Stripped of legalese, the document underscored the extent to which the impeachment proceedings are a political rather than conventional legal process. The Trump team similarly offered a taste of the rhetoric expected to be deployed by the president's defenders in the Senate.

In their brief, the House managers overseeing the prosecution wrote that it is clear that the "evidence overwhelmingly establishes" that Trump is guilty of both charges. "The only remaining question is whether the members of the Senate will accept and carry out the responsibility placed on them by the Framers of our Constitution and their constitutional Oaths," the brief states.

The Trump team, mean-

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A person steps over a broken section of the Lakefront Trail south of Fullerton Avenue on Jan. 14, following last weekend's storm.

Shoreline under siege

How bitter cold winter blasts and a warming planet will chew up the Lake Michigan banks faster and faster

BY MORGAN GREENE

On a tucked-away South Shore beach, there once were cool shallows to swim and buried shells to dig up. For those living feet away, there was the sound of the water, the constant, gentle splash on sand.

Then the lake began to rise. With each inch came nearly 790 billion gallons of water. The beach disappeared. Its music changed.

"Once upon a time, you could stand on the deck out there and see fish. It was so clear and the water was low," said Charlotte Mitchell, who has lived in a nearby condo building for four decades. "Not now."

Since 2013, the lake has risen nearly 6 feet, going from a record low to near-record high levels last summer. Last weekend, waves nearing 20 feet pummeled an already drowning shoreline.

A 3-foot wave can pack the power of a small car. A 20-foot

wave? Maybe a freight train.

As scientists predict more extreme weather fueled by climate change, Chicago is trying to keep its lakefront intact.

Powerful storms in recent years have punched holes in a large-scale shoreline project that was authorized more than two decades ago and is nearly complete. Other parts of the lakefront that fall outside the project — like some areas in Rogers Park and

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Longtime residents of a South Shore Drive condo near 75th Street, Charlotte Mitchell and John Hayes have seen Lake Michigan advance.

"It just makes you wonder if this is climate change literally knocking at our back door ... or if this is more of an ebb and flow that happens over a period of time."

— Tom Elliott, Rogers Beach resident

Lightfoot joins Women's March

Thousands of Women's March Chicago supporters and elected officials marched Saturday. **Chicagoland, Page 4**

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Kim Foxx smiles at the 34th Annual Interfaith Breakfast celebrating the life of Martin Luther King Jr. last week.



JOHN KASS

Foxx is sticking taxpayers with a bill for her mess?

With her reelection just two months away, why would Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx do something crazy like sticking taxpayers with her office's legal bills?

She doesn't need to do it, but she's doing it, trying to dig herself out of a hole of her own making in the Jussie Smollett fiasco.

Why, Kim? Foxx needs lawyers now, what with special prosecutor Dan Webb looking into the Smollett mess and the FBI hanging around the case. But she doesn't need to stick taxpayers with the legal bills.

Retired Judge Sheila O'Brien insists state law mandates that state officers with legal issues be represented by the Illinois attorney general's office.

And just in case you're wondering, here's the relevant passage of the state's Illinois Attorney General Act.

The Illinois attorney general is "to defend all actions and proceedings against any State officer, in his official capacity, in any of the courts of this State or the United States."

Isn't Foxx supposed to follow the law?

"We're going to find out," O'Brien said Friday in an in-depth interview on this issue during a taping of my podcast, "The Chicago Way," for WGN Plus.

"Why this state's attorney has gone out on our tax dime and hired somebody else that she gets to choose? How does that work? You can't make this stuff up," O'Brien said.

O'Brien has gone to court asking for a hearing as to why Foxx should hire outside attorneys when state law provides that Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul be her attorney.

Raoul is trying to lay low. His office released a tepid statement to me saying Raoul does "not believe there is any action that requires our representation under the Attorney General Act."

Really, Kwame? Read the law much?

Kwame doesn't want to anger Kim. I get it. But just because she ruined her credibility doesn't mean you should do the same, Kwame.

"There are 700 lawyers in the state's attorney's office," O'Brien said on "The Chicago Way."

"One could assume there's a lawyer there that could sift through these documents. And the Illinois attorney general has at least 500 lawyers I believe statewide, so now we're up to 1,200 lawyers on the (public taxpayer) payroll and we're hiring more," O'Brien said. "The law is very clear. This is not how you do it."

But this is Cook County we're talking about. Foxx is backed by Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, the chair of the Cook County Democratic Party.

And in Cook County, Democratic politicians for years have proven they'll do whatever the heck they want to do, unless the feds step in.

If you haven't been following the Jussie Smollett affair, a short recap:

Smollett, the TV star with Obama White House fans, was the center of a hate crime controversy that caught national attention. He alleged he'd been subject of a racial, homophobic hate crime and blamed supporters of President Donald Trump.

He got a lot of publicity, with sympathetic national media interviews, until it turned out that Chicago police believed he lied and made the whole thing up.

A Cook County grand jury indicted him on 16 counts of faking the hate crime, but Foxx shocked everybody, and destroyed her credibility as a prosecutor, by inexplicably dropping the indictments.

It turned out Foxx had had private communications about Smollett with lawyer Tina Tchen, the former chief of staff to former first lady Michelle Obama. It was also learned that though Foxx's office told reporters she had recused herself from the case, she didn't, really. She only recused herself "in the colloquial sense," a Foxx spokesperson said, which made it even more ridiculous.

Then O'Brien got involved and petitioned the court for a special prosecutor to get to the bottom of the Smollett mess. Judge Michael Toomin appointed former U.S. Attorney Dan

Webb as that special prosecutor.

What might be worrying Foxx is that the FBI got involved in the Smollett case to investigate an envelope mailed to Smollett with threatening white powder. The powder turned out to be crushed-up pain reliever.

But that brought the feds in. And once the nose of the federal camel gets under the tent, you never know where it will go, do you?

Foxx has retained high-powered outside counsel for her office, including Ruben Castillo, the former federal chief judge of the Northern District of Illinois. He's a former federal prosecutor. Perhaps Foxx wants his expertise and federal connections at the ready.

She's also retained Washington, D.C., attorney Michael Bromwich as a personal attorney. A Foxx campaign spokeswoman says neither taxpayers nor the campaign is paying that bill.

Castillo is representing her office to deal with Webb. And taxpayers will pay that one.

But you can't assume anything in Illinois, where taxpayers are slapped so hard and so often, we now suffer from Stockholm syndrome.

There shouldn't be any question of taxpayers paying anything for Foxx's legal team when the we're already paying for Attorney General Raoul.

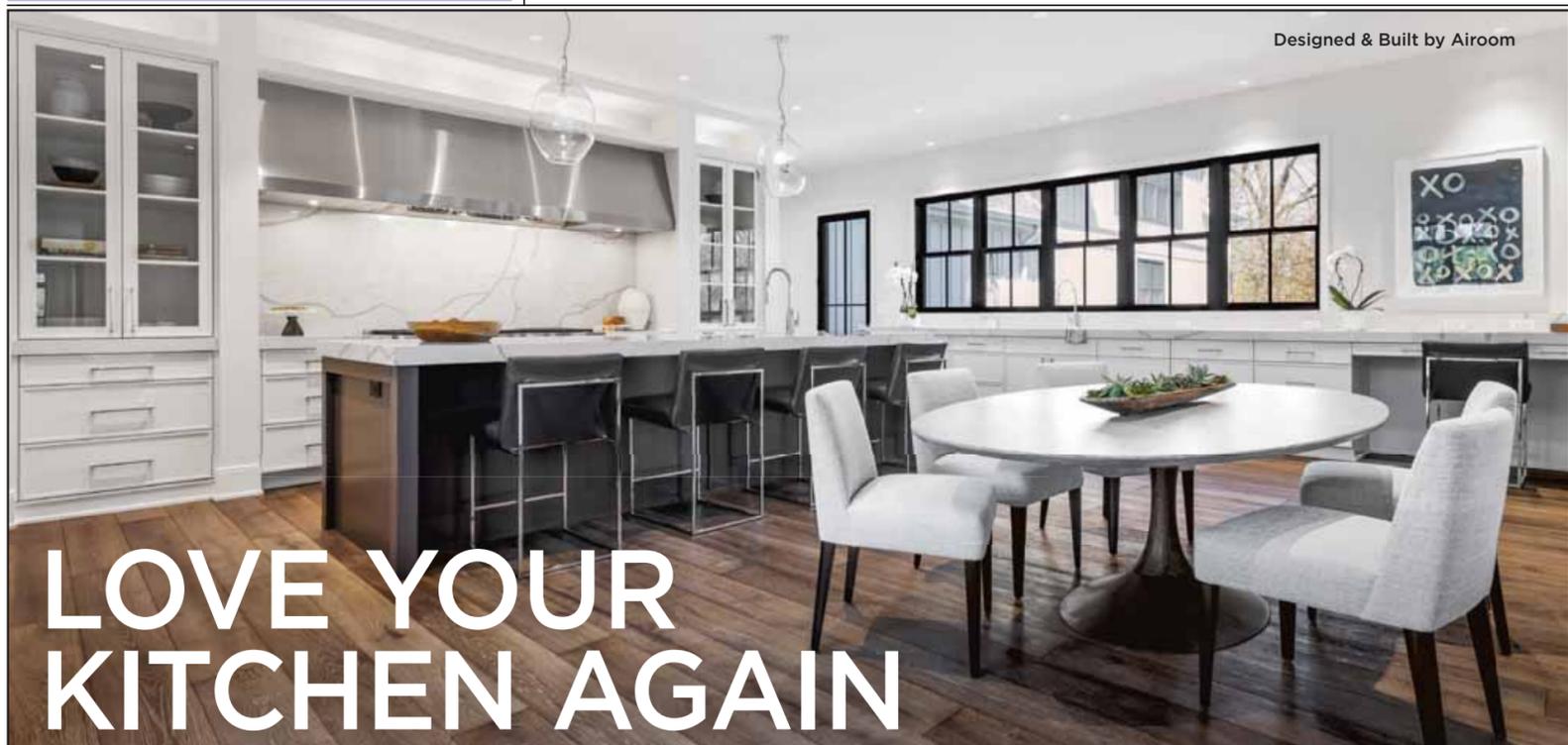
"And the law in Illinois is very clear," O'Brien said on "The Chicago Way."

"Once again we're back where our chief law enforcement officer in our county is not complying with our laws," O'Brien said. "And that's all I'm asking for. Obey the law. It's there. It's written. Just do the thing you've been sworn to do, obey the law."

But this is Cook County, and public officials respecting taxpayers is just something we're not used to around here.

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A cyclist carries his bike over large chunks of concrete blown off from the bike path along the lake at Ohio Street Beach.

Call it 'lake-ache,' the sadness we feel as the lakefront vanishes



MARY SCHMICH

There's a new form of sadness going around Chicago these days, a grief for our lakefront.

You know which lake. In Chicago, it doesn't need a name. We call it the lake.

It's the lake—officially named Michigan—that for centuries has stirred the dreams of sailors, explorers, traders, fisherpeople, swimmers, poets. It's a lake that has shaped Chicago since it rose from the prairie, a body of water so vital that it inspired the early city planners to declare its shoreline a common space that would remain "forever open, clear and free."

Along that shoreline, people from every corner of the city come together to walk, run, bike, bask, play games, drink beer, fall in love, watch the sun rise.

And, in case you haven't visited recently enough to notice, it's vanishing.

In Sunday's Tribune, reporter Morgan Greene recounts how the shoreline is being battered toward extinction by winter storms and a warming planet.

"Since 2013," she writes, "the lake has risen nearly 6 feet, going from a record low to near-record high levels last summer. Last weekend, waves nearing 20 feet pummeled an already drowning shoreline."

She writes of how in recent years giant storms have punched holes in a major shoreline project that was

nearly complete, of how some stretches of beach have been swallowed up, how parts of the Lakefront Trail have been forced to close. Some buildings have flooded.

For many of us, watching these changes is like watching a friend fade away, the kind of friend you relied upon and assumed would always be there. We're left unsettled and sad.

On a recent lakefront walk on the South Side, I found myself on a stretch of beach that had once been an expansive sandy walkway. Now it was barely wider than a slab of bacon, and no matter where I stepped, water lapped at my shoes.

On a visit to Rogers Park after last Saturday's storm-lashing, I stopped to gawk at the piles of rubble that had once been a popular beach. Rocks will soon be the official replacement for the sand.

North Side, South Side. The damage doesn't discriminate. And odds are, there's more to come.

Lake Michigan's water levels have always fluctuated. Some years they're up, some years they're down. That's not new.

"It's a cycle," says a friend who lives in a lakefront high-rise and is more sanguine about the lakefront's current state. "People in my building who have been there many years talk about when the lake was at record lows, so they take the current high level in stride."

It's true, too, that the lakefront as we know it—the paths, the parks, the beaches—weren't always terra firma.

As my colleague Blair Kamin, the Tribune's architecture critic, once wrote:

"Nearly all the parks along Lake Michigan were hewn from landfill dumped into the lake, beginning with debris from the Great Fire of 1871 and

continuing through the creation of the northernmost extension of Lincoln Park in 1957 at Hollywood Avenue.

"In a grand illusion, the fill was planted with trees, grass and shrubs, then armored with rocks against the fury of the lake."

As Blair now points out, however, "Guess the armor didn't account for climate change."

I've wondered if there's a word for what many of us have been feeling about Chicago's vanishing shoreline. Surely the Japanese or the Danish, who are so smart in naming subtle states of mind, especially as they relate to nature, must have one pithy word for the alloy of sadness and uneasiness brought on by troubling changes in the natural world.

Maybe there was even a word specific to the loss of a beloved lakefront. Lake-ache?

I Googled around and didn't find anything that fit. But I did find the term "climate grief," which was defined as "depression, anxiety and mourning over climate change."

In a recent report, the American Psychological Association said that "gradual, long-term changes in climate can also surface a number of different emotions, including fear, anger, feelings of powerlessness, or exhaustion."

It's tempting to feel powerless when we think about what's happening to our lakefront. But we have to keep letting the people who have power—the politicians, the scientists, the engineers—know how much the lakefront matters to all of us. Expressing our lake-ache is one way we sound the alarm.

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'Big Bad Wolf' blew up ex's car, threatened other

Man who spent years in jail for explosive attack is convicted of new charges

BY JASON MEISNER

Rachel Snyder's romance with an older busboy at the Schaumburg steakhouse where she waitressed was just blossoming a few years ago when he revealed something startling about his past.

An old newspaper article pulled up by Dino Greco on his phone had chronicled his 2004 federal conviction and 15-year prison sentence for blowing up his former girlfriend's car with a pipe bomb, nearly killing her.

Snyder read the article with surprise but kept dating Greco anyway. It didn't take long for her to regret the decision.

"I believed people can change," Snyder, 25, testified last week in a hushed Cook County courtroom in Rolling Meadows. "Obviously, he didn't."

Nearly 20 years after the bombing of his ex-girlfriend, Greco, 44, has been convicted of chilling new charges alleging he stalked and threatened Snyder after they broke up in 2017.

Snyder had filed for an order of protection, but the harassment only escalated, prosecutors said, with Greco posting sexually derogatory messages on social media and warning that Snyder needed to "run for her life."

"When you least expect it, it will all end," read one message posted to a Facebook account allegedly created by Greco to torment his victim. "Cross your fingers every time you start your engine or open your door."

Asked by prosecutors on the stand about what she thought was going to happen, Snyder paused before saying, "I was gonna die."

After a three-day trial, the jury deliberated for only about 45 minutes Wednesday before finding Greco guilty of aggravated cyberstalking and violating an order of protection, according to Tandra Simonton, a spokeswoman for the state's attorney's office.

Greco, who is being held without bond at Cook County Jail, faces up to five years in state prison when he's sentenced in March.

After Greco's arrest on the stalking charges in March 2018, Schaumburg police were so concerned that they swept Snyder's home and car for explosives, she testified. Soon after, Snyder left town to stay with her father in Florida out of fear for her safety.

U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber, meanwhile, found Greco, of Hoffman Estates, to be in violation of his supervised release on his federal conviction and sentenced him in November 2018 to an additional 16 months in federal custody, a term that ended in May, court records show.

The case marks the latest in a string of disturbing allegations against Greco, a once-promising law student who was suspected of pipe bombings and other attacks going as far back as 1992 when he was just 17, according to court records.

That year, Greco was suspected of detonating a pipe bomb outside the window of his high school

girlfriend's new love interest, whom he'd fought at school weeks earlier, record show.

In 1994, authorities believe Greco placed a live explosive in the yard of a Hoffman Estates detective who'd had a run-in with Greco, according to records. A year later, Greco was suspected of putting a pipe bomb in the window well of a suburban home as revenge against a witness against him in a battery case, authorities have alleged.

The judge overseeing Greco's trial in Rolling Meadows had ruled that jurors could hear about Greco's federal conviction but not about the other cases since he was never charged in those, court records show.

Greco's lawyer, Joseph Bianucci, had conceded in his opening statement that jurors were going to hear "a lot of bad things" about Greco. But he said

prosecutors had no proof that he was the one behind threatening posts directed at Snyder.

Both federal and Cook County prosecutors have said in court filings over the years that Greco often boasted — to friends and victims alike — about his ability to exact revenge, particularly after waiting until his target had his or her guard down before making a move.

"Revenge is a dish best served cold. Those are the words he lives by," Assistant State's Attorney Jaclyn Lantz said in her opening remarks last week to jurors.

'I need help'

On the morning of April 27, 2001, Jeanette Morgan left her Schaumburg home and opened the door to the Chevrolet Cavalier she'd bought earlier from Greco, triggering two pipe bombs that had been taped together and connected to the interior handle with a store-bought "party popper" firework.

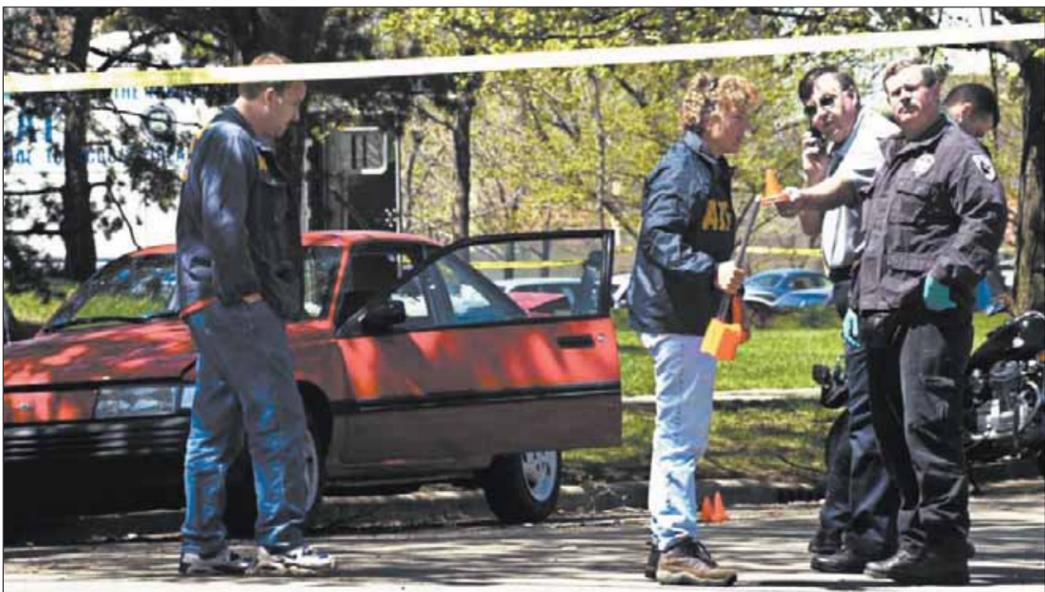
An attendant at a gas station across the street reported hearing a loud boom and felt the building shake "like a semi-truck crashing into a brick wall or a transformer exploding," according to a filing by federal prosecutors in 2003.

Moments later, a frantic Morgan, then 19, walked into the station with blood running down her face, saying "I need help, my ex-boyfriend just tried to blow me and my car up," according to the filing.

Morgan then started frantically digging in her purse, saying she needed to find the order of protection she'd taken out on Greco.

At the time, authorities said that Morgan had been lucky. If she hadn't been standing behind the driver's side door at the moment of the blast, she could have been killed instantly. Instead, she was knocked to the pavement, suffering cuts to the head and shrapnel wounds to her hand. Fragments from the gunpowder-stuffed bomb flew more than 300 feet.

In an interview with authorities hours after the attack, Greco denied involvement. But Morgan told



JERRY TOMASELLI/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Cook County Bomb Squad investigate a car bombing in Schaumburg on April 27, 2001. Dino Greco pleaded guilty in 2004 and was released from federal prison in 2015.

investigators he had made numerous threats after their tumultuous relationship ended in late 2000, including telling her she "might as well buy a plot of land to put her coffin in," court records show.

After Morgan began dating someone else, Greco called her new boyfriend at his work and said, "I hope you appreciate what you have because she'll be six feet under soon," according to the records.

Morgan reported the threats in her petition for an order of protection against Greco filed in January 2001. She also accused him of physical abuse and stalking, saying she was "fearful to be alone and fears (Greco) may put a bomb in her car," the records show.

After the two met at a high school graduation party in 1999, the relationship had often been volatile, with Greco prone to jealous rages and accusations of cheating, according to court records.

He also talked openly about his penchant for using explosives to seek revenge against those he felt had wronged him — even demonstrating at one point "his familiarity with homemade explosives," federal prosecutors said.

Greco was arrested for the bombing of Morgan's car in February 2002 after a

strand of brown hair found on a piece of duct tape used to construct the device matched his DNA, court records show. In the trunk of Greco's car, authorities found traces of nitroglycerin, an ingredient of the powder used to make the bomb.

Greco pleaded guilty two years later, largely because the federal judge overseeing the case ruled that evidence of his previous use of pipe bombs to settle scores could come in at trial.

At his sentencing hearing in July 2004, Greco declined to apologize for the bombing when given a chance to speak, telling the judge simply, "I'm OK."

'Big Bad Wolf'

Greco was released from federal prison in May 2015 and began working a short time later as a busboy at Chicago Prime Italian in Schaumburg, where he met Snyder, a waitress nearly 20 years younger than him, court records show.

Snyder said they were just friends at first but began dating in February 2017.

He was well spoken and called her "sweetheart," she said. Then, one night after work, he told her about his previous conviction.

"I asked him if he changed," Snyder said in

testimony at Greco's federal parole violation hearing in November 2018. "He said, 'Yes,' and then the conversation kind of just wandered from there."

But after three months of dating, Greco broke up with Snyder, telling her she was "not ready for a mature adult relationship," according to her testimony in federal court.

Over the next several months, Snyder began receiving angry and in some cases threatening text messages from Greco, calling her a "drug-addicted whore" and including emojis of pills and pigs. She told Greco to stop, but the texts kept coming, from 19 different phone numbers at all hours of the day.

By February 2018, Snyder said she'd had enough. She testified last week that she took out an order of protection against Greco barring him from any contact with her, her mother, her mother's boyfriend or her two cats.

The text messages stopped as soon as Greco was served with the protection order in court, Snyder told jurors.

Several weeks later, however, a friend alerted Snyder to a disturbing Facebook profile that appeared to make a reference to Snyder. Other profiles were found on numerous other social

media sites, all containing vague threats of violence accompanied by images of bombs, guns and skull-and-crossbones emojis, Snyder said.

One referred to the "three little pigs" safe in their home — which Snyder said she took as her family listed on the protection order.

"But the Big Bad Wolf will Huff and Puff and blow your house UP anyway!" the post said. "I mean down. Not up. Check all cars for GPS, shut down all phones while driving and mount security cameras on all house doors and windows. The Boogie Man is coming."

Snyder called the Schaumburg police and showed detectives print-outs of the threats. Greco was arrested at his father's house that day. According to prosecutors, many of the posts were later traced to a computer at a Home Depot where Greco had recently been working.

At the parole-revocation hearing in 2018, Snyder was asked how her life has changed since meeting Greco.

"I started to open my car door differently," she said. "I would look under my car. I didn't trust noises that I heard. It was scary."

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Nearly a third of CPS students absent on strike makeup days

By HANNAH LEONE

Nearly 1 out of 3 students in Chicago Public Schools were absent from class during the two most recent makeup days for the teachers strike this fall.

The educator walkout lasted for 11 days and ended on Oct. 31 after the Chicago Teachers Union and Mayor Lori Lightfoot reached a compromise to make up five of the days. It was the final hangup before the two sides settled their differences, with the union pushing to get all the days made up and the mayor initially insisting there would be none.

More than 100,000 students failed to show up for school on Jan. 2, for an attendance rate of about 63%. The following day, a Friday, was slightly better, with about 67% of students attending classes. Those were originally the final two days of the winter break but were turned into attendance days to make up for the strike.

The percentages, provided by CPS on Friday, were based on a total enrollment of roughly 293,000 students, which does not include charter,



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More than 100,000 students did not attend class on Jan. 2, which was to meant to make up for a missed day.

contract and options schools.

The first of the makeup days — Nov. 27, the day before Thanksgiving — had an attendance rate of 78%, which exceeded the 70% of students who were present on Nov. 1, the first day back to school after the strike.

By comparison, the average daily attendance for the previous school year was 93% for students, according to the district.

The two remaining makeup days have been added to the end of the school year on June 17 and June 18.

For teachers and other school-based staff, the makeup day rates were a

little higher, at 87% on Nov. 27, 83% on Jan. 2 and 84% on Jan. 3. Nearly 95% of teachers turned out on Nov. 1.

Presented with attendance data for the three makeup days so far, CTU spokesman Ronnie Reese brought up the reasons teachers went on strike in the first place. “The mayor forced educators and school staff to picket lines last October to fight for what should have been basic rights — nurses and social workers in every school,” Reese said. “The union advocated for instructional days to be made up, she was only willing to provide five of those days

and Chicago Public Schools decided that this was its best attempt to make up the time.”

When CPS announced the plan to cut into Thanksgiving, winter and summer breaks to make up days lost to the teachers strike, they were met with criticism by the teachers union and mixed reaction from parents. Some families said they had travel plans they weren't willing to cancel — and many of them seemingly didn't. But other families said they were glad the school year didn't get extended into July.

“We understand that modifications to the school calendar can create real challenges for our families, and we have worked to add makeup days in a manner that prioritizes student learning and minimizes disruption to the fullest extent possible,” CPS Chief Education Officer LaTanya McDade said in a statement announcing the plan in November.

The loss of six school days reduces spending by \$68 million, according to CPS.

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Congressional candidate flyer asks for donations above the federal limit

By RICK PEARSON

A campaign flyer from west suburban congressional candidate Jeanne Ives sought contributions of “\$40,000.00, \$60,000.00, \$80,000.00,” despite a federal campaign donation limit of \$5,600.

Potential supporters were asked to return the flyer with a message that read: “I am choosing you (Ives) to fight for our right to live as free citizens with free minds in a free enterprise, market economy. I am choosing to support you with a campaign contribution of,” followed by a listing of the over-the-limit amounts.

A spokeswoman for Ives, who is seeking the Republican nomination in the west and northwest suburban 6th Congressional District, said the solicited contribution amounts were “clearly (a) typo.”

“We worked with this particular direct mail vendor once, and immediately severed ties with him because of errors like this,” Kathleen Murphy, communications director for Ives' campaign, said in an email.

“We are working with a professional compliance team and would never ask for a gift over the legal fundraising limit. And in fact, have returned contributions in excess of the limit already, as our (fourth quarter) filing will reflect,” Murphy said.

Under federal campaign finance law, individuals are limited to contributing a maximum of \$2,800 each for the primary and general election campaign. Federal candidates are scheduled to file their October-through-December financial reports at month's end.

Ives, a controversial former state representative from Wheaton, is facing Gordon Kinzler of Glen Ellyn for the right to challenge first-term Democratic Rep. Sean Casten of Dow-



A photo of a campaign flyer obtained by the Chicago Tribune from west suburban congressional candidate Jeanne Ives which sought contributions of “\$40,000.00, \$60,000.00, \$80,000.00.”

ners Grove. Casten defeated six-term GOP Rep. Peter Roskam of Wheaton 54% to 46% in the 2018 mid-term elections that saw a blue wave overtake Chicago's traditionally Republican suburbs.

Ives, a staunch social conservative and supporter of President Donald Trump, unsuccessfully challenged then-Gov. Bruce Rauner in the 2016 GOP primary and lost by 3 percentage points.

In contrast to that race, in which she used a controversial ad to attack Rauner for backing legislation supporting abortion, immigration and gay and transgender rights, Ives is attempting to portray herself in a softer light in her bid for Congress.

The over-the-limit solicitation mailer comes as Ives went after Casten for receiving a homestead exemption property tax break on a condominium he purchased in Washington. Homestead exemptions are to be given only to property that is a primary residence.

Casten's campaign said the exemption was granted through a clerical error after he purchased the property last year and that he has sought to remove the homestead exemption and has paid the \$636 in property tax relief that was granted.

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Grant program proposed for new construction funds

By GREGORY PRATT

Qualified new construction projects in Chicago would be eligible for up to 50% funding under a proposal by Mayor Lori Lightfoot to revamp the city's Neighborhood Opportunity Fund.

Former Mayor Rahm Emanuel created the fund in his second term to boost development projects on the South and West sides. The fund uses fees that developers pay to build high-rises downtown, earmarking the money for

neighborhood projects.

The fund currently caps grant funding for new construction projects at 30% of a project's total cost, which Lightfoot wants to increase to 50%.

Lightfoot introduced an ordinance with the proposed changes at Wednesday's City Council meeting. Aldermen would need to approve the measure for it to take effect.

“The improvement means that a \$100,000 new construction project would be eligible for \$50,000 in grant funding versus

\$30,000. Likewise, a \$500,000 project would be eligible for \$250,000,” Commissioner of Planning and Development Maurice Cox said in a statement. “The increased access to capital reduces an owner's need for other funding sources and makes new projects more viable where they're needed most.”

Rehabilitation projects on existing buildings can already receive up to 50% of their total costs in grants, the planning department said.

The proposed increase

would be limited to projects receiving up to \$250,000 in grants. Projects seeking more than that amount in grant funding would face additional rules, the planning department said.

Lightfoot campaigned against inequality in Chicago, emphasizing the need to invest in neighborhoods. Hiring Cox, who has been outspoken about the need for city planners to ensure equity, was a key move toward that goal.

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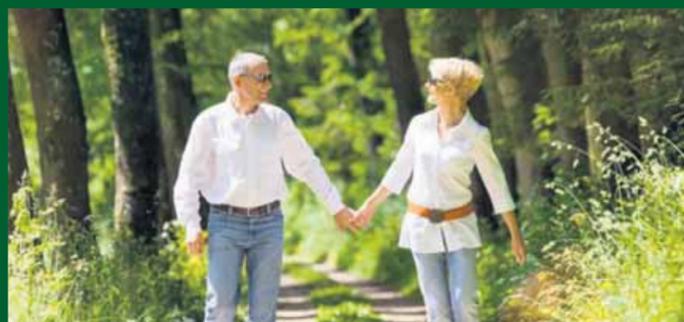


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In 3 months, Madigan spent more than \$445K in legal fees

Records show funds for final quarter of 2019

BY RAY LONG, GREGORY PRATT AND RICK PEARSON

Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan spent more than \$445,000 in legal fees from his political war chest during the closing months of 2019, according to a filing with the state board of elections.

The spending is to cover the cost of a \$275,000 settlement with a former campaign worker, ongoing civil cases and routine staff training, according to a Madigan spokeswoman.

The \$275,000 settlement was in the case brought by former campaign worker Alaina Hampton, with \$75,000 going to her and the rest going to attorneys, Madigan spokeswoman Eileen Boyce said.

Hampton filed a federal case against Madigan-controlled campaign committees over allegations of sexual harassment by one of his top lieutenants and allegations that the speaker's Democratic team had black-

balled her.

The settlement allowed the Madigan operations to avoid admitting liability.

The bulk of the rest of the money, including \$139,209 to the Chicago office of Hinshaw & Culbertson and \$6,500 to attorney Michael Kasper, cover costs tied to four civil cases, Boyce said. Those include the Hampton case; a case brought by Jason Gonzales, who challenged Madigan's 2016 campaign tactics; and two cases arising from David Krupa's 2019 challenge to Madigan's handpicked Ald. Marty Quinn, 13th, Boyce said.

Fees paid to Fox Swibel Levin & Carroll are related to training expenses, Boyce said.

The legal fees were listed in the quarterly report of the speaker's campaign account Friends of Michael J Madigan filed late Wednesday night.

It includes spending from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31.

Regardless of the controversies surrounding Madigan, the powerful veteran remains a major fundraising force, the campaign finance reports showed.

Madigan controls four

different political funds, which raised a combined \$8.5 million between October and December.

As of Jan. 1, the Friends of Michael J. Madigan, the Democratic Party of Illinois, the Democratic Majority fund and the 13th Ward Democratic organization had \$21.1 million in cash on hand.

Madigan holds a 10-to-1 advantage in campaign funds over House Republican leader Jim Durkin. From October to December, the political funds that Durkin controls raised more than \$767,000, and they held just under \$2 million in cash available to start the year.

Madigan wasn't the only Chicago politician making payments for legal fees during 2019's closing months.

Ald. Edward Burke, who's facing federal corruption charges, reported spending more than \$414,000 on legal fees. Most of that went to law firms Jenner & Block and Loeb & Loeb.

He spent nearly \$400,000 in campaign funds on the high-powered legal defense team handling his public corruption case

during the previous quarter.

Legal expenses were also reported by several legislators caught up in the ongoing federal corruption investigations that have shaken the Illinois political firmament.

Sen. Tom Cullerton's campaign fund reported a \$25,000 payment in October to Daniel Collins, his attorney in the federal case. Cullerton, a Villa Park Democrat, was indicted last year on embezzlement charges alleging he pocketed almost \$275,000 in salary and benefits from the Teamsters union despite doing little or no work. He has pleaded not guilty.

Ex-state Rep. Luis Arroyo's campaign fund reimbursed his wife, Maribel, \$10,000 for legal fees paid with personal funds, records show.

Arroyo resigned his seat Nov. 1, one week after he was arrested on a federal bribery charge. He is accused of paying a bribe to a state senator in exchange for support of a gambling bill that would have benefited one of Arroyo's lobbying clients.

Former state Sen. Martin Sandoval's campaign fund



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House Speaker Michael Madigan speaks after a House Democratic caucus meeting at the state Capitol.

paid \$90,000 in legal fees for the quarter, including \$70,000 to Freeborn & Peters and \$20,000 to Thompson Hine, records show. Sandoval's offices were raided last fall by agents looking for information involving lobbyists, gambling interests, a red-light camera company, and transportation and construction companies, according to documents. Sandoval, who resigned effective Jan. 1, has not been charged with any wrongdoing.

Additionally, Cook County Commissioner Jeffrey Tobolski, who is also mayor of McCook, listed \$100,000 in legal fees to the

Evanston firm of Blaine & Vanzant. A search warrant for a raid on McCook's village headquarters indicated authorities were after a range of evidence including information about a clout-heavy suburban contractor, a local strip club, the town's police chief, and heating and air conditioning work done on the home of Tobolski. Tobolski has not been charged with any wrongdoing.

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Sincerity of Buttigieg questioned on S. Side

BY RICK PEARSON

Former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg traveled to the Pullman neighborhood Friday, attempting to carry an empathetic message to the black community as he finds national support from African Americans elusive in his Democratic presidential bid.

First on the stage at the auditorium at Corliss High School was Sharon McBride, a black member of the City Council in South Bend, Indiana, who has become a national surrogate for Buttigieg.

Her role, she said, was "to change the negative narrative that has been portrayed in the national media. There are black people that support Mayor Pete and there's a lot of work that we have done and continue to do since his mayorship has ended."

Then there was retired former NBC-5 reporter Renee Ferguson, who, with her late husband, housed Buttigieg during his internship at the Chicago TV station while he was an undergraduate from Harvard.

"The idea that Pete isn't going to get black support is ridiculous. He will. He will. When you feel his heart. When you realize he's the anti-Trump. He's the opposite of what we've got now," she said, making a rare mention of President Donald Trump during the near hourlong event.

Then it was Buttigieg's chance onstage as he sought to tie concerns ranging from child welfare and health care to climate change to the challenges facing people of color.

But when Buttigieg's staff said that there was time for only one more question, an African American man among the group of about 100 predominantly white listeners asked if the mayor would take a question from the audience.

And nearly an hour of the Buttigieg campaign's focused messaging may have quickly been lost.

Howard Roberson, director of sales and print production for EF Design Group, a black-owned design and print shop in Brighton Park, pointed to Buttigieg's visit to Bronzeville in August and a discussion he said he'd had with his campaign team.

"My company is African American union printers and we spoke with your team about trying to work with you and your team. We exchanged information but in six months we haven't gotten one quote, one email answered," Roberson told Buttigieg.

"You talk very passionately about economic development and that we're the

proud black people. Does that reflect in your campaign or is that just a speech?" Roberson asked.

Buttigieg responded that for his campaign team and its vendors, minority inclusion is important "to make sure that we practice what we preach."

Saying he was unaware of the specifics involving the print shop, he said he wanted to get information about the business afterward.

But Roberson sounded unsatisfied with Buttigieg's answer.

"I say if the campaign doesn't reflect what he's doing, then how is his national agenda going to reflect the inclusion?" Roberson told the Tribune. "So, if you can't include (minority inclusion) in your campaign, how are you going to do it on the national level?"

The exchange, part of a series of planned conversations with 2020 Democratic presidential contenders hosted by South Side and south suburban U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly of Matteson, symbolized the continued questions surrounding Buttigieg and his ability to attract black votes.

Despite continued outreach attempts, Buttigieg has had trouble gaining traction with African American voters — not an essential issue in the largely white states of Iowa and New Hampshire that kick off the presidential nomination, but a factor in later states, including South Carolina, which is fourth on the presidential voting calendar.

A recent Washington Post/Ipsos poll found that while Buttigieg is among the top contenders in Iowa and New Hampshire, his support among African American voters nationally is at 2%.

Buttigieg has contended that as more black voters get to know him, he will gain support. But the poll showed that among black voters familiar with him, his support is only 3%.

Part of Buttigieg's problems stem from the fallout of the police shooting death of Eric J. Logan in South Bend last summer. Authorities said Logan was armed with a knife, but neither the officer's body camera nor his vehicle camera recorded the incident.

During Friday's event, Buttigieg said he was trying to combat efforts to have Democrats forced to choose between addressing the economic problems of the middle class and rural America to gain back Trump supporters against the challenges facing economically struggling African Americans.

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Shoreline under siege

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South Shore — are vulnerable. And some of the emergency work undertaken in the past two months failed to withstand last weekend's storm.

Long-term solutions — dependent on more studies, additional funding and a complicated bureaucratic dance — are uncertain.

Meanwhile, beaches have been consumed. A South Side portion of the Lakefront Trail was shut down after a storm on Veterans Day and isn't expected to reopen until spring. At one community meeting about erosion, a science teacher stood at the microphone and called the situation a "five-alarm fire."

During last weekend's storm that closed portions of South Shore Drive, water surged above the retaining wall near the garage of Mitchell's home, sending up towering spouts exploded by the wind. Mitchell's husband, John Hayes, who remembered cars floating in the garage after a monster 1987 storm, said Saturday's storm was "in a different category altogether."

"The sound, the sound was so loud," Mitchell said. "With the waves crashing up against the terrace." "Boom."

Profound failure

Last year, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers received 31 requests for technical assistance relating to shoreline protection by July, with 29 alone coming from the Chicago Park District — an increase that Army Corps Outreach Manager David Bucaro called "unprecedented."

In recent months, beaches were filled with boulders. More than 5,000 feet of jersey barriers and 1,000 feet of sandbags were installed along the shore to protect roadways from flooding.

The Chicago Department of Transportation is evaluating the impacts of the storm at Morgan Shoal from 48th to 50th streets and working with the Army Corps to install boulders, according to spokesman Michael Claffey. The work is expected to begin in the coming months.

"In the meantime, the City will continue to monitor and assess the situation to implement proactive measures and respond appropriately in the event of extreme weather," Claffey said in an email.

On a freezing afternoon in late December, heaps of lopsided stone and poking rebar slouched against the city's skyline past 47th Street. That stretch, a sunken graveyard, is what more of the shoreline would look like without the protections implemented in the last two decades, Bucaro said.

"The amount of erosion and, really, failure of that existing revetment is pretty profound," Bucaro said, referring to the protective structure. "And if we wouldn't have implemented this project, that would be pervasive up and down the shoreline. It would be in really, really tough shape."

Three unprotected North Side beaches experienced severe damage following two fall storms. Emergency work estimated at \$3 million was completed at Juneway and Howard beaches, with Rogers Beach almost completed.

After last weekend's storm, Juneway looked largely the same as it did on a mild afternoon in early December. The horizon glowed above the murky water and boulders were piled up where the beach used to be. The triangular Quantum Dee sculpture stood upright.

But additional protections are now planned for Rogers and Howard beaches, where the shoreline was hammered again. Like Juneway, these beaches will now be replaced with rock, and work is expected to be completed in February.

"Standing at Rogers was like standing in a wind tunnel. It was just a constant, howling gale," said

Ald. Maria Hadden, 49th.

"It was a different type of storm," Hadden said. "Different direction. Different waves. Areas that hadn't been as impacted before were severely impacted."

Tom Elliott had one of his first dates with his fiancée at Rogers Beach, and they later rented a nearby unit. Now they're reconsidering whether they should try to buy in the building — at a time when the lake is rising and first-floor residents have put up materials like plexiglass and plywood to keep windows from breaking and water from coming in.

"And it just makes you wonder if this is climate change literally knocking at our back door — telling us this is a serious issue, you should pay attention to what's going on in the world," Elliott said. "Or if this is more of an ebb and flow that happens over a period of time."

Struggling shoreline

Some shoreline protections, revetments of stone blocks and wooden posts constructed a century ago, eventually collapsed and rotted. Areas bolstered with steel sheeting fared better, but most of the shoreline was built with the fatal mix that failed to account for Lake Michigan's fluctuations. Without the walls, the Tribune reported in the years leading up to the large-scale protection project, 20 feet of land could disappear each year.

As lake levels rose to record highs in the mid-1980s and the revetments failed, the Tribune reported on studies from the Army Corps in January 1987 warning that within the decade, Chicago could lose parts of Lake Shore Drive, first to flooding and then erosion.

A month later a storm with 14-foot waves shut down parts of the expressway.

"A foot of water in a bathtub isn't much," Mike Royko wrote. "But in a giant lake, it's more than enough to float all the world's rubber ducks."

In the following decade, the Army Corps tested more than a dozen models, simulating harrowing storms like one from February 1979 with oceanlike waves. Revetments with steel sheet piles were eventually chosen as a solution that was more accessible and visually appealing than rubble mounds.

Meanwhile, the shoreline struggled.

"It looks terrible," a chief planner in the Army Corps' Chicago office told the Tribune in 1993 about the South Side's Burnham Park, one of the hardest hit locations. "The North Side is falling apart, but the South Side has already failed."

In 1996, Congress authorized the Chicago Shoreline Protection Project and three years later, the federal and local partnership began work across more than 9 miles of the lakefront to protect Lake Shore Drive from flooding and the shoreline from erosion.

The protection project was expected to be completed in less than 10 years, the Tribune reported, and came with a price tag of \$300 million.

The Army Corps finished the federal share of the project in 2014 but two decades later, Morgan Shoal and Promontory Point are still incomplete. Morgan Shoal is one of the longest reaches in the project and is costly, officials said, while Promontory Point encountered opposition from the community over the revetment's design.

The entire project's cost has risen to \$536 million, but officials estimate its annual benefits at \$194 million.

Now there's a push for a study that reevaluates the shoreline, backed by local and federal agencies, along with congressional representatives, which could potentially bring aid to unprotected areas including the Rogers Park beaches and



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An aerial view shows a damaged Lakefront Trail at South Lake Shore Drive and East Hyde Park Blvd in Chicago last week.



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City worker Alonzo Owens takes pictures of waves crashing on East 73rd Street on Jan. 11.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Frank McCoy sets up a pump to start emptying lake waters from a flooded parking garage in Rogers Park on Jan. 12.

South Side locations like La Rabida Children's Hospital.

U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush, a Chicago Democrat, who convened a recent community meeting to provide information and address concerns about erosion, is among the officials advocating for the study — and for renewed attention on some South Side locations he said were not prioritized.

Hadden agreed. "We need to make sure that we've got an equitable plan as we move forward in this next assessment," the alderman said, "... not solely weighted on North Side, or even, in this case, central downtown communities, which is kind of what happened last time."

They'll find out next month if funding will be approved.

If the study is funded this year, the best-case scenario is that construction would start in four to five years, the Army Corps' Bucaro said.

"We're doing the best we can with what we've been given," Bucaro said. "We have been seeking to do this study for at least six years now. And when the lake levels were low, there was no interest in doing preemptive planning to address these issues."

'Enormous forces'

Human activity is changing the planet's climate faster than at any time in modern civilization, heralding costly and, in some cases, life-threatening consequences, scientists concluded in a comprehensive 2018 report by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. For every 1 degree of warming, the atmosphere can hold 4% more water vapor that can turn into precipitation.

As the planet warms and additional moisture sticks in the air, we could see more

frequent and stronger storms.

"They're coming more often and when they arrive, they're huge," said Guy Meadows, professor of sustainable marine engineering at the Great Lakes Research Center at Michigan Technological University.

Storms raise lake levels and allow towering waves to hit farther up on the beach, causing erosion. As sand clears out, the lake bed deepens, allowing for even taller waves, continuing the cycle. For areas already hit by erosion, it's a one-two punch.

"You're talking about enormous forces," Meadows said — like Saturday's waves and surges that cracked trees, dislodged asphalt and upended sediment.

"Even if you're getting hit by a 3-foot wave," Meadows said, "It's the equivalent of getting hit by a Volkswagen."

In addition, hardened shorelines, like those in Chicago, can decrease the dissipation of bigger waves.

The worst storms typically come in the fall and winter seasons, Meadows said.

"I think we're going to see much more variability in the next few decades," Meadows said. "So what can you do about it? You just need to be prepared for big rain storms, big floods, big shoreline erosion, big waves. Followed by episodes where all the equipment you bought last year sits in the barn and you wait for it to happen again."

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration expects Lake Michigan levels to remain high over the next several months and to potentially break monthly records in January and February.

Lake levels fluctuate on multiple scales, but climate change could be contrib-

uting to more pronounced variations, according to University of Michigan associate professor Drew Gronewold.

Global effects on precipitation are almost impossible to predict a year out, Gronewold said.

But as temperatures and precipitation increase annually, "the oscillations between water levels and extremes are likely to change in ways that we haven't seen before," Gronewold said. He pointed to the more than 4-foot swing from 2013 to 2016, one of the highest rates of water level rise during a three-year period over Lake Michigan. Above-average precipitation was the dominant factor in the increase, but below-average evaporation was also a factor — which can be caused by the freezing of the lake from a polar vortex.

"Does it make a difference to a community or to a planning group or to someone putting in infrastructure if you hit high water conditions every 10 to 15 years, or if you hit them every two to five years?" Gronewold said. "At what point does it become too frequent for people to tolerate?"

The Park District is sharing drone footage of the shoreline with other agencies to verify what residents and workers are seeing on the ground.

"No one agency can really tackle this on our own," said Heather Gleason, the Park District's director of planning and development. "So we need to partner up with everyone."

The footage, collected over sunny summer days and expected to be shared at future community meetings, shows the general stability of newer revetments — and what's happened to those that are unguarded.

The city's Transportation Department is also working with the Park District and the Army Corps to assess the impacts of last weekend's storm and determine how the existing shoreline protection plans need to be adjusted, said Claffey, the department spokesman.

There is also the Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Study, which would look at future variability and design parameters to use going forward across all the Great Lakes, also backed by the Army Corps, but it has yet to be federally funded.

"We recognize that variability is going to be a challenge going forward, and we want to get ahead of it," Bucaro said.

Running out of time

Even if a new study is approved, residents like Charlotte Mitchell who live on swaths of private property in South Shore and Rogers Park have been told they're largely on their own. Their condo boards are hiring engineers and beginning permit processes and have been given contact information for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Joyce Brown, a resident in Mitchell's building, showed up at a recent community meeting exasperated. She was frustrated with the lack of answers on how the board could raise the retaining wall to prevent flooding, and felt that the South Side was being neglected.

"I left that meeting more concerned than when I walked through the door," Brown said. "It might be a little easier for me to pack up and move, but not for everybody in this building. We've got a lot of seniors who are retired now, bought their condos years ago."

Juanita Irizarry, of Friends of the Parks, which has advocated for a public lakefront, said there's a balance between the beauty and privilege of living on the water and what comes with that. "Friends of the Parks certainly wants to be sensitive to people's immediate pain, but we also hope that this is an opportunity to engage people about what climate change might mean in the long term and what we might want to do for long-term planning for that space," she said.

Bucaro said the Army Corps' mission has always been to address public infrastructure and federal funds can only be spent on public property. If residents want to place material below the ordinary high-water mark, it requires a permit from the corps. But there will be expedited permitting for affected residents.

But some residents worry time is running out.

At Richard Carthew's Rogers Park condo, sandbag barriers and a fence were wiped out by last weekend's storm. Waves crashed over the retaining wall, washed up on to the terrace and filled the garage, soaking multiple cars.

"The driveway acted like a giant bathtub," he said.

Carthew said there's an irony to private property owners having to work through the Army Corps if they want to place something in the water. "They have the authority to control the water, even if it's privately owned, but they're no longer taking responsibility for protection of that shoreline," he said.

The building's management is now in talks with engineering firms to find a solution, Carthew said, but the building's proximity to a public beach — which they can't touch — poses a challenge. Carthew worried any potential permits could get held up with red tape.

But his larger fear came true last weekend — "That we're going to have one heck of a bad storm and it's going to cause great damage. And, really, there's very little we can do about it."

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Trump's thug sings while GOP senators cross their fingers



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U.S. senators were sworn in for the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump and Americans got a look at a couple of the nifty thugs who circulate in the president's orbit. At the same time, supporters of Democratic presidential candidates Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren got into a nasty Twitter fight and showed why America is likely doomed to another four years of Trump, Thugs and Co. It all left me looking back at the week and asking: "What the (BLEEP) just happened?"

GOP SENATORS TEMPT GOD TO SLING A LIGHTNING BOLT AT IMPEACHMENT SWEARING-IN

Republican senators like Mitch McConnell and Lindsey Graham, who have said publicly that they won't be impartial jurors in President Trump's impeachment trial, swore an oath of impartiality Thursday, so help them God.

God presumably responded by saying: "OK, Boomer." I suppose that's better than a lightning bolt, but regardless, the idea that avowed Trump loyalists will do anything but try to end the impeachment trial as swiftly as possible is laughable.

Their plans to avoid trivial trial matters like "witnesses" and "evidence" hit a snag, though, as more evidence of Trumpian criminality came out. Soviet-born Florida businessman Lev Parnas, a sidekick of Trump's personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani, handed over documents to House impeachment investigators that effectively screamed for witness testimony in the upcoming trial.

Among the documents is a letter from Giuliani to the Ukrainian president-elect that makes clear the pressure campaign at the heart of the impeachment inquiry was done for Trump's personal gain and under his direction.

There were also some electronic messages that showed a rabid Trump-

supporting Republican congressional candidate from Connecticut may have been having the U.S. ambassador in Ukraine surveilled. Under any normal administration this would be a staggering scandal. In Trump-world, it's called "Tuesday."

OOPSIE! TRUMP BROKE ANOTHER LAW!

The Government Accountability Office, an independent federal watchdog agency, released a report Thursday saying that President Donald Trump ... wait for it ... broke the law. I know, it's shocking.

By withholding congressionally approved military aid from Ukraine, the administration "withheld the funds for an unauthorized reason in violation" of federal law that requires the executive branch to spend money appropriated by Congress.

The agency's general counsel, Thomas Armstrong, wrote in the report: "Faithful execution of the law does not permit the President to substitute his own policy priorities for those that Congress has enacted into law."

Oh, well. Just put it on Trump's "crimes I have to account for" tab.

WARREN/SANDERS FEUD IS JUST WHAT DEMOCRATS DON'T NEED

The truce between the two leading progressives in the Democratic presi-



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Lev Parnas, leaving federal court with his wife, Svetlana Parnas, in December, was arrested in October on charges of illegally funneling money to a pro-Trump election committee and other politicians.

dential primary race collapsed into a really dumb argument this week, the first sign that the Democrats' quadrennial circular firing squad is assembling.

CNN reported on a 2018 conversation between Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders in which, according to the network, Sanders told Warren a woman couldn't win the presidency.

Sanders denies saying that, Warren says it happened, and both tried to generally avoid the subject during Tuesday night's presidential primary debate. But that didn't stop supporters of the two candidates from engaging in a vicious Twitter war, with Sanders' fans hoisting a #NeverWarren hashtag and generally mirroring the stubborn single-mindedness of Trump's slavish fan base.

Certainly former Vice President Joe Biden and South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, the leading moderate candidates, enjoyed the kerfuffle between their

opponents, but nobody liked seeing it more than President Donald Trump's campaign team.

That sort of nonsense will make it easy for Trump to get four more years.

STATE'S TOP AG OFFICIAL RESIGNS OVER 'RAPE IN CHAMPAIGN' EMAIL

Heads need to roll in state government following revelations about a powerful lobbyist's 2012 email seeking silence over the cover-up of a rape allegation, and at least one has been appropriately lopped.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker asked his top agriculture official, John Sullivan, to resign after learning Sullivan knew about the email sent by Mike McClain, a former Commonwealth Edison lobbyist and close adviser to Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan. The email, first reported by WBEZ, asked people in then-Gov. Pat Quinn's administration to go easy on a state worker facing a disciplinary hearing be-

cause the worker had "kept his mouth shut" about a "rape in Champaign."

Sullivan resigned Jan. 12, saying in a statement he had not read the full email in 2012 but acknowledging that "not reading the entire email led to my failure to immediately respond as I would have."

Even in the realm of Illinois political sleaze, this scandal stands out as despicable. More resignations or firings should be coming. And the truth about how much Madigan, people in Quinn's administration and any others knew about this cover-up must come out.

MAYOR LIGHTFOOT SHOWS WHY DIVERSITY IN GOVERNMENT MATTERS

As the Chicago City Council debated a proposed study into contract set-asides for gay- and transgender-owned businesses, the exchange quickly drifted into derogatory comments and stereotypes.

Ald. Walter Burnett Jr.,

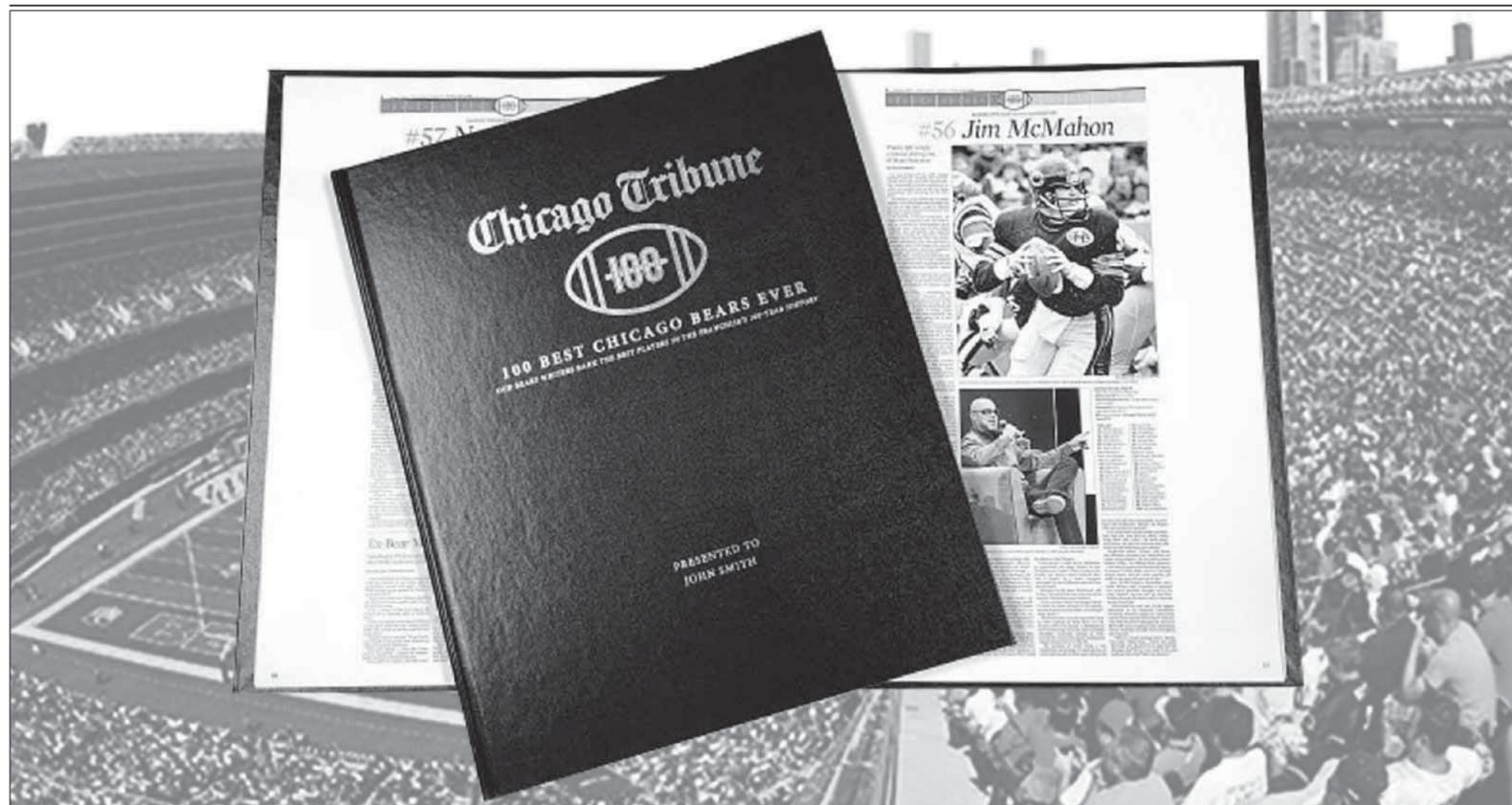
27th, said, "White gay males, I don't think they're discriminated against," and raised concern about the set-asides by citing an Adam Sandler film — "I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry" — about two straight men who pretend they're a gay couple so they can get health benefits.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot stepped in to the fray and reminded the council, "Our children are watching."

She said: "Please choose your words carefully in this body. We are leaders. People look to us. They will take our word seriously, as they should, and I will just say be careful in how you express yourself. Of course ask questions, that's what a deliberative body does, but do it in a way that doesn't demonize or victimize anyone else."

And just like that, one can see the importance of having diverse leadership in government.

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Sanders' surge worries GOP, Dems

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agreement. "They're just so solid organizationalwise, they did well in the caucus system last time — which is not easy — and I think they really have it knocked this year."

A key Iowa poll adds to Franken's optimism, placing Sanders atop the Democratic field in the state for the first time in either of his runs for president. It's far from a runaway, however, as former Vice President Joe Biden, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren and former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg all remain within a few points of one another in the most recent Iowa surveys.

In poll after poll, however, one advantage Sanders clearly has demonstrated is having the most enthusiastic and committed supporters in the state of any candidate — important factors since caucusing involves heading out on a likely cold February night the day after the Super Bowl and committing a couple of hours to back a candidate.

Beyond the poll numbers, Sanders has a built-in benefit as the only contender competing in Iowa for a second-straight election, with many of his campaign organizers and volunteers returning. He also holds a growing financial advantage over his fellow front-runners in Iowa, \$96 million last year from more than 1 million donors and more than 4 million individual grassroots contributions, a record for a presidential campaign.

All of it comes a few months after Sanders' candidacy appeared to be in peril, with the 78-year-old face of the party's progressive left dropping in the polls and the future of his campaign uncertain after he suffered a heart attack and spent several days in a Las Vegas hospital.

His resurgence to the top of the field with less than three weeks to go before Iowa's first-in-the-nation Feb. 3 caucuses led to new attacks last week from President Donald Trump and Republicans, a rare burst of feuding with fellow progressive Warren and, most of all, the sounding of the alarm from establishment Democrats worried a Sanders nomination could spell defeat in November.

Among the most visible Democrats offering that warning is Rahm Emanuel. In his post-mayoral role as a network TV pundit, Emanuel has contended a Sanders nomination would jeopardize Democrats' control of the U.S. House, create a bleak scenario around the party's hopes to flip the U.S. Senate and make it much harder to defeat Trump in critical swing states such as Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania that decided the last election.

"The battle is in the battleground states. The battle is not in the base states. The question is what is the best way to win those battleground states, not the best way to run up the vote in California or New York that are not in doubt at all," said Emanuel, who served as chief of staff to former President Barack Obama, and senior White House adviser and chief campaign fundraiser for former President Bill Clinton.

"If you look at how Bill Clinton won and how Barack Obama won, they won swing states with swing voters," Emanuel said in an interview. "It's that simple."

Sanders and his supporters, however, are banking on breaking that political mold — in Iowa and across the country.

His campaign not only has pushed back on questions of his electability with "Bernie beats Trump" bumper stickers and buttons at recent rallies, but the Vermont senator also has argued that the path to victory doesn't reside with independent or more moderate swing voters.

The way to win, he contends, is to drive new voters to the polls in record numbers by embracing a bold agenda that includes backing "Medicare For All," the Green New Deal, canceling student loan debt, and offering free tuition at public colleges and universities.



Sen. Bernie Sanders and his campaign believe the way to win is to drive new voters to the polls in record numbers by embracing a bold agenda.



At a recent campaign stop at St. Ambrose University, an audience member wears a shirt depicting a younger Sen. Bernie Sanders being arrested during a civil rights protest

"Look, we're in the last few weeks of a campaign, and people are going to say a lot of things, but what I believe, very honestly, is the way we beat Trump, the way we transform this country, is by getting more people ... involved in the political process," Sanders said in response to establishment Democrats raising concerns about him winning the nomination.

"We need a huge voter turnout. We need to appeal to young people and disenfranchised working-class people who are giving up on the political process," Sanders continued, as he worked the rope line at a rally last Sunday in Iowa City. "That's the way we're going to beat Trump."

An Iowa rise

Since 1943, the Des Moines Register's Iowa Poll has been viewed as a key indicator of political strength in the run-up to the Iowa caucuses.

In the latest Iowa Poll released last Friday, conducted by Selzer & Co. and co-sponsored by CNN, Sanders led with 20%, followed by Warren with 17%, Buttigieg with 16%, Biden with 15% and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar with 6%. The poll's margin of error is 3.7 percentage points. The Real Clear Politics average of recent polls in Iowa also has Sanders at the top of the field, in a virtual tie with Biden as both register at 20%, followed by Buttigieg at nearly 19% and Warren at 16%.

In the last three months of 2019, Sanders raised \$34.5 million — the largest haul by any Democrat in any quarter this cycle. Sanders raised more than \$96 million in 2019, with December marking his strongest month yet, with some 900,000 donations totaling more than \$18 million.

The financial cushion has allowed Sanders to build a robust ground operation in Iowa, with 23 offices across the state and more than 250 paid staffers, which the campaign contends is the largest of any candidate. In January alone, the campaign expects to knock on more than 500,000 doors.

Not only is the campaign apparatus wide-reaching, but it's not as green as it was four years ago.

"In 2016, there was a lot of energy behind Bernie because it was a brand new thing. Everyone was super excited, but a lot of us were very inexperienced," said Justin Comer, a 29-year-old musician who has volunteered for Sanders in both presidential races and attended more than 20 of the candidate's rallies. "This time around, the campaign is way better organized. Everybody knows what's going to happen at the caucus. We all know how it works. It's still very energetic, but there are a lot more experienced people on board, and we know how to win politics this time."

In 2016, Comer volunteered for Sanders in Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin, and this year he's been canvassing for the campaign in Iowa City. For 2020, Comer said he's seen a lot of the same volunteers returning, but much wiser.

"We know how to speak to people who feel like they haven't been included in the political process, people who feel disenfranchised one way or another," Comer said at a Sanders climate change rally at an Iowa City hotel. "A lot of us were those people last time."

The 2020 race remains very fluid, with 40% saying they have chosen their candidate, but another 45% saying they could be persuaded to change their mind and 13% still undecided. Of all the candidates in the most recent poll, Sanders by far had the highest percentage of those who say they have their mind made up — 59%. The next closest was Warren with 48%.

"I looked at Elizabeth Warren. She's similar, but I like Bernie. I want the original," said John Elson, 66, a librarian from Iowa City. "I like the fact that young people are coming out in big numbers for him, and I think that's going to bring the energy for his campaign to work well and for him to win."

Sanders has continued to benefit from an enthusiasm gap in the race, polls in Iowa

and across the country have found. The most recent Iowa Poll found 49% of Sanders supporters said they were "extremely enthusiastic" to caucus for him, 17 points higher than the next closest candidate, Warren.

Elson and many other Sanders supporters on the campaign trail pointed to the senator's consistency over four decades as their reason for voting for him. His support for civil rights, focus on income inequality and opposition to wars are areas frequently recited by voters at his rallies.

"It's his integrity. He's had the same beliefs all his life," said Diane Franken, 74, a school grant writer who regularly volunteers for the campaign. "He got arrested during the civil rights movement. It's not just what he says, it's what he does. He backs up his beliefs with his actions."

Sanders backers also point to how issues he emphasized four years ago — taxing the wealthy, Medicare For All and a major initiative to fight climate change — have become much more mainstream in the party in 2020.

"I think that the mainstream has come to Bernie," said Scott Tunnickliff, a 65-year-old economic developer who lives in the eastern Iowa city of Bettendorf and attended Sanders' Davenport rally. "People talk about, 'He's too far left.' Well, the center has shifted, and that's what he's going to be benefiting from, and we'll be benefiting from, too."

Attacks and feuds escalate

With Sanders' Iowa rise has come renewed attention from Republicans and Trump.

The president's campaign has released statements in recent days slaming Sanders as a "wealthy, fossil-fuel guzzling millionaire" and said he "can't be trusted to defend American lives." Trump also recently tweeted, "Wow! Crazy Bernie Sanders is surging in the polls, looking very good against his opponents in the Do Nothing Party. So what

does this all mean? Stay tuned!"

"It means you're going to lose," Sanders tweeted back.

"It seems to me that Donald Trump is getting a little bit nervous, because in the last few days he and his Republican lieutenants are focusing their anger on our campaign," a hoarse Sanders told a packed room of 450 people in Davenport. "They know what we know, that we are the strongest campaign to defeat Donald Trump."

As Sanders' fundraising and poll numbers have increased in recent days, so have the tensions with Warren, his fellow progressive and friend.

When a Politico report last week noted Sanders campaign workers had written talking points encouraging volunteers to dismiss Warren to voters as a candidate of the elite, Warren responded by accusing Sanders (who said he didn't know about the script) of trying to "trash" her. In turn, a CNN report cited Warren sources noting Sanders had told her in a 2019 meeting that a woman couldn't win the election.

That spat spilled over into Tuesday night's debate in Des Moines, the final one before the caucuses, in which Sanders insisted he did not say a woman couldn't win and Warren used the moment to point out the men on the stage had lost 10 elections while she and Klobuchar had lost zero. Afterward, Sanders attempted to shake Warren's hand, but the Massachusetts senator refused as she told Sanders, "I think you called me a liar on national TV," to which Sanders replied, "You called me a liar," according to audio revealed by CNN.

Throughout the race, however, Sanders' messaging has focused most on his fight for a "political revolution," and his latest ad in the state seeks to make the point by invoking one of the party's most popular presidents, John F. Kennedy.

The ad opens with Kennedy's 1962 moon speech, with the former president declaring, "We choose to go to the moon this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard."

The ad flashes images of Kennedy, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Martin Luther King Jr., President Lyndon Johnson and a man on the moon as Sanders narrates, "President Kennedy knew that settling for half measures wasn't good enough. So, when candidates say we can't guarantee health care for all, make college affordable for all, combat climate change or create a world in peace, remember, America is best when we strive to do big things — even when it's hard."

While Sanders has been invoking some of the nation's most popular Democratic presidents, some in the party's establishment are just as likely to compare the Vermont senator to

Michael Dukakis or Walter Mondale — presidential candidates from the party's liberal wing who went on to landslide losses.

When the recent Iowa poll showed Sanders leading the field, Obama's 2012 campaign manager Jim Messina proclaimed that Trump would want most to run against the self-described democratic socialist to exploit his far left political posture. California Rep. Ami Bera, who has endorsed Biden and is helping lead the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's efforts to hold onto House members in swing districts, warned that if Sanders won the nomination, those candidates would "have to run away from the nominee."

And then there's Emanuel, who led the DCCC's historic takeover of the House by recruiting so-called Blue Dog Democrats, moderates who won swing districts.

"There's a reason Bernie doesn't have any endorsements in any way in those swing states, from the group of congressional candidates, state rep candidates, gubernatorial candidates, state auditors in those areas," Emanuel said. "Bernie doesn't think he needs swing voters. He thinks he can get enough votes out of Democratic constituencies to overpower the system, and I don't believe that's true and I don't see that happening."

Many of Sanders' supporters remain bitter and motivated by the party establishment's treatment of Sanders, often pointing to rules created by the Democratic National Committee that they believe unfairly tilted the 2016 nomination in Hillary Clinton's favor.

"The DNC just threw him under the bus and fixed it so Hillary would win," said Clif Johnson, 38, who owns a gym in Iowa City and attended the recent Sanders rally there. "I still don't feel like he's getting a fair shake, but now he has so much more support and people know more about him that it doesn't matter as much. He's able to stand on his feet a little stronger now and his slogan, 'Not me, us,' is exactly what the race is about: us."

As for the warnings from Emanuel and other members of the establishment, many Sanders supporters on the trail in Iowa were almost giddy to see it.

"I think it is a good sign, because Bernie is doing well and they know it. They are the ones who really have a vested interest in the status quo," said Tunnickliff, the Bettendorf economic development director. "These people are scared now, and they should be scared. Wall Street should be scared. Insurance companies should be scared. Old line political hacks should be scared. This is Bernie's time."

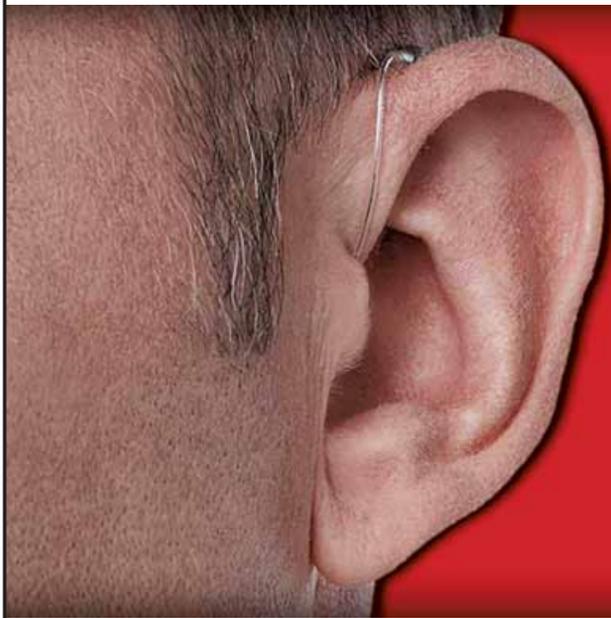
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A snow plow works the 200 block of East Wacker Drive during a snowstorm Friday.

Temperatures plunge as deep freeze, gusty winds grip city

BY DEANESE WILLIAMS-HARRIS

Bundle up if you plan on heading out because it's going to get really cold and windy.

The city was expected to have a low of 5 degrees Saturday night while some suburbs could reach a low of 0, said National Weather Service meteorologist Gino Izzi.

These conditions will make for icy, slippery roadways after the recent snow and rain.

In an alert sent about 7 p.m. Saturday, the city's Office of Emergency Management and Communications suggested keeping a trickle of water running in your home, to prevent frozen pipes.

At 7 p.m., the NWS said it was 14 degrees at O'Hare International Airport, with a wind chill of negative 4 while at Midway Airport as of the same time, it was 15 degrees with a windchill of negative 5.

Windchills overnight were expected to make temperatures feel like 10 to 20 below, and early Sunday morning will start out the same but moderate to around 0 degrees in the early afternoon. Later Sunday, the temperatures will rebound into the teens.

By Saturday evening, weather officials said 3.1 inches of snow had fallen at O'Hare and 2.6 inches were

tallied at Midway.

Some snow flurries may continue possibly into Sunday, but the snow isn't expected to continue to accumulate, Izzi said.

A hazardous weather outlook was issued for portions of north central and northeast Illinois, and northwest Indiana, saying there was elevated risk for ice accumulation and excessive cold.

Saturday weekend commuters were greeted with higher temperatures — above freezing — in the morning hours that helped melt some of the previous snowfall that fell overnight.

Saturday morning in the Loop, people trudged across slushy sidewalks and streets carrying umbrellas as a light drizzle came down.

Despite the warmup, piles of snow remained in Millennium Park, where tourists still gathered around The Bean taking photos.

National Weather Service meteorologist Jake Petr warned the snow would be heavy and wet, and urged people to "take breaks and stay hydrated while shoveling snow."

A crowd of about a half-dozen men and women were waiting outside of Rejoice Ministries Church in the Norwood Park neighborhood around 8:30 a.m. Saturday, awaiting the 10 a.m. opening of its food

pantry.

Small personal shopping carts and reusable bags lined the snow outside. Pastor Jeff Becker said he and a few deacons were out shoveling at 6 a.m. in preparation.

"Most of our people are seniors, so we had to get the ice out," Becker said.

One patron waiting outdoors said toilet paper is a big item, and she came early because the line is often longer during cold and snowy weather. She said she's retired, but living on a fixed income can be tough.

The food pantry runs every third Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon — or whenever the small pantry runs out of the groceries and hygiene items that line its shelves, Becker said.

"We feed about 100 families every time," he said.

As a winter storm took hold of the region Friday evening, the Federal Aviation Administration called a ground-stop for all inbound flights scheduled to arrive at O'Hare, canceling hundreds of flights. Midway was not affected.

As of 7 p.m. Saturday, about 233 flights had been canceled at O'Hare while 23 had been canceled at Midway. As of the same time, both airports were reporting 15 minute delays.

Chicago Tribune's Paige Fry and Rosemary Sobol contributed.



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Measure in works to help residents near Jackson Park

Administration working to give aid to neighbors of proposed Obama Presidential Center

BY LOLLY BOWEAN

Officials with Mayor Lori Lightfoot's administration will host an open house later this month with South Side residents who live close to the site of the proposed Obama Presidential Center to address concerns about displacement and gentrification, officials said.

The public gathering comes as housing officials are in the early stages of drafting legislation they think should help lower-income residents stay in the neighborhood, while allowing a mix of growth that could come as a result of the \$500 million development.

"Woodlawn is a complex organism, there's no one narrative and no one voice," Marisa Novara, the city's department of housing commissioner, said in a call to reporters about the efforts. "We are working to fulfill a promise by the mayor to guide the growth."

The mayor has found herself in the middle of a disagreement between former President Barack Obama and a group of residents that has long been pushing for a community benefits agreement — a binding contract that would guarantee certain amenities such as jobs, the creation of neighborhood assets and affordable housing.

Obama, through the Obama Foundation, is in the process of developing the first-of-its-kind Obama Presidential Center, a sprawling campus with buildings that will house the foundation offices, have meeting spaces for conferences and workshops, a public library branch, and an abundance of indoor and outdoor recreation areas. The center will be



Supporters of Obama Community Benefits Agreement Coalition and Southside Together Organizing for Power march along 63rd Street to protest at a construction site at U. of C.

home to a museum devoted to telling the story of the first African American president and first lady.

The project was approved by the City Council in 2018 and enthusiastically supported by Chicago's previous mayor.

Yet residents who live near the Jackson Park site where the presidential center is slated to be built have identified affordable housing and displacement as one of their more urgent concerns.

They fear the fancy development will bring in new investors and ultimately spur an increase in property taxes and rents.

Obama came out against a traditional CBA, saying it was the wrong tool for his project, which is privately funded but will be built on public land. Obama said his center would create jobs and create an economic revival.

When she was campaigning, Lightfoot said she supported a CBA but later stopped short of promising one and simply said the

controversy would get settled under her leadership.

Last year, Ald. Jeanette Taylor and Ald. Leslie Hairston proposed what they called a CBA ordinance that would, among other things, set aside 30% of all newly developed and rehabbed housing for lower-income residents in Washington Park, Woodlawn and South Shore. But that ordinance has been placed on hold.

On Thursday, Taylor said she was disappointed that city officials announced the open house and upcoming legislation without the presence of any City Council members who have made this issue relevant.

She acknowledged the city's current drafted proposal raises more questions for her.

"We don't know how we will fund these initiatives. Based on the draft I received, no one has talked about funding," she said. "I thought we'd look very closely at the proposed CBA ordinance and come

up with something we'd all be proud of. Now, the city is moving ... and I don't know what to say."

Alex Goldenberg, who represents the advocacy organization STOP and is a part of the Obama CBA Coalition, on Friday said the mayor's effort doesn't do enough.

"We are concerned that the mayor's package does not go far enough to stop displacement," he wrote in a statement. "We cannot wait. We are being pushed out now."

This new effort only covers Woodlawn, Novara said, and is being developed after a series of closed-door meetings with local stakeholders.

"We were able to emerge with some clear things: Everyone who stays in Woodlawn now should be able to stay in Woodlawn," she said. "The biggest thing that I heard from people was, at base, a very reasonable request: Can we work together to get in front of this? Yes, we will work with (them)."

On Thursday, Novara wouldn't say if the city's efforts are an attempt to replace that proposed ordinance.

Instead, she said her team has developed a six-point plan that would give renters in larger buildings the first option of buying the property they live in if their landlord decides to sell; offer current homeowners the opportunity to refinance if they promise to keep rents low; create a grant program to help homeowners affordably renovate and rehab their property; establish a program that would help current residents finance, buy and rehab current vacant buildings; and establish guidelines for how the city will manage the vacant lots it owns.

The public meeting is scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at Hyde Park Academy High School.

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2nd man charged in Dec. shooting

13 were wounded at memorial party

BY DEANESE WILLIAMS-HARRIS

A second man was charged Saturday morning with attempted first-degree murder in a December shooting in the Englewood neighborhood that left 13 people wounded, Chicago police said.

Keilon Jones, 25, of the 6100 block of South Laflin Street, also was charged with aggravated discharge of a firearm, Chicago police said.

Officials said Jones was identified as a shooter at a memorial Dec. 22, 2019, in the 5700 block of South Laflin Street.



Jones

He was arrested and taken into custody Jan. 16 in Riverdale in the 13900 block of South Indiana Avenue, police said.

A warrant for his arrest in the shooting had been issued earlier.

The shooting drew outrage from Mayor Lori Lightfoot, who called the shooting "an act of cowardice" days before Christmas.

A Beverly neighborhood man, Marciano White, 37, was ordered held on \$300,000 at his bail hearing. White told police he found a loaded firearm after the shooting, which happened inside and outside a grey-stone building. He was charged as an armed habitual criminal, and also with unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, officials said.

Jones was scheduled to appear Saturday at a bail hearing.

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Democratic presidential hopefuls and wealth tax proponents Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren during a debate at the Fox Theatre in Detroit in July.

A 'wealth tax' is not the magic bullet Warren and Sanders say it is



STEVE CHAPMAN

For any problem you can think of, Elizabeth Warren has a plan — usually an expensive one. She promises universal child care, universal pre-K, the elimination of student loan debt, rural broadband, “Medicare for All” and more. She’s of the “go big or go home” school.

There was a time when Democrats like Bill Clinton recognized that Washington can’t do everything. Not Warren. “I am so tired of hearing what the richest country on the face of the earth just can’t afford to do,” she says. And: “I don’t understand why anybody goes to all the trouble of running to be the president of the United States to talk about what we really can’t do.”

Her attitude about the cost of new and expanded domestic programs is eerily similar to the George W. Bush administration’s attitude about the cost of the Iraq War. The benefits would be so great that nothing else was worth mentioning.

The promise of vast new benefits for ordinary people has an undeniable allure. But where would the money come from? Medicare for All by itself carries a price tag of \$30 trillion over a decade. The other stuff doesn’t come

cheap.

For those who worry about affordability, she has a wondrously simple answer: a tax on wealth. “We can ask those at the very top, the top 1%, to pay a little more,” she said in Tuesday’s Democratic debate, through a “2-cent wealth tax.” Who could oppose asking the super-rich to kick in 2 cents apiece?

Of course, what she proposes is a 2% tax every year on all assets above \$50 million — which would amount to a minimum of \$1 million per year for each of these taxpayers. For billionaires, that 2% would rise to 6%. She has no sympathy for any who object. Her campaign offers coffee mugs labeled “Billionaire Tears.”

None of this is to take Bernie Sanders’ side in the battle between these two. Sanders has his own wealth tax, which is even more punitive than Warren’s. “There should be no billionaires,” he thunders.

No, Sanders is not planning to liquidate them as Stalin did the kulaks. He’s just going to fleece them without mercy. Over 15 years, he says, his program would take away fully half of their assets. You know how you would acquire a small fortune under a Sanders administration? Start with a large fortune.

You don’t need to be the sort of person whose weeping could fill a mug to have strong doubts about a wealth tax. It has scant support among economists on either the right or the left.

You know how you would acquire a small fortune under a Sanders administration? Start with a large fortune.

John Cochrane of the Hoover Institution and Stanford University writes that “if the question is how do we raise revenue with minimal economic distortion, the wealth tax is an awful idea.” Harvard’s Lawrence Summers, who was Clinton’s Treasury secretary, concludes that it would “undermine business confidence, reduce investment, degrade economic efficiency and punish success in ways unlikely to be good for the country.”

A wealth tax would stimulate the targets to invest in methods to escape paying — using trusts to divide assets among family members, giving to tax-deductible causes, shifting assets abroad where they can more easily be concealed and even emigrating.

The simplest and most enjoyable avoidance strategy, though, would be to squander huge sums on the high life. A million dollars invested in the stock market would be taxed. A million dollars spent on extravagant meals, the very best wines, Super Bowl box seats, tropical vacations and gala parties with marquee entertainers wouldn’t be.

There is also the knotty problem of how the IRS can determine the value of many assets, from paintings to law

firm partnerships to ownership shares in privately held companies.

A survey of economists by the University of Chicago’s Booth School of Business found that 73% think “Warren’s proposed wealth tax would be much more difficult to enforce than existing federal taxes because of difficulties of valuation and the ways by which the wealthy can underreport their true wealth.”

The challenges of administering annual wealth taxes help explain why of the 12 European countries that had them in 1990, only three still do. Cato Institute analyst Chris Edwards explains why: “They raised little revenue, created high administrative costs and induced an outflow of wealthy individuals and their money.”

All this suggests that the enormous sums of tax revenue Warren expects will not be coming. She envisions a shimmering tower of new social programs. But it would be built on sand.

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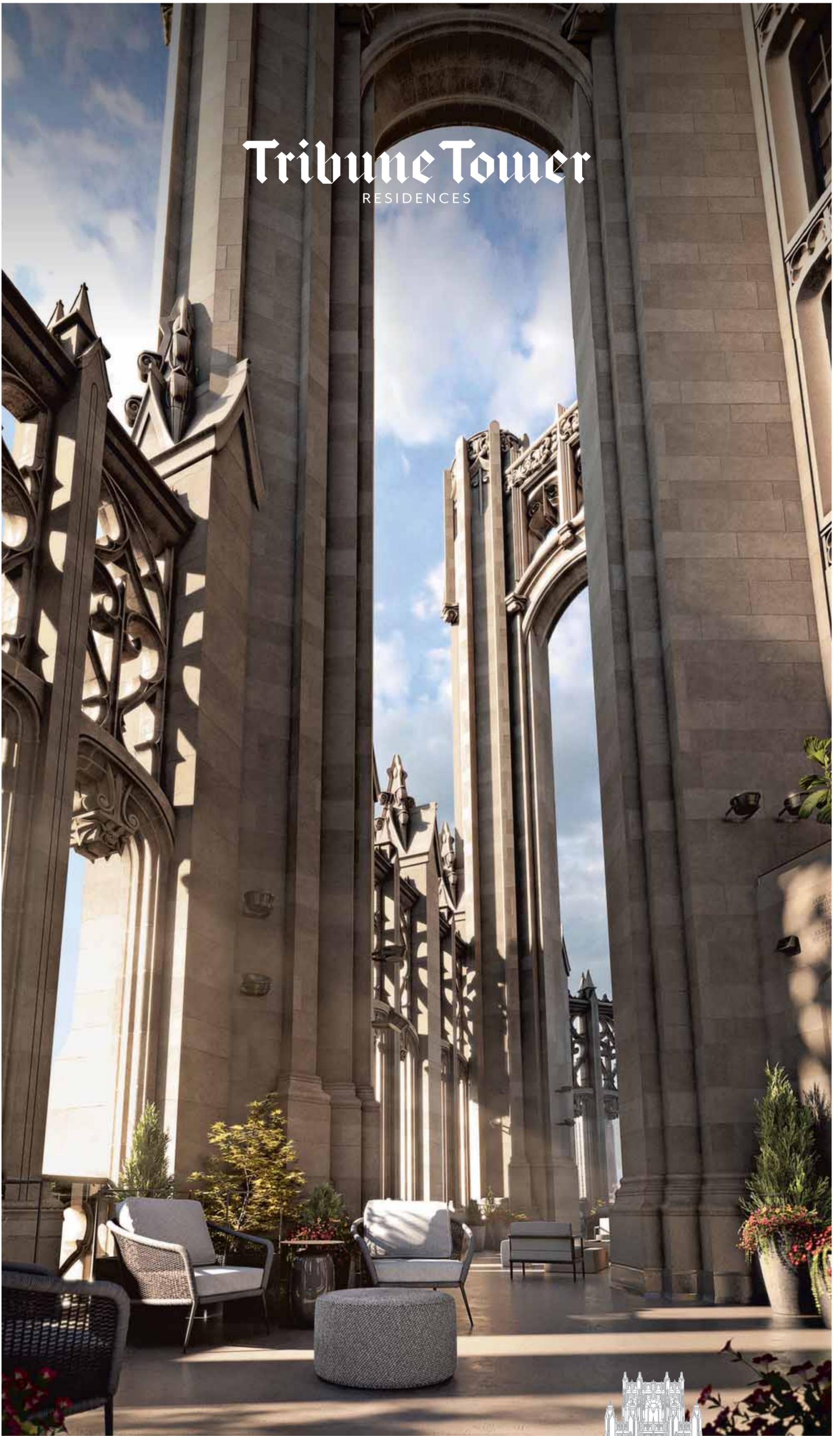
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CHANGE OF SUBJECT

BY ERIC ZORN



In the calm between strikes, athletic officials should change their rules to put students first

Whitney Young Magnet High School principal Joyce Kenner said she would have been a fine interim girls tennis coach last fall during the Chicago Teachers Union strike — if the rules governing state high school athletics had allowed her to serve.

“I’ve been playing for 40 years, I know the sport,” she said, adding that she would have been glad to sit on the sidelines and offer encouragement and supervision had the girls competed.

Not that this is all a real tennis coach does. A real tennis coach works for months on fundamentals, conditioning and techniques. A real tennis coach identifies and works on player weaknesses and pairings.

But in a pinch, at match time, when a real tennis coach isn’t available because of a labor dispute, a responsible adult with at least a passing familiarity with the sport would be an adequate substitute.

Kenner said she believes the same is true for most high school sports — think golf, track, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, cross-country, soccer, baseball, softball and so on. Having a substitute coach for a few games, matches or meets would be far preferable for the students to not competing at all.

That’s why Kenner said she’s leading a charge to overturn an Illinois High School Association rule that says “no team or other entity representing a member school may participate in an interscholastic contest or activity during the time the member school is not in session due to a strike,” and return that decision to the district level.

“We had many administrators and other nonunion personnel who could have stepped in,” Kenner said.

“We needed to put the students first during the strike, not the adults,” Kenner said.

You may recall this was a hot issue in October, when the CTU’s



Striking Chicago Teachers Union members gather near Oscar Mayer School for a march last October.

15-day strike caused numerous fall sports cancellations in Chicago Public Schools and kept many athletes out of postseason competition. A lawyer representing cross-country runners in CPS high schools went to court, claiming the IHSA rule is arbitrary and unfair.

The reason for the rule is that most coaches in most districts are members of their teachers unions, and coaching a team during a strike is, in some eyes, tantamount to crossing the picket line, although it’s not clear why sports bureaucrats should concern themselves with enforcing terms of labor disputes. And if there is some overarching principle here, it’s not clear why IHSA’s Policy No. 6 says that, if a strike begins after a postseason tournament is underway, “teams and/or students will be permitted to continue participating.”

The cross-country runners got a favorable ruling from a Cook County judge on the eve of their state sectional meet, allowing

them to compete. The IHSA went to the Illinois Appellate Court seeking to keep the 20 qualifying CPS runners out of the state meet. The appellate judges punted — to mix my sporting metaphors — by delaying their hearing until after the meet had taken place, after which no further action was taken because all parties declared the matter moot.

Probably for the best. It’s seldom a great idea to make long-term policy decisions when short-term disputes are white hot.

Officials at IHSA, based in Bloomington, said they’d take up the question at their December board meeting. But it was tabled then because attendance was light, and then no action was taken at the January meeting, held Wednesday.

“I don’t ever again want to have our student athletes endure what they endured last fall,” said Kenner, who is on the IHSA board and is president of the Chicago Public Schools Athletic Association. “There has to be a way for

the adults to settle their differences without that kind of effect on kids.”

She allowed that football is an exception to the notion that administrators and volunteers could simply sub for striking union members on the sidelines at games. The sport is highly complex and generally involves numerous coaches with the expertise to maximize safety.

What about the idea of local control? Of allowing school districts and striking teachers to negotiate the paid participation of unionized coaches while the classroom walkout continues? As I’ve noted here before, this is how it’s done in various other states.

“That’s a great question,” said Kenner. “The unions should be involved, and if their members want to coach during strikes, they should be allowed to.”

Kenner said she plans to convene some two dozens stakeholders, including union representatives, sometime in late February to see if there is consensus

to repeal the IHSA strike policy.

Because the policy also appears in the association’s bylaws, spokesman Matt Troha said repeal will require the consent not just of the 10 voting members of the board, but also of a majority of representatives of the more than 800 member schools, “as well as our 35-person Legislative Commission, who are sort of the elected gatekeepers of that legislative process.”

Now’s the time. The pressure’s not on. Parents and students aren’t frustrated and fuming mad. Not again. Not yet.

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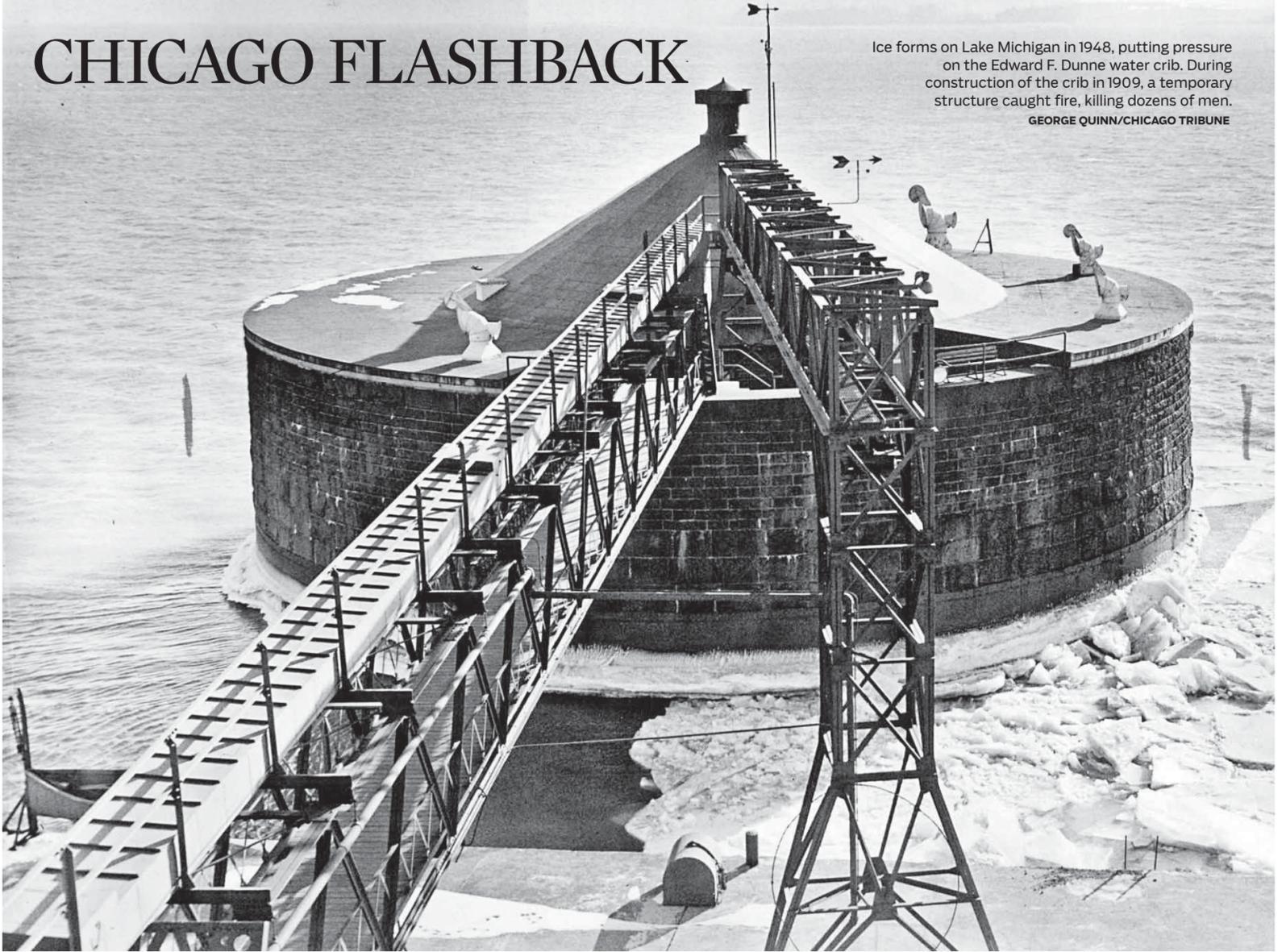
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CHICAGO FLASHBACK

Ice forms on Lake Michigan in 1948, putting pressure on the Edward F. Dunne water crib. During construction of the crib in 1909, a temporary structure caught fire, killing dozens of men.
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Wood, water & fire

The deaths of dozens of men when flames consumed a wooden water crib stunned a fire-weary Chicago

BY ELISE DE LOS SANTOS

“Death’s fortress on the lake.” “A death trap.” “Crib of horror.” “Pits of fire and watery graves.”

More than a century ago, a fire more than a mile from shore sent dozens of men jumping into Lake Michigan in a desperate attempt to escape death and harm, only to encounter the same in the lake’s icy waters. The Tribune headlines from the time speak of the nightmare that unfolded when a water crib caught fire, killing scores of men and injuring many more.

Water cribs, which are situated in the lake, are part of a system that collects and supplies the city’s drinking water. The one that caught fire the morning of Jan. 20, 1909, was just a temporary structure in use while a tunnel for water transportation was being built. This “intermediate” crib, about 1.5 miles from the shore around 71st Street on the South Side, was “made of wood, made strong enough to withstand the waves and ice, but in no sense fireproof,” a fact that proved fatal.

Exactly how many men were working in the crib when disaster struck was unclear from the start. The crib had “sleeping and eating accommodations for ninety men. ... As a rule, there were eighty men employed there, divided into three shifts, and work went on night and day,” according to the Tribune.

“It is not likely that the exact number of dead will ever be known,” the Tribune reported the day after the disaster. George W. Jackson, president of the company building the tunnel, “furnished the list of seventy-nine names as the roll of the men employed on the crib.” However, 47 bodies had been recovered at that point, while 48 men had been rescued — already surpassing the number of names on the list and the 90-person capacity of the structure.

Those who escaped the fiery crib had to grapple with the icy waters of Lake Michigan while waiting for rescue, and many weren’t fully clothed, as the fire had struck while they were sleeping. The Tribune’s report described the horrifying choice the men faced as the fire spread and panic and confusion sent them scrambling.

“Naked and half clad men fell over each other and fought to get on the outside of the crib. There were only a few windows in the structure and these were jammed with men ... clawing and pulling at each other for a chance to jump into the lake and risk death by drowning rather than meet certain death by burning. ...

“Of the men who jumped from the second story window, some landed on blocks of ice and for a few minutes were safe. Others struck the water and by desperate swimming reached blocks of ice, on which they finally clambered after many unsuccessful attempts.”

Even so, some workers drowned or succumbed to the frigid temperature of the water.

From the nearby 68th Street crib, Capt. E.A. Johnson and the crew of the tugboat T.T. Morford sped over when they saw the fire.

“Holding the wheel in person, Capt. Johnson raced the Morford over the heaving water that intervened between the cribs, crashing through the four inch ice floes that almost lifted the tug out of the water,” the Tribune reported.

The tugboat collected dozens of men “in varying degrees of nakedness and terror” from the lake. After dropping off the less seriously injured at a nearby crib, the tugboat headed downtown with the men whose conditions were more dire.

“Arrangements were made by telephone so that ambulances and blankets might be in waiting at the Wells street bridge,” the Tribune reported. “With every ounce of steam pounding the pistons the craft plowed up the river and under the bridges half an hour after leaving the crib.”

As the Morford headed downtown, fire boats headed toward the crib. The telephone call that sent responders to the scene was a “frenzied” message from within the crib:

“The crib is on fire. For God’s sake send help at once or a dozen or more of us will be burned alive. The tug —”

The call broke off at that point.

The coroner’s jury later put the number of dead at 60, though some estimates went as high as 70.

The city, of course, was no stranger to a staggering loss of life due to fire. The Great Chicago Fire had devastated the city only 38 years before, but even more top of mind for Chicagoans was the Iroquois Theater disaster that killed about 600 people after a fire broke out in a packed theater in 1903.

So it was no surprise that thousands turned out for “the largest public burial in the history of South Chicago,” which was held a few days after the fire. “The business houses were closed, and the entire population not at work in the factories was on hand to give a token of respect to those left in a moment without father, or husband, or friend.”

“It was decided to bury all forty-seven dead bodies on the same day in a plot of ground to be purchased by Mr. Jackson,” the Tribune reported.

“Forty-seven hearses, each bearing a part of what three days ago was a strong man, moved through the streets of South Chicago” to a plot at Mount Greenwood Cemetery, according to the Tribune. “The bodies were laid away in rows in a single cellarlike grave.”

A small memorial plaque to this day marks the common grave. It reads, “In memory of crib fire,” though it notes “45 unknown men” were laid to rest there, not 47.

Part of the reason for the discrepancy and the decision to conduct a mass burial was the condition most of the bodies were in. “The impossibility of identification simplified the work of the police in keeping back the inquirers after missing friends and relatives. ‘There is no hope of your knowing father, son, or brother,’ was the set reply of the police stationed at the doors” of the coroner’s office, when relatives came to ask about the remains of their loved ones, the Tribune reported.

After the funeral, attention shifted toward who to blame for the disaster. Theories ran rampant. One was that gasoline had been used to try to control a bedbug infestation in the crib. A “workman with the idea of abating the nuisance had secured gasoline and poured it into the cracks. The gasoline in some way ... became ignited, with the result that the whole structure burst into flame.”

Another theory, personally held by Jackson, the tunneling company president, was “that the fire was caused by an employee smoking in the sleeping rooms, which was against the rules. All agree that the first smoke was seen coming from the bunkroom.”

Yet another theory was that a careless employee dropped a torch in a room where dynamite was being stored.

Nathan Fultz, “the last man taken out alive from the tunnel under the lake,” denied throughout the investigation that he had caused the fire, and he was later cleared of any wrongdoing.

The investigation also found that the fire started “without any explosion” because the dynamite for some reason did not detonate. However, concerns were raised about the dangerous amount of explosives kept in the crib, with some workers claiming there were 3 tons of dynamite being stored there, though the company denied this and said only 800 pounds — “a day’s supply” — was in the structure.

Among the other findings of the coroner’s jury were that the workers had not been trained what to do in case of a fire, there were no boats or life rafts and there were only 12 or 15 life preservers on the crib. The paper and the public expected the coroner’s jury to “hold the Jackson company responsible for the loss of sixty lives and that its findings will charge that nearly every law governing the operation of the crib as a lodging house for men and as a storage place for dynamite was violated by the Jackson company.”

In the end, however, the jury was unable to determine the cause of the fire and ended up exonerating the company, and the city, from the charge of criminal carelessness.

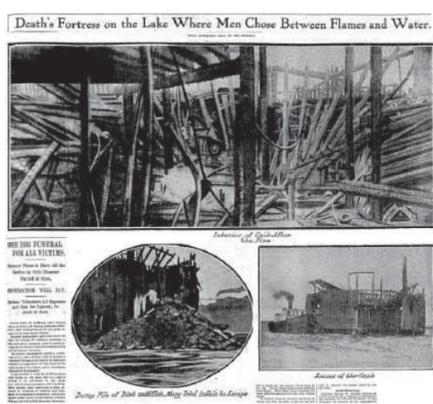
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Above: Victims of the water crib disaster, including one with a blanket wrapped around his shoulders, are rescued on the tugboat T.T. Morford on Jan. 20, 1909, in Chicago.



Left: An illustration on the Jan. 21, 1909, Chicago Daily Tribune front page imagines the “frenzied” phone call that came from the crib. Inside the paper were photos of the water crib fire.



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EDITORIALS



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Decades of incompetent budgeting and enormous but unfunded promises shove state government into insolvency, unable to pay bills as they come due. Parents watch in chagrin as young people by the tens of thousands join an Illinois Exodus and build their futures elsewhere. Tax gouges relentlessly expand, but never enough to sate the ruling Democrats — as always, they want more money to spend, this time via higher income taxes.

Each word of that paragraph was true on July 2, 2017, when we first urged House Speaker Michael Madigan and Senate President John Cullerton to resign from their leadership posts. And each word of that paragraph is true today, although not the end of the story. Add two years of fresh crises for Illinois Democrats, first with disgusting #MeToo scandals in Madigan's realm, more recently with FBI agents and federal prosecutors incrementally identifying Illinois governance and politics as a vast criminal enterprise.

The silence of the Dems

Cullerton is retiring from the Senate. But Democrats from Gov. J.B. Pritzker on down look paralyzed, unwilling or unable to challenge the presence of Madigan as the head of their state party and the kingpin of their House caucus. The feds have accused Madigan of no wrongdoing, and he reliably dodges responsibility for the misdeeds that others around him allegedly have committed.

What's hiding in plain sight, though, is the entitlement — the impunity — with which those close to Madigan have concluded they can operate. In one case among many, impunity likely explains why Madigan crony Michael McClain could have the hubris to casually invoke rape and ghost pay-rolling when McClain emailed top aides to a governor, seeking protection for a state employee in a disciplinary case.

Madigan says he knew nothing about any of McClain's maneuvering. Not the email, not the rape reference, not the ghost payrollers, not the veiled suggestion that McClain had dirt on

Repeating:
Democrats, it's time
for Madigan to go.

the administration of then-Gov. Pat Quinn, so Quinn's aides had better take notice.

For the most part, as their Madigan-related embarrassments pile up like cordwood, Illinois Democrats have condemned the sins, but they've not demanded that Madigan resign as speaker. Nor are they pressuring him en masse to abdicate his throne in the Illinois Democratic Party.

One reason for the Democrats' fealty: The Tribune reports that as of Jan. 1, four campaign funds Madigan controls have \$21.1 million in cash on hand. A whole lot of Democratic politicians would rather wait in line for more porridge from Madigan than invoke their self-proclaimed principles.

The case against
Madigan then ...

We argued in 2017, and reiterate today, that Madigan's tenure as speaker coincides with Illinois' downward spiral.

His legislature — anybody want to argue with that phrase? — for decades has intentionally failed to give the people of Illinois solutions to the long-term crises of a tax-hobbled economy and high-overhead government.

No solutions for rising property taxes and workers' compensation costs, for regulations and mandates that wave off employers, for party patronage, for runaway retirement costs, for that roster of 7,000 local governments ... you know the list. Year upon year, Illinois' crises endure. And as Democrats genuflect, Madigan too endures.

... and the urgent case
against Madigan now

But we reached that verdict before allegations of sexual harassment and a rape cover-up struck Madigan's fortress. Two years ago, a former aide to his political organization went public with accusations that a top Madigan operative had harassed her. She had tried to get Madigan to take her allegations seriously. She was largely ignored.

Our previous calls for Madigan's resignation also came before he failed, repeatedly, to take responsibility for a culture of sexism and bullying within his own organization that eventually led to the firing of top Madigan aides.

Our push for Madigan's departure came before we understood the extent of ethics cover-ups in Springfield. We didn't fully grasp the farce of accountability in the General Assembly until the departing inspector general, in a commentary published by the Tribune, explained how deeply the system of investigating allegations of sexual harassment is broken — by design.

Secret payments
and the rape allusion

We didn't know then that Madigan's top lobbyist, McClain, would secretly arrange payments to support one alleged sexual harasser, Kevin Quinn, despite a growing #MeToo movement — and despite assurances from Madigan that he cares so deeply about the dignity of women who work in his realm.

Our recommendation came before Madigan's campaign fund settled a

civil lawsuit with the woman who brought those complaints forward, and long before the disclosure of McClain's disturbing email, with its still unresolved allusion to the cover-up of a rape case.

Gov. Pritzker, Democrats,
are you helpless?
Feckless? Intimidated?

So now, to members and elected officers of the Illinois Democratic Party, beginning with you, Gov. Pritzker: Isn't all of this enough to have you pressure Michael Madigan to leave his leadership posts in the General Assembly and in your political party? Or rather, *why isn't it enough?* Are you helpless? Feckless? Intimidated?

Any one of the shameful events that have unfolded under Madigan's rule would justify a change at the top of any private sector, military, civic, educational or charitable organization: Vast indebtedness. Unbalanced budgets. A pension system threatening to implode. Federal corruption investigations of allies galore. Tolerance of sexual harassment. Cover-ups.

Madigan's human shields

Yet proud Democrats in this state who are so quick to pounce on others' mistakes, to puff out their own righteous chests, continue to enable — to protect — the man who offers no explanation except, *I didn't know*. The man who displays no accountability except, *I should have done better*.

With all those Democrats propped up as his human shields, Madigan will not resign as chairman of their party or speaker of their lower chamber. Instead, he could well be rewarded with reelections to both posts.

Why? Primarily because he offers campaign money and a staff to hand-hold Democrats through their own election campaigns. For openly squandering the principles their mouth, that is their prize.

What hypocrisy.
What an embarrassment.
What cowards.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

What if in November enough black Americans voted for Donald Trump to re-elect him into the presidency? This unlikely straw has been in the political winds recently because in three opinion polls — Emerson, Marist and Rasmussen — President Trump registered about 30% support among black voters. ... The reason this unlikely 30% number breaks the seals in Democratic heads is that for years it has been a rule of thumb in politics that if black support for Republicans ever reached 20% of the total vote, a Democratic presidential candidate would not be able to win, ever. ...

In a 2015 speech on the economy, Hillary Clinton talked about the jobs landscape then: "A quarter of young black men and nearly 15% of all Latino youth cannot find a job." Those numbers are much better for them now. They know it, and their voting parents and grandparents know it. ...

To a woman and man, Elizabeth Warren, Amy Klobuchar, Bernie Sanders, Pete Buttigieg, Tom Steyer and Joe Biden believe all the widely reported job and income gains the past three years have fallen into the hands of guys in top hats, cutaway coats and

spats. Sens. Sanders and Warren are wallowing in Depressionphilia.

But maybe some of these minority voters — maybe even the additional numbers Mr. Trump needs to earn 15% to 20% of the black vote — don't think work grows on trees or out of federal payment checks, and do believe this president's policies have contributed to their paychecks and improved prospects. ...

Social mobility, the most durable antipoverty program, is stirring again.

Daniel Henninger, *The Wall Street Journal*

PERSPECTIVE



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State Rep. Jonathan Carroll, a Northbrook Democrat, left, asks a question during a hearing about using “isolated timeout” or “quiet rooms” to discipline students.

Let's ban secluded 'quiet rooms' in schools nationwide



CLARENCE PAGE

Until recently, state Rep. Jonathan Carroll, a Northbrook Democrat, says he has avoided talking much in public about his childhood experiences with isolation punishment.

But he was moved to blog about it after the chilling revelations in a recent investigation by the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois of the disciplinary policy called “isolated timeout” or “quiet rooms,” among other names.

Diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder at a time when the condition was still poorly understood by most people, Carroll said, he faced repeated rounds of isolation-as-punishment at school. He still remembers the smell and carpeted walls of the small room into which he was locked, he wrote.

“To the 12-year old boy who’s still inside of me dealing with this pain, I will do everything in my power to not have others feel the same way,” he wrote.

I sympathize with his sentiments. I also can empathize with him. I, too, was diagnosed with having a “high-functioning” version of ADHD, which, by my reckoning, may have helped to prepare me for a career in the short-attention-span-appealing world of daily journalism.

But I didn’t find out about that until

the 1990s. The disorder had become more widely known but I was deep into adulthood and long out of school. Although I was sent to the principal’s office more times than I want to brag about, I didn’t go through anything like the horrors that the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois team uncovered.

“In Illinois,” the reporters wrote, “it’s legal for school employees to seclude students in a separate space — to put them in ‘isolated timeout’ — if the students pose a safety threat to themselves or others. Yet, every school day, workers isolate children for reasons that violate the law, an investigation by the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois has found.”

“The students, most of them with disabilities, scratch the windows or tear at the padded walls. They throw their bodies against locked doors. They wet their pants. Some children spend hours inside these rooms, missing class time. Through it all, adults stay outside the door, writing down what happens.”

The use of seclusion and restraint in schools is not a new issue, especially to those who care about unequal application of punishments. In the 2015-16 school year, 122,000 students across the country were restrained or secluded, according to the Department of Education’s Civil Rights Data Collection.

Although students with disabilities make up 12% of total enrollment across the country, they make up 71% of students who were restrained and 66% of the students who were secluded, according to the data. African American students make up 15% of total enrollment, but 27% of those

“The students, most of them with disabilities, scratch the windows or tear at the padded walls. They throw their bodies against locked doors. They wet their pants.”

— Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois article

students subject to restraint and 23% of those students who were secluded in school.

Of the 12,000 incidents between 2017 and 2018 that included enough detail to determine what justified the seclusion, the reporters said more than a third of these incidents included no safety reason for the action. Instead, children reportedly were sent to isolation for offenses as common as swearing, spilling milk, throwing Legos or refusing to do classwork.

Fortunately, political leaders responded quickly to this controversy. A day after the report appeared on the Tribune’s website, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker called the practice of isolated timeouts “appalling” and vowed to work with legislators on long-term solutions. The Illinois State Board of Education announced emergency action to end the practice of isolated timeouts.

And the state’s two U.S. senators, Democrats Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, and 10 members of the House of Representatives, spearheaded by U.S. Rep. Sean Casten, a Chicago-area Democrat, asked Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to tell schools to end the seclusion rooms and other physical restraints and in-

stead promote “evidence-based alternatives.”

What might those be? One impressive example mentioned in the report is the Grafton behavioral health network in Virginia, where employees were injured so frequently in confrontations with students that the district lost its workers’ compensation insurance.

That changed after its private therapeutic day schools changed their approach to a behavior model that focuses on what Kim Sanders, executive vice president of network, calls “comfort,” instead of “control” of the students. The model called Ukeru has been so successful at reducing violent events down to near-zero that they now sell it to other schools.

That’s encouraging. Anyone who deals with children — or is trying to raise them — knows that it’s a tough job, but it doesn’t always call for “tough love.” Nonviolent alternatives can work better — and more safely.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

U. of I. chief gets a whopping raise

It is shocking that University of Illinois President Timothy Killeen is slated to earn \$835,000 a year merely for doing his job well, while graduate and teaching assistants at the University of Illinois at Chicago needed to strike for three weeks to slightly improve their lot. Graduate students at UIC make a minimum salary of \$18,000 and pay \$2,000 in university fees. Their new contract reduced fees, increased contributions to health care plans and family coverage, and gave them a \$2,550 pay increase but over three years.

The UIC workers were seeking to boost minimum salaries by 74% in the first year of the new contract, 7.2% in the second year and 8.2% in the third year. UIC offered a 4.1% jump in year one, then 4.1% and 3.75% increases in subsequent years.

UIC faculty members avoided a strike when they negotiated a

contract that contains a 4% total raise pool per year as well as new policy protections.

How is it possible that Illinois can find the money to boost Killeen’s salary by 40% but is unable to improve working conditions for hardworking faculty members, adjunct professors, graduate students, and clerical and technical personnel until they strike, and even then, is able to raise their salaries by paltry amounts?

— Orayb Najjar, professor emerita, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb

Ban foam containers at restaurants

Chicago’s restaurant and business community should support the ban on Styrofoam containers proposed by Ald. Scott Waguespack.

As a Chicago restaurant owner in Chicago for over 30 years and one who, with Ina Pinkney in 2008, founded the Green Chicago

Restaurant Coalition, all six of my restaurants have been free of Styrofoam and polystyrene (No. 6 plastic) for over a dozen years. Neither profitability nor our customer base was affected when we made the switch.

Chicago is playing catch-up with the rest of the world on this issue. In addition to the European Union, many major U.S. cities, including New York City; San Diego, California; San Francisco; Los Angeles; Seattle; Washington; and Portland, Oregon, have some form of ban on the use of Styrofoam. Next year, the entire state of Maine will ban Styrofoam.

While the Waguespack ordinance is still in its early form and should be modified to make it even more practical and environmentally friendly, the Illinois Restaurant Association, the Illinois Retail Merchants Association and the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce should all be early and strong supporters of a Styrofoam ban. With sustainability being so much a part of Chicago’s vibrant restaurant scene, there can be little doubt that our great chefs and restaurateurs will be solidly behind such action.

— Dan Rosenthal, president, Soprafina Marketcaffes, Trattoria No. 10, Chicago

Hope in fight against climate change

I largely agree with New York Times columnist Paul Krugman (“Australia shows us the road to climate hell,” Jan. 10) but believe two things offer hope.

Climate change is my foremost concern. I closely follow the news and continually learn new things, from the latest grim statistics and prognostications to both encouraging and discouraging developments worldwide. But I’m in the minority. Most people “believe” in human-caused climate change but are preoccupied with other problems and don’t realize that climate action can’t wait. They know Australia is burning and ache for the baby koalas. They cluck sympathetically without comprehending the immediacy of the crisis.

Unlike Krugman, I believe that many people are open-minded but insufficiently informed. They must be reached and motivated to both take and demand climate action. Don’t put too much blame on politicians. They tend to respond to the expressed concerns of their constituents, which are usually health care and jobs, not climate change.

I also disagree with Krugman on the need for and usefulness of a carbon tax. Again, many people are insufficiently informed about the wide-ranging benefits of a transparent, well-designed, revenue-neutral tax. They anticipate and fear sacrifice. Some are irrevocably opposed for ideological reasons or perceived self-interest and won’t be swayed, but I think they are outnumbered. A growing number of economists believe a strong tax that returns most of the revenue to taxpayers is a necessary part of any climate strategy. It would sharply discourage the use of fossil fuels without regulations and government meddling.

But not all carbon taxes are created equal, and success or failure is in the details. Several models have been thoroughly analyzed and predicted to benefit almost everyone except those who gain from destroying the environment, climate, and future. The people who are insufficiently informed about such a tax must be reached.

It should be possible to awaken the somnolent. There seems to be progress. Whether we can still avert climate disaster is moot, but disaster a given unless we try.

— Carol Steinhart, Madison, Wisconsin



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NATION & WORLD

Harry, Meghan to quit royal jobs

Couple to give up 'highness' titles, forgo state funding

BY JILL LAWLESS
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Associated Press

LONDON — Goodbye, your royal highnesses. Hello, life as — almost — ordinary civilians.

Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, are quitting as working royals and will no longer use the titles "royal highness" or receive public funds for their work under a deal announced Saturday by Buckingham Palace.

Releasing details of the dramatic split, triggered by the couple's unhappiness with life under media scrutiny in the royal fishbowl, the palace said Harry and Meghan will cease to be working members of the royal family when the new arrangements take effect within months, in the "spring of 2020."

The deal will be reviewed by the palace after a year, according to a palace official.

The couple will no longer use the prestigious titles His Royal Highness and Her Royal Highness, but they are not being stripped of them.

They will be known as Harry, Duke of Sussex and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex. Harry will remain a prince and sixth in line to the British throne.

The agreement also calls for Meghan and Harry to repay \$3.1 million in taxpayers' money that was spent renovating a house for them near Windsor Castle, Frogmore Cottage. The use of public funds to ready their home had



JEREMY SELWYN/GETTY-AFF

Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, will no longer use their titles or receive public funds after deciding to give up front-line royal duties, Buckingham Palace said Saturday. The arrangements will begin in the "spring of 2020," the palace said.

Chris Jones

■ Columnist weighs in on Megxit. **A&E, Page 3**

raised ire in the British press.

The couple's departure is a wrench for the royal family, but Queen Elizabeth II had warm words for them in a statement Saturday. The 93-year-old queen said she was pleased that "together we have found a constructive and supportive way forward for my grandson and his family. Harry, Meghan and Archie will always be much loved members of my family."

"I recognize the chal-

lenges they have experienced as a result of intense scrutiny over the last two years and support their wish for a more independent life," Elizabeth said.

"It is my whole family's hope that today's agreement allows them to start building a happy and peaceful new life," she added.

The announcement came after days of talks among royal courtiers sparked by Meghan and Harry's announcement last week that they wanted to step down as senior royals and live part-time somewhere in Canada.

Despite the queen's kind words, the new arrange-

ment will represent an almost complete break from life as working royals, especially for Harry. As a devoted military man and servant to the crown, the prince carries out dozens of royal engagements.

While he and Meghan will no longer represent the queen, the palace said they would "continue to uphold the values of Her Majesty" while carrying out their private charitable work.

The withdrawal of Harry from royal engagements will increase the demands on his brother, Prince William, and William's wife, Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge.

Buckingham Palace did

not disclose who will pay for the couple's security going forward. It currently is taxpayer-funded and carried out primarily by a special unit of the Metropolitan Police, also known as Scotland Yard.

"There are well established independent processes to determine the need for publicly funded security," it said.

Hammering out terms for Harry and Meghan to shift to "part-time" status was never going to be easy. The couple draw millions of dollars a year from Harry's father, Prince Charles, through his income from the Duchy of Cornwall.

Officials at the palace

said the couple will be allowed to earn money in the private sector.

But other members of the royal family who have tried to enter the private sector have stumbled.

The drama has plunged the royal family into perhaps its biggest crisis since the death of Diana, Princess of Wales — the mother of Harry and William — in 1997. There have been reports of a bitter rift between the princes as a result, and early reports said the queen was deeply disappointed with the situation.

Harry and Meghan have grown increasingly uncomfortable with constant media scrutiny since the birth in May of their son, Archie. They married in 2018 in a ceremony that drew a worldwide TV audience.

Harry on Thursday made his first public appearance since the situation unfolded, presiding over a draw for the Rugby League World Cup at Buckingham Palace. He looked tense under the glare of cameras but appeared to loosen up as he joked with a group of children playing rugby outside the palace.

The duchess, who is staying at a sprawling estate on Vancouver Island in Canada where the couple spent the Christmas holidays, was spotted picking up a friend at the airport Thursday, according to The Daily Mail. She was also photographed earlier last week meeting with the administrative staff of a women's shelter in Vancouver.

Meghan appears to be increasingly isolated.

It is not known where in Canada they plan to live.

The New York Times contributed.



ANDREW SELSKY/AP

Kelsey Juliana, part of a lawsuit by young people who say U.S. energy policies are hurting their future, greets supporters in June outside a federal courthouse in Portland, Ore.

Court tosses youth group's climate lawsuit against US

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — A federal appeals court has dismissed a lawsuit by 21 young people who claimed the U.S. government's climate policies and reliance on fossil fuels harms them, jeopardizes their future and violates their constitutional rights, potentially dealing a fatal blow to a long-running case that activists saw as an important front in the war against environmental degradation.

The Oregon-based youth advocacy group Our Children's Trust filed the lawsuit in 2015 in Eugene on behalf of the youngsters. It sought an injunction ordering the government to implement a plan to phase out fossil fuel emissions and draw down atmospheric carbon dioxide emission. The case had bounced around the federal courts for five years and multiple trial dates were canceled.

The 2-1 vote for dismissal by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday was a setback for the climate ac-

tivists, who vowed to ask the full 9th Circuit panel to review the ruling. Our Children's Trust has filed numerous similar cases in state and federal courts and currently has nine cases pending in state courts from Alaska to New Mexico. The federal ruling was less likely to affect those cases, experts said.

"This is a very serious blow to the case, perhaps a fatal blow," said Jennifer Rushlow, an associate dean for environmental programs at Vermont Law School, who has been watching the case closely.

Our Children's Trust said that although the justices ruled for dismissal, it was important to note that they also said in the opinion that the evidence showed climate change was real and caused by fossil fuels and that the young plaintiffs had suffered legitimate consequences from climate change.

The "case is far from over," said Julia Olson, lead attorney for Our Children's Trust. "The court recognized that climate change is exponentially increasing

and that the federal government has long known that its actions substantially contribute to the climate crisis."

Government attorneys repeatedly sought the case's dismissal and succeeded in having the scope of the claims narrowed and some defendants dismissed during years of back-and-forth litigation.

On Friday, the court wrote that the youngsters made a compelling case that action is needed and agreed that climate change is undeniable, but said the proper venue for addressing the nation's emissions policies and fossil fuel use is Congress or the executive branch.

In addition, the justices wrote that ending the use of fossil fuels in the U.S. alone would not be enough to slow or stop climate change.

The plaintiffs come from all over the U.S., from Oregon to Louisiana to New York.

The sole dissenting justice, Josephine Staton, wrote that "my colleagues throw up their hands."

Thousands take to streets as part of Women's March

BY LYNN BERRY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Thousands gathered in cities across the country Saturday as part of the nationwide Women's March rallies focused on issues such as climate change, pay equity, reproductive rights and immigration.

Hundreds showed up in New York City and thousands in Washington, D.C., for the rallies, which aim to harness the political power of women, although crowds were noticeably smaller than in previous years.

The first marches in 2017 drew hundreds of thousands of people to rallies in cities across the country on the day after President Donald Trump was inaugurated. That year's D.C. march drew close to 1 million people.

In Manhattan on Saturday, hundreds of people gathered as part of a "Rise and Roar" rally at separate events in Foley Square and Columbus Circle.

"Today, we will be the change that is needed in this world! Today, we rise into our power!" activist Donna Hylton told a cheering crowd in Foley Square.

Snow began falling by the afternoon in Manhattan, apparently putting a damper on plans for the two groups to converge in large numbers near Times Square.

In downtown Los Angeles, thousands of men, women and children filled several blocks as they made their way from a plaza to a park adjacent to City Hall, where a rally featured speeches by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the wife of California Gov. Gavin Newsom, Mayor Eric Garcetti, Rep. Maxine Waters and others.

Jennifer Siebel Newsom credited women for mobilizing against gun violence, creating the #MeToo movement against sexual



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People inspired by the Chilean feminist group Las Tesis dance Saturday amid a Women's March in New York City.

harassment and discrimination, and taking back the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives.

"In 2020, I have no doubt that it will be women who will lead again, rise up and move this country forward on a path toward justice," she said.

In Denver, organizers opted to skip the rally after the march and instead invited participants to meet with local organizations to learn more about issues such as reproductive rights, climate change, gun safety and voting.

Several thousand came out for the protest in Washington, far fewer than last year when about 100,000 people held a rally east of the White House.

But as in previous years, many of the protesters made the trip to the nation's capital from cities across the country to express their opposition to Trump and his policies.

In Washington, three key issues seemed to galvanize most of the protesters: climate change, immigration and reproductive rights.

Peta Madry of New London, Connecticut, was celebrating her 70th birthday in D.C. by attending her fourth Women's March with her sister, Cynthia

Barnard, of San Rafael, California. With pained expressions, they spoke about Trump's determination to reverse the policies of his predecessor Barack Obama and his treatment of women.

"Look what he's doing to Greta Thunberg," Madry said, referring to the teenage climate activist. "He's the biggest bully in the world."

Meanwhile, the National Archives apologized Saturday for its decision to blur images of anti-Trump signs used as part of an exhibit on women's suffrage.

The exhibit about the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, blurred some anti-Trump messages on protest signs in a photo of the 2017 Women's March in Washington.

The archives said the photo in question is not one of its archival records, but rather was licensed for use as a promotional graphic in the exhibit.

"Nonetheless, we were wrong to alter the image," the agency said.

The current display has been removed and will be replaced as soon as possible with one that uses the original, unaltered image, the archives said.

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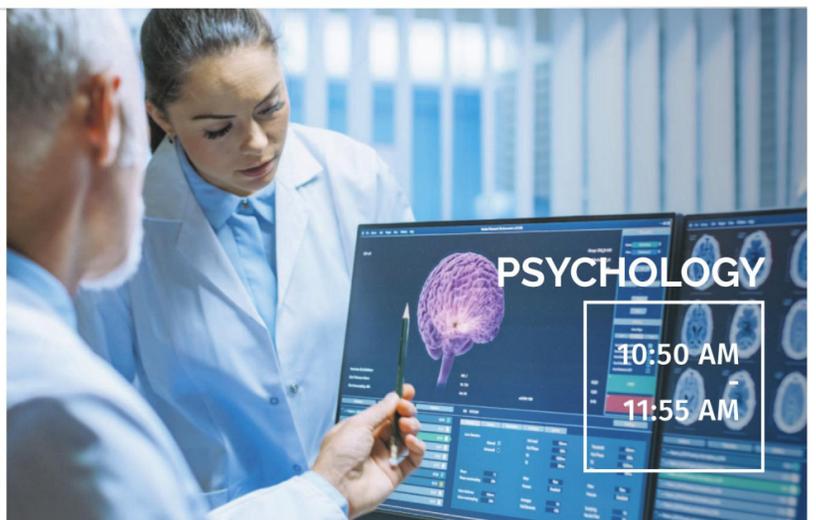
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Trump's black voter outreach looks to pews

Faith-based appeals made to reach resistant bloc

By ELANA SCHOR
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — In the eight years since he became a pastor at First Immanuel Baptist Church, Todd Johnson says he's seen his congregation's politics make a subtle shift.

The Philadelphia church, which recently hosted a Donald Trump campaign event reaching out to black voters, has "more people now who are more open to voting for someone other than a Democrat," Johnson said.

The president's meager support among African Americans has shown few signs of increasing from the 6% of black voters he won in 2016, according to a Pew Research Center analysis. The president's standing with black evangelical Protestants is similarly low.

According to AP VoteCast, about 8 in 10 black evangelicals who voted in the 2018 midterm elections disapproved of his performance.

But that isn't stopping the

campaign from trying to make inroads, hoping to persuade African Americans to back a president known for racially provocative rhetoric.

The campaign's visit to First Immanuel suggests that, as tough as that pitch will be for the GOP, faith-based appeals may provide a valuable way to start the conversation.

"All black people are not the same, but in the larger scale, we're very religious and very family-oriented people," said South Carolina pastor Mark Burns, a black televangelist who led Republicans in a prayer for Trump at the party's 2016 convention. "So therefore, the black church is still the gateway to the black community."

Johnson described himself as a longtime Republican and "a conservative constitutionalist evangelical." He also acknowledged that his congregation has a diversity of views.

Discussion at Thursday's event at First Immanuel focused on the Trump-era economy, which has been strong enough to reduce black unemployment to a record low in 2018, even as the president exaggerates

his involvement in a shift that began under former President Barack Obama. But abortion was on the mind of Melanie Collette, one of a few dozen people in the audience.

Collette, first vice president of the New Jersey Federation of Republican Women, touted Trump's opposition to abortion and wondered whether the issue had "been ceded to just the white evangelicals to talk about."

"I don't hear us talking about it in the black community," added Collette, 49, who described herself as a non-evangelical Christian.

Trump's anti-abortion stance is out of step with most black Protestants, 64% of whom said abortion should be legal in most or all cases, according to Pew data from last year. But as Republicans boost their outreach to Latinos, women and black voters by visiting swing states, even a small uptick could pay dividends.

Another attendee, 53-year-old John Petty of Philadelphia, supports Trump. He said some of his relatives "hardly ever go to church," but they have "strong moral standards."

DeJuana Thompson, a



ELANA SCHOR/AP

Attendees of a voter outreach event held by President Trump's reelection campaign at Philadelphia's First Immanuel Baptist Church on Thursday take a picture afterward.

Democratic National Committee veteran who founded WokeVote to communicate with young black and faith-based voters, noted that "the black church is not monolithic."

"Just because it's a black church, just because members of that church come from communities that are historically underserved, under-engaged and under-resourced, I can't say there are people there who don't align with some of the value sets of this administration," Thompson added.

Even so, she pointed to a much broader consensus among African Americans and their faith leaders "call-

ing for a standard of justice that is not seen in this administration."

Democrats are making their own concerted efforts to speak to black voters of faith as well as the broader African American community.

Former Vice President Joe Biden warned Wednesday in a speech to a meeting of the National Baptist Convention — which describes itself as "the nation's largest African American religious convention," with 7.5 million members — that Trump has given "oxygen" to forces of hate.

Biden, who has led with black voters throughout his

party's primary campaign, will be joined Monday by at least three Democratic rivals for events at South Carolina churches to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day. "Black Voices for Trump" is set to hold its own Monday event for the King holiday in Raleigh.

Rev. Traci Blackmon, a leader in the United Church of Christ and the Black Lives Matter movement, acknowledged that abortion is a "deciding factor" for some voters of all races. But she said Trump would face problems courting people of faith because of broader policies that fall short of biblical values.



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Democrats, including Speaker Nancy Pelosi, urged senators last week to accept the responsibility placed upon them during President Trump's impeachment trial.

Impeach

Continued from Page 1

while, called the Senate's formal impeachment summons to two articles of impeachment passed by the House last month "a dangerous attack on the right of the American people to freely choose their president."

"This is a brazen and unlawful attempt to overturn the results of the 2016 election and interfere with the 2020 election, now just months away," the filing states.

Trump's legal team, led by White House counsel Pat Cipollone and Trump personal lawyer Jay Sekulow, is challenging the impeachment on both procedural and constitutional grounds, claiming Trump has been mistreated by House Democrats and that he did nothing wrong.

Trump's attorneys argue that the articles of impeachment are unconstitutional in and of themselves and invalid because they don't allege a crime. Trump was impeached by the House on one count each of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. Under the Constitution, impeachment is a political, not a criminal process, and the president can be removed from office if found guilty of whatever lawmakers consider "high crimes

and misdemeanors."

Trump's answer to the summons was the first salvo in what will be several rounds of arguments before the trial formally begins Tuesday.

Trump will file a more detailed legal brief Monday, and the House will be able to respond to the Trump filing Tuesday.

Trump on Friday named Ken Starr, the prosecutor whose investigation two decades ago led to the impeachment of President Bill Clinton, along with former Harvard Law professor Alan Dershowitz, to his defense team.

Dershowitz said he will deliver constitutional arguments defending Trump from allegations he abused his power. Trump is also accused of obstructing Congress as it sought to investigate pressure he applied on Ukraine's president to announce an investigation into Trump's political rivals as the president withheld the security aid and a White House meeting as leverage.

A legal brief from the White House laying out the contours of Trump's defense was due by noon Monday, and White House attorneys and Trump's outside legal team have been debating just how political the document should be.

Some in the administration have echoed warnings from Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell,

R-Ky., that the pleadings must be sensitive to the Senate's more staid traditions and leave some of the sharper rhetoric exhibited during the House proceedings to Twitter and cable news.

Dershowitz is a constitutional expert whose expansive views of presidential powers echo those of Trump. Starr is a veteran of Washington's partisan battles after leading the investigation into Clinton's affair with a White House intern. The House impeached Clinton, who then was acquitted at his Senate trial. Trump is expecting the same outcome from the Republican-led chamber.

Still, the lead roles for Trump's defense will be played by Cipollone and Sekulow, who also represented Trump during special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.

White House lawyers succeeded in keeping Trump from adding House Republican lawmakers to the defense team, but they also advised him against tapping Dershowitz, according to two people who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal discussions. They're concerned about the professor's association with Jeffrey Epstein, the financier who killed himself in a New York City jail cell last summer while awaiting trial on sex trafficking charges.

Trump goes after Obama school nutrition rules

By LOLA FADULU
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration moved Friday to roll back school nutrition standards championed by former first lady Michelle Obama, an effort long sought by food manufacturers and some school districts that have chafed at the cost of Obama's prescriptions for fresh fruit and vegetables.

The proposed rule by the Agriculture Department, coming on Michelle Obama's birthday, would give schools more latitude to decide how much fruit to offer during breakfast and which types of vegetables to provide. It would also broaden what counts as a snack.

The rule was applauded by food companies but condemned by nutritionists who predicted starchy foods like potatoes would replace green vegetables and fattening food like hamburgers would become staples of school "snacks."

"Schools and school districts continue to tell us that there is still too much food waste and that more common-sense flexibility is needed to provide students nutritious and appetizing meals," Sonny Perdue, the agriculture secretary, said in a statement. "We listened and now we're getting to work."

The Agriculture Department said the changes reflected requests made over the past two years by those who serve meals to children and teenagers throughout the school year. The department plans to release a regulatory analysis and open the public comment period on Jan. 21.

The proposal is the department's second attempt to roll back nutrition standards promoted by Obama through the 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, which required schools to serve children fruits and



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Students take lunches at the Guerrero Thompson Elementary School in Austin, Texas, last November ahead of a planned rollback in federal school nutrition standards.

vegetables every day and to offer more whole-grain foods and fat-free or low-fat milk. It also required school meal providers to limit calories and reduce saturated fat, trans fat and sodium.

The department finalized a rule in December 2018 that gave school meal providers permission to serve flavored low-fat milk in the national school lunch program and school breakfast program. That rule stipulated that only half the weekly grains must be whole grain, and it gave providers more time to reduce sodium in meals.

Friday's proposal goes further. It allows schools to adjust fruit servings during breakfast, to reduce waste, it said, and to make room for "meats and meat alternatives." Under current regulation, providers must provide one cup of fruit during breakfast for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

The new rule would also relax current vegetable requirements, which say providers must offer a variety of vegetables, like leafy greens and starchy foods. A department official said the goal was to give more flexibility, not change the amount of vegetables of-

fered. The proposal would also allow schools to offer lunch entrees for a la carte purchase, in order to reduce waste.

Child nutritionists said the proposed rule could lead to school meal providers turning away from healthy foods, instead of coming up with ways to make the food more appealing. More flexibility on the types of vegetables offered could lead to meals dominated by starchy foods, like potatoes, which are cheaper than green vegetables.

The National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity said allowing lunch entrees for a la carte purchase would create a "giant junk food loophole." It could also lead to children frequently turning to meals that are meant to be eaten once a week, like hamburgers.

But conservatives applauded.

"The school breakfast and lunch programs have been riddled with waste for a long time, plate waste, being one, and that turns into financial waste," said Jonathan Butcher, a senior policy analyst at the conservative Heritage Foundation.



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The field of six candidates on the stage in Des Moines was the smallest and least diverse of the 2020 cycle.

Dems give criteria to qualify for next debate

By MEG KINNARD
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The Democratic National Committee on Friday announced its criteria for the first debate to be held after voting begins in the 2020 presidential campaign, including a new pathway to the stage based off delegate pledges.

As they have before, qualifiers will need to meet polling and grassroots funding thresholds to participate in the Feb. 7 debate in

Manchester, New Hampshire.

But new for next month is a pathway centered around delegates: Based off the results of the leadoff Iowa caucuses, any candidate awarded at least one pledged delegate to the Democratic National Convention, as calculated by the Democratic Party, will be able to participate.

Party officials are relying on the same polling and grassroots thresholds as for the January debate in Des Moines, Iowa: either receiv-

ing 5% in at least four national or early-state surveys approved by the party, or receiving 7% in two polls in early voting states.

But for these calculations, only polls from New Hampshire, Nevada or South Carolina will be used, with the party saying it would rely on caucus results instead of polls to reflect a candidate's standing in Iowa.

Polls must be released from Dec. 13 to Feb. 6, the day before the debate.

In terms of fundraising,

candidates must receive donations from at least 225,000 unique donors, with a minimum of 1,000 donors per state in at least 20 states.

The six on the stage in Des Moines — former Vice President Joe Biden, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, as well as former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg and billionaire Tom Steyer — was the smallest of the 2020 cycle.

Military pulls in family, familiar

Recruits increasingly from a small number of Southern counties or are kin to veterans

BY DAVE PHILIPPS AND TIM ARANGO
The New York Times

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The sergeant in charge of one of the busiest Army recruiting centers in Colorado, Sgt. 1st Class Dustin Comes, joined the Army, in part, because his father served. Now two of his four children say they want to serve too. And he will not be surprised if the other two make the same decision once they are a little older.

“Hey, if that’s what your calling is, I encourage it, absolutely,” said Comes, who wore a dagger-shaped patch on his camouflage uniform, signifying that he had been in combat.

Enlisting, he said, enabled him to build a good life where, despite yearlong deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, he felt proud of his work, got generous benefits, never worried about being laid off and earned enough that his wife could stay home to raise their children.

“Show me a better deal for the common person,” he said.

Soldiers like him are increasingly making the U.S. military a family business. The men and women who sign up overwhelmingly come from counties in the South and a scattering of communities at the gates of military bases like Colorado Springs, which sits next to Fort Carson and several Air Force installations, and where the tradition of military service is ingrained.

More and more, new recruits are the children of old recruits. In 2019, 79% of Army recruits reported having a family member who served. For nearly 30%, it was a parent — a striking point in a nation where less than 1% of the population serves in the military.

For years, military leaders have been sounding the alarm over the growing gulf between communities that serve and those that do not, warning that relying on a small number of counties that reliably produce soldiers is unsustainable, particularly now amid escalating tensions with Iran.

“A widening military-civilian divide increasingly impacts our ability to effectively recruit and sustain the force,” Anthony Kurta, acting undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, told the National Commission on Military, National and Public Service last year.

“This disconnect is characterized by misperceptions, a lack of knowledge and an inability to identify with those who serve. It threatens our ability to recruit the number of quality youth with the needed skill sets to maintain our advantage.”

To be sure, the idea of joining the military has lost much of its luster in nearly two decades of war. The patriotic rush to enlist after the terrorist attacks of 2001 has faded. For a generation, enlisting has produced reliable hardship for troops and families but nothing that resembles victory. But the military families who have borne nearly all of the burden — and are the most clear-eyed about the risks of war — are still the Americans who are most likely to encourage their sons and daughters to join.

With the goal of recruiting about 68,000 soldiers in 2020, the Army is trying to broaden its appeal beyond traditional recruitment pools. New marketing plays up future careers in medicine and tech, as well as generous tuition benefits for a generation crushed by student debt. They often note that most Army jobs



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Soldiers like Army Sgt. 1st Class Dustin Comes, a recruiter in Colorado, are making the military a family business.

are not in combat fields.

But for now, rates of military service remain far from equal in the United States, and the gap may continue to widen because a driving decision to enlist is whether a young person knows anyone who served in the military. In communities where veterans are plentiful, teachers, coaches, mothers, uncles and other mentors often steer youths toward military service. In communities where veterans are scarce, influential adults are more wary.

That has created a broad gap, easily seen on a map. The South, where the culture of military service runs deep and military installations are plentiful, produces 20% more recruits than would be expected, based on its youth population. Northeast states, which have few military bases and a lower percentage of veterans, produce 20% fewer.

The main predictors are not based on class or race. Army data show service spread mostly evenly through middle-class and

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— Anthony Kurta, acting undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness

“downscale” groups. Youth unemployment turns out not to be the prime factor. And the racial makeup of the force is more or less in line with that of young Americans as a whole, although African Americans are slightly more likely to serve. Instead, the best predictor is a person’s familiarity with the military.

“Those who understand military life are more likely to consider it as a career option than those who do not,” said Kelli Bland, a spokeswoman for the Army’s Recruiting Command.

That distinction has created glaring disparities across the country. In 2019, Fayetteville, North Carolina, which is home to Fort Bragg, provided more than twice as many military enlistment contracts as Manhattan, even though that New York City borough has eight times as many people.

This was not always the case. Military service was once spread fairly evenly — at least geographically — throughout the nation because of the draft. But after the draft ended in 1973, enlistments shifted steadily south of the Mason-Dixon Line. The military’s decision to close many bases in Northern states where long winters limited training only hastened the trend.

Today, students growing up in military communities are constantly exposed to the people who serve. Moms pick up their sons from day care in flight suits. Dads attend the fourth-grade holiday party in camouflage. High schools often have Junior Reserve Officer

Training Corps programs in which students wear uniforms to class once a week and can earn credit for learning about science, leadership and fitness through a military framework.

Many schools encourage students to take the military’s aptitude exam, the ASVAB, in the way students nationwide are pushed to take the SAT.

That exposure during school is one of the strongest predictors of enlistment rates, according to a 2018 report by the Institute for Defense Analyses.

In Los Angeles, by contrast, the Army has struggled to even gain access to high schools. By law, schools have to allow recruiters on campus once a semester, but administrators tightly control when and how recruiters can interact with students.

Predictably, enlistment rates are low.

In 2019 the Army made a push to increase recruiting efforts in 22 liberal-leaning cities like Los Angeles. As part of that, Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy visited Los Angeles Unified School District in December to push for greater access.

“He was doing a sort of listening tour,” said Patricia Heideman, who is in charge of high school instruction for the school district and said there was a perception the military preys on disadvantaged students. “I told him from the educator perspective, we sometimes feel they are targeting our black and brown students and students of poverty,” she said.

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Customers late last year sit beneath vintage photos and documents in McSorley's Old Ale House in New York, which opened in 1854 and flourished during Prohibition.

Prohibition hangover

Lessons linger a century after ill-fated dry era began

BY DAVID CRARY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — In this era of bottomless mimosas, craft beers and ever-present happy hours, it's striking to recall that 100 years ago the United States imposed a nationwide ban on the production and sale of all types of alcohol.

The Prohibition Era, which lasted from Jan. 17, 1920, until December 1933, is now viewed as a failed experiment that glamorized illegal drinking, but there are several intriguing parallels in current times.

Americans are consuming more alcohol per capita now than in the time leading up to Prohibition, when alcohol opponents successfully made the case that excessive drinking was ruining family life. More states are also moving to decriminalize marijuana, with legalization backers frequently citing Prohibition's failures. Many of the same speakeasy locations operating in the 1920s are flourishing in a culture that romanticizes the era.

And in a time of heightened racial divisions, Prohibition offers a poignant history lesson on how the restrictions targeted blacks and recent immigrants more harshly than other communities. That treatment eventually propelled many of those marginalized Americans into the Democratic Party, which engineered Prohibition's repeal.

"Prohibition had a lot of unintended consequences that backfired on the people who worked so hard to establish the law," said Harvard history professor Lisa McGirr, whose 2015 book "The War on Alcohol" examines Prohibition's political and social repercussions.

"It helped to activate and enfranchise men and women who had not been part of the political process earlier," she said. "That was not the intention of Prohibition supporters."

Ratification of the 18th Amendment in 1919, which set the stage for Prohibition's launch a year later, culminated a century of advocacy by the temperance movement. Leading forces included the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Anti-Saloon League and many Protestant denominations. Prohibition supporters assailed the effect of booze on families and the prominent role that saloons played in immigrant communities.

Prohibition greatly expanded federal law enforcement powers and turned millions of Americans into scofflaws. It provided a new revenue stream for organized crime.

By the time the constitutional amendment was ratified in Janu-



AP 1930

Rae Samuels holds the last bottle of beer that was produced before prohibition went into effect in Chicago. The bottle of Schlitz had been insured for \$25,000. Prohibition began Jan. 17, 1920, and ended in 1933.



AP 1910

Carrie Nation, a leader of the temperance movement, a precursor to Prohibition, wields a hatchet and Bible in 1910. The 18th Amendment was ratified in 1919, setting the stage for Prohibition.



AP 1922

A patrol wagon filled with confiscated moonshine sits next to a wrecked car of bootleggers in Washington.

ary 1919, many states had enacted their own prohibition laws. That October, Congress passed a law detailing how the federal government would enforce Prohibition. It was known as the Volstead Act in recognition of its foremost champion, Rep. Andrew Volstead of Minnesota. The law banned the manufacture, sale and transport of any "intoxicating liquor" — beverages with an alcohol content of more than 0.5%, including beer and wine.

Statistically, Prohibition was not an utter failure. Deaths from alcohol-related cirrhosis declined, as did arrests for public drunkenness.

What the statistics don't measure is how extensively Prohibition was flouted. Bootleggers established vast distribution networks. Makers of moonshine and "bathtub gin" proliferated, sometimes producing fatally tainted liquor. Determined drinkers concealed their contraband in hip flasks or hollowed-out canes. Maryland refused to pass a law enforcing the Volstead Act.

McSorley's Old Ale House, established in New York in 1854 and still flourishing as one of the city's oldest bars, never closed during Prohibition. Ostensibly, it served "near beer" with permissibly low

alcohol content, but in fact produced a strong ale from a makeshift brewery erected in the basement.

"It wasn't a near beer. It was McSorley's ale," said the pub's manager, Gregory de la Haba. "At least once a week, people ask, 'What did we do during Prohibition?' And my reply, 'We made a ton of money.'"

The federal government, as well as state and local authorities, spent huge sums on enforcement yet never allocated sufficient resources to do the job effectively. Bootleggers awash in cash bribed judges, politicians and law enforcement officers to let their operations continue.

"Newly hired and poorly trained Prohibition agents, along with local and state police, targeted violators at the margins," McGirr wrote in a recent article. "But they lacked the capacity, and at times the will, to go after powerful crime kingpins."

It's simplistic to say Prohibition created organized crime in America, but it fueled a huge expansion as local crime gangs collaborated with those from other regions to establish shipping systems and set prices for bootlegged alcohol. Beneficiaries included Chicago-based gangster Al Capone, who

earned tens of millions of dollars annually from bootlegging and speakeasies. In the infamous St. Valentine's Day Massacre of 1929, gunmen disguised as police officers killed seven men from a gang that sought to compete with Capone's empire.

Beyond the ranks of gangsters, legions of Americans were committing or abetting crime.

Michael Lerner, in his book "Dry Manhattan: Prohibition in New York City," says courtrooms and jails were so overwhelmed that judges began accepting plea bargains, "making it a common practice in American jurisprudence for the first time."

Anti-immigrant sentiment was a factor behind Prohibition, partly because of record-high immigration in the preceding decades.

Saloons in immigrant neighborhoods were prime targets, says Slippery Rock University history professor Aaron Cowan, because middle-class white Protestants viewed them as political and social danger zones.

"Often the political machines run by the bosses were based in these saloons, or used them as a conduit for extending favors," Cowan said. "So there was concern about political corruption, changing social values, immi-

grants learning radical politics."

Prohibition's start in 1920 coincided with a major expansion of the Ku Klux Klan, which supported the ban on alcohol as it waged its anti-immigrant, anti-Catholic and racist activities.

The Volstead Act "provided a way for the Klan to legitimize its 100% Americanist mission — it could target the drinking of those they perceived to be their enemies," McGirr said.

One notorious example occurred in 1923-24 in southern Illinois' Williamson County, where the Klan mobilized hundreds of volunteers to raid saloons and roadhouses. Hundreds of people were arrested and more than a dozen killed.

That kind of social friction helped spur efforts to repeal Prohibition.

Economics also played a role. While some Prohibition supporters predicted it would boost the economy, instead it proved harmful. Thousands of jobs were lost due to closures of distilleries, breweries and saloons. Federal, state and local governments lost billions in revenue as liquor taxes disappeared. One major consequence: Increasing reliance on income taxes to sustain government spending.

The onset of the Great Depression hastened Prohibition's demise, as the need for more jobs and tax revenue became acute. The Democratic Party called for repeal of Prohibition in its 1932 platform; its presidential nominee, Franklin D. Roosevelt, embraced that cause as he rolled to a landslide victory over incumbent Republican Herbert Hoover.

In March 1933, soon after taking office, Roosevelt signed a law legalizing the sale of wine and 3.2% beer. Congress also proposed a 21st Amendment that would repeal the 18th Amendment. Prohibition formally ended that December, when Utah provided the final vote needed to ratify the new amendment.

One of the pithiest summaries of Prohibition came earlier — a scathing assessment from journalist H.L. Mencken in 1925.

Five years of Prohibition "completely disposed of all the favorite arguments of the Prohibitionists," he wrote. "There is not less crime, but more. There is not less insanity, but more. The cost of government is not smaller, but vastly greater. Respect for law has not increased, but diminished."

Prohibition's centennial comes as the United States is incrementally ending the criminalization of marijuana. Recreational use of pot is now legal in 11 states. More than 30 allow its use for medical purposes.

Marijuana remains illegal under federal law, but Ethan Nadelmann, founder of the pro-legalization Drug Policy Alliance, believes most Americans now view the anti-marijuana crusades of America's "War on Drugs" as misguided in ways that evoke Prohibition.

"Even some of the older generation are saying, 'We went too far. That was a mistake,'" he said.

Aboriginal way: Fight fire with fire

Preventive burning has cut blazes, carbon emissions

BY THOMAS FULLER
The New York Times

COOINDA, Australia — At a time when vast tracts of Australia are burning, Violet Lawson is never far from a match.

In the woodlands surrounding her home in the far north of the country, she lights hundreds of small fires a year — literally fighting fire with fire. These traditional aboriginal practices, which reduce the undergrowth that can fuel bigger blazes, are attracting new attention as Australia endures disaster and confronts a fiery future.

Over the past decade, fire-prevention programs, mainly on aboriginal lands in northern Australia, have cut destructive wildfires in half. While the efforts draw on ancient ways, they also have a thoroughly modern benefit: Organizations that practice defensive burning have earned \$80 million under the country's cap-and-trade system as they have reduced greenhouse-gas emissions from wildfires in the north by 40%.

These programs, which are generating important scientific data, are being held up as a model that could be adapted to save lives and homes in other regions of Australia, as well as fire-prone parts of the world as different as California and Botswana.

"Fire is our main tool," Lawson said as she inspected a freshly burned patch where grasses had become ash but the trees around them were undamaged. "It's part of protecting the land."

The fire-prevention programs, which were first given government licenses in 2013, now cover an area three times the size of Portugal. Even as towns in the south burned in recent months and smoke haze



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Violet Lawson uses dry palm fronds to ignite and clear undergrowth that could fuel an uncontrolled, more destructive fire.

blanketed Sydney and Melbourne, wildfires in northern Australia were much less severe.

"The Australian government is now starting to see the benefits of having indigenous people look after their lands," said Joe Morrison, one of the pioneers of the project. "Aboriginal people who have been through very difficult times are seeing their language, customs and traditional knowledge being reinvigorated and celebrated using Western science."

In some ways, the aboriginal methods resemble Western ones practiced around the world: One of the main goals is to reduce underbrush and other fuel that accelerates hot, damaging fires.

But the ancient approach tends to be more comprehensive. Indigenous people, using precisely timed, low-intensity fires, burn their properties the way a subur-

ban homeowner might use a lawn mower.

Aboriginal practices have been so successful in part because of a greater cultural tolerance of fire and the smoke it generates. The country's thinly populated north, where aboriginal influence and traditions are much stronger than in the south, is not as hamstrung by political debates and residents' concerns about the health effects of smoke.

The landscape and climate of northern Australia also make it more amenable to preventive burning. The wide open spaces and the distinctive seasons — a hot dry season is followed by monsoon rains — make burning more predictable.

Yet despite these regional differences, those who have studied the aboriginal techniques say they could be adapted in the more populated parts of the country.

"We most certainly should learn to burn aborig-

inal-style," said Bill Gamme, a professor at the Australian National University in Canberra. "Our firefighters have quite good skills in fighting fires. But for preventing them, they are well short of what aboriginal people could do."

Last week, Victor Cooper, a former forest ranger in northern Australia, lit a wad of shaggy bark to demonstrate the type of fire that burns at temperatures low enough to avoid damage to sensitive plants that are crucial food for animals.

The preventive fires, he said, should trickle, not rage. They must be timed according to air temperature, wind conditions and humidity, as well as the life cycles of plants. Northern aboriginal traditions revolve around the monsoon, with land burned patch by patch as the wet season gives way to the dry.

"We don't have a fear of

fire," said Cooper, who burns regularly around his stilt house nestled in woodlands. "We know the earlier we burn, the more protection we have."

This year, he will become certified to join the carbon credits program. Money earned through that system has incentivized stewardship of the land and provided hundreds of jobs in aboriginal communities, where unemployment rates are high. The funds have also financed the building of schools in underserved areas.

NASA satellite data is used to quantify the reduction in carbon emissions and do computer modeling to track fires. Modern technology also supplements the defensive burning itself: Helicopters drop thousands of incendiary devices the size of pingpong balls over huge patches of territory at times of the year when the land is still damp and fires

are unlikely to rage out of control.

Those taking part in the program say they are frustrated that other parts of the country have been reluctant to embrace the same types of preventive burning. The inaction is long-standing: A major federal inquiry after deadly fires more than a decade ago recommended wider adoption of aboriginal methods.

The pioneering defensive burning programs in northern Australia came together in the 1980s and '90s when aboriginal groups moved back onto their native lands after having lived in settlements under the encouragement, or in some cases the order, of the government.

Depopulated for decades, the land had suffered. Huge fires were decimating species and damaging rock paintings.

"The land was out of control," said Dean Yibarbuk, a park ranger whose indigenous elders encouraged him to seek solutions.

The aboriginal groups ultimately teamed up with scientists, the government of the Northern Territory and Houston-based oil company ConocoPhillips, which was building a natural gas facility and was required to find a project that would offset its carbon emissions.

According to calculations by Edwards, wildfires in northern Australia burned 57% fewer acres last year than they did on average in the years from 2000 to 2010, the decade before the program started.

Yibarbuk, who is now chairman of Warddeken Land Management, one of the largest of the participating organizations, employs 150 aboriginal rangers, part time and full time.

"We are very lucky in the north to be able to keep our traditional practices," Yibarbuk said. "There's a pride in going back to the country, managing it and making a difference."

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Boy arrested after shooting that killed 4 in Utah town

A boy armed with a gun killed three children and a woman inside a Utah home, then accompanied a fifth victim to a hospital, where he was arrested, police said Saturday.

Police were still trying to piece together what led to Friday night's shooting in Grantsville. Investigators believe the victims are all related.

"We're trying to make certain that we verify people's relationships among the deceased and the sur-

vivor," Grantsville Police Cpl. Rhonda Fields said Saturday. "As for motive, we don't have any of that."

It appears to be the largest mass shooting in Utah since 2007, when a gunman killed five people and himself at a mall in Salt Lake City.

Police were not able to share the identity of the boy because he has been charged as a juvenile, and Fields declined to release any additional details.

Puerto Rico official fired after warehouse found with 2017 aid

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Puerto Rico Gov. Wanda Vazquez fired the director of the island's emergency management agency Saturday after the discovery of a warehouse filled with water, cots and other supplies as the U.S. territory struggles to recover from a strong earthquake.

Vazquez said the inaction of Carlos Acevedo was unacceptable.

"There are thousands of

people who have made sacrifices to help those in the south, and it is unforgivable that resources were kept in the warehouse," the governor said.

Vazquez said she ordered an investigation, noting that the goods had sat unused since Hurricane Maria battered Puerto Rico in 2017.

A group of angry citizens broke into the warehouse before the governor made the announcement.

Iran to send black boxes of plane it shot down to Ukraine

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran will send the black box flight recorders from the Ukrainian jetliner that it accidentally shot down last week to Ukraine for further analysis, an Iranian official said Saturday.

Hassan Rezaeifer, the head of accident investigations for the civil aviation department, said it was not possible to read the black boxes in Iran, without elaborating.

He said French, Ameri-

can and Canadian experts would help analyze them in Kyiv, the Ukrainian capital.

After denying for days that it was responsible for the plane crash, Iran admitted on Jan. 11 that its military had struck the passenger jet, but officials blamed human error.

There were 57 Canadians among the 176 people killed on the plane, alongside 11 Ukrainians and 82 Iranians.



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Tulip growers in the Netherlands beat back winter with an explosion of color Saturday on National Tulip Day. Flower lovers converged on Dam Square in front of the Royal Palace in Amsterdam to pick 200,000 free tulips. Each visitor was limited to 20 flowers.

Fears of violence emerge after apparent protest split in France

PARIS — A French government minister warned that seditious groups bent on violence were hijacking the protest movement against pension reform that has gripped the country, after a fire Saturday damaged a Paris restaurant patronized by President Emmanuel Macron.

The fire service said the pre-dawn blaze that singed a corner of the La Rotonde eatery was quickly extinguished. The Paris prosecutor's office launched an investigation to determine the cause of the fire.

Marlene Schiappa, the government's secretary of

state for equality, described a climate in France "of hate and of violence that is quite incredible," citing the restaurant fire among a list of examples.

After six weeks of labor strikes and nationwide protests against government plans to overhaul France's pension system, there are mounting signs of splits within the movement. As some strikers return to work and train services that have been severely disrupted by walkouts see notable improvements, more radical protesters are trying to keep the movement going.

A march through Paris ended after dark Saturday with police firing tear gas and using a water cannon to push back crowds that wouldn't disperse.

Macron was a target of protesters Friday night. Dozens of protesters converged on a theater where Macron was watching an evening performance with his wife. Video showed protesters chanting "Macron resign" and some entering a door as police tried to hold them back.

A black car reported to be carrying Macron then sped away under a hail of boos.

Riots in Lebanon capital leave more than 150 hurt

BEIRUT — Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets in Lebanon's capital Saturday to disperse thousands of protesters amid some of the worst rioting since demonstrations against the country's ruling elite erupted months ago. More than 150 people were injured.

The violence began after some protesters started throwing stones at police deployed near the parliament building, while others removed street signs, metal barriers and branches, tossing them at security forces.

The clashes took place with the backdrop of a rapidly worsening financial

crisis and an impasse over the formation of a new government after the Cabinet resigned in late October.

The protesters blame politicians for widespread corruption and mismanagement in a country that has one of the largest debt ratios in the world.

Putin says he's not a fan of no term limits for a president

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin said Saturday that he opposes the idea of an unlimited term in office for the country's leader like the system that existed in the Soviet Union.

Putin's comment at a meeting with World War II veterans in St. Petersburg came days after he called for constitutional changes that could help him stay in power once his term ends in 2024.

"It would be very disturbing to return to the situation of the mid-1980s, with the leaders of the state, one by one, staying in power until the end of their days," Putin told a veteran who suggested not having presidential term limits.

In his Wednesday state of the nation address, Putin suggested amending the constitution to allow lawmakers to name prime ministers and Cabinet members.

Brexit is coming: The British government has announced plans for special events on the night of Jan. 31 when the country officially leaves the European Union, but the country's treasury chief has admitted that some U.K. business sectors will suffer as a result.

Sajid Javid told the Financial Times in an interview Saturday that Britain's regulations will not be aligned with the EU in the future and that those changes may hurt some businesses. Currently the EU is Britain's largest trading partner.

"There will not be alignment, we will not be a rule-taker, we will not be in the single market and we will not be in the customs union — and we will do this by the end of the year," he said.

OBITUARIES

BERNIE FINKEL 1926-2019

Longtime host of 'The Jewish Community Hour'

By Bob Goldsborough

Bernard Finkel wrote, produced and hosted "The Jewish Community Hour" show each Sunday morning on a north suburban radio station for more than 33 years until signing off in 2009.

"Some people say they listen to the show because they don't regularly go to the synagogue," Finkel told the Tribune in 1993. "Others say they appreciate hearing the direct reports from Israel."

Finkel, 93, died of congestive heart failure on Dec. 25 at AMITA Health St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, said his son Norman. A West Rogers Park resident for the past five years, Finkel previously had lived for many years in Skokie.

Born in Chicago, Finkel grew up on the West Side and graduated from Manley High School. He served in the Army both in Texas and on a ship in the Pacific Ocean from March 1945 until October 1946. Back home, he received a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Finkel was a well-regarded sandlot baseball player. In 1947, he struck out 20 batters during a game at Douglas Park, which prompted the Chicago Cubs to want to take a closer look, Finkel told the Tribune in 2008.

Ultimately, however, Finkel did not proceed with any tryout, because "tryouts were on a Saturday," Finkel told the Tribune. And while the tryouts conflicted with his Jewish Sabbath, Finkel also realized a career as a ballplayer also inevitably would involve games conflicting with his desire to observe the Sabbath.

"He was a really great ballplayer, but he viewed religious practices as more important," his son said. "He knew he'd have to play on the Sabbath."

Finkel was a reporter at the Chicago Defender, then worked for Peacock Newspapers, a chain of suburban and neighborhood news publications, and Lerner Newspapers before going into the public relations industry as a solo practitioner.



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Bernie Finkel hosted "The Jewish Community Hour" on what is now WCGO-AM 1590 for 40 years.

In 1963, a friend of Finkel's, Jerry Rabin, began hosting "The Jewish Community Hour" on Sunday mornings on the north suburban radio station WNMP-AM, which later was known as WLTD-AM and WONX-AM before adopting its current call letters, WCGO-AM, in 2009. Finkel occasionally would fill in on the air for Rabin whenever Rabin was away.

"I remember as kids listening to my dad. We were glued to the radio, listening to him," Norman Finkel said.

After Rabin's death in December 1975, his widow, Lilyan, asked Finkel to assume the hosting duties permanently.

A part-time cantor and a former rabbinical student who spent five years studying at the Hebrew Theological College in Skokie, Finkel was well-qualified to take over the program. He agreed to do so, but it meant an extraordinary time commitment, his son said. The reason was that the show was time-brokered, which meant that Finkel each week had to buy airtime from the radio station, which immediately provided a financial hurdle.

"Jerry Rabin had three or four sponsors a week, and (the show) was not a moneymaking venture," Norman Finkel said. "My dad said he'd do it and make something out of it, and he did. There were times when he had 15 or 16 sponsors. He busted his butt to get sponsors to sponsor the show."

The show consisted of Finkel's greetings in English, Hebrew and Yiddish, followed by news and infor-

mation direct from the Israeli Broadcasting Authority, and music ranging from cantorial and liturgical music to klezmer and pop-Chassidic music. Finkel occasionally would even slip in an Israeli country-and-western song.

"Some people don't like it when I play Israel rock," Finkel told the Tribune in 1988.

Finkel also included some humor with his listeners, playing cuts from albums by Henny Youngman, Red Skelton and Jackie Mason. An observant Orthodox Jew who wore a yarmulke under his studio headset in the station's Evanston studio, Finkel almost always broadcast the show live, because it was actually more work to tape it ahead of time, his son said.

Finkel's tenure as show host hardly was lucrative. At times, he needed to help fund the show himself, and on other occasions, he needed to accept non-kosher sponsors.

As the host of a brokered show, Finkel had to pay for his air time even if his show didn't air — and he studiously avoided broadcasting his show when Jewish holidays fell on a Sunday.

Amid an economic downturn that caused even loyal sponsors to cut back their advertising buys, Finkel ended the show in October 2009. At the time, he also lamented what he characterized as a shift of priorities among modern-day Jews.

"The roots of the current generation are not the same," he told the Tribune in 2009. "The show has run its course, apparently."

Finkel retired from his public relations work in the late 1980s.

"With everything that my dad did, what was important to my father was perpetuating Judaism and traditions through singing, the radio show, and his children and grandchildren," Norman Finkel.

In addition to his son, Finkel is survived by his wife of 68 years, Muriel; two other sons, Phillip and Calvin; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.



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In 1944 the federal government relinquished control of the nation's railroads following settlement of a wage dispute.

In 1953 CBS aired the widely watched episode of "I Love Lucy" in which Lucy Ricardo, played by Lucille Ball, gave birth to Little Ricky. (By coincidence, Ball gave birth the

same day to her son, Desi Arnaz Jr.)

In 1955 a presidential news conference was filmed for television for the first time, with the permission of President Dwight Eisenhower.

In 1970 President Nixon nominated G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court; however, the nomination was defeated because of controversy over Carswell's past racial views.

In 1977 in one of his last acts of office, President Gerald Ford pardoned Iva Toguri D'Aquino, an American who had made wartime broadcasts for Japan. (Although she was popularly referred

to as "Tokyo Rose," D'Aquino never used that name.)

In 1979 former Attorney General John Mitchell was released from prison after serving 19 months for his Watergate conviction.

In 1981 the United States and Iran signed an agreement paving the way for the release of 52 Americans held hostage for more than 14 months.

In 2001, in a deal sparing himself possible indictment, President Bill Clinton acknowledged for the first time making false statements under oath about Monica Lewinsky; he also surrendered his law license for five years.

In 2004 John Kerry won Iowa's Democratic caucuses, while John Edwards placed second; Howard Dean, who finished third, delivered a fist-pumping, bellowing concession speech that was viewed as politically damaging.

In 2006 an unmanned NASA spacecraft blasted off on a 3 billion-mile journey to Pluto.

In 2012 Eastman Kodak, the photography icon founded in 1880 and inventor of the handheld camera, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

In 2013 38 mostly foreigners, including three Americans, and 29 Islamist kidnappers were killed during a hostage standoff at a desert gas plant in Algeria.

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Acton, Margaret L.

Margaret L. Acton of Rockford, formerly of Villa Park and Lombard. Beloved wife of Raymond. Visitation Monday 9 AM until time of Funeral Service at 10 AM at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lindenwood. Info www.brustfuneralhome.com or 888-629-0094.

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Altman, Edward P.

Edward P. Altman, Retired Chicago Fire Commissioner, age 82, survived by wife Judith (nee Harris) father of six children, Edward (Louise), Kathy Ernst (Randy), Michael retired Chicago Fire Department Battalion Chief (Julie), Christine Grooms (Alan), James Chicago Fire Department Captain (Patti), Mark Chicago Fire Department Deputy District Chief (Mary), brothers Dale (Judy), Robert (Pam) step-brother & sister Steve & Liz Altman, Godfather to Fr. Joe Altman, Step-children Michael, Laura, Jennifer and Joey. Proud grandfather and great grandfather to many. A Memorial Mass will be held on January 21, 2020 at 10:00am, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 4646 N. Austin Ave., Chicago. Donations may be made to St. Robert Bellarmine School Scholarship Fund (srb-chicago.org) and to Chicago Fire Department Gold Badge Society (cfdgoldbadgesociety.org).



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Barry, Mary "Alice"

Mary "Alice" Barry, nee McDonagh, age 94. Beloved wife of the late Kevin Sr. Dear mother of Kevin Jr Ret CPD (Ann), Susan (Thomas Vestal) Barry, Mary Jo (James) Guyette and Julie (Brian) Sheely. Loving grandmother of 12 and great grandmother of 10. Funeral Tuesday 8:45 a.m. from Beverly Ridge Funeral Home; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave to St. Christina Church Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Monday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. 773-779-4411

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Baumann, Sam W.

Sam W. Baumann, suddenly on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. Sam was the devoted and loving son of the late Sam and Anna Baumann; a loving brother and friend to Andrew (Ann), the late Joseph, Barbara (Edward), William (Dorothy) and Frank (Marilyn); beloved uncle, great-uncle, great-great-uncle to many. The devoted partner of the late Willard Hall for over 40 years. A Celebration of Life and Mass will be held Saturday, January 25 at 10:00 am at St. Juliana Catholic Church, 7201 N. Oketo, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, please donate to ASPCA.org.

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Beaulieu, Christopher F.

Christopher F. Beaulieu, 57, of Chicago passed into eternal life on January 15, 2020. Dearly beloved husband of Jennifer (nee Palucki); loving son of Loretta; dearest brother of Larry Jr. (Nancy). Chris earned a Bachelor of Science from Indiana University Northwest. He earned his Masters of Science in Taxation from DePaul University. For 35 years he was a CPA specializing in tax. He was the founder and CEO of Blue Money Strategy Inc. in Schaumburg, IL. Chris was a nominated board member of the IL CPA Society and won a 2019 Distinguished Service Award. He served as course reviewer and speaker for Kaplan Professional. He enjoyed networking with the Referral Experts and Networkers. He was the Treasurer of First Folio Theater in Oakbrook, IL. Chris was a huge fan of the Cubs, Blackhawks and Bears. Most of all, he loved spending time with his wife Jennifer. He was her world. Her everything. Her Hero. Funeral services private. Memorial service details to follow at caringcremations.com.

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Behrenbruch, Rita Louise

Rita Louise Behrenbruch, nee Kavanaugh, 74, of Oak Park. Cherished wife of Lloyd Behrenbruch; loving mother of Shawn (Bob) Deutschman; fond sister of Lucia Kavanaugh; daughter of the late Dr. J. Keith Kavanaugh and Letha Kavanaugh. Memorial service 1 p.m. Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 744 Fair Oaks Ave, Oak Park, IL. In lieu of flowers memorials to Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church are appreciated. Funeral info: 708-383-3191 or www.drechslerbrownwilliams.com

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Benach, Carol L.

Of Boca Raton, FL. Formerly of Chicago passed away January 17, 2020 with her loving family by her side. Loving wife of Ronald J. Benach to whom she was married 64 years - "True Love". Adored mother of Laurie & Haynes Stevens and Jeffrey & Denise Benach, cherished grandmother of Jessica & David Axelrod, Jaimee Benach, Brett Ruttenberg, Jordan Pollack, Russell Pollack, Lane Stevens and Jake Stevens and beloved great Grandmother to Julian Axelrod. Carol & Ronald raised their beautiful family in Highland Park, in a home filled with love & happiness. Carol was a recognized travel agent in the North Shore. Her niche market for travelers to the worlds most exotic locations and finest accommodations is how she earned her highly regarded reputation.

She will be truly missed by her entire family who LOVED her SO MUCH. She will be in our Hearts and Minds FOREVER. Entombment services will be in Boca Raton, FL. Today January 19, 2020 Memorial contributions may be made to the Jewish Federation of your choice.

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Carbonara, Fred L.

Beloved Husband of Sandy; Loving Father of Marcia (Robert) Troy, Anthony, Joey (Pam) Neal; Cherished Grandfather of Michael, Kevin, Samantha, Britney, and Jessica; Beloved Son of the late Antoinette and the late Mike Carbonara; Dear brother of the late Alex (the late Rose), the late Pat (Antonette), and the late Michael (the late Velma) Carbonara; Fond uncle, brother-in-law, and friend of many. Visitation Sunday 3-6 at Lack and Sons Funeral Home, 9236 S Roberts Rd, Hickory Hills, IL 60457. Interment Private. Please omit flowers.

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Casper, Robert J.

Robert J. Casper, age 89, passed away peacefully on January 8, 2020. He is survived by Jean, his beloved wife of 58 years; cherished children, the late Robert J. Casper, Jr. (Paige), Todd Casper (Amy), and Carolyn Maiste (Tim); 8 treasured grandchildren, Hope, Cole, Reed, Melissa, Tim, Luke, Alexa (Tom) and Laura; dearest sister, the late Claire Atkinson; nieces Vicki Palgutt (Bill) and Jill Boyd (David); nephew Tom Atkinson (Ann); grandnieces Jennifer, Nicole and Kelly; and grandnephews Ryan, Stephen and Correy. Bob was preceded in death by his father John Casper and mother Clara Scheldberger.

Bob was born in Highland Park, IL, attended Highland Park High School and graduated from the University of Illinois, where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha. He served in the US Army for 2 years, moved to California and joined Equitable Life Insurance. He married his high school sweetheart Jean Howard and raised a family of 3, moving 7 times in his career with Equitable. Bob had a generous heart, was a gentle man and gave his friendship and best to family, friends and even strangers. Bob's warm charming spirit commanded a room. Bob nourished his soul through music. He sang beautifully, played the piano, and composed many songs. Bob enjoyed practicing real estate, gardening and was active in church as a Deacon, Elder, Stephen Minister and member of the choir.

Visitation Saturday, February 1st at 10am with a memorial service at 11am, Knox Presbyterian Church, 1105 Catalpa Lane, Naperville, IL. Memorials may be made to the Knox Presbyterian Church (PDF) or a charity of your choice. For more information, call 866-912-9822 or visit carememorialcremation.com

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Clark, Arlene

Arlene Gail Matousek Clark passed away on January 5, 2020, just one month before her 93rd birthday. Arlene was born in Libertyville, Illinois, grew up in Berwyn, Illinois, and raised her family in LaGrange, Illinois. She married Earl J. Clark Jr. on September 20, 1947 and they were happily married until his death in 2014. Arlene was the beloved mother of five children, grandmother to ten children and, at the time of her death, sixteen great grandchildren. Arlene was preceded in death by her husband Earl, her daughters Laurie Dusek and Barbara Fiette, her son Earl J. Clark III, her grandson Earl J. Clark IV and her son in law Paul A. Dusek. Arlene is survived by her daughter Nancy and son in law Jesse Fojo and her son Thomas D. Clark, her son in law Les Fiette and her daughter in law Doreen (Soucek) Clark. Arlene was an avid golfer and bowler. She belonged to Grace Lutheran Church in LaGrange, IL, where she sang in the choir. She was an accomplished pianist and gave piano lessons from her home for over thirty years. She was a great cook and admonished the family often to "eat slowly-this took me all day to make"! Arlene loved animals and provided a loving home for several dogs in her lifetime.

In 1986, Earl and Arlene relocated to Minocqua, Wisconsin, where they enjoyed twenty two years in the north woods fishing, golfing, dining out and going to the casino. Each August the whole family invaded their home on the lake enjoying each other and making memories the grandkids still talk of today. Arlene will be missed by family and many friends. A memorial service is being planned for June, 2020, in LaGrange, Illinois.

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Clark, Doris Marilyn

Doris Marilyn Clark age 88. She was born in Dorchester, Illinois, to Henry and Lois (nee Dillard) Heyen. Cherished wife of Everett Ellsworth Clark for over 67 years. Loving mother of Dr. Steven (Diane) Clark; Dr. Stanley (Margaret) Clark; and Sheila Clark Hanrahan, JD. Adored grandmother of Kevin (Shelbi) Clark; Stephanie (Derick) Schumacher; Jennifer (Mason) Weibel; Matthias and Katharine Clark; and Brendan, Leighty and Brian Hanrahan; and great-grandmother of Avery Clark and Gwenth Schumacher. Dear sister of Maxine (Alex) Young, the late Helen (the late Dr. Lee) McNeel, the late Harold (Lynn) Heyen; and sister-in-law of the late Suzanne (Charles) Johnston and the late Flo Jean (the late Don) Flory; Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Cherished daughter of the late Henry and Lois Heyen. A graduate of Shurtleff College and former PE teacher. Avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan. A Celebration of Life will take place later in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Doris Clark's memory to: Alexian Brothers Hospice Residence or to the Lyric Opera of Chicago www.lyricopera.org or 312-827-3100. Arrangements were entrusted to The Oaks Funeral Home. For information and to read Doris Clark's fuller life story, please visit www.oaksfh.com

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Downes, Eileen M.

Eileen M. Downes, nee Darcy, age 95. Beloved wife of the late Louis Henry Downes. Loving mother of Margaret (William) Dawson. Dearest grandmother of Molly (Ben Marcum) Dawson. Devoted Nana of Carolyn, Erin, Kelly, Morriah, James, Kristyn, Zachary, Matthew, Jonathan, Samantha, Emma and many more. Great-grandmother of the late Henry Louis Marcum. Devoted sister of Rosemary (the late Regis) Lisowski and the late Margaret Steidel, Catherine Zenawick, and James Darcy. Known as Auntie Eileen to many nieces and nephews. Former 1st grade teacher at St. Maurice Catholic School, Chicago from 1963 to 1992. In lieu of flowers donations to Albert and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital, Chicago in memory of great-grandson, Henry Louis Marcum would be sincerely appreciated. Visitation Monday 3 pm to 8 pm. Funeral Tuesday, 10 a.m. from Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home, 4343 Main St. (1 block So. of Ogden Ave.) Downers Grove to St. Scholastica Church. Mass 11 am. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. (630) 968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com

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Drenth, Dorothy

Dorothy Drenth, age 93 of Westmont, IL; Funeral Tuesday 8:45 A.M. from Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien to Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Mass 9:30 A.M. Interment Clarendon Hills Cemetery. Visitation Monday 3-9 P.M. Memorial contributions to Holy Trinity Catholic Church. For info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com for expanded obituary.



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Ebert, Cyndie A.

Cyndie A. Ebert nee Chadwick. Beloved wife of the late James. Loving mother of Paul (JoAnn) and Douglas (Dawn) Ebert and Michael (Bernadette) Trainor. Daughter of the late Albert and the late Ann Chadwick. Devoted grandmother of William, Rachel, Sarah, Michael, Matthew and Thomas. Fond Sister of Keith (Deanna) Chadwick, Jeryl (Terry) True, Laura (John) Phillips and the late Kent (Michelle) Chadwick. Also loving aunt and friend of many. Memorial visitation Thursday, January 23, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Family and friends will meet Friday, January 24 at St. Cornelius Church 5430 W. Foster Ave., Chicago for a 10:00 a.m. Memorial Mass. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Misericordia 6300 N. Ridge, Chicago, IL 60660 appreciated. Info 773-774-0366 or colonialfuneral.com



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Elam, M.D., Harry P.

Harry P. Elam, M.D., age 100, of Evanston. Beloved husband of the late Sally Ann Elam; loving father of Bernadette Elam (Peter Conway), Bernard Elam, Christopher (Pamela) Elam and the late Regina Elam, the late Joanne Hagopian and the late Suzhanna Elam, M.D., proud grandfather of Angelina Hagopian, Lillian and Emma Elam. Pediatrician dedicated to supporting underserved communities. Spent over 50 years combined at Cook County Hospital, Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center and St Francis Hospital of Evanston. Certified in individual psychotherapy following study at Adler Institute. A deep love of learning led Harry from medicine to yoga; history to astrology; philosophy to drumming. Sharing that knowledge was a favorite pastime. Family and church completed his world.

Visitation Friday, January 24, 2020, 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Donnellan Family Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Blvd. at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Saturday, January 25, 2020, 2:30 p.m. at Saint Nicholas Church, 806 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60202. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Smile Train, 633 Third Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, New York 10017 or (https://my.smiletrain.org/fundraiser/inmemoryofharryelam) Info: 847-6785-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.



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Enrietto, James J.

James John Enrietto, 89, a resident of Highland Park, IL, passed away peacefully January 5, 2020 at Autumn Leaves of Gurnee. He was born January 21, 1930 in Washington D.C. to James B. Enrietto and Marion H. Blumer. Jim will be affectionately remembered by all as a caring, devoted father, brother, son, exemplary executive, patient listener, world traveler, champion of the afflicted, impressive bridge partner, creative writer, Scrabble master, fast walker, proud Michigan, Oberlin, Landon graduate and respected US Navy officer. He will be deeply missed by his sister and brother-in-law Mary (David) Cecilia Shover, his son John R. Enrietto and daughter Jane (Phil) Horn, his grandchildren James, Joseph, Kaylee, Nate, and Camryn. His beautiful wife of 55 years, Janet M. Vesey preceded him in death in 2015. His parents, Marion H. Bulmer and John B. Enrietto, like anyone he knew, loved and treasured him dearly. The funeral arrangements were privately held and entrusted to Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium 410 E. Belvidere Rd. Grayslake, IL 60030. For more information please contact (847)223-8122 or log onto www.strangfuneral.org.



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Flanagan, Mary Margaret

Mary Margaret Flanagan, age 73, of Dyer, IN, passed away peacefully Thursday, January 16, 2020. Beloved daughter of the late William and Elizabeth Flanagan. Dear sister of the late Bill Flanagan Jr. Loving cousin to Marikay (Marty) Zupan and Carol (late Herman) Triezenberg, and their children Mark, Tracey, Kristy, Kai, and Darren.

Mary is also survived by her good friends Anthony Ljubich and Kathy McGrath. Mary was a P.E. teacher at Marian Catholic High School for 45 years. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. Visitation Monday, January 20, 2020 from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. with a wake service at 5:00 p.m. at Smits Funeral Home, 2121 Pleasant Springs Lane, Dyer, IN. Prayer service Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Joseph Catholic Church 440 Joliet St. Dyer, IN for a 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery - Alsip, IL. Memorial contributions to Marian Catholic High School or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are greatly appreciated. For more information, please call 219-322-7300 or visit www.SMITSFH.com

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Glover, John

John Glover passed away peacefully on January 16, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Joan Glover nee Bunney. Loving father of James (Dienne) Glover, Timothy Glover, Corrine (Brian) Vegter, William Glover, Thomas (Shannon) Glover, Kathleen Glover, Joseph (Mandy) Glover, and Brian (Cari) Glover. Dear brother of Robert (Loretta) Glover, Thomas (Marlyn) Glover, and Darlene (the late Denny) Comiskey. Cherished grandfather, great-grandfather, and uncle to many. John was a proud Chicago Police Officer for 39 years. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2020 from the hours of 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm at Olson Burke Sullivan Funeral and Cremation Center, 6467 N. NW Highway, Chicago, IL, 60631, followed by a Funeral Service at 10:00 am on Friday, January 25, 2020. Interment at Ridgewood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (www.bcrf.org).

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Griffin, Francis E.

Francis E. "Frank" Griffin. Beloved Husband of the late Ella Mae nee Kemmer for 73 years. Loving father of Daniel (Joyce), Lawrence (Denise), Kathryn (Les) Lamping, Tom (Jennifer), Mary (Greg Baker), and the late Dolly (Ed) Hudgins. Proud grandfather of 14 and great grandfather of 14. Dear brother of Sr. Beatrice. Francis was preceded in death by 4 brothers and 4 sisters. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Francis was a proud member of the Army Air Corps 509th Composite during WWII. Visitation Monday 8:30 am until the time prayers are said at 10:15am at The Jaeger Funeral Home 3526 N. Cicero Ave to St. Viator Church 11:00am mass. Cremation private. Please omit flowers. Info (773) 545-1320.

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Haynie, Charlotte Ruth

Charlotte Ruth (Monson) Haynie passed away December 31, 2019 in Gilbert, AZ with her family by her side. She was born April 5, 1930 in Chicago, IL to Roy and Ruth Monson, and spent her childhood in the Chicago area, where she gained an appreciation for the arts, learning to play the piano and taking frequent train trips into the city. She attended Niles East High School, where she met her future husband of 64 years, Howard Haynie. She graduated from MacMurray College, and she was proud to have been a secretary in the marketing department at Allstate Insurance where the "big hands" promotion was developed. She and Howard were married September 25, 1954, and she devoted the remainder of her life to her family. She and Howard raised their three children in Wilmette, IL, where Charlotte was a Girl Scout leader, a volunteer with the North Shore Senior Center, and a member of the Woman's Club of Wilmette. They loved attending operas, symphonies, and hockey and football games together, and Charlotte relished every opportunity to play bridge with her friends. She was a crossword puzzle fanatic, and also enjoyed her expansive collection of jigsaw puzzles.

Upon Howard's retirement, they moved to Scottsdale, AZ, where they enjoyed many more years together until Howard's passing on February 24, 2019. They took several vacation cruises together, and Charlotte used her literary talents to document each one.

Charlotte is survived by her three children, Roy (Christina) Haynie of Gilbert, AZ, Robin (Paul) Schnettler of Stoughton, WI, and Guy (Karen) Haynie of Glenview, IL. She is further survived by six grandchildren, Sean and Anna Haynie, Dan Schnettler, Tim (Mychelyn) Schnettler, Katie (Lucas) Elsing, and Quinn Haynie; three great-grandchildren, Madelyn and Elliott Elsing and Phoebe Schnettler; and by additional extended family members she held dear, particularly her nieces Roberta and Cynthia. She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Ruth Monson, her sister Harriet Schorr, and granddaughter Laura.

Charlotte extended her kind and generous spirit to everyone she met. This and her wonderful sense of humor drew others to her, and we are all better people for having known and loved her. The family wishes to thank the staff of Quail Park Morrison Ranch and of Aegis Home Health and Hospice for the compassionate care they provided to Charlotte. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. on April 18th at Winnetka Congregational Church, 725 Pine Street, Winnetka, Illinois.

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Hogan, Mary D. 'Dolores'

Mary D. "Dolores" Hogan, 93, beloved wife of the late John M.; loving mother of Patricia Brannon, William (Cherie), Elizabeth (Mike) Vitrano, and Thomas (Colleen); cherished grandmother to 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; aunt to many nieces and nephews; and loving friend to many.

Memorial Mass will be Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 11 AM at St. Monica Catholic Church, 5316 N. Nottingham, Chicago, IL, with a visitation beginning at 10 AM until the time of the Mass. In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. For info 773-774-3232 or www.kolbusmayfh.com.

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Iannantuoni, Theodore E.

May 6, 1942 – January 8, 2020
 Wheeling, IL - Theodore, "Ted" passed away at home suddenly on January 8, 2020 at the age of 77.

He is survived by daughter, Gia Caci (Joseph), Guy Iantoni, Christian Iantoni (Elizabeth) and grandchildren Alessia, Nicolette, Julia, Dario, Lorenzo, Anna and Luca, as well as his siblings and their children Anthony (Allison), Eugene (Jennifer, Jason, Matthew) and MaryJo (Tyler).

Born in Oak Park, IL, Ted graduated from Proviso East High School. He spent his career owning, managing and working in his numerous beauty salons. His life passion was his never-ending commitment and devotion to his family. As a young adult, he cared for his parents and younger siblings. While married, he dedicated himself to the personal development and support of his children's aspirations. He spent his retirement helping his children with endless "project lists" and celebrating his grandchildren's and youngest nephew's many milestones. He gave his support endlessly and never expected anything in return. He never turned down a request for help. He was loved by his family and his memory will be cherished forever.

A private interment will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to the American Diabetes Association.

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Izzo, Leslie M.

Leslie M. Izzo (nee Tuszynski) age 61, at rest on January 13, 2020. Beloved wife of Charles J. Izzo. Loving mother of Samantha Kyle Izzo, Charles Joseph Izzo Jr. and Paul Carl Izzo. Dear daughter of the late Paul C. and the late Bernice D. (nee Prokusi) Tuszynski. Dear sister of Nancy (Larry) Conrad, Janice (Javier) Benitez and Paul (Judy) Tuszynski. Memorial Visitation will take place on Saturday January 25th, 2020 from 12:30 p.m. until time of service at 3:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL. Interment will be private. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300



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Johnson, Charles A.

Charles Almo Johnson entered peacefully into rest in Concord, California on January 12, 2020. He was 69 years old.

Charles was born on December 1, 1950 and raised in Chicago, Illinois on December 1, 1950. Charles served in the Marine Corps in the Vietnam War, and received his GED and completed trade courses. He studied welding, metallurgy and other trades, and worked as a mechanic. He later moved to Pittsburg, California, where he resided for many years. Charles is survived by his son and 4 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects from 11 am to 1 pm on Monday, January 27, 2020 at Grissom's Chapel & Mortuary, 267 E. Lewelling Blvd., San Lorenzo, CA. Charles will be laid to rest with military honors at 10:30 am on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Rd., Dixon, CA.

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Junkroski, Sr., Paul W.

Paul W. Junkroski, Sr., age 99, World War II U.S. Army veteran, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1993, formerly of Chicago and Willow Springs, IL, passed away on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at Edward Hospital in Naperville. He was born January 12, 1921 in Chicago, IL. Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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Kasperski, Thomas

Thomas (TK) Kasperski of Cave Creek, Arizona passed away January 8, 2020 at the age of 71. He was born January 10, 1948 to Thomas and Marcella (Natonski) Kasperski in Chicago, Illinois. Thomas graduated from J Sterling Morton High School, attended Morton Junior College, and then entered the world of insurance. He married Janice Trobl soon thereafter. He began his career as a salesman for several insurance companies in the Midwest including Mutual of Omaha and served in the business for over 40 years. Prior to retirement, he had risen to executive status. After a long successful career Thomas and Janice moved to Sun City West, Arizona in 2006, and later Cave Creek, Arizona where Thomas continued to work in sales in the Phoenix area after his semiretirement thirteen years ago. Thomas is survived by his loving wife, Janice Kasperski of Cave Creek, AZ; son Jason Kasperski of Sherman Oaks, CA; and brother Raymond Kasperski and his wife Elaine Kasperski of Orland Park, IL, along with many nieces and nephews.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents Thomas Kasperski and Marcella Pugno. In the coming months, a memorial service will be held in Illinois. The date has yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers a contribution may be made in Thomas' name to Boys Town, Omaha, NE. Please share memories, comments, photos, or videos with Thomas' family on his tribute wall at www.camindelsoi.com.

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Kienzle, Goedel

Goedel Kienzle, nee Siebenmark, age 83 of La Grange Park, IL. Beloved wife of the late Erwin G. Kienzle; fond mother of Walter Kienzle; dear sister to the late Rolf Siebenmark and Walther Siebenmark. Visitation, Monday, January 20, 2020 from 10 A.M. to time of Service 11 A.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd.** 9445 W. 31st Street, Brookfield. Interment Forest Home Cemetery, Forest Park. Memorials appreciated to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Corner of Park and Grant, Brookfield. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com



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Kilinskis, John J.

John J. Kilinskis, age 88, a resident of Grand Haven in Romeoville, IL, passed away peacefully on January 17, 2020. He was born on November 17, 1931 in Chicago, IL. John is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Donna Kilinskis; his loving children, Debra (Brad) Nemsick and John A. (Michelle) Kilinskis; his cherished grandchildren, Michael, Matthew and Nicole Nemsick, Alyson Kilinskis. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kathy J. Jasper. Proud U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, as well as a longtime member of Post 1080 American Legion and the Grand Haven Veteran's Club. Lifelong member of Pipefitter's Union Local 597. Visitation will be Tuesday, January 21, 3:00 until 9:00 PM at the **Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, corner of Routes 30 & 59, Plainfield. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 22, 10:30 AM at St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, 15629 S. Route 59, Plainfield. Interment with military honors will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. For information please call 815/436-9221 or visit www.overman-jones.com



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Klatt, Karen

Karen Klatt, 69 years of age, at rest January 16, 2020. Loving wife of Charles for 41 years. Dear mother of Michael (Janet) Klatt. Step-mother of Jeffrey (Vickie) Klatt. Grandmother of Violet and Jesse. Beloved sister of Steve, Joseph (Laura) Staatz and James (Julie) Staatz. Cherished aunt of many. Visitation is Tuesday, January 21st from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Services are Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 9:15 am at **Adolf Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 2921 S. Harlem Ave., Berwyn to St. Leonard Church. Mass 10:00 am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Info at 708-484-4111 or www.adolfsservices.com.



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Kosenesky, Richard C.

Richard C. "Papa" Kosenesky of Cicero, age 85. US Army Veteran. Beloved husband of Barbara, nee O'Claire; loving father of Mark (Jeannette), Richard S., James "Beef" (Rhonda) and Michael (Jennifer) Kosenesky; proud grandfather of Ashley (fiance Robert Karpiel), Charles "Chaz", Ella, Madison, Nolan, Mia, Mason and the late Kelsey Kosenesky; dear brother of the late Geraldine (late George) Sukalec; fond uncle of many. Family and friends will be received at **Adolf Funeral Home**, 2921 S. Harlem, Berwyn on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. (Attendees are encouraged to wear Bears or Cubs Gear or simply Blue attire). Funeral Thursday 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Odilo Church for 9:30 a.m. Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials appreciated to Lymphoma Society, American Cancer Society or Disabled Veterans of America. For info 708-484-4111

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Kost, Diana Marie

Diana Marie Kost (nee Liska) went on her final journey to join her parents, sister, and brothers in the glory of Heaven in the early morning of January 14, 2020. Diana was a beautiful, cherished person: adoring daughter, loving sister, beloved wife, amazing mother, devoted grandparent and faithful friend. Born in Chicago, Illinois, she was a proud graduate of Alvernia High School and Marquette University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Education with a major in Philosophy. She selflessly followed her husband throughout his military career, giving generously of her time and considerable talents to the aid and betterment of all those around her. Upon her husband's military retirement, Diana pursued her own professional career and thrived in the medical field, first in the billing offices of a family practice that would become her second family, and then as a pharmaceutical research analyst with PRA International. Although the light is gone from her eyes, the spark she lit in everyone she met continues to burn brightly. She was incredibly imaginative, artistic, and musical, and through her supportive nurturing has built a lasting legacy of creative beauty through her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Diana was an avid gardener and now the flowers and trees have one more angel ensuring their magnificence. She was also a passionate animal lover, taking in rescues, caring for neighborhood strays and dotting on every pet she met. Now Saint Francis has another angel helping him protect the lost and abandoned animals.

Her time in Heaven is well earned and will be busy as she watches over all her loved ones still on earth: John, her loving husband of 55 years; daughter Kristine Kattmann and husband Kevin of Greensboro, North Carolina; daughter Theresa Riddle and fiancé William Coogan of Manakin Sabot, Virginia; daughter Victoria Kost-Swinson and husband Tom of Delta, Pennsylvania; son John and wife Kimberly Jo of Chantilly, Virginia; daughter Diana Kost and husband Kevin Mulcahy of McLean, Virginia; 10 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Katherine Liska and Joanne Liska of Palatine, Ill.; and 4 adoring cats. A long-time member of Saint Thomas Aquinas Church, she found great peace and comfort in attending their daily and Sunday masses. Her viewing will be held at Hill and Wood Funeral Home in Charlottesville, Virginia on January 19, 2020, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Her Mass of Christian burial will be held at Saint Thomas on January 20, 2020, at 11:00 am. Diana had a loving and giving soul and her family asks that, in lieu of flowers, family and friends consider making a donation in her memory to the School Sisters of Saint Francis (for her beloved high school), at SSSF.org, or the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA. Condolences may be left for the family at hillandwood.com.

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Krawisz, Robert E.

Robert E. Krawisz, 76, of Arlington Hts. Beloved husband of 50 years to Nancy C. (nee Cypcar) Krawisz; loving father of Kelly P. Krawisz; step brother of Cynthia Brychta and step uncle to Julie (Nick) Strozza; dear son of the late Edward and late Genevieve (nee Budziak) Krawisz and step-son of the late Irene Krawisz. Visitation Mon., Jan. 20th & Tue., Jan. 21st. from 4 PM until 8 PM at **Glueckert Funeral Home**, 1520 N. Arlington Hts Rd, Arlington Hts and 9:00 AM Wed., Jan. 22nd at St. Edna Catholic Church, 2525 N. Arlington Hts Rd, Arlington Hts. until the time of Mass at 10:00 AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health, 3436 N. Kennicott Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004 or for Masses. Funeral info. www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Long, Gerald

Jerry Long, 86, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, January 10, 2020. Beloved husband of 59 years to Loretta "Lori" Long; father of Kevin (Sara Cox) Long, Kimberly (Brendan) Long-Cullen and Christopher (Amy) Long; cherished grandfather of Jennifer Long, Isabella Cullen, Noah Cullen and Spencer Long. Jerry proudly served his country in the U.S. Army as an SP 4, MP, Paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne, 101st Screaming Eagles. He lived a life of adventure and unwavering optimism (even for his beloved Chicago Bears). He traveled the world delighting in new experiences and regaling his friends and family with his stories. Golfing was his passion along with skiing, tennis, sailing and reading. Most important of all was his family. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than spending time with his grandchildren. A Celebration of Jerry's life will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 12 pm at the Bolingbrook Golf Club, East Room, 2001 Rodeo Drive, Bolingbrook, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in the name of Gerald Long to www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org.

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Lopez, R.N., Daphne M.

Daphne M. Lopez, R.N., was born on February 3, 1931 in Kingston, Jamaica. She migrated to the United States (Evanston, Illinois) in the late 1960's with her family. She pursued her education and career in Nursing and spent almost forty years as a Head Nurse at The Presbyterian Homes in Evanston.

Daphne was not only a Nurse, but also a wife to her husband, Seabert "Jimmie" Lopez for over sixty years. She was a mother of five children, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a pillar in various communities but lent her hand and knowledge especially to the Caribbean community. Her hobbies included cooking, sewing (designed various creations for herself, family and friends), watching television and listening to music. Funeral arrangements include a Wake on Thursday, January 23rd from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. followed by a Funeral Service celebrating her life on Friday, January 24th at 10:00 a.m. Both the Wake and Funeral Service will be held at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Blvd, at Old Orchard Rd, Skokie, IL 60077. A private burial service will be held for the family on Monday, February 3rd (Daphne's birthday) at Memorial Park Cemetery. Floral arrangements are gladly accepted, and, in lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Daphne's memory to: The Geneva Foundation, New Hope Scholarship (Westminster Place), The Presbyterian Homes, Attn: Karen Normand, 8707 Skokie Blvd., Suite 400, Skokie, IL 60076. Ph. (847) 979-3922. For more information regarding the services, kindly contact Donnellan Family Funeral Services at (847) 675-1990. A link with funeral updates is available on the Donnellan website - <https://www.donnellanfuneral.com>.

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Lorenz, Marion J.

Marion J. Lorenz (nee Melka), age 91, a resident of Wyndemere Senior Living in Wheaton, IL, formerly of Chicago, Park Ridge, Mt. Prospect and Huntley, IL, passed away Friday, January 17, 2020 at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, IL. She was born December 10, 1928 in Chicago.

Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**.

For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.

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Loth, Ursula K.

Ursula K. Loth, nee Keebler, 82, beloved wife of the late Gunter K. Loth; devoted mother of Michael (the late Kimberly); proud Oma of Benjamin and Estelle; loving sister of Helga Wentsch and Margot Sturn. Visitation Monday 10:00 AM until time of Service 12:00 PM at **Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home**, 11333 S. Central Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery. Info. 708-636-1200.

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Lowenthal, Mary Lynn

Mary Lynn Margolis Lowenthal nee Salamon, 89 and freshly nonagenarian, born November 8, 1930, after a braving battle against MDS passed peacefully January 15, 2020. She was the first American born daughter of the late Louis L. and Elena Salamon nee Grunfeld and stepdaughter of Riza Salamon nee Kulka, whom were among the proud co-founders of "American-Jews of Hungarian Descent" Theodor Herzl Verein.

Dearest mother of David (the late Jocelyn), Gary and the late Michael Margolis and stepmother of Stacey and Dawn Lowenthal; adoring grandmother of Lauren and Aaron Margolis and stepgrandmother of Jordan Anway and Jaynelie Cortijo; with strength from the middle she was the affectionate and beloved sister of Eugene (Renee) Salamon, the late Elizabeth Kurbis nee Salamon and Vivian (Sheldon) Weiss nee Salamon; the most caring and dutiful aunt and Trustee to Dwight and James Kurbis and fond aunt of Gayle Weiss, Robert (the late Jeanie) Weiss, Deborah (Jay) Lerner nee Salamon, Jason (Meredith) Salamon and Susan (Paul) Crowe nee Salamon; grandaunt of Kelly (Jeremy) Louis nee Kurbis, Laney (James) Iwinski nee Weiss, Randall (Courtney) Lerner, Abigail and Zachary Salamon, Joshua, Matthew and Nathaniel Crowe; great grandaunt of Charlie and Connor Louis and Sydney and Sophie Lerner.

Each one special in her heart as family and dear friend. And we're especially grateful for the unbelievable care from the staff and friends at the Carrington at Lincolnwood and particularly Dede, Grace and Connie for their loving attention and comfort as Mary's newest best friends.

Quick to befriend and sincere in good humored cordiality was her trademark in striving to live Louis' American Dream which became her own goal and accomplishment. A life well lived Mary Lynn! And, as a modest Louis would assess, Nuh!

From an ode to Louis: "He came ashore a bright young man a better good to find - Holding close his new formed band of every sort and kind - As once he said, to lose one's way as children often might - To misplace any - would be to lose a finger - or his sight." Mary Lynn - Back safely in your arms!

Chapel service, Monday 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to the NorthShore Kellogg Cancer Center, c/o NorthShore Foundation, 1033 University Place #450, Evanston, IL, 60201, 224.364.7200. For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Lund, Thomas Gene

Passed away at the age of 81 on November 23, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Verone Lund for 59 years and devoted father of the late Gwendolyn Lund; dear brother of the late Robert Lund and loving uncle of numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. A memorial mass will take place at Our Lady of Joy, Carefree, AZ, on February 21, 2020. Interment will be in the spring of 2020 at All Saints in Des Plaines, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tom's name to Christian Brothers of the Midwest (cbmidwest.org). If there are any questions concerning the mass or interment, please call Louise at 480-585-1591.

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Malnati, Donna 'Mama'

Donna "Mama" Malnati, 93, passed away January 3, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Rudy; loving mother of Rudy (Annette) and the late Robert (Susan); cherished grandmother of Holly, Rudy, James and Catherine. Loving daughter of the late Harold and Florence Carter and sister to six siblings; the late, William Carter, LaVada Buresh, Harold Carter, Nancy Reynolds, James Carter and Bob Carter.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at Pizano's Pizza and Pasta, 2106 S. Indiana, Chicago, IL 60605 from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in lieu of flowers, please make a donation in memory of Donna Marie Malnati to Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, 225 East Chicago Avenue, Box 4, Chicago, IL 60611 or www.luriechildrens.org/donate.

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Markoski, Jane Kooi

66, passed away on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at North Shore Evanston Hospital in Evanston, Illinois. Most beloved and respected by family and friends, Jane was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1953, graduated from Calvin College and later University of Michigan with an MA in Theater. Jane is survived by her husband James, son Maxwell (Patrice) Markoski, granddaughter Meghan Markoski, sisters Jana Kooi, Joan (Michael) Mentink. In addition, Jane is also survived by her nephew Joshua Mentink, niece Melissa (Raymond) Fales and grandnieces Emma Fales and Abigail Fales. She also leaves behind many friends, particularly her dear friend Jodi Hamill. Jane worked for over 20 years as a flight attendant, and enjoyed cooking, entertaining and supporting numerous community events. Jane also was a passionate fan for the Chicago Cubs and all University of Michigan sports. In lieu of flowers please send contributions to Lincoln Park Zoo, a place that holds many happy family memories.

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Masco, Mary Lucille

Mary Lucille Masco nee DeAntoni, age 91 of Paxton, passed away peacefully Wednesday, January 15th. Fenger Academy High School graduate. Wife for 45 years of the late John V. Masco. Mother of Ken (Jody) Masco, Kathleen (David) Berner and the late Judith (Jim) Leighton. Grandmother of nine, great grandmother of seven.

Daughter of the late John and Ginevra Villanova DeAntoni. Preceded in death by four brothers. Aunt and friend to many. Mary enjoyed knitting, bingo and puzzle books. Resting at **Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home**, 530 W. 14th St (U.S. Rt. 30, 3 blks E. of Western Ave.), Chicago Heights on Monday January 20th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Funeral Tuesday morning 11:00 AM. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Winnetka. Memorials in Mary's name to the Special Olympics of Illinois, would be appreciated by her family. For further information contact 708-481-9230 or panozzobros.com.

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McNown, Craig

Craig G. McNown, 76, rose up to the Lord on January 15, 2020. Father of Susan (Frank) Falbo; grandfather of Paul, Ryan, and Kaitlyn; and brother of Lynne McNown. He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara. Arrangements are private. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Stroke Association.

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McTier, Samuel E. 'Sam'

Samuel E. McTier, 93, died peacefully on January 11, 2020 in Lake Forest, Illinois where he was a long time resident. Born in El Paso, Texas on June 16, 1926 to Ruby Wells McTier and Harry McTier. He was a child prodigy in playing the violin and viola at age ten in the El Paso Symphony Orchestra. He loved music and to sing songs on his guitar. He graduated from Austin High School in El Paso early, at the age of 14. He went onto graduate from the University of Colorado in Boulder as a Mechanical Engineer. He served both in the Navy in WWII and in the Korean War. After the war, he settled in the Chicago area with a career in the propane industry with Bastian Blessing. He started and owned McTier Supply Company where he served as President and CEO for over 40 years. Upon his retirement, he continued to work in the industry at Propane Technologies and McTier Consulting. He received the Distinguished Service award from the National Propane Gas Association and the World's Distinguished Service Award from the World LP Gas Association. In April 2012, he was placed in the Inaugural Class of the Hall of Fame by LP-Gas Magazine for the nine people who gave the most to the Propane Industry since its inception. He was the only person to receive the Emeritus status on the NFPA Technical Committee on LP-Gas. He was a past President of the Bath and Tennis Club of Lake Bluff, IL where he won their doubles tennis championship and was also nationally ranked in Men's senior tennis. He was a finalist in the Poole Cup in golf and a finalist in the singles and doubles squash at the Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, IL. He served on the Board of the Lake Forest Symphony from 2006-2010. He played the viola in the Lake Forest Symphony until they moved to the College of Lake County and was on the Scholarship Committee of the National Propane Gas Association. He was a member of the Society of Colonial Wars. Preceded in death by his parents, brother Frank McTier and first wife, Ann Heffner McTier. He is survived by his loving wife, Virginia Aldrich McTier, son Brian McTier (Kerry) of Brush Prairie, WA, daughters Dianne McTier Olsen (Clifford) of Lake Bluff, IL, Carolyn McTier Makens (Paul) of Tiburon, CA, grandchildren Annaka Olsen, Christian Olsen, Hanna Olsen Westmoreland (Nikolai), Samuel Olsen, Katherine Gertrude Makens and Kevin Makens. The funeral will be held at the Church of The Holy Spirit, 400 E. Westminster Road, Lake Forest at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 25th. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to the Lake Forest Symphony, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045 or to the National Propane Gas Foundation NPGA Scholarship Fund, 1899 L Street, N.W., Suite 350, Washington, DC 20036. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com

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Moran, Thomas P.

Thomas P. Moran, age 59; beloved husband of Debra nee Guminski; cherished son of Joan and the late John; dear brother of Jeffrey (Nancy) and Gregory; fond uncle of Nicole and Andrew Moran; son-in-law of Barbara and the late Robert Guminski; brother-in-law of Jennifer Guminski. Visitation Monday 3-9 P.M. at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien where a funeral service will be held Tuesday at 10:00 A.M. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.

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Nugent, Rose Terese

Rose Terese Nugent, age 92 of Chicago, IL, passed away on January 14, 2020. She was the daughter of the late Henry Lawrence Blim Jr. and Isabel Catherine Shannon on Oct 15, 1927, in Cook County, Chicago, Illinois. She attended the Notre Dame High School for Girls and is a graduate of the St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing and worked at St Joseph's Hospital.

Rose was predeceased by her loving husband of 40 years, Girard Charles Nugent; she was also predeceased by her sisters Isabell Driscoll, Mary Blim, Gertrude Blim and her brother Henry Blim. She is survived by her sons Patrick (Carolyn), Allen, TX, James (Suzanne), Lake Como, NJ, Kevin (Olga), Lombard, IL and her daughters Mary (the late Kirk) Contento (Oak Lawn, IL), Maureen Brogni (Arlington Heights, IL) and Kathy (Brent) Paxton, Zion, IL. She is also survived by her ten grand children Heather Kremer (Little Elm, TX), Steven Nugent (McKinney, TX), Joseph Nugent (Portland, OR), Alexandra Nugent (Brooklyn, NY), Alyssa Contento, Anthony and Colleen Brogni, Samuel, Zachery and Zoe Paxton. She also enjoyed five great grand children Skyler and Brenden Nugent, Carley, Andy, and Ryleigh Kremer.

Rose, who always smiled, made friends wherever she went while staying very strong in her faith and her love for our Lord. During her retirement she pursued her love of art and enjoyed it's relaxation and the joy it brought to others; but also enjoyed her travel within the states, Europe and her lifelong friends. Visitation Sunday, January 19, 2020, 4:00 pm to 8:00 PM at Drake & Son Funeral Home, 5303 N. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625. Mass of Christian Burial Monday, January 20, 2020, 9:00 am at St. Gertrude Church, 1420 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL. 60660. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Carmelite Monastery, 49 Mount Carmel Road, Santa Fe, NM, 87505-0352, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorial and Honor Gifts, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN, 38148-0142, <https://www.stjude.org/donate/>. Interment Calvary Cemetery, Evanston, IL. Info: 773-561-6874

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O'Hern, James L. 'Joe'

James L. "Joe" O'Hern, Age 87, U.S. Army Veteran of Korean War, Born into Eternal Life on January 16, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Patricia M. (nee Sullivan). Loving father of Maureen (Dorn) Lynch and Kathleen (Neil) O'Connell. Dear grand-

father of Colleen (Bob) Reiser, James O'Connell, Derek and Kaitlyn Lynch. Proud "Pop Pops" of Shea and Kate Reiser. Joe was loved as a son by the late Margaret and James Quinlan. Retired Director of Recruitment for the City of Chicago after 36 years of service. Alumnus of Leo H.S. (1950), and De Paul University, and lifelong avid Chicago White Sox Fan. Visitation Wednesday, January 22nd, 8:30am-10:30am at **Curley Funeral Home (Heeney-Laughlin Directors)**, 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Funeral 10:30am proceeding from funeral home to St. Mary Church, 19515 115th Ave, (195th St. & Wolf Rd.) Mokena IL 60448. Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30am. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Funeral Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors, 708-636-5500 or www.heeneyfh.com

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O'Reilly-Amandes, Elizabeth Ann

Elizabeth Ann 'Beth Ann' O'Reilly-Amandes, age 64, of Oak Park; beloved wife of Paul C.; loving mother of Michael and Sarah (Charlie Hanover) Amandes; cherished grandma of David and Kate; dear sister of Willem, Cecillie, Chris, Gloria, Beau, Dorothy, Kate, Jamie, Ned, Henri, Eugene, Bridget and Bernadette; fond sister-in-law, aunt, great-aunt, cousin and friend of many. Memorial visitation 3 to 9 p.m. Monday January 20 (remembrances by family at 7 p.m.) at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. On Saturday January 25, family and friends will meet at St. Giles Church, 1045 Columbian Ave., Oak Park for Mass at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to Housing Forward (housingforward.org) where Beth Ann volunteered for years are appreciated. Funeral info: 708-383-3191 or drechslerbrownwilliams.com

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Pardi, Clara N.

Clara N. Pardi, age 99, beloved sister of the late Perina (late Nicholas) Leonard; cherished aunt of Robert (Judy) Leonard, Carol (Donald) Hetzler, Richard (Mary) Leonard, and Thomas (Shelly) Leonard; dear aunt and great aunt of many. Visitation at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Avenue Niles on Tuesday from 9:00 AM until time of service 10:30 AM to Our Lady of Ransom Church for 11:00 AM Mass. Entombment St. Joseph Mausoleum. Please omit flowers. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Paz, Pelagia P.

Pelagia P. Paz, nee Pendon, age 97 at peace January 11, 2020. Beloved wife and best friend of Jesus for 75 years. Loving mom of Cecilia (Roberto) Sabilla, Gladys, Angel, the late Veronica, Teresita, and Francisco Jose Paz. Preceded in death by 3 sisters and 1 brother; dear aunt "grandma" of many. Visitation Tuesday, January 21st 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass 10:30 a.m. at St. Denis Church, 8301 S. St. Louis Avenue, Chicago. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Info. 773-767-9788. Arrangements by **Parkside Chapels & Cremation Services**. Online tributes www.parksidechapels.com

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Poulos, Lorna Grace

Lorna Grace Poulos of Wheaton, Illinois passed away Sunday, January 12, 2020 at the age of 84. She was born June 3, 1935 in Chicago. She lived most of her life in Evanston, but also resided on St. Croix and Water Island in the United States Virgin Islands and in Glenview before moving to Wheaton. She attended Albion College in Michigan. She was the co-owner of the Yellow Bird Card and Gift Shop in Wilmette's historic Plaza del Lago. She was a long-time member of the Woman's Club of Wilmette. Lorna belonged to the Church of the Holy Comforter in Kenilworth, where she sang in the choir and completed a 4-year Education for Ministry theological education program. She was also a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Wheaton.

Lorna was an avid reader, had an amazing command of the English language, and earned a reputation as the "Grammar Grandma" with her grandchildren. She loved dogs, horses, traveling, fishing, and spending time at her Northwoods cabin on Teal Lake in Wisconsin. She looked for the beauty in everything and was easily able to turn a normal day into an exciting adventure. She loved throwing parties with a "more-the-merrier" mentality, and cherished relationships with her family and friends.

Lorna is survived by her husband John Poulos, Jr., originally of Northville, Michigan, her daughter and son-in-law, Andrea Lynn Mores and Michael Francis Mores of Sugar Grove, her son and daughter-in-law, Michael Dewey Poulos and Suzanne Monroe Poulos of Evanston, and her grandsons, Patrick Jerald Mangan, John Michael Mangan, and Matthew Joseph Mangan of Wheaton. She was about to celebrate her 65th wedding anniversary.

Lorna was preceded in death by her mother, Adele Erna McCarrick, father, Howard Louis McCarrick, grandfather, Dr. Herman Gerhard, and grandmother, Maria Gerhard.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 4:00 pm at the Trinity Episcopal Church Chapel in Wheaton. Her ashes will be interred in a private ceremony at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Kenilworth.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Arthritis Foundation.

We will miss Lorna dearly, but are comforted knowing she is wrapped in God's loving arms, singing with the angels and yellow birds.

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Rapp, Joel S. 'Boom Boom'

Joel "Boom Boom" Rapp, 73. Beloved father of Jessica (Aaron) Pluda; proud grandfather of Ethan and Addison Pluda; loving brother of Dr. Michael (Andrea) Rapp and Rosalyn (late Neal) Levine; cherished uncle of Lisa (John) O'Toole, Scott (June) Phillips, Dan Rapp, Dr. Jon (Laura) Rapp, and the late Benjamin Rapp; caring great-uncle of Austin, Ashley, and AJ O'Toole, Vivian, Julia, and Nathan Rapp; devoted son of the late Morton and Evelyn; dear former spouse of Beth Hyatt; treasured cousin of Happy Schmidt and Wayne Rapp and close friend of Larry Gertzfeld. Joel was a graduate of Von Steuben High School- shout out to the Anacondas! A memorial service will be held Tues, Jan. 21, 2 PM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Friends of the Israel Defense Forces, www.fidf.org, or American Friends of Magen David Adom, www.afmda.org. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Roche, Ruth R.

(nee Linz) Age 92. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Roche. Loving mother of Susanne (Carl) Sonik, Madelene Grimm, Kenneth (Judy), Diana Roche, and Robert (Charlotte). Proud grandma of 11. Adored great-grandma of 9. Visitation Tuesday 3 - 8 p.m. with a Service at 7:00 p.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Interment private. If you wish to make a memorial contribution, donations can be made to Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Ryndak, Andrew T 'Andy'

Andrew T. Ryndak, age 63, of the Beverly neighborhood in Chicago IL passed away on January 13, 2020. "Andy" was the beloved husband of Cynthia Bern-Ryndak; loving father of Jeritt Ryndak and step-father of Carly "Sunshine" (Peter) Klaus; dear brother of the late Elizabeth (Ron) Holmes and the late George (Connie) Ryndak.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday January 25th, at Trinity United Methodist Church 9848 S. Winchester Ave. Chicago IL. For additional information: Legacy.com

If desired, memorial donations to PAWS Tinley Park (<https://pawstinleypark.org/donate/>) are appreciated.

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Sakowicz, Domicilla 'Dee'

Domicilla "Dee" (née Osikowicz) Sakowicz, age 97, passed away Thursday, Jan. 16, peacefully with her four loving children at her side in Northfield. She was born on Dec. 23, 1922, in Chicago, of Joseph and Angela (Halgas) Osikowicz. She was the cherished sister of Thaddeus Osikowicz, a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, who preceded her in death in 1984. She is the beloved mother of the Very Rev. Gregory Sakowicz, Rector of Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago; Pamela Sakowicz Menaker, Communications Partner at Clifford Law Offices in Chicago; Adrian (Catherine) Sakowicz; and Marya (Kenneth) King. She also is the stepmother of Christine Samaan. She is the cherished Nana of five: Michelle, Elise and Mark Menaker, and Allie and Stephen Sakowicz. She also is the step-grandmother of Christopher and Patrick King. In 1952 she married Sig Sakowicz, a WGN Radio personality in the 1950s and 1960s. As a lifelong Chicagoan, she graduated from Holy Trinity grammar school, Wells High School and attended Northeastern University where she received a certificate in music. She sang professionally, including at the Chicago Railroad Fairs. In addition to her singing career, she worked at the Federal Aviation Administration, the Chicago O'Hare Marriott, and as a sales associate of fine jewelry at Whitehall Jewelers in Northbrook Court and Marshall Field's in Old Orchard. Mrs. Sakowicz will be waked at Holy Name Cathedral, 730 N. Wabash Ave. Chicago, IL 60611 on Tuesday, January 21, from 4-7 PM, immediately followed by Mass of the Resurrection at 7 PM. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, the Sakowicz family has requested that you make a donation in Dee Sakowicz's name to Catholic Charities (721 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60654 www.catholiccharities.net/donate), Mercy Home for Boys & Girls (Mercyhome.org) or to Holy Name Cathedral Thursday/Friday Suppers for the Homeless.



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Scardina, Sally Ann

Sally Ann Scardina nee Giancola, passed away on January 13, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Nick P. Scardina. Loving mother of Anna Marie (Jim) O'Donnell and Phillip (Angeline) Scardina. Dearest grandmother of Andrea, Noelle, Sean, Liam, Julie, Nicole and Frank, adoring great-grandmother of Andrew, Dylan, Brandon, Adrian, Rocco, Quinn and Nolan. Visitation Thursday, January 23, 3-9pm at **Drake and Son Funeral Home**, 5303 N Western Ave, Chicago, IL 60625. Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy, January 24 at 11am. Entombment at All Saints Cemetery. For more information, please call 773-561-6874.

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Schembari, George S.

George S. Schembari, loving husband of the late Christine, nee Sivertson; beloved father of Christopher Schembari and Mary (Scott) McMahon; cherished grandfather of Adriana McMahon. Memorial Service Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 8401 S. Cass Ave, Darien. Interment at St. Mary Cemetery. For info, call (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.



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Schermond, Judith Sara

Judith Sara Schermond, 73, peacefully passed away at her Chicago home May 14, 2019 with daughters by her side. Born June 19, 1945 in Kearny, NJ and raised in Lorain, OH by parents, John and Sara Schermond. Judy enjoyed a satisfying career in Microbiology, as researcher and professor at UIC. Judy's many passions included travel, books, genealogy, and love of family. Beloved wife of 32 years to the late Richard Ernest Anders. Cherished mother of Robin (Michael) Schultz and Melinda (David) Chaney. Proud and loving grandmother of Tracy (Mattison) LeMieux, Ryan Kelly, Andrew (Emily) Boychuck, Nathaniel Boychuck, Elena and Evan Schultz, Leah and Lucas Chaney. Sister of John Frederick Schermond II, special cousin of Bonnie (Ross) Hall, former spouse of Arnold Robert Dunbar, aunt, stepmother, and friend to many. Private services to be held in Kearny, NJ.



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Schoonover, Dwain E

Dwain E Schoonover. Beloved husband of Arlene and the late Mary Ellen Schoonover. Loving father of Leigh Ann (Ron) Rossi, Sandra G (Brian) Coughlin and Patricia (Michael) Cozzi. Fond grandfather of Stephanie (Derek) Pedersen, Erin Rossi, Sean, Taylor (Kelli) and Matthew Coughlin; Michelle (Shane) Buckler and Mary Cozzi. Dear great grandfather of Claire and Emma Pedersen and Maeve Coughlin. Fond brother of Avril (Del) Beattie. Visitation Monday 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Coglianesi Funeral Home 7508 S County Line Rd (One block south of 155/Stevenston) Burr Ridge. Funeral Service Tuesday 10:00 AM at Funeral Home. Interment Bronswood Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may take form of donations to St. Thomas Hospice, 119 E Ogden Ave. Suite 111 Hinsdale, IL 60521. Funeral info 630-654-8484 or www.coglianesi.com



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Secor, Lawrence F.

Lawrence F. Secor, age 80, of Westmont, Illinois passed away on Wednesday January 15, 2020. Lawrence was born to Philip and Mary Secor on April 15, 1939. A friend of Bill's, and loving husband to Barbara. Dear father of Desirie, Eric, Michelle, and Jaunita. Brother of Carol, Peggy, and Shirley. Fond grandfather to many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Neil Secor, father Philip and mother Mary.

A visitation for Lawrence will be held Wednesday, January 22, 2020 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Mount Auburn Funeral Home, 4101 South Oak Park Ave, Stickney, IL 60402. A chapel funeral service will occur Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 11:00 AM, 4101 South Oak Park Ave, Stickney, IL 60402. An interment will occur Thursday, January 23, 2020 at Mount Auburn Memorial Park, 4101 S Oak Park Ave, Stickney, IL 60402. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.MountAuburnFuneralHome.com for the Secor family.

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Shechter, Sonia

Sonia Shechter, nee Marcus, age 89. Beloved wife of the late Jack; cherished mother of Richard Shechter and Floyd Shechter (Brenda Gadd); devoted grandmother of Mathew (Sarah) Shechter, Stephanie Shechter, Neal (Lauren) Shechter and great-grandchildren Sam and Eve; dear sister of the late Shirley (Hersch) Rubin, Lyle (Rozalyn) Marcus, devoted daughter of the late Herman and Minnie Marcus; fond aunt and great-aunt of many nieces and nephews, especially close to Gerald (the late Eileen) Marcus; Funeral services Monday January 20th 11 AM at Westlawn Cemetery's mausoleum chapel, 7801 W. Montrose., Norridge. Interment to follow. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824), or www.mitzvahfunerals.com



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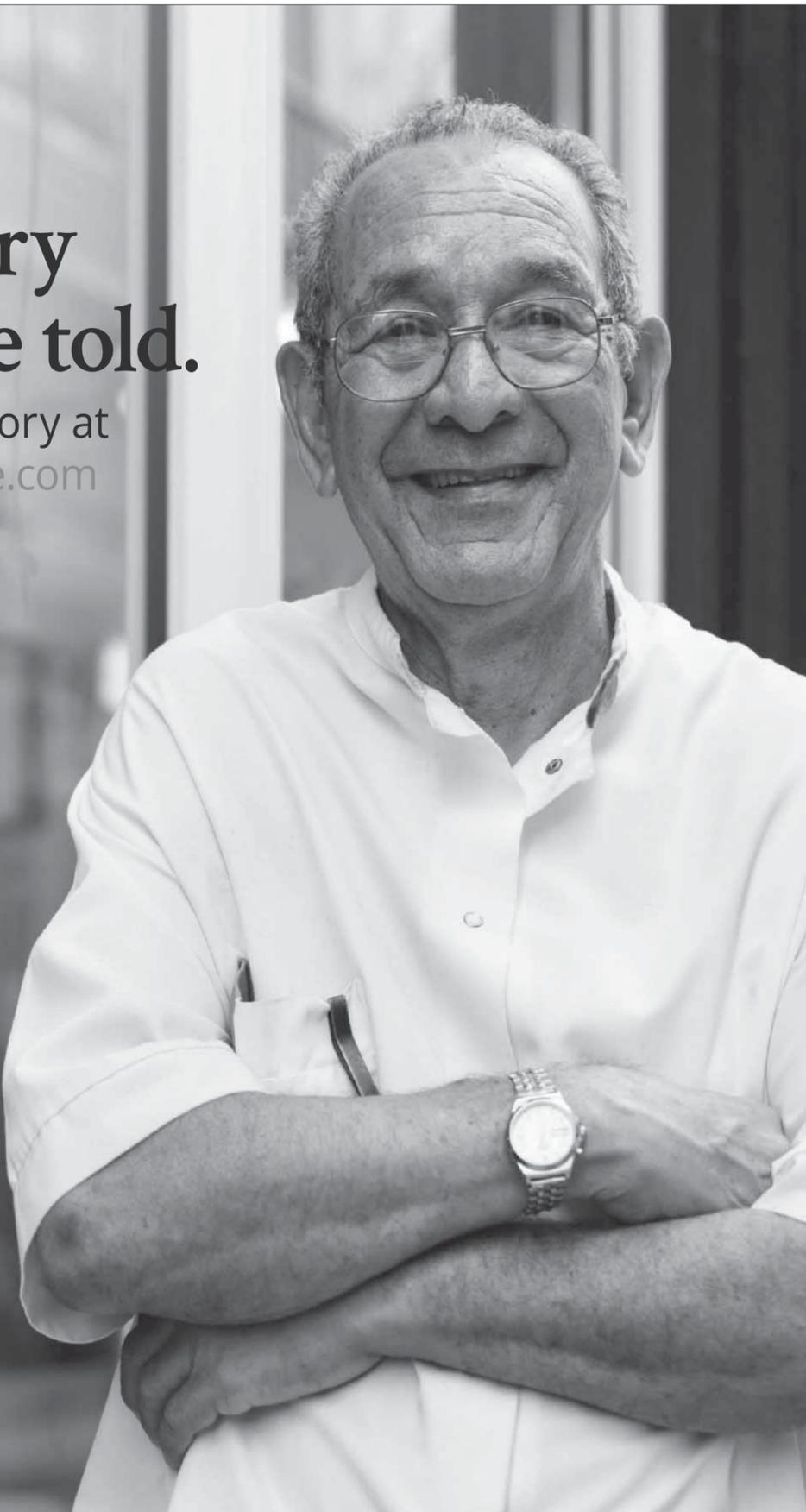
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Shelton, Scott Key

Scott Key Shelton, 94, died peacefully at his home in Long Beach, Indiana on January 15, 2020. He was born September 21, 1925 in Mayfield, Kentucky to Martha Louise Caldwell Shelton and William Edward Shelton Jr. Shelton is survived by his wife of 37 years, Joan (nee Wangerow), three children from his first marriage: Julie Page Shelton (Jeffrey Harvey), Suzanne Shelton, and Mary Key Shelton; six grandchildren: Jonathan Key Shelton, Janie Faye Shelton (Nils Johnson), Bucklin Shelton Foley, Elizabeth Shelton Foley, Sylvia Caitlin Burn, and Lia Tesoro Sanfelippo; and two great grandchildren: Fijke and Signe Johnson. Mr. Shelton was pre-deceased by his parents, his brother William Edward Shelton III, and his son, Scott Key Shelton Jr.

After serving in the Navy during World War II, Shelton returned to the University of Illinois to complete his bachelor's degree in English, where he was also initiated into the Chi Psi fraternity. He began his career in labor relations and human resources with 3M and National Can Co., then spent the bulk of his career as a partner with the executive search firm Spencer Stuart. Shelton's service included spearheading the launch of the firm's Hong Kong office in the late 1970's. He was proud to have been the first recipient of the firm's Joseph McGinley Award, given to the partner earning the deepest personal and professional respect of their partners worldwide. Shelton's civic and philanthropic involvement included president of Youth Guidance, a minority student program that operated in Chicago Public Schools, president of the Human Resources Association of Chicago, and president of the Hinsdale, Illinois Community Chest. He also served on the Music of the Baroque board of directors.

Upon Shelton's 1993 retirement, he and Joan moved from Chicago to Long Beach full-time, and became very involved in the local community. Most notably, in 1996 Scott and Joan started a readers theatre group, the Beachside Players.

In addition to his wife, children and grand-children, Shelton's great loves included music (especially jazz), garage sales, and impromptu visits by friends to chat on the back deck of their home near Stop 21. Burial at Greenwood Cemetery in Michigan City, Indiana will be private. A celebration of his life is planned for the morning of April 25th at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a gift to the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago. <https://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online/index.html> Arrangements have been entrusted to Geisen-Carlisle Funeral Home located at 613 Washington St., Michigan City, IN.

To view guestbook or leave condolences, visit www.carlislefh.com.

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Slupik, Ramona I.

Ramona I. Slupik, M.D., age 64, passed away Thursday, January 9, 2020 in Chicago, Illinois. Cherished daughter of the late Roman Herman Slupik and the late Dr. Sigrid Slupik. Visitation will be held Tuesday, January 21, 2020 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at **Muzyka & Son Funeral Home**, 5776 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. Funeral Service will be Wednesday, January 22, 2020 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment to follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery. For more information, please call (773) 545-3800.

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Soboleski, Judith

Judith Soboleski nee Wiggins, age 79 of Woodstock. Beloved wife of the late Richard "Gus". Loving sister and aunt of many. Judy also leaves behind many close friends and neighbors.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. For more information please visit www.funerals.pro or call 847.537.6600. In honor of Judy's giving spirit, a donation to a charity of your choice would be appreciated in lieu of flowers.

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Stepek, Lucille M.

Lucille M. Stepek, age 91, of Mt. Prospect passed away January 15, 2020. Beloved wife of the late James; dear mother of Mary Jo Stepek, Terri McGuire, Thomas (Eva) Stepek, and Michael (Caroline) Stepek; proud grandmother of Daniel, Andrew, Mary Beth, Peter, Christopher, Katie, Anne, Grace, Timothy, Josephine, Benjamin, Thibault, and Hugo; fond sister of the late Albin (the late Lauretta) Augustyn. Visitation Tuesday, January 21, 2020 from 3-9 pm at Matz Funeral Home, 410 E. Rand Rd., Mt. Prospect. Prayers at the funeral home Wednesday 9:30 am proceeding to St. Emily Church. Mass 10 am. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to the Womens Center, www.women-center.org or Masses appreciated. For info: (847) 394-2336 or www.matzfuneralhome.com

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Stevens, Rita L.

Rita L. Stevens nee Gaynes, 94. Beloved wife of the late Bernard Stevens. Loving mother of Andrea (James) Maxwell, Joel Stevens and Michael (Bing) Stevens. Devoted grandmother of Justin (Amy) Stevens, Mariel (Phil) Slater, Caroline (Kyle) Moore and Feng Shun. Proud great-grandmother of Evelyn Stevens, Elijah Stevens, Liam Moore and Yi Ling Tong. Dear sister of the late Chester (the late Naomi) Gaynes and the late Stanford Gaynes. Service Sunday 11AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Boulevard, (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Shalom. Memorials in her memory to ORT America, Metropolitan Chicago Region, 3701 Commercial Avenue, Suite 13, Northbrook, IL 60062, www.ortamerica.org/regions/chicago-region/ would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Stevenson, Gail

Born May 24, 1939 - Died January 6, 2020

Gail had a wonderful zest for life and was a lifelong learner. As an activist, she cared deeply about those who could not speak for themselves and supported many causes, including animal rights. Gail loved her hometown of Chicago, its people, its architecture, and its cultural offerings. She was a zealous promoter of Chicago's public transit. Gail also loved to laugh and dance. She was poised and beautiful inside and out, and a treasure to her family and friends. We shall miss her. Gail was born in Chicago to Emery James Stevenson and Louise Anita Stevenson. She is survived by sisters Judith Gray and Joyce Thompson; brother-in-law Ivy Victor Thompson; nieces Nancy Smith and Jennifer Gray; great-niece Kaitlin Smith; great-nephews Jack Smith, Malcolm Gray and Forrest Chew.

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Stritzel, Frank J.

Frank J. Stritzel, age 88, of Chicago, formerly of Graz, Austria, born in Oberblaschewitz, Gotschee, Slovenia. U.S. Army Veteran; beloved husband for 64 years of the late Angela (née Tschischeg); loving father of Helga and Linda; cherished opa of Jenna and Kristina; loving son of the late Johann and Johanna Stritzel; dear brother of the late Anna Felber; dear brother in law of Franz (Hildegard) Tschischeg, and the late Hildegard (Franz) Huetter, son in law of the late Franz and Juliana Tschischeg; beloved onkel Franz of Annemarie (Alfred) Gerlitz, Hans (Patricia) Felber, Franz (Rosa) Huetter, Gerlinde (Wolfgang) Prock-Schauer, Hildegard (Paul) Kaufmann, Gabriele (Johann) Edegger, Werner (Karin) Tschischeg. Memorial service Saturday January 25, 2020 at 1:00 pm at Oehler Funeral Home, 2099 Miner St (corner of Northwest Hwy and Rt 12) Des Plaines. Celebration of Life immediately following for friends and family until 4:00 pm. For info please call 847-824-5155 or visit www.oehlerfuneralhome.com

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Van Dahm, Jr., Jay

Jay Van Dahm, Jr., age 78, loving father of Cheryl (William) Kok, Laura (Scott) Schnoor and Michelle (Matthew) Kent. Cherished grandfather of Jessica, Jared and Ethan Kok; Walter (Amy) and Anna Schnoor; and Quinten, Wesley and Jack Kent. Dearest great-grandfather of Carolyn and Andrew. Dear brother of George (Mary) Van Dahm and Joan (Dale) Essenburg. Much loved uncle of many nieces and nephews. Devoted son of the late Jay "Bud" Sr. and Betty Van Dahm and step-son of the late Evelyn Van Dahm. Co-owner of Van Dahm Lincoln Mercury, Oak Lawn, IL. Visitation Monday, January 20, 2020 from 3-8 p.m. Funeral Service Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 10:00 a.m. at **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South, Oak Lawn, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Camp Manitouqua, 8122 W. Sauk Trail, Frankfort, IL 60423 are appreciated. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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Vitucci, Marlene E.

Marlene E. Vitucci nee Maringer, age 82. Devoted wife of Vince; beloved mother of Paul (Melinda) Vitucci and the late Peter Vitucci; loving grandmother of Jack and Emma; dear sister of Virgil (Mary Jane) Maringer; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday, January 20, 2020, from 3:00 until 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services begin Tuesday 9:15 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to Our Lady, Mother of the Church for Mass at 10:15 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Myofibrosis Foundation, www.mfnresearchfoundation.org/ would be greatly appreciated. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.

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Weiner, Martin

Martin Weiner age 72, beloved father and friend to many, died on January 17th 2020 of natural causes in Northbrook Illinois. Marty was born in Chicago at Michael Reese Hospital. He attended South Shore High School and was on the varsity swim team. He graduated from Bradley University in Peoria, IL with a degree in Political Science. In 1969 he started his career in the menswear field. Capped by success in opening stores for Polo Ralph Lauren, Stanley Korshak Inc., Robert Vance LTD among other retail ventures. Marty is survived by his former wife Allyson Bass, his two sons Marc Weiner and Michael Weiner (Mara) and his two grandchildren Shay Betty and Dylan Maya, as well as two brothers Jack (Andrea) and Scott (Carolyn) and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service to celebrate Marty's life will be held Monday, January 20th, at 11:00AM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home** 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette, IL 60091. In Lieu of flowers please make donations to Mental Health America in Marty's honor. For funeral information please call 847-256-5700.

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Weiner, Seymoure

Seymoure Weiner. Beloved husband of Dolores nee Smith. Loving father of Lynn Weiner, the late Rahael (Zaharia) Libi and Naomi (Robert) Hofkin. Devoted stepda to Sandi (Mike) Muhich, Robbin Smith and the late Donna (Dave) Oorlog. Adoring grandpa to Michael, Josh, Einat, Gwen, Naama, Spencer and Sara. Loving great-grandpa of Mika, Henry, Emi, Stellan, Lisa, Akiva, Ben and Guy. Architect-builder for 40 years of residential, commercial and automobile facilities and lifelong volunteer for many organizations including Israel Bonds and Wescott School. Friend of many friends and the world. Services were held in Israel. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Wells, Irma K.

Irma K. Wells, age 98, passed away December 29, 2019, beloved wife of the late Edward Wells; devoted daughter of the late Josephine and the late Joseph Kovats, loving sister of the late Matthew Kovats, Mary (the late Steve) Eckert, Josephine (the late Rudy) Petti, and the late Rose (the late Ed) Marks; fond aunt of 10, great aunt of 16, and great great aunt of 12. Family and friends will gather on Saturday, January 25, 2020, at Our Lady of the Woods Church, 10731 W. 131st St., Orland Park, IL, from 9 a.m., until Memorial Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Burial was private at St. Mary Cemetery in Evergreen Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607 or at www.mercyhome.org. Please visit **IRMA K. WELLS BOOK OF MEMORIES** to express your thoughts or memories in the online guest book, visit www.chapelc.com or www.facebook.com/centralchapel. Arrangements by **CENTRAL CHAPEL**, Chicago, 773-581-9000.

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Wilkinson, Rita Eileen

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Williamson, Laverne Betty Louise

Laverne Betty Louise Williamson, nee Hild, 91, went home to heaven on Dec. 24, 2019. She was a member of Faith Community Church, Huntley, and retired in 1978 from EBSCO, Barrington. Laverne was predeceased by her husband of 70 years, Harold; mother Myrtle, father Henry, brothers Henry and Frank; and daughter-in-law Norine. She is survived by children: James (Susan), Jean Moore, Joanne (Michael) Hensley, John (Cheryl), and Jeffrey; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. A spring memorial TBA at www.cremation-society.com. Memorials may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Foundation or Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

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Winemaster, William D.

It is with great sadness that the family of William D. Winemaster announces his passing, on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at the age of 93. Known to friends as "Bill," he passed away at his home, in the company of his loving wife of 66 years, Maureen. Bill was an internationally respected businessman, a talented athlete and loyal friend, but most of all, he was a devoted husband, a wonderful, giving father and family man.

A native of Toronto, Canada, Bill was an aspiring hockey player, who signed with the Detroit Red Wings at the age of 18. While playing in their junior system, he was approached with the opportunity to travel to England to play in the British professional hockey leagues. While in England, Bill met Maureen, a figure skater in the Ice Follies, and they married in 1953. While playing hockey, Bill enrolled at the University of London and pursued a Mechanical Engineering degree. In 1955, Bill traveled with his team, the Harringay Racers, to Moscow to play the Soviet Union's Red Army team. Bill's team, mostly comprised of Canadians, was the first team from the West to travel into the Soviet Union to play the Red Army team. This team also played international games against National teams from Czechoslovakia, Sweden and Finland. Bill and his team's achievements abroad were recognized by the NHL Hockey Hall of Fame in March of 2007. They were honored by an exhibition at the Hall in Toronto in recognition of being at the forefront of the game of hockey on the global stage.

After graduating from the University of London in 1957, Bill started his business career at Perkins Engines Ltd. (a leader in diesel engine sales and manufacturing). Bill and Maureen would move to Canada, as Perkins expanded into North America.

In Canada, Bill worked with Perkins's JV partner, Chrysler, to establish a North American diesel strategy before moving to Ford Motor Company to manage their Industrial Engine and Turbine Group in the early 1970's. In 1975, Bill rejoined Perkins and in 1979, was promoted to President of North American Operations. Bill would work for Perkins until 1985, when he retired to start his own engine distributor business with his sons Gary and Ken. He was well-recognized and respected for a very successful career in the engine business.

Surviving are his wife Maureen and children, Gary (Cindy), Jayne (Fernand) Schroeder and Ken (Adrienne). Bill will also be remembered by his grandchildren, Sam, Zoe, Zach, Elina, Ella, William, and Liz, and by his brother, Ken (Joan) Winemaster. He was predeceased by his sisters, Marjory Winemaster and Mary Campkin.

Private funeral services held at **Burnett-Dane Funeral Home**, in Libertyville, IL. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

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Zion, Mary Vaskas

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SUNDAY, JAN. 19

NORMAL HIGH: 31°

NORMAL LOW: 50°

RECORD HIGH: 57° (1933)

RECORD LOW: -23° (1985)

Push of polar air brings January reality check

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 13 | **LOW** 5

■ **Coldest air so far this season arrives on blustery winds.**

■ The day opens windy and very cold. Sunrise temps hover in the low single digits, with wind chills near -20°.

■ Variably cloudy with periodic flurries.

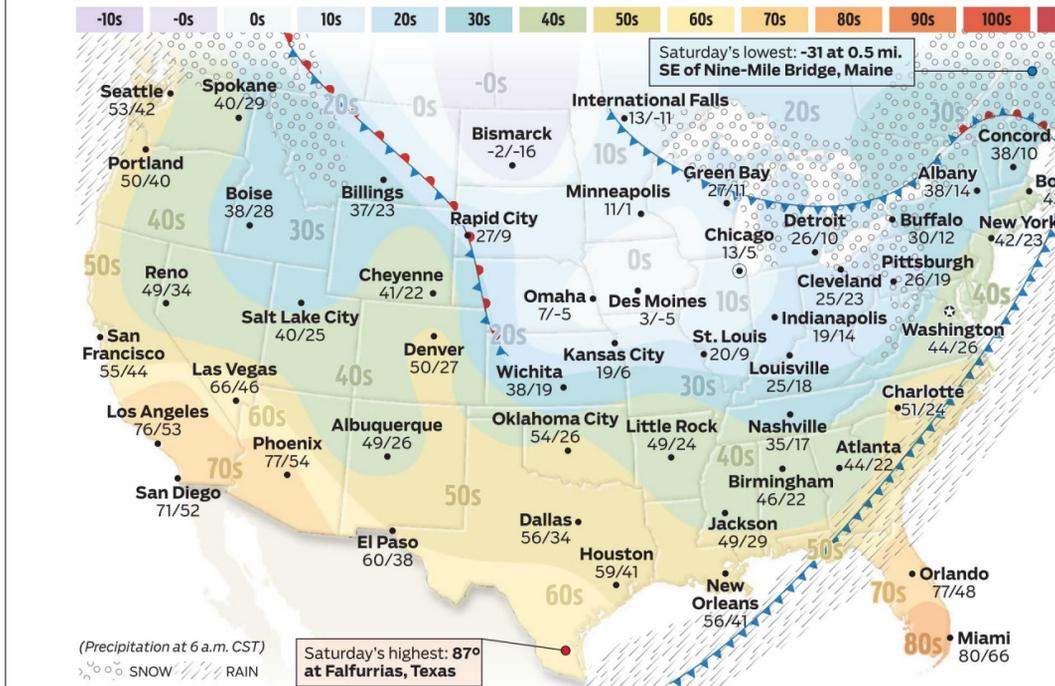
■ Periods of sunshine do little to raise temps. Readings peak in the low-mid teens most areas.

■ W-NW winds 20-30 mph keep wind chills subzero through the day.

■ Lows dip to around 0 colder suburbs, to near 10 above city and lakeside.

■ Snow showers possible along the lake overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Gusty west winds sweeping across the Midwest in the wake of Saturday's storm system will deliver a strong punch of polar air. Daytime temperatures are expected to be at their lowest levels so far this winter Sunday. Though significantly colder, readings will be well above record levels. Our winter has been mild. Since Dec. 1, 82% of days have been at or above normal. Through Jan. 18, this winter has averaged 6.8 degrees above normal, currently ranking it among the top 10 warmest winters on record. Cold periods have been brief. To date, our longest spell of sub-freezing temperatures was a four-day stretch in mid-December. Given our mild winter, the current polar outbreak may be a bit shocking, but is not expected to last. Temp are forecast to run above normal again by midweek.

MONDAY, JAN. 20

HIGH 19 | **LOW** 4

Snow showers likely, mainly along the lake and in NW Indiana. Not quite as cold. Temps peak near 20 degrees. NW winds 10-20 mph. Clearing IL portion at night. Lows 0 west, to 10 above NW Indiana.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21

HIGH 22 | **LOW** 12

Polar high pressure passes overhead bringing generous sunshine. Another cold day before temps moderate. Daytime highs reach the low 20s. W winds 10 mph turn SW. Not as cold overnight.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22

HIGH 34 | **LOW** 25

Sunshine filters through increasing high clouds. Becoming windy as temps rise above freezing by mid afternoon. SW winds increase to 20-30 mph. Cloudy, milder at night. Lows hold in the 20s.

THURSDAY, JAN. 23

HIGH 37 | **LOW** 30

Cloudiness overspreads the area as a weather system shifts eastward from the Plains. Temps reach the upper 30s. Intermittent snow/rain possible, but more likely at night. SE winds 15-20 mph.

FRIDAY, JAN. 24

HIGH 35 | **LOW** 30

Snow, or mixed precipitation increases in coverage as a storm system approaches from the S. Somewhat windy and raw. Temps hover in the mid 30s much of the day. E winds 15-25 mph.

SATURDAY, JAN. 25

HIGH 36 | **LOW** 25

Cloudy with a chance of light snow or flurries early, before partial sunshine emerges in the afternoon. Temps slowly climb to the mid 30s. NW winds 20-30 mph diminish late.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
So far this season we have not had any zero or sub-zero days. Have there been any Chicago winters when the mercury never hit zero?

Lloyd Fry,
Chicago
Ricardo Mauzer,
Huntley

Dear Lloyd and Ricardo,
They don't happen often, but they do occur. Per Chicago weather historian Frank Wachowski, dating from the winter of 1870-71, the city has logged 10 winters (less than 7%) during which the mercury failed to fall to zero, most recently the winter of 2011-12, when the season's lowest reading was 5 degrees. Six of those winters were during the 1930s and 1950s, including the city's longest streak of above-zero temperatures (from Jan. 24, 1930, to Dec. 14, 1932). Chicago's last encounter with zero or sub-zero weather was March 4, 2019, when the mercury hit 3 below.

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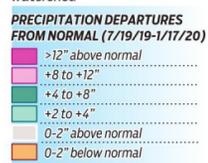
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Waves, storm surge remain a risk, based on current conditions

LAKE MICHIGAN'S WATER LEVEL REMAINS NEAR RECORD HIGH

As of Friday, Jan. 17, the lake stands at 581.53 feet—18" higher than 1 year ago

Long-term precipitation has been well above normal over much of the upper Great Lakes watershed



FETCH LENGTH REMAINS UNLIMITED BY ICE

Most of the Great Lakes are ice free

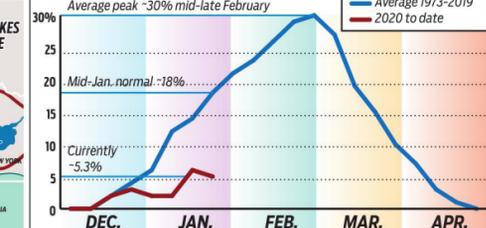
Although on average, Great Lakes ice coverage peaks around mid-February—it is currently well below normal



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

GREAT LAKES ICE COVER RUNNING WELL BELOW NORMAL

Lake Michigan ice cover percentage



LACK OF ICE ALLOWS WAVES TO MAXIMIZE AND REACH SHORE

Generally, the greater the fetch length (distance wind blows over open water) and the higher the wind speed, the greater the wave height, though other factors also dictate how high waves can become. With little or no ice on the lake, winds circulating around winter storms act on greater fetch lengths and allow for higher waves. Also, lack of shore ice leaves no buffer between waves and exposed beaches.

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CHICAGO DIGEST

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	34	13	Midway	37	16
Gary	39	21	O'Hare	29	25
Kankakee	32	26	Romeoville	36	14
Lakefront	37	17	Valparaiso	29	26
Lansing	30	26	Waukegan	35	17

PERIOD	2020	2019
Saturday	0.40"	0.5"
Month to date	2.03"	1.07"
Year to date	2.03"	1.07"

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Saturday	Trace	Trace
Season to date	17.3"	12.5"
Normal to date	15.7"	16.7"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Wind	NW 25-35kts	NW 10-20 kts.
Waves	3-8 feet	3-5 feet
Sat. shore/crib water temps	35°/32°	

U.S. SNOW COVER	JAN. 18	2020	2019
Area covered by snow	43.9%	41.7%	
Average snow depth	4.7"	3.6"	

TRACKING THE COLD	SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	15 days	12 days	
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days	

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY	Saturday's reading	Good
Sunday's forecast	Good	
Critical pollutant	Particulates	

SUNDAY RISE/SET TIMES	SUN	MOON
Sun	7:13 a.m.	4:48 p.m.
Moon	2:13 a.m.	12:39 p.m.

SUNDAY PLANET WATCH	PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:45 a.m.	5:12 p.m.	
Venus	9:08 a.m.	8:01 p.m.	
Mars	3:55 a.m.	1:13 p.m.	
Jupiter	6:10 a.m.	3:18 p.m.	
Saturn	6:57 a.m.	4:19 p.m.	

BEST VIEWING TIME	DIRECTION
Mercury	Not visible
Venus	5:45 p.m. 22.5° SW
Mars	5:45 a.m. 15° SE
Jupiter	6:45 a.m. 5° SE
Saturn	Not visible

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	su 25	11	pc	26	16	
Carbondale	su 25	9	pc	22	10	
Champaign	pc 14	7	pc	20	10	
Decatur	pc 10	7	pc	20	10	
Moline	pc 13	6	pc	19	8	
Peoria	pc 12	4	pc	15	6	
Quincy	pc 17	7	pc	23	4	
Rockford	pc 14	6	pc	18	9	
Springfield	pc 14	3	pc	20	2	
Sterling	pc 14	3	pc	20	2	
Indiana	pc 20	14	pc	28	18	
Bloomington	su 22	14	pc	27	19	
Evansville	su 19	12	pc	28	15	
Fort Wayne	su 19	12	pc	28	15	
Indianapolis	su 19	12	pc	28	15	
Lafayette	pc 16	13	pc	27	15	
Lafayette	su 25	14	pc	26	16	
South Bend	su 25	14	pc	26	16	
Wisconsin	cl 27	11	su	23	4	
Green Bay	pc 22	16	pc	26	9	
Kenosha	pc 19	7	pc	20	2	
La Crosse	pc 16	2	pc	19	-2	
Madison	pc 19	7	pc	20	2	
Milwaukee	pc 13	2	pc	26	7	
Wausau	cl 23	7	pc	21	1	
Michigan	ss 26	10	pc	24	9	
Detroit	ss 26	10	pc	24	9	
Grand Rapids	ss 27	9	pc	28	11	
Marquette	ss 24	16	su	24	13	
St. Ste. Marie	pc 19	6	pc	25	17	
Traverse City	ss 27	20	pc	26	17	
Iowa	pc 2	-6	pc	2	-13	
Ames	pc 5	-5	pc	8	-7	
Cedar Rapids	pc 3	-5	pc	4	-10	
Des Moines	pc 14	2	pc	20	7	
Dubuque	pc 14	2	pc	20	7	

OTHER U.S. CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	su 53	30	pc	57	38	
Albuquerque	cl 38	14	su	24	10	
Albuquerque	pc 49	26	pc	48	35	
Amarillo	pc 51	25	pc	56	28	
Anchorage	sh 15	13	ss	23	19	
Asheville	su 35	16	pc	32	15	
Aspen	su 46	9	pc	42	21	
Atlanta	pc 44	22	su	40	23	
Atlantic City	pc 43	24	su	35	19	
Austin	su 58	35	pc	60	41	
Baltimore	pc 41	26	pc	35	22	
Billings	su 37	23	pc	43	30	
Birmingham	su 46	22	su	40	23	
Bismarck	su -2	-16	su	9	4	
Boise	pc 38	28	sh	41	35	
Boston	pc 43	19	pc	30	16	
Brownsville	pc 60	53	cl	66	52	
Buffalo	ss 30	12	pc	22	17	
Burlington	su 30	7	pc	15	-1	
Charlotte	pc 51	24	su	42	23	
Charlottesville	pc 65	33	pc	47	32	
Charlottesville	cl 30	18	sh	30	19	
Chattanooga	su 42	20	su	38	24	
Cheyanne	pc 41	22	pc	47	27	
Cincinnati	pc 23	16	pc	30	16	
Cleveland	ss 25	23	sh	27	22	
Colorado Spgs	su 46	22	pc	52	27	
Columbia MO	su 19	7	pc	18	8	
Columbia SC	pc 58	28	su	46	26	
Columbus	cl 21	17	pc	28	14	
Concord	pc 38	10	su	22	3	
Corpus Christi	pc 61	45	su	63	49	
Cincinnati	pc 56	34	su	68	55	
Daytona Bch.	sh 76	44	pc	60	44	
Denver	su 50	27	pc	54	33	
Duluth	su 21	3	su	17	3	
El Paso	su 60	38	pc	66	42	

WORLD CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Palm Beach	pc 83	65	pc	72	55	
Palm Springs	pc 77	54	pc	75	53	
Philadelphia	su 44	22	sh	46	27	
Phoenix	su 77	54	sh	75	54	
Pittsburgh	sh 26	19	su	27	18	
Portland, ME	pc 37	14	pc	27	4	
Portland, OR	cl 50	40	su	50	42	
Providence	pc 42	18	su	30	13	
Raleigh	pc 53	24	su	41	22	
Rapid City	pc 27	9	pc	35	28	
Reno	cl 49	34	sh	53	36	
Richmond	pc 47	22	su	39	20	
Rochester	ss 32	14	pc	20	16	
Sacramento	sh 55	40	sh	57	45	
Salem, Ore.	pc 54	40	sh	52	43	
Salt Lake City	su 40	25	sh	41	32	
San Antonio	su 59	38	su	60	39	
San Diego	cl 71	52	cl	66	54	
San Francisco	sh 55	44	cl			

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Reviving an iconic makeup brand

Fashion Fair looking to appeal to a new generation of buyers

BY CORILYN SHROPSHIRE

Growing up in Trinidad in the '80s, Patrice Grell Yursik remembers her mother smoothing on Fashion Fair face powder and popping the pink compact into her purse before leaving for work. Sometimes, she organized her mom's collection of pink-lidded Fashion Fair lipsticks lined up on a mahogany dressing table.

The lipsticks and powder matched her mother's skin perfectly, said Yursik, now 40 and a well-known beauty blogger based in the South Loop.

Back then, the iconic makeup brand, launched in 1973 by Ebony and Jet magazine publisher Johnson Publishing, was well-known as the best and nearly only option for black women looking for cosmetics made to flatter their skin tones.

Today, Fashion Fair — affectionately known as the makeup your grandmother and mother wore — only can be found on resale sites like eBay.

In April, Johnson Publishing went bankrupt and took Fashion Fair Cosmetics, which had struggled for years, with it.

Last month, former Johnson Publishing executives Desiree Rogers and Cheryl Mayberry-McKissack, with the help of Alec Litowitz, founder and CEO of Evanston-based hedge fund Magnetar Capital, acquired Fashion Fair for \$1.85 million. They are promising to breath new life into the brand for the modern consumer.

The group already had purchased Black Opal, a mass market cosmetics brand for women of color, for an undisclosed amount in September. It is sold locally at Walmart and CVS. Rogers and Mayberry-McKissack, who work out of an office in Merchandise Mart, said they plan to have new Fashion Fair products on the market by the holiday season.

But as they work to revive Fashion Fair for a new generation of buyers, they are dealing with a much-changed industry.

Women of color, and particularly black women, have an almost mind-numbing selection of makeup brands in drugstores, specialty stores such as Ulta and Sephora and on the Internet to give their lips that perfect tint and their complexions a smooth, polished look. By next year, black consum-



Rogers



McKissack

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Jaspreet Singh, who works on United's in-flight entertainment systems, at O'Hare International airport, on Wednesday.

Are you getting paid for that social media post?

Companies tap employees to spread more 'authentic' message online

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

When United Airlines baggage handler Joe Lammerman started sharing behind-the-scenes photos taken during quiet moments on the job on social media, the airline didn't tell him to put the camera down and get back to work.

Instead, it made it part of his job. For the past couple of years, Lammerman, who is based in Chicago, said he's gone from handling bags to serving as a company photographer. He's also part of a new group of employees United treats as an in-house team of social media influencers.

Most major companies already have a presence on social media. Many partner with professional influencers hired for their audience. But some are now trying to add their own employees to the mix, whether they're trying to attract customers, recruit new hires or just boost a brand's image.

Employees typically have a fraction of the followers a top celebrity influencer would draw. But their posts can feel more authentic than those from an official company account. That authenticity requires companies to give up some control, a potentially nerve-wracking step when a viral misstep can land a company in hot water, fast.

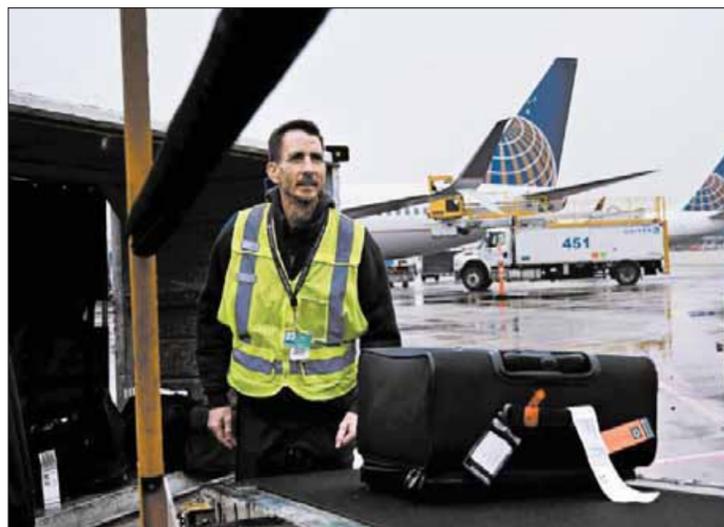
It's still a relatively new strategy. Companies are used to relying on official marketing and communications teams to build their brand, and most employees think of social networks like Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat as personal outlets and don't regularly use them to talk about work, said Pamela Lirio, associate professor of international human resource management at the University of Montreal.

But that's a missed opportunity, she said.

"When it's coming from an employee, it sounds more real," Lirio said.

Macy's, for instance, wants employees to show up in customers' social media feeds alongside fashion, beauty and lifestyle influencers whose posts can drive trends and sales.

More than 1,500 employees are part of its Macy's Style Crew influencer program, which encourages participants to use personal social media ac-



United baggage handler and in-house photographer Joe Lammerman works on the ramp at O'Hare International Airport on Wednesday in Chicago.

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Bears' decision to move training camp a 'devastating' blow

Team to change summer home facility from Bourbonnais to Lake Forest after 18 years

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

For 18 years, thousands of Bears fans flocked to Bourbonnais each summer for training camp, an annual pilgrimage that substantially boosted the once-obscure Kankakee County village's economy and image.

Now, in the wake of the team's decision to move the training camp to its recently expanded facilities in Lake Forest, Bourbonnais is suddenly facing a loss of revenue, a potential identity crisis and a much quieter summer for bars, restaurants and other businesses.

"Everyone is just devastated," said Tina Vasilakis, manager of the family-owned Brickstone Brewery, a trendy Bourbonnais brewpub that drew Bears players and

fans during training camp. "We definitely saw a boost. We'll miss that."

The Bears have been holding training camp at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais since 2002, shifting it from their previous summer home in Platteville, Wisconsin. That decision put Bourbonnais, a village of 18,000 people about 60 miles south of Chicago, on the map for football fans.

Last summer, more than 60,000 visitors made the trek down Interstate 57 from Chicago, pumping about \$1.8 million into the local economy during the two-week training camp, according to Staci Wilken, executive director of the Kankakee County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Those numbers were up substantially from 2018,



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A water tower in Bourbonnais, Ill., promoting the village as the summer home of the Chicago Bears is seen in 2019.

when nearly 40,000 visitors generated about \$1.2 million in economic impact.

The team's departure will certainly decrease traffic on the Bourbonnais exit this summer.

"It will have an impact on our businesses," said Bourbonnais village Administrator Mike Van Mill. "Businesses during that time won't see the revenue that they had in the past."

The Bears announced the decision Tuesday, pledging that the summer camp at Halas Hall in Lake Forest will remain open to visitors and free of charge. It is not clear, however, if the team's training facilities will be able to accommodate the same number of fans as the expansive playing fields at Olivet Nazarene.

"The timing is right for this club decision due to the multi-million dollar investments the organization has made in our facilities here in Lake Forest," Bears spokesman Brandon Faber said in an email. The team unveiled a 162,500-square-foot addition in August, along with two more practice fields.

When the Halas Hall expansion was announced in 2017 — essentially doubling the size of the training facility — it immediately

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ers are expected to spend \$2.25 billion annually on beauty products, according to research firm Mintel.

That creates a challenge for Rogers and MayberryMcKissack, who will compete against the likes of mega-watt celebrity Rihanna, who has successfully wooed women to her high-end Fenty Beauty brand, a partnership with LVMH. Fenty turned the industry on its head in the fall of 2017, introducing 40 shades of foundation — there are now 50 — highlighters, lipsticks and other makeup products designed to illuminate a diversely-hued cosmetics audience that was often ignored or marginalized by other beauty brands. Forbes predicted Fenty's sales would soar to more than \$200 billion by 2025.

And it's not just Rihanna Rogers and MayberryMcKissack have to reckon with.

What started as a few brands that catered to women of color has morphed into a showdown in which deep-pocketed cosmetics giants such as L'Oreal and Estee Lauder are battling upstart, trendy brands like Mented Cosmetics and PAT McGrath Labs that have cult-like followings, and others, like Juvia's Place, launched by entrepreneurs of color.

Rogers and MayberryMcKissack say they are undaunted, armed with a brand rich in history that will deliver products designed for black women by black women.

"We think it's important for women of color to not only be consumers of the product, but we need to have a seat at the table by owning these products," said MayberryMcKissack, 64, who served as chief operating officer and digital media chief at Johnson Publishing from 2013 to 2016.

"For us, it's a bit personal," added Rogers, who was CEO of Johnson Publishing



A view of Sephora loves Fenty Beauty by Rihanna store event in Milan, Italy.

from 2010 to 2017. "We are old enough to remember when we couldn't find our own shades of [foundation]."

"We're not doing makeup for everyone," said Rogers, 60. "The fact is that women of color are still having trouble finding the right shade."

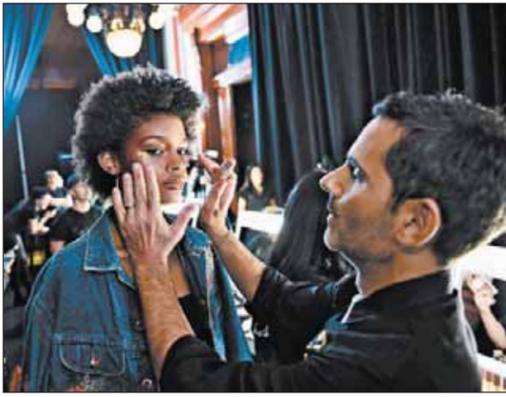
The duo have been tight-lipped about their plans for Fashion Fair.

The brand, which previously was sold by well-appointed women at department store beauty counters, is starting from scratch, Rogers said.

Rogers and MayberryMcKissack said the ultimate goal, between Fashion Fair and Black Opal, is to provide options for a range of budgets.

To succeed and attract younger consumers, industry insiders say Rogers and MayberryMcKissack will have to embrace the realities of the beauty industry.

Today's beauty ecosys-



BRYAN BEDDER 2017

A model has her makeup done with Fenty Beauty products backstage at the Fenty Puma by Rihanna Spring/Summer 2018 Collection at Park Avenue Armory in New York City.

tem is ruled by "influencers" like Yursik who share their thoughts about products and demonstrate their application on websites and YouTube channels with their thousands, and sometimes millions, of followers.

Black beauty influencers

have given a face to consumers who for years had never seen their images reflected in the cosmetics they purchased. In turn, the influencers' audiences — people of color — have flocked to the makeup, skincare and hair brands they see on women who look like

them.

While older consumers of black beauty products rely on advertising to help them decide what makeup to buy, younger consumers — the coveted "GenZennials" between the ages of 18 and 34 — are buying what their friends and family are wearing and favorite beauty bloggers are buying, said Toya Mitchell a senior consumer analyst at Mintel.

Sales channels will be another challenge. Fashion Fair, Mitchell noted, was primarily sold in department stores, some of which have closed.

Yursik, who has more than 247,000 followers on her Facebook page, regularly tries out beauty brands and shares her thoughts with her audience. She said she's excited to see what her 80-year-old mother's favorite makeup has in store for her.

"Fashion Fair will have a different road ahead of them," Yursik said. "They

could benefit from celebrating what they used to do and partnering with influencers in a smart way ... change their approach to marketing, to product development and launching new products."

Rogers and MayberryMcKissack said they are already tackling these challenges. They are well-equipped with market research, even taking notes from women who've stopped them on the street with questions and suggestions. Rogers said they are also working on developing eco-friendly products with top-notch ingredients and are crafting a message they are certain will speak to black women.

At Black Opal, a new website is in the works, along with new marketing to speak to customers, Rogers said. A new line of skincare products is scheduled to launch in 2020. They are reaching out to makeup artists for feedback and to promote their products.

In the meantime, MayberryMcKissack and Rogers are betting black women will be excited to support two black women rebuilding two decades-old brands to make them look good.

That's a smart strategy, according to Ahmad Islam, CEO of Near North Side-based marketing and advertising firm Ten35. The legacy of being an iconic, black-owned brand is one of Fashion Fair's greatest strengths, he said.

"It's a brand that has a strong legacy of being relevant in the black community, which is a solid place from which to build," Islam said. "Any time you're trying to bring a brand back, you have to understand where the brand was, what it stood for and why it was successful."

Mintel's Mitchell agreed. "There is a level of trust we share with black-owned beauty businesses," Mitchell said. "If you are creating for me and mine and we share the same issues, I trust that you got it right."

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Hyatt hotels are going beyond fluffy pillows

It's adding guided meditation videos, soothing music to help guests relax

By ABDEL JIMENEZ

Hyatt wants to help its guests relax and feel more at home so they'll extend their stays at the company's hotels.

The Chicago-based hospitality company announced this week it is partnering with Headspace, which provides guided meditation videos, relaxing sounds that help people sleep and breathing exercises, and will offer those services to hotel guests, corporate customers and Hyatt employees.

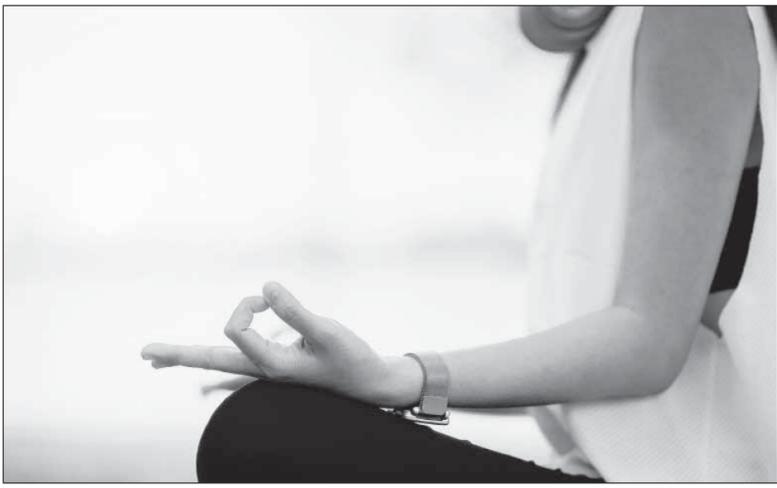
"Care is at the center of all we do. ... If we help them feel better, we change what it feels like to be away from home when guests are staying at one of our hotels for a corporate meeting," said Mark Vondrasek, Hyatt's

chief commercial officer.

Vondrasek said the well-being program will also assist employees with mental health and may increase their engagement at work and with customers.

Hyatt employees can access a complimentary subscription to Headspace, which offers its services through a mobile app that costs \$12.99 a month. Guests will have access to Headspace through in-room television service that includes short meditation videos and soothing sounds intended to encourage sleep. Hotel rewards members will have access through the World of Hyatt app. The hotel chain is offering the service in business and conference meeting packages as well.

Vondrasek said



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Hyatt is partnering with meditation company Headspace to help hotel guests and employees relax.

Headspace will be available in at least 200 Hyatt-brand hotels, launching in the next few months.

Workplace wellness pro-

grams have been used for years as a way to increase employee productivity and retention, but the programs have primarily focused on

exercising, smoking cessation, healthy eating and other aspects of physical health, said Cheryl Larson, CEO and president of Mid-

west Business Group on Health. A new trend in workplace wellness also incorporates meditation, sleep management, personal time off, and designated rooms in which employees can take breaks for breathing exercises or meditation.

"It's not just about wellness, it is about the well-being of a person," Larson said.

Hyatt's latest initiative is part of its "feel, fuel and function" well-being program, which offers spa services, fitness classes and activities like cooking classes and guided tours to hotel rewards members. In 2017, Hyatt acquired Miraval, a spa resort catering to wellness, for \$215 million and Exhale, its fitness and spa brand, for an undisclosed amount.

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counts to create content sharing favorite looks, beauty products or other Macy's merchandise. Posts are tagged with the #macystylecrew hashtag and can include a link to purchase items featured, but the company is relatively hands-off when it comes to what participants post, said Allison Massie, a visual merchandiser at a Macy's in Pennsylvania and Style Crew member.

"We're supposed to highlight our individual, unique style," said Massie, who takes photos and videos at work with help from a boss or co-worker. One, earlier this month, showed a smiling Massie in black leather pants that she said "make me feel like I can take on anything."

"They will give guidance if we have questions, but they leave it up to us to post about stuff that's exciting to us," she said.

Employees have shared more than 11,000 posts and 2,000 videos on social media since the program launched last year, Randi Rosenfeld, senior director of publishing and Macy's Style Crew, said in an email. Videos and images are also shown on the Macy's website.

Posts from Style Crew members can help customers stumble upon products without waiting for them to go to Macy's website or the mall, Rosenfeld said. The program also helps employees connect with customers one-on-one, whether or not they work in that shopper's local store, she said.

At Macy's, employees don't have to have an established following to participate. United, on the other hand, began experimenting with treating employees as influencers last year because it recognized some already had an audience.

United considered the overall number of followers employees had on social networks like Instagram and Twitter, but also looked for people whose followers tended to be United employees, passengers or people in the aviation industry, said Maggie Schmerin, United's managing director of social and digital media. The airline also wanted people whose posts were informative and in line with the company's brand.

Flight attendant Love Fajota, who often posts photos and inspirational messages from her travels has 60,500 Instagram followers; others have fewer than 2,000. The airline considers the roughly 50 employees in its influencer program part of its communications strategy, alongside more traditional tools like official company statements to the news media.

Jaspreet Singh, who works on the airline's in-flight entertainment systems in Chicago, said posting work-related photos on Instagram came naturally to a lifelong "aviation geek."

"Even before I started at United, my feed was nothing but airplane photos," he said.

Earlier this week, he shared a "#TakeoffTuesday" photo of a Boeing 787 Dreamliner taking off in

San Francisco. On his four-year anniversary with the company, he posted a selfie with United CEO Oscar Munoz. Other posts feature views from inside the aircraft and destinations he's visited — along with the occasional cat photo.

Still, Singh never thought he was particularly influential until he saw how employees reacted to his posts from an event last fall where United executives highlighted a range of new initiatives at the airline. United invited a handful of employee influencers to attend along with traditional media outlets.

"I got dozens of messages from people on the front lines saying, 'I didn't know United was doing this, and it's cool to get to see it from you,'" he said.

Posts from employees can also help with recruitment by giving outsiders a window into a company's culture that feels "more authentic" than official statements from the company, Lirio said. Even those who aren't actively looking might form an impression based on what they see while scrolling through posts.

That authenticity brings some risks. Employees who happily endorsed a company could have a change of heart, and some companies might not be happy to see photos of wild weekend parties alongside those from the office.

Employers can control what workers say on social media accounts owned by the company. But when it comes to personal accounts, they can't keep workers from criticizing wages or working conditions, and other expectations need to be laid out in advance in policies governing social media use, said Phillip Schreiber, a partner in the Chicago office of law firm Holland & Knight.

Employers also can't keep workers from taking their personal social media accounts and audience with them when they leave, said Stacey Simricky, an employment attorney with Faegre Baker Daniels.

United and Macy's said they have social media policies that apply to all employees but otherwise take a hands-off approach with employee influencers, who use their own accounts and don't need to have posts approved before publishing.

United hasn't dealt with a situation where an influencer posted something it didn't like. As long as such a post didn't violate a company-wide social media policy, an influencer wouldn't be asked to remove it, though the airline would try to use it as a coachable moment, Schmerin said.

Violations of United's social media policy, such as sharing proprietary information or making defamatory statements, would be handled through normal disciplinary procedures, though Schmerin declined to comment on specific actions the company would take.

Instead of exerting more control over what employees share, Schmerin said the airline handpicked people who were already sharing the kind of comments and images it wanted to highlight.

"It's about having them be their authentic selves and finding ways to give them more access and a bigger platform," she said.

Some companies are hesitant to encourage employees to talk up their work on social media without greater sway over what they say, and use services known as employee advocacy platforms that encourage workers to post pre-approved content or create their own materials that others at the company can share.

United has an employee advocacy platform available to all employees in addition to the targeted influencer program.

Providing preapproved content can make employees feel more comfortable commenting on the workplace online, said Jody Leon, marketing director at employee advocacy company DSMN8. Some companies offer rewards or prizes as an incentive to take part.

"When the culture is relatively positive, it's usually not a case where they're unwilling to share, they're just unsure what to share," he said.

It's not always clear to other social media users how much control the company has over what an employee is posting, which can leave some skeptical.

Amazon has an "Ambassadors" program for fulfillment center employees that "gives the chance for hourly employees to take time out of their day-to-day jobs to share their stories on social media," Amazon spokeswoman Kelly Cheeseman said in an email. She did not address questions about how Amazon chooses employees or how much oversight it has over what they post. The company also offers tours of some fulfillment centers and has an Instagram account that sometimes shares employees' posts about their work.

One Twitter user who identifies herself as a fulfillment center ambassador shared posts showing different types of fulfillment center jobs and workplace safety measures.

But when she responded to a Tweet criticizing Amazon's treatment of warehouse workers by saying she was buying her first house thanks to increased pay, with the hashtag "#MakingthatMoney," other commenters sounded skeptical.

"Blink twice if you're being held hostage," one tweeted.

There's also a question of whether social media activity should be compensated.

Macy's Style Crew members have incentives to create engaging content, but the company declined to share specifics. United does not offer compensation for influencers' online work. Amazon did not address questions about whether it provides compensation.

Employees whose jobs are governed by the Fair Labor Standards Act and are entitled to overtime pay could argue they should be compensated for after-hours social media activity, but tracking time spent can be difficult, especially if the employee has a single account for work and personal use, Simricky said.

Some employees say in-



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United baggage handler and in-house photographer Joe Lammerman works on the ramp at O'Hare International Airport on Wednesday.

fluencer work has benefits beyond financial compensation. Massie, at Macy's, said she learned to edit photos and videos and create beauty tutorials. Singh said meeting people in a wide range of roles around the airline helped him better understand its operations, something he values since he wants to stay in the industry.

Where some employees see opportunities, others might feel pressure to add another task to the to-do list, especially if they aren't already social media enthusiasts.

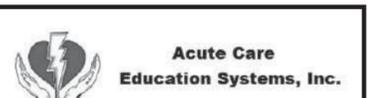
Companies should be wary of building expectations or pressure around employees' online activity, but that doesn't mean they can't benefit from encouraging those who are interested in participating to engage, Lirio said.

"You don't want to have people who are fantastic ambassadors not being recognized, or being discouraged," she said.

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		1.83%
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		to .9015/\$1
Yen	↑	+.60
		to 110.14/\$1

52-WEEK			WEEKLY PERFORMANCE			YTD		1YR	
HIGH	LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	%CHG	%CHG
29373.62	23765.24	Dow Jones industrials	29373.62	28819.43	29348.10	+524.33	+1.8	+2.8	+18.8
11359.49	9507.67	Dow Jones trans.	11359.49	10974.43	11278.85	+304.97	+2.8	+3.5	+12.7
908.98	688.44	Dow Jones utilities	908.98	873.73	908.30	+34.20	+3.9	+3.3	+28.5
14183.26	11745.58	NYSE Comp.	14183.26	13963.87	14183.20	+225.23	+1.6	+1.9	+16.7
5914.74	5085.15	NYSE International	5914.74	5857.63	5914.04	+56.41	+1.0	+1.4	+13.1
9176.47	6512.64	Nasdaq 100	9176.47	8991.35	9173.73	+207.10	+2.3	+5.1	+35.2
9393.48	6887.48	Nasdaq Comp.	9393.48	9193.06	9388.94	+210.08	+2.3	+4.6	+31.2
3329.88	2570.41	S&P 500	3329.88	3268.43	3329.62	+64.27	+2.0	+3.1	+24.7
2106.30	1748.55	S&P MidCap	2106.30	2050.00	2095.55	+44.18	+2.2	+1.6	+15.3
33918.32	26591.04	Wilshire 5000	33918.32	33237.16	33917.38	+680.23	+2.1	+3.1	+22.8
1715.08	1431.31	Russell 2000	1715.08	1652.32	1699.64	+41.99	+2.5	+1.9	+14.7
424.90	345.86	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	424.90	415.61	424.56	+5.42	+1.3	+2.1	+18.9
7727.49	6734.00	FTSE 100	7689.67	7582.51	7674.56	+86.71	+1.1	+1.8	+10.1

Most active

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Bank of America	34.71	-.03
Aurora Cannabis Inc	2.13	+.48
Chesapeake Energy	.66	-.07
Gen Electric	11.81	+1.14
Ford Motor	9.16	-.09
Wells Fargo & Co	49.18	-3.32
AT&T Inc	38.38	-.19
Snap Inc A	19.11	+1.70
Pinterest Inc	23.00	+3.22
Shutterstock	1.86	-.26
Freeport McMoran	12.87	+.02
Pfizer Inc	40.51	+1.02
Uber Technologies	35.13	+1.12

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Adv Micro Dev	50.93	+2.77
Apple Inc	131.73	+8.40
Microsoft Corp	167.10	+5.76
Titan Pharmaceut	.33	+.06
Beyond Meat Inc	109.12	+13.05
SmileDirectClub Inc	12.90	+3.68
Micron Tech	57.66	+.99
Comcast Corp A	47.50	+2.52
Tesla Inc	516.50	+32.35
FuelCell Energy	2.40	+.18
Cisco Syst	49.02	+1.89
Intel Corp	59.60	-.66
Cronos Group Inc	8.55	+1.76

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Alps Alerian MLP	8.84	+1.13
iPath Sh Term Fut	13.32	-.80
iShares Brazil	46.76	+.49
iShs China Large Cap	45.11	+.59
iShs Emerg Mkts	46.23	+.64
iShs iBoxx HY CpbD	88.36	-.03
Invesco QQQ Trust	223.10	+4.95
iShs Core MSCI EmMkt	58.41	+.80
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	331.95	+6.24
SPDR S&P O&G ExpPdtm	22.37	-.85
SPDR Financial	31.03	+.34
US Oil Fund LP	12.33	-.08
VanE Vect Gld Miners	28.42	-.03

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc	38.38	-.19
Adobe Inc	349.74	+9.93
Alibaba Group Hldg	227.43	+3.60
Alphabet Inc C	1480.39	+50.66
Alphabet Inc A	1479.52	+50.56
Amazon.com Inc	1864.72	-18.44
Apple Inc	131.73	+8.40
Bank of America	34.71	-.03
Berkshire Hath A	344970.06	+4785.02
Berkshire Hath B	230.20	+3.58
Boeing Co	324.15	-5.77
Chevron Corp	115.58	-.86
China Mobile Ltd	43.10	+1.61
Cisco Syst	49.02	+1.89
Citigroup	81.12	+1.87
CocaCola Co	56.94	+1.41
Comcast Corp A	47.50	+2.52
Disney	144.33	-.29
Dixson Mobil Corp	68.56	-.58
Facebook Inc	222.14	+4.08
FEMSA	94.53	-1.97
HSBC Holdings prA	26.93	-.08
Home Depot	231.91	+7.69
Intel Corp	59.60	-.66
JPMorgan Chase	138.20	+2.13
Johnson & Johnson	149.17	+4.11
MasterCard Inc	323.66	+12.49
McDonalds Corp	211.98	+4.71
Medtronic Inc	119.03	+.39
Merck & Co	90.97	+1.44
Microsoft Corp	167.10	+5.76
Novartis AG	95.93	+2.07
Oracle Corp	55.13	+.68
PepsiCo	141.26	+6.73
Pfizer Inc	40.51	+1.02
Procter & Gamble	126.41	+2.44
Royal Dutch Shell B	59.79	-.30
Royal Dutch Shell A	58.54	-.47
SAP SE	139.96	+2.98
Salesforce.com Inc	182.23	+2.03
Taiwan Semicon	58.58	+.31
Toyota Mot	140.04	+.34
UnitedHealth Group	298.47	+7.28
Verizon Comm	60.13	+1.14
Visa Inc	204.70	+10.93
WallMart Sts	114.96	-1.42
Wells Fargo & Co	49.18	-3.32

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 17, 2020

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR
1 Boeing Co	182,428	324.15	▼ -5.77	-3.4
2 McDonalds Corp	159,640	211.98	▲ +4.71	+20.2
3 Abbott Labs	157,392	89.00	▲ +4.00	+28.3
4 AbbVie Inc	130,136	88.00	▲ +1.12	+9.5
5 Caterpillar Inc	81,671	147.78	▲ +2.68	+15.2
6 Mondelez Intl	79,420	55.16	▲ +.91	+31.9
7 CME Group	74,130	206.86	▲ +1.77	+16.7
8 ITW	57,991	180.43	▲ +2.19	+41.5
9 Deere Co	55,469	176.20	▲ +2.77	+13.4
10 Walgreen Boots Alli	48,199	54.41	▲ +.19	-21.9
11 Exelon Corp	46,068	47.39	▲ +1.13	+5.2
12 Baxter Intl	45,812	89.73	▲ +3.83	+33.1
13 Allstate Corp	38,081	117.55	▲ +4.10	+39.8
14 Kraft Heinz Co	37,892	31.03	▲ +.33	-28.8
15 Equity Residential	30,636	82.50	▲ +1.24	+22.7
16 Motorola Solutions	30,175	176.12	▲ +8.82	+53.0
17 Discover Fin Svcs	26,469	84.44	▲ +1.76	+32.6
18 Arch Dan Mid	25,190	45.25	▲ +1.30	+7.9
19 Nthn Trust Cp	23,175	109.38	▲ +2.39	+25.0
20 United Airlines Hldg	22,698	89.70	▲ +2.39	+3.7
21 Ventas Inc	21,920	58.81	▲ +1.84	+1.9
22 CDW Corp	19,662	136.85	▼ -5.51	+80.6
23 Grainger WW	16,223	340.15	▼ -1.16	+20.1
24 Gallagher AJ	17,990	96.45	▲ +1.01	+32.6
25 TransUnion	17,483	92.85	▲ +1.83	+61.0
26 Dover Corp	17,363	119.53	▲ +3.76	+56.4
27 ConAgra Brands Inc	16,225	33.33	▲ +1.50	+56.6
28 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	15,598	272.89	▲ +5.61	-1.8
29 Zebra Tech	13,627	252.74	▲ +6.47	+50.5
30 IDEX Corp	13,375	175.85	▲ +4.28	+30.8
31 CBOE Global Markets	12,908	116.53	▲ +.68	+27.9
32 CNA Financial	12,481	45.97	▲ +1.45	+8.1
33 NiSource Inc	10,847	29.04	▲ +1.40	+12.1
34 LKQ Corporation	10,606	34.61	▲ +.52	+29.6
35 Packaging Corp Am	10,321	109.04	▲ +3.36	+25.8
36 CF Industries	10,032	46.14	▲ +1.37	+10.6
37 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	9,658	69.41	▲ +2.45	+70.1
38 US Foods Holding	9,077	41.37	▼ -.02	+24.9
39 Jones Lang LaSalle	8,860	171.94	▲ +1.40	+25.1
40 Hill-Rom Hldgs	7,750	115.75	▲ +.21	+12.2
41 PayLOCITY Hldg	7,577	141.60	▲ +9.24	+26.7
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48 Middleby Corp	6,362	113.33	▲ +.23	-2.1
49 Ingredion Inc	6,181	92.58	▲ +1.07	-2.4
50 Stericycle Inc	5,772	63.35	▲ +1.83	+57.6
51 First Intl RT	5,443	42.88	▲ +1.16	+41.7
52 Kemper Corp	5,251	78.80	▲ +1.24	+11.3
53 GrubHub Inc	5,119	55.98	▲ +3.60	-27.9
54 Brunswick Corp	4,792	58.75	▲ +1.94	+22.5
55 Littelfuse Inc	4,697	190.82	▼ -.29	+5.2
56 Cabot Microelect	4,502	154.70	▲ +5.07	+65.9
57 RLI Corp	4,197	93.62	▲ +3.80	+37.7
58 Equity Commonwth	4,002	32.83	▲ +.34	+17.9
59 Wintrust Financial	3,937	69.00	▲ +.24	-4.0
60 Envestnet Inc	3,704	70.59	▼ -2.69	+41.4
61 John Bean Technol	3,668	115.84	▲ +5.00	+48.4
62 Anixter Intl	3,354	99.17	▲ +.38	+71.1
63 Hyatt Hotels Corp	3,226	88.19	▲ +2.13	+31.4
64 Retail Prop Amer	2,803	13.12	▲ +.29	+16.0
65 Teleph Data	2,725	25.36	▲ +1.03	-27.6
66 Navistar Intl	2,720	27.41	▲ +.01	-10.4
67 GATX	2,716	77.38	▼ -3.10	+14.8
68 TreeHouse Foods	2,665	47.41	▲ +1.35	-19.2
69 Fst Midw Bcp	2,452	22.30	▼ -.16	+4.9
70 Stepan Co	2,352	104.54	▲ +2.77	+31.5
71 Federal Signal	2,107	34.83	▲ +1.94	+59.2
72 Adtalem Global Educ	2,010	36.51	▲ +1.03	-23.2
73 US Cellular	1,929	36.51	▲ +1.50	-36.6
74 Knowles Corp	1,889	20.64	▼ -.23	+52.9
75 Horace Mann	1,838	44.61	▲ +1.46	+15.9
76 Hub Group Inc	1,836	55.03	▲ +2.70	+35.4
77 Groupion Inc	1,699	3.01	▲ +.51	-24.5
78 AAR Corp	1,599	45.82	▼ -.06	+26.4
79 Huron Consulting Gp	1,581	69.04	▼ -.61	+45.1
80 Allscripts Hlthcare	1,574	9.70	▲ +1.15	-12.4
81 Addus HomeCare	1,515	97.40	▼ -2.45	+52.3
82 First Busey Corp	1,506	27.37	▲ +.23	+7.8
83 Motech Electronics	1,448	39.05	▲ +.50	+56.0
84 Coeur Mining	1,409	5.86	▼ -.69	+53.2
85 Tootsie Roll	1,354	34.71	▲ +.20	+7.7
86 SP Plus Corp	943	41.11	▼ -.83	+22.4
87 Acco Brands Corp	887	9.15	▲ +.32	+12.2
88 Enova Intl Inc	822	24.35	▲ +2.10	+5.7
89 OneSpan Inc	805	20.05	▲ +2.11	+42.9
90 Sanfilippo John	795	90.49	▲ +2.87	+52.6
91 Great Lakes Dredge	743	11.63	▼ -.03	+60.4
92 ANI Pharma	740	61.27	▲ +4.20	+13.0
93 Heritage-Crystal Cln	688	29.69	▲ +.04	+29.6
94 QCR Holdings Inc	670	42.42	▲ +.03	+16.7
95 Century Aluminum	638	7.18	▲ +.20	-14.5
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2. Communication skills

We'd like to think that our communication skills are judged by how we speak with each other but in reality, the most important part of communicating is how well we actually listen to each other. If you're a person who can sit across the table from others and soak in their opinions and ideas, your communication skills are strong.

You also need to be able to articulate your and their ideas to others. This can be done in a variety of ways, including face-to-face communication, phone calls, text messages and email, among others. Don't underestimate the importance of effective communication via email. But if you're sending poorly structured and poorly supported emails, you're going to look incompetent.

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5. A strong work ethic

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- 5. Don't sweat the everyday things.** This is especially important if you're still starting out in your career. Things like setting up meetings, making presentations, sending an email to a

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LinkedIn's emerging job list puts focus on future



LinkedIn identified the roles with the largest rate of hiring growth to create its list of 15 Emerging Jobs.

It's no surprise that LinkedIn's members are more active than passive when it comes to improving their careers. Even those members who rarely use the site are there for their professional benefit and know that an updated profile and even a limited interest in like-minded individuals and similar experiences can help them when they decide to look for a new opportunity.

And now, thanks to an extensive study of its members, that information can help you pinpoint where you should be looking — or what you should be doing — to tap into the top, emerging jobs in 2020.

A quick glance at the list reveals some futuristic thinking front and center, perhaps a continuation of those "I thought we'd be in flying cars by now" tropes based on "The Jetsons" and other bits of pop culture sci-fi. But make no mistake, the future is here.

"We're at the point of not only no return, but no regret," says Bradley Pointer, a retired U.S. Department of Labor analyst who keeps an eye on today's job trends. "For years, we worried about what would happen if robotics became the norm in manufacturing plants or if AI became the basis for HR policies or employment processes. Now we know. Of course, there are always going to be red flags but for the most part, the thinking is now 'what can I do with these new technologies to help my company, my customers and my workers' instead of continually looking at how to avoid the inevitable."

While that inevitable may still seem years away for some, it's probably much closer than they think. "At this stage, most of the workforce doesn't work in the emerging field of artificial intelligence, but that doesn't mean it won't impact everyone," writes Guy Berger, a principal analyst at LinkedIn and author of the study. "Artificial intelligence will require the entire workforce to learn new skills, whether it's to keep up to date with an existing role, or pursuing a new career as a result of automation."

LinkedIn's methodology is based on those members with a public profile that have held a full-time position in the United States for the past five years. LinkedIn then analyzed hiring and the annual growth rate for each occupation between 2015 and 2019 to identify the roles with the largest rate of hiring growth to create its list of 15 Emerging Jobs.

The top 5

1. Artificial intelligence specialist — 74 percent annual growth

Firms specializing in computer software, internet, information technology and services, higher education and consumer electronics will be looking to beef up their AI personnel, especially in the San Francisco Bay Area, New York, Boston, Seattle and Los Angeles. Necessary skills include machine learning, deep learning and knowledge of TensorFlow, Python and Natural Language Processing.

2. Robotics engineer — 40 percent annual growth

Companies focused on information technology and services, industrial automation, computer software, financial services and the automotive industry will be looking for skilled workers to continue the upswing in robotics. Demand for both physical and virtual bots will lead to more jobs for software and hardware engineers and techs. Hiring hotspots include the San Francisco Bay Area, Atlanta, New York, Washington, D.C., and Boston. Candidates with

experience in robotic process automation, UiPath and Blue Prism will be especially hireable.

3. Data Scientist — 37 percent growth

As the demand for data reaches new heights, innovators in financial services, technology and academia will be hiring individuals with skills in machine learning, data science, Python, R and Apache Spark, especially in New York, Washington, D.C., Seattle, Boston and the San Francisco Bay Area.

4. Full stack engineer — 35 percent growth

Anyone who can handle the front and back end of an application or website, which may include development, planning, set-up and service, will find numerous opportunities in 2020, thanks to tech companies, financial service firms and institutions of higher education. Required skills include knowledge of Skills React.js, Node.js, JavaScript, AngularJS and Cascading Style Sheets (CSS). Look to the San Francisco Bay Area, New York, Los Angeles, Boston and Washington, D.C., for the most opportunities.

5. Site reliability engineer — 34 percent growth

You need to look no further than your phone to realize that any individual with a strong background in app development and operation is going to do well in today's economy. Those with a strong base of knowledge in Amazon Web Services, Ansible, Kubernetes, Docker Products and Terraform will be especially hireable. Look for firms specializing in software, IT, financial services and consumer electronics in the San Francisco Bay Area, New York, Seattle, Boston and Washington, D.C., to do the most hiring this year.

More jobs in demand

6. Customer success specialist — 34 percent growth

Professionals with a mix of hard and soft skills will find work with software firms and marketing and advertising agencies, among others.

7. Sales development representative — 34 percent growth

If you can sell — and know Salesforce — you'll be in demand in 2020.

8. Data engineer — 33 percent growth

Qualified engineers will need to continue organizing the mountains of data that companies now collect on customers, patients, potential clients and more.

9. Behavioral health technician — 32 percent growth

As health insurance companies increase their coverage for mental health and substance abuse treatment, new opportunities have also emerged for individuals who specialize in working with patients with autism or behavioral disorders.

10. Cybersecurity specialist — 30 percent growth

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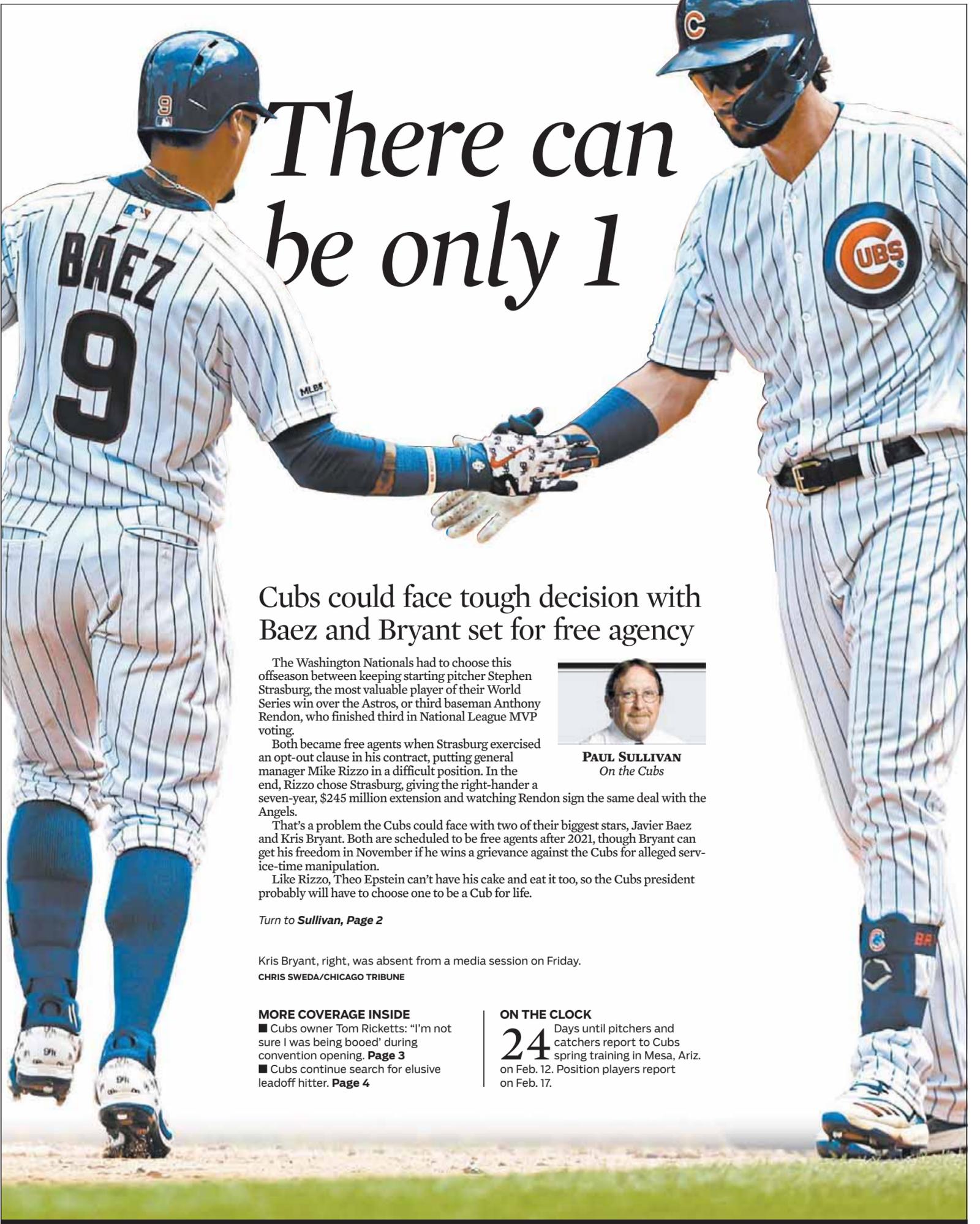
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Cubs could face tough decision with Baez and Bryant set for free agency

The Washington Nationals had to choose this offseason between keeping starting pitcher Stephen Strasburg, the most valuable player of their World Series win over the Astros, or third baseman Anthony Rendon, who finished third in National League MVP voting.

Both became free agents when Strasburg exercised an opt-out clause in his contract, putting general manager Mike Rizzo in a difficult position. In the end, Rizzo chose Strasburg, giving the right-hander a seven-year, \$245 million extension and watching Rendon sign the same deal with the Angels.

That's a problem the Cubs could face with two of their biggest stars, Javier Baez and Kris Bryant. Both are scheduled to be free agents after 2021, though Bryant can get his freedom in November if he wins a grievance against the Cubs for alleged service-time manipulation.

Like Rizzo, Theo Epstein can't have his cake and eat it too, so the Cubs president probably will have to choose one to be a Cub for life.



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Kris Bryant, right, was absent from a media session on Friday.

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What would Tom Brady look like in a Bears uniform? Don't hold your breath. While he's part of the quarterback musical chairs about to shake up the league, it's unlikely the Bears would sign him to replace free-agent-to-be Chase Daniel. Instead, expect a lower-tier QB through free agency or trade. We break down all of the options. **Pages 6-7**

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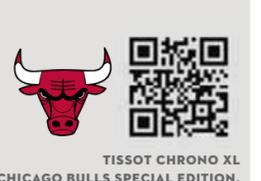
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PAUL SULLIVAN

All quiet on the Yelich front

Yu Darvish apologized Friday night for answering a question in Japanese and letting a Cubs employee interpret it to the media.

"I lost all my English," he explained. "I haven't used it in a couple months."

No apologies were necessary, though the need to use an interpreter was puzzling to those who regularly cover Darvish. He ditched his interpreter from 2018 last season and conducted interviews with the media in English. Darvish not only speaks the language well, he's regarded as one of the funnier and most interesting Cubs players.

But Darvish wanted to make sure his thoughts weren't misinterpreted, and for good reason. He suddenly has become the unofficial spokesman for the 2017 Dodgers, a team some believe was robbed in the World Series by the sign-stealing Astros.

That Fall Classic featured an epic fail by Darvish, which is why he was sought out by so many reporters this weekend at the Cubs Convention at the Sheraton Grand Chicago. Thanks to MLB's investigation exposing the Astros' scheme, Darvish has become the rare player who can rewrite the narrative about his World Series performance a couple of years after the fact.

Instead of being the poor guy who tipped his pitches in the biggest games of his life, he's now the poor guy whose pitch selection might have been delivered illegally to hitters via technological skulduggery.

The results might have been the same, but Darvish and the Dodgers are off the hook and forever will wonder if the Astros' scheme affected their chance to win a championship.

Does that make it a little better for Darvish?

"It doesn't make me feel better yet because we don't know exactly whether it was tipping or if technology was the reason I got beat," he said through an interpreter. "It's still the same."

The sign-stealing saga didn't end with the investigation or the firings, "mutual" or otherwise, of three managers and a general manager. Its tentacles could stretch for years with retired players revealing stories of alleged cheating, such as Jack McDowell's "whistle-blowing" of similar acts of sign stealing by Hall of Fame manager Tony LaRussa and the 1985 White Sox.

Darvish inadvertently started a controversy in November, engaging in a Twitter beef with Brewers outfielder Christian Yelich, and no doubt will hear about it when the Cubs travel to Miller Park for the season opener in March.

Darvish reiterated Friday that he doesn't think the Brewers stole signs via technology. The saga began after he responded to a Bleacher Nation video showing him stepping off the mound against Yelich, the 2018 National League MVP, in a game in Milwaukee last summer. The implication was Yelich's eye movement led Darvish to believe he was looking for the sign and thus stepped off the rubber.

"Be better than this," Yelich tweeted at Darvish. "Nobody needs help facing you."

Darvish responded that he didn't think the Brewers were stealing signs. But it was too late.

"I tweeted him back, but he didn't tweet



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Pitcher Yu Darvish slap hands with fans Friday during the Cubs Convention.

me back," Darvish said Friday. "I posted two tweets. The first one I was saying like his eyes were moving. The second one I tweeted that doesn't mean Milwaukee is stealing signs. I think he didn't see the second one and he took it the wrong way."

Twins third baseman Josh Donaldson, then a free agent, joined the fray by joking to Yelich on Twitter: "I could use some help off him whatcha got?"

Yelich didn't respond, and he and Darvish moved on. Twitter means never having to say you're sorry.

Darvish said he never had spoken with Yelich or conversed with him on Twitter, so he's not sure how he'll react the next time they see each other.

"I don't know him," he said. "I think he's still mad."

Will Darvish try to explain himself in spring training? He wasn't sure it was necessary.

"I'm using more English now, so I can talk to him," he said.

This story is to be continued. But one thing we know if when you employ as

much sarcasm in your tweet game as Darvish does, you're bound to cause a stir once in a while. We joked about it Friday after I advised him in a column last week to stop tweeting at his media critics.

Darvish gets it, and said he doesn't mind the criticism. If you dish it out on Twitter, you have to be able to take it.

After a brilliant second half in 2019, Darvish is expected to put together a solid six-month season — and hopefully more — in his third year of a six-year, \$126 million deal. He's still only 7-11 with the Cubs, which isn't what they bargained for two years ago when the deal was announce with great fanfare.

With the Cubs not making any big moves this offseason, Darvish's importance to their postseason chances in 2020 has become magnified.

When a reporter asked Darvish why fans should believe the Cubs will be vastly improved with mostly the same team from last year, he paused before answering.

"Stealing signs?" he said. "You just can't help yourself."

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1 p.m.	Auburn at Georgia	ESPNU
1 p.m.	St. Louis at Dayton	CBSN
2 p.m.	UCF at South Florida	ESPN2
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WRESTLING		
2 p.m.	Maryland at Michigan State	BTN
4 p.m.	Rutgers at Penn State	ESPN2

SPORTS MEDIA

WGN-TV will introduce weeknight sports show

WGN-TV looks to reclaim some of its old sports identity with "GN Sports," a live, 10:30 p.m. weeknight program it plans to launch Jan. 28.

Dan Roan and Jarrett Payton will host the half-hour show, which aims to blend headlines and highlights with features and in-studio interviews, the station said Thursday. Lauren Magiera and Josh Frydman will contribute regular reports.

Payton and Frydman presided over the five-night-a-week hour "Sports Feed" on CLTV, the local news channel WGN parent Nextstar Media Group shuttered last month. WGN said Payton — son of the late Bears Hall of Famer Walter Payton and brother of Fox-Ch. 32's Brittney Payton — will report during the program's first week from Miami.

Sullivan

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No one said life is fair.

Baez is the obvious choice to stay — if the Cubs can extend him — which is why he hasn't been mentioned in trade rumors while Bryant has gone through the ringer since the end of last season.

"It's hard because I went through it," Baez said Friday at the Cubs Convention of the Bryant rumors. "And if a player like Kris Bryant is traded ... like (Anthony Rizzo) says, he's one of the best players out there. He was MVP a few years ago, and it's going to be a whole different team without him."

"We'll see what happens. We'll see if that happens, who's coming, who's not. Hopefully we keep Kris here his entire career. I don't really know what's going to happen, so I can't say anything about it ... If that happens, I don't know what is going to be the reaction of the fans and of the players."

Bryant didn't meet with the media Friday after coming down with the flu, which led to some predictable conspiracy theories on Twitter. His wife, Jessica, quickly answered them in a sarcastic tweet: "Because it makes so much sense to fly all the way to Chicago to fake the flu. Not to mention leaving his pregnant wife who also has the flu at home because he truly loves being at the convention every year. But yep totally faking it," she wrote.

Of course no one would fly to Chicago to sit in his hotel room and enjoy the snow outside. Still, some of Bryant's teammates enjoyed keeping the controversy alive.

"Do you really think he's sick?" one player asked with a laugh.

"Sick of us," was one reply.

"Do you blame him?" he said.

While amateur detectives online and at the convention investigated the Bryant mystery, Baez was in good spirits and ready to start the season.



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Javier Baez talks with former teammates during a reception before the opening ceremony of the Cubs Convention on Friday at the Sheraton Grand Chicago.

The Cubs have spoken to Baez about an extension, and he just signed a one-year, \$10 million deal to avoid arbitration. But he said he's just thinking about taking the Cubs to the playoffs.

"If it happens, I'll be grateful to be a Cub for my entire career," Baez said. "If not, I'm obviously happy with everything that happened here. ... When the right deal comes, we'll be ready for it."

Baez said he hopes something will happen before the season but added: "If not, there is no pressure. I've just got to play

good."

If not for a broken left thumb Baez suffered in September, the Cubs might not be in this predicament. They fell apart down the stretch without Baez, blowing a probable wild-card spot, leading to Epstein's threats of a "reckoning."

While there have been no big moves yet, the focus on Bryant's uncertain future has been nonstop.

"Anthony (Rizzo) said it well the other day," Epstein said Friday. "The business is as cutthroat as it has ever been, and he's

right. ... From the players' side, there is a lot of money on the line, too, and they can set their families up forever. And they should be looking out for their own rights.

"If they think they can get more in free agency than an extension, by all means, go get it. But that comes with some uncertainty as well."

For now, the Cubs have to look toward the season ahead no matter who is — or isn't — on the team. Baez repeated his mantra from last year, saying the Cubs have to stop paying so much attention to other clubs and just worry about themselves.

"You're not being you," he said. "We've got to do us and just have fun out there."

No one has more fun on the field than Baez, who said after Joe Maddon's exit in September that he appreciated the manager for allowing him to be himself and play with his signature showmanship.

Maddon took heat at times when Baez made mistakes, such as watching a would-be home run fall short and not taking the extra base. But Maddon never resorted to sitting or punishing Baez, knowing the shortstop's importance to the lineup.

Will Baez's former teammate and new manager, David Ross, let Javy be Javy?

"I think he will let everybody be themselves," Baez said. "This is a team that when Joe came, everything changed. We got what we wanted: to bring a championship to Chicago. That's our goal again."

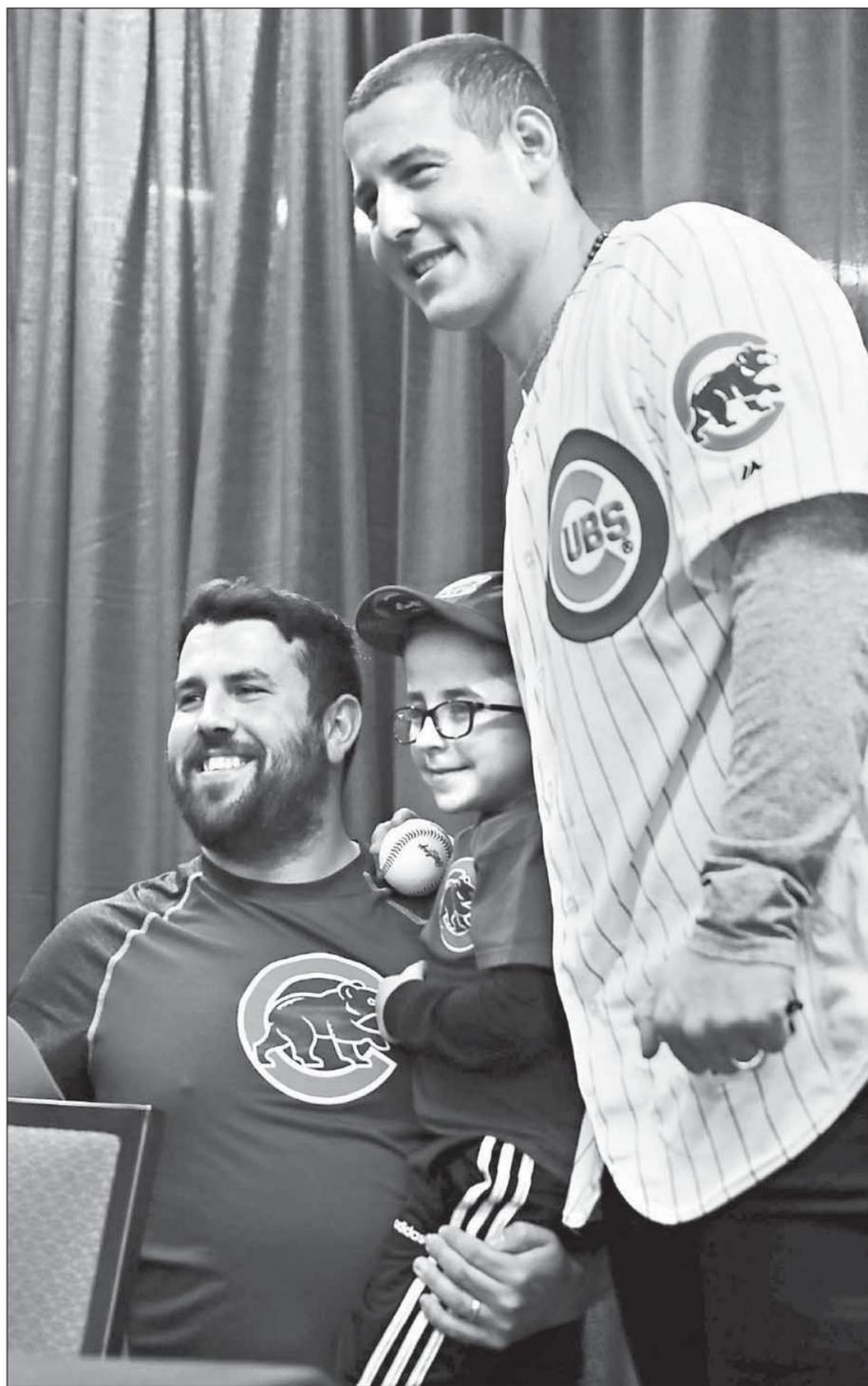
Ross is old-school. But he's modern enough to know that many younger players approach the game differently than he did.

Asked his opinion on players pinging homers, Ross's response was to stay tuned. "I'll have my expectations, and you'll see how I deal with controversy and those type of things and moments when I have to," Ross said. "I don't think that will be something I let slide too often."

No matter how things shake out in the final weeks before pitchers and catchers report, it's no doubt going to be an interesting season for the 2020 Cubs.

Baez will make sure of that.

CUBS



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Cubs' Anthony Rizzo takes a photo with Roberto Romo and his son Chris, II, during the Cubs Convention.

Plenty of boos

Cubs chairman says, 'I'm not sure I was being booed'

BY PAUL SULLIVAN

Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts on Saturday defended the team's offseason inactivity and hinted at an eventual breakup of the core who won the 2016 World Series.

In an interview with WSCR-AM 670 on Day 2 of the Cubs Convention at the Sheraton Grand Chicago, Ricketts said avoiding luxury-tax penalties was a "factor" in the team's lack of spending, which has tempered enthusiasm from the fan base following an 84-win season.

"It's not the only factor, but it's certainly something that got put into the last collective bargaining agreement, and we have to work with it," Ricketts told the Score's David Haugh and Bruce Levine.

With Kris Bryant on the trade market all winter and team President Theo Epstein trying to stay under the \$208 million luxury-tax threshold, this convention has been much more subdued than in past years.

While die-hard fans have seldom booed players at the annual event since Sammy Sosa left, they booed Ricketts at the opening of the convention.

They also booed after Ricketts mentioned the Marquee Sports Network — the team's new TV outlet set to launch next month — on stage.

"I'm not sure I was being booed," Ricketts said Saturday, though video of the booing spread Friday night on Twitter.

Ricketts theorized Saturday that fans were booing Marquee because they were "worried about change." He added that a "good percentage" of cable companies have signed on to carry the network and he was "confident" a deal with Comcast's Xfinity, by far the area's largest carrier, will get done.

The traditional panel discussion headed by the Ricketts siblings was absent for the second straight convention, and Ricketts called it "played out." He insisted he was "very, very accessible," calling the controversy "kind of a tempest in a teapot."

Ricketts didn't talk specifically about failed contract negotiations with Bryant, though he



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"It would be awesome to keep everyone together. That would be great. But the reality is the way players work their way toward free agency makes it difficult."

—Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts

confirmed "some guys haven't thought it was the right time to do an extension."

The Cubs have tried to get long-term deals done with several players, including Bryant and Javier Baez.

"There's nothing I can do about how players' salaries escalate as they get further along in their careers," Ricketts said.

Ricketts said fans loved the 1969 Cubs because they were together a long time.

"You have a lot of time to get to know Ernie (Banks) and Fergie (Jenkins) and Glenn Beckert and all these guys," he said, "That's fabulous, and I wish that was still the case."

Bryant and Baez control their futures, and their market value continues to rise. Both are scheduled to be free agents after 2021, unless Bryant wins a grievance and is granted free agency after this season.

Asked about the extension talks with Baez, Ricketts deferred to Epstein but then pivoted back to payroll concerns.

"It would be awesome to keep everyone together," he said.

"That would be great. But the reality is the way players work their way toward free agency

makes it difficult."

Ricketts called the Cubs the top-spending organization in baseball in 2019. They finished second in payroll, but Ricketts claimed expenditures "in other parts of the organization" put them over the top. He said spending doesn't always translate to winning.

"People have to realize the correlation between what you spend and how much you win isn't nearly as perfect as you'd like it to be, particularly for a large-market team," he said. "The top-two payrolls last year (the Red Sox and Cubs) didn't make the playoffs. There were two teams in the playoffs combined (the A's and Rays) that have less payroll (than the Cubs). So it's really not just about money we put out there."

Ricketts said rookie manager David Ross will "bring new energy" to the Cubs, and fans "can trust Theo and Jed (Hoyer)." He advised everyone to "take a deep breath" and remember the team still has many core players on the roster.

"I'm sorry we don't have a prize free agent or something sexier to talk about right now," he said.

Cubs' network still seeks Comcast deal

The Marquee Sports Network is set to launch on Feb. 22

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

Cubs fans are wondering if and when Comcast will cut a deal to carry Marquee Sports Network, the team's TV outlet set to launch next month.

The Cubs are wondering too. "Comcast, (covering) like 50% in our market, is the big domino," Cubs president of business operations Crane Kenney said.

Kenney and other executives announced some new Marquee carriage agreements, including one with Chicago's RCN — along with some programming and personnel news — during their session Saturday at the annual Cubs Convention at the Sheraton Grand Chicago.

But there's still nothing signed with Comcast's Xfinity, by far the Chicago area's largest carrier as it covers roughly half the market, with less than 10 weeks until opening day and the channel set to launch Feb. 22 for the Cubs' first spring training game, against the Athletics.

"The one that's missing and the one that people have asked me about so much this weekend is Comcast," Kenney told the convention crowd. "One thing you should know is we are offering to Comcast the very same terms that have been agreed to by the 25 carriers that will pick up Marquee. So it's encouraging to see that 25 distributors find our offering compelling and in fact reasonable."

Kenney said he's "confident we'll get a deal done with Comcast" but also suggested fans reach out to the company for more information.

"You don't have to tell them I sent you," he said.

Kenney told reporters after his session that he didn't know whether a Comcast deal would be done by "first pitch of spring training or the first pitch of opening day, but those are clearly pretty big milestones."

Going forward, Marquee will be the exclusive of home of the roughly 150 Cubs regular-season games the team controls in its designated Major League Baseball market, a vast territory that includes not only most of Illinois and Indiana but all of Iowa and part of Wisconsin as well as Ohio.

Kenney said Marquee's deals to date cover roughly 40% of its market.

Len Kasper and Jim Deshaies will be back as announcers, sometimes joined by a third voice. The rotation of guest analysts (who also will do some studio work) will include Rick Sutcliffe, Lou Piniella, Doug Glanville, Ryan Dempster, Jason Hammel, Dan Plesac, Mark DeRosa and Carlos Pena.

Cole Wright has left NFL Network to join Marquee as a studio host. Fox's Chris Myers will do some play-by-play and studio work, which Kenney said was on the recommendation of Second City alumnus and Cubs fan Bill Murray.

According to Marquee general manager Michael McCarthy, Murray left a voicemail message in which the actor said: "I think you might get (Myers) cheaply because he lives in LA, and LA's on fire right now."

Taylor McGregor, who had been covering the Rockies, the franchise her father once ran, is the new Cubs sideline reporter.

"How can you not want to part of something like this?" McGregor said, earning polite convention applause.

The response was more robust later when a fan mentioned former NBC Sports Chicago reporter Kelly Crull, suggesting Marquee should hire her in some capacity.

Yet another fan drew still more applause noting McGregor was the only woman among the Marquee contributors introduced to the crowd.

"I was thinking the same thing when I was looking at the talent there," Kenney said. "We were really going as heavy as we could with former players. ... Your point is a good one, and we'll make sure the network does have adequate representation."

McCarthy said the new channel will offer hourlong pregame and postgame Cubs coverage from a studio across from the ballpark.

"Obviously the theme of our programming is very simple," McCarthy told fans. "It's Cubs, Cubs and more Cubs."

Cubs minor-league games and a repackaging of as many as 4,000 vintage Cubs telecasts are available to Marquee. The channel's library includes a version of the recent Cubs musical "Miracle," along with documentaries on

players such as Ernie Banks and Billy Williams.

There will be all-access, behind the scenes coverage ala the NFL's "Hard Knocks" series and samplings from the Cubs' YouTube channel too.

The Vegas Sports Information Network's "Follow the Money" will run on Marquee, as will game coverage from Stadium, the multi-platform sports channel in which both Sinclair and White Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf have a ownership stake. Also available to Marquee will be content from other Sinclair regional sports networks.

Kenney and McCarthy said there have been discussions with both WMVP-AM 1000 and Cubs radio flagship WSCR-AM 670 about possibly simulcasting content on Marquee. All McCarthy would say about whether that will happen is that Marquee is not done announcing its programming plans.

Like renovating Wrigley Field and developing property around the ballpark, Marquee is a cornerstone of the Ricketts family's strategy to enhance Cubs revenue streams and develop new ones.

The Ricketts family has been talking about the Cubs launching their own TV channel since acquiring the team from Tribune Co. in 2009, if not before.

The Cubs first had to wait out the final 10 seasons of a 15-year deal tying the team to what would become known as NBC Sports Chicago. That partnership with the White Sox, Bulls, Blackhawks and Comcast ended after the 2019 baseball season.

For those outside the team's designated market area, games on Marquee will be available through MLB's streaming service. There is, however, one carrier the Cubs announced Saturday in the Rickettses' hometown of Omaha, Neb.

ESPN and Fox Broadcasting — Fox-32 in Chicago — will continue to pluck some games from the Cubs' schedule by virtue of their deals with MLB, but no longer will games be seen on free over-the-air WGN-9 or ABC-7. The regional sports network business model on which Marquee, like NBC Sports Chicago, looks to profit requires carriers to pay a monthly fee based on the total number of households the channel reaches, regardless of how many actually watch the games. Advertising is sold on the basis of anticipated viewership.

Sinclair earlier said it had reached agreements with AT&T's DirecTV, U-verse and AT&T TV to carry Marquee. Ditto for Charter Communications and Mediacom Communications.

The Cubs on Saturday said they continue to negotiate with streaming services such as YouTube TV, Hulu with Live TV and FuboTV to offer Marquee in the team's market area.

Prospects are less rose for an agreement with Dish Network covering its Dish and Sling services as it has made no secret of its goal to upend the RSN business model to keep its costs down.

The new deals the Cubs announced at the convention were with:

- RCN Telecom Services (Chicago),
- Readlyn Telephone (Cedar Rapids, Iowa),
- Cass Cable/Greene County Partners (Champaign, Ill. and Quincy, Ill.),
- City of Ashburn/AES (Fort Wayne, Ind.),
- Computer Techniques/CTI Fiber (Champaign, Ill.),
- Indianola Municipal Utilities (Des Moines, Iowa),
- Local Internet Service (Ottumwa, Iowa),
- MediapolisCablevision/MTC Technologies (Davenport, Iowa),
- Muscatine Power & Water Cable (Davenport, Iowa),
- Wilton Telephone Co./WTC Communications (Davenport, Iowa),
- Cinergy Metronet (Chicago; Indianapolis; Davenport, Iowa; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Peoria, Ill.; Lafayette, Ind.; and Terre Haute, Ind.),
- Ace Communications Group/Acen Tek (Cedar Rapids, Iowa),
- C-M-L Telephone Cooperative (Sioux City, Iowa),
- Cooperative Telephone Exchange (Des Moines, Iowa),
- Heart of Iowa Cooperative (Des Moines, Iowa),
- LaHarpe Video & Data Services (Quincy, Ill.),
- Mahaska Communications Group (Des Moines, Iowa),
- MTC Communications (Quincy, Ill., and Davenport, Iowa),
- Frontier Communications (Peoria, Ill., and Fort Wayne, Ind.),
- Harlan Municipal Utilities (Omaha, Neb.),
- Farmers Mutual Telephone (Cedar Rapids, Iowa),
- ImOm (Cedar Rapids, Iowa).

CUBS

Kids say darndest things again

BY PHIL THOMPSON

It's called the "Cubs Kids Only Press Conference," but sometimes it has more in common with the New York Friars Club.

The kids were at it again Saturday during the Cubs Convention at the Sheraton Grand Chicago, unintentionally tweaking their favorite players with their comedic questions.

1. Is Kyle Schwarber in a platoon with Ben and Jerry? Kyle Schwarber has been called "SchwarBabe" and "Schwar Machine," but he'll probably hear at least one new nickname this summer, thanks to 7-year-old Ben Ohr from East Moline.

Ben spoke into the mic, with all seriousness, "My question's for Sherbert."

He had to pause while audience members cracked up, and then again after he started over, "Um, Sherbert ..."

Finally: "What's your longest home run you ever hit?"

After everyone settled down, Schwarbert answered.

"What do you guys think, wild-card game against Gerrit Cole?" Schwarber asked, referring to his 430-foot, two-run blast during the Cubs' 4-0 win against the Pirates in the 2015 National League wild-card game in Pittsburgh. "It went all the way in the water."

2. Kris Bryant has a sweet moment ... even in his absence. Jocci Guzman, 19, couldn't get the words out.

Ben, her father, took over and explained, "She makes a card every year for Bryant and heard that Bryant was sick and wanted to know if you would give it to him for her."

Anthony Rizzo promised to oblige.

Jocci had posed with Bryant standing next to her in her wheelchair at the past two conventions.

3. Kyle Schwarber probably regrets 'fielding' one question. Ten-year-old Elizabeth from Vernon Hills asked whether players preferred fielding or batting.

"I like batting," Schwarber said, drawing roars of laughter because of his past foibles in left field, adding, "Batting's a lot better."

Javier Baez shot in, "The trick is, don't try so hard."

4. An Astros question threw them a curve. A boy who only identified himself as Lincoln asked, "What do you guys think about the Houston Astros cheating?"

Rizzo, who acted as moderator, seemed to squirm a bit at the podium before turning to the team's mascot.

"Clark, you want to take this one on?"

Clark suggested on his dry erase board that the Astros be sent back into space.

"Cheating's not good, how about that?" Rizzo said, adding, "In anything you do in life, if you can do it the right way and try hard and give it your all, you know you can go to bed at night with an honest head on your pillow."

5. Javier Baez turns Cubbie red? Delilah Garcia of Cicero, held up 5-year-old daughter Magali to the mic, both of them wearing T-shirts that read, "Kiss it goodBaez."

Mom started the question, "Javy why are you ..."

Then Magali finished, "So cute?"

Rizzo took Clark's giant baseball cap and started waving it at Baez to cool him off.

"I guess it's my teeth," Baez said sheepishly.



Cubs fans from Los Angeles take a photo with Javier Baez at the Cubs Convention on Saturday.



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cubs' Ian Happ, poses with fans Elizabeth Tsagalis, 10, and brother Sam Tsagalis, 8, at the Cubs Convention.

Lead things off

Cubs' never-ending search for a leadoff hitter continues on

BY MARK GONZALES

A fan asked Theo Epstein why the Cubs should expect better results in 2020 from an inconsistent lineup likely composed of the same players as seasons past.

"It's not opening day yet," Epstein replied Saturday during the baseball operations panel on Day 2 of the Cubs Convention at the Sheraton Grand Chicago. "There's still a chance of some changes."

But, he added: "The bottom line is words don't matter. Actions do."

And the manner in which the Cubs have addressed the leadoff spot in the wake of Dexter Fowler's free-agent departure to the rival Cardinals has been maddening, considering Cubs leadoff hitters posted a National League-worst .294 on-base percentage last season.

"Candidly, I don't think we ever imagined that finding a guy who could hit in the leadoff spot would be a struggle," general manager Jed Hoyer said. "I don't think you have to have a prototypical leadoff hitter all the time."

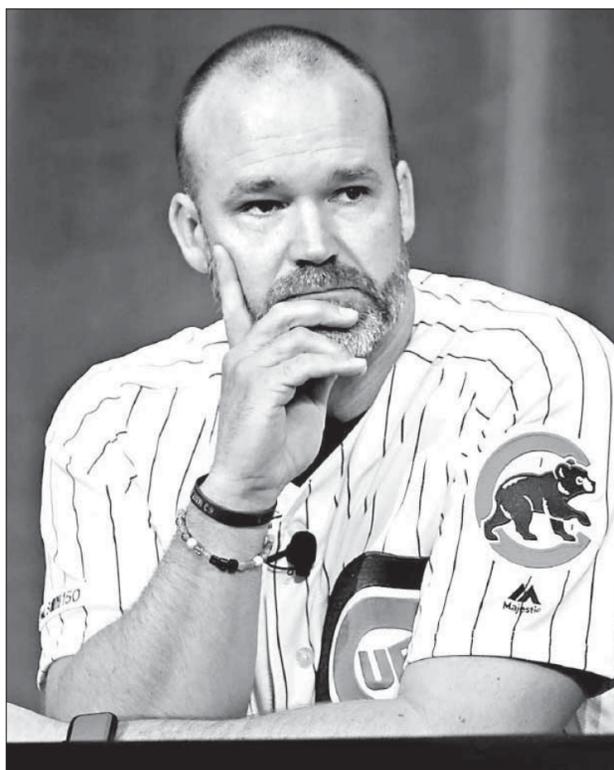
"But for whatever reason, we've struggled. We've spent a lot of time scratching our head."

Hoyer expressed his frustration before Epstein elaborated on the Cubs' efforts to pour millions of dollars into staffing and equipment toward building a state-of-the-art research and development department with a plethora of data.

Epstein said the Cubs likely will announce on Tuesday the hiring of a biomechanist who spent 20 years at NASA to enhance their effort to find a competitive edge. In the meantime, the search remains for production out of the leadoff spot, at which Kyle Schwarber, Ian Happ and other candidates have failed during the last three seasons.

Only slugger Anthony Rizzo has prospered at the top of the lineup, but he and the Cubs prefer he remain in the run-producing No. 3 or 4 spot.

Hoyer senses that many past candidates tended to change



Cubs manager David Ross, participates in a Q/A with fans during the Cubs Convention at the Sheraton on Saturday.

their approach when moved to the leadoff spot without realizing they often lead off only in the first inning.

"I never imagined that being a leadoff hitter would be a struggle," said Hoyer, acknowledging that natural leadoff hitters such as Johnny Damon and Fowler are hard to find and moving close to extinction.

"Kevin Youkilis was not exactly a prototypical leadoff hitter but did well."

Epstein, meanwhile, tried to portray a bright forecast for the Cubs lineup by using Happ and Schwarber as microcosms of young players who struggled after promising debuts but rebounded late last season.

"Don't give up on the players who have been here that might have driven you insane," Epstein replied to the fan. "Because I really think a lot of them are on an upward trajectory and will make progress."

New manager David Ross said there's "no one who has jumped out" as a full-time leadoff candi-

date but will continue to assess his in-house candidates while Epstein and Hoyer continue to explore trades.

Ross did reveal some internal changes to spring training at the suggestion of new catching/first-base coach Craig Driver. The Cubs will use umpires to provide feedback with catchers and pitchers. Also, batting practice with a cage will give way to live hitting, with an umpire providing constant communication.

"Now we'll take that (batting cage) way and dial up the intensity a little bit," Ross said.

One Joe Maddon-influenced tradition that might stay intact, perhaps to a lower frequency, are theme trips.

"We'll have all the pajama parties you want as long as we throw (wins)," Ross said. "We'll switch some things up."

Ross credited Maddon, now the Angels manager, with establishing a healthy culture.

"Maybe team jumpsuits," Ross said. "I'll leave it up to the players. I'm not a great dresser."

5 TAKEAWAYS FROM CUBS CONVENTION

Venable listening to other job offers

BY MARK GONZALES

The 2020 Cubs Convention continued Saturday at the Sheraton Grand Chicago. Here are five things we learned from Day 2.

1. Will Venable is content as Cubs third-base coach — for now. Will Venable returned from Houston, where he interviewed with the Astros for their managerial vacancy after the AJ Hinch firing.

This marked the third managerial interview for Venable, 37, who talked with the Cubs and Giants in October.

"You have to take opportunities seriously and have to think about those things," Venable said. "I'm a Chicago Cub right now until that changes. I'm super excited to be here, committed to this team until someone gives me an opportunity to have a different job. This is where I'm at. I plan to be here for the year."

Venable declined to elaborate on his interview, citing the sensitivity of the sign-stealing scandal that led to severe penalties Major League Baseball assessed against the Astros, while hoping the interview experience would enhance his preparation.

2. Theo Epstein can only say so much. Cubs President Theo Epstein was adamant about being transparent to fans but admitted he had to be ambiguous regarding how much he could spend as protection against agents and potential trade partners.

Epstein did acknowledge positioning the team relative to the competitive-balance threshold is a factor and that he faces a struggle trying to improve the team in 2020 while not running the risk of falling off the cliff after 2021 — when some of the team's best players are on track to become free agents — and provide a better long-term financial picture.

"This is one of those winters where it's hard to thread the needle," Epstein said. "We're doing the best we can. I'd say hang with us."

3. Wrigley Field will have a little different look — and sound. Protective netting will be extended to the "elbows" of the left- and right-field lines, president of business operations Crane Kenney said.

The Cubs hope to hire an organist to replace the retired Gary Pressy by the start of spring training to perform at Sloan Park in Mesa, Ariz.

Press-box upgrades include improved heating and air conditioning, which should enhance the team's efforts to host the 2022 All-Star Game.

4. Andy Green fulfills his dream. New bench coach Andy Green, who was the Padres manager the last four seasons, said his mother used to drive him from Lexington, Ky., to Wrigley Field when he was young.

"I thought there would be nothing cooler than to be a Chicago Cub," said Green, who admired watching Hall of Fame second baseman Ryne Sandberg. "I bypassed the Cincinnati allegiance as soon as I went to Wrigley and being a Cubs fan. My family didn't like that. Simply, I just spent four years in a rebuild. I want to win. I want to win bad and have the confidence (David Ross) can lead us to that."

5. Mike Napoli has a prolific beard. A fan expressed his admiration for the length of new coach Mike Napoli's beard, which extends past his collarbone.

"That beard is glorious," the fan told Napoli during a panel with Ross and his coaching staff. "That's the kind of beard that would lead troops to battle in the Civil War."

Napoli played with Ross on the 2013 World Series champion Red Sox but wasn't certain he would be hired after inquiring about the quality assurance coach position.

"Please call me," Napoli said of constantly looking at his cellphone. "I'm looking to get back in."

NFL



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Titanic Sunday

Three teams did what they were supposed to, while the other is trying to crash the party

Reid, Vrabel draw on different experiences

BY DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Andy Reid rarely digs into his own past, preferring to stay in the moment or focus squarely on the future. It's an approach that has served him well during a coaching career that might someday land him in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Yet when his Chiefs faced a seemingly insurmountable hole in the divisional round of the playoffs, Reid caught himself thinking back almost four decades to his final game as an offensive lineman at BYU. It was the Holiday Bowl and SMU had taken a 45-25 lead in the fourth quarter. Just about everybody in Jack Murphy Stadium that night thought it was over, only to watch, stunned, as the Cougars scored three late touchdowns to win the game.

"That kind of stuck in there. You had that hope," Reid said this week when asked what gave him confidence the Chiefs could rally to a 51-31 win over the Texans for a spot in the AFC championship game. "You had that hope. Then it's the feel of your team. You're on the sideline, you've been down there long enough, you can sense what they're thinking, where their mind is at. These guys weren't flinching. Let's get it right."

The Chiefs (13-4) got everything right the rest of the way. And the comeback from a 24-0 deficit propelled them into a matchup Sunday with the Titans (11-7), which has merely knocked off the Patriots and top-seeded Ravens — on the road, no less — to reach the precipice of the Super Bowl.

It will be the first time coaching this deep in the playoffs for the Titans' Mike Vrabel, but it's certainly familiar territory to his counterpart. Reid had the Chiefs in the same position a year ago, when they lost in overtime to the Patriots after they won the coin toss and marched downfield for a touchdown — and he led the Eagles to five NFC championship games during his 14 years in Philadelphia.

"I can tell you from experience, the magnitude, every time you take a step up in the playoffs — it's single elimination," Reid said.

Experience is great. Successful experience is better, and that is where Reid falls short. His only conference title came during the 2004 season, when the Eagles lost the Super Bowl to the Patriots. And who should be on the roster that night but a game-wrecking linebacker named Vrabel, who even caught a touchdown pass.

Vrabel may not have any experience in this position as a coach, but has plenty as a player. He lifted the Lombardi Trophy three times with the Patriots before spending two seasons with the Chiefs to close out his career.

"I spent 14 years in the National Football League," Vrabel said, "and I don't even know how many playoff games, but those were good experiences about preparation and really focusing on what got us to this point from where we were at different points in the season. And then, there's also things that I have to do as a coach to make sure that we're ready."

On offense, that means pounding away with running back Derrick Henry and getting just enough production from Ryan Tannehill, just as the Titans did during a back-and-forth Week 10 win over the Chiefs.

On defense, it means slowing down the aerial assault of quarterback Patrick Mahomes and his fleet of game-changing playmakers: running back Damien Williams, tight end Travis Kelce and wide receivers Tyreek Hill and Sammy Watkins.

"We've been through a lot this season, ups and downs, and won games in a lot of different ways. With that comes a lot of belief and a lot of confidence in one another," Tannehill said.

AFC notes

■ Henry already made history as the first player in the Super Bowl era to run for at least 180 yards in three consecutive games, and nobody has more yards rushing over the first four postseason games than his 561. He also has the three best games in Titans history for yards from scrimmage, set the franchise's single-game postseason rushing mark in each of the past two weeks, and he even threw a jump pass for a touchdown in their 28-12 win in Baltimore. "We always knew he was a beast," Titans safety Kevin Byard said. "I'm just glad the whole world knows as well."

■ Seemingly forgotten during the brilliant season of the Ravens' Lamar Jackson, Mahomes has again put together an MVP-caliber resume. He kept it going in the playoffs, too, becoming the first player to throw for at least 300 yards, run for at least 50 and throw five TD passes in a single playoff game last week against the Texans.

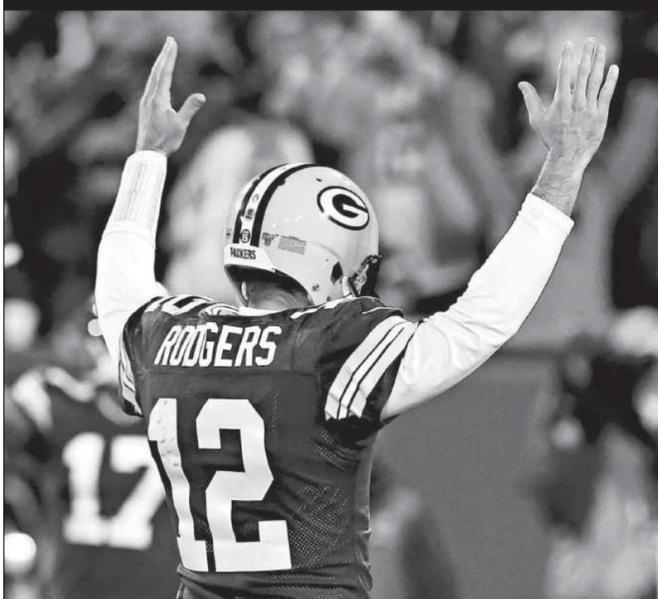
■ The Titans have gotten back to the stingy defense they played much of the season, including the first seven games, when they didn't allow an opponent to score more than 20 points. They've allowed only two touchdowns on seven chances inside their 20, thanks in part to the return of injured cornerback Adoree' Jackson. Defensive captain and defensive lineman Jurrell Casey says they wanted to make sure and try to match what the offense has been doing. "And it's just guys locking back in," Casey said.



THEARON W. HENDERSON/GETTY-AFP
Nick Bosa, left, and Kwon Alexander are anchors of the Niners' defense.



TOM PENNINGTON/GETTY-AFP
Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes is looking to erase last season's exit.



DYLAN BUELL/GETTY-AFP
The Packers' Aaron Rodgers wants one more shot at a Super Bowl title.



ROB CARR/GETTY-AFP
The Titans' Derrick Henry led the NFL in rushing this season.

49ers, Packers look to continue turnarounds

BY JOSH DUBOW
Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The 49ers are one win away from accomplishing a turnaround that's been done only once before in the Super Bowl era.

With a victory in the NFC championship game at home on Sunday against the Packers, the Niners will become the second team in NFL history to make the Super Bowl a year after losing at least 12 games.

Only the Rams have done it, going from 4-12 in 1998 to Super Bowl champs one year later thanks in part of an injury to Trent Green that cleared the way for Kurt Warner to take over at quarterback.

The 49ers (14-3) also can credit an injury to their quarterback for part of their turnaround; the team went only 4-12 last season after Jimmy Garoppolo went down with a season-ending knee injury in Week 3.

The silver lining to that injury was the No. 2 overall pick in the draft, which led to the addition of defensive end Nick Bosa, who helped transform the defense into one of the league's best.

"Things have a way of working out," Garoppolo said. "I always told myself it was a blessing in disguise, the ACL and everything, and yeah, we got Bosa out of it. That's a pretty good trade-off."

The Packers (14-3) have also had an impressive turnaround after slumping to a 6-9-1 record last season that led to the firing of longtime coach Mike McCarthy.

Matt LaFleur came in and tinkered with the offense, and general manager Brian Gutekunst brought in key additions such as pass-rushing duo Preston Smith and Za'Darius Smith, who combined for 25 1/2 sacks on the season.

There have also been some lower-profile pickups such as Tyler Ervin, Jared Veldheer and Mercedes Lewis that have helped.

"I think he's done a great job. I think he deserves a lot of credit, him and his staff," quarterback Aaron Rodgers said of Gutekunst. "There's been a lot of great pickups, but I think I said this at my locker a few weeks ago, the big-name ones have been fantastic, but it's kind of the other ones that have been the glue pieces, I feel like."

These teams played in Week 12 in what turned out to be a lopsided game. Rodgers lost a fumble on the Packers' first possession, setting up a 2-yard TD drive that gave the Niners the lead. The Niners then broke it open with long TD passes to Deebo Samuel late in the second quarter and George Kittle in the third quarter for a 37-8 win. Rodgers was sacked five times.

There have been 23 times in the Super Bowl era, excluding one replacement player game in 1987, that a team lost a regular-season game by at least 28 points to a team it met again in the playoffs. In nine of those cases, the team that got blown out earlier in the season came back to win in the playoffs.

NFC notes

■ Rodgers and star receiver Davante Adams both hail from Northern California, with Rodgers growing up in Chico and Adams in Palo Alto, which is near Santa Clara. Both played college ball in the state, Rodgers going to Cal and Adams to Fresno State. But neither ended up with the 49ers, who famously passed on Rodgers with the No. 1 overall pick in the 2005 draft for Alex Smith. "I usually dreamed about playing for the 49ers as a kid, but obviously that thing passed a long time ago," Rodgers said when asked if he envisioned playing the Niners in the playoffs.

■ These two franchises that have combined for nine Super Bowl titles have a rich history when it comes to the playoffs. This will be their eighth meeting in the past 25 postseasons, three more than any other rivalry. In fact, the only other matchup to occur more often is Cowboys-Rams, which happened nine times. The Packers have a 4-3 edge but the 49ers won the last two meetings following the 2012 and '13 seasons. "We've had a lot of games and had some big games in the playoffs," 49ers left tackle Joe Staley said. "Seem to find each other all the time during the regular season, as well."

■ The one weakness on the 49ers defense of late has been cornerback Ahkello Witherspoon, who has been picked on repeatedly as teams avoid Richard Sherman. Witherspoon has allowed all five TD passes given up by the Niners the past three games and was benched for Emmanuel Moseley in the first quarter last week after getting beaten for a 41-yard TD by Stefon Diggs. Shanahan hasn't said what his plan is for this week, but it seems likely Moseley will get the nod after faring well in nine games as a starter earlier this season.

■ There are plenty of close ties between the coaching staffs based on past history together. But none is as strong as the one between Matt LaFleur and his younger brother Mike, who is passing game coordinator for the Niners. When the teams played in the regular season, Matt's family came out early and spent the weekend with Mike's family. "That won't be the case this time. I think there's a little different vibe, so I'll just leave it at that," Matt LaFleur said.

AP Sports Writer Keith Jenkins contributed to this report.



We know **Chase Daniel** isn't the solution if **Mitch Trubisky**

Plan 'B'

(AS IN 'BACKUP')

BY RICH CAMPBELL

Ryan Pace has left no uncertainty about his Plan A for the Bears' quarterback situation in 2020. The sixth-year general manager wants to see through his draft pick of Mitch Trubisky, whose inconsistency and regression in 2019 pulled the team backward.

"We've seen this before with young quarterbacks and the trials and tribulations they go through," Pace said Dec. 31. "It's part of it. Sometimes if you stick with it and you see it through and you're dedicated to the development of the process, that can be very beneficial to the organization long term."

But what about Plan B? What if Trubisky, in his fourth season, can't "smooth out those inconsistencies," as Pace put it?

Yes, Pace described Trubisky's erratic play as "just a growth process we're all watching take place." But after the Bears finished last in the NFL in 2019 with 5.7 yards per pass, it stands to reason Pace and coach Matt Nagy will try to thicken the ice beneath their feet in continuing with Trubisky's development.

Pace said the Bears will examine their quarterback depth with an eye on upgrades over incumbent backup Chase Daniel and third quarterback Tyler Bray. But unless Pace adopts a different sales pitch from what he said publicly, any quarterback who agrees to sign with the Bears would do so knowing Trubisky is the organization's priority.

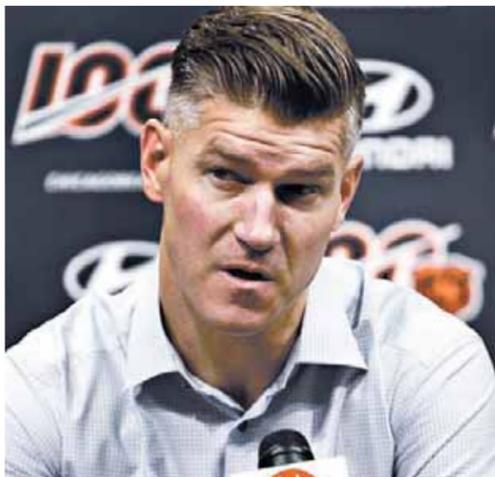
Still, before Pace traded up to select Trubisky second in 2017, he spoke of taking multiple swings at the quarterback position to ensure a solution. In the months ahead, we'll learn whether Pace is again using that approach.

With that in mind, let's survey the landscape of veteran quarterbacks who could become available as free agents or via trade this offseason.

They are listed in alphabetical order within three categories: entrenched starters with expiring contracts, lower-tier veterans headed toward free agency and quarterbacks under contract at least through 2020.

The Bears are estimated to have about \$20 million in salary-cap space, which is below the league average. Of course, cap space can easily be created by restructuring and/or terminating contracts. That's part of the quarterback puzzle the Bears must put together before free agency opens March 18.

Here's a look ahead to the 2020 quarterback market, with each player's 2019 team and 2020 opening-day age.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears general manager Ryan Pace has plenty of options to pursue to help improve the quarterback position.

1B. Entrenched starters with expiring contracts

It's fair to say these options are unrealistic for the Bears, but technically they're part of the QB musical chairs game.

Tom Brady

Patriots | 43 years old
Brady is headed toward free agency because of clauses in his contract that void the deal and prevent the Patriots from protecting their rights to him with the franchise tag. The idea of Brady signing with the Bears seems more like talk-radio fodder than anything grounded in reality. There are many more questions than answers here, such as why would Brady — when he has all the leverage in choosing his next team — sign up to play behind an offensive line that, by Pace's admission, regressed? Why would Brady choose to play with an undermanned supporting cast in the passing game? Could the Bears afford him? Pace pulled off the Khalil Mack trade, but chances are, lightning won't strike twice.

Drew Brees

Saints | 41
Brees' best chance to win another Super Bowl involves staying in New Orleans with coach Sean Payton. The Saints' best chance to win another ring depends on re-signing Brees. Unless Brees retires, why would both sides end up at any other outcome?

Dak Prescott

Cowboys | 27
Prescott played out the fourth and final year of his rookie contract without accepting a preseason extension offer from the Cowboys. He bet on himself staying healthy, and now that he has, he stands to cash in from an organization that's restarting with new coach Mike McCarthy. Contract negotiations will be framed by the franchise tag, which the Cowboys could use to protect their rights to the former offensive rookie of the year.

Philip Rivers

Chargers | 38
Rivers intends to continue his career, which he expressed publicly after the Chargers completed their 5-11 season. He seemed to put it in the Chargers' hands whether he plays a 17th season for the organization. Rivers turned the ball over 23 times (20 interceptions) in 2019, compared with 24 times combined in 2017 and '18. His 23 touchdown passes were his fewest since his second season as a starter (2007).

Ryan Tannehill

Titans | 32
Tannehill's name is the one that doesn't feel quite right in this category, but he saved the Titans' season after replacing former No. 2 pick Marcus Mariota in Week 7. Now he has them in the AFC championship game. Tannehill was the NFL's highest-rated passer (117.5), thriving in the Titans' run-focused offense. It seems reasonable for the Titans to try to retain Tannehill and continue riding the wave he provided. They have the franchise tag at their disposal.

2B. Lower-tier quarterbacks headed toward free agency

This classification is a mix of established quarterbacks and journeymen who have failed to hold a starting job. There's a vast range of quality, and the better players obviously will aim for opportunities to play. How would that match up with the Bears' stated commitment to Trubisky?

Blake Bortles

Rams | 28
After 2018, the Jaguars gave up on the No. 3 pick in the 2014 draft. He landed with the Rams on a one-year deal and attempted only two passes. In his five seasons as the Jaguars starter, his completion percentages ranged from 58.6% to 60.3%.

Teddy Bridgewater

Saints | 27
Expect a robust free-agent market for Bridgewater after he went 5-0 as the Saints starter this season while Drew Brees was sidelined by a right thumb injury. In those five starts, he completed 69.7% of his passes for 1,205 yards with nine touchdowns and two interceptions. Bridgewater proved he can come off the bench and win for an otherwise functional offense. That's what the Bears need to pair with Trubisky. However, Bridgewater's performance in relief of Brees could give him an opportunity to start somewhere immediately. If the Bears are committed to Trubisky as their starter, their attractiveness to Bridgewater would be in doubt, regardless of salary. He's looking to jump-start his career, which was derailed by a catastrophic dislocated knee in 2016. As the 32nd pick in 2014, he has a relatively impressive draft pedigree compared with other journeymen on this list. So expect him to have multiple suitors.

Chad Henne

Chiefs | 35
Henne joined the Chiefs in 2018 as a backup after Nagy left for the Bears. He was on injured reserve (ankle) when starter Patrick Mahomes suffered a dislocated right knee Oct. 17, and he hasn't played in a game this season despite being activated from IR. But Henne is familiar with Andy Reid's offense, which heavily overlaps with Nagy's. When Henne started for the Dolphins and Jaguars in parts of six seasons (2009-14), those teams went 18-35.

Case Keenum

Redskins | 32
Keenum is probably headed for his third team since helping the Vikings go 13-3 in 2017. The Broncos traded him to the Redskins in March as part of a deal that included a swap of sixth- and seventh-round picks. Then the spiraling Redskins benched him in midseason for rookie first-round pick Dwayne Haskins. With the Redskins, Keenum completed 64.8% of his passes with 11 touchdowns and five interceptions.



fails to answer the questions for **Matt Nagy**. So who is?



Shown in order of lists below

Eli Manning

Giants | 39

The decorated veteran said in December he had no fun being a backup after the Giants turned to rookie first-round pick Daniel Jones three games into the season. In 2018, Manning's last season as a full-time starter, he completed a career-high 66% of his passes for 4,299 yards with a career-best 1.9% interception rate. He also was sacked a career-high 47 times.

Marcus Mariota

Titans | 26

Mariota's youth, athleticism and the fact Pace liked him in the 2015 draft have spawned obvious dot-connecting between the Bears and the former Heisman Trophy winner. But Mariota is represented by the same agency, Rep1 Sports, that represents Trubisky. Given the agency's interest in putting both of its clients in starting opportunities, it would be very surprising if Mariota ended up with the Bears. Mariota has a 62.9% career completion percentage and an 89.6 passer rating. The Titans have gone 29-32 with him as a starter after drafting him No. 2 five seasons ago.

Matt Moore

Chiefs | 36

Moore started twice for the Chiefs this season, not bad considering he was out of football in 2018. The Chiefs signed him off the street in August after backup Chad Henne suffered an ankle injury that landed him on injured reserve. Moore briefly replaced injured starter Patrick Mahomes in midseason, and the Chiefs split those two games. He has completed 64.8% of his passes with four touchdowns and no interceptions this season. A plus for the Bears: Moore knows the foundation of Nagy's offense by virtue of his Chiefs experience. His teams are 16-16 in his career with him as the starter.

Jameis Winston

Buccaneers | 26

Winston's status will help set the second-tier quarterback market whenever the Buccaneers decide on his future. The former No. 1 pick finished the fifth and final season of his rookie deal with some crazy numbers. He led the NFL with 5,109 passing yards and 626 attempts. He threw 33 touchdown passes. But he also threw a league-high 30 interceptions — the most in 31 years. Bruce Arians, Winston's third coach with the Bucs, has indicated he's fond of Winston. But Arians exited the season leaving Winston's status undecided. The Bucs could franchise-tag him or try to reach a multiyear extension. Winston's market should include an opportunity to start somewhere, so the Bucs will have to make a clear decision one way or the other about how he fits into their plans. They have the 14th draft pick.

3B. Under contract (trade required)

This group of quarterbacks represents the most realistic potential for upgrading the Bears' backup role. Trading for a quarterback would remove the need to persuade a free agent to embrace a backup job behind Trubisky. This way, the Bears could land a capable No. 2 and let the situation play itself out.

Derek Carr

Raiders | 29

Carr's future is in question after the Raiders lost five of their last six games to crash out of the playoff race. Now coach Jon Gruden, who inherited Carr, must decide how Carr fits into Year 3 of his rebuilding plan, especially as the organization transitions to Las Vegas. Carr at least made a decent closing argument. Over the final four games, he threw for 1,211 yards with five touchdowns and no interceptions. He completed 69.9% of his passes and had a 106.3 rating. But can he be more consistent? Carr's base salary for 2020 is \$18.9 million, a hefty sum for a team to add to its cap via trade. (Trubisky is scheduled to count a fully guaranteed \$9.2 million against the Bears' cap.) The Raiders would eat only \$5 million of dead cap space if they cut Carr before Feb. 5, so that is a date to watch. After that, the dead money would be \$7.9 million.

Andy Dalton

Bengals | 32

The Bengals are positioned to draft LSU quarterback Joe Burrow with the top pick and start a new era with second-year coach Zac Taylor. Taylor benched Dalton after the team started 0-8, effectively signaling the end of his nine-year tenure. The Bengals haven't had a winning record since 2015, and Dalton has been the first-stringer the entire time. Trading for Dalton would require accommodating his \$17.7 million cap number in 2020, which is the final year of his contract. The three-time Pro Bowler has a 62% career completion percentage and has started four playoff games, all losses. The Bears' new offensive coordinator, Bill Lazor, worked with Dalton as a member of the Bengals staff in 2016-18.

Ryan Fitzpatrick

Dolphins | 37

Fitzpatrick helped the Dolphins win five of their last nine games as they went from tanking mess to functional playoff spoiler. He's under contract for 2020 with a team-friendly \$8 million cap number. It's easy to see how he would fit as a bridge to a quarterback the Dolphins draft high in April.

Joe Flacco

Broncos | 35

Flacco's \$20.3 million salary in 2020 won't be palatable for a trade partner. But it also might compel the Broncos to cut him and save about \$10 million in cap space. Flacco ended the season on injured reserve (neck) while rookie second-round pick Drew Lock went 4-1 as the starter to finish the year. Flacco — who played in college at Delaware, as Nagy did — threw only six touchdown passes in eight games. He had five interceptions, was sacked a whopping 26 times and had an 85.1 passer rating, barely above his career average. It's worth noting that the Broncos acquired Flacco (and his contract) from the Ravens last March in exchange for a fourth-round pick.

Nick Foles

Jaguars | 31

The Jaguars did a U-turn on Foles after guaranteeing him \$50 million last March as part of a four-year deal. By the end of the season, he had missed eight games with a broken collarbone and was benched for the final four games in favor of rookie Gardner Minshew, a sixth-round pick. With Doug Marrone coaching for his job in 2020, there's major doubt about how Foles fits with the team. From the Bears' perspective, Foles proved himself as a backup in a similar offense to theirs in 2017, when he led the Eagles to the Super Bowl championship. Foles also was with Nagy with the Chiefs in 2016. Trading Foles would save the Jaguars about \$3 million of cap space, although they would have to stomach almost \$19 million in dead money because of Foles' signing bonus. His base salary, which Foles' new team would pick up, is \$15.1 million. Foles' employer could get out of his contract after 2020 for \$12.5 million in dead money, which is a manageable escape route if he doesn't work out.

Josh Rosen

Dolphins | 23

The salary-cap numbers on the remaining three years of Rosen's contract are manageable (less than \$3 million annually) because of the rookie wage scale and because the Cardinals already paid his signing bonus. That makes the former No. 10 pick tradable, but it also makes him cheap for the Dolphins to keep. The Bears' quarterback puzzle requires a more proven backup than Rosen.

Alex Smith

Redskins, 36

Imagine how eager Nagy would be to acquire Smith, whose ability as a quarterback and mentor he came to deeply respect during their five seasons together with the Chiefs. No veteran backup quarterback option knows Nagy or his offense better. A couple of deep questions, though, stand between Smith and any trade. Most important, significant doubt remains about his physical ability to play football again. He suffered a compound, open right leg fracture in 2018 and has endured numerous post-surgical complications related to infection. According to a Washington media outlet, Smith gave a speech in 2019 in which he acknowledged having had 17 surgeries. He sat out the season while his rehabilitation continues, and he has not been cleared to resume full-speed football activities. Second, the Redskins love Smith for the same reasons Nagy does. He's smart and he's a magnanimous mentor to 2019 first-round pick Dwayne Haskins. For the sake of this exercise, though, let's say Smith is cleared to play in 2020 (which is far from certain). A trade would cost his new team \$16 million in base salary against its salary cap. The Redskins would save about \$5 million in cap space by dealing him, although they would absorb more than \$16 million in dead money because of his signing bonus. The savings might not be worth it to the Redskins.

Tyrod Taylor

Chargers | 31

Taylor backed up Philip Rivers and threw six passes in 2019. He's now two seasons removed from a three-year stint as the Bills starter. The Bills went 22-20 in games he started. He threw 51 touchdown passes and 16 interceptions with a 62.6% completion percentage for them. He also averaged 525 rushing yards, almost five rushing touchdowns and more than 40 sacks per season. The Bills traded him to the Browns two offseasons ago for a third-round pick. Taylor's base salary is \$5 million in 2020, and the Chargers would have to eat \$2.5 million in dead money to trade him.

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Days until free agency, which begins March 18. The NFL draft is about five weeks later, beginning April 23. The Bears currently own seven picks, beginning with two in the second round (Nos. 43 and 50). Stay tuned to chicagotribune.com/bears for all of the Bears offseason news and notes.

COLLEGES

NORTHWESTERN FOOTBALL

To a degree, a shocking choice

Why state's 12th-ranked Metz chose to walk on with NU

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Walk into the family home of Greyson Metz, and the first thing you notice is a washer/dryer covered with magnetized baseball and football cards.

There's one of little Greyson, perhaps 10, kneeling in a red jersey and cradling a football. He's wearing glasses.

"Oh, God, I'm blind," Metz jokes of his minus-7 prescription.

Blind? Or does he see something the rest of us don't?

Metz is 17 now, a senior at Glenbard West in Glen Ellyn. He's a 6-foot-3, 205-pound linebacker who was named Defensive Player of the Year in the West Suburban Conference. He was offered a full scholarship by Syracuse, Louisville, Cincinnati and Iowa, which won 10 games this fall and develops players so well, 29 Hawkeyes dotted NFL rosters to start the 2019 season.

The 247Sports.com composite rankings show Metz as the No. 12 recruit in Illinois, followed by St. Charles East guard Dylan Barrett, Homewood-Flossmoor guard Marcus Harper, Wheaton North linebacker Xander Mueller and Lincoln-Way East defensive end Sean McLaughlin.

Barrett is headed to Wisconsin, Harper to Oregon, Mueller and McLaughlin to Northwestern. All on scholarship.

Shoot, Northwestern gave a full ride to the 25th-ranked player in the state, Lake Zurich tight end Hunter Welcing. He will be a Wildcat.

So will Metz. But he is paying his own way as a preferred walk-on. Check that — his parents, Michael and Janel, will cut the checks totaling about \$70,000 to cover his freshman year. And probably his sophomore year. And perhaps his junior year. There is nothing resembling a guarantee that Metz will one day be put on scholarship. Northwestern coaches are offering merely an opportunity and a promise to treat him as an equal. That's enough.

"I'm a kid from Chicago," Metz says. "Why would I leave the state and go somewhere that's not home? People who know me, my closest friends, get who I am. No one has come up to me and said, 'You're an idiot.'"

Quite the contrary. Metz doesn't know his recruiting rankings, but he does know his GPA — a weighted 5.2 on a 5.0 scale. He will have taken eight Advanced Placement classes by the time he graduates this spring. His ACT superscore is 32.

And that's why Metz's second choice for college was not Iowa or Syracuse, Louisville or Cincinnati. It was Harvard.

And it's why his coach at Glenbard West, Chad Hetlet, was only momentarily stunned when Metz turned down Iowa, figuring, "That's what Iowa is — a bunch of Greyson Metz'es."

But then Hetlet thought about it more and came to this conclusion about Metz's decision to pass up all of those full rides: "If you knew Greyson Metz, you wouldn't be shocked."

'They are shocked'

Janel Metz describes her youngest son as "approachable, funny, empathetic, intuitive."

"He's a guy's guy, but there's a sensitive side to him too," she says. "A well-rounded kid and self-motivated. He knows where he stands in a class, to what tenth of a point he needs to get the grade he wants, which is usually an A."

Greyson's name was inspired by Gray Davis, the former governor of California. His parents liked the way Greyson sounded. His older brother is named Stone, inspired by former "Dateline NBC" anchor Stone Phillips.

Unconventional choices seem to run in the family.

Janel is a Loyola alumna who works in an administrative capacity at Baird & Warner Real Estate. Michael graduated from Bradley with a civil engineering degree and is a vice president at Krusinski Construction.

Do other parents think they're nuts for passing on all those scholarships?

"More than anything," Michael says, "they are shocked."

Says Janel: "Some people feel a degree is a degree is a degree, and you make your way on your own. We've made our choice. Thankfully we're in a position to make it happen. We're not independently wealthy, but we think it's worth it."

Metz is sacrificing his ego to walk on at Northwestern. His parents are sacrificing something more tangible.

Michael was there at Iowa's junior day when linebackers coach Seth Wallace pulled Greyson aside to tell him his life was about to change.

Greyson was flattered but thought to himself: "Now I'm stuck with an impossible decision because I don't want to sacrifice that academic portion of it, but I don't want to sell myself short in terms of playing football at the highest level. They are both dreams of mine."

All along, the family plan had been, in Michael's words, to "use football to maximize academics."

Playing at Harvard or Yale carried tremendous appeal, but it's not Big Ten football. And factoring in travel costs, the family would have had to shell out another \$10,000 per year — without any hope for an eventual scholarship. Ivy League schools offer only need-based scholarships for student-athletes.

So they attended a spring practice at



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"Why would I leave the state and go somewhere that's not home? People who know me, my closest friends, get who I am. No one has come up to me and said, 'You're an idiot.'"

—Greyson Metz, Glenbard West senior on choosing to walk on at Northwestern despite full-scholarship offers from Syracuse, Louisville, Cincinnati and Iowa

Northwestern's \$270 million lakefront facility. Michael noted the presence of various real estate, hedge fund and finance professionals, envisioning Greyson's networking potential.

The family hit it off with linebackers coach Tim McGarigle and player development director Jacob Schmidt, who blossomed into a starting running back for the Wildcats after arriving as a 5-10 walk-on.

Northwestern coaches declined to offer Metz a scholarship because they had set aside only two for linebackers in their 17-player 2020 class. The first went to Cullen Coleman, a stud from New York who had offers from Alabama, Ohio State, Michigan and Notre Dame.

The second went to Wheaton North's Mueller. Though he's listed at 6-3 and 210 pounds, observers say he's stronger and thicker than Metz.

Metz played most of his junior season with a torn labrum in a shoulder. Surgery curtailed his offseason lifting. He's now on a 6,000-calories-a-day diet. He leaves for school with a protein shake and usually spends lunch in the library downing his mom's ham-and-cheese and PB&J sandwiches.

Metz says Northwestern coaches told him: "We can't give you the scholarship, but we can give you the chance to play here. We can fulfill what you say you want in a school."

He wants to play Big Ten football. He wants an elite education. He wants to be within an hour's drive of Glen Ellyn. He wants to play for a fire-breathing coach like Pat Fitzgerald.

Last season Fitzgerald lamented that his players are more into social media than football history, claiming, "They don't know who Walter Payton is, all right?"

Metz says his all-time favorite player is a guy who retired 15 years before he was born. Walter Payton.

'Thank you for the trust'

Metz's decision was stunning but not unprecedented at Northwestern. Have you heard of Joe Spivak? Or as WildcatReport.com put it, "The Legend of Joe Spivak"?

The gloriously beefy defensive tackle from Montini opted to walk on at Northwestern rather than accept a scholarship offer from Michigan State about a week before national signing day in 2017, saying he preferred to earn a scholarship.

"There hasn't been a day on campus," he says, "where I question or regret my decision."

Spivak says Northwestern walk-ons have a "cultish mindset" that supplies every shoulder with the ultimate chip: "Y'all are getting it paid while my parents are still paying for this expensive education."

They dream of becoming the next to go from walk-on to star, like offensive lineman J.B. Butler or wide receiver Austin Carr, who caught a Big Ten-best 90 passes in 2016 and just completed his third season with the Saints.

Spivak says he has heard that at some schools, walk-ons "come in and they make you a tackling dummy."

"Here you're an equal dude," he says, "same gear, same training table, no separate workouts or locker room."

His father, Joe Sr., became an All-America offensive lineman for Illinois State after starting out as a walk-on. One sister, Courtney, walked on as a swimmer at Illinois; another, Lexi, did the same at Missouri. Spivak is now a former walk-on, having earned a Northwestern scholarship in his second season.

"Validation," he says.

The Metz family huddled with Fitzgerald on Dec. 13 in his office. The coach spoke extensively and enthusiastically about the potential benefits of accepting his offer as a preferred walk-on.

Greyson told him: "I want to come here."

His parents were thrilled. So was Fitzgerald.

"Fitz went nuts," Janel says. "He jumped up and said, 'Really?' He hugged Greyson and he hugged me and said, 'Thank you for the trust.'"



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DePaul's Romeo Weems celebrates a 79-66 win against No. 5 Butler on Saturday.

DEPAUL 79, NO. 5 BUTLER 66

Exercise the Blue Demons

DePaul gets first Big East win in dismantling of No. 5 Butler

BY PATRICK ROSE

Associated Press

In just two weeks of play in the Big East, DePaul was on the verge of ruining everything it established during an impressive nonconference season.

But on Saturday, DePaul changed course with an elusive victory over a top-five opponent.

Paul Reed scored 23 points on 8-of-9 shooting and had nine rebounds, Jalen Coleman-Lands added 20 points, and DePaul upset No. 5 Butler 79-66 at Wintrust Arena.

Coleman-Lands was 3-for-5 from 3-point range, and freshman Romeo Weems scored 11 points as the Blue Demons knocked off a top-five team for the first time since beating No. 5 Kansas on Dec. 2, 2006.

After a disappointing 0-4 start in the Big East, with close losses to Seton Hall and Villanova, DePaul (13-5, 1-4) left little doubt against Butler that its nonconference season wasn't a fluke.

The 12-1 start included road wins at Iowa and Minnesota and a victory at home against last season's national runner-up, Texas Tech.

"The last couple of weeks has not been easy for anybody, our locker room most importantly, but as I kept telling them, 'We have stay the course, stay the course,'"

DePaul coach Dave Leitao said.

The victory over Butler (15-3, 3-2) reaffirmed that DePaul, which has been a bottom-feeder since joining the conference in 2005, won't be an easy out this season in the Big East.

"It shows we have really good potential; it shows if we come together, like I said all year long, we can beat anybody, but also if we don't, anyone in this league can beat us, and that has shown itself, too," Leitao said.

Butler, which was coming off a home loss to Seton Hall on Wednesday, never led and trailed by double digits the entire second half.

The Bulldogs gave up a season-high 44 first-half points, the most since giving up 34 in a loss to Baylor.

Kamar Baldwin led Butler with 16 points and Jordan Tucker added 13. The loss snapped an 11-game winning streak against DePaul.

"They have a really good start to it, setting the tone early," Butler coach LaVall Jordan said. "It's going to be difficult if we're putting people on the line 32 times in a game, that's an issue."

"We've got to be able to defend without fouling. If we turn the ball over 17 times, that's not the formula to have a chance in this league. We've got to be better as coaches. Our guys just have to understand every night in the Big East, this is what it is."

ILLINOIS 75, NORTHWESTERN 71

Dosunmu plays hero once again

Guard seizes moment, helps Illini overcome inspired NU

BY SHANNON RYAN

CHAMPAIGN — For Ayo Dosunmu's 20th birthday Friday, he said he requested a plain vanilla cake.

He saved the razzle-dazzle for Saturday. He saved the icing for the court too.

In yet another display of late-game heroics, the Illinois point guard hit a clutch long-range jumper and nailed two free throws in the final 18 seconds to help the Illini hold off Northwestern for a 75-71 victory at the State Farm Center.

"I feel like it's about seizing the moment," Dosunmu said. "You have to fall back on your preparation. In late-game situations, I don't think it's all about scoring. I think about making the right play."

At four games, No. 24 Illinois (13-5, 5-2 Big Ten) has the longest winning streak in the conference. They joined the Associated Press rankings Monday for the first time since 2014 and sit in second place in the Big Ten.

"It feels great," junior guard Trent Frazier said.

Northwestern (6-11, 1-6) played well, challenging Illinois to a tipoff to the final buzzer in a game that featured 11 lead changes and six ties.

Wildcats coach Chris Collins said he sees similarities in his team the Illini, who were 5-13 at this point last season and lost its first five conference games before seeing improvement.



HOLLY HART/AP

Ayo Dosunmu of Illinois looks for a shot as Northwestern's Miller Kopp defends in the first half Saturday night in Champaign.

"You just saw their young kids and what they could be, and they finally broke through," Collins said. "They gained that confidence, and now they became a team that can compete with anybody. It's really a good model for us."

The Wildcats chipped away at Illinois' nine-point lead in the final three minutes. An A.J. Turner 3-pointer with 44.8 seconds to play pulled Northwestern within 71-68.

But a deep Dosunmu jumper provided a five-point cushion for the Illini, revving up a crowded arena as he skipped down the court smiling after the shot. Miller Kopp drained a 3-pointer in front of the Wildcats bench to inch Northwestern within 73-71 with 77 seconds left.

Dosunmu, who finished with 15 points and six assists, calmly hit two free throws with six seconds on the clock to seal it.

"Ayo does what Ayo does down the stretch: He iced the game," Illinois coach Brad Underwood said.

Frazier sizzled from start to finish. He led the Illini with 16 points on 5-of-11 shooting, including four 3-pointers.

Forward Robbie Beran scored 17 points and Kopp finished with 16 for Northwestern.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	28	14	.667	—
Boston	27	14	.659	½
Philadelphia	28	16	.636	1
Brooklyn	18	23	.439	9½
New York	11	32	.256	17½

SOUTHEAST

Miami	29	12	.707	—
Orlando	20	23	.465	10
Charlotte	15	29	.341	15½
Washington	13	28	.317	16
Atlanta	10	33	.233	20

CENTRAL

Milwaukee	38	6	.864	—
Indiana	27	15	.643	10
Detroit	16	27	.372	21½
Chicago	16	28	.364	22
Cleveland	12	31	.279	25½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	27	15	.643	—
Houston	26	15	.634	½
Memphis	20	22	.476	7
San Antonio	17	23	.425	9
New Orleans	16	27	.372	11½

NORTHWEST

Denver	29	12	.707	—
Utah	29	13	.690	½
Oklahoma City	24	19	.558	6
Portland	18	26	.409	12½
Minnesota	15	27	.357	14½

PACIFIC

L.A. Lakers	34	8	.810	—
L.A. Clippers	30	13	.698	4½
Phoenix	18	24	.429	16
Sacramento	15	27	.357	19
Golden State	10	34	.227	25

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

L.A. Clippers 133, New Orleans 130
Milwaukee 117, Brooklyn 97
San Antonio 123, Boston 119
Detroit 136, Atlanta 103
Philadelphia 90, New York 87
Chicago 118, Cleveland 116
Toronto 122, Minnesota 112
Golden State 109, Orlando 95
L.A. Lakers 124, Houston 115
Utah 123, Sacramento 101
Oklahoma City 119, Portland 109

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Miami at San Antonio, 2 p.m.
Indiana at Denver, 7 p.m.

BULLS 118, CAVALIERS 116

CLEVELAND: Love 10-20 5-5 29, Osman 4-5 4-11 6, Thompson 5-7 4-14, Garland 6-14 1-16, Sexton 10-17 2-22, McKinnie 3-6 3-9, Nance Jr. 2-30 0-4, Dellavedova 0-0 0-0, Exum 0-2 2-4. Totals 40-74 21-23 116.

CHICAGO: Dunn 4-6 1-2 10, Markkanen 7-14 1-17, Kornet 4-7 0-0 11, LaVine 19-31 2-4 42, Satoransky 3-9 0-6, Young 3-5 0-7, Felicio 1-10 0-2, Hutchison 1-2 2-4, Arcidiacono 1-3 0-0 2, Harrison 2-3 2-6 5, White 3-6 5-6 11. Totals 48-87 13-17 118.

Cleveland 33 40 29 14 — 116
Chicago 31 25 31 31 — 118

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 15-29 (Osman 4-5, Sexton 4-6, Love 4-8, Garland 3-7, McKinnie 0-2).

Chicago 9-25 (Kornet 3-5, LaVine 2-6, Markkanen 2-8, Dunn 1-2).

Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 36 (Thompson 8), Chicago 27 (LaVine 6).

Assists—Cleveland 27 (Love 6), Chicago 25 (Satoransky 8).

Total Fouls—Cleveland 18, Chicago 24. **A—19,939** (20,917).

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	28	9	12	68	163	129
Tampa Bay	29	15	4	62	175	137
Florida	26	16	5	57	174	156
Toronto	25	17	7	57	176	165
Buffalo	22	20	7	51	145	152
Montreal	22	21	7	51	155	157
Ottawa	17	23	8	42	130	163
Detroit	12	33	4	28	104	189

METRO

Washington	33	11	5	71	177	144
Pittsburgh	30	13	5	65	164	130
N.Y. Islanders	28	15	4	60	138	128
Columbus	25	16	8	58	132	126
Philadelphia	26	17	6	58	155	150
Carolina	27	18	3	57	153	130
N.Y. Rangers	23	19	4	50	155	153
New Jersey	17	24	7	41	126	173

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	30	11	8	68	158	134
Colorado	27	15	6	60	173	140
Dallas	27	17	4	58	125	120
Winnipeg	25	19	4	54	146	147
Chicago	23	20	6	52	147	155
Nashville	22	18	7	51	156	154
Minnesota	22	20	6	50	148	159

PACIFIC

Vancouver	27	18	4	58	162	149
Edmonton	26	18	5	57	155	153
Calgary	26	19	5	57	135	147
Vegas	25	19	7	57	159	156
Arizona	20	20	5	57	146	138
San Jose	21	25	4	46	130	167
Anaheim	19	24	5	43	122	150
Los Angeles	18	27	4	41	125	158

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Washington 6, N.Y. Islanders 4
Colorado 5, St. Louis 3
Edmonton 7, Arizona 3
Ottawa 5, Calgary 2
Columbus 5, New Jersey 0
Chicago 6, Toronto 2
Philadelphia 4, Los Angeles 1
Florida 4, Detroit 1
Montreal 5, Vegas 4 (SO)
Nashville 2, Buffalo 1
Minnesota 7, Dallas 0
Vancouver 4, San Jose 1

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 4 p.m.
Winnipeg at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Columbus at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.

BLACKHAWKS 6, MAPLE LEAFS 2

Chicago	3	3	0	— 6
Toronto	0	2	0	— 2

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Chicago, Caggiula 5 (Kubalik, Murphy), 0:21. **2,** Chicago, Toews 13 (Gustafsson, Nylander), 5:32. **3,** Chicago, Saad 12 (Kane, Carpenter), 11:02.

Penalties: Kane, Chi (Hooking), 18:48.

SECOND PERIOD: 4, Toronto, Nylander 22 (Marner, Barrie), 0:25 (pp). **5,** Chicago, Toews 14 (Caggiula, Gustafsson), 3:19. **6,** Chicago, Kubalik 19 (Toews, Koekkoek), 10:58. **7,** Toronto, Kerfoot 8 (Engvall, Barrie), 15:17. **8,** Chicago, Kubalik 20 (Keith, Toews), 17:42.

Penalties: Murphy, Chi (Slashing), 6:15.

THIRD PERIOD: None. Penalties: Kaparen, Tor (High Sticking), 19:18.

SHOTS ON GOAL: Chicago 10-11-13—34. Toronto 11-12-10—33.

POWER PLAYS: Chicago 0 of 1; Toronto 1 of 2.

GOALIES: Chicago, Crawford 9-13-2 (33 shots-31 saves). Toronto, Andersen 22-9-6 (34-28). **A: 19,502** (18,819). **T: 2:18.**

Referees: Dean Morton, Chris Rooney.

Linesmen: Shandor Alphonso, Devin Berg.

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE

Skater, Team	G	GA	Avg
Samsonov Was	18	37	2.1
Khumedi Dal	19	38	2.13
Jarry Pit	24	50	2.16
Kuemper Arizona	25	55	2.17
Bishop Dal	31	65	2.22
Allen St. Louis	16	34	2.27
Rask Bos	28	62	2.27
Driedger Fla	9	18	2.25
Francouz Col	19	42	2.41
Halak Bos	22	54	2.42
Korpisalo Clmbu	32	78	2.49
Murzlikins Clmb	19	42	2.5
Varlamov NYI	30	69	2.5
Binnington St. Louis	34	84	2.51
Hill Arizona	8	16	2.51
Primeau Mon	2	5	2.52
Greiss N.Y. Islanders	22	48	2.54
Talbot Cal	16	38	2.54
Vasilevskiy Tam	35	89	2.54
Reimer Car	19	45	2.56

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

- 1. Gonzaga** (20-1) beat BYU 92-69. Next: vs. Pacific, Saturday.
- 2. Baylor** (15-1) beat Oklahoma State 75-68. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Monday.
- 3. Duke** (15-3) lost to No. 11 Louisville 79-73. Next: vs. Miami, Tuesday.
- 4. Auburn** (15-2) lost to Florida 69-47. Next: vs. South Carolina, Wednesday.
- 5. Butler** (15-3) lost to DePaul 79-66. Next: at No. 14 Villanova, Tuesday.
- 6. Kansas** (14-3) beat Texas 66-57. Next: vs. Kansas State, Tuesday.
- 7. San Diego State** (19-0) beat Nevada 68-55. Next: vs. Wyoming, Tuesday.
- 8. Oregon** (15-4) beat Washington 64-61. OT. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Thursday.
- 9. Florida State** (16-2) beat Miami 83-79. OT. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Saturday.
- 10. Kentucky** (13-4) beat Arkansas 73-66. Next: vs. Georgia, Tuesday.
- 11. Louisville** (15-3) beat No. 3 Duke 79-73. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Wednesday.
- 12. West Virginia** (14-3) lost to Kansas State 84-68. Next: vs. Texas, Monday.
- 13. Dayton** (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. St. Bonaventure, Wednesday.
- 14. Villanova** (14-3) beat UConn 61-55. Next: vs. No. 5 Butler, Tuesday.
- 15. Michigan State** (14-4) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Thursday.
- 16. Wichita State** (15-3) lost to Houston 65-54. Next: at South Florida, Tuesday.
- 17. Maryland** (14-4) beat Purdue 57-50. Next: at Northwestern, Tuesday.
- 18. Seton Hall** (14-4) beat St. John's 82-79. Next: vs. Providence, Wednesday.
- 19. Michigan** (11-6) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Wednesday.
- 20. Colorado** (14-4) lost to Arizona 75-54. Next: vs. Washington State, Thursday.
- 21. Ohio State** (12-6) lost to Penn State 90-76. Next: vs. Minnesota, Thursday.
- 22. Memphis** (14-3) did not play. Next: at Tulsa, Wednesday.
- 23. Texas Tech** (12-5) beat Iowa State 72-52. Next: at TCU, Tuesday.
- 24. Illinois** (13-5) beat Northwestern 75-71. Next: at Purdue, Tuesday.
- 25. Creighton** (14-5) beat Providence 78-74. Next: at DePaul, Wednesday.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

EAST

American U. 81, Holy Cross 69
Army 81, Loyola (Md.) 80
Colgate 79, Boston U. 70
Drexel 84, William & Mary 57
Harvard 67, Dartmouth 62
Marquette 84, Georgetown 80
Pittsburgh 66, N. Carolina 52
Rhode Island 66, La Salle 63
Saint Joseph's 87, Penn 81
Towson 69, James Madison 61
Vermont 74, Hartford 57

SOUTH

Alabama 88, Missouri 74
Arkansas St. 80, Coastal Carolina 75
Charleston S. 79, High Point 60
Hampton 88, UNC-Asheville 86
Mercer 90, Samford 75
NC St. 60, Clemson 54
S. Miss. 81, Rice 68
Syracuse 71, Virginia Tech 69
Tennessee 66, Vanderbilt 45
Tulsa 67, Tulane 54
VCU 91, St. Bonaventure 63

MIDWEST

Ball St. 71, Miami (Ohio) 62
Bowling Green 66, N. Illinois 64
Buffalo 86, Cent. Michigan 67
E. Illinois 84, Tennessee Tech 59
Green Bay 83, Detroit 80
Houston 65, Wichita St. 54
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Indiana 82, Nebraska 74
Jacksonville St. 64, SIU-Edwardsville 56
Milwaukee 73, Oakland 68
Kansas St. 84, W. Virginia 68
Missouri St. 68, Evansville 58
Murray St. 96, SE Missouri 91
N. Iowa 86, Bradley 71
Ohio 60, E. Michigan 58
Oral Roberts 92, Fort Wayne 68
Toledo 99, Akron 89
Valparaiso 86, Indiana St. 77
W. Michigan 67, Kent St. 63
Wright St. 79, Youngstown St. 72

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma 83, TCU 63
S. Carolina 81, Texas A&M 67
WEST
Arizona 75, Colorado 54
Colorado St. 78, Air Force 65
Southern Cal 82, Stanford 78, OT

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

- 1. South Carolina** (17-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Mississippi State, Mon.
- 2. Baylor** (15-1) beat No. 17 West Virginia 91-51. Next: at TCU, Wednesday.
- 3. Stanford** (15-2) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Oregon State, Sunday.
- 4. UConn** (15-1) did not play. Next: vs. Tulsa, Sunday.
- 5. Louisville** (17-1) did not play. Next: at North Carolina, Sunday.
- 6. Oregon** (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. California, Sunday.
- 7. UCLA** (16-1) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Friday.
- 8. Oregon State** (16-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Stanford, Sunday.
- 9. N.C. State** (16-1) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Sunday.
- 10. Mississippi State** (16-2) did not play. Next: at No. 1 South Carolina, Monday.
- 11. Kentucky** (15-2) did not play. Next: at LSU, Sunday.
- 12. Texas A&M** (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Sunday.
- 13. Florida State** (15-3) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Thursday.
- 14. DePaul** (16-2) did not play. Next: at Butler, Sunday.
- 15. Indiana** (14-4) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Maryland, Monday.
- 16. Gonzaga** (18-1) beat San Francisco 69-46. Next: vs. Pepperdine, Thursday.
- 17. West Virginia** (13-2) at No. 2 Baylor. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Wednesday.
- 18. Arizona State** (14-4) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Sunday.
- 19. Missouri State** (14-3) did not play. Next: at Indiana State, Friday.
- 20. Maryland** (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Indiana, Monday.
- 21. Arizona** (14-3) did not play. Next: at Washington, Sunday.
- 22. Iowa** (14-3) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Sunday.
- 23. Arkansas** (14-3) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Sunday.
- 24. Tennessee** (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Monday.
- 25. South Dakota** (17-2) vs. South Dakota State, p.pd. Next: vs. S. Dakota St. Sun.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

EAST
Buffalo 66, E. Michigan 63
Colgate 70, Boston U. 61
Columbia 76, Cornell 66
Duquesne 58, Saint Joseph's 51
Holy Cross 72, American U. 59
Vermont 63, Hartford 53

SOUTH

Alcorn St. 81, MVSU 67
Bethune-Cookman 73, NC Cent. 52
Cent. Arkansas 53, Nicholls 46
Florida A&M 44, SC St. 39
Gardner-Webb 63, SC-Upstate 59
Hampton 64, Charleston S. 53
Jackson St. 81, Texas S. 79
Jacksonville 57, Stetson 52
Liberty 64, Lipscomb 60
Morgan St. 74, Howard 67
New Orleans 74, Coppin St. 38
NC A&T 84, McNeese St. 59
Old Dominion 67, Marshall 46
Prairie View 67, Grambling St. 54
S. Alabama 71, Georgia S. 65
Tulane 64, Cincinnati 59
W. Kentucky 60, Charlotte 56

MIDWEST

Cent. Michigan 80, W. Michigan 70
Cleveland St. 79, Oakland 58
Jacksonville St. 53, SIU-Edwardsville 44
Kent St. 78, Miami (Ohio) 75
N. Illinois 70, Akron 65
Ohio 79, Ball St. 71
SE Missouri 88, Murray St. 73
Tennessee Tech 75, E. Illinois 62
Toledo 79, Bowling Green 72
Youngstown St. 62, Detroit 47
Rice 75, S. Miss. 64

WEST

BYU 65, Saint Mary's (Cal) 55
Chicago St. 60, CS Bakersfield 69
Nevada 70, San Diego State 58

BLACKHAWKS AND BULLS

BLACKHAWKS 6, MAPLE LEAFS 2

Kane's magical weekend

London Knights retire his jersey and a scoring milestone gets closer

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

TORONTO — Every once in a while a confluence of events comes together that best can be described as magical.

Patrick Kane, whose Blackhawks career has been nothing less than magical, could wind up remembering this weekend that way.

Kane had his No. 88 retired Friday night by the London Knights, with whom he played junior hockey for one brilliant season 13 years ago. And with games Saturday against the Maple Leafs at Scotiabank Arena and Sunday against the Jets at the United Center, he could have become the 90th player in NHL history to hit the 1,000-point milestone.

Kane has 999 after picking up an assist Saturday on Brandon Saad's goal in a 6-2 Hawks victory.

"It would be fun to do it tonight," Kane said Saturday after the morning skate in Toronto. "It would cap off a pretty special weekend."

But it wouldn't cap off what has been a pretty special career. At 31, Kane has plenty left in the tank and is playing perhaps the best hockey of his 13-season career that began a few months after he racked up 145 points (62 goals, 83 assists) in 58 games for the Knights during the 2006-07 season.

On Friday, Kane's parents, girlfriend, three sisters and several former Knights teammates joined him in London, Ontario — about a two-hour drive from Toronto — to have his No. 88 hung from the rafters of Budweiser Gardens alongside those of Corey Perry, Dino Ciccarelli and former Hawk Dave Bolland, among others.

Kane has won three Stanley Cups and an NHL scoring title, was named rookie of the year and won the most valuable player award after the 2015-16 season and the Conn Smythe Trophy as MVP of the 2013 playoffs. Having his number retired by the Knights ranks with them all.

"I think it's up there," Kane said. "Being in London one year and going back there (Friday) night, I think you get a little emotional at the video tribute. It's your career displayed for you in front of your eyes. It's amazing it's been 13 years."

The importance of that season to the Hawks dynasty of the last decade can't be overstated. Kane was not considered a candidate for the No. 1 pick in the 2007 draft until he grabbed the attention of the hockey world during his one season in London.

The Hawks took notice and took him with the first pick. The rest is history. Or at least history in the making.

"It feels like yesterday I was playing there and having a lot of fun playing hockey," Kane said. "I was there one year but have a lot of memories that can maybe take up four or five years from that one season."

"It was a great season and just felt the same when I was walking in the building. (It) felt like I was coming back to play a game in that building. That was a weird feeling going back in there."

Getting his 1,000th point in Toronto — one of the meccas of the hockey world — with his family in attendance and on the same weekend the Knights retired his number would have been a beautiful coincidence.

"Yeah, it's a pretty good stage to get it if he were able to," coach Jeremy Colliton said. "I think he'd want that. It's a big game for us too. So he knows that when he's able to produce for us, it helps us win."

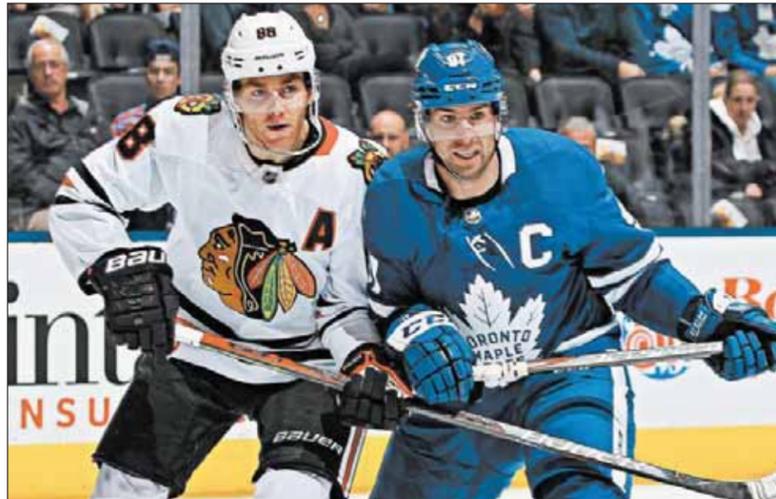
Colliton had no idea how right he was. It has been nearly impossible for the Hawks to win over the last two seasons, statistics show, unless Kane's name is on the scoresheet.

Beginning with the 2018-19 season, Kane scored at least one point in 102 of the 130 games in which he played, and the Hawks are 56-33-13. In games Kane has not registered a point, the Hawks are 3-20-5.



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Patrick Kane flips a puck to the crowd Saturday during warmups before the Hawks faced the Maple Leafs in Toronto.



Patrick Kane skates alongside the Maple Leafs' John Tavares on Saturday night.

And this season? In games in which Kane didn't pick up a point, the Hawks are, incredibly, just 1-8-2. That one victory comes with an asterisk because, although Kane didn't get credit for a point, he scored the clinching shootout goal in a 3-2 win Dec. 29 against the Blue Jackets.

Despite only being in his third season, Alex DeBrincat's 24 goals are seventh among Hawks who have scored the most off an assist from Kane.

DeBrincat learned early in his career that playing on a line with Kane isn't as simple as jumping on the ice and waiting for Kane to zip a perfect pass his way.

The perfect pass often comes. But it's

impossible to know when, where or how.

"He's got eyes in the back of his head," DeBrincat said. "He's always looking for you. You've just got to be prepared — that's the biggest thing. A lot of guys are thinking, 'There's no way he can get this to me,' and they get a little lazy. And then it's right on their stick and they're not ready to shoot."

"That's a big thing with him: Just be ready to shoot it at any time."

That's a lesson Marian Hossa learned in 2011 when he was a participant in what Kane said was the most memorable regular-season point of his career.

The Hawks played the Ducks at the United Center on Oct. 25. Kane took off with

BLACKHAWKS 6, MAPLE LEAFS 2

Kane inches to milestone as Hawks rout Maple Leafs

Drake Caggiula scored 21 seconds into the game, Jonathan Toews had two goals and two assists and Brandon Saad scored in his first game back after missing a month Saturday in the Blackhawks' 6-2 rout of the Maple Leafs in Toronto for their league-best fourth straight victory. Patrick Kane's first-period assist moved him within one of 1,000 points, and rookie Dominik Kubalik scored twice in the second period to give him 20 goals on the season and nine in his last seven games. The Hawks improved to 23-20-6 and pulled within four points of the Canucks — who played late Saturday — for the final Western Conference wild-card spot. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports.

the puck near the right boards and crossed the blue line with defenseman Toni Lydman cutting off his path to the net and three other Ducks clogging the slot.

Kane veered slightly away from the net before doing a spin-o-rama and sending a perfect blind pass to Hossa, whose stick was on the ice ready for, well, a perfect blind pass.

"I think it was the first time I did that and was able to pull it off (and) be able to create a goal out of it," Kane said. "Tried it a few times before, and that was the first time it connected on the pass to Hossa. For whatever reason, that sticks out."

Some things stick out more than others. Like certain magical weekends of hockey.

BULLS

Weather forces traveling violation

Bulls, Cavs on delayed flights to Chicago for game on Sat.

BY JAMAL COLLIER

Both the Bulls and Cavaliers are in the middle of one of the toughest stretches in their schedule this season. The winter storm in Chicago this weekend added an extra wrinkle to their travel plans.

The Bulls spent the night in Philadelphia after their 100-89 loss to the 76ers on Friday while the Cavs stayed overnight in Memphis, Tenn., after a 113-109 loss to the Grizzlies, forcing both teams to fly Saturday morning ahead of their evening matchup at the United Center. It added some extra intrigue to the game between two struggling teams.

"Both of us are coming off tough losses," Cavs coach John Beilein said before the game. "And we both have to deal with it."

Neither coach wanted to make excuses for the tough turnaround, but it forced both teams to adjust.

They each canceled morning shootarounds and shortened their film sessions. The Cavaliers, wrapping up a six-game trip, still arrived in Chicago and

BULLS RECAP

Zach LaVine scored 21 of his game-high 42 points in the fourth quarter Saturday, rallying the Bulls to a 118-116 victory over the Cavaliers at the United Center. LaVine made 19 of 31 shots and added six rebounds and five steals. Lauri Markkanen scored 17 on 7-of-14 shooting, and Coby White and Luke Kornet added 11 points each for the Bulls (16-28). The Bulls outscored the Cavaliers 31-14 in the fourth quarter after trailing by as many as 19 in the third. Kevin Love scored 29 points and Collin Sexton 26 for the Cavs (12-31). For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

met at the team hotel in time for their scheduled 11 a.m. team meal. Beilein then gave the players the afternoon off to nap before going to the United Center.

The Bulls also are in the middle of a difficult January, playing 17 games in 31 days. Friday kicked off a stretch of three games in four days.

"We need to do the basics better," coach Jim Boylen said. "I haven't talked about the travel. I'm not going to talk to the team about how difficult it was or whatever. I don't do that. This is the pro part of the professional part."

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Cheryl Reese, wearing a Bluetooth earpiece, holds an original Black ABC poster at the Arts Incubator Gallery in Chicago; she was "T is for talk." Portraits by Okunola Jeyifous of the now-adult subjects in the 1970s education series will be exhibited in "S is for Soul Sister."

U
 is for
 us

The Black ABCs brightened classrooms nationwide in the '70s. A Chicago art project is finding the South Side kids in the posters.

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

About 25 years ago, Kevin Williams happened to be sitting on his couch in Chicago watching TV when he noticed something unusual in the background of the show. He noticed himself. Tupac Shakur was being interviewed in a classroom in Los Angeles and hanging just behind the rapper was a small poster for the letter L, the sort of education-forward, alphabet-promoting placard that's almost like wallpaper in elementary schools. "L is for learn."

That's what it said. The image showed a young boy with his head engulfed in pillowy headphones, working a reel-to-reel recorder, and that boy was Williams, at 6 years old. In 1970, at the time it was shot, he lived in the Harold Ickes Homes on the South Side; indeed, nearly every child who modeled for that series of ABC posters had lived in the State Street housing project. Williams had grown up with them. He knew "T is for talk" (Cheryl

Reese), "R is for read" (Reginald Corner), "J is for jazz" (Bernard Wynne) ...

He knew the Black ABCs (as the series would become known colloquially) were once ubiquitous in Chicago public schools: Made in 1970 by the Society for Visual Education, a once-major developer of classroom materials like projectors and film strips, the Black ABCs "were once everywhere," he said, "in every black grammar school, kindergarten, in libraries. I mean, it was so known, when I was little, *people would recognize me as L.*"

The Black ABCs, which came from a life-long friendship between a pair of Chicago teachers, was a byproduct of the civil rights movement, part of a need for classroom materials that moved beyond white "Dick and Jane" and reflected the backgrounds of black students. For \$26, a school received a set of smallish posters on rounded card stock that connected each letter of the alphabet with a

Turn to *ABCs*, Page 8

Europe queues up for CSO at Musikverein in Vienna



HOWARD REICH
 On Music

When it comes to symphonic music, few performing arts centers command the prestige of the Musikverein in Vienna. Its centuries-long history and profound links to Brahms, Bruckner, Mahler and other masters — in their lifetimes — distinguish the institution.

The Musikverein often serves as a pivotal stop on the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's European tours, including the current one,

which began Jan. 9 in Cologne, Germany, and ends Jan. 23 in Lugano, Switzerland.

All three Musikverein concerts, Jan. 11 through 14, were *ausverkauft* (sold out), as they say in Vienna. Two featured a masterpiece that CSO music director Riccardo Muti and the orchestra have performed to international acclaim: Verdi's Requiem Mass.

Yet even at this late date, Muti and his CSO colleagues hold a measure of awe at performing in Vienna's shrine to the art form. The Musikverein "is the Mecca of the world of music," says Muti, speaking by phone from Vienna.

"Brahms, Bruckner, they performed (there)," Muti says, "Schoenberg (and) the Second Viennese School takes place

there. All the great conductors and great artists have performed there. There is a history that is very long, very important, with the physical presence of legendary musicians that have made the history of music in the symphonic repertoire and chamber music repertoire.

"Vienna we consider the capital of music in Europe. And for every orchestra in the world — also the great orchestras, like Berlin (Philharmonic) and Chicago Symphony — to go there and to play there is always like the pinnacle. It's like to put the flag on Everest."

Muti has planted his flag there quite often over the past

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The Chicago Symphony Orchestra rehearses before performing at the Musikverein concert hall in Vienna on Jan. 11.

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What are your thoughts on Megxit?

How you feel says more about how you view the world than how you view the monarchy



CHRIS JONES

What lies at the heart of Megxit, the planet-shattering desire of two young parents to abandon the suffocating pressures of their lives on a small, formalist island in the North Atlantic and find room to breathe, and lucrative deals to make, in the wide-open spaces of North America? (Prince Harry and wife Meghan Markle made the announcement recently they would “step back” from their official duties in Britain’s royal family and live at least part time in North America.)

Is this a consequence of a lingering, nationalist kind of racism? Yes, say many wise commentators with a long view. No, say those who insist that Markle, an American actress of mixed racial heritage, was initially loved and embraced as an opportunity for the British monarchy to modernize and throw off the less desirable aspects of its past — their wedding being both rapturously welcomed and warmly reviewed and the young Royals lauded as a new Fab Four.

Even in clear distress following the famed Megxit summit the other day, Queen Elizabeth spoke only with warmth of her disruptive (Yoko Ono-like?) daughter-in-law, reminding the world with repetition that she was part of her family. At press time, Markle had said nothing similar in support of her husband’s nonagenarian Gran.

Or is this really a story of media harassment? Yes, say those who remember the young Prince Harry following his mother’s coffin down The Mall, part of a whole nation suffering the loss of the beloved Princess of Wales, a vulnerable and poorly treated woman chased to her death in 1997 in a dim Parisian tunnel by a vicious, Euro-tabloid press. No,



FRANK AUGSTEIN/AP

Britain’s Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, depart from a visit to Canada House in London earlier this month after their recent stay in Canada.

say those who argue that cameras poking out of the shrubbery is part and parcel of royal life. Now and forever. Like “Cats.”

Or is this all about having one’s cake and eating it too (a ubiquitous Megxit cliché), a desire on the part of a highly privileged and very wealthy young couple to duck dull responsibility in the rain, commune with the likes of Oprah Winfrey and the Obamas and set themselves up to leverage their positions (he, royalty; she, showbiz) to make yet more cash with a veneer of doing glamorous, multi-platform good? Is this really about young people who have yet to figure out that choices have consequences and that to gain something you want, you invariably have to give something up, however painful that may seem.

Well? Which is it? You’ve had several days now, dear reader.

Probably, all of the above. How you feel likely says more about how you look at the world, and your feelings about the British

monarchy — heck, your feelings about Britain and/or North America and their ability or lack thereof to make meaningful multi-cultural social progress — than these two humans locked in one of the globe’s strangest personal-professional scenarios.

“Who cares?” you might ask. But that’s disingenuous, since hundreds of millions of people most certainly do care, mostly because of the ability of this one seemingly minor event to crystallize so many of the fissures than make up political and social life in these first decades of the 21st century.

So let’s start with this truth: The only justification for privilege is service.

Decouple those two words and you have a problem. This is the argument consistently made by “Downton Abbey,” for example (it’s creator, Julian Fellowes, being a prominent advocate for gradual change) and, on occasion, by “The Crown.”

Service, of course, can take

many forms. There is doing good for charities, say, but also economic service. British constitutional monarchists rightly note that the massive economic impact of the tourist-baiting royals far exceeds their actual cost to the public purse. By this measure, then, Canada is in a new, good spot. But the moment you remove service from the equation, or maybe even just diminish it, then it is hard to argue why Harry should retain either his title or his familial wealth.

Inequality is laid bare. With no cushion on the horse.

On the other hand, there is a difference between choosing a life of service and being obliged to one by birth. Or marriage. In those circumstances, you can easily imagine a certain dislocation of soul and function. Then again, that’s hard to imagine if you’re living in poverty in Lancashire, England, and struggling to feed your kids. You’d take a crisis of the soul over credit-card bills.

Then you have the currently

popular, neo-Marxist argument that the very existence of royalty is a powerful conservative force that must be crushed from within or without. This school of thought very much wants to cast Meghan as a republican (lower-case) revolutionary, finally overthrowing the old crew. This theory is compromised by the couple’s digs on Vancouver Island.

And then again, many such folks don’t like the democratically elected (kinda) Donald J. Trump functioning as a head of state who is so divisive that some won’t go to the White House to be honored. Which hardly is a functional way for a democracy to run. Britain, thanks to its beloved, all-seeing, all-knowing, soul-of-discretion-and-politeness queen, avoids all of that. Up to now.

Defenders of that state of being understandably worry about what damage Harry and Meghan might do, as they bare their presumably raw emotions in some imagined TV expose to which the traditional royals will be unable to respond. These traditionalists argue that these two young people are not taking the long view.

Or maybe they are — it just happens to be a different long view. But a very hard needle to thread, no?

History teaches us that the royals are vulnerable to the megarich — global jet setters with the access to the toys that the royals tend to crave, as many of us commoners also do, in our rare moments of honesty. For all their resources, the royals typically have to borrow yachts and the like to enjoy them. So if you put yourself in Harry and Meghan’s shoes, feeling unsupported and hounded by the press, you can see why they want resources and control. And, sure, the option for some nearby light service, which might just be more about the server than the served.

Meghan and Harry both seem to me like nice people locked in an impossible situation. Pulled this way and that way, mostly by people with their own agendas, bigger than themselves. It will take years before we see what Megxit really means.

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BOOKS

REVIEW

Reframing
civil rights

Art Shay's lens focuses on pivotal moments of Chicago's struggles in "Troublemakers"

BY BILL SHAPIRO

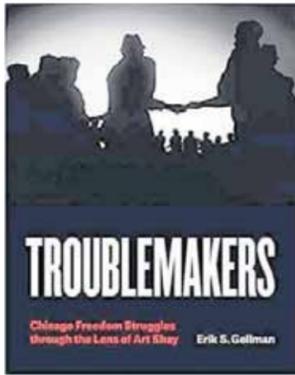
In 1948, a young, street smart and extraordinarily talented photographer named Art Shay left his coveted LIFE magazine job in San Francisco and moved 1,800 miles east to Chicago. Over the next 70 years, Shay would shoot every imaginable aspect of Chicago life — sports, celebrities, street scenes — but he also had a particular interest in underdogs and in social justice.

Shay, who died in 2018, left behind an archive of well over a million images, including hundreds of thousands that captured pivotal moments in the city's civil rights and anti-war movements.

In a fascinating new book, "Troublemakers," historian Erik Gellman marries 250 of Shay's revealing photos — the vast majority of which were previously unpublished — to his own lively, clear-eyed text in a way that upends our understanding of how the struggles for peace, racial parity and fair labor practices shaped the Chicago we see today.

Here are eight standout images and the stories they tell.

An exhibit of Art Shay's photogra-



'Troublemakers'

By Erik S. Gellman, photographs by Art Shay, University of Chicago, 304 pages, \$35

phy will open Feb. 7 and run throughout the month at Gallery Victor Armendariz, 300 W. Superior St., 312-722-6447. It will include work featured in "Troublemakers" and more.

Bill Shapiro is the former editor-in-chief of LIFE magazine; he writes about photography.



ART SHAY/UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PRESS PHOTOS

Muddy and Geneva, 1949: This portrait of blues legend Muddy Waters and his wife, Geneva, tucked into the soft shadows of a club, was one of the first pictures Shay took after arriving in Chicago — not to mention one of the most tender images of Waters ever made. But it also tells an important story: "There was this idea that Chicago was the promised land, that people moving north from the Delta could escape the horrors of the Jim Crow South," says Gellman, who lived in Chicago for two decades before becoming an associate professor of history at the University of North Carolina. "But migrants like Waters quickly realized that there were plenty of discriminatory conditions in Chicago as well." While Waters wasn't an activist, Gellman explains that "the blues changed dramatically as a result of this migration. It amplifies, it speeds up because it's reflecting the faster pace of the city. It becomes more of an urban protest music."



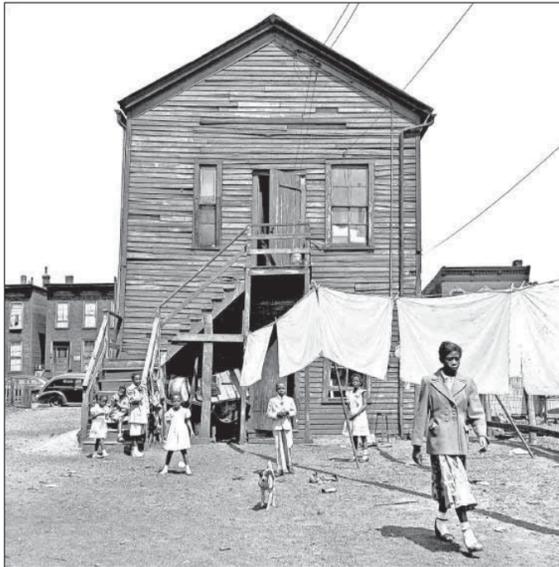
A Pivotal Day for MLK, 1966: It's a steamy July day at Soldier Field in 1966, and Shay, right in the thick of the action, finds Martin Luther King Jr. looking confident and in his element. But Shay's choice of lens and camera angle — which shows us all those empty seats — tells a more complicated story: This was the big, highly visible event where King tried to take the Southern civil rights movement north, and, in Gellman's words, "would go on to fail spectacularly." Yet King learned valuable lessons from Chicago, among them, explains Gellman, that expanding the movement to include economic justice would galvanize more support, as would speaking out against the Vietnam War, which, in an effort to preserve a tenuous alliance with President Lyndon Johnson — a close friend of Mayor Daley's — King had avoided doing. After Chicago, that would all change.



The West Side Burns, 1968: Shay was known for being everywhere at once — Comiskey Park, a star's dressing room, a dark gambling den all in a day's work — and this photo makes the point. On April 5, 1968, Shay was in Memphis covering the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. for LIFE magazine. But when rioting erupted on the West Side, says Erica DeGlopper, who's managed Shay's massive archive for the past 15 years, Shay felt drawn to the local story and rushed home. The West Side had long been wracked by police brutality, a lack of city services, housing inequality, the political machine, the mob and, on April 5, after King's murder, enough became enough. The infamous "King riots" were the largest in the city's history — it was also notable for the influx of National Guard and army troops, as well as for Daley's "shoot to kill" order — and Shay's haunting color photo of residents watching their neighborhood burn (here, the pharmacy and record store on the 3300 block of Roosevelt Road) captured the boiling point.



◀ Incoming, 1968: There are thousands of photos from the circus-like '68 Democratic Convention depicting police batons and protester blood, but Shay's balletic picture — the wide angle, the sea of blue helmets, Grant Park's green grass, the beer can streaking across a cloudless summer sky — not only puts us in the middle of the maelstrom, but by shooting from the police officers' point of view, he humanizes the police and provides an unexpected and more complicated way of seeing the event. That same compelling complexity rests at the core of "Troublemakers," a book that, through careful research and memorable images, reconfigures our perspective on a generation of seismic change in Chicago.



Life on the South Side, 1950: More than 400,000 African Americans moved to Chicago between 1948 and 1958. While 100,000 new homes were needed, fewer than 25,000 became available in the city; the suburbs, meanwhile, closed themselves off to black families almost entirely. Shay's photo of squalid, Depression-era living conditions on the South Side sets the scene for one of the book's powerful throughlines: the lack of adequate housing that led black families to look for better homes, which led to the push for desegregated neighborhoods, which led to an expanding civil rights consciousness. But the photo captures something else too: Shay, who grew up in a New York tenement, documents not just dismal housing but crisp, white linens drying on the line and a family in its Sunday best trying to rise above its circumstances. And in doing that, Shay flashes one of his photographic signatures: an acute sense of empathy for his subjects.



Holding Hands, 1963: This photo, taken at night descends on a group protesting the segregationist housing policies in Deerfield in May 1963, stands in stark contrast to Shay's cops-around-the-campfire photo taken a decade earlier. Snapped less than a year before President John F. Kennedy was murdered, Shay's bewitching image sees the earnest confidence, hope and, maybe, the naiveté that filled the movement in those heady days. "There was a level of optimism about the country changing dramatically," says Gellman. "I don't think people knew just how systematic and violent things would become in order to stymie that change." With his artful approach to the scene, Shay obscures the race of individual protestors—here, they're not black or white, just hopeful people standing together.



The Fire's Glow, 1953: Here, Shay uses another picture of a home — Trumbull Park public housing in 1953, where the handful of black residents faced targeted violence — to tell the next chapter of the integration story. Shay's brilliant photo manages to reveal both the laid-back camaraderie of the policemen sitting around a campfire and the sense of horror that the family in the window needs eight officers to protect it. In this perfectly composed picture — the cop's hat and the rising fire point to the figures in the window that appear as prisoners in their home — Shay spells out the difference between being white and being black in 1953.



Signs of the Times, 1966: On Aug. 2, 1966, some 250 demonstrators, including a 24-year-old Jesse Jackson, marched in the Belmont Cragin area against housing discrimination. They were met with ugly — and violent — counter-demonstrations. Shay caught a scene you normally wouldn't look twice at — a handful of boys and young men in T-shirts and button-downs, hanging out in front of a supermarket — except for the fact that they're carrying professionally printed "White Power" signs emblazoned with swastikas. Shay's photo speaks perfectly to the banality of evil living in suburbia, as well as to the long struggle ahead.



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Andy Hunter is the driving force behind Bookshop.org, a site that hopes to unite independent bookstores.

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Bookshop.org taking on Amazon

BY JOHN WARNER

In the opening of the very first “Star Wars” movie, a small spaceship flees from a behemoth Star Destroyer that’s so massive it expands beyond the frame. The small ship is filled with Rebels, and as they prepare to be boarded by a party from the star destroyer, you see a mix of fear and resolve in the defenders’ eyes.

They know this ain’t going to go so good, but what choice do they have?

Of course the Stormtroopers make short work of those Rebels, and here comes Darth Vader, announced by that imposing theme music we’ve all come to know so well. The Empire has arrived, and it is one bad mama jama. As a 7-year-old watching it for the first time, sitting in the aisle of the overcrowded (and long-ago-demolished) Edens Theater, I had an instant grasp of what it means to be under the thumb of overwhelming power.

When I read a recent Publishers Weekly story by Gila Lyons about an “indie alternative to Amazon,” I couldn’t help but picture those Rebel soldiers so bravely readying themselves to stand up to Darth Vader’s boarding party.

The project, Bookshop.org, is scheduled to open this month and is designed to offer an alternative outlet for independent book-

stores, authors and publishers to sell their wares. Consider them the Rebel Alliance standing up to the Amazon Empire.

The Princess Leia behind the effort — the general in charge of organizing and inspiring — is Andy Hunter, who can boast some admirable successes as co-founder of literature-related entities such as Literary Hub and Catapult. The vision for Bookshop is bold, with an intention to provide “a unified e-commerce strategy that is as fast and user-friendly as Amazon.” Essentially, Bookshop aims to be an alternative for publications or reviewers or even celebrity endorsers such as Reese Witherspoon to link to when promoting books online.

The mechanism is an affiliate network, recreating a model Amazon uses itself, and providing a higher percentage of share per sale (10% versus 4%) than Amazon.

Regular readers are probably tired of me casting Amazon as a malevolent force and, to be fair, I don’t believe that Jeff Bezos is Darth Vader, with demonstrably evil intentions.

But an empire is an empire, and the nature of an empire is to eliminate those who stand in the way of empire business. There are those who benefit from the advance of the empire and those who do not, and independent entities of any kind within the books ecosystem are among the

latter. There may be temporary appeasement of the empire (like what Lando Calrissian tried in “Empire Strikes Back”), but in any relationship with an empire, the empire will always have the upper hand.

And if it wants to seize your Cloud City or cut your margins, it will.

Anything organized under the heading of “alliance” is tricky to pull off. An alliance requires some measure of individual sacrifice for the greater good. Bookshop looks constructed to make those sacrifices as limited as possible, but for it to work, it will take broad buy-in.

We should be rooting for them, including with our purchasing power. I am not saying that Amazon must be outright defeated, but I would argue that all of us who love books and reading will be better served if Amazon is held in check by a competing force.

I am not necessarily optimistic about Bookshop’s chances, but I am hopeful. It took more than 40 years for the “Star Wars” Rebels to win on screen.

May the force be with Bookshop.

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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. “Where the Crawdads Sing” by Della Owens
2. “The Alchemist” by Paulo Coelho
3. “Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We’re in Without Going Crazy” by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone
4. “I Thought It Was Just Me (But It Isn’t): Making the Journey from ‘What Will People Think?’ to ‘I am Enough’” by Brené Brown
5. “The Gifts of Imperfection” by Brené Brown

— Deidre S., Grayslake

I see a desire for meaning in a difficult world. Who among us can’t relate? This brings to mind Kent Haruf’s “Our Souls at Night,” a novel about people connecting to one another in search of solace.

1. “Sing, Unburied, Sing” by Jesmyn Ward
 2. “Oh, Pioneers!” by Willa Cather
 3. “The Immortalists” by Chloe Benjamin
 4. “Washington Black” by Esi Edugyan
 5. “Barkskins” by Annie Proulx
- Susan G., Park Ridge
- I’m hoping that Susan hasn’t read the 2013 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, “The Orphan Master’s Son” by Adam Johnson. I think she will appreciate its scope.

1. “The Aviator’s Wife” by Melanie Benjamin
 2. “Oranges” by John McPhee
 3. “Lucky” by Alice Sebold
 4. “Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps That Tell You Everything You Need to Know About Global Politics” by Tim Marshall
 5. “Stay Sexy and Don’t Get Murdered: The Definitive How-to Guide” by Karen Kilgariff and Georgia Hardstark
- Tricia D., Lee, Ill.

I get great joy whenever I see that someone has read “Oranges.” If someone wants to know what it means to be truly curious, I point them towards that book. “Prisoners of Geography” is another one that makes you grateful to learn something new. In that vein, let me recommend a book from a ways back: “The Story of Sushi: An Unlikely Saga of Raw Fish and Rice” by Trevor Corson.

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Dominican University
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—Lloyd Alexander

A tale of two unforgettable Chicago Jims

Shiflett of Body Politic and journalist Tuohy, who died earlier this month



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

St. Clement Church, which sits unobtrusively in the Lincoln Park neighborhood, is not far from what was once a thriving storefront theater strip on Lincoln Avenue.

So it was impossible not to also think of Jim Shiflett while sitting in that church Monday morning and listening to people remember and celebrate a man named Jim Tuohy.

These two Jims were of an era that seems further past that it actually is, both part of a breed of charismatic individuals who helped define their times and this town. If you don't recognize their names, know that they were among the most talented and colorful people to ever call Chicago home.

James Allen Shiflett died Dec. 16 in South Carolina. He hadn't been around for a few years, but when he was made a profound mark as one of the co-founders of the Body Politic Theater, which former Tribune theater critic Richard Christiansen called, in his 2004 book "A Theater of Our Own" "the cradle of Chicago Theater."

Shiflett was born Sept. 20, 1930, in Dallas and came to Chicago to attend the McCormick Theological Seminary. After graduating he started his Presbyterian ministry, serving at several churches in the city and suburbs. Very active in the civil rights movement, he was among more than 40 Northern clergymen who joined Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Albany, Georgia, to protest discriminatory Jim Crow laws in 1962.

He was a social justice warrior and so taken with some of the city's experimental artistic endeavors that in 1969 he created the nonprofit Community Arts Foundation in a building at 2257-59 N. Lincoln Ave. It

had been home to the U.S. Slicing Machine Co. and the upstairs Monte Carlo Bowling Alley. It would soon be home to all manner of landmark theatrical productions.

The first was "Ovid's Metamorphoses," from the legendary Paul Sills and his Story Theater. There followed a steady stream.

Perhaps you saw in the space such shows as "Warp!" from the wildly creative Stuart Gordon and his Organic Theatre Company in 1971; David Mamet's first Chicago production, "The Duck Variations"; the irresistible Stephen Wade and his "Banjo Dancing" in 1978; and productions by Shiflett's own Dream Theatre.

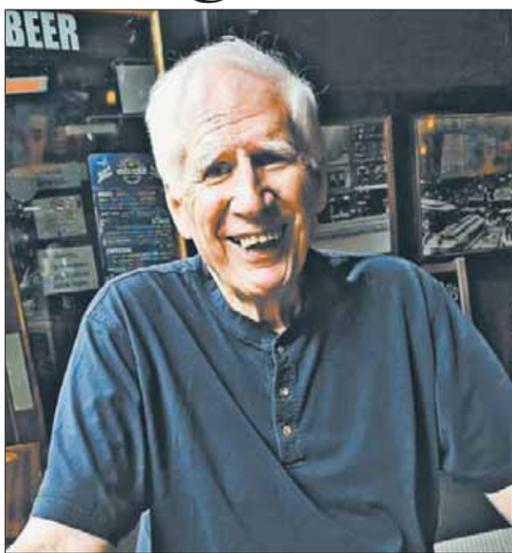
He and his wife, Betty, lived nearby. They raised two daughters, visual artist Drew and composer/lyricist Melissa, both now based in New York. Son Shawn is a Columbia College professor and a successful novelist.

"My father was also heavily involved in the politics of the neighborhood during the '60s and '70s," Shawn said. "To me, he was just one hell of a good father who, in spite of the many hats he wore, still managed to find the time to coach a couple of my Little League teams."

Shiflett left the theater world in the late 1970s and returned to the ministry, again serving as pastor at many area churches. He married his second wife, Jean, in 1980. (The Body Politic was run for a time by James O'Reilly and became home to Victory Gardens Theater in 1995 and then, since 2008, the Greenhouse Theater Center.)

The Shifletts moved to Greenville, South Carolina, in 2011 to be closer to Jean's adult children, Terri Likowski, Steven Dopp and Daniel Dopp. He died there at 89.

There is to be a memorial for Shiflett on the night of Feb. 5 at the Greenhouse. It is being orchestrated by Mark Larson, whose 2019 book, "Ensemble: An Oral History of Chicago Theater" (Agate Midway) color-



VICKI QUADE PHOTO

Jim Tuohy, seen here in 2018, was a longtime journalist and tavern talker.

fully charts Shiflett's accomplishments. Larson also wrote a recent story for the Reader, in which he noted Shiflett's "special place in the chronicles of Chicago theater history."

A few steps north of the Greenhouse is a tavern named Kelsey's, which is where Jim Tuohy would orchestrate quarterly gatherings in honor of, and for, former patrons of the bygone Sterch's, a tavern which was once just to the south and across Lincoln Avenue. It was a favorite of Tuohy's, who died Jan. 8 at St. Joseph Hospital. Suffering from pneumonia and kidney failure, he was 85.

He had been living at the Jugan Terrace senior apartments in the Lincoln Park neighborhood with his longtime companion Kris Jones. Fellow resident Carol Iwata, who once worked as an assistant to Roger Ebert, said, "When he learned that I had worked for Roger, we had quite a few laughs together. His apartment was like walking through a history of the '50s and the '60s."

Monday morning the mood was subdued at a traditional Catholic service at St. Clements. Iwata was there, as were many who had been to the wake the day before.

"It was so crowded at the wake you couldn't move," said Vicki Quade, the play-

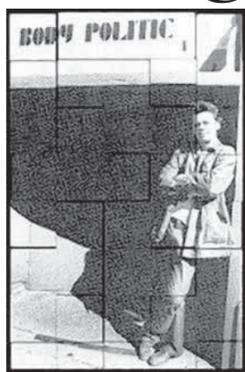
wright and actress best known for her "Late Nite Catechism." "That's understandable because he was one of the smartest and kindest men I've ever met, and always funny, curious, gracious."

A longtime friend of Tuohy's and a regular at his gatherings at Kelsey's, Quade said, "The last one was on Dec. 17. I told him how wonderful it was for him to have these get-togethers. He told me, 'I got tired of always seeing people at funerals. I figured I would invite people to just come out and have a drink. We didn't have to say goodbye to anybody.'"

Jeff Magill tended bar at the Billy Goat Tavern, that longtime hangout for journalists, for 35 years before retiring in 2015. He knew Tuohy.

"Few people achieve an institutional presence in the bars and taverns they choose to frequent, and to do so in a manner that consistently elevates the milieu," Magill wrote. "We all know that Jim was one of the few. Admittedly, there were times when I'd see Jim coming down the stairs and I wasn't sure I could endure another long story. Before you knew it, as always, I was fully engaged."

"Jim just had a way of making you feel essential to the process, imparting a regard for you as the listener like nobody I've ever



COURTESY

Jim Shiflett stands on Lincoln Avenue in the 1970s in front of the Body Politic Theater that he co-founded.

known."

Among his other prominent haunts were Riccardo's, O'Rourke's and the Old Town Ale House, the latter the only one still standing and serving. Its proprietor, Bruce Elliott, knew Tuohy for more than a half-century. He has written about Tuohy on his forthright blog and featured him in two installments (20 and 22) of the podcast he hosts with Liz Garibay.

Many lively tavern stories tend to overshadow Tuohy's accomplishments and some details of his life, even for the many people who knew him for years and considered him a pal.

Did they know, for instance, that he was born on May 29, 1934, and spent most of his childhood in Barrington, the son of Illinois appellate court judge John Tuohy? His middle name was Sarsfield.

He joined the Marines and later attended college, for a very short time. He then began a career during which he worked for the City News Bureau, Sun-Times and a couple of television stations.

He was married to the inimitable Michaela, a journalist and staff member in the Mayor's Office of Special Events. Known as "Mike" to her friends, when she died at 61 of a heart attack in 1997, Mayor Richard M. Daley said, "She was an excellent writer. Her talent and creativity were an asset to the city, and her sense of humor, quick wit and humanitarian spirit were inspiring."

The couple had three kids, now grown: daughter, Michaela, a Chicago police officer; John, a reporter for the Indianapolis Star; and Donald, who is known to everyone as Don and who has worked for nearly three decades for Federal Express at O'Hare. They were at the church Monday, as were two sisters and a stepbrother.

Some remembered that Jim Tuohy wrote, with Tom McComas, a series of very successful books about trains. In the wake of Tuohy's death, Allan Miller, the editor-in-chief of O Gauge Railroad magazine, wrote, "When interest in collecting toy trains mushroomed in the 1970s [these books] were among the pioneers in popularizing the collecting segment, and particularly the segment devoted to collecting Lionel Trains."

Tuohy wrote some fine stories for the Reader but much of his best work was done for the Chicago Lawyer and Injustice Watch. The man who hired him for those jobs was Rob Warden, once the editor and publisher of Chicago Lawyer and currently the co-director of Injustice Watch.

On that site Warden wrote a loving and lively tribute to Tuohy in which he called him "a veritable legend in the legal community [and an] icon in the journalism community."

He amusingly detailed the ways in which Tuohy embellished his modest academic credentials whenever applying for a job, once even awarding himself a Ph.D. in anthropology from Harvard University. He also wrote of his collaborating with Tuohy on the captivating 1989 book "Greyford: Justice, Chicago Style" (G.P. Putnam Sons), and gave many examples of Tuohy's stylish way with words.

Warden also wrote that "until days before he died, Tuohy had been working on a historically significant article" for the web site. Oh well, once a writer...

No one seems to know whether Tuohy and Shiflett ever met. If they did, I wish I had been there.

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Filming 'Underwater' was frightening, Stewart says

BY BRANDI FOWLER
Variety

Shooting "Underwater" was no easy feat for Kristen Stewart.

Stewart and her co-stars spent the majority of their time filming the sci-fi flick in the water wearing 100-pound scuba suits — a challenge none of them were prepared for.

"It was so scary and so horrific. It wasn't fun scary. It was f-ed up scary," Stewart said with a laugh during a Q&A session moderated by "It" director Andrés Muschietti after a special fan screening in Los Angeles.

It was so terrifying, in fact, that Stewart (who is "scared of swimming")

skipped prep for it. On the other hand, her co-stars Jessica Henwick and John Gallagher Jr. took scuba diving lessons when they arrived in New Orleans to shoot the project.

"Kristen was like, 'Yeah, I don't want to learn how to do this. Just put me in (the suit) on the day. I don't care. It's going to be so awful,'" director William Eubank recalled.

"Underwater" follows a crew of researchers (including Mamoudou Athie, T.J. Miller and Vincent Cassel) stationed on an underwater research facility who get trapped in a flooding structure after a devastating earthquake. The only way to survive is to walk across the ocean



ALAN MARKFIELD/TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

Kristen Stewart, left, and her co-stars, including Vincent Cassel, had to shoot in subterranean environments wearing 100-pound scuba suits in "Underwater."

floor to a distant abandoned rig, and as they make their way, they soon realize that they are being hunted

by monstrous alien-like sea predators that are determined to kill them.

Since they had to shoot

in subterranean environments, Stewart said she feared the possibility of using faulty suits or defunct submarines.

"I was just scared," she said. "I was claustrophobic and I couldn't deal with that. But this was a (bleep) ing hell hole for a million other reasons."

Henwick and Gallagher echoed Stewart's sentiments, saying none of the cast had any idea shooting the film would be so challenging.

"I didn't think it was going to be a physically demanding," Henwick said. "I thought, 'This'll be easy. Just put me in a suit. We'll be walking around pretending to be under water.' No. It was the hardest film

I've done by far."

Gallagher said he was equally clueless until he touched down in New Orleans.

"The suits were so hard to move around in that like I don't remember any acting choice," he said. "And I remember honestly being like, 'OK, if Kristen's scared, then I can be scared too.' Then we can just kind of go through this."

But Stewart said ultimately those obstacles, however terrifying, drew her to the film.

"We're joking about how hard it was to make the movie, but I am attracted to things that are difficult," she said. "The only reason to do something is because it scares you."

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half-century. When he scans the institution's program books and sees himself mentioned alongside Beethoven, Liszt, Hindemith and other luminaries named honorary members of Vienna's Society of Friends of Music (Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde), "it's very embarrassing," he says.

No need for embarrassment, of course, for like fellow honorary members Leonard Bernstein, Claudio Abbado and Pierre Boulez (the latter two were CSO principal guest conductors), Muti carries forward Musikverein traditions.

But it isn't just the history and stature of the place that seduce musicians.

"I've found that in this hall, in this acoustic, I could hear so much more of what was going on in the orchestra than I normally do," says

CSO principal bassoon Keith Buncke, also speaking from Vienna. "I could hear the whole score — the whole score was transparent."

"I heard things I've never heard before. The sound is rich and warm, and yet you can hear all the voices clearly — a perfect balance of resonance and clarity."

Buncke joined the CSO in 2015 and is making his second appearance at the Musikverein.

"I'm more impressed and wowed this time," he said. "Maybe I didn't quite take it all in the first time, but I feel my appreciation has grown. Carnegie Hall used to be my favorite acoustic, but I think that this maybe ties it or even surpasses it."

James Smelser estimates that he has played the Musikverein 20 times since joining the orchestra as second horn in 2000, and he too considers the Musikverein "acoustically one of the best in the

world," he says, from Vienna.

"There's a certain clarity and transparency to the sounds, yet there's (also) kind of a very warm resonance," Smelser says. "Orchestra Hall is a very dry hall. ... Here, the music just really floats and kind of develops as it reverberates."

"It's just such a warm, beautiful, inviting sound. It really allows the orchestra to play at our best, hear ourselves at our best."

Even so, the main hall poses challenges to a conductor, particularly in thickly scored works.

"The acoustic of the Musikverein is peculiar, unique — it's very difficult to play there," observes Muti. "It is so different (an) acoustic from all the other halls in the world, including the halls that are acoustically very good or excellent."

"The reverberation in the rectangular room, it's so intense you have to be careful how to play. Especially

when you are used to play in a hall like Chicago — in a way a dry hall, with not enough reverberation. In Chicago, you can hear all the lines very well because it's dry, the acoustics."

"But in the Musikverein, especially in big repertoire — Prokofiev, Hindemith, Wagner, Verdi Requiem with chorus and soloists — the conductor must know exactly how to balance the orchestra. So even in a situation acoustically so beautiful but complicated, if you are not able to balance well the orchestra and to make the texture transparent, then the audience will only get a loud sound."

It's a perfect for Mozart, Haydn, chamber music, early Beethoven or Beethoven in general. But already when you go to Bruckner or Mahler, then you feel that the hall becomes a little bit resistant to massive sonorities. ... You can make a beautiful sound, but the hall doesn't accept brutality."

In coming days, the CSO will continue to trek across Europe, with culminating concerts in Naples, Florence and Milan, Italy, plus one in the Italian-speaking town of Lugano, Switzerland. These hold particular meaning for Muti.

"Three cities in Italy — very important in my artistic life and my life," he says. "First Napoli, the city where I was born and where I started not only the regular school but also the conservatory. There, I made my first experiments as a young student of composition and conducting."

"Then Florence, where for the first time I became music director of a big institution, in 1968, Maggio Musicale Fiorentino, the most important music festival in Italy. And there I made my career in opera and in symphonic repertoire."

"And then La Scala (in Milan), where I stayed for almost 20 years. The long-

est period — more than any other music director, including Toscanini.

"In La Scala I did almost 50 operas. I didn't count. And a lot of repertoire from the baroque to contemporary music, and with a lot of symphonic recordings and opera recordings with the La Scala Orchestra."

"Napoli, Firenze, Milano — the three Italian cities that are important to me. Then on to Chicago," where Muti returns to conduct the orchestra, chorus and vocal soloists in Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana" starting Feb. 6.

After that, the orchestra launches its Florida tour on Feb. 11.

The road trips are essential "to keep your name out there," says CSO's Smelser. "(and) remind people what a great orchestra this is."

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WATCH THIS: SUNDAY



Liv Tyler

"9-1-1: Lone Star" (9 p.m., FOX): Rob Lowe stars in this spinoff of Fox's hit action drama "9-1-1" as Owen Strand, a complicated New York police veteran who moves with his son to Austin, Texas, where he is tasked with overseeing a team of first responders dedicated to protecting those at the most vulnerable. At the same time, however, his own life contains some tricky problems that demand his attention. Ronen Rubinstein, Liv Tyler, Jim Parrack and Sierra McClain also star.

"Kids Say the Darndest Things" (7 p.m., ABC): Tiffany Haddish wraps up Season 1 of this charming reboot in a finale called "My Work Is Done," which revisits some of this season's funniest moments. In another segment, Clark, a 7-year-old aspiring FBI agent, gets the thrill of his young lifetime via a crash course in forensic science, interrogation, handcuffing and more at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. ABC hasn't announced whether the show will be picked up for another season.

"26th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards" (7 p.m., TBS, TNT): Leonardo DiCaprio will present Robert De Niro with the 2019 SAG Life Achievement Award during this year's ceremonies from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, honoring the best film and TV performances for the year 2019. DiCaprio also is a nominee in the competitive categories for his leading performance in Quentin Tarantino's "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood." His competition includes Christian Bale ("Ford v Ferrari"), Adam Driver ("Marriage Story"), Taron Egerton ("Rocketman") and Joaquin Phoenix ("Joker").

"Avenue 5" (9 p.m., 11:50 a.m., 1:20 a.m., HBO): Last seen in a recurring role as Julia Louis-Dreyfus' lover/political rival in "Veep," Hugh Laurie returns to HBO in this new comedy from the same series creator, Armando Iannucci. Set 40 years in the future, when traveling the solar system is a booming commercial business, the show casts Laurie as Ryan Clark, the suave but testy captain of the titular luxury spacecraft, which features such amenities as a spa and yoga classes. Josh Gad, Zach Woods, Rebecca Front, Suzy Nakamura and Lenora Crichlow co-star.

"Curb Your Enthusiasm" (9:30 p.m., 11:10 a.m., 1:50 a.m., HBO): Larry David returns for his 10th season of this Emmy-winning comedy, which continues to chronicle the misadventures of an over-the-top version of himself. In this edition, Larry finds himself in an unfortunate series of escalating problems after he takes on a huge project primarily for the purpose of spitting a new adversary. Jeff Garlin, Cheryl Hines, J.B. Smoove. Susie Essman and Richard Lewis return to their familiar series roles, as do recurring guest stars Ted Danson and Saverio Guerra.

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BROADCAST	CBS 2	NCIS: "Going Mobile." (N) ©	FBI: "Little Egypt." (N) ©	NCIS: New Orleans: "The Terminator Conundrum."	News (N) ★			
	NBC 5	★ (6) America's Got Talent: "The Champions Two." ©	Ellen's Game of Games (N) ©	Ellen's Game of Games (N) ©	NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)			
	ABC 7	Kids Say the Darndest Things (Season Finale) (N) ©	Shark Tank (N) ©	Shark Tank (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ★			
	WGN 9	black-ish (N) ©	black-ish (N) ©	Last Man Standing (N) ©	Last Man Standing (N) ©	Weekend News (N)	Instant Replay (N) ©	WGN News (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Family Ties	Two Dads	Wings (N) ©	Coach (N) ©	It's a Living (N) ©	It's a Living (N) ©	Designing (N) ©
	Court 9.3	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	PBS 11	Howards End on Masterpiece (N) ©	Sanditon on Masterpiece (N) ©	Supergirl (N) ©	Supergirl (N) ©	Vienna Blood: "The Last Séance, Part 1." (Series Premiere) (N) ©	Check, Please!	
	CW 26.1	Batwoman (N) ©	Supergirl (N) ©	Broke Girl (N) ©	Broke Girl (N) ©	Seinfeld (N) ©		
	The U 26.2	Real Genius (PG, '85) ★★ Val Kilmer, Gabe Jarret.	A Night at the Roxbury (PG-13, '98) ★★					
	MeTV 26.3	Columbo: "Dead Weight." ©	Collector (N)	Flintstones (N) ©	Honeymoon (N) ©	D. Van Dyke		
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek (N) ©	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek: Enterprise	Star Trek: Voyager		
	Bounce 26.5	★ (5) For Colored Girls ★★	The Bucket List (PG-13, '07) ★★	Jack Nicholson. ©				
	FOX 32	★ (5:30) NFL Football: Green Bay Packers at San Francisco 49ers. (N) ©	NFL Post-game (N)	9-1-1: Lone Star: "Pilot." (Series Premiere) (N) ©				
	Ion 38	NCIS: Los Angeles (N) ©	Chicago P.D. (N) ©	Chicago P.D. (N) ©				
	Telem 44	★ (6) Decisiones (N) ©	La voz (N) ©					
	MNT 50	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Dateline (N)	
	UniMas 60	★ (6) The Last Stand (R) ★★	The Last Witch Hunter (PG-13, '15) ★★	Vin Diesel.			Aeon Flux (N)	
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CABLE	AE	American Sniper (R, '14) ★★ Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller. ©						Alaska PD (N)
	AMC	★ Break-Bad (7:31) Breaking Bad (N) ©	(8:39) Breaking Bad (N) ©					Break-Bad (N)
	ANIM	(7:01) Lone Star Law	(8:01) Lone Star Law (N)	(9:02) Lone Star Law (N)				Lone Star (N)
	BBCA	Doctor Who (N) ©	(8:11) Doctor Who (N) ©					Underworld: Evolution (N)
	BET	Tyler Perry's The Oval	Tyler Perry's The Oval	Tyler Perry's The Oval				White Hse (N)
	BIGTEN	The Journey B1G Basketball & Beyond	BIG Basketball & Beyond	BIG Basketball & Beyond	BTN Basketball in 60 (N) ©			
	BRAVO	Housewives-Atlanta (N)	Watch (N)	Housewives-Atlanta	Watch What Happened (N) ©			Atlanta (N)
	CLTV	Sign-off						Sign-off
	CNN	Impeach. (N)	Impeach. (N)					CNN Special Program (N) ©
	COM	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13, '06) ★★ ©						Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13, '06) ★★ ©
	DISC	Naked and Afraid: "Lacey's Journey." (N) ©	Naked and Afraid (N) ©	Afraid (N) ©				Afraid (N) ©
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	EI	★ (6) Pretty Woman (R, '90) ★★ ©	Dirty Dancing (PG-13, '87) ★★	Jennifer Grey. ©				
	ESPN	★ HS Basketball (N)	Backstory	NFL PrimeTime (N) ©				SportsCenter (N)
	ESPN2	★ (6) 2020 Australian Open Tennis: First Round. From Melbourne, Australia. (N) (Live) ©						
	FNC	Life, Liberty & Levin (N)	The Next Revolution (N)	Watters' World (N) ©				Life (N)
	FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games	Worst Cooks (N)	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay		
	FREE	Coco (PG, '17) ★★ Voices of Anthony Gonzalez. © (SAP)						Grown Ups (10) ★ (SAP) (N)
	FX	★ (6:30) Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle ('17) ★★						The Weekly (N) ©
	HALL	★ Winterfest-Celebration	Winterfest Movie Event Celebration ©					Winterfest (N)
	HGTV	Holmes & Holmes (N) ©	Holmes & Holmes (N) ©	Holmes & Holmes (N) ©				Holmes (N)
	HIST	Swamp People: Blood and Guts: "Countdown to Season 11." (N) ©						
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Vengeance: Killer (N)	Vengeance: Killer (N)			How It Works (N)
	IFC	★ (6) GoodFellas (R, '90) ★★ Robert De Niro. ©						(9:15) GoodFellas (R, '90) ★★ ©
	LIFE	Murder in the Suburbs (NR, '19) Nicky Whelan. ©						Stolen by My Mother: Kamiyah (N)
	MSNBC	(6:00) Kasie DC (N) ©	To be announced	To be announced				Dateline (N)
	MTV	Ridiculous. (7:45) Ridiculousness	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.		
	NBCSCH	★ NHL Hockey: Jets at Blackhawks (N)	Blackhawks Postgame (N)	All Access	Poker (N) ©			
	NICK	Paddington (PG, '14) ★★ Hugh Bonneville. ©		Friends (N) ©	Friends (N) ©	Friends (N) ©		
	OVATION	★ (6) Coal Miner's Daughter (PG, '80) ★★		Mommie Dearest (PG, '81) ★★ ©				
	OWN	20/20: Homicide	20/20 on OWN	20/20 on OWN	20/20 on OWN			20/20 (N)
	OXY	Snapped: "Susan Baker." ©	Snapped (N) ©					Murdered by Morning (N) ©
PARMT	★ (6) Raiders of the Lost Ark ('81) ★★	(8:35) Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom						
SYFY	★ (5:30) Bad Boys ('95) ★★	(8:01) Bad Boys II (R, '03) ★★	Martin Lawrence. ©					
TBS	26th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards (N) ©		(9:15) Miracle Workers				Break Up (N)	
TCM	All About Eve (NR, '50) ★★ Bette Davis, Anne Baxter. ©		The Two Mrs. Carrrolls					
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: "Blindsided." (N)		(9:02) Sister Wives (N)				90 Day (N) (N)	
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TNT	26th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards (N) ©		Miracle Workers (N) ©				Awards (N)	
TOON	Home Movie Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy		Family Guy	
TRAV	Expedition Bigfoot (N) ©	Expedition Bigfoot (N) ©	Expedition Bigfoot (N) ©				Last- Wild	
TVL	King	King	King	King	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Dare Me (N) ©				Law-SVU (N)	
VH1	True Life Crime (N) ©	Love & Hip Hop (N) ©	Love & Hip Hop (N) ©				Wild 'n Out (N)	
WE	Law & Order: "Maritime." ©	Law & Order: "Seer." (N) ©	Law & Order (N) ©				Law (N)	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man		Married (N)	
PREMIUM	HBO	★ Godzilla: King of the Monsters (R, '19) ★★	The Outsider (N) ©	Avenue 5	Curb (Season 10) (N) ©	Outsider (N)		
	HBO2	The Outsider: "Roanoke." ©	Rock the Kasbah (R, '15) ★★ Bill Murray.	Going the Distance (N) ©				
	MAX	In Time (PG-13, '11) ★★ Justin Timberlake. ©	(8:50) The Ruins (R, '08) ★★ ©					
	SHO	Ray Donovan (Season Finale) (N) ©	Shameless (N) ©	The L Word (N)				
	STARZ	Power (N) ©	Power (N) ©	(8:29) Power (N) ©	Power Con. (N) ©			
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ABCs

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positive message. Instead of “A is for apple,” “G is for goat” and “P is for pencil,” they got “A is for afro,” “G for groovy” and “P for proud.” Instead of letters paired with disassociated objects and illustrations, each image offered a handsome portrait of African American children growing up in the Ickes, hanging out with friends (“U is for us”), playing basketball (“Q is for quick”), even throwing side-eye (“S is for soul sister”). And nationwide, schools bought a lot of them.

So, for 50 years, Williams, who is now 55 and a stand-up comedian, has been reminded occasionally of his 6-year-old self — most recently online, where images from the Black ABCs have crept into memes and become homemade Etsy flashcards and notebooks.

He wasn’t exactly shocked then when curators at the University of Chicago’s Arts Incubator contacted him about a new exhibit on the legacy of the Black ABCs. Except “S is For Soul Sister,” which opens at the gallery on Friday, is not exactly a history lesson, or even a straightforward art exhibit. Rather, it’s about raising questions — of appropriation, and exploitation, and community, and DNA — that weren’t obvious in elementary classrooms. It’s an attempt to give context to online imagery, an obsessive ongoing project aiming to reunite each of the Black ABCs with its child, 50 years later.

Williams, for instance. He remembered his mother, a single mom with two kids, sparing with the photographer over the \$10 he got for the photograph; he remembered being selected because he had modeled already for Sears catalogs. But mostly, like other Chicagoans that the project has found, he doesn’t remember much about the shoot, or being a part of the alphabet.

He just remembers a community, long gone.

Okunola Jeyifous researches how memory happens at a cellular level. He’s a neurobiologist at the University of Chicago Medical Center whose research looks at the connections between environment and memory. A decade ago, he also became a serious art photographer, so when Hannah Jasper at the Arts Incubator began looking for a project with him mixing science and photos, she thought about the Black ABCs.

Though Jeyifous had mostly grown up in Nigeria (and spent the last couple of decades in Chicago), he nevertheless already knew about the Black ABCs. He had come across the images while in college, then again, most recently, just after the birth of his twins.

“My brother actually gifted us a set of Black ABCs flashcards for the kids,” he said. “But I had been seeing them online for a while. And also I had found it fascinating for a while. Clearly, people (online) were seeing them aesthetically, mostly as a visual thing, and (the ABCs) obviously had come out of the Black Arts Movement (of the 1960s) and themes that were in the culture in 1970, to inspire confidence and self-determination. But equally important, I thought, were how the ABCs had been this educational tool, for exposing kids to materials that simply looked liked them. Folks might see them as this hipstery, cool relic today, but it’s important to underline: They are a powerful statement.”

After meeting with Jeyifous, Jasper decided that she and her team would scramble to locate the now-adult children of the Black ABCs and Jeyifous would shoot and interview them; then (here’s the science part) he would incorporate their cells into new portraits.

Which meant finding them. Nadia Sulayman, director of community arts and programs for UC’s Arts + Public Life initiative based at the Arts Incubator, said their focus is on narratives about the South Side, so a lot of communities of color already knew about the Black ABCs. They even came across people who used its images as screen-savers. “But they didn’t necessarily know it was made here.” Or that it had gone national, or used everyday Chicagoans.

Luckily, one day, early on, by remarkable coincidence, while the staff was discussing the Black ABCs, Cheryl Reese was listening. A Chicago-based manager for musicians, she works occasionally with the gallery and recalled: “I heard everyone discussing a bunch of different ideas and I said, ‘Oh, yeah, you know, that Black ABCs thing. I know about it because I’m actually the letter T — for talk? I’m not sure how I became the letter T, but to this day I do wear a Bluetooth all the time and I’m never not talking. So it was spot on.’”

Jasper says that without Reese, they might not have found any-

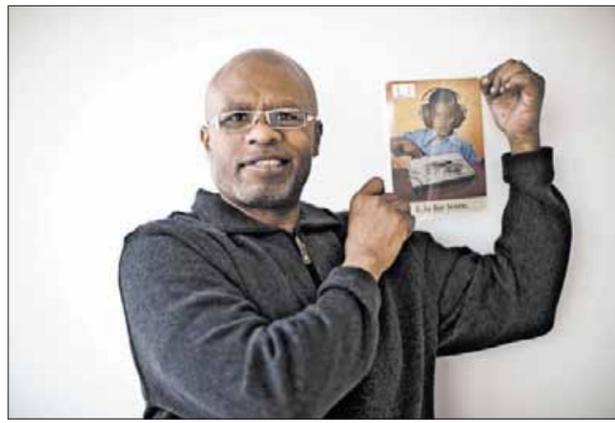


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Artist and neurobiologist Okunola Jeyifous, left, and curator Hannah Jasper hold up a piece from Jeyifous’ upcoming exhibit “S is for Soul Sister” at the Arts Incubator Gallery in Chicago. Jeyifous joined portraits of now-adult subjects of the Black ABCs with images of their cells.



University of Chicago curator Hannah Jasper at the Arts Incubator Gallery holds a transparency of “S is for soul sister.”



Kevin Williams holds a transparency of an original Black ABC card, “L is for learn,” where he is depicted as a 6-year-old.



Reginald Corner holds an original Black ABC poster at the Arts Incubator gallery in Chicago showing himself as a child in the card in “R is for read.”

“Folks might see them as this hipstery, cool relic today, but it’s important to underline: They are a powerful statement.”

— Okunola Jeyifous, artist and neurobiologist

one: “‘T is for talk’ gave us the ‘in’ we needed. Because ‘T’ knew ‘L,’ and ‘L’ knew ‘R,’ and ‘R’ was brothers with ‘C’ ...”

Now she keeps a spreadsheet, pairing identities with letters as they learn them.

But so far, they are only certain of six. They expect the project to linger, maybe for years. In fact, a week before their show opened, Jasper, exhibitions coordinator for Arts + Public Life, and Brett Swinney, its community engagement manager, were huddled in the rare books room of the Richard J. Daley Library at University of Illinois at Chicago, falling down their umpteenth rabbit hole of archives, picking through images from another housing project, one they hoped might offer information about the Black ABCs.

“To be honest, we didn’t know the research hasn’t been done on this when we started,” Jasper said, watching Swinney flip through stacks and stacks of ancient photographs. “We thought someone would have a list of names of the kids — or just simple answers to questions we still don’t know, like who actually shot the photos for the Black ABCs.”

“And the images are just out there, without context,” Swinney added, “and since the copyright isn’t active, people make money on them online and the money doesn’t go back to the source. Which feeds a larger conversation

about who has agency over a work when a marker is removed. Without that context, are we taking advantage of people in the images? The ABCs had been about empowerment in the first place.”

Jasper glanced at her phone. “I think X just called,” she said.

“Sure?” Swinney asked.

She listened to voicemail. “Yup,” she said, “we got X.”

The Black ABCs were owned by the Society for Visual Education, which started in Chicago in 1919 and by the early 1970s became a leading supplier of classroom films.

But the idea began with June Heinrich and Bernadette Triplett. Heinrich, who died in 2006, was an early childhood educator and activist for many causes, from fair housing in Oak Park to educational programs for seniors; she founded the Oak Park organization that’s now called the Oak-Leyden Developmental Services, for developmentally disabled. She was close friends with Triplett, who died in 1989. Triplett taught second grade at Byrd Elementary near the Cabrini-Green housing projects and “probably saw a void every day that needed addressing in terms of representation and self-esteem,” said Monica Triplett, her daughter. “She knew the importance of context.”

Dori Middleman, Heinrich’s daughter, said her mother be-

came frustrated by how routinely black students in Chicago were being told that they little chance of succeeding in school or after graduation. So she sketched out ideas for the ABCs and worked with Triplett on finding the kids. “I remember when the pictures started coming back, how thrilled she was,” Middleman said. “She thought it would definitely make a difference.”

She said her mother even tutored and paid for trumpet lessons for one of the children. But because the posters were created for elementary classrooms, there was never “anything really noted about how the people in those pictures were a real community.”

The Ickes Homes, demolished more than a decade ago, were on State Street, not far from other Chicago projects such as the Robert Taylor Homes and Stateway Gardens. It comprised 11 buildings holding more than 700 apartments. Cheryl (“T is for talk”) Reese said, “When I look at those ABCs now I see a community. The Ickes didn’t have such bad images attached then. It was like a neighborhood, really. Our parents all knew each other and they all looked after each other’s children. I look at ‘U is for us,’ with the two boys walking, their arms around each other, and *that’s* how I remember the Ickes.”

When Jeyifous interviewed the now-adult models for the Incubator exhibition, “You mostly heard positive aspects of being in those homes. You heard about walking to school in Chinatown, where school was like 40% black, 40% Chinese. You heard about how everyone listened to the same radio station and everyone’s windows were open on Saturday

mornings, so it was all one sound coming out. A lot of the (former Black ABCs models) had great recall of the times, not the photo session itself.”

That sense of community came across to Melissa Stewart, an educator and artist in Austin, Texas. “Early in my career I saw a friend had the ‘S is for soul sister’ poster framed in her office, and I had to have this. (The posters) are charming, but just from an aesthetic perspective, they’re also cohesive, warm.” She spent a decade finding and restoring a set of originals, hunting on eBay and at auctions held after school closings.

Now she sells Black ABC flashcards on Etsy. But she’s also given away scans of the originals to Chicagoans who’ve identified themselves as models on the cards. She — like the Arts Incubator — believes the copyright expired on the Black ABCs, “but even if there’s no copyright infringement here, I am sensitive to the idea that what I am doing might be cultural appropriation. I’m a white woman, I should listen to concerns.”

Like others, she spots questions of approval and exploitation beneath the surface.

At the exhibition, placed alongside the Black ABCs are portraits of a handful of the models as adults. Each is a collage of traditional portraiture paired with kaleidoscopic images of the subject’s cells, removed by Jeyifous with a cheek swab, then dyed and photographed in a microscope. He did this to spotlight “questions of informed consent and the use of black bodies,” extending the theme from medical to housing, “where lives are affected by policies and people who perhaps never consider the people living there.”

As for the models, they see mostly memories and loss.

Some moved away, some still see each other, at reunions, on Facebook. Some swear their old best friend was this or that letter, only to be told by their old best friend that they weren’t. They look at the Black ABCs and see that the kid they were is a stranger now.

Reginald Corner was “R for reading.”

“I remember we got paid and they could use the picture for whatever. I’m sitting in a man’s lap in my picture, and I don’t know that man. I think he was the custodian? And I see the shirt I’m wearing and I think it was a classic, some striped ’70s thing. That style is coming back now, and I think, it would be nice to have that shirt again, wouldn’t it?”

“S is for Soul Sister” runs Jan. 17 to March 20 at the Arts Incubator Gallery, 301 E. Garfield Blvd.; arts.uchicago.edu/event/s-soul-sister-exhibition

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Video game creator finds joy in every day

'Wattam', 'Katamari' developer believes in power of play

BY TODD MARTENS
Los Angeles Times

"A meow!" Artist and unconventional game developer Keita Takahashi has just overheard a feline through the telephone line. He laughs and begins asking questions about said cat.

It's the moment Takahashi seems most comfortable and chatty during our long-distance interview, a detour from discussing his latest game, which is about explosions, golden poop and, ultimately, how to be better people.

"Wattam," the long-awaited work from the developer behind the endearing cult smash "Katamari Damacy," itself a jubilant celebration of fun and optimism, is also about seeking out the joy in the everyday, namely the objects that surround us and can sometimes be taken for granted. If it existed in the world of "Wattam," for example, a random cat's meow would be cause for celebration, a reminder that beauty and joy is not only everywhere but too often fleeting.

Yes, that's heavy stuff for a game in which a walking and talking mouth might devour an anthropomorphic apple and then turn the latter into a humanlike piece of feces that wants to spread love, but Takahashi's metaphorical approach to game-making is one in which play is utilized as an expressionist tool.

The "mayor" in "Wattam's" universe, for instance, is a green square — and sometimes a strawberry after being eaten by a tree — but objects are simply excuses to explore interactions, to show that a toilet, a telephone, an acorn, an octopus toy, an onion, a nose, a castle-sized cake and a bounty of other random things can and



HANDOUT

The game play for Keita Takahashi's "Katamari Damacy" series speaks to a more hopeful view of the world.

should live in harmony.

"Wattam," Takahashi says, was inspired by watching his two younger children play. He wanted to create something that presented a more hopeful view of the world.

"Kids are so great," the Japanese developer says. "They can enjoy everything, even small things. They can run around and be happy and then suddenly cry or get angry. But they can get that happy feeling back so quickly. That's unbelievable."

"That's like a different creature. They're pure, innocent and have a curiosity about everything. That's something grown-ups are missing. Grown-ups lose that innocence."

There are occasional

In "Wattam," as in "Katamari Damacy," there's an underlying sense of rebuilding the world, of correcting a past generational mistake.

"Katamari," first released in 2004 — and now included in the collection of New York's Museum of Modern Art in part for rendering "the objects of everyday life fantastical" — centered on creating giant balls of stuff in an effort to restore the cosmos after a drunken king unwittingly eradicated the stars. "Wattam's" objects are drawn in the bold, rounded colors of infant toys sprung to life, awkwardly bumping into one another and even crawling and climbing all over one another.

There are occasional

missions — retrieve a receiver to stop a telephone set from crying, or create a body of water to prevent the season of summer from being sad — but mostly "Wattam" is about wonder: What happens if I climb a tree? What happens if I explode?

As long as the player never stops asking "what if?" "Wattam" never ceases to inspire smiles. As our objects make more connections, the world becomes brighter and happier.

Ask Takahashi, who studied sculpture in the mid-1990s at Toyko's Musashino Art University, about the common threads present in "Katamari Damacy" and "Wattam" — namely why each possesses

an ultimate mission of reconstructing the universe — and he's quick to be blunt.

"The current world is very messed up," he says sharply. "That's it."

Yet there's more to it.

While currently residing in San Francisco, it was Takahashi's move from Japan to multicultural Vancouver, Canada, that paved the way for the six-years-in-development "Wattam." And when he lays it all out, it becomes clear why one of the core abilities of "Wattam" is holding hands.

Solutions in the game can come just from creating giant dance circles, of watching the hand of a flower touch that of a

crown. But be careful of the latter: "Wattam's" inventory descriptions tell us those who wear a crown and flaunt their power are "susceptible to losing it."

Upon arriving in Vancouver and discovering its diversity, Takahashi marveled that the city functioned without everyone warring with one another.

"For me, it was very impressive," he says of the shift in cultural points of view. "There were so many different races of people in Vancouver. They speak different Asian or European languages (and) they speak English. They work together. That's a great thing."

"But we have so many problems and fights and friction that are caused by different perspectives, different countries, and that's bad. That's so bad."

"Wattam" encourages us to connect by employing at least one standard video game trope: explosions. Only here, instead of causing mass destruction, an explosion is caused by the mayor removing his hat, which ultimately results in everyone soaring and flopping as if they're on a trampoline. This was also inspired by his two children — Takahashi says he found it amusing that they would instantly want to smash any block towers, doing so as an expression of amusement rather than violence.

Takahashi knows that making explosions cheery is an odd symbol for video games.

"This game is about our life," he says. "And yet I knew I could not make a game about life. Life is complicated, and there are so many emotions and so many problems."

"This game is not about shooting. ... I kind of feel bad only showing the good side of human beings, but I wanted to put the spotlight on our good sides. Because our country, our world, is so messy. I like to show possibility. Our life can be more cute."

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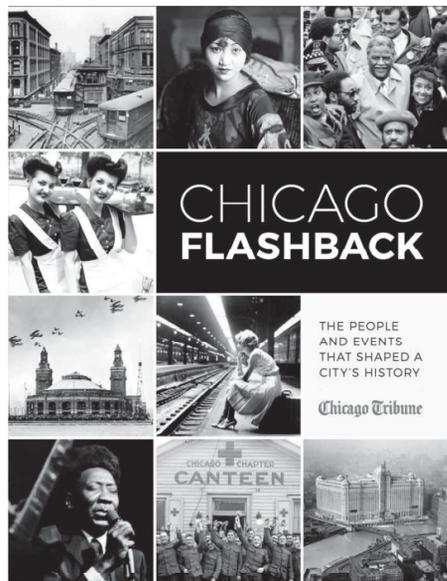
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COMMENTARY

Netflix isn't disrupting anything at the Oscars

This year was a return to status quo for diversity

By MARY McNAMARA
Los Angeles Times

What is the point of Netflix if the year that it receives more Oscar nominations than any other studio is the year that we return to the status quo of no female directing nominees and exactly one person of color nominated in the acting categories?

Seriously, is this the brave new world of streaming? Where press releases go out daily about the wildly "diverse" television creators drafted by Netflix (and to a lesser extent Amazon) but the Oscar-nominated Netflix films come from Martin Scorsese and Noah Baumbach?

This isn't changing the film industry; this is gaming the film industry, leveraging the grand traditions of awards season — such a coincidence that the best films are so often about white guys and their myriad troubles — and giving them a double dose. (In the case of "The Two Popes," quite literally.)

Just last year, it seemed as if Netflix were determined to both win and change the nature of a best picture. With "Roma," the streamer put its money where its mouth was, insisting that Alfonso Cuarón's quiet portrait of a Mexico City housekeeper was powerful enough to transcend American

awards bias against all sorts of things, including subtitles, black and white films and movies about women.

Which it almost did; "Roma" won lots of awards, including Oscars for foreign language film, cinematography and directing, but the best picture went to the far more traditional "Green Book."

This year, well ... I guess



Cynthia Erivo, left, with Aria Brooks, stars as Harriet Tubman in "Harriet." The film was snubbed after being dinged in reviews as being too formulaic.

if you can't beat 'em, join 'em.

For the Netflix-phobic among us, there might be some comfort in the knowledge that there is a force greater than the world domination-seeking streamer. But as that force appears to be a set of often quite specific if unspoken perimeters of "greatness," that comfort is of the decidedly cold variety.

If you don't think such perimeters exist, consider that the best picture category was increased to a possible 10 only after "The Dark Knight" failed to get a nomination due to perceived comic-book bias. Last year, "Black Panther" broke that glass ceiling; this year, "Joker" overcame a lot of early outrage to receive more nominations than any other film.

So at least one sort of bias has been admitted and overcome.

"Joker" was not the only critically divisive film on the best picture list — "Jojo Rabbit," which was also panned as often as it was praised, made the cut, while critical and audience hits including "The Farewell," "Hustlers," "Knives Out" and "Portrait of a

Lady on Fire" were left out. All of which revolve around women and were made, with the exception of "Knives Out," by female directors. Not that we should read anything into this.

Meanwhile, "Harriet," the kind of historical epic that generally pleases motion picture academy voters (and one that defies cultural conventions predating film itself), got dinged in many reviews for being too formulaic. This is despite Cynthia Erivo's astonishing, and Oscar-nominated, performance as a former slave turned verifiable action hero — a female character that somehow never made it to the center of a film before. It was never even discussed as a possibility for best picture, despite there being 10 slots available.

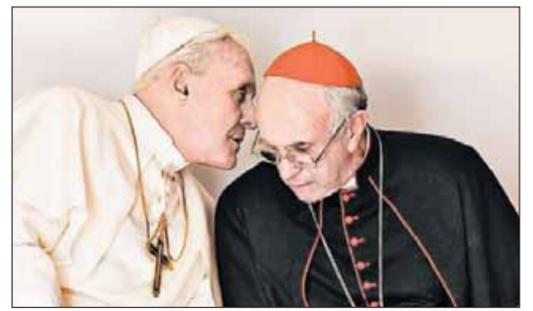
If only filmmaker Kasi Lemmons had thought to follow Harriet in a single shot through a world war complete with cameos by British heartthrobs past and present; if only Tubman had been forced to have imaginary conversations with best friend Jefferson Davis. If only "Harriet" had been made and

marketed by Netflix.

Please do not willfully misunderstand. I'm not saying that "1917," "Jojo Rabbit," "The Irishman," "Marriage Story" and "The Two Popes" are not great and/or awards-worthy films; I'm just saying that "formulaic" often wins big at the Oscars, but only when it's a certain formula.

Nor am I blaming Netflix for the monochromatic tone of this year's Oscars or for its overwhelming desire to win the film industry's greatest award even as it attempts to completely destroy its business model and audience culture.

The way in which Netflix went about the Oscar race this year — no female directors, very traditional movies that focus almost exclusively on the personal illumination and/or transformation of white men — is disheartening, but not as disheartening as the level with which the streamer was rewarded for it. ("Dolemite Is My Name," the lone major Netflix awards contender not centered on a white man, did not receive any nominations. And the streamer's Cannes Film Festival acquisition, "Atlantics," directed



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Pope Benedict (Anthony Hopkins) and the liberal future Pope Francis (Jonathan Pryce) in "The Two Popes."

This is gaming the film industry, leveraging the grand traditions of awards season ... and giving them a double dose.

by Mati Diop, a French woman of Senegalese descent, was not nominated in the international feature category.)

Despite a growing and diversifying Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, and small gains for international films and documentaries, this year's Oscar nominees feel more like a retrenchment than a reflection of the narrative expansion the film industry claims to champion.

So here we are. With "Roma," Netflix most certainly helped make room in the best picture field for "Parasite," which is a very good thing, but this year it's brought nothing new, and much that is old, to the table. And Oscar voters have embraced it wholeheartedly.

Which is not to say that old is bad. That this is the first time Jonathan Pryce has been nominated for an Oscar (for Netflix's "The Two Popes") is absolutely shocking, and one of the most egregious omissions on Oscar morning was that of Robert De Niro from the lead acting category.

How on earth can anyone consider "The Irish-

man" a candidate for best picture without celebrating De Niro's (as ever) tremendous performance? If he wasn't also a producer of "The Irishman," I wouldn't blame him if he skipped the whole thing — who wants to sit through another evening of being praised as if you were dead instead of a very much still-working actor who gave a tremendous performance in a best picture favorite?

But no doubt De Niro will be there, supporting his film, his costars and, yes, Netflix, and after much complaining about the narrow demographic representation in too many categories, so will the rest of us. Declining ratings notwithstanding, the Oscar telecast remains the second-biggest live event on television, and for a reason: The Academy Awards matter.

Which is why all the parsing and analysis should not be misconstrued as cancel culture. No one who cares about film in any way wants the Oscars gone. But if Netflix is going to disrupt things, it would be nice if that disruption extended to the way we define "best."

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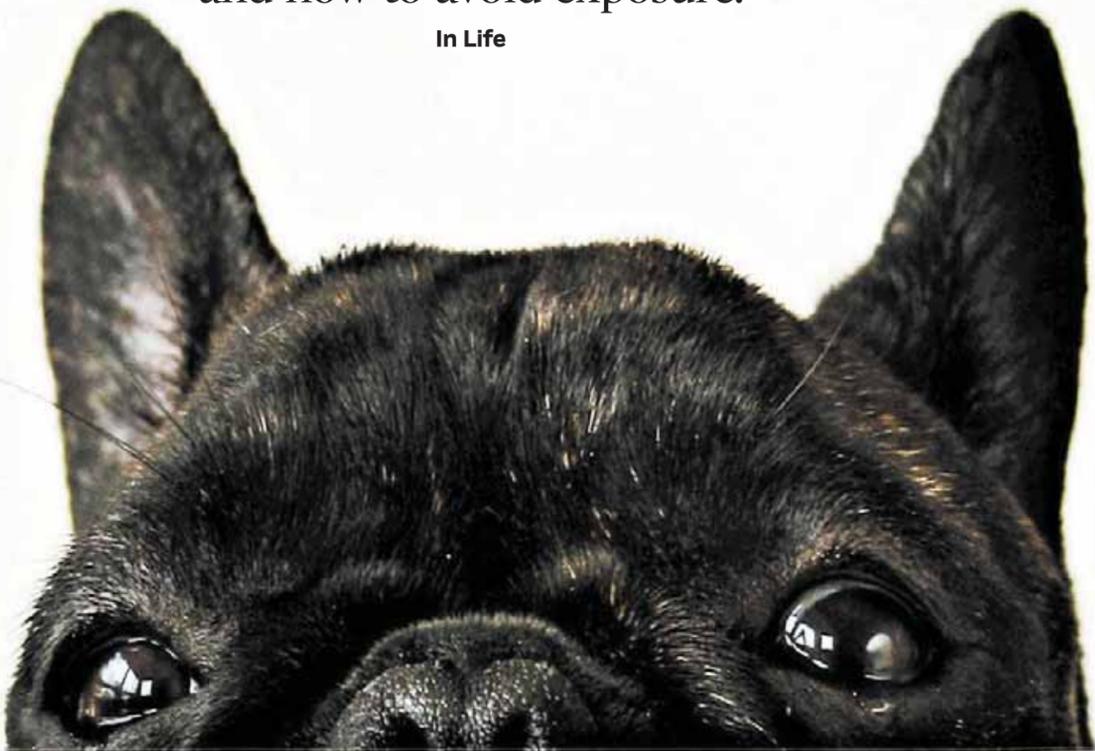
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ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON | askamy@amydickinson.com | @askamy

Return inherited love letters to sender

Dear Amy: In the early '30s, my uncle attended college in North Carolina. He met a girl, and they fell in love. When he graduated, he moved back to his home state, and she stayed in North Carolina.

They exchanged letters through 1933 or so, but the long distance doomed the relationship. He was devastated at the breakup and saved all of her letters.

My uncle died in 1979, and I inherited all of his estate, including all of her letters (about 120), pictures and other small items she had sent to him.

In trying to decide what to do, I found her family on the internet. She passed away in 2002 but has a large extended family.

I composed a respectful letter to her oldest son, telling him what I have. I specifically apologized at the beginning of the letter if he thought this was an intrusion into their family's life, but on the other hand, many people these days do genealogy research and would love to know all about their family's history.

I have not sent the letter. My family is split over this. Some say to just throw this stuff out, while others agree that I should contact the family. I don't want to upset them over their grandmother's love affair with someone they've likely never even heard of.

What do you think I should do?
— *Conflicted*

Dear Conflicted: Do NOT throw out these letters and photos. Contact the woman's son, accurately describe what you have and offer to send the collection to him.

I detect an undercurrent of scandal or embarrassment over this collection. I fail to see why you are hesitating. Your uncle and his correspondent were young people who loved one another. Their tender story is beautiful, and universal. As far as I can tell, there was no taboo to their love affair. These letters, and especially the photos, would most likely be treasures to her family.

Dear Amy: Should I be concerned that my boyfriend's (female) work friend, whom he would only see twice a year at conferences (and has recently gotten divorced), is driving four hours to visit our town? She says she wants us all to go to dinner.

Here is the problem: We live in a very small and unassuming place. No one ever just vacations here. It's obvious to me that she's coming to town just to see my

boyfriend. He is oblivious and says I'm being jealous. He and I have a very solid relationship. Am I just being crazy?
— *Jealous?*

Dear Jealous: Jealousy isn't always a bad thing, but it is often flung in a partner's direction like an accusation, instead of it being the reasonable and justified response to a specific situation.

You might as well cop to feeling this way: "Jealous? You bet I am, buster." This doesn't mean that he has done anything wrong, but that he is a desirable guy, and she is a newly single woman taking a four-hour road trip just to say hi.

The real concern would be if she (or he) insisted on excluding you. Neither of them has.

Attend this dinner, behave like a sophisticated and confident person, laugh at all of their inside jokes, ask pointed questions about work and family, think of people you could fix her up with — and suss this out.

Your Spidey sense should tell you whether you've got a real problem, or whether this is a case of someone (her) exploring a new territory, only to find that there is a sturdy flag already planted there.

Dear Amy: I'm the child of an older dad — a man who people assumed was my grandfather.

I simply corrected people and let them be embarrassed all by themselves.

"K In Colorado" is an older dad who should be a lot more worried about keeping himself healthy, so he can be vibrant through all his son's life than about a stranger's assumptions.

Letting ignorant people bug him is not good for his health.

— *Summer*

Dear Summer: Your dad raised a practical and resilient child. Good job, Dad!

I completely understand the frustration this dad must experience to frequently be mistaken for his adolescent son's grandfather, but this assumption was a likely outcome when he chose to have his first child at the age of 57.

Good and happy parents embrace the joys of parenthood, while tolerating its many frustrations.

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Desperate for a defense

Harvey Weinstein and his team are attacking the #MeToo movement. It won't work.

That got ugly fast. Jury selection began recently in Harvey Weinstein's New York trial, where he is charged with raping a woman in a New York City hotel room in 2013 and forcibly performing a sex act on another woman in 2006.

The night before jurors would be chosen, Los Angeles prosecutors charged Weinstein with sexually assaulting two more women — one at a Los Angeles hotel; one at a Beverly Hills hotel — in 2013. He faces up to 28 years in prison on charges of forcible rape, forcible oral copulation, sexual penetration by use of force and sexual battery.

Meanwhile, we're getting a deeply distressing glimpse of the direction his defense will take.

New York Magazine published a story that says Juda Engelmayer, Weinstein's publicist, is sending reporters a 57-page PowerPoint filled with opposition research on Weinstein's accusers. It's titled "The Proper Narrative for Addressing the Harvey Weinstein Case."

"The document claims there is 'no objective support' for any of the women's claims because there were no witnesses and 'no physical injuries — even scratches,'" Irin Carmon writes for New York. "Current rape law requires nothing of the sort and

hasn't for at least a half century. On Page 27, in a subsection entitled '5 Illustrations Why HW's Accusers are not Credible,' it suggests that one woman opening her door to Weinstein 'in her nightgown suggests that this was consensual, and that her current version is revisionist.'"

Vanity Fair published an article headlined, "Who Would Defend Harvey Weinstein?" In it, reporter Maureen O'Connor interviews members of Weinstein's team of lawyers.

Lead attorney Donna Rotunno who is from Chicago, had this to say: "The pendulum is swinging so far in the overly sensitive direction that men can't really be men, and women can't really be women. I feel that women may rue the day that all of this started when no one asks them out on a date, and no one holds the door open for them, and no one tells them that they look nice."

Holding our own doors strikes me as a fair trade-off for not getting raped at work. (And, for the record, I hold the door for whom ever is entering near me and teach both my daughter and son to do the same. It's good manners, not a romantic overture.)

But that's not really the point, is it?

The point is Weinstein and his team have been trying — and will continue



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Harvey Weinstein arrives for a pretrial hearing in state Supreme Court in New York this month.

to try — to turn his trial into an appeal for a twisted nostalgia. They're trying to tap into a longing for a time when men needn't be bothered with cues or consent or feelings — theirs, or their conquests' — because women were there for the taking. And women liked it that way!

But that time was a mirage. It exists only in the imaginations of people who can't fathom that women are fully formed humans who get the final say in what happens to their bodies. It exists only for people who would willingly conflate romance with rape.

The vast, vast (vast!) majority of women and men know that men can "really be men" without

raping anyone and women can "really be women" even if no one is asking them out or holding their doors or telling them they look nice.

The vast, vast (vast!) majority of women and men know that love and romance and intimacy and pleasure have plenty of room to exist and thrive in a space and a culture that also frowns on (and prosecutes) sexual harassment and assault.

The vast, vast (vast!) majority of people know better than to buy what Weinstein and his team are peddling. We know progress when we see it.

In The New Yorker on Jan. 13, editor David Remnick interviewed reporter Ronan Farrow about the Weinstein trial. Farrow

won a 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for his Weinstein reporting in the New Yorker, and Farrow's book, "Catch and Kill," chronicles the evolution of the bombshell story, including Weinstein's efforts to silence both his accusers and the journalists with whom they spoke.

"I think there's a constituency of survivors and activists for whom the case carries profound meaning," Farrow told Remnick. "It's a test of a lot of systems that have failed a lot of people for a long time."

It's impossible to know with certainty whether Weinstein will be convicted. But the #MeToo movement shouldn't be measured solely by Weinstein's fate.

Countless people — women and men; rich and poor; old and young; famous and toiling unrecognized at minimum wage jobs — have learned, maybe for the first time, that they're not alone and what they endured or are enduring is not OK. They're telling their stories. They may be whispering them. They may only tell one person. But they're finding their voices and they're finding a community.

And there's tremendous value in that. That's what progress looks like.

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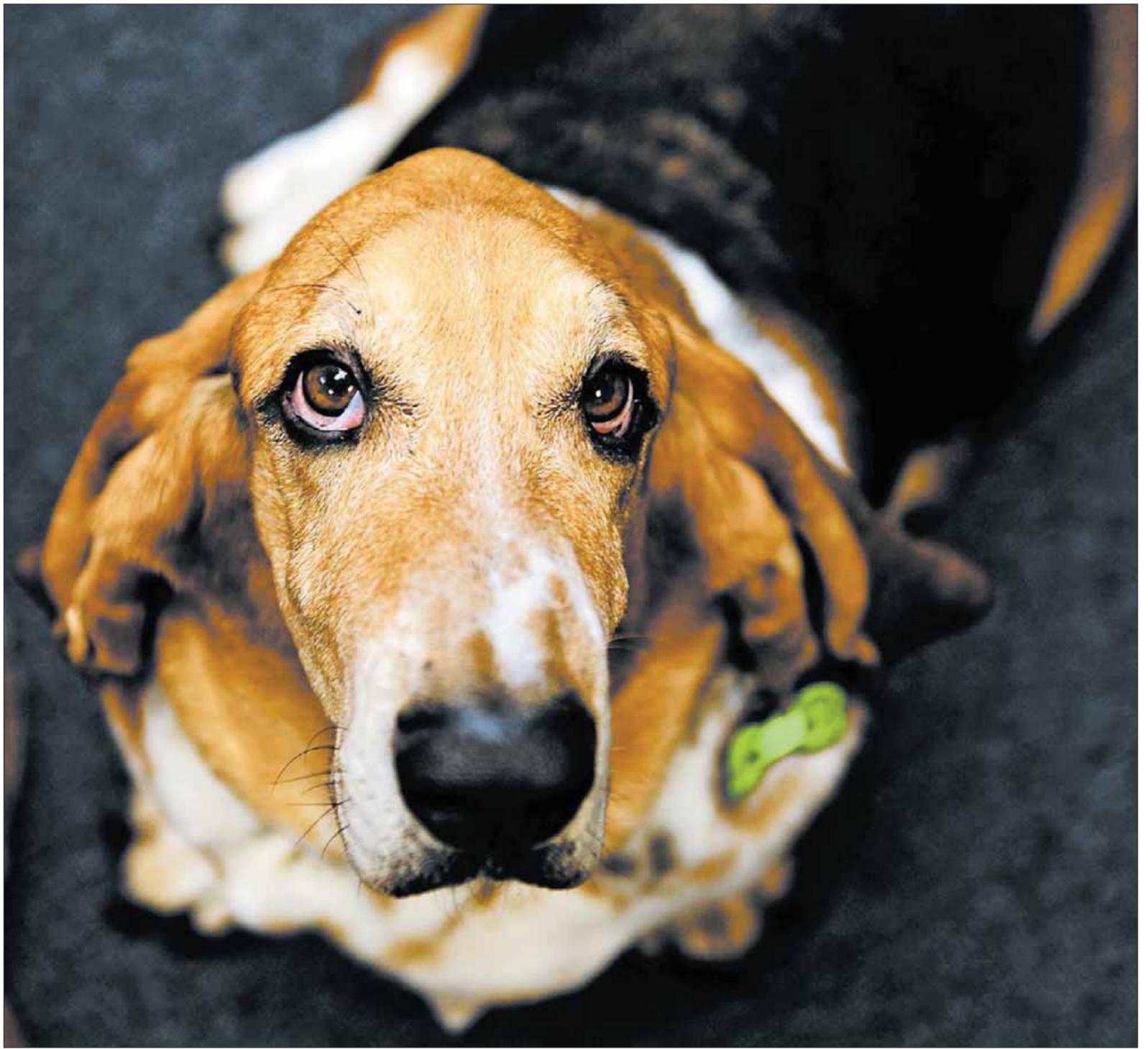
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Dogs are great at begging for treats — just make sure they don't accidentally munch on cannabis products.

Canines and cannabis

More dogs are falling prey to THC poisoning. Vets say legal marijuana is a key factor

BY CINDY DAMPIER

When was the last time your dog swiped a little food that didn't belong to him?

Remember the sandwich your sister set down on the coffee table? The batch of cookies that was cooling on the counter ... until they were gone? Or the dog-walking hazard all city dwellers have faced: the taco/chicken wing/puddle of something gross on the sidewalk?

Now imagine that stolen canine delight was laced with a whole lot of THC.

In the era of legalization, it's not hard to imagine at all. In fact, dog poisoning from ingesting cannabis is sharply on the rise.

The Schaumburg-based American Veterinary Medical Association reports that cannabis-related calls to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' pet poison-control hotline rose 765% during the same period from 2018 to 2019. And the Pet Poison Helpline has reported an increase of more than 400% in cannabis poisoning calls over the past six years.

If you're a dog owner, you won't be surprised to hear that dogs accounted for a lot of those calls.

"Dogs are more at risk," says incoming AVMA President and Wisconsin veterinarian Doug Kratt, "simply because dogs are

less selective in what they choose to eat. Cats, for instance, are more finicky."

It comes down to basics: "If your dog will eat a chocolate chip cookie," says Kratt, "he'll eat one laced with THC."

Kratt and the AVMA point to legalization as the force behind the increase in poison-control calls but say several factors are likely at play. Not only is there likely more cannabis in more forms in more households with pets, but the relaxing of rules and stigma around cannabis use might mean people are more likely to call in and report a pet poisoning related to cannabis. They also might be more casual about leaving their cannabis products lying around.

"If it's legal," Kratt says, "people don't have the same tendency to keep it hidden away."

And with more open consumption, more of what gets dropped on the street for pets to find has THC in it too. Bottom line?

"As humans get more access to cannabis, animals have a lot more access too," says Kratt. For dogs, with their Wild West food philosophy (eat first, ask questions later), that's an opportunity for disaster.

The effects of THC are three times more powerful in dogs than in humans, resulting in poisoning that causes vomiting, uncoordinated movements, dribbling

urine, low blood pressure and, in extreme cases, seizures. The poisoning can be complicated by other ingredients in edible cannabis products, since ingredients such as chocolate and some artificial sweeteners are poisonous to dogs as well.

Often, dogs who wind up at the vet with THC poisoning need to be treated for two kinds of poisoning at once, depending on what was in the edible they ingested. For the most part, the treatment involves management of symptoms and monitoring to make sure your dog isn't experiencing a dangerous drop in blood pressure, and that his respiration and body temperature are normal. Vets can also test your dog's urine to confirm that THC is the culprit.

If you suspect your dog's dietary indiscretions have included munching on cannabis products, watch for the most common symptoms: dribbling urine and dilated pupils. Kratt says a call to a pet poison-control line is one place to start, but the other is a call to your own vet, who will advise you on whether to bring your dog in to be checked.

"Caring for your pet should be a partnership between you and your vet," he says. "But if you're seeing any clinical symptoms, I'd say that's time to go in and see your vet because you can't pick up if their blood pressure is low or something like that."

Before things go that far, you might want to consider some preventive steps.

Natalie Ridge, co-owner and dog trainer at Canine Sports, which trains dogs throughout Chicago and the suburbs, says that when dogs grab food (laced with cannabis or not), "the problem is the owner never taught the dog impulse control." Dog trainers break the "counter surfing" troubles down into two categories: owner present and owner absent problems.

"Owner present is actually easier," says Ridge, "because if they are willing to do it in front of you, you are right there and can correct it." She suggests using a "no" word that the dog is familiar with or a squirt from a squirt bottle as a correction.

Owner absent situations require different approaches — young dogs, for instance, should probably be in a crate while you are out of the house. And consistency is key, especially when it comes to making it clear that countertops and tables are not associated with food for your pet.

"If you catch your dog up on the table eating the Thanksgiving turkey, that's actually a huge reward event for your dog," Ridge says. "If you act like it's funny even one time, dogs start to think like lawyers a little bit: 'That was OK last time, so what else can I try?'"

On the street, Ridge says that you should work on teaching your dog to pass up those tempting morsels.

"That's where a good 'leave it' comes in handy," she says. "It's really imperative to teach a dog to leave it because there's so much junk on the street."

And, Ridge points out, even if that junk doesn't contain cannabis, it can cause your dog some serious stomach upset "and no one wants to deal with that."

Ridge and Kratt both offer one piece of watertight advice for lowering your dog's risk of getting THC poisoning.

"Obviously," Ridge says, "the safest thing is to put your edibles away, out of the dog's reach."

If you're wondering whether a tiny bit of cannabis might chill your dog out in the same way it can be used to relieve human anxiety, think twice.

"We don't have enough research on it to recommend anything," says Kratt. "More research is needed, and I'd want to see the science behind it first."

For now, the AVMA recommends that you avoid even exposing your pet to secondhand cannabis smoke. For dogs, legalization comes with a caveat.

"Just because it's OK for humans," Kratt says, "does not mean it's OK for dogs."

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SOCIAL GRACES

You see someone's fiance on Tinder. Now what?

BY HANNAH HERRERA GREENSPAN

Q: What should you do if you see someone's fiance on Tinder?

A: Discovering someone's fiance on Tinder catapults us onto ethical thin ice. On one hand, we feel the moral duty to "be a friend" by sharing vital information that affects the friend's current and future happiness. On the other hand, we know we're cracking open a hornet's nest that can terminate our relationship.

A slick way to manage both concerns is to reveal the information as though it's a coincidence.

"This is so weird. There's this guy on Tinder, and he looks just like Jamie. I mean, it's uncanny. Maybe everyone does have a double in this world."

Offering the evidence depends on you and on your friend's reaction to your information. If you feel comfortable doing so, open the app and show the "uncanny resemblance" to the fiance. Or you can include a screen shot via text or email with the above

information.

— Susan Winter, relationship expert, love coach and author of "Breakup Triage: The Cure for Heartache"

A: First of all, you have to ask yourself a few questions before you go contacting the friend at large about this perceived ick.

How well do you know the couple? Are you sure they didn't split up and just haven't announced it on social media? If you know the relationship is neither open nor finished, then you have

to examine your relationship with each person involved.

If you're closer to the Tinder seeker, I say it's fair to send a message saying, "Hey, so seeing you here is weird. Anything you want to tell me?"

If you're closer to the other person, let that person know what you saw. I know, it's someone else's relationship, and we shouldn't meddle, but one of these yahoos gave up the right to discretion and privacy by putting a profile on a dating app, you know?



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THE KIDS

HOW TO KEEP THEM BUSY THIS WEEK

Find out how humans, machines work together

BY WEB BEHRENS

Monday

BLACK CREATIVITY FAMILY DAY

Art meets science during the Museum of Science and Industry's annual "Black Creativity" programming, celebrating its 50th anniversary with a come-one-come-all Family Day kickoff on MLK Day. The juried art exhibition, billed as the longest-running showcase of African-American art in the nation, displays more than 100 works, some of them by student artists. Meanwhile, Innovation Studio workshops encourage visitors of all ages to use STEM skills to design solutions to everyday challenges. Through March 1 at MSI, 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive. Free general admission to Illinois residents Jan. 20-23 and again Jan. 27-30. tinyurl.com/y970eqz5

'HOW PEOPLE MAKE THINGS'

Think of it as one giant factory tour, with a big DIY station to put what you've learned to work: That's the idea behind the new kid-oriented exhibit, "How People Make Things." Find out how humans and machines work together to make everyday objects, from boxes to shoes to toys. Then kids can use tools to cut, mold, deform and assemble. This Pittsburgh export comes to Naperville for a long visit, opening Jan. 20 and running through Sept. 6 at DuPage Children's Museum, 301 N. Washington St., Naperville. \$13. dupagechildrensmuseum.org/how-people-make-things

KING DAY FESTIVAL

The Art Institute celebrates MLK Day with a complimentary celebration. Performances include Damon Locks and his Black Monument Ensemble, and the youth artists of Rebirth/Reborn Poetry Ensemble. Drop-in workshops range from the kinetic, with the Move Me Soul dancers, to the visual, with William Estrada's Mobile Street Art Cart. 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Art Institute Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave. The entire museum is free Jan. 20 to Illinois residents. Activities in AIC's Ryan Learning Center are free for everyone: enter at 159 E. Monroe St. tinyurl.com/qlaahbj

'WHAT DOES IT MEAN, DR. KING?'

The thorny topics of bigotry and



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TOP PICKS

Monday, Jan. 20:
'HOW PEOPLE MAKE THINGS'

Saturday, Jan. 25:
HUSKY HEROES

discrimination can be difficult to talk about with little ones, but the Chicago Children's Museum provides a framework for it. In honor of MLK Day, this interactive musical show explains the civil rights movement through the stories of Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and Ruby Bridges. Less than 30 minutes long and geared to kids 4 and up, this original production takes place four times. Afterward, audience members can write a letter to King about what they learned. Performances at 10:45 and 11:45 a.m., 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. (Can't make it Monday? CCM offers a sneak preview at 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 19.) Chicago Children's Museum, 700 E. Grand Ave. \$16-\$19. chicagochildrensmuseum.org

Thursday

MEET CARTOONIST ART BALTAZAR

Winner of multiple Eisner Awards (the Pultizers of comic books), cartoonist and Chicago native Art Baltazar has a brand-new graphic novel to delight your middle schoolers. The clever "Drew & Jot: Dueling Doodles" contains a comic within a comic: It tells the story of two fifth-grade boys who collaborate on a hero-and-villain tale — but a younger sister's doodles might prove the most dangerous foe of all! Meet Baltazar at 7 p.m. at Anderson's Bookshop, 123 W. Jefferson Ave., Naperville. Free to attend; \$15 for "Drew & Jot." tinyurl.com/vur8vl2

Saturday

HUSKY HEROES

By attending this celebration of Siberian huskies, you'll not only learn about the lives of these sled dogs, but you'll witness cool demos of sled-pulling and skijoring (pulling a person on skis). Interested in adopting? Huskies love winter, which means the event takes place primarily outdoors, so dress for the weather. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 25 and 26 at Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle. \$15, \$10 for kids 2-17; free parking. mortonarb.org/events/husky-heroes

POLAR ADVENTURE DAY

This annual tradition celebrates the joys of winter on Northerly Island, one of Chicago's heavenly pockets of nature. Stroll the prairie with a cup of hot cocoa — while wearing snowshoes, if the weather demands it. Better still, meet a variety of animals well adapted for cold: birds of prey, huskies and wolves. Nearby parking (\$3, cash only) is limited, so plan ahead. Noon till 4 p.m. on Jan. 25, repeating Feb. 29, at Northerly Island, 1521 S. Linn White Drive. Free. tinyurl.com/svedgks

'CHECK THE METHOD' SPOKEN-WORD WORKSHOPS

This Wicker Park-based weekly workshop, facilitated by Young Chicago Authors, offers a framework for teens to transform their daily experiences into poetry and hip-hop spoken word. 1-3 p.m. on Saturdays through Feb. 15 at Young Chicago Authors, 1180 N. Milwaukee Ave., 2nd floor. Free. youngchicagoauthors.org/programs/workshops/check-the-method

Sunday

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION CONCERT

Traditional Chinese music and theater take the spotlight at Symphony Center, a celebration to welcome the Year of the Rat. Featured performers are the Shanghai Chinese Orchestra and the Zhejiang Shaoju Opera Theatre, taking the stage at 3 p.m. (Arrive early for preconcert activities, 1:30-2:30.) At Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave. \$20-\$80, or \$99 for a family of four. order.cso.org/10471

Helping adult children financially? Learn to say no

BY CARLA FRIED
Rate.com

Between high rents, student loan debt and meager wage growth, it's hardly surprising that young adults increasingly lean on parents for financial support.

A Pew Research survey reports that the majority of us think it would be grand for an adult child to be financially independent by age 22. But Pew's analysis of government data estimates that fewer than one in four grown kids is hitting that milestone these days, compared with one in three in 1980.

Need proof that most of us consider our kids special? In the Pew research, nearly two in three parents said that parents with adult kids between the ages of 18 and 29 generally are doing too much for those kids. Yet fewer than 30% agree that they themselves do too much for their adult children.

When the help is financial, we're not talking pocket change. A survey last year by Merrill Lynch and Age Wave estimated that the \$500 billion in annual financial help that parents give adult children is double what those same parents manage to save for retirement. Nearly three in four parents reported they put their adult kids' needs ahead of retirement.

Parents who make that choice could be setting everyone up for a difficult future. The less you have saved for retirement, the more likely you will feel money-stressed in retirement — that's not the goal, right? — and you may end up needing to rely on your kids for help in your later years. That's surely not an outcome the entire family wants.

The decision to provide financial support for an adult child is, of course, personal. That said, if you



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Once an adult child has a job, even if they are still living at home, it's time to have them participate in paying bills.

have even the tiniest worries about retirement security, you owe it to your entire family to consider recalibrating your support. Not overnight, but by setting a timeline expectation for when your child will be independent. Nearly half of parents in the Merrill Lynch and Age Wave survey said they wished they had established clearer financial boundaries. Here's how to achieve that:

Adult kids contribute to family expenses. Once an adult child has a job, even if they are still living at home, it's time to have them participate in paying bills. At a minimum, they should pay their share of a family cellphone plan.

Set limits on what you will help with. Helping an adult child get established is one thing, but often help can extend into bankrolling a nicer-than-needed lifestyle.

Money for groceries so they don't exist on a ramen diet or helping make rent on a shared apartment are reasonable assists. Co-signing a loan for a new car

(which should be a used car) or contributing to rent for their own place (rather than shared) is you not setting smart limits.

Hands off your savings. In the Merrill Lynch study, more than eight in 10 parents with adult children said they are willing to make a major financial sacrifice for their adult kids. If you want to trim your lifestyle to come up with the extra cash to help — downsizing your house, driving the car more years before trading in — that's a responsible trade-off to consider, and one that 40% of survey respondents mentioned.

But half of parents also said they would consider raiding a savings account, and one-quarter said they are willing to pull money from their retirement accounts. What's more, one-quarter said they would take on debt to help their adult kids.

That's where your helping puts your family at greater financial risk. If you don't have the savings to take care of yourself, who will? The kids?

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Establishing new boundaries with family

BY ALISON BOWEN

If they did it, you can too. Many are talking about the way Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, have begun paving their way out of the royal family's traditional dynamics and into a life that works for them.

The two announced in a statement Jan. 8 that they would be stepping back as full-time royals, hoping to instead craft a financially independent life and only live part time in Britain.

On Monday, family members met at Queen Elizabeth II's Sandringham estate to talk through the situation, ultimately resulting in a statement from the queen that said while she would have preferred the two remain full-time royals, the family is "entirely supportive of Harry and Meghan's desire to create a new life as a young family."

The decision from the couple came after a year when they have battled incessant media coverage, reports of rifts within the family and the stress of being a newly married couple, with a new baby, all while under scrutiny in the public eye.

Although reactions to their decision have been mixed, many lauded the couple's decision to prioritize what is best for them.

"I think it's really cool that they're setting some new precedents," said Lauren Cook, a therapist based in San Diego. "If they're no longer serving the family and the mental health of all parties involved, it's OK to reevaluate traditions."

Although few in the world find themselves in such a complex situation, the royals are not the only ones to face complicated family dynamics.

Whether it's an estranged family member, siblings who have different relationships with each parent or simply a logistical challenge as many don't live in the same location,



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Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, leave after visiting Canada House in London, shortly before announcing their partial retreat from royal life.

establishing new boundaries with family when not everyone wants the same thing can be difficult.

"This unfortunately happens quite frequently," Cook said.

Monday's royal meeting, Cook said, was a good example of how families should meet in person and openly communicate when possible, "even though it's uncomfortable, it's kind of cringeworthy, and people want to avoid it," she said.

"We joke about ghosting," she said, "but families ideally don't ghost on each

other. I think when you can take the time to actually communicate and give each other closure, it's much more healing."

Many couples or individuals find they want a different set of expectations, she said. Perhaps someone lives far away and is no longer able or willing to visit as often; other people might be feeling hurt or entering a new stage where they want to spend less time with family.

Estrangement can be hurtful for all involved, said Linda F. Williams, a psy-

chotherapist and founder of Whose Apple Dynamic Coaching and Consulting Services, based in Grand Rapids, Michigan. For families, it can be tempting to consider whoever is taking time apart as the cause of the problem, but what is more helpful is to know each family member will experience estrangement differently.

"Give yourself a break, understanding that these are normal feelings and part of a healing process," Williams said.

When possible, commu-

nicate that directly and in person, Cook said. Set up a relaxed environment, at someone's home with coffee or snacks, "taking the wind out of the sails of the conversations," she said.

"If we can take the time to give each other the respect to have those conversations, even though they are uncomfortable, it gives people closure so they can start to move on," she said. "So they're not sitting up at 2 a.m., 'Why is this family member no longer talking to me?'"

And parents might be the

ones who ultimately wish for less time together or setting new boundaries, for example, in a situation with a grown child living at home. "That can lead to some really challenging conversations," she said.

Not every situation is best handled in person or possible without contention. Some situations might not require more elaboration, instead saying directly, "Right now, this isn't working for me. I need to take a break from this."

Remember that everyone will have an opinion, and it is not necessary to share your thoughts or situations with each family member or friend.

"You need to look internally at what's best for you and your family dynamic, because at the end of the day, those are the only people who are truly impacted," Cook said.

Decide how much you want to hear about, or discuss, the situation with others, Williams advised. Clearly communicate that, and plan how you will handle any conversation arising.

If you're the person who a family member is disengaging with, allow some time for self-reflection. If you have a trusted friend or family member who you know will tell you the truth, ask for input and be ready to hear feedback, Williams said.

Know that you can't control the situation, and let the person know you are open to discussion when he is ready.

Remember that in many cases, disengaging or resetting boundaries is a tough situation for all parties. Empathy goes a long way, Cook said.

"Hold a little ounce of empathy for them, to help us figure out how we can find resolution, even if that means amicably walking away for a time," Cook said.

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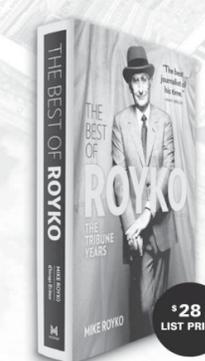
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Casapueblo is a rambling hotel and museum constructed by Uruguayan artist Carlos Paez Vilaro in Punta Ballena.

Uruguay's Atlantic Coast

South American playground boasts boho-chic beach towns, ritzy resorts

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY MARK JOHANSON

JOSE IGNACIO, Uruguay — The former home of artist Carlos Paez Vilaro, now a labyrinthine museum and hotel called Casapueblo, has a way of confusing visitors. Perhaps it's the Gaudiesque architecture and Santorini color palette that make you believe, for a fleeting moment, that you're far away on some Mediterranean shore when you're really in Uruguay.

This stretch of the Uruguayan coast from Punta Ballena to Jose Ignacio often confounds those who expect South America to be undeveloped, underprivileged or troubled. Here, it's none of those things.

I've lived in South America for half a decade and, over the years, heard countless tales of the ritzy beaches that curve along the Atlantic east of Uruguay's capital, Montevideo. Why, I wondered, had so many South Americans made the continent's second-smallest nation their summer playground? And why were an increasing number of U.S. celebrities following suit? The intrigue festered until I finally booked a flight to see for myself.

The road east of Casapueblo skirts an endless gold-sand beach all the way to the coast's largest resort town, Punta del Este, where even the Trump Organization is (four years behind schedule) aiming to get in on the action in 2020 with a 25-story, 156-condominium Trump Tower.

With pulsing beach bars and glassine apartment blocks fronting the emerald sea, it's easy to see why Punta del Este has built a reputation as the Miami of South America. Its star power is so strong that Brazilian supermodels and Argentine movie stars flock here as much to relax in their seafloor condos as to be captured by paparazzi doing so.

There are a handful of chic galleries set back from the sea that come alive each year during Este Arte, one of South America's top international art fairs. Yet the most popular attraction is a piece of public art from Chilean sculptor Mario Irarrazabal, which depicts a hand partially rising out of the sands of Brava Beach.

I stop for a quick lunch not far from its jumbo-sized fingers at I'marangatú, one of the see-and-be-seen restaurants, where I dine on grilled octopus and fresh mussels from Isla de Lobos, an island visible on the horizon that's home to the largest sea lion colony in the Western Hemisphere.

La Barra, with its white-washed homes draped in bougainvilleas, is the next resort

as I continue eastward. Thirty years ago, this coastline had little more than a few humble fishing villages. Now, thanks to new bridges that leapfrog its myriad lagoons, development has crept ever farther from Montevideo with investors (mostly from Argentina and Brazil) capitalizing on Uruguay's perennial stability in a rocky region. Nowhere is this development more apparent than Jose Ignacio, where beachfront properties sell in the millions of dollars.

Jose Ignacio manages to be moneyed without ever feeling snobby or staid. Shabby chic is the overarching aesthetic. There are no shopping malls, nightclubs or condos. The roads are largely unpaved, the cottages are unassuming, and it's perfectly fine to walk barefoot into the town's most popular eatery, La Huella — that is, assuming you've made your reservation weeks in advance.

This air of carefree elegance has led stars like Shakira to purchase a home here, while big-name U.S. visitors include Mark Zuckerberg, Leonardo DiCaprio and Katy Perry, who can stroll the wind-whipped beach in relative obscurity.

If there's one person responsible for placing Jose Ignacio on the international tourist map it's Norwegian-Uruguayan businessman Alexander Vik and his American wife, Carrie.

The couple have opened three design hotels in and around Jose Ignacio. Estancia Vik, the oldest, caters to polo players and gaucho wannabes hoping to live the life promulgated by Ralph Lauren ads. Sleek Playa Vik, the second property, lies beneath a "living roof" of native plants on a knoll at the edge of town, while the themed bungalows of Bahia Vik take advantage of their prime setting along Jose Ignacio's calmest stretch of sand.

All Vik properties share a common theme: contemporary Uruguayan art. They showcase the works of luminaries like sculptor Pablo Atchugarry and painter Carlos Musso in a way few museums in the country could afford to do.

"I like for people to live with art as opposed to collect or invest in art," Vik explains of the statement pieces that line the lobbies of his hotels. Many rooms, particularly at Bahia Vik, were made in collaboration with local artists to "add a dimension that is both stimulative and engaging."

From the patios of the Vik properties to the open-air cafes like Solera in town, everyone in Jose Ignacio seems to be dressed in flowing white linen and tossing back glasses of rosé as if to coax



Bahia Vik is the newest of three Vik Retreats properties in Jose Ignacio.



Sometimes referred to as the Miami of South America, Punta del Este makes a swanky spot to hit the beach.

the setting sun into lingering a few minutes longer. Turns out, all that wine comes from just 11 miles away at Bodega Garzon.

This winery, I learn the next morning, is nothing if not ambitious. Owner Alejandro Bulgheroni essentially created his own 524-acre wine region in a part of Uruguay where few would've dared to grow grapes.

"It was a big risk as there was no wine being produced in this terroir," Bulgheroni recalls. "But when the first bottles came out in 2010, and they were good, we began constructing the winery," which opened in 2016. Now, some 20,000 tourists each year flock to Garzon to tour the striking facility and taste bottles that are changing perceptions of Uruguayan wine.

Garzon has, in its short life, become the nation's largest wine exporter with South America's first LEED-certified sustainable winery. And it doesn't just make that sunset-perfect rosé. The

rolling granitic hills here receive cool ocean breezes that temper the blazing sun, creating ideal conditions for grapes like tannat (Uruguay's signature wine export) and albarino (its secret weapon).

There are four cows for every human in Uruguay, which is a good thing because the population eats more beef per capita than anywhere else on Earth. Perhaps that's why one of the world's most famous grill masters, Francis Mallmann, has built a home, hotel and restaurant minutes from the winery in the five-block cow town of Pueblo Garzon.

The Argentine chef (who has a Uruguayan mother) has made a name for himself for his primal style of slow-roasting foods with fire, air, stones, smoke, salt, oil and little else. Ever since he graced the first season of the Netflix show "Chef's Table," he has garnered a legion of fanboys around

the world, myself included. To find him cooking in an old general store in this dirt road gaucho town was like watching a Western movie set come to life.

I devour salt-baked corvina fish, then fire-roasted tenderloin tournedos draped in chimichurri — all the while musing about how the meal is the perfect encapsulation of my trip. The plates were sumptuous, yet unpretentious, while the setting was elegant, in part thanks to its rustic charm.

Sure, Punta del Este may have been a bit flashy, but on the whole, this moneyed Uruguayan coast had managed to temper its good fortune in such a way that even a humble freelance journalist could feel welcomed to the party. And isn't that what we all crave? To feel like a celebrity even when we're driving barefoot down dirt roads covered in sand.

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What's new in Great Britain for 2020



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Britain, while engulfed in Brexit politics, is constantly investing in first-class projects to share its heritage — and, in so many ways, Britain's heritage is linked to our heritage. While many travelers are understandably curious about how Brexit is affecting tourists, from my experience, it isn't. The only impact I've found is that the tourism industry seems to respect visitors more than ever. (And, for those who like to talk politics, the topic is a fascinating conversation starter.) Here's a rundown on the latest for travelers going to Britain in 2020:

The city of London has been busy upgrading its offerings. At Westminster Abbey, the latest addition is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Galleries, which took over a balcony area that had been previously closed for 700 years. It offers fine views over the nave and a small museum with objects from royal coronations, funerals, and more. A timed-entry ticket is required to see the galleries; it's a good idea to buy this in advance (www.westminster-abbey.org).

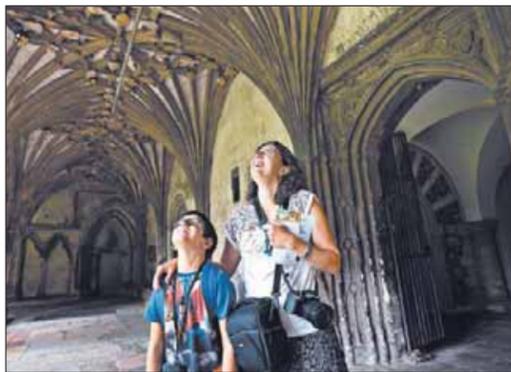
Timed-entry tickets and advance reservations are becoming increasingly popular throughout Europe due to growing crowds. Besides the abbey, it's worth considering advance tickets, especially in peak season, for these London sights: Churchill War Rooms, Houses of Parliament, St. Paul's Cathedral, Tower of London, and the London Eye.

Several London sights have temporarily closed for renovations. The Orangery at Kensington Palace is



JESSICA SHAW/RICK STEVES' EUROPE

The Mackintosh at the Willow in Glasgow has reopened, highlighted by a tearoom that has been restored to its early-20th-century look.



DOMINIC ARIZONA BONUCCELLI/RICK STEVES' EUROPE

Canterbury Cathedral, a masterpiece of English Gothic architecture, will soon have a new welcome center.

undergoing a multi-year restoration; during this time, its famous tea service will be hosted at the equally elegant Kensington Palace Pavilion. The Courtauld Gallery, which exhibits medieval to Post-Impressionist paintings, will remain closed until 2021. The

Museum of the Home (formerly known as the Geffrye Museum), which covers the history of making, keeping, and being at home over the past 400 years, will reopen this summer.

Improving transportation continues to be a focus

in London. Travelers connecting London to Amsterdam can now do so by Eurostar train in four hours (three direct trains per day). However, travelers going in the other direction — Amsterdam to London — must change trains in Brussels for passport control (plans to eliminate this stopover have been delayed). Also, construction of the Elizabeth Line (a new train line also called Crossrail), promises to relieve congestion on some of London's main subway routes, while providing a faster public-transit option to Heathrow Airport, though its opening has been pushed back to 2021.

Elsewhere in England, several big sights are undergoing changes. At Canterbury Cathedral — the mother church of the worldwide Anglican Communion — a new welcome

center complex is set to open this spring.

Cornwall's dramatic Tintagel Castle, where King Arthur was supposedly born, now requires timed-entry tickets, which are best booked ahead at busy times. The castle also has a new steel footbridge that spans the chasm between the two parts of the castle (once joined by a natural land bridge that collapsed several centuries ago).

In England's idyllic Lake District, poet William Wordsworth's home — Dove Cottage — is closed for restoration. It will reopen as Wordsworth Grasmere this spring, marking his 250th birthday, with updated museum exhibits.

Scotland is also busy spiffing up its sights. The Scottish National Gallery in Edinburgh is undergoing a major renovation. A new main entrance recently

opened, and construction on a bigger and better gallery space for its core collection of Scottish art is in the works.

Scotland's second city of Glasgow is working on improvements to its city center. For instance, Sauchiehall Street, a shopping street that cuts through the heart of the city, and a few surrounding streets have been revamped with wider sidewalks, more trees and seating, and improved bike lanes to make them more cycle- and pedestrian-friendly. To help cut back on traffic, parking and bus routes are being reduced on some streets.

Sauchiehall Street is also home to the historic Willow Tea Rooms, designed by architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh and opened in 1903. Closed for several years of restoration, it has now reopened as the Mackintosh at the Willow and represents a replica of Mackintosh's original Art Nouveau tearoom. Visitors can eat or have tea at the Mackintosh, or pay to browse the exhibit about the history of this place.

An interesting aspect to Brexit is that many in Scotland seem determined to stay in the European Union (Scotland voted to remain in the EU in the 2016 referendum). As the UK leaves the EU, the issue of Scotland leaving Britain may be reignited. It's a good idea to read up on all of this before traveling to Scotland so you'll be able to keep up with potential pub mates.

In Britain, as anywhere in your travels, if you equip yourself with good information and then use it, you'll get more out of your vacation time and money. That's especially true in 2020.

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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Train ride turned into bus ride, but refund didn't follow

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT
King Features

We reserved a two-person compartment on the Thello night train from Paris to Venice last summer. A mudslide on the tracks led to the cancellation of our train. Thello substituted bus service from Paris to Milan, and then Trenitalia train service from Milan to Venice. Thello was disorganized and didn't always communicate with us.

We paid for an entire two-person compartment but got the same bus seats as everyone else. Thello employees told us we'd get a refund for the fare difference and gave us instructions on how to apply. The train from Milan to Venice was full, so we had no assigned seats and ended up sitting on stools in the restaurant car. We arrived in Venice almost five hours later than the originally scheduled trip.

I submitted the request for compensation on the Thello website. It said they'd reply within 30 days as required by EU law. They never did. I submitted a second request and sent an email — still, no response. The escalation procedures are meant for EU citizens, so I'm unsure how to pursue this.

I believe I am entitled to a refund of the difference between the cost of the entire two-person compartment (\$392) and two regular tickets (\$176). The train arrived in Venice almost five hours late. Under EU law, I believe we are also due a 50% refund on the regular ticket price, which is an additional \$88. Can you help me resolve this Thello problem?

— David Papay, Sunnyvale, California

A: I'm sorry your sleeper train turned into a bus ride. It looks as if Thello tried its best to get you to your destination on time, but it fell a little short in the amenities department.

You're absolutely correct, you're entitled to a partial refund for this Thello problem. The Rail Passenger Rights Regulation 2007 (EC) No 1371/2000 requires refund and minimum service levels. For example, the operator must pay 50% of the ticket price if the delay is more than two hours.

My advocacy team and I run into this problem almost every day. Although

the law requires a rail operator or an airline to compensate its passengers, it's a little fuzzy on the timeline. That allows a company like Thello to take its sweet time. And that's exactly what it did.

Why do companies stall? They may not have the staff necessary to issue a prompt refund. But the foot-dragging might also be intentional. If the company makes you wait long enough, you might give up. That's especially true if you're overseas.

Tracking down a contact at Thello wasn't easy. My nonprofit consumer advocacy site, elliott.org,

has a team of volunteer researchers who jumped on this Thello problem. They discovered that Thello, a relatively new rail operator in Europe, is owned by Trenitalia, which is part of the FS Group. I reached out to FS Group on your behalf. It sent a full refund, as promised.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER

Turow's dream trip: Sleep, eat, read

BY JAE-HA KIM
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Scott Turow has a new novel coming out this May called "The Last Trial." The bestselling author ("Presumed Innocent," "The Burden of Proof") and attorney says it's not a coincidence that the book's protagonist makes trips to Naples, Florida.

"I have regarded myself unambiguously as a Chicagoan," Turow said. "But we will spend more time in Naples than any other city. Sandy Stern, my main character, is an elderly lawyer. To me, there is a lot to love in Naples, but Stern despises all of Florida. He says that America's elderly are like characters in a Shaw play who do not realize they are actually in hell."

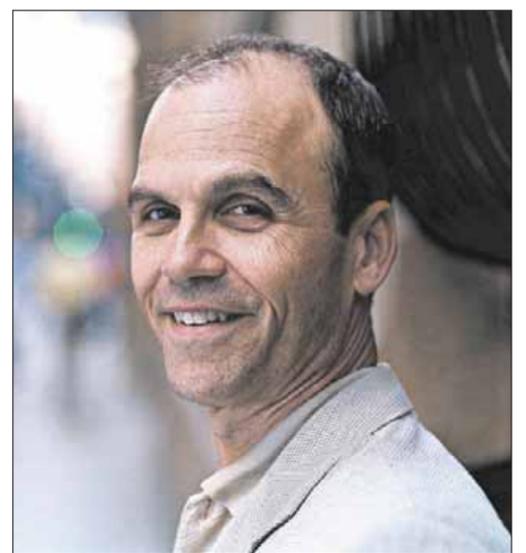
An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q. What is your favorite vacation destination?

A. Italy. Hands down. Great beauty, great food, great people. But it's the classic place that's wonderful to visit but not to live. The country is always on the verge of complete chaos. It would drive me crazy full time.

Q. To someone who was going there for the first time, what would you recommend that they do during their visit?

A. Go. You can make almost no mistakes, no matter what you choose to visit first. Rome, Tuscany. Magnificent both. If you want to stray from the beaten path, the Piedmont is spectacular. We went truffle hunting with a trained dog and drank



DAVID JOEL PHOTO

remarkable wines.

Q. What untapped destination should people know about?

A. I don't think Portugal is exactly a secret, but it's still probably the least-visited nation in Western Europe. It's magnificent from south to north — glorious beaches in the Algarve, wonderful wine in the Douro Valley and a world-class city in Lisbon.

Q. What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

A. About what is eternal among humans — love in its many forms. And what is amusingly different — culture or customs, call it what you like.

Q. Where are your favorite weekend get-aways?

A. We have a house in southern Wisconsin, where we spend most weekends when we're back in the Midwest and often Fridays and Mondays, too. It's in the middle of acres of oak forest.

Q. Do you speak any foreign languages? And in the same train of thought, do you pick up new languages easily?

A. I am completely inept with languages. I can speak

Spanish and German well enough to get back to the hotel if I'm lost. In Spanish, I probably have about 75% comprehension, if I'm reading a newspaper.

Q. What are your five favorite cities?

A. Chicago. London. Paris. Barcelona. San Francisco.

Q. Where have you traveled to that most reminded you of home?

A. Talking about Chicago, which was home most of my life, then the other cities of the Midwest, especially Milwaukee and Cleveland. Outside the U.S., perhaps Moscow — except the locals are so much grimmer than Chicagoans.

Q. When you go away, what are some of your must-have items?

A. Plugs and cords. We're all lost without our electronics. Meds, of course, a necessity of age. I carry a big briefcase, a kind of rolling office.

Q. What would be your dream trip?

A. Two weeks in Italy, Spain or Portugal, sleeping late, eating well, reading.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.



DISNEY

Mickey & Minnie's Runaway Railway (steered by Goofy) will debut at Disney's Hollywood Studios on March 4.

Ride with Mickey & Minnie

Orlando theme parks adding Mouse ride, 'Bourne Stuntacular,' SeaWorld coaster in 2020

BY DEWAYNE BEVIL
Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando's theme park enthusiasts may not have new *Kylo Ren* or *Harry Potter*-based attractions to look forward to this year. But Disney has a not-so-secret weapon: Mickey Mouse.

Mickey & Minnie's Runaway Railway, the first-ever ride-through attraction for the iconic rodents, is set to open March 4 at Disney's Hollywood Studios theme park. It's being created inside the park's Chinese Theater, which formerly housed the Great Movie Ride.

Disney has released some details about the ride along the way. We know that its characters are drawn in the animated style of the shorts currently seen on Disney Channel, that Mickey and Minnie have a perfect picnic planned and that we'll go along in a train-inspired vehicle. Goofy is the engineer and things go, um, off-track.

In addition, Disney says Hollywood Studios will open Mickey Shorts Theater in March. From the artist's rendering, it looks like the seats are a shout-out to Mickey's shorts. Oh boy.

Beyond Railway — or should we call it MMRR? — exact opening dates are few.

Here's a roundup of known additions coming sometime in 2020.

■ *Cirque du Soleil* finally will be back in business at Disney Springs. "La Nouba" closed there at the end of 2017, and anticipation has been building for its follow-up, which will be called "Drawn to Life." We've known for a while that animation will be a theme of the new show, and videos of rehearsals indicate that *Cirque*'s high-flying acrobatics



SUMINISTRADA

Disney imagineers check out a ride vehicle for Remy's Ratatouille Adventure, set to open at Epcot this summer.

will be involved. Tickets are on sale for the production, which officially opens April 17, although there are previews beginning March 20.

■ Over at Epcot, another character is moving into World Showcase. A dark ride named Remy's Ratatouille Adventure is slated to open in summer in a reconfigured France pavilion. Features of the attraction include trackless (but whiskered) ride vehicles and, in time-honored Disney tradition, riders are shrunk down to the size of Gusteau.

■ A trio of films are set to open this month at Epcot, including "Awesome Planet" in The Land, "Canada Far and Wide" in Canada, naturally, and "Beauty and the Beast Singalong" in France. (The long-running "Impressions de France" will still be shown too.)

■ At some point in '20, "HarmonioUS" will take over as the nighttime spectacular at Epcot, replacing "Epcot Forever," which currently has the slot that was held for 20 years by "IllumiNations."

■ In springtime, Universal Studios will open the Bourne Stuntacular, a live-action show in the

building that was home to Terminator 2: 3-D (which closed in October 2017). The new stunt show is based on the Jason Bourne character, and, according to Universal's blog, "will blur the lines between stage and cinema in a hybrid form of entertainment that has never been seen before."

■ Another coaster is rolling into town. SeaWorld Orlando plans to open Ice Breaker in the spring. "The steepest beyond vertical drop is just the beginning," the park crows online. It will have four launches (backward and forward), and it's being built near

the Wild Arctic attraction and Bayside Stadium. Meanwhile, Aquatica, SeaWorld's water park, is adding a dueling slide called Riptide Race.

■ Dates for some of the parks' annual festivals have been announced, so take note. The Epcot International Festival of the Arts runs through Feb. 24, and the Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival is March 4 to June 1. Universal's Mardi Gras will be from Feb. 1 to April 2, and the 30th edition of Halloween Horror Nights is now set for Sept. 10 to Nov. 1.

Disney's Believe-It-Or-Not

Weird moments reported to deputies at Disney World in 2019

BY GABRIELLE RUSSON
Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — At first glance, the reports seem pulled straight from the satirical website *The Onion*.

A wheelchair chase? A feud over meat. And photos of, wait, what?

The Orlando Sentinel obtained Orange County Sheriff's reports that document a handful of strange encounters at Walt Disney World, an inevitability considering the millions of people that visit it and the other Orlando theme parks every year.

Disney did not respond to a request for comment.

Nature calls

A 22-year-old Peruvian woman waiting to ride Flight of Passage felt something wet on the back of her leg.

She was standing in line for the attraction at Animal Kingdom, notorious for its wait times since opening in 2017. Turning around, she realized a man — a 46-year-

old from Brazil — was urinating in the queue. His back was turned as he attempted to hide himself, although the woman could still see, according to the March incident report.

The woman kept her place in line for the next 20 minutes until she could notify a Disney employee. The man, embarrassed, apologized profusely.

"He would not have urinated if he thought he could have held it or made it to the bathroom without causing further issues," the incident report said.

The man was banned from Animal Kingdom for the rest of the day, and the woman who reported him was given a change of clothes.

Getting caned

A 44-year-old New Jersey woman accused of cutting in the FastPass line at Space Mountain began arguing with a couple from Canada. The fight became physical, according to the July incident report.

The New Jersey woman said she was elbowed and pushed in the face. After riding the roller coaster, she left and saw the couple leaving at the same time. She alerted her husband to what had

happened. That's when her husband began chasing them in his wheelchair, the incident report said.

Her husband apparently hit the other man in the chest with his cane, strong enough to leave a red mark, according to the report. That was enough for her husband to be banned from Disney World.

The Canadian couple decided not to press criminal charges.

Cold turkey

In another case, a woman told authorities she had been pushed "mildly" by a stranger when they got in an argument at the Magic Kingdom. What had triggered the disagreement? An oversized turkey leg, a staple theme park dish.

The woman munched on the turkey leg and dropped pieces of meat on the ground as she made her way across the park. That caught the attention of the man who confronted her, according to the October incident report.

Can't unsee that

Other reports served as a reminder to check your iPhone settings so you don't get AirDrop messages from people you don't



RICARDO RAMIREZ BUXEDA/ORLANDO SENTINEL

A 44-year-old New Jersey woman accused of cutting in line at Space Mountain began arguing with a couple from Canada. The fight apparently led to a wheelchair chase and a smack in the chest with a cane.

know. At least twice, Disney-goers reported to law enforcement that they had been sent weird pictures while in the theme parks.

In May, a group of teenage cheerleaders visiting the Animal Kingdom played games on their cellphones when something strange popped up. They reported receiving photos of a dog's rear end and "a little boy without a nose being held by an older male."

Authorities tracked the sent images from a 19-year-old Florida man who apologized and deleted them. The photos weren't crimi-

nal, the incident report said.

A 35-year-old man also contacted the sheriff's office about Dropbox photos he received from a stranger while he waited outside Epcot's Test Track ride.

One of the images was from "a kid's television show called 'iCarly' which aired on Nickelodeon. In the photo was a young male who was a character in the show and he was covered in spaghetti with no shirt on," the sheriff's report from August said.

Deputies didn't find out who sent it.

NEWS TO USE

Little bike ride for the brave

BY PHIL MARTY

Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

■ Hardy bicycle riders who don't want to wait for spring can head to Iowa on Feb. 1 for the 43rd annual BRR. The 24-mile round-trip bike ride goes from Perry to Rippey and back, regardless of weather. You can register in advance or on the day of the ride. tinyurl.com/ybte5bxx

■ Muscatine, Iowa, hosts the 26th annual Eagles & Ivories Ragtime Weekend from Jan. 23-26. There will be live ragtime music at multiple venues and a showing of silent movies. On Saturday, eagle viewing and live raptor programs take place on the riverfront. Info on the music is at tinyurl.com/suy5rlu, and tinyurl.com/w74hddo has details on the eagles.

■ More than 175 bourbons and whiskeys will be available to try Jan. 25 during the Galena Whiskey Weekend in Galena, Illinois. Tastings will be from 1-3:30

p.m. or 5-7:30 p.m. at the Turner Hall. Tickets are \$110 per person, per session and are likely to sell out before the event. www.galenawhiskeyweekend.com

■ Kenosha Restaurant Week will feature restaurants across Kenosha County, Wisconsin, offering specials. From Feb. 1-9, fixed-price meals will be \$10 for breakfast or lunch and \$20 and \$30 for dinner. More than 40 restaurants are expected to participate. www.visitkenosha.com/rw

■ Dillman's Bay Resort in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin, has announced the 2020 schedule for its four- and five-day art workshops, which cover a variety of media. tinyurl.com/w2xee2

■ The 2020 versions of a variety of Indiana travel brochures, including the Official Indiana Travel Guide, Indiana Golf Guide and Indiana Festival Guide, are ready. You can order paper copies at tinyurl.com/t8nvs12.

■ The Detroit Boat Show features more than 100 Michigan boat dealers and marine businesses offering



JEFF WILSON

Cyclists brave the elements to pedal through downtown Perry, Iowa, during a snowy BRR ride in 2012. The BRR, or Bike Ride to Rippey, takes place regardless of weather on the first Saturday in February.

craft ranging from pontoons to kayaks as well as all types of boating gear, water toys and fishing supplies. There will also be a free boaters safety course on Jan. 25. The show runs through Jan. 26. www.detroitboatshow.net

■ Restaurant Week for Champaign County, Illinois, will run Jan. 24 to Feb. 1. Participating restaurants will offer prix-fixe lunch menus for \$9 and dinner menus for \$19, \$29 and \$39. tinyurl.com/swc62ff

■ Iowa's popular Amana Colonies celebrate Winterfest on Jan. 26 in Amana. A 5K run/walk starts the day,

then there are Winterfest Games with competitions such as the Winter Wreath Toss and the Great Amana Ham Put. There are also kids' events, a Wine & Beer Walk with samplings, a Wine & Dine event and music and dancing. tinyurl.com/rbhdhn2

■ Get out and play in the snow Feb. 2 during the Powder Keg Snowshoe and Fat-Bike Races at Lowes Creek County Park in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. There will be 5K and 10K snowshoe competitions and one- and two-hour fat bike racing. For the hard-core crowd there will also be combined snowshoe/fat

bike competitions. tinyurl.com/ruo5trx

■ For a less strenuous winter activity, the Pure Ludington Brrrewfest will be held Jan. 25 at Rotary Park in Ludington, Michigan. This is the sixth year for the event, which will have a heated tent with more than 25 Michigan breweries offering up beer, cider and mead. There will also be a music stage. tinyurl.com/wsZR87m

■ The 8th Annual Midwest Regional Beer, Wine, Cheese and Chocolate Festival will be Feb. 8 in Springfield, Missouri. The adults-only fest will have tastings, seminars, cooking

demonstrations and live music. tinyurl.com/rsp4fwb

Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time, but the listings are not an endorsement. Send tips at least a month in advance to ChicagoTribTravel@gmail.com.

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

London. Both cities are at about 51 degrees north latitude.

Revitalizing Iowa's 'American Gothic' town

Associated Press

ELDON, Iowa — Tiny Eldon in southeast Iowa has been losing population, jobs and business for nearly five decades, but one woman is trying to turn things around with a focus on tourism centered around the community's famous landmark: the house that served as the backdrop for Grant Wood's "American Gothic" painting.

Donna Jeffrey, 70, has lived in Eldon her entire life. She's leading a non-

profit that seeks to revitalize the town by giving visitors a reason to spend more time and money there, the Des Moines Register reported.

"The town just seemed so desolate," said Jeffrey. "It's bad for people who have grown up in Eldon — we don't have a restaurant anymore; we don't have a grocery store. For our town to survive, we have to save these buildings and get this business back."

Eldon formed in 1870 around a railroad depot.

The economy grew when it became a stop for the Rock Island Company's route between Chicago and Los Angeles. But it was after Iowa-born Wood based the background of "American Gothic" on a white-framed house in Eldon that the town received international attention. The painting is in the Art Institute of Chicago's collection, where it was first exhibited in 1930.

The house, still standing, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the American Gothic

House Center draws thousands of tourists annually.

The problem for Eldon is that visitors to the historic house rarely stick around after their visit.

Jeffrey, a retired accountant, formed Eldon Uptown/Downtown in 2016.

The owner of a building that housed a burned-down bar gave the structure to the nonprofit. Jeffrey and her family tore down the bar. In the empty space between two other buildings, they built a small courtyard with patio seats.



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Grant Wood based the background of "American Gothic" on this white-framed house in Eldon, Iowa.

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WHAT TO EAT WHEN YOU GET THERE



DUPONT CIRCLE HOTEL/TNS

Bartenders Dominik Lenikowski, left, and Andre Bastine mix it up at the newly refurbished Dupont Circle Hotel.

D.C. dining done right

Nation's capital deservedly earns reputation for world-class cuisine

BY PATTI NICKELL
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — There is one unimpeachable fact regarding our nation's capital: It has developed quite the reputation for world-class cuisine.

From sizzling steaks to spicy Afghan kebobs, Washington has it covered. I found out for myself on a recent visit dedicated to eating (with a few sightseeing jaunts to work off the calories).

Making my base the newly refurbished Dupont Circle Hotel, I found it ideally situated for exploring all the capital has to offer. The renovation has given the hotel a touch of class befitting its location in the Embassy Row area.

In addition to a stunning lobby and well-designed guest rooms, it has a fine dining restaurant, The Pembroke, described as “cut from a different cloth” by Washington Post food critic Tom Sietsema. I don't know what kind of cloth he was referring to, but my dinner of red snapper with forbidden rice, red curry and coconut velouté accompanied by whole Boston lettuce with Dijon vinaigrette and grilled asparagus with lemon chili exemplified chef Harper McClure's farm-to-table fare tinged with global influences.

While I liked the restaurant, I was enchanted by the bar, a throwback to the classic cocktail lounge of the 1940s and '50s with dim lighting, discreet seating and soft music that provides a backdrop for conversation rather than drowning it out with ear-shattering music as so many of today's bars do. With atmosphere to spare plus classic cocktails (you can even sign up for a mixology class with the bartenders), it's no wonder The Pembroke has become a sort of clubhouse for the Dupont Circle set.

Washington is no stranger to a cocktail culture. After all, it was Kentuckian Henry Clay who introduced the mint julep to the barkeep at the venerable Willard Hotel two centuries ago (they still use his recipe today), but it was another hotel that provided me with a unique experience. The Watergate in Foggy Bottom is infamous for being the site of the scandal that led to the resignation (before he could be impeached) of President Richard Nixon. If no one is occupying Room 214 — aka the Scandal Room — curious visitors can get a peek at where G. Gordon Liddy and E. Howard Hunt orchestrated the break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters, then located next door to the hotel.

There's nothing scandalous about the craft cocktails expertly presented by head mixologist Kal Lemma in the hotel's Kingbird bar. Kal, a native of Ethiopia, is nothing short of an alchemist when it comes to turning unusual ingredients into a perfectly mixed cocktail and then pairing it with dishes from the kitchen.

It's romantic to think of the corridors of power being dark, dingy back rooms in shadowy buildings, but in truth, perhaps more of the nation's business is conducted in trendy restaurants than in Senate and House chambers.

The place for a power lunch in D.C. is Charlie Palmer Steak on Constitution Avenue. With its proximity to the Capitol, it's known as “Congress' dining room.” Legislators sit around the central fountain and nosh on jumbo shrimp cocktails, Jerusalem artichoke bisque, grilled Spanish octopus with avocado puree, and of



THE WATERGATE HOTEL/TNS

Head bartender Kal Lemma at Kingbird in The Watergate Hotel whips up one of his specialty drinks.



THE SALT LINE/TNS

Oysters at The Salt Line, a restaurant with a New England atmosphere on the Potomac.



HAY-ADAMS HOTEL/TNS

Topped off with elegant desserts, Sunday brunch at the Hay-Adams Hotel is a Washington tradition.

course, the signature steak cuts. If their expense accounts are sufficiently large, there's the 44 Farms Bone-on Ribeye (\$66) with a choice of five sauces.

Another power dining spot is the Lafayette Restaurant at the Hay-Adams Hotel, where select tables offer a framed view of the White House from the windows.

Subdued and elegant in decor, the menu perfectly complements the setting. Known for their Sunday brunch, I found it lived up to the hype. Over a glass of chilled Taittinger brut champagne, I pondered a menu that featured dishes such as Lobster Omelet with White Beech and Shiitake Mushrooms; Crab Cake Benedict with Tarragon Hollandaise and Ricotta Pancakes with Lemon Mascarpone, Toasted Almonds and Fresh Berries. In the end, the pancakes won, and they were so filling that to my disappointment, I wasn't able to indulge in the very indulgent dessert cart.

Don't presume you need a coat and tie (and a Secret Service agent) to fully experience some of D.C.'s best eating. There's

plenty of lip-smackingly good spots that cater to John Q. Public. One of the best is The Salt Line right on the Potomac riverfront, within walking distance of Nationals Park, home of the 2019 World Series champs.

The experience here is that of a New England seafood house influenced by the bounty of the Chesapeake. That means hearty clam chowder; coddies (salt cod and Yukon gold potatoes with yellow mustard and crackers); Johnny Cake (honey butter, smoked whitefish salad and marinated salmon roe), and for the really hungry, a Waterman's Platter featuring fried fish, oysters, shrimp and scallops accompanied by fries, onion rings and cole slaw.

The raw bar is epic, with seafood towers constructed from oysters, clams, lobster, crab, shrimp and a seafood charcuterie of the chef's daily specialties. If there are two of you, the Kraken, priced at \$100, should suffice. If there are more, you'll have to shell out \$155 for the Leviathan.

For a completely different experience,

make your way to the Adams Morgan District for lunch at Lapis Afghani Restaurant. Always packed with lively locals looking for a reasonably priced ethnic meal, you might have to wait for a table and it might be tightly squeezed into a corner when you do get one, but believe me, it's worth it.

Some may find the decor a bit kitschy, but I found it charming with colorful Oriental rugs and brass fixtures. It feels as if you're in a modest home, which in a sense you are. The owners were forced to flee Afghanistan four decades ago after the Soviet invasion, leaving behind all their possessions. Lapis feels like their American home.

I started with Aushak, Afghan dumplings stuffed with leeks and topped with ground beef, yellow split peas and strained garlic yogurt. From their dessert menu — cleverly labeled Sweetistan — I chose the pancakes with rosewater, cardamom and pistachios and drizzled with warm rosewater syrup. This was so good that — had I been in town another day — I likely would have gone back.

Finally, if you're looking for the perfect spot for a nightcap (and maybe some tasty treats to go with it), check out the bar at Bourbon Steak in the Four Seasons Hotel in Georgetown. With its stylish decor, 24 different cuts of prime beef and celebrity diners (it was a favorite of the Obamas), it's no wonder this is a coveted ticket to come by — as well as an expensive one. As the name would suggest, one thing that's sure to appeal is its impressive list of bourbons.

While you could fill up an entire weekend in Washington treating your taste buds, if you want to get a little culture in the bargain, check out the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Opened in 2016 as the newest member of the Smithsonian, it's the only national museum devoted exclusively to documenting African American life, history and culture.

Also worth a visit is the National Geographic Museum. The exhibit “Women: A Century of Change” (running through spring of 2020) displays stunning photographs of women in every part of the world by (mostly) female photographers. And the Phillips Collection is just a short walk from the Dupont Circle Hotel. The museum occupies a beautiful Victorian-style building and offers a modern art collection in an intimate setting. On select Sundays, the museum hosts classical music concerts in one of the galleries.

HOME

MAKE YOUR SPACE

It's 'love at first sight'

Art collector finds inspiration and connection in treasures of African culture and history

BY AUDREY HOFFER
The New York Times

The white living room in Olusanya Ojikutu's home, with its soaring cathedral ceiling, is a temple to his traditional and contemporary African art. Sculptures bookend the sofa, paintings and prints decorate the walls, and the overall atmosphere is one of beauty, historic grandeur and repose.

Most of Ojikutu's sculptures are at least a century old, created for performances or rituals. "They served as intermediaries between the local people and their ancestors' spirits to make their lives better and protect them from evil forces in this world and beyond," he said.

Among the dozens of sculptures are a metal Kota reliquary guardian figure from Gabon, a wood Bamana Chi Wara head-dress from Mali and a wood-fiber Bwa plank mask from Burkina Faso.

"African art has long been seen as a monolith, but it really has many different origins," said Ojikutu, who is also an artist. "It should be recognized as more nuanced and coming from the many countries on the continent. I try to show that expanse of art forms and visual cultures in my collection."

Ojikutu, 50, of Nigeria, immigrated to the United States in the mid-1990s. He and his wife, Yinka, both work in technology and live with their two teenage sons in a Washington suburb.

These are edited excerpts from the conversation.

Q: Why is it important to have connections to the art you collect?

The connection I feel toward

any piece I buy, own or display is almost always love at first sight. Typically it's a numinous experience; the work speaks to me. I feel this instant visual attraction followed by an unconscious burst of inspiration.

Ile-Ife (Nigeria), where I went to university, is considered the ancestral home of the Yoruba and the legendary birthplace of the gods and humankind, so I have a natural connection to Yoruba history, art and culture because it's my personal history.

I also feel a connection when I buy artists I know. Like Victor Ehikhamenor, who happens to be my friend. I bought "No Man Is an Island" (2018). If you look closely, you see small black figures and faces embedded in the large silhouette. The paradigm he presents viewers is, "There are people within you and behind you and in front of you." It's all about connections.

Q: The timespan between early African art and contemporary art is wide. Do artists today appreciate traditional African art?

Certainly I believe a handful do care about, study and are somewhat influenced by African art, particularly masks. And I feel I'm following in the footsteps of artists like Gauguin, Picasso, Modigliani, Klee, Matisse and, more recently, Bacon and Basquiat, who were emotionally connected to and influenced by traditional African art.

Q: Was there a trigger moment to your collecting?

I think there were two.

A long time ago, an artist friend, Dapo Ojoade, wanted me to look at a colorfully painted flat wood sculpture he made. So I went to



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Olusanya Ojikutu, both collects and creates art, at home in Bowie, Maryland.



A Yoruba caryatid designed as a veranda post or support beam. The collection includes dozens of sculptures.



"No Man Is an Island," by Victor Ehikhamenor.

an auction of the art estate of Merton D. Simpson. He was the most prominent African American dealer of African art and he was a painter himself. I thought, "I want to do what he has done."

This yellow painting is redolent of El Anatsui.

It is by El Anatsui, painted in the 1980s. The adinkra motifs are considered a precursor to his majestic tapestries.

The crown on this caryatid resembles the African American museum on the National Mall.

The crown's shape was the inspiration for David Adjaye's design of the museum.

I have a profound connection to the museum because I participated in the Middle Passage exhibit. The exhibitors wanted a mix of authentic voices to reenact the anguish and suffering of slaves crossing the Atlantic. I contributed the Yoruba voice.

Q: How do you share your collection?

Yinka and I organize a yearly salon in a Gertrude Stein kind of way in the lower level of our house. That's where our photo collection is — pictures by Andrew Dosunmu, Zak Ové, George Osodi, Barthélémy Toguo, J.D. 'Okhai Ojeikere — many of my paintings and Nok terra cotta, a fragile fired-clay sculpture from sometime between 500 B.C. to 200 A.D.

We invite people over to talk about art. We make sure you feel comfortable and that when you leave you see African art as beautiful and as conversation pieces that inspire thoughtful concentration to be fully appreciated.



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STYLE

WHAT TO WEAR NOW

Gen Z shoppers want cheap and cute

BY ELIZABETH PATON
AND TAYLOR LORENZ
The New York Times

For every Greta Thunberg and school-skipping climate change protester, there is another member of Generation Z buying inexpensive clothes on a smartphone.

Their purchasing choices — fueled by influencer culture and catered to by a new wave of ultra-fast-fashion retailers such as Fashion Nova, PrettyLittleThing and Misguided — are as much about how an outfit will look on social media as in the real world.

Two Gen Z shoppers, one in America and one in Britain, invited us into their homes to talk about what they buy, and why. All of them work after school or save money to pay for their own purchases.

Mia Grantham is a 16-year-old British high school student. She lives with her father and her younger sister in Wilmslow, England. Her bedroom is small but immaculately kept, with a pillow shaped like a speech bubble reading “You’ve Got This” on her bed.

Mia’s interest in clothes ramped up about 18 months ago, when she started getting an allowance and attracting followers on her social media accounts. She has more than 1,500 followers on Instagram, gets around 500 views per story on Snapchat and spends three hours per day on her iPhone XR (about five hours on weekends).

Her favorite going-out look is a red dress. She owns 14 of them.

Q: How often do you shop?

A: I browse every single day — at least once — on the PrettyLittleThing phone app. It’s my favorite, and I don’t look anywhere else, except if I see something on an Instagram influencer I like. Normally I look at



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Mia Grantham’s interest in clothes skyrocketed about 18 months ago, when she started getting an allowance.

shopping apps at the end of the day before bed for about 10 to 15 minutes. But if there is an event coming up that I want a new outfit for, then I could browse for more than an hour. I don’t really go to bricks-and-mortar stores.

Q: Why is PrettyLittleThing your favorite fashion brand?

A: I pay 8.99 pounds as part of a yearly subscription, which gives me unlimited next-day delivery on anything I buy. I know all the delivery people really well now — they always

know when I have plans on a Friday or Saturday night. I buy something at least once a week. Seventy percent of the time I send some ordered items back.

Q: How many pieces of clothing do you think you’ve bought in 2019?

A: Eighty? One hundred? Those are pieces I’ve kept.

Q: What is your favorite piece that you’ve bought?

A: The ones I probably wear the most are gray leggings that cost 2.50 pounds. For going out, I



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“If I have a shirt in one of my previous pictures, I try not to take a picture again in it,” Andrea Vargas says.

bought a silky red dress with a cutout for a house party. I’ve worn it out three times, which is a lot for me.

Q: What else do you look for?

A: Social media is a big consideration. I’m on Snapchat and Instagram, and occasionally Facebook. I take selfies for social media every single time I go out. I’m on Snapchat the most because of its messenger function, then Instagram, where I have both a public and a private account and spend an hour per day.

Q: What do you think of sustainable fashion?

A: I am hearing more and more about it because a lot of brands are now bringing out sustainable fashion capsule collections, where clothes are made out of recycled materials, for example. A lot look the same as the normal collection but cost a few pounds more. But if I’m honest, I do think: Why would I pay more, when I can get the same for less?

Andrea Vargas, an 18-year-old freshman at Hofstra University, loves hunt-

ing for sales. She looks for them on websites such as PrettyLittleThings and Boohoo, as well as physical stores like H&M.

“I go shopping when the season sales are on,” she said one Saturday night at her family’s home in Farmingdale, New York. She commutes to school and spends most weekend nights out with friends. Her plan for this particular evening was to go to P.F. Chang’s with three girlfriends.

Her absolute favorite piece of clothing is a red plush jacket. “It’s just so cute,” Vargas said. “I feel like it dresses up an outfit.”

Vargas pays for her clothes herself, using money she earns by working at Target. The red jacket cost her around \$40, and she said it was worth every penny.

But, she said, “I feel like there’s no point in spending \$40 on a T-shirt. Especially since I’m in college, I need to buy all these books.”

Vargas guessed she had purchased between 100 and 200 items this year, including shoes and jewelry, and that her wardrobe comprises 500 or 600 total pieces.

She doesn’t generally check where her clothing is made, and she doesn’t feel guilty about how much of it she has. After she’s done wearing something, it can have a second life.

“My mom is from El Salvador and my dad is from Nicaragua,” she said. “They’re not wealthy countries, so I like to give back to people who don’t have a lot.”

She estimates she wears each piece 15 times before ultimately donating it or selling it on Depop — but she also doesn’t want to be seen wearing the same thing every day on Instagram.

“If I have a shirt in one of my previous pictures, I try not to take a picture again in it,” she said. “I don’t like to repeat.”

X, Y or Z?
Generational
confusionELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen:

A friend of mine was ranting about “millennial hippies.” I was too embarrassed to ask her what age ARE millennials anyhow. Can you help me out on what’s what in terms of millennials versus centenarians vs. baby boomers versus Gen(eration) X and Gen Y and Gen Z. And what will follow Generation Z?
— Kathy K.

Dear Kathy: You shouldn’t be embarrassed. These labels are confusing and inconsistent, depending on who’s doing the counting. Here are some guidelines derived from the U.S. Census Bureau — but they’re not carved in stone.
■ Baby boomers: Born 1946-64.
■ Gen X: Born 1965-1981.
■ Gen Y (aka millennials): Born 1982-2000.
■ Gen Z (aka centenarians): Born 2001-present.

As for what will be the next generation’s shorthand name — since we’ve come to the end of the alphabet with Gen Z — good question! We’ll have to see what catches on. In the meantime, let’s hear some readers’ suggestions for a name for whatever follows Gen Z.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I was vacationing at a sunny, casual spot so I

packed sporty, casual clothes. I hadn’t planned to find myself invited to any dressy events but I was wrong. A last-minute invitation to a special party came up and I had nothing to wear! I had to skip the event and I’m kicking myself for poor wardrobe planning. Is there some simple clothes solution that won’t take up much space in my suitcase so I’ll never have to turn down a party invite again when traveling?
— Maribeth J.

Dear Maribeth: You can’t go wrong with a simple black dress (or black pants and a basic black top) in a forgiving, no-wrinkle fabric like a rayon blend. Pack a pair of simple (not bulky) sandals or flats (depending on the temperature where you’re vacationing). And be sure to bring along one eye-popping necklace or scarf. My current go-to is a heavily beaded “Arvan” collar necklace in sparkly jewel colors that I bought on sale for under \$30 on aldoshoes.com. It totally cranks up the volume on my basic black.
Several questions about your missing stuff...

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I got to the airport in plenty of time, checked a suitcase and ... guess what? My luggage didn’t get on the plane. I thought this didn’t happen any more because of computerized tagging. Wrong! The airline checked the computer and said — their fault — that the suitcase was on the next flight and would arrive two hours later. The woman at

the counter told me my best bet was to wait around until the plane with my suitcase arrived. That’s what I did but that plane was late and I didn’t get to my hotel — angry and exhausted — until well past midnight. Doesn’t the airline owe me something for their mistake?
— Naomi N.

Dear Naomi: Nope. You’re not (legally) entitled to anything from the airline for your trouble. After all, you did get your suitcase before you left the airport. But, it can’t hurt to ask. Yelling and screaming is less effective than simply, politely asking for a travel voucher to be used toward the cost of your next flight. All they can do is say no. Best to ask before you leave the airport. And if the airline staffer approves a voucher, consider saying that you’d be a lot happier if they doubled the amount of their first offer. You’ve got nothing to lose. If all that fails, at least try to extract some free drink coupons for having to hang around

the airport waiting for that suitcase.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: While I was on vacation I ordered some shoes from Nike and another vendor to be sent to my apartment. I got emails saying they’d been delivered to my address but when I got home, the two packages weren’t there. Clearly somebody stole them from the unlocked mailroom. (There are several apartments in my building that owners rent out through Airbnb and there’s a steady stream of strangers in the building and I suspect one of them took the shoes.) Doesn’t my landlord have to reimburse me for my loss?
— Charlie K.

Dear Charlie: Check your lease but my best guess is no. Stolen packages are an epidemic nationwide. It won’t hurt to try and guilt the landlord into replacing the shoes, but I’m not optimistic. A better bet is to call Nike and the other shoe company and plead with

them to send you free replacements. That’s worked for me in the past. If you do prevail, have the new packages sent to your workplace or to a pickup site specified by Nike and the other company. Don’t have them sent to your home since clearly you can’t be sure they won’t be stolen again from your building. Lean on the landlord to provide a secure theft-proof site for deliveries.

Angelic Readers 1

From Celeste N.: “Just a warning to not wear clothes with sequins if flying.
Some seasoned travelers have ended up with embarrassing pat downs if they can’t take off their heavily sequined items that set off airport metal scanners.”

Angelic Readers 2

Patricia M. writes: “Consider cautioning your readers about the environmental impact of too much online shopping. Especially

for clothing. So much of the stuff purchased online is returned, I’m not sure people understand that a large percentage of returned items end up in landfills. Sellers receiving returned items must employ people to inspect the item, repack it and then determine where to resell it. Often it is cheaper for them to simply trash the goods. They don’t even donate or mark down the items for fear of damaging the value of their brands. In addition to the burden on landfills, there is the use of packaging and transportation impact of these goods. Where large quantities of clothing can be sent to a store on hangers or with minimal packaging, sending the items out individually is much more environmentally damaging.”

Now it’s your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel@ellen.com.



DREAMSTIME

A group of millennials. Or are they? These labels are often confusing and inconsistent.

THE GOODS

YOUR HUNT IS OVER

Chinese New Year

Stylish ways to celebrate Year of the 'Mouse'

BY DAVID SYREK

The humble mouse just got a major style boost as fashion's symbol of the Lunar New Year, which starts Jan. 25. It's actually the Year of the Rat, but as usual, designers have put their own spin on it.

Fashion house Gucci has joined forces with Disney to celebrate the Chinese New Year with a collection of over 75 pieces featuring Mickey Mouse on everything from sneakers to clothing to accessories.

The famed mouse in red shorts and yellow shoes, who made his debut in 1928, is also making a splash in the kitchen on high-end kitchen line Le Creuset's cookware. Coral & Tusk, the chic home decor shop, has embroidered mice on cool tooth fairy pillows and even created an embroidered mouse note card that's perfect for framing after it's sent. So go ahead, let a mouse into the house.



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Patrik Andersson with Max, 4 months old



Katarina Rajgic, 11, from left, Katherine Fasseas, 4, and Suzanne Le Mignot

CANDID CANDACE

BY CANDACE JORDAN



Event aids families hurt by domestic violence

WINGS hosted its 16th annual Sweet Home Chicago brunch at the Four Seasons Hotel on Dec. 8.

Over 450 guests, including 200 children, got into the spirit of the holidays to help support families affected by domestic violence. The afternoon included visits with Santa, an elaborate buffet, dancing, singing and even K-9 comfort dogs from Lutheran Church Charities.

During the three-hour event, over 200 gingerbread houses from BBC Hollydays were decorated by the kids using a variety of candy choices and frostings. After completion, the houses were boxed up to take home. Dale the Balloon Dude and other artists created custom masterpieces for each little guest, and new this year was an ornament-decorating station presented by JS Creations and Crafts.

Also in attendance was 19th Ward Ald. Matt O'Shea, who recently sponsored an ordinance that entitles city employees to have paid time off while dealing with issues of domestic violence and sexual assault.

"It's a very serious issue that touches every community," he said. "It doesn't matter your race, social status or religion. This is a problem everywhere. I see it in my community, and I grew up with it. More needs to be done."

WINGS owns and manages more than three dozen homes and apartments where clients can live for as long as two years as they recover from domestic violence abuse.

Co-chaired by Meghan Norton and Maria Shideler, the event raised over \$850,000, which will underwrite costs for WINGS' first safe house in the northwest suburbs, which opened in 2005, and for WINGS Metro, its second safe house, which opened on Chicago's Southwest Side in 2016.

Since 2004, the Sweet Home Chicago benefit has raised more than \$9.6 million to support the mission and work of WINGS.

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved in many local organizations, including some whose events she covers.

MORE ONLINE: Find more photos and video of this event at www.chicagotribune.com/candidcandace

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(Top) Nikita Clark, Mekhi Clark, 12; (front) Madysen Tucker, 6, Morgan Tucker, 4, and Malik Walker, 8



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Co-Chair Meghan Norton, Teddy Norton, 2, and Matt Norton



Mike and Melissa Canning with Mikey, 8



Zoey Holland, 16, and Margaux Doran, 16, with the LCC K-9 comfort dogs



Timothy and Kelli Kincaid with Marlowe, 4, Roman, 4

Err on side of tasteful when dressing for 'pajama' party



JUDITH MARTIN
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: Could you speak to the etiquette of costume party dress? I've been invited to a party for adults with a "Christmas pajama contest." It's a church group of relatively close acquaintances and friends.

I assume that about 75% of the people will come in their pajamas or a "traditional" Christmas pajama look; however, a few people are not participating (based on online RSVP messages).

What do you think? Is it proper to come in your pajamas — whatever they might be? Or should the "red onesie with reindeer" be the goal? And in general, are there standards of dress that supersede any costume party dictums?

Gentle reader: Yes: One must be fully clothed.

As it is a church group, Miss Manners is assuming that this is implicit. But she has been fooled before — and the precarious closure on the back of that onesie is just asking for trouble.

However, this is also a contest, so it is likely that most attendees will not be wearing what they wore to bed the previous night.

Festive but sturdy cotton or flannel pajamas seem safe. Just know that you will likely be competing with electrified Christmas wreaths and inexplicably sexy yule logs.

Dear Miss Manners: I work as a nanny and really enjoy the family I work for. I do not own a car and commute almost exclusively with my bicycle.

Unfortunately, the other day, Baby's papa was doing

some home projects and left the garage door open, and my lovely bicycle was stolen. Today Mama and Papa gave me a sum of money nearly equivalent to the original cost of my lost property and apologized for their carelessness.

This was very generous and will help me get back on the road soon, but I am wondering what my obligation is in thanking them. I am usually very good about writing formal thank-you notes for gifts, but since this was a reimbursement for an accident, one part of me thinks my verbal thanks is enough. On the other hand, I love this job and these people, and not everyone would have been so generous in their apologies (or even apologized at all). I would, of course, love to show my appreciation. Can you help me out?

Gentle reader: Miss Manners is pleased to see that all parties are behaving civilly, and that you are asking only how to make the situation even better. As the transgression was on the part of the family, a profound verbal thank-you is fine, and a written one not strictly necessary. However, an abundance of gratitude, as well as the reinforcement of gracious and proper behavior, is never remiss, and this is an opportunity to tell your employers how much you value them.

Dear Miss Manners: Our organization is having a holiday open house. The agency will have food, desserts, etc., for the entire organization and family members. Our smaller unit will also serve light refreshments and beverages.

Last year, people loaded up on the deli sandwiches and we were left with not enough. Is it appropriate for us to limit the sandwiches to two per member until everyone has been

served?

Gentle reader: Telling people that they have a strict sandwich allotment is unlikely to have the desired effect of spreading holiday goodwill — or of limiting the intake. But one thing offices have is staff. Place someone at the table who can help fill the guests' plates. This will not discourage everyone from coming back for seconds, but Miss Manners is confident it will discourage enough. And it will have the added benefit that it will make surveillance look gracious.

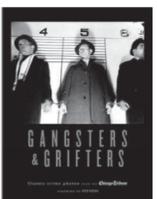
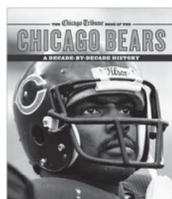
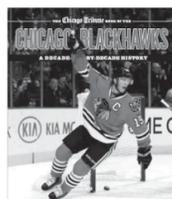
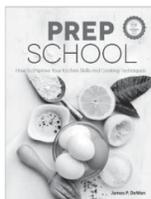
Dear Miss Manners: I love to bake interesting cakes from scratch, using high-quality ingredients. I enjoy serving them to friends and acquaintances I invite to my home.

Frequently, someone will ask for a piece to take home "for my husband" or another family member. I usually comply; however, I don't wish to be supplying cake to people I didn't invite. I may also have other plans for the remaining cake. Is the requester rude to be asking for extra cake? How can I politely decline?

Gentle reader: Your hostly duties do not include stocking the refrigerators of departing guests. Since you cannot, however, tell a guest she is being rude, Miss Manners recommends a hungry, "off-stage" friend or relative of your own: "I'm so sorry. I already put Egbert to bed, but I imagine he was hoping for leftovers."

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The landmark, 9,768-square-foot Francis J. Dewes mansion in Lincoln Park hit the market in 2010, but developer Fred Latsko ultimately moved in himself.

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Pricey, languished listings

Sold, vacant or otherwise: Where 9 megamansions stand

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

With the decade having just concluded, it's a good time to take stock of the status of some high-priced and high-profile mansions that sold — or, in some cases, languished on the market — during the 2010s.

Clearly, there were some record-shattering sales in the 2010s — not just of the combined \$58.75 million that billionaire Ken Griffin paid for four separate units atop the building at 9 W. Walton St., but also of mansions in the city and the suburbs. However, for the owners of some megamansions in Chicago and beyond, the 2010s concluded with far more uncertainty.

Below is a look at the status of nine megamansions in the city and suburbs that drew attention during the 2010s.

Michael Jordan's Highland Park compound still on the market, stubbornly at \$14.9 million: In a few weeks, Jordan's 56,000-square-foot compound in Highland Park, which has its own full-size basketball court, will have been on the market for eight years. The Chicago Bulls great — who now owns an 11-bedroom, 28,000-square-foot mansion in Jupiter, Florida, and a condo in Charlotte, North Carolina — first placed his nine-bedroom mansion and 74-acre property on Point Lane in Highland Park on the market for \$29 million in early 2012.

His Airness cut his asking price to \$21 million in 2013 and then saw it fail to sell at a 2013 auction that had a \$13 million reserve price. After the failed auction, he relisted the mansion at \$16 million in late 2014, ultimately cutting his asking price to \$14.86 million in 2015.

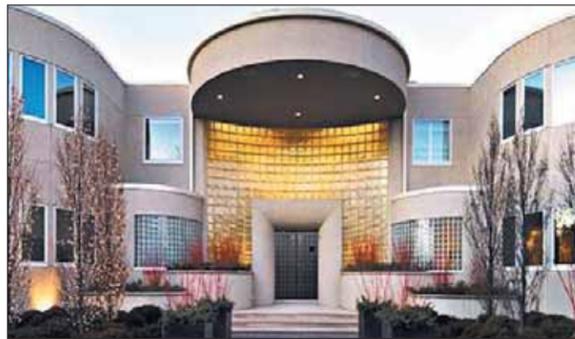
In the close to five years since, despite a flurry of media attention, Jordan has held firm on his asking price, and he still has failed to find a buyer.

Will 2020 be different?
“This is going to be the year,” the compound's longtime listing agent, Katherine Malkin, told Elite Street before quickly adding that she is unable to comment further.

The 32,683-square-foot mansion, which Jordan at times has dubbed Legend Point, has 15 full baths, four half-baths and a cigar room. Other features, which help bring the estate's total square footage to 56,000, include an indoor-outdoor pool area, a putting green, a garage with space for 15 cars, and an indoor NBA regulation-size basketball court.

Landmark Francis J. Dewes mansion in Lincoln Park now a family home: Built in 1896, the five-bedroom, 9,768-square-foot German Baroque and French-style Francis J. Dewes mansion in Lincoln Park is known to many as the site of weddings and exclusive parties.

In 2010, the mansion was listed for \$9.9 million by developer Fred Latsko, who took control of the mansion in the early



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Clockwise, from top left: The entrance of Michael Jordan's Highland Park estate; Richard and Michaela Parrillo's \$45 million custom-built mansion in Lincoln Park; Former White Sox Hall of Famer Frank Thomas' Oak Brook mansion has been occupied by its new owner for two to three years; a Middle-Eastern-influenced Burr Ridge mansion that the agent expects to relist or offer for rent soon.

2000s after acquiring its mortgage and foreclosing on it. Latsko completely restored the mansion, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, restoring wood carvings, refurbishing and refitting windows, restoring painted panels and ceilings, and repairing mosaic tile floors.

The result? A mansion like few others in the Chicago area.

Latsko later actually increased the asking price for the mansion to \$12.5 million in 2013 before taking it off the market.

Today, the mansion is used as Latsko's family home.

“I (will) live there until (my) children graduate school,” Latsko told Elite Street. “Maybe seven or eight years.”

The Parrillos' \$45 million Lincoln Park listing: Easily the highest-priced listing in Chicagoland history is the seven-bedroom, 25,000-square-foot mansion owned by United Automobile Insurance Co. Chairman and CEO Richard Parrillo and his wife, Michaela, which was listed for \$50 million in 2016 and now sits on the market for \$45 million.

The couple have said — through listing agent Tim Salm — that they would be taking a significant loss on the mansion with the current price tag, as they had spent \$65 million to build the mansion, including some \$12.5 million to assemble the land underneath it.

Salm declined to comment on whether the Parrillo mansion is drawing much interest of late.

“They have a strict ‘no comment’ on that house,” Salm told Elite Street.

The mansion's current price tag is more than twice that of Chicago's next-highest asking price, which is for a six-bedroom, 13,400-square-foot mansion on North Dearborn Street on the Near North Side

that is available for \$19.5 million.

A vastly discounted, 30,214-square-foot Burr Ridge mansion: Pages could be written about the saga of the 30,000-square-foot, Middle-Eastern-influenced mansion at 6501 S. County Line Road in Burr Ridge.

As the 2010s dawned, the mansion — then known as Villa Taj — was listed by its then-owner, dentist Husam Aldairi, for \$25 million. He put it up for auction before pulling it from the auction block and relisting it at \$13 million.

While the mansion was vacant in early 2011, some water pipes burst in its second-floor bathrooms, flooding the mansion with enough water to supply the entire 10,500-resident population of Burr Ridge for three days.

The mansion eventually was foreclosed on and sold at a sheriff's sale in 2012 for \$3.1 million. It later was listed for rent before owner Arvin Lourdenadin placed it back on the market for \$10.95 million in 2016, complete with a new name: the Palace Royale.

Lourdenadin cut the asking price to \$7 million in November 2018 and then to \$6 million in July before taking it off the market Dec. 18. Listing agent Lisa Petrik told Elite Street that the mansion simply is off the market for the holidays, adding that buyer interest in the mansion has been “gangbusters” since she removed it.

“We are thinking about listing it for rent, for \$25,000 a month,” Petrik said. Petrik explained that the major drops in the mansion's asking price were the result of her communicating to the owners that the previous \$10.95 million price tag was too high.

“It took me a couple months to get them to reality on (the listing price),” she said.

Oak Brook mansion built for Frank Thomas: DuPage County's residential sales record was set back in 2003, when White Sox star and future Hall of Famer Frank Thomas sold his custom-built, 41-room, 25,000-square-foot mansion for \$7.95 million.

That sale price was less than the \$8.1 million Thomas was reported to have paid to build the mansion, and it also fell short of the \$11 million that the slugger first sought for it in 2000.

Still, that \$7.95 million sale price has never been eclipsed in DuPage. That 2003 buyer eventually lost the mansion to foreclosure, and it sold for \$3 million in 2014 at a sheriff's sale to its lender, who turned around and listed it for \$2.5 million. Then, it sold for \$2.71 million to Shaukat Sindhu, who soon afterward relisted it at \$4.5 million.

However, as part of a case involving Sindhu's guilty plea to bank fraud, he forfeited the mansion to the federal government, which listed it in 2016 for \$3.3 million and sold it shortly afterward to an opaque land trust for \$2.3 million.

Now, Elite Street can report that the buyer behind that land trust is Oakbrook Terrace commercial real estate executive Mike Sahli. He told Elite Street that he has been living in the mansion for two to three years.

“I bought the property to fix it up and sell it but then decided to move into it,” Sahli said. “I completely rehabbed it. It's kind of big for me, so if the right buyer comes along, I might sell. There's nothing really like (this property) in the western suburbs.”

The mansion has 16,857 square feet above grade and another 8,500 or so in the

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REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Selling vacant lots has various tax implications

BY ILYCE GLINK AND SAMUEL J. TAMKIN
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Q: My wife and I sold two adjacent properties via quitclaim deeds in 2019. We originally bought the properties in 1994 for \$20,000 (\$10,000 each) as an investment. We thought we'd build rentals on the land, but this never happened, and we sold the vacant lots for \$7,000 (\$3,500 each).

The properties were free and clear with no liens, etc. We have our primary home in a different location. We have no 1099 forms or real estate transaction forms; just the quitclaim deeds with the sale amounts listed. For income tax purposes, will this be a simple long-term capital loss of \$13,000 that we can carry forward until it is used up?

A: The first thing you should know is that the type of deed is irrelevant when it comes to filing federal income tax forms. The only issues for you are (1) what you paid for the properties — and what costs you had in the purchase — and (2) the price you got for the properties when you sold them, along with the costs relating to the sale.

For the sake of simplicity, we'll assume you had no additional costs to buy or sell the land, in that you didn't take out a mortgage and pay fees and didn't pay an agent when you sold.

You'd think it was simple. You paid \$20,000 for the properties and sold them for \$7,000, so you had a \$13,000 loss. For the most part, this information may be all that you need to know to file your federal tax returns.

But when it comes to real estate, there are other factors that may come into play. If you purchased these lots for investment purposes, you may be able to claim the loss of \$13,000 on



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If vacant lots are purchased for investment purposes and sold later for less, the seller may be able to claim the loss on federal income tax returns.

If you're not considered to be a real estate professional, the IRS may consider your investment in these lots as a "passive" investment, which means you'll likely be limited in how quickly you can take this loss.

your federal income tax returns. On the other hand, if you simply purchased the lots to someday put your home or second home there, you would not have purchased the lots for investment purposes and would likely not be able to take any loss on your federal income tax returns.

If we suppose you did buy them as investment properties and also assume that you get to take a loss on your federal income tax returns, the question is:

Will the IRS consider you to be a "real estate professional"?

The IRS considers people who actively work in the real estate industry and invest in real estate as "real estate professionals." (For more details about how the IRS defines a real estate professional, go to the IRS website and read Publication 925.)

Real estate professionals can take an investment property loss against their other income on their tax

return. For example, if you're considered to be a real estate professional by the IRS, you could simply complete your federal income tax return and you'd benefit by reducing your income by the \$13,000 loss.

If you're not considered to be a real estate professional, the IRS may consider your investment in these lots as a "passive" investment, which means you'll likely be limited in how quickly you can take

this loss.

You may be able to take it all at once, depending on your other income and whether you have other gains that generate passive gains. But in some cases, you might be limited on the amount of losses you can take in a particular year and you'd carry over the balance of the losses to future years. A further complication: In future years you might get the benefit of these losses if you can offset the losses against other passive income.

To summarize, if you're not a real estate professional, and your income comes solely from your job and you don't have other investments, it's likely that the loss you have on these lots won't do you much

good. If you do have investments in stocks and receive capital gains from those stocks, you may be able to offset the loss from the lots against those gains this year and in future years.

Again, it's hard to give a simple answer when it comes to federal income taxes. Our federal income tax system is complicated and the rules and regulations regarding passive and active investment rules are complex. For a more individualized read on the situation, please talk to a tax professional.

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How long after bankruptcy can I apply for a mortgage?

Bankruptcy is a serious financial event that can leave you feeling its impacts for years after filing. But that doesn't mean you can't ever apply for a mortgage again. You just have to understand what timing is realistic, and what smart moves to make while you wait.

The first thing to know is that there will be a waiting period, starting at your bankruptcy's discharge or dismissal date, not the filing date. But the length of that period varies according to whether you filed for Chapter 7, 11, or 13 bankruptcy, and what type of mortgage you're considering.

Depending on your situation, you'll need to wait at least one year, and usually two, but perhaps 3-4 years. If you've filed more than one bankruptcy, or have also undergone a home foreclosure, the period may be extended up to seven years.

Fortunately for some, if your bankruptcy involved extenuating circumstances, like a one-time income hit from job loss, divorce, or

medical bills, you may be able to shorten your wait.

But even after the period concludes, the mortgages you'll qualify for may not have very favorable rates. That's why it's important to play it smart during your waiting period.

First, you'll want to build up your credit history, establishing an on-time payment track record for at least 12 months and not using your full credit limit (aim for using less than 30 percent).

Second, save as much for a down payment as possible. The more funds you can put down on a new house after bankruptcy, the better the mortgage deal you'll be able to secure.

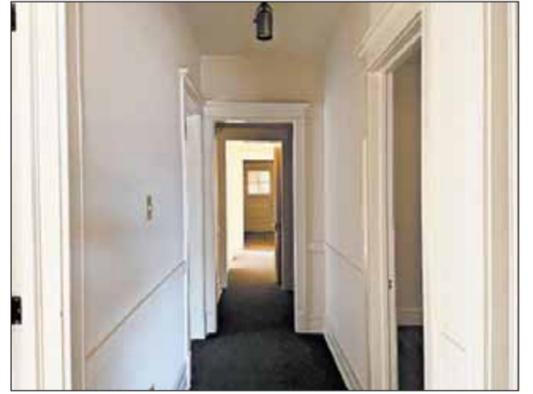
Bankruptcy can certainly complicate or delay securing a new mortgage. But focusing on your credit score and down payment savings while you wait for the green light is your best path toward a new home.

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5 steps to saving up for a home down payment

BY CARLA FRIED
Rate.com

First-time homebuyer wannabes wrongly think they need to make a big 20% down payment. In fact, there are plenty of ways to qualify for a mortgage with a down payment of less than 5%.

That's more doable, right? If you've got your eye on homes priced in the range of \$250,000 or so, you're talking about needing less than \$12,000 for a down payment. In higher-cost areas, the \$30,000 to \$50,000 needed is a bigger ask, but just a few years of determined saving can get the job done. That's going to require a strategic down-payment saving plan.

1. Open a savings account at an online bank. Any money you plan to use within, say, five years or so doesn't belong in the stock market. Too risky. The best place for savings you intend to use for a home down payment in the next few years is a bank savings account. Sure, you aren't going to get shoot-the-lights returns, but what matters most is that the money stays safe so it's there when you need it. But not any old bank. Traditional banks pay lousy rates on savings accounts. They are pretty much betting on lazy clients not noticing. That's not going to be you. Just as safe as traditional banks but offering much better interest rates, are online banks.

2. Make saving automatic. You can link your checking account with your new online savings account, and for no fee set up a monthly transfer from your checking account to your savings account. Making your down payment saving automatic is the secret to your home-buying success. Rather



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than relying on your memory to set aside money each month, or talking yourself into staying committed, an automated system will keep you on track.

3. Set a high savings bar for yourself. How much to save each month is, of course, an entirely personal decision. But it's not just a function of what you earn. The hard truth is that if you are determined to buy a home, you can likely save plenty by being more careful about your spending.

Try this: Right off the top of your head, name a monthly amount you can save in your down payment savings account. Now raise that by 25%. Yep, 25%. Before you decide that's a deal breaker, spend a few minutes reviewing the past few months of your bank and credit card statements. You're sure you can't manage to spend a bit less on certain things? Dining out, the gym membership you're not using, or perhaps downscaling to a less expensive car with a lower loan payment?

Besides, what tends to happen is that once we make the big step of committing to a monthly savings contribution — be it for a mortgage down payment or a retirement account — we adjust to having less money in our checking account.

4. Earmark found money for your account. If you get a raise, bonus or manage to bring in some extra cash with a side gig, make a promise to yourself that you will save at least 50% of your after-tax haul for your home down payment. Or 100%. Having a clear intention for what to do with "extra" money is the key to not frittering it away.

One caveat: If you have high-rate credit card debt, that's worth tackling hard. It never makes sense to pay high interest and getting your card balances paid off will help you qualify for a mortgage.

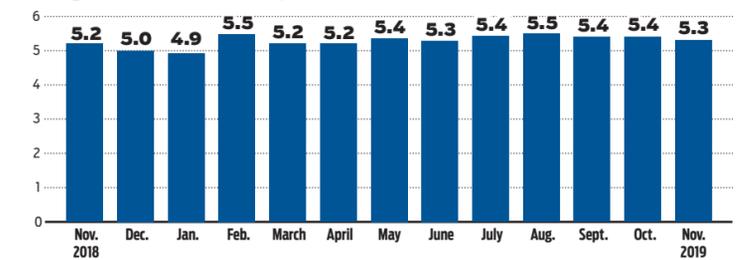
5. Put your goal in writing. Write yourself a contract or letter that spells out what your goal is with this account.

Be specific: "I am going to save at least \$X a month, and I intend to have enough for a down payment within Y years." Sign and date it. And keep it nearby. If you ever find yourself wavering, pull it out and think about how good you felt when you wrote your home buying manifesto. Academic research has shown that sometimes the seemingly simple act of writing something down can be a powerful "precommitment" that keeps us focused on goals.

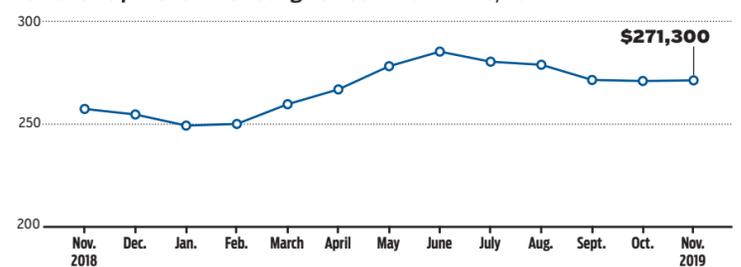
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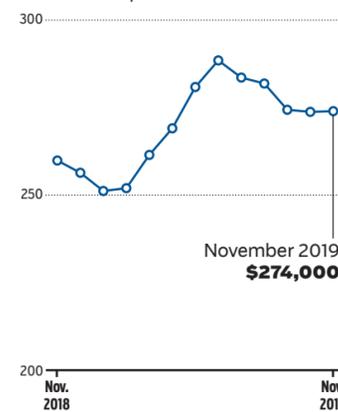
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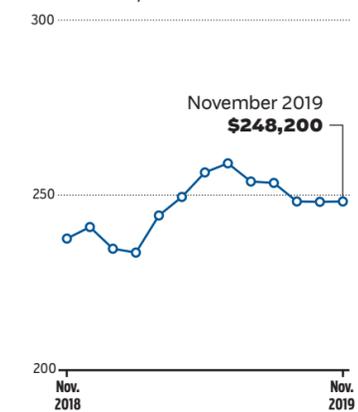
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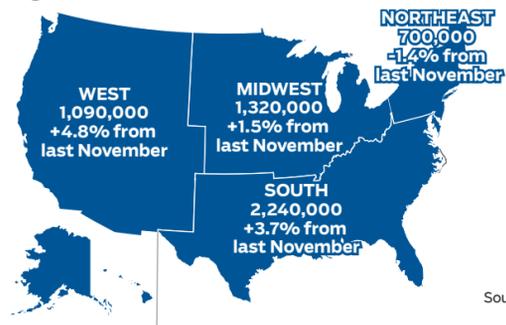
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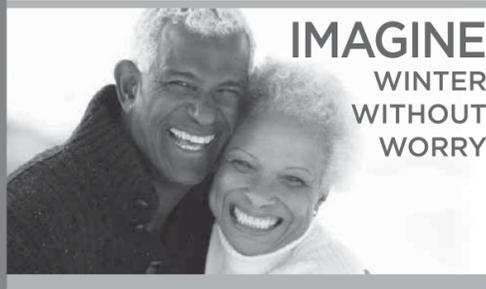
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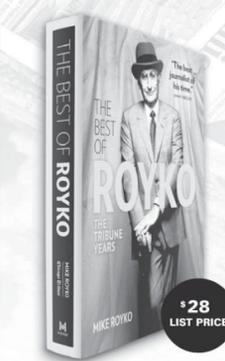
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basement. Sahli said the bar area in the mansion's basement continues to be known as Club 35, after Thomas' uniform number.

Winnetka's Le Grand Reve mansion listed for a decade and counting:

On Jan. 12, 2010, a six-bedroom, 27,000-square-foot mansion in Winnetka that is known as Le Grand Reve was officially listed for \$28 million after previously being informally listed in 2009 for \$32 million.

Ten years later, the mansion remains for sale, with a decidedly lower, \$9.5 million asking price.

What has happened in the interim?

Simply put, not much. Designed by Los Angeles architect Richard Landry, completed in 2008 and owned by commercial real estate executive Sherwin Jarol and his wife, Deborah, the mansion is undeniably striking, with an interior and exterior appearance that would not be out of place in Los Angeles' Hollywood Hills or Bel-Air areas.

Agents not associated with the listing long have said that the asking price is very high for a property in Winnetka that is not close to Lake Michigan.

The mansion's asking price was reduced to \$23 million in 2011 but later that year actually increased to \$32 million. After a market hiatus of two years, it returned in 2014 with a \$15.9 million price tag, which was reduced to \$13.9 million in 2015 and then to just below \$13 million later that year. In 2017, it was reduced to \$11.9 million and then later that year to just under \$10 million.

In May, the mansion's price was reduced to \$9.5 million. Listing agent Jena Radnay told Elite Street that at present, she has "some very good interest" in Le Grand Reve.

"I think it's underpriced for what the build level is and ... it's the finest-built



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The Winnetka mansion known as Le Grand Reve was reduced to a \$9.5 million asking price in May.



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Richard Marx and Cynthia Rhodes dropped the price of their mansion in Lake Bluff before it went under contract.

house in the Midwest," she said. "I have shown it many times in November and December. ... Those that have a high level of knowledge of what things cost to construct know that (Le Grand Reve) is a phenomenal value."

Work resumes on a 41,000-square-foot mansion in Burr Ridge: One of the largest Chicago-area homes by square footage is a long-unfinished, 41,000-square-foot mansion in unincorporated Burr Ridge. And work currently underway suggests a concerted effort to finally complete construction.

Then-owner Nick Memeti, a mortgage broker, had contractors begin work on the mansion, which sits atop a hill at the end of Meadowbrook Drive, in the mid-2000s.

However, construction eventually stalled, with no movement for close to a decade. Memeti sold the property in 2013 for a re-

corded sale price of just \$235,000 to a Wyoming-based limited liability company with an address in Lisle.

In 2016, the Wyoming firm sold the unfinished mansion for \$1.7 million to a land trust whose beneficiary could not be determined. The land trust hired a local builder, Provençal Construction, to complete the work. According to DuPage County records, numerous permits have been taken out by Provençal since 2016 to get the home completed.

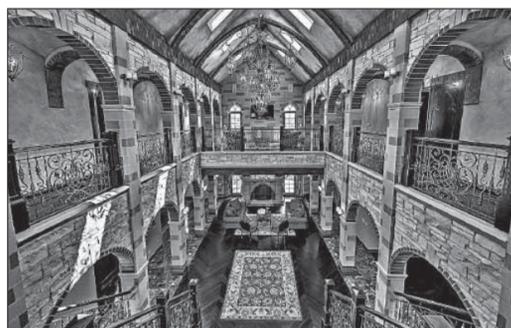
An October 2016 building permit identifies the mansion as having 19,066 square feet of living area, with another 11,239 square feet of basement space, a 4,109-square-foot garage, a 1,991-square-foot porch and balcony, and a 4,554-square-foot deck/patio, for a total of 40,959 square feet of space.

"It is our intent to complete all outstanding construction," Provençal wrote



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One of the largest homes in the Chicago area is a long-unfinished, 41,000-square-foot mansion in Burr Ridge.



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Commercial contractor Paul Iwanski built a castlelike mansion in Oak Brook in 2009 and ultimately moved in.

in an October 2016 building permit, which spelled out the estimated cost of work at more than \$3.16 million. Additional permits cite estimated costs of \$320,000 for new siding, \$250,000 to construct a new swimming pool, and \$266,000 for a new sports court, greenhouse and addition to the attached garage.

In May, the land trust that owns the mansion expanded the property's site, paying \$350,000 for an adjoining 1.41-acre parcel. That brings the property's total size to 4.2 acres.

A recent visit to the property showed construction vehicles and active work taking place.

Mike Candela, a Provençal official, refused to confirm whether Provençal is the actual owner of the property. He also declined to elaborate on the company's plans for the mansion once it is fully completed.

"Home is not for sale. All other info's confidential," he said via text message.

Provençal also is in the process of building an eight-lot cul-de-sac, Alicia Court, just north of the mansion.

Richard Marx's massive Lake Bluff mansion has a buyer:

With a new marriage and a new life on the West Coast, rock star and songwriter Richard Marx has been trying to sell his nine-bedroom, 29,475-square-foot vintage Georgian-style mansion on almost 5 lakefront acres in Lake Bluff since 2014, when he first listed it for \$18 million.

That was far more than the \$4.7 million that Marx and then-wife Cynthia Rhodes had paid for the mansion in 1997, although he put some upgrades into the home, including an attached, 8,000-square-foot recording studio. Built in 1931, the mansion, which has eight full baths, six half-baths and 19 fireplaces, was designed by noted architect David Adler.

Now, after repeated price cuts, Marx's mansion looks as though it may finally change hands. Marx cut his asking price to \$16 million in 2015 and then to \$13.99 million in 2016. Later that year, he reduced its price tag to \$11.99 million, followed by price cuts in 2017 to \$11.3 million and \$10.73 million before taking it off the market in March 2018. The mansion returned to the market in September 2018 with an \$8.99 million asking price, which Marx reduced to \$6.99 million in February.

The mansion went under contract Nov. 12. Listing agent Andra O'Neill told Elite Street that the deal is not set to close until spring.

King no longer wanted for Oak Brook mansion:

Back in 2009, commercial contractor Paul Iwanski built a castlelike, 18,000-square-foot stone and brick mansion on a 0.89-acre parcel in Oak Brook, with walls 18 inches thick, an elevator, five full suites, a royal billiard room, a lower-level game room and heated concrete floors.

With the mansion still unfinished in 2009, Iwanski listed it for \$4 million unfinished and \$5.75 million finished.

Iwanski also promoted the home through a website called kingwanted.com.

"I believe there is a buyer for it," he told the Tribune at the time. "If we have to wait, that's OK. We built this for us. If we cannot sell it, I won't cry about it. Then I'll find a way to live in it."

Iwanski's final asking price, in 2016, was \$4.2 million. After that, he took the mansion off the market.

So what ended up happening to the mansion?

"I ended up moving in," Iwanski told Elite Street. "The house is not for sale anymore. I'm a commercial contractor, and it's built like a commercial building."

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ROLLING ON, FOR NOW

Auto industry continues US sales run of 17M in 2019

BY NEAL E. BOUDETTE
The New York Times

The auto industry has been on a roll for a decade, and its resurgence shows few signs of coming to a halt — at least for now.

Strong employment, low interest rates and robust consumer confidence combined last year to extend a record run of auto sales.

Americans are also continuing to buy ever bigger cars, at prices escalating faster than the overall inflation rate. And they are taking on more debt to do so.

Nationwide, automakers sold 17.1 million new cars and light trucks in 2019. It was the fifth straight year of sales exceeding 17 million, a distinction never achieved before. There were 17.3 million vehicles sold in 2018.

“We are past the peak,” said Mark Wakefield, a managing director at AlixPartners, a consulting firm with a large automotive practice. “But we are better off than we thought we would be going into 2019,” he added, largely because of interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve.

Low fuel prices have also helped. The average retail price of regular gasoline is \$2.57 and has not been above \$3 in more than five years, according to the Energy Information Administration.

That helps explain why consumers continued gravitating toward pickup trucks, sport utility vehicles and other roomy models, offsetting a steep fall in sales of sedans and compacts. Nearly two out of every three new models purchased last year were classified as light trucks, which includes minivans and even some small, SUV-shaped cars.

At the same time, the average new vehicle sold for \$37,183, according to Edmunds. That represents an increase of 30% since 2009, a period in which overall consumer prices rose 20%. Much of the rise stems from increasing sales of trucks and larger vehicles, which sell for higher prices than cars. Many new cars also include elaborate technology like large touch screens, radar and other advanced safety systems.

The shift to trucks has powered General Motors and Fiat Chrysler in barely a decade from bankruptcy to near-record financial



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Tesla CEO Elon Musk introduces the all-electric battery-powered Tesla Cybertruck. Tesla reported that its worldwide deliveries were up 50% for 2019.



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Fiat Chrysler cashed in last year on demand for pickups, with Ram sales jumping 18%.

results. Ford's profit has been less stellar as it pushes to reorganize. Ford's U.S. sales fell 3% in 2019, as strong sales of trucks weren't quite enough to overcome declines in Ford's SUV and sedan sales.

Rivals that have traditionally been stronger in compacts and sedans — like Toyota and Honda — have also had bottom-line difficulties in North America, although they continue to make money.

Fiat Chrysler cashed in

last year on the demand for pickups, with sales of its Ram jumping 18% to more than 633,000. That made it the nation's second best-selling vehicle after the Ford F-series pickup, with 896,526 trucks sold. Ram surpassed the former No. 2 bestseller Chevy Silverado. GM's U.S. sales were down 2.3% from 2018. Fiat Chrysler's sales were off 1%.

Another winner was Tesla. Though electric cars made up less than 3% of

overall car sales, Tesla dominated the category, and reported that its worldwide deliveries were up 50% for the year. It did not break out sales in the United States.

Among the few companies to suffer significant declines were Mazda and Nissan, both of which have been slow to expand the range of their SUVs. Mazda's 2019 sales in the United States fell 7%, and Nissan's were down 10%.

Auto executives remain

confident about the industry outlook, yet mindful that a slump will come at some point.

“I feel positive about the market in 2020,” said Mike Manley, chief executive of Fiat Chrysler. “It's very difficult to tell exactly because it's an election year and you never know what's going to happen.”

Most analysts see auto sales slipping only slightly in 2020, to a range of roughly 16.5 million to 16.9 million vehicles. “With the overall strength in the economy, with full employment, you've got consumer confidence at an all-time high,” said Jack Hollis, group vice president and general manager of Toyota in North America.

In addition, the three big American automakers bought four years of labor peace in the fall with new union contracts, though at the cost of a 40-day strike against General Motors.

Nevertheless, the industry still faces some risks. The Trump administration's trade war with China remains unresolved. And the rising tensions between the United States and Iran are a reminder of the potential volatility of oil prices.

One worry is whether the steady rise in prices is sustainable, along with the increasing debt that owners have taken on to buy those more expensive cars.

More than one-third of Americans now have auto loans, up from 20% in 1999, according to the Federal

Reserve Bank of New York. The share of consumer debt going to auto loans climbed to 9.4% in the third quarter of 2019, compared with 6% in the same period 10 years ago.

Many consumers are dealing with the higher prices by borrowing over longer terms. Auto loans approved in December had an average term of 69 months, compared with 62 months a decade earlier, Edmunds found.

That has helped keep monthly car payments from climbing as fast as sales prices. Still, those payments for loans generated in December averaged \$577, up from \$499 in 2014.

For Fiat Chrysler, consumer concerns about affordability have paid off. Last year, it introduced a brawnier Ram pickup available with a large touch screen and other advanced technologies. But Fiat Chrysler has continued making a more basic version, which can sell for \$6,000 to \$8,000 less than competing models.

Cost is pushing some buyers away from new cars.

Last August, when Pete Krupsky went to look to replace his high-mileage Honda Civic, he headed straight to his dealer's used-car lot. “I didn't want a new car because I can't afford the \$25,000 or whatever the price is,” said Krupsky, of Rosewood, Michigan.

He found a 2017 Honda Accord with 19,000 on its odometer — for \$18,000.

New car tech features that look appealing

BY RYAN ZUMMALLEN
Edmunds

The Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas allows consumers to get creative. CES plays host to new technology that will be on dealer lots in the near future. Here are some car tech features that Edmunds' experts saw.

Google: Improved Android integration

Google is expanding its reach into the automotive sector with two new fea-

tures on display at CES. The first is a new Android-based infotainment system called Android Automotive OS. More than just Android Auto smartphone integration, Android Automotive OS replaces an automaker's factory system, offering integrated Google Assistant, Google Maps and Google Play Store. Google displayed Android Automotive OS on the Volvo XC40 Recharge SUV, which will be first on the market to use the system.

The second is wireless

Android Auto, which Google displayed with BMW at the show. Wireless Android Auto allows you to connect an Android-based phone without using a cord and USB port.

Hyundai: High-definition maps

Hyundai is focused on high-definition mapping. At CES, the South Korean automaker detailed the new system in its Genesis G90 luxury sedan. The navigation system, developed with the supplier

HERE, takes overlaying map information and integrates it with what the vehicle's cameras and sensors are seeing.

Rivian: Direct Amazon Alexa integration

One of the newest names on the block, the electric automaker Rivian, used CES to announce its debut models. Each one comes with Amazon Alexa built into its connected vehicle systems. Owners can use it to control in-car entertainment and navigation.



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The XT6 lacks the effortless authority one expects from a luxury vehicle.

Cadillac XT6 lacking a little

BY LARRY PRINTZ
Tribune News Service

It happened at the media preview of the 2019 Los Angeles International Auto Show at the Cadillac stand. There, standing among the priciest vehicles that General Motors builds, I stopped and looked across the aisle at Lincoln and wondered if there's a single Cadillac I'd buy instead of a Lincoln.

I continued to examine the 2020 Cadillac XT6, the brand's new car-based, three-row crossover that slots below the Escalade, which uses the Chevrolet Suburban's body-on-frame platform, and above the two-row XT5, which uses a car-based crossover architecture. Its design tames the brand's aggressive styling with mixed results.

The front end, clearly inspired by the Escala concept, is beautiful and quite memorable. But walking around to the back, I was unpleasantly surprised to find Cadillac is abandoning vertical taillights, a signature styling element that has been a brand signature since the 1960s.

Like many crossovers, the XT6 is offered in Premium Luxury and Sport models. Front-wheel drive is standard on the former; all-wheel drive is a \$2,000 option and standard on the Sport. Critically, the XT6 uses the XT5's platform rather than the C1XX platform used for the Chevrolet Traverse, Buick Enclave and GMC Acadia.

2020 CADILLAC XT6 SPORT AWD

Base price:

\$58,090

Engine: DOHC 3.6-liter V-6
Horsepower/Torque: 310/271

EPA fuel economy (city/highway): 17/24 mpg

Being shorter than its three-row GM cousins reduces the XT6's cargo capacity. In fact, with all three rows in use, there's less than 13 cubic feet. Cadillac also uses the same 310-horsepower V-6 engine and nine-speed automatic transmission used in the less expensive offerings rather than installing a more powerful alternative.

Here once again we see the cheap nature of GM product development rearing its head.

That said, the XT6, does offer some fine design details, such as semi-aniline leather, a suede headliner and real carbon fiber trim, which you'd expect given its price. I appreciated that designers placed the center air-conditioning vents away from the driver's right hand, not to mention the standard power-folding third-row seats, remote folding second row seats and a power lift gate that make loading the XT6 easy.

The instrument panel's luxurious simplicity is especially welcome, with a

center-mounted 8-inch touch screen underpinned by a row of easy-to-use climate control buttons. The screen is augmented by a rotary knob on the center console, which can also be used to control the screen. And there are two USB ports in each row.

However, most of the XT6's tech package is optional, including Night Vision, wireless charging, surround vision camera, surround vision recorder, Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and a head-up display. And you have to wonder who decided there should be no latch on the center console lid. It flops up and down constantly, with larger bumps causing it to fly fully open.

Nevertheless, the cabin is quiet, with the V-6 and nine-speed automatic proving to be an impressively smooth combination that make it easy to drive smoothly, provided you don't ask for more power. While there's enough muscle in most instances, the XT6 lacks the effortless authority one expects from a luxury vehicle.

While the XT6 offers a very comfortable ride and precise handling, it's not nearly as luxurious or as well-executed as the new Lincoln Aviator, which offers more power, a hybrid variant and a far nicer cabin, not to mention rear-wheel drive or all-wheel drive. There's not a single Cadillac I would choose over a Lincoln, or some other cars.

System checking for leaks is cause of fanlike noise



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: I have a 2016 Toyota Highlander (Limited Edition) and a fan that seems to be under the back seats often stays running hours after the car has been turned off. The only way I can turn it off is by starting the car and immediately turning it off again. The dealer says it's normal and it's clearing the exhaust system, but I say it's a problem that needs fixing.

Any thoughts? Let me know.

—D.S., Lake Barrington, Illinois

A: About five hours after you park the vehicle, the evaporative emissions system (not the exhaust system) performs self-check for leaks. What you hear is a pump that pressurizes the system, which is then observed for a pressure drop, indicating a leak. Because most drivers park their cars overnight, this plan makes sense.

The test is interrupted by switching on the ignition or removing the gas cap, but I advise against that and suggest allowing the test to complete.

Q: The tires on my 2007 Highlander have gone flat or at least lost enough air to set off the "flat tire" warning six times in the last four years. I've never had this happen on any other car and I've been driving for over 50 years. I take it in, and they say it's corrosion on the wheel and take care of it. It only happens in colder weather. The front tires were



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A Toyota Highlander owner has a question about what sounds like a fan coming on under the back seats.

replaced seven years ago and have 45,000 miles on them. The rear tires were replaced five years ago and have 31,000 miles. I keep my cars for at least 10 years or more, and this started happening when the tires were only two and four years old, respectively.

I don't know of anyone else having this problem and wonder if you have any insight. I have 88,000 miles on my car.

—L.C., Park Ridge, Illinois

A: Corrosion is an industrywide problem, particularly with alloy wheels. And it is especially common where they salt the roads. Buffing off the corrosion and applying a tire mounting compound are a couple solutions short of replacing the wheels.

Q: For cars that don't have blind spot warning systems, the driver should:

1. Adjust the seats and rearview mirror as usual.
2. Lean over and place head against the driver's side window.
3. Adjust the outside mirror so you are just seeing the edge of his or her car.

It may take some fine tuning depending on the height of the driver and position of the seat. But if done properly when a car overtakes and passes on the left side, as the image in the main rear-view mirror begins to disappear, it will start to appear in the outside mirror. This pretty much eliminates the driver's side blind spot. For the right-side blind spot, I adjust the convex mirror to the full out-board position.

—D.G., Darien, Illinois

A: I first reported this method in a feature back in 1995 when the Society of Automobile Engineers published a paper showing the better method for setting the mirrors. Since then the method has been circulated in many publications and on the Internet. At first it looks weird to see the guard rail and stuff seemingly moving and not seeing the road, but you will get used to it. The new warning systems and even blind spot mirrors also help.

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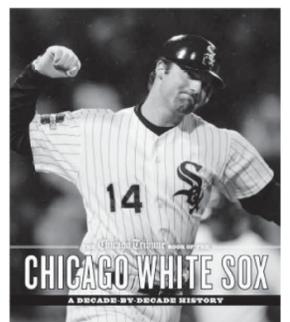
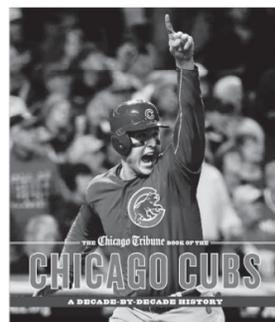
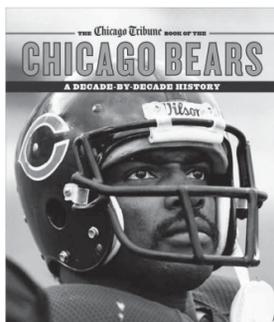
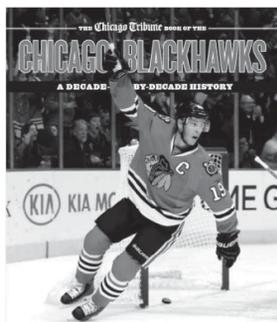
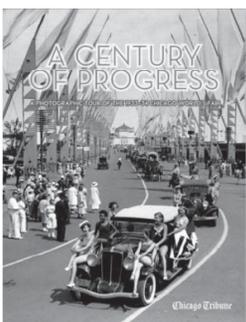
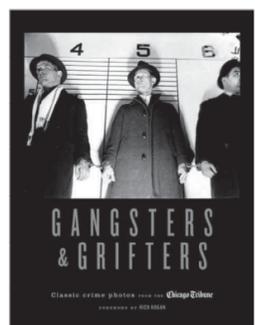
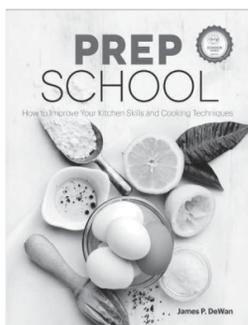
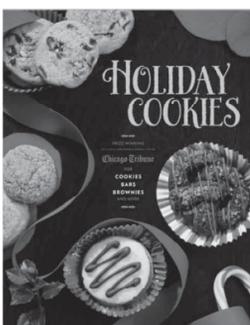
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Dilbert By Scott Adams

Panel 1: Boss: "I'M PROMOTING YOU TO THE POSITION OF 'MASTER ENGINEER.'"

Panel 2: Dilbert: "I'M ALREADY A SENIOR ENGINEER."

Panel 3: Boss: "NOW YOU'RE A MASTER ENGINEER."

Panel 4: Dilbert: "WITH ALL OF THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT COME WITH IT."

Panel 5: Dilbert: "SUCH AS...?" Boss: "WELL, FOR EXAMPLE, YOU CAN DO MORE KINDS OF WORK."

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Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

Panel 1: Baby Blues: "I WON'T GO INTO DETAILS, BUT IT WAS HORRIBLE!"

Panel 2: Baby Blues: "OH, SURE, TWENTY MINUTES DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A LONG TIME... ...BUT TRY SPENDING IT TRAPPED IN A PLACE WITH UNBREATHABLE AIR, TOXIC LEVELS OF DORKINESS, WHERE ESCAPE IS IMPOSSIBLE!"

Panel 3: Baby Blues: "SHE HAD TO SIT NEXT TO HAMMIE IN THE CARPOOL." Dilbert: "TOMORROW I'LL PULL YOUR FINGER!"

Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman

Panel 1: Zits at a security checkpoint.

Panel 2: Zits in a classroom.

Panel 3: Zits in a classroom.

Panel 4: Zits in a classroom.

Panel 5: Zits in a classroom.

Panel 6: Zits in a classroom.

Pickles By Brian Crane

Panel 1: Pickles: "FOR DESSERT I HAVE A LITTLE BOWL OF STRAWBERRIES FOR EACH OF US."

Panel 2: Pickles: "AND HERE'S SOME WHIPPED CREAM IF YOU THINK YOU NEED IT."

Panel 3: Pickles: "PERSONALLY, I LIKE MINE PLAIN."

Panel 4: Pickles: "I JUST WANT A LITTLE DAB."

Panel 5: Pickles: "DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FIND THE STRAWBERRIES?"

WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler

Panel 1: WuMo: "FOR MORE PAY?"

Panel 2: WuMo: "NO, NO, NO!"

Panel 3: WuMo: "YOU'RE THINKING OF 'PLATINUM LEVEL' ENGINEERS. YOU'RE NOT ONE OF THOSE."

Panel 4: WuMo: "THAT COMES NEXT?!"

Panel 5: WuMo: "OPTIMISM IS NOT AN ATTRACTIVE QUALITY."

Panel 6: WuMo: "I GET THAT YOU WANNA SEND THREATS TO THE UNITED NATIONS FROM YOUR NEW ULTRA-COOL UNDERGROUND BUNKER, BUT YOU ORDERED THAT IT BE CONSTRUCTED IN 100 INCHES OF ARMORED CONCRETE, SO THERE'S NO CONNECTION TO PHONE LINES OR THE INTERNET. WE CAN FIX IT, BUT IT WILL INCREASE THE TOTAL COST BY 500% AND CAUSE AN 8-YEAR DELAY ..."

Panel 7: WuMo: "THE HARD LIFE OF A SUPERVILLAIN"

Frazz By Jef Mallett

Panel 1: Frazz: "YOU TAUGHT ME SOMETHING TODAY, MRS. OLSEN:"

Panel 2: Frazz: "NOW I KNOW THE PHONETIC SIGNIFICANCE OF A SINUS INFECTION."

Panel 3: Frazz: "ZED. GODDE, DANKS."

Panel 4: Frazz: "IF YOU CAN'T VANQUISH THE IRRITANT, BE THE IRRITANT."

Panel 5: Frazz: "DA VOEDDICC ..."

Panel 6: Frazz: "IT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FEELING LIKE ZEN ..."

Panel 7: Frazz: "AND FEELING LIKE ZED."

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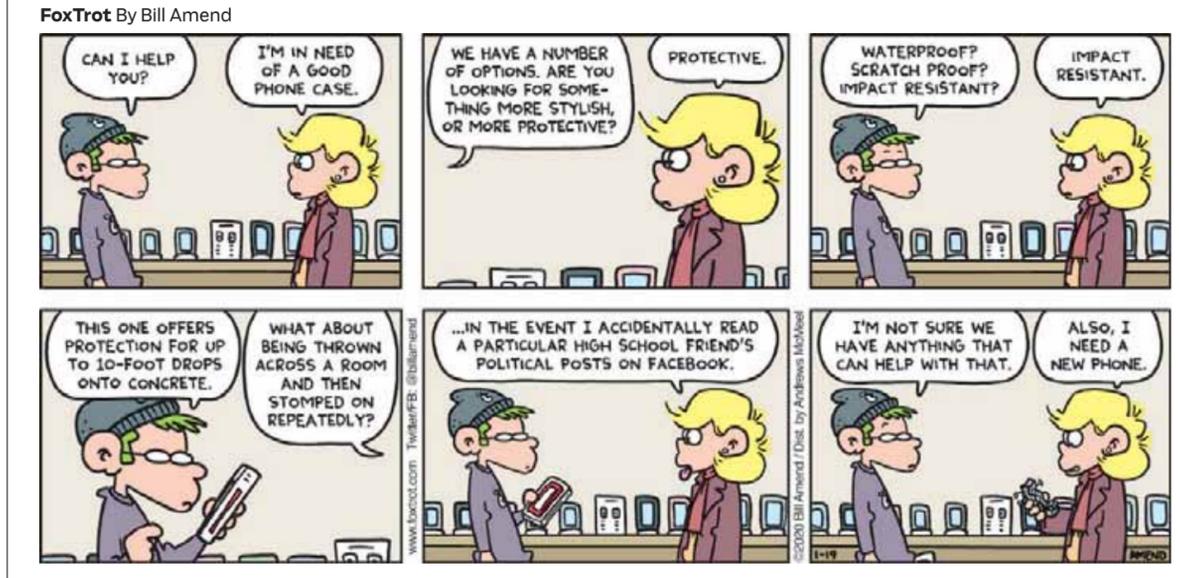
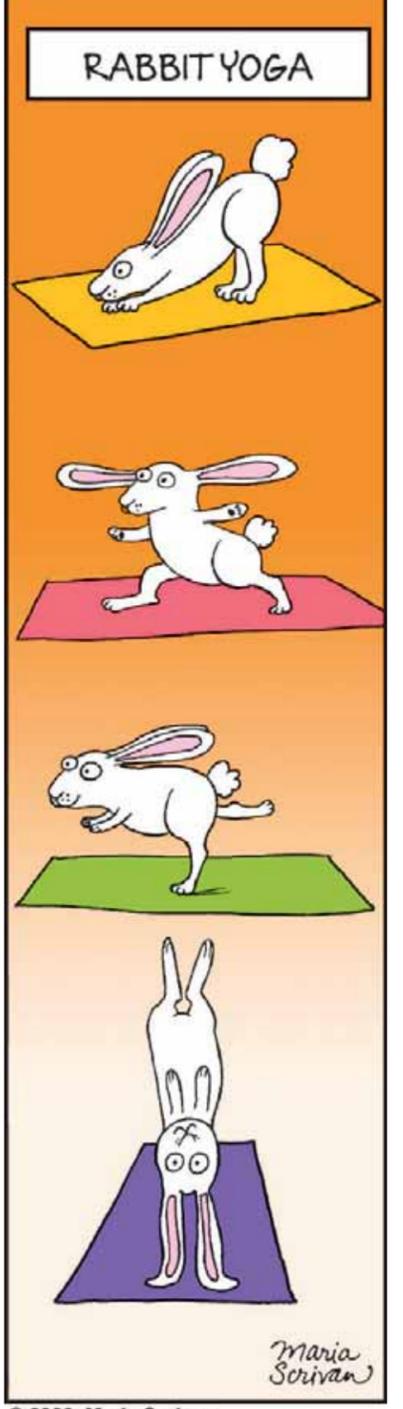
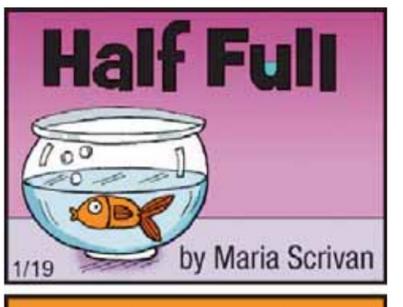
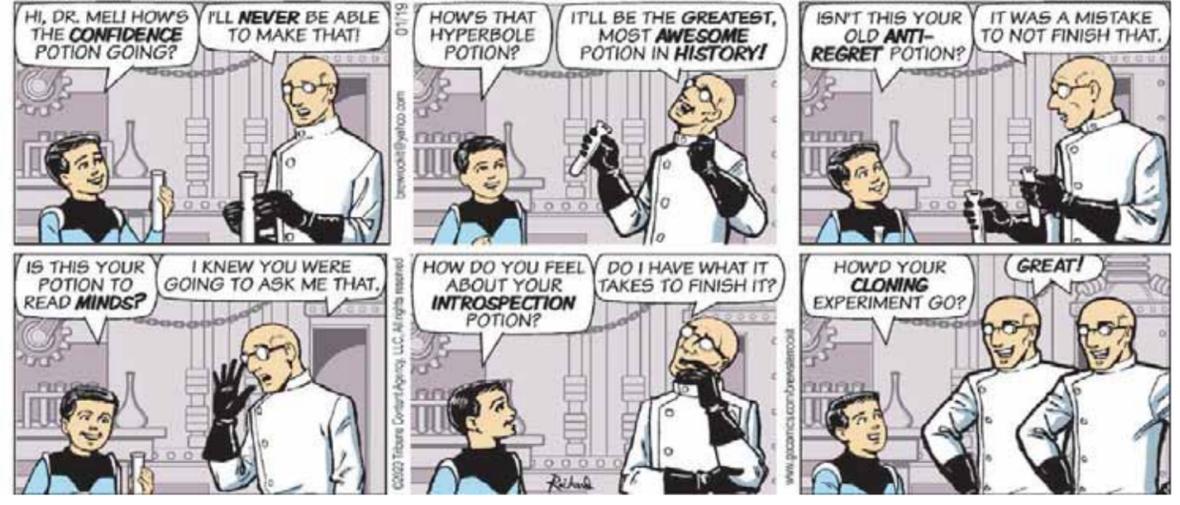
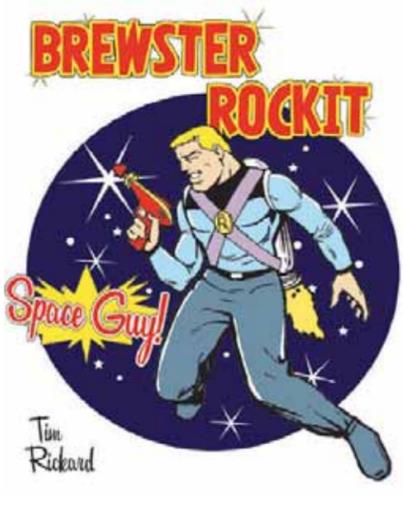
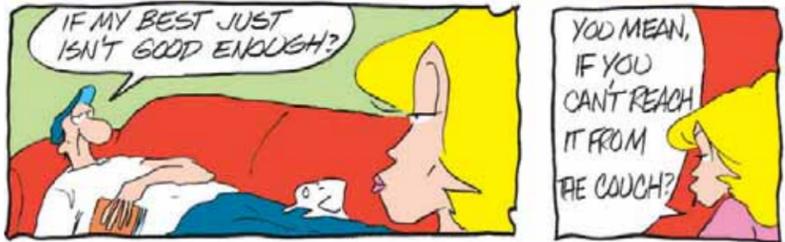
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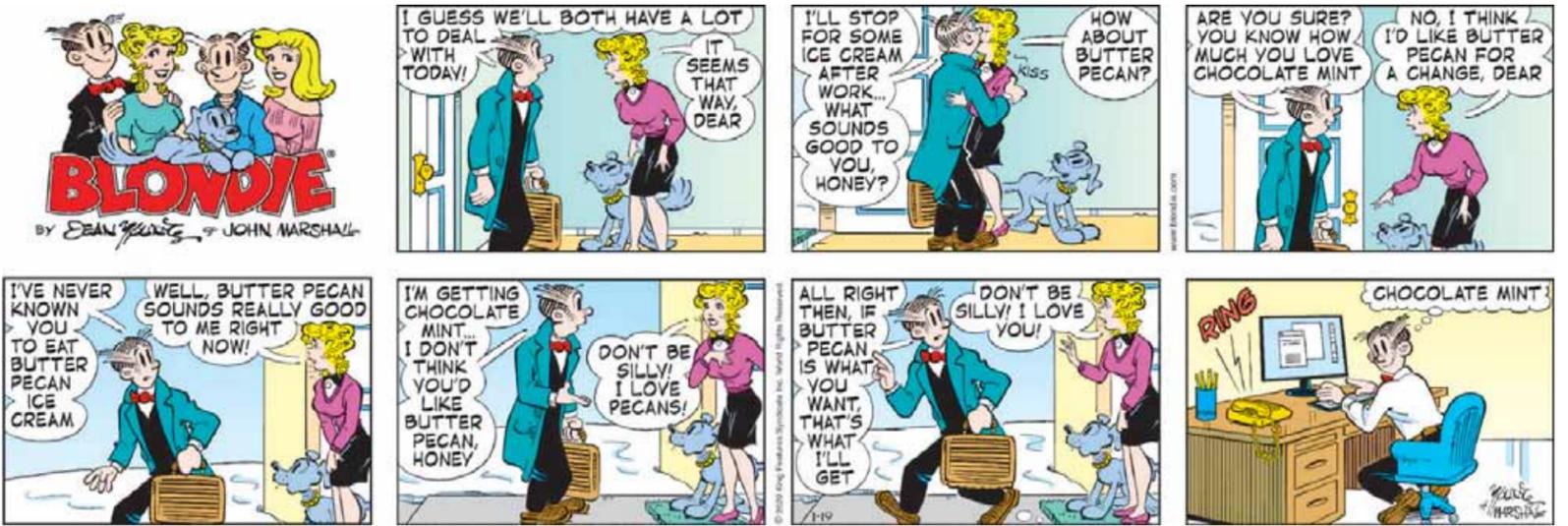
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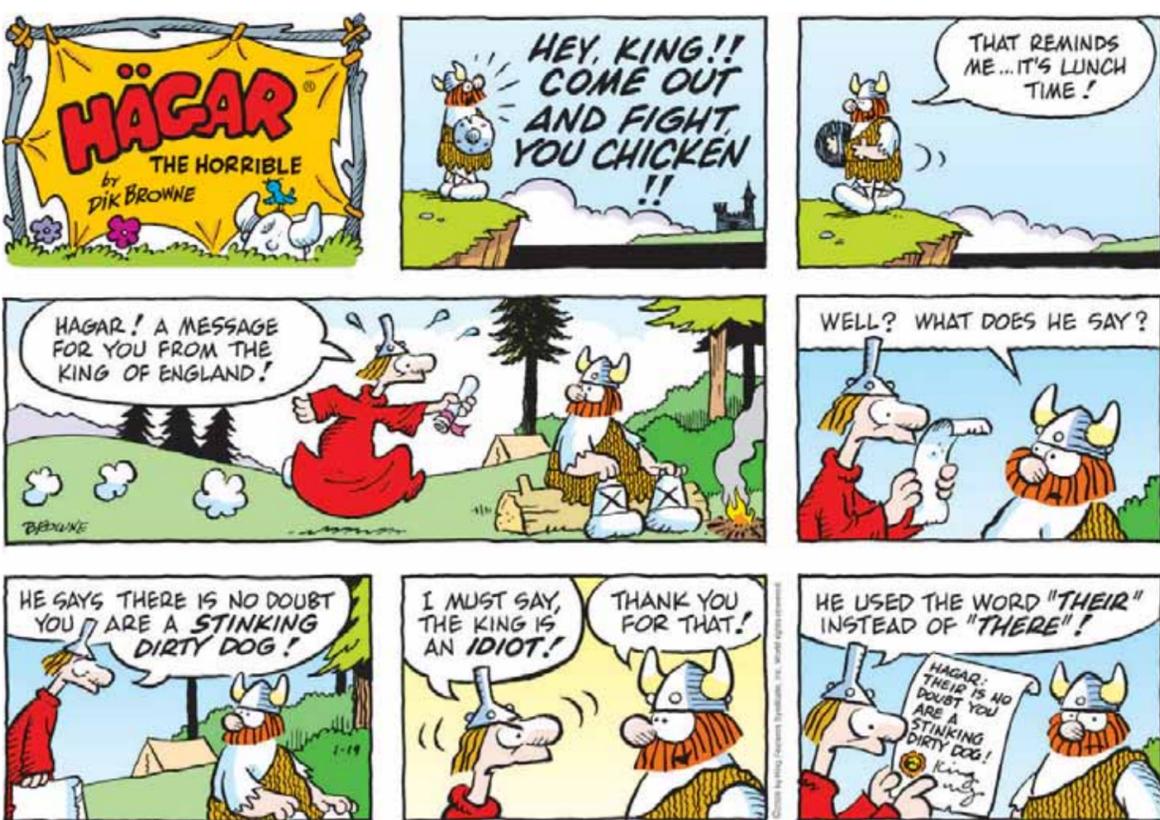
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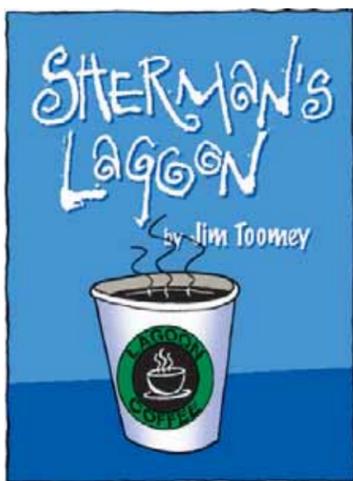


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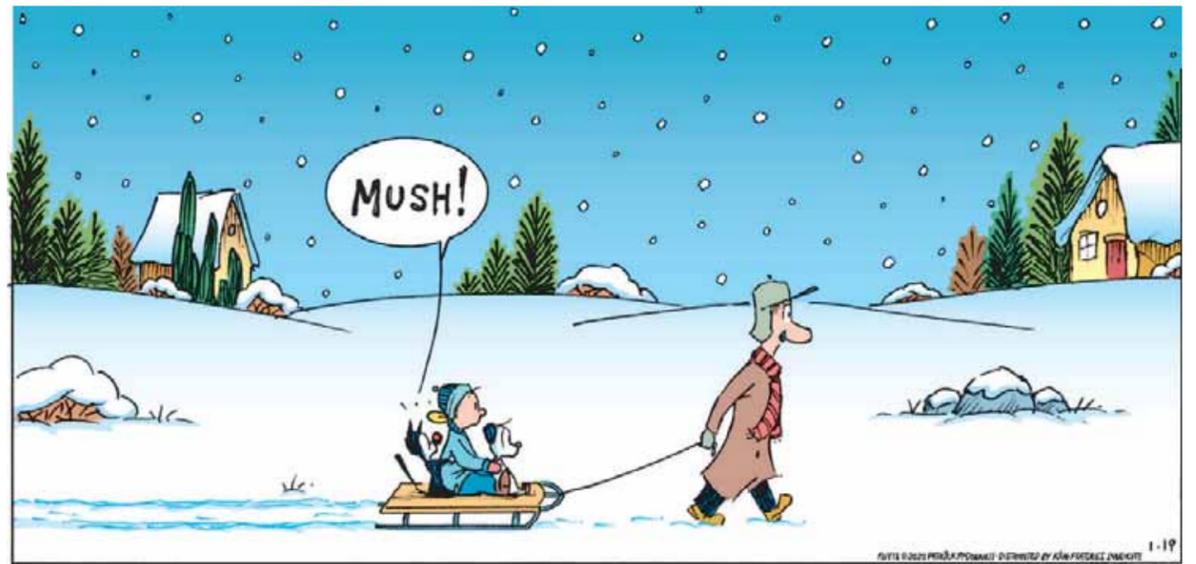


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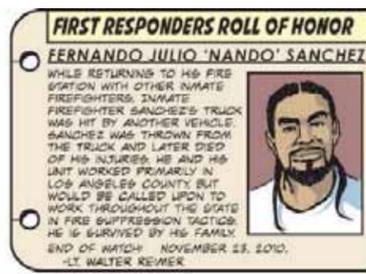




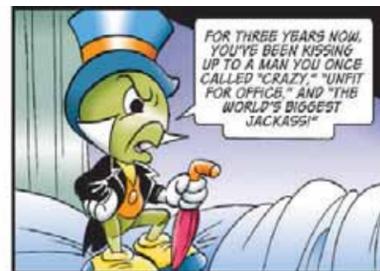
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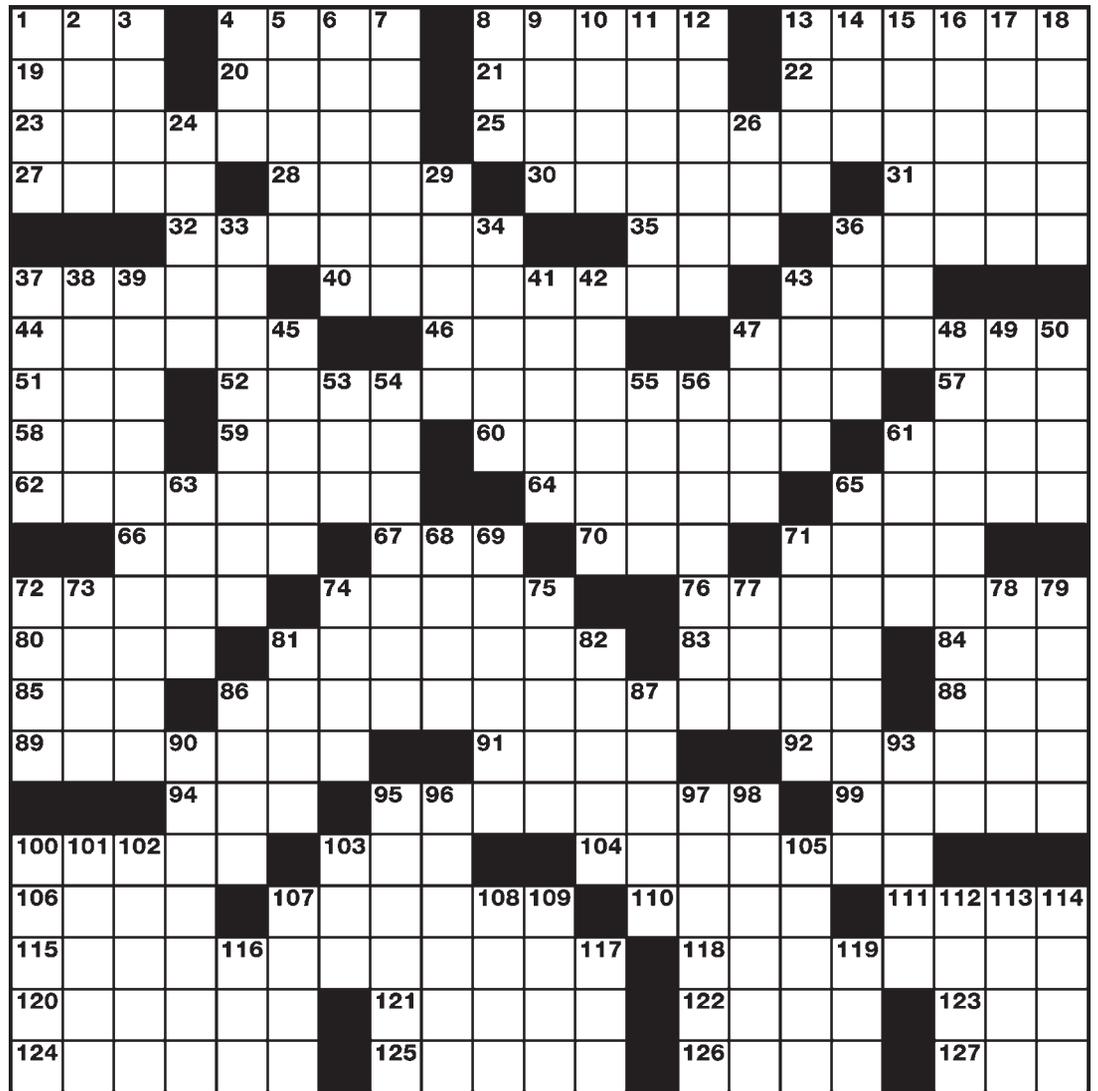
- 1 Something to step on
4 Fizzy flavor
8 *Return of the Jedi* villain
13 Band aide
19 Presidential nickname
20 Surmounting
21 Real clown
22 Oscar winner as Disraeli (1929)
23 '50s novelty dance
25 Signal for battle
27 Jazz singer James or Jones
28 Pentathlon tool
30 Have high hopes
31 Unwavering
32 Breakfast fare
35 Stadium sound systems, for short
36 Less outgoing
37 Cartoonist Guisewite
40 Venerable name in sleepwear
43 "Paid preparer;" for short
44 Seconded, say
46 Carmela on *The Sopranos*
47 *War of the Worlds* weapon
51 Seventh-century starter
52 Success for a fullback
57 Virtuoso
58 Flub something
59 Nike competitor
60 Modernizes a factory
61 Capital on the Pan-American Highway
62 Tale of woe
64 Printer's glossy proof
65 Most *Hamlet* characters

- 66 Snapshots
67 Agency aiding entrepreneurs
70 Dream-stage acronym
71 Flat-screen ancestors
72 *The Bell Jar* writer
74 Pentathlon tool
76 Hyphen cousins
80 Erstwhile Bologna bills
81 Tries again, as in court
83 "Me neither"
84 Muesli morsel
85 Withdraw, with "out"
86 Nervous system's regulation
88 New Deal org.
89 Erstwhile chain for kids
91 On ___ with (equal to)
92 Crater creator
94 Great success
95 Minor orbiter
99 Steak orders
100 Rocky Mountain cats
103 Dr. of rap
104 Least burdensome
106 Zealous
107 What mints work with
110 Costume made from a bedsheet
111 "New to you"
115 Strength training device
118 Beatles' first single
120 Southwest promenades
121 Update the borders of, perhaps
122 Membership obligation

- 123 Symbol of industry
124 Team from Texas
125 Irish poet
126 SFO data
127 Astronaut Jemison

Down

- 1 Comedian Kaplan
2 Touch on
3 Paid to mail
4 Coral island
5 "Everything else" choice
6 Performed an aerobic stunt
7 Show one's face
8 Where rtes. meet
9 Subtle emanation
10 Space heater stats.
11 *Last of the Mohicans* guy
12 ___ Way (route of old Rome)
13 Assess
14 Poetic sphere
15 Everything hoped for
16 Log, for one
17 Emit
18 Perfumery compound
24 Chip often topped with cheese
26 Medics' destinations
29 Tribal leader
33 Part of a pirate costume
34 Passover feast
36 Length of time
37 Yields via treaty
38 Ghana's capital
39 Arbitrator, by definition
41 More genial
42 Be about to topple
43 Corporate brass
45 Swiss resort



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- 47 Big Island town
48 Downpour
49 Height of accomplishment
50 Thumbs-up votes
53 Military address
54 "Oh yeah?"
55 Frequent speaker from St. Peter's
56 Bedevil
61 Back muscles, for short
63 Something to build on
65 Sink accessories
68 Dutch South African
69 Peace Prize sharer with Rabin
71 PC program holder
72 Essence of a novel
73 Slimming procedure, for short
74 Isolates, with "apart"
75 Plum or peach
77 "You don't mean me?"
78 Literary signature
79 Great balls of fire
81 Not a close game
82 String on some drums
86 X-ray alternatives
87 Person from Zagreb
90 Less legit
93 Actress O'Neal
95 Major road
96 Naval builder
97 Tristan's love
98 Unearth
100 Argentine plain
101 Parts of eyes
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101 Parts of eyes
102 Central position
103 TV room
105 Having roof overhangs
107 Overlook
108 Tibetan priest
109 Gazebo strip
112 Baseball's stitching
113 Novelist O'Brien
114 Lavish affection (on)
116 Speak fondly
117 Groovy things from the '60s
119 Half of a figure-eight

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 Words

A. Rears: 2 wds. 162 111 115 135 87 45 5 64

B. Dissolute fellow 129 160 67 28 122 107 81 44

C. Foolishness 104 79 118 22 130 15 54 148

D. No cause for concern: 3 wds. 168 8 48 23 124 98 110 37 147 166

E. Being prepared: 3 wds. 100 123 93 17 149 69 134 50 32 117

F. Rebuke severely: 2 wds. 138 94 165 164 119 145 25

G. Gat or roscoe 140 84 4 96 35 120

H. Without a miscue 151 31 66 97 20 53 131 103 76

I. Damp 51 11 167 133 61

J. Night crawler 141 47 27 77 127 59 91 12 106

K. Completely: 3 wds. 56 155 114 126 41 18 29 65 82

L. Something obvious or simple: hyph. 57 125 1 71 137 38 86 19 153

M. To torture; torment 2 89 159 99 163 16 26 78 121 49

N. Vow to give up: 2 wds. 39 21 72 132 92 154 10 109

O. Small hi-fi speaker 80 46 128 14 144 62 36

P. Frail 142 113 85 102 24 150

Q. Enfold 43 136 83 156 6 30 105

R. Agreement; conformity 112 3 13 146 108 95 60 55 139 70

S. Not the main attraction 33 158 58 7 68 90 74 40

T. Out of balance: hyph. 152 34 9 73 88 101 116 52 63

U. Carp; be finicky 75 143 157 169 161 42

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Grab Bag

BY CHARLES PRESTON

Across

- 1 Mountain pool
- 5 Young animal
- 9 Reward: poetic
- 13 Absolve
- 15 Musical group
- 16 Carolina sound
- 17 ___ plate
- 18 Singer Peggy
- 19 Tournament draw
- 20 Men from Manhattan
- 22 Vehicles
- 24 Bring to court
- 25 Stored away
- 28 Spilled the beans
- 32 Dialect
- 33 Craft
- 34 ___ Abner
- 36 Recounted
- 37 Hay worker
- 38 Gambling game
- 39 Silkworm
- 40 Moisten
- 41 African area
- 42 Original inhabitants
- 44 Prize scholar
- 45 ___ de France

- 46 Brought to bay
- 48 Little spot
- 52 Intrepid airman
- 53 Popular prize
- 56 Similar
- 57 What solons do
- 60 Studied closely
- 61 English yeoman of the guard
- 62 Small barracuda
- 63 Gaelic
- 64 Trading ___

Down

- 1 River duck
- 2 Spindle
- 3 Morning wear
- 4 Compass pt.
- 5 Raveled
- 6 Having blades
- 7 Ocean: abbr.
- 8 Wales floral emblem
- 9 Fragment
- 10 Austen novel
- 11 Black
- 12 Actress Diana
- 14 Badge
- 15 English king
- 21 Actress Mary
- 22 Booted
- 23 Most hackneyed
- 25 Quote
- 26 Deck
- 27 Eyelashes
- 29 Once more
- 30 African antelope
- 31 Mournful music
- 33 English rebel Jack ___
- 35 Author Anita
- 37 Sloping edge
- 38 Provender
- 40 Cheated
- 41 Wisconsin product
- 43 Season ___
- 44 Brazilian city
- 47 Blows his top
- 48 Weakens
- 49 Splashy sound
- 50 Where Sligo is
- 51 European river
- 53 Renowned Roman
- 54 Amerinds
- 55 Impudent
- 58 Poetic contraction
- 59 Baby's perch

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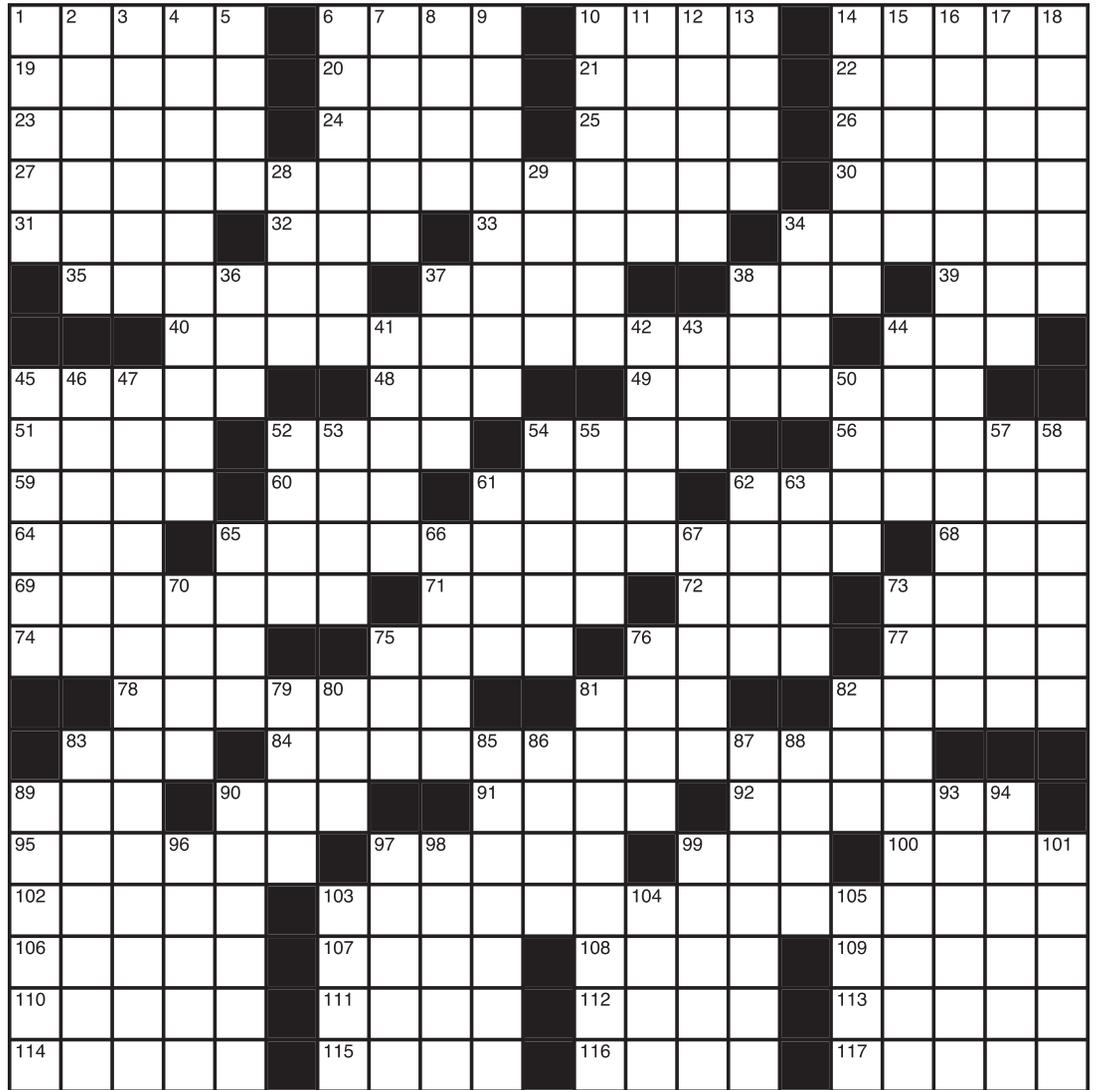
Flight of Fancy

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Across

- 1 Col. Potter on "M*A*S*H," to pals
6 Where Biles balances
10 GQ stat
14 Jokes around
19 Anne of "Psycho" (1998)
20 Something up your sleeve
21 Sign of hollowness
22 Idaho's Coeur d'— River
23 1944 Italian beachhead
24 Standing lead-in
25 Broadway lighter
26 Terra —
27 Museum piece depicting a songbird battle?
30 Tabloid-worthy
31 Key fruit
32 Grafton of mystery
33 Mexican menu meat
34 Bayou sound
35 Pageant accessories
37 "Hulk" star Eric
38 Games go-with
39 KFC choice
40 Turkey concerned with the details?
44 Ed.'s inbox fillers
45 Oregon city namesake
48 Bank acct. item
49 Reach, finally
51 "High Hopes" lyricist
52 Quietly keeps in the loop
54 Dugout sight
56 Khan of Rufus
59 Item in a Blackpool boot
60 Massage response
61 Spot for an icicle
62 Rockies roamers
64 Find a purpose for
65 Supply for a bird-of-prey flu epidemic?
68 Cards with pics
69 Like Purell-treated hands
71 "Archie's Pals 'n' —": old comic book series
72 El Al's home: Abbr.
73 Tip-top
74 World Golf Hall of Famer Nancy
75 Frees (of)
76 — jure: by the law itself
- 77 Genetic chains
78 Soapbox address
81 Blood pressure raiser
82 Talks like Daffy
83 Knight supporter?
84 Target audience for squawkdates.com?
89 — star
90 Is afflicted with
91 Those, south of the border
92 Vital lines
95 Bluff and bluster
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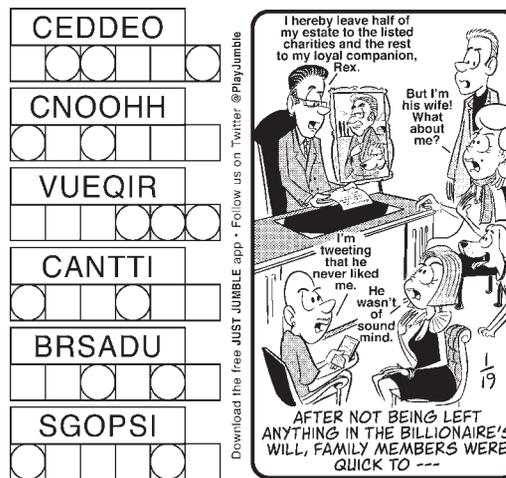


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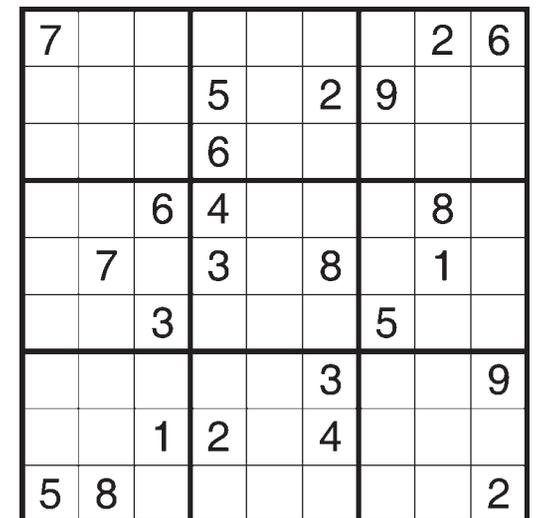
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Valluvan Jeevanandam, MD

A HEART TO GIVE BACK

The cardiac surgeon behind historic organ transplant milestones is shaped by spirituality and a relentless drive to help patients

Valluvan Jeevanandam, MD, was six months into his first job as a heart surgeon nearly three decades ago when a desperately ill patient pleaded with him: Get me a heart transplant today, or I am going to die.

Determined to meet the deadline, yet without an organ match for the 220-pound man, Jeevanandam did what would become a signature throughout his storied career: He looked for an unorthodox solution.

Typically, a heart needs to come from a donor who is within 20% of the patient's body size. In this case, that would mean a donor roughly between 180 and 260 pounds. But that's not what was available.

"We found a heart nearby that matched for most requirements, but had belonged to an 80-pound child," Jeevanandam said. "So, I asked the cardiologist, 'How fast does a heart grow?'"

Confident that science and skill were on his side — and with the patient's consent to try — Jeevanandam transplanted the child's heart into the man's body. At first, the small heart raced, unable to keep up with the body's demands. Then, after one week, the care team was able to take the man off a ventilator. After six months, the heart had grown to the normal size found in adults.

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How the University of Chicago Medicine became a leader in triple-organ transplants.

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Pioneering doctor pushes boundaries

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At just 32, Jeevanandam had performed the world's first successful adult transplant using an undersized pediatric donor, a procedure not many surgeons would attempt even today. It was the first in a long line of record-setting accomplishments for the cardiac surgeon.

Now the director of the Heart and Vascular Center and Chief of Cardiac Surgery at the University of Chicago Medicine, Jeevanandam, 59, most recently led the surgical teams that performed the world's first back-to-back triple-organ transplants of two patients with failing hearts, livers and kidneys. In the 12 months since that historic December 2018 event, the teams performed four more of these multi-organ transplants.

Under Jeevanandam's direction, UChicago Medicine has now performed 10 of these complex transplants since 1999, more than any other institution.

Excellence early on

The innovation and drive Jeevanandam has brought to the operating room for the past 30 years might be in his DNA.

His grandfather, despite being born with no wealth in a class-based society, became the most prominent man in his hometown after building a successful produce business. His father — a PhD who helped establish India's nuclear energy program and contributed greatly to the field of surgical metabolism — attended college only after a teacher paid his application fee, the \$10 price tag being too great for the family to spare.

Even in his early years, Jeevanandam was searching for the most efficient, effective solutions to any challenge.

He spent the first decade of his life in Tuticorin on India's southern tip until he, his parents and older sister immigrated to New York City in 1970. At age 15, he was accepted to Columbia University, where he would graduate summa cum laude with a biochemistry degree at 19.

His mentor at Columbia — where he stayed for medical school, residency and fellowships — was Eric Rose, MD, the first surgeon to perform a successful pediatric heart transplant. Rose described Jeevanandam as being "insatiably curious" and "an incredibly special human being, who is brilliant, energetic and compassionate."

It was perhaps this curiosity that led Jeevanandam to leave New York after 22 years to start a career at Temple University in Philadelphia. He anticipated working alongside Temple's senior heart transplant surgeon, but that plan was dashed when, just months after Jeevanandam took the position, the entire heart transplant physician team but him left for another hospital.

Promoted to program director, Jeevanandam took over and thrived, performing 52 heart transplants that year and shattering the hospital's previous record.

Initially, though, the young surgeon had doubts. He called Rose to seek advice.

"Eric said, 'You stay and get the job done.' And that's always been my theme," he recalled. "I want to think outside the box and do something different. Instead of reading about it first and then doing it, I'd rather create it and then write about it for other people to read and learn from."

Helping the helpless

When he was 8, Jeevanandam watched his grandfather collapse from a massive heart attack and die before his eyes. From then on, he became fascinated with how to help others



Valluvan Jeevanandam, MD, hugs patient Sarah McPharlin, who received a new heart, liver and kidney in December 2018.



Talia Baker, MD, and Yolanda Becker, MD

avoid this fate and was drawn to heart transplant because of the intellectual and technical challenge.

He has relentlessly sought innovative ways to save lives. That includes perfecting so-called bloodless cardiac surgeries for patients, such as Jehovah's Witnesses, who will not accept blood transfusions, and conducting pioneering research on mechanical assist devices to provide a bridge to transplant or a long-term solution for patients who may not be transplant candidates.

Colleen LaBuhn, APN, UChicago Medicine's cardiac surgery program coordinator, admires how Jeevanandam never gives up on patients, even when

the most sick, complicated or underinsured are sent his way.

"He will fight for patients who have nothing," she said. "He thrives on helping people nobody else can really help."

Giving his time and skill

Jeevanandam is one of the last pioneers of heart transplant still practicing medicine. And for a man with more accolades, awards, publications and world records to count, one would expect a commensurate ego.

However, the very nature of transplant — the lack of complete control even

when a procedure is performed technically perfectly — has driven him to a devout spirituality.

"In my faith, we are told ego is the biggest problem in the world," he said. "If you think it's all you doing it, then that becomes a real barrier. It's not 'I' but the collective 'we' who have been entrusted with a person's life."

Leilani Miles, RN, has worked alongside him in the operating room for all 22 of his years at UChicago Medicine. Make no mistake, she said, Jeevanandam has high expectations of his team members. But he also treats them with respect, reserving his harshest criticisms for himself.

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LIVE

Watch "At The Forefront Live" as triple-organ recipients Sarah McPharlin and Daru Smith celebrate the one-year anniversary since their history-making transplants. Surgeons Talia Baker, MD, Yolanda Becker, MD, and Valluvan Jeevanandam, MD, discuss what it takes to perform these extremely complex procedures. UChicagoMedicine.org/transplant-anniversary



In 2018, UChicago Medicine made history by performing the world's first back-to-back triple-organ transplants of the failing hearts, livers and kidneys of 29-year-olds McPharlin and Smith. In the next 12 months, the transplant teams performed four more of these multi-organ transplants. Hear these patients talk about how their transplants changed their lives and what organ donation means to them: UChicagoMedicine.org/transplant-leaders

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Triple-transplant recipients Neil Perry, left, Daru Smith, Sarah McPharlin and Apurva Patel returned to UChicago Medicine recently and shared their experiences. Smith and McPharlin's surgeries were performed back to back in December 2018. Perry and Patel had heart-liver-kidney transplants in 2019.

Historic triple-organ transplants give these patients second chances

In December 2018, 29-year-olds Daru Smith and Sarah McPharlin received the world's first back-to-back triple-organ transplants at the University of Chicago Medicine. Since then, UChicago Medicine performed another four of these surgeries, bringing the institution's total to 10 heart-liver-kidney transplants — more than any other hospital — since 1999. Meet three recent patients and learn about their paths to recovery.

NEIL PERRY, 55, Louisville, Kentucky

Neil Perry was born with a congenital heart defect called ventricular septal defect (VSD), or hole in the heart. By age 7, he had undergone multiple surgeries to repair his heart. "All my life I couldn't be very active or even walk briskly," Perry said.

He was diagnosed with liver damage known as cirrhosis in 2013, and eventually his failing heart and liver damaged his kidneys. Perry was added to the waiting list for a heart-liver-kidney transplant.

Just two weeks after his May 2019 transplant surgery, Perry was walking several laps around the hospital floor. He now lives in Munster, Indiana, and enjoys fishing and playing in a pickleball league at the local YMCA.

Perry is working toward a degree in nutrition with the goal of eventually starting a nonprofit community outreach organization to provide health and wellness services. "I'm going to use my life to help as many people as I can," he said.

APURVA PATEL, 45, Washington, D.C.

In 2017, Apurva Patel was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, a disease that makes it harder for the heart to pump blood throughout the body. It made him tired all the time, and he couldn't walk without getting short of breath.

In August 2018, Patel learned he also had liver cancer and cirrhosis. When medication to strengthen his heart so he could endure a liver transplant failed, he was referred to UChicago Medicine to explore a multi-organ transplant.

Patel spent 108 days in the hospital waiting for organs, while his wife and two sons stayed at home in Washington, D.C. "I couldn't have survived without the doctors and nursing staff," he said. "They treated me like family and provided well beyond regular care."

On June 21, 2019, Patel received the long-awaited call: Matching organs had become available.

Today, Patel remains in Chicago while his care team monitors his health. An international development consultant, he looks forward to rejoining his family and restarting his life.



JERRY McCULLUM, 54, Champaign, Illinois

Jerry McCullum went to the emergency room the day before Father's Day in 2019 for what he thought was severe heartburn.

"They told me I might be having a minor heart attack," McCullum said. Tests showed McCullum's heart failure, which doctors had been managing for several years, had progressed. He also had developed cirrhosis and kidney disease.

Through a partnership with Prairie Heart Institute, McCullum's Springfield cardiologist referred him to UChicago Medicine for evaluation. McCullum was approved for transplant on July 3 and, after only two weeks, received the news matching organs had become available. "At that time, I thought, 'This is real; it's not a story anymore,'" said McCullum.

Now recovering at home from the July 17 surgery, McCullum looks forward to going back to work and spending time with his nine grandchildren. "God's hands have touched me, and I can feel myself healing," said McCullum. "I'm taking it step by step."

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"We see a lot of high-risk patients, people no other hospitals will take," she said. "But Val is always calm, and that sets the tone for the entire team. He'll never say no unless he's truly maximized all of his options to save someone."

Jeevanandam also has not forgotten the \$10 his father received that changed the trajectory of his family's life. Strong proponents of education as a way to end cyclical poverty, Jeevanandam and his family created a fund to support children in India who have dreams of attending college but no resources to get them there. Currently, they support nine

students per year, and he's looking to expand that. Additionally, he makes annual trips back to Puttapparthi in his home country to perform volunteer surgeries, a commitment he has honored for the past 24 years.

Another milestone in medicine

Jeevanandam will never be satisfied slowing down or resting on his laurels, despite being the world's most experienced heart transplant surgeon. Each year, he sets a seemingly unattainable goal for himself and his team with every intention they'll reach it.

For 2020 he has set his sights on conquering one of the biggest remaining barriers to transplant:

antibody rejection rates.

Some people develop antibodies that will attack donated organs at much higher rates than normal, drastically limiting their pool of available organs and a transplant's chances of success. No reliable method exists for decreasing antibodies. But Jeevanandam's research and extensive experience with multi-organ transplants have shown that the body's most effective way of eliminating these agents is through a liver — which acts like a sponge — that belongs to the same body as the heart.

What if a patient has a failing heart but a healthy liver? Jeevanandam and his team are working to perfect the domino transplant, where the patient

with a failing heart would receive both a new heart and a new liver and would donate the healthy liver to a different person with a failing one.

They aren't there yet, but their success could mean a lifesaving breakthrough for those who previously had no hope.

It also could be the capstone to an already-impressive career. But Jeevanandam doesn't think like that. He sees himself and those around him as vessels for a higher power to do good work on Earth.

"Every day, I do as much as I can, but, ultimately, the pressure is off," he said. "If the cosmos wants it to happen, it will."



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Taking the lead in triple-organ transplants

When surgeons at the University of Chicago Medicine completed two, back-to-back heart-liver-kidney transplants in December 2018, it was assumed that it might be a while before they performed another.

After all, this marked the first time a U.S. hospital had ever transplanted these three organs in more than one patient within one year, let alone two in less than two consecutive days. And it was just the 16th and 17th time this type of triple-organ transplant had been performed in this country.

Back in December 2018, UChicago Medicine had performed six of these transplants since 1999, with its most recent cases in 2011 and 2003. The chances of another any time soon seemed slim. Yet, in 2019, four more patients received successful heart-liver-kidney transplants at UChicago Medicine.

So, why such an extraordinary run at UChicago Medicine? Why the heart, liver and kidney? How does someone end up needing three new organs at once? It's all about the right pieces of a complex puzzle coming together at the right time, with a little bit of serendipity and a lot of experience.

Multi-organ transplants of any kind are rare: They account for about 5% of the total number of organ transplants in the United States since 2004, including just 12 heart-liver-kidney transplants.

That's why very few hospitals have extensive experience with multi-organ transplants, and there isn't a huge body of medical research from which to draw expertise. Instead, because each of these patients presents a unique challenge to the transplant team, specialists for each organ contribute their skills to coordinate a game plan.

"You need the technical expertise to do the surgeries, but first you have to figure out the logistics to combine them," said John Fung, MD, PhD, co-director of the UChicago Medicine Transplant Institute. "You need expertise on the immunology of the organs and the medical background to select patients. It's truly a coordinated system."

This builds institutional knowledge at a transplant center with experience at solving such complicated puzzles, requiring equal parts medical excellence, surgical skill, creativity and a tolerance for calculated risk. Over time, this culture of excellence and an eagerness to take on the toughest challenges builds a hospital's reputation as a place that can pull off exceedingly rare, multi-organ transplants.

UChicago Medicine already has a long history of achievements in organ transplantation, from developing crucial surgical techniques to performing the first living-donor liver transplant in the U.S. Over the past year that reputation has grown — three organs at a time.

A crucial first step in helping these patients, Fung explained, is understanding the chain of events that led to multiple organ failures. The loss of function in one organ can have



University of Chicago Medicine surgeons have performed more heart-liver-kidney transplants than any other institution.



Anita Chong, PhD

a downstream effect on others.

One of the 2018 triple-organ recipients, Sarah McPharlin, received a heart transplant in 2001 when she was 12 after contracting a condition called giant cell myocarditis that causes inflammation of the heart muscle. Over the next 17 years, her new heart developed circulatory issues that damaged her liver, and the continuous immunosuppressive drugs taken by all transplant recipients to prevent rejection wreaked havoc on her kidneys. Replacing any one of these organs individually wouldn't have helped.

Certain diseases can cause interrelated issues with organs that compound each other, too. The other 2018 triple transplant patient, Daru Smith, had sarcoidosis, a condition that causes abnormal clusters of inflammatory cells to form in organs and cause widespread damage.

Other patients may suffer from enzyme defects in the liver, which can lead to calcium-like deposits in the kidneys that cause their failure. These patients also need a new liver to prevent the problem from happening again, or transplanting a liver first might allow the kidneys to recover.

The second part of any transplant story comes after the surgery.

The human body is built to fend off foreign invaders, be it a virus, bacteria, allergen or even a lifesaving organ. When the immune system detects foreign proteins called antigens that may be present on the surface of cells, immune cells are mobilized and produce activated T and B cells (that make antibodies) to eliminate these cells.

While the role of the normal immune response is to protect us from infection, these responses can also damage a transplanted organ from a different person with foreign antigens.

To prevent rejection, one approach is to find a donor organ with antigens as similar as possible to the recipient. Nevertheless, no match is perfect, so transplant recipients frequently have to take powerful immunosuppressive drugs to tamp down their immune responses.

But what happens to the immune system when multiple new organs are introduced to the body?

"There is very limited research on the impact of so many organs flooding the immune system with so much foreign antigen," said Anita Chong, PhD, an immunologist at UChicago who studies transplant tolerance and rejection. "Does it overload the immune system so it shuts down? No one really knows, but patients who receive multiple organs seem to have less rejection and do better."

The liver plays a special role in multiple-organ transplants. Normally, the liver acts as the body's sponge, helping it filter blood coming from the digestive tract, detoxifying chemicals, metabolizing drugs and making other important proteins and enzymes. As it does this, it encounters a lot of foreign proteins and antigens — yet it doesn't freak out and trigger a high-powered immune response.

So, the thinking goes, the liver must have a higher threshold for

responding to what truly poses an immune threat.

When a liver is transplanted along with other organs, it also seems to protect them from damage. The transplanted organs will almost always need some immunosuppression, but when the liver is involved, the body tends to accept the rest of the organs with fewer issues. Since liver tissue can regenerate, it may repair itself from mild rejection damage. There is even research suggesting that the bigger the organ (the liver can be up to 5% of body mass), or the more tissue from multiple organs you transplant, the more tempered the immune system response.

"You cannot imagine a normal scenario in which the immune system has evolved to handle this amount of antigen," Chong said. "So, for some paradoxical reason, after a certain stage, the response becomes less. There's a switch from fighting back with a vigorous immune response to dialing back and just tolerating the transplanted organs."

All of these factors — highly-skilled medical staff, decades of experience and a deep understanding of the patient's underlying conditions — are a hallmark of UChicago Medicine across all disciplines. But this unique combination of experience combined with a culture of pushing the boundaries of patient care made all of these triple transplant procedures possible.

It may be years before the University of Chicago Medicine performs another triple-organ transplant, let alone six in the same year. It was a stroke of luck that McPharlin and Smith were both on the waiting list in Chicago, that they both needed the same combination of organs, and that they both found matching donors on consecutive days. But it certainly wasn't luck that UChicago Medicine was prepared to save them and the four patients who followed.

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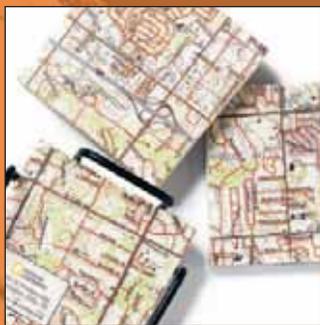
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'SURREAL' SUCCESS

For Lizzo, 2019 'has just been a giant win'

BY GERRICK D. KENNEDY

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Lizzo's dressing room at the Forum felt as if it would collapse at any moment from the piercing screams of fans.

In the arena, 17,000 tweens and teens were greeting, at delirious volume, K-pop phenomenon BTS, co-headliners this early December evening, alongside Lizzo, Billie Eilish and Katy Perry, of KIIS-FM's Jingle Ball.

Backstage, the 31-year-old singer-rapper-flutist was curled up on a leather couch. "This is almost surreal," she said, leaning closer to the wall to feel the commotion.

In an hour or so, Lizzo would take the stage to a similarly joyful noise, a remarkable turn of events for an artist who has defied most of the modern rules of pop stardom.

Six years after releasing her first album, she broke into the top 10 with her delightfully peppy major-label debut, "Cuz I Love You," featuring the inescapable No. 1 Hot 100 empowerment jam "Truth Hurts."

She's 31, typically an age when singers are more likely to be plotting their inaugural Vegas residency, not their first Grammy outfit. She sings effervescent, genre-blurring music steeped in positivity, and she's doing so as a proud "beautiful and fat" (as she stridently puts it) black woman in an industry that has historically favored the blond and the thin. Lizzo's messages of loving yourself and living your best life have made her pop music's patron saint of self-care and self-love.

"When you're in the room with her, she makes you feel good. She radiates," says songwriter-producer Ricky Reed, who signed Lizzo to his Atlantic Records imprint, Nice Life, in 2015. "The reason she has connected is that her music is so infused with her message."

Lizzo was the highlight of this year's Coachella and stole the spotlight everywhere from the MTV Video Music Awards to the Met Gala red carpet.

And that's on top of 1 billion streams and eight Grammy nominations — the most of any artist



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Lizzo performs at Radio City Music Hall in New York City on Sept. 24.

this year — including the top four categories: record, album, song and best new artist.

Ask Lizzo about her phenomenal ride, though, and the question barely elicits a shrug.

"I'm doing the same things — hard work, dedication, touring constantly — but now everybody is looking," she says. "Everyone's just now paying attention."

Two years ago, Lizzo released "Truth Hurts," a sassy, self-affirming anthem built around a sparkly piano loop that she believed was the best thing she'd ever recorded.

"The song didn't make a splash and that depressed me," she recalls. "Then I said, 'You have a loyal fan base. You sell out tours, you play festivals, you are happy, you support your family, you support yourself and you are living good in LA, which is expensive — you're going to be fine.' And from that day on, I didn't expect anything greater than that."

Melissa Viviane Jefferson was born in Detroit. She grew up in the Pentecostal church, so the wail of gospel and soul singing is embedded deep in her artistry. When her family moved to Houston, she picked up the flute and joined the marching band. The flute is still at the core of who she is.

She started rapping in high school before going off to the University of Houston to study music performance.

When she was 21, Jefferson lost her father and sank into a deep depression. She lived out of her car as she tried to break into the industry, working out around the clock to shrink herself to the smallest she'd ever been. She moved to Minneapolis after a friend suggested she might like the music scene there, and she soon made a local name for herself with rap/R&B girl groups the Chalice and GRRRL PRY. Her

first co-sign came courtesy of the city's most famous native, Prince, who featured Jefferson on his 2014 album, "Plectrumelectrum."

"He loved my rapping as much as he loved my singing and that gave me a lot of confidence in both of those things," she says of her time working with the late icon. "I was a rapper and back then I was faking it as a singer, trying to find my voice. I needed to treat every song as if it's my song — that was the only note I got from him. But I had to ask myself, 'What the ... is a Lizzo song?'"

"Every artist needs to write their song. The biggest lesson I learned was to write songs specifically for me. I don't write pop songs, or R&B songs, or rap songs — I write Lizzo songs."

The emotional intimacy Lizzo shares with the public hasn't always worked in her favor. Disagreeing with a critical take of her

work, Lizzo sparked a backlash by dismissing critics who weren't trained musicians.

That was a tiny blip compared with the controversy surrounding her hit "Truth Hurts," which broke the record for the longest-leading rap No. 1 by a solo female rapper this fall.

The song's opening lyrics — "I just took a DNA test, turns out I'm 100% that bitch" — have become the center of a legal dispute between Lizzo; Mina Lioness, the singer who originally tweeted the line; and brothers Justin and Jeremiah Raisen, the songwriters who worked with Lizzo on an old track on which she sang that line before recycling it for "Truth Hurts."

Lizzo later credited Lioness and has filed her own suit against the two men, as well as another writer, who made his own claim about the song. "The men who now claim a piece of 'Truth Hurts' did not help me write any part of the song," she said in a statement. "They had nothing to do with the line or how I chose to sing it. There was no one in the room when I wrote 'Truth Hurts,' except me, Ricky Reed, and my tears. That song is my life, and its words are my truth."

Lizzo has been living in LA for about three years now. When she tours, she travels with a tribe of friends and family, whom she credits with helping her "mentally, spiritually and emotionally."

"For a lot of people, when they go on tour, they're pulled away from their friends and family, but for me it's the opposite. When I go tour, I'm with my friends and family so I feel really healthy," she says. "I don't feel locked in a cage, isolated."

I ask her, with so many people turning to her music to get them through the year, what does she turn to? The answer, it turns out, isn't any one thing — it's a feeling.

"I'm just moving forward, you know? I don't feel entitled to anything and I don't see anything as a tribulation," she says. "I don't see any (losses). This whole year has just been a giant win. I feel so proud of everything that I do, it's that feeling of gratitude that keeps me sane and keeps me grounded. I never expected any of this."

Long hair tangles with vacuum cleaner



ELLEN WARREN

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: Crazy question. I have long hair. When I went to vacuum today, the vacuum cleaner didn't seem to work correctly. I stopped, turned it upside down and found a lot of hair wrapped around the brush. When I untangled my long hair from the brush, the vacuum worked again. If I wore an old-fashioned hairnet in the house, do you think that would solve the problem of having hair getting caught in the vacuum cleaner brush? If so, where would I get one?

— Alice S.

Dear Alice: Yes. A lightweight hairnet would solve your shedding problem, but only if you are careful not to brush your hair any place in your home except over the sink. (And then dispose of the hair so you don't clog the drain.) The inexpensive "invisible" hairnets are available from Sally Beauty (sallybeauty.com, two for \$1.49) or Amazon.

Another hair question ...

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I have "peach fuzz" on my face and it makes me self-conscious. I'd like to get rid of it. I'm wondering if you or your readers have a solution for me.

— Sybil B.

Dear Sybil: You're in good company! Many women have the same concern. Unless the "fuzz" is heavy duty, you don't need to resort to wax (ouch!) either at the salon or DIY at home. Other not great



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A lightweight hairnet can solve your shedding problem if your hair is clogging up your vacuum cleaner.

options include facial hair remover creams, which are messy and often smelly, or facial hair bleach — also smelly and messy. Your best bet is a special razor, either a simple safety blade hand-held gizmo or a battery-operated one. After receiving your question, I tested a battery-operated "Panasonic Facial Hair Trimmer for Women" (amazon.com, \$17.99). It worked fine, although it came with more attachments than I needed (one is plenty). It did not result in heavier regrowth, which would be a deal breaker. Try the specialized razor route and let me know what you think.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: My mother, who is soon to be 90, wears knee highs under her skirts to

church as she can no longer pull on pantyhose. Needless to say, they show four inches below her skirts. She got a lot of second glances that she didn't notice but I did. Any suggestions? Will the thigh highs roll down on her? Please help!

— Bonnye J.

Dear Bonnye: Thigh high stockings do stay put. The good ones have a silicone band that keeps them in place and doesn't choke off your circulation. I've tried some from Walmart that were comfortable, stayed up and cost only \$5 or \$6. Of course, another alternative is for your mom to wear slacks, which would eliminate the problem.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: As a runner, I like to

exercise outdoors, even in chilly weather. My problem is that all the sunscreens I've tried burn my eyes when I work up a sweat. Can you suggest a sunscreen that won't do that and doesn't cost a fortune?

— Deb W.

Dear Deb: Try Neutrogena Healthy Defense Daily Moisturizer SPF 50 (neutrogena.com, \$15.99; drugstores). It doesn't burn and isn't sticky, greasy or gross.

Angelic Readers 1

A few readers had suggestions for Char B., whose mascara kept smudging and giving her raccoon eyes.

Denise C. says: "I too used to have a problem with mascara that always

smudged under my eyes until I discovered Blinc mascara. It forms a tube around the lash and does not smear. I highly recommend it (sephora.com, \$26)."

Jackie P. writes: "For years I had a similar problem with my eyes burning at the end of the day from my mascara, plus raccoon eyes. I have oily skin and I finally decided the oil was dissolving some of the ingredients in the mascara. I tried waterproof mascara, but it was not any better than regular mascara. I now use Maybelline Great Lash Clear Mascara (maybelline.com, \$7.40; drugstores) and, while it does not darken my pale lashes, at least my eyes are okay at the end of the day."

Angelic Readers 2

Kathy P. needs your help:

"Regular permanent hair color makes my hair fall out, so I would love to hear reader recommendations for hair color for sensitive types. I use nonpermanent Clairol Loving Care, and even that causes irritation. I've heard of Naturtint that advertises 'fewer chemicals and more plant ingredients,' but I would love to hear from others before embarking on a new direction."

Strong opinions on the "French tuck"—tucking in the front of your shirt but not the back.

Hilary M. writes: "I cannot believe French tuck has become so popular as it's an awful, sloppy and silly look! I guess it only proves that women (many at least) are sheep. Maybe it started as a joke: 'Let's see what stupid thing we can get people to do.'"

And an opposite point of view from Lynne T.: "My wardrobe consists primarily of button-up shirts with jeans so I love the French tuck."

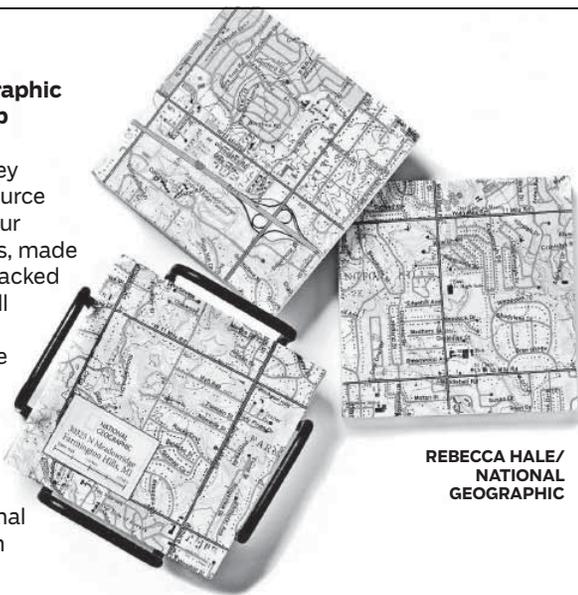
Suzanne K. says: "I didn't realize I was ahead of my time as a trendsetter. In the late '60s I attended a Catholic high school and one of the uniform rules was that our blouses had to be tucked in. My 'rebel' act was to only tuck in the part of my blouse that showed in front, since we also wore blazers, leaving the back untucked. Oh, I was so bad lol."

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel@ gmail.com.

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Practical but stylish gifts

BY KENDRA NICHOLS

The Washington Post

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WASHINGTON POST

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Vinrella Water Bottle Umbrella: An umbrella that won't soak a purse? Yes, please. These polyester and steel umbrellas come in lots of colors and designs. Just make sure you air-dry them eventually. \$22, amazon.com



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If you need to take a break from shopping, fear not. Your old pieces still have potential.

Stay stylish while spending less money

BY ARAMIDE ESUBI
Tribune Content Agency

A good way to go about spending less and buying fewer clothes is to put yourself on a shopping ban. This keeps money in your wallet and stops you from accumulating more clothing and accessories you probably don't need.

However, just because you've promised to shop less (or not at all) doesn't mean you can't still have fun with your wardrobe. The following tips can help you survive your spending ban.

Take inventory of what you own

This is going to be messy, so roll up your sleeves, grab a glass of wine and get ready to take a deep dive into your wardrobe. In order to shake off those pangs that drive you to shop, take a detailed inventory of all the things you own. Essentially, you're going to prove to yourself you're not actually bored with your wardrobe, so you don't need new items to play with. You might have dresses in there that you

forgot about, standout pieces you haven't worn in ages or items that haven't realized their full mix-and-match potential.

To do: Haul all your clothes onto your bed, start sifting through them and get reacquainted with neglected pieces. See what kind of new combos you can create that you've never tried before. Try organizing your closet differently. You'll start to notice new ways to match pieces and create fabulous outfits that will let you breeze through a spending ban.

Find new ways to layer

Sometimes our clothes feel old because we've already worn them all the ways we know how, and that's when the urge to shop kicks in. But what you need is a new formula, not a new sweater, so do some research on creative ways to layer your items. They'll feel like completely new looks, and the need to upgrade your wardrobe will go away.

To do: Take out your trusty notepad and write down those key pieces you reach for on a weekly basis. Then, go on Pinterest and search for new ways

to style them.

Create fun challenges for yourself

Whip up creative weekly challenges and goals that will keep shopping your closet fresh. Challenge yourself to wear a different color every day of the week or find a way to incorporate a cardigan into all your ensembles. Pushing yourself to make the most of your wardrobe will give you something to look forward to as you get reacquainted with your trusty pieces. Remember, if repurposing your existing wardrobe becomes a chore, the itch to shop will creep back up.

To do: Create a list of wardrobe challenges that will help you flex your stylist muscles. Plenty of blogs already create these kinds of challenges, so a quick internet search will give you plenty of ideas. Or if you want something simple, you can always choose an item and style it in different ways throughout the week — whether it's your chambray shirt, a favorite scarf or a tricky skirt. Have fun with it.

THE GOODS



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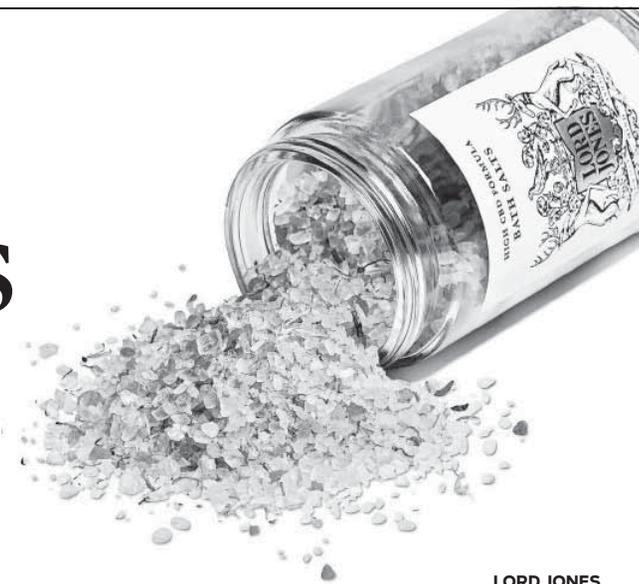
Cuddle up: Bears for Humanity's Sherpa bear looks like your well-loved stuffed-animal childhood friend who was there when you needed comfort. They're made with organic cotton and are hand-stuffed and finished in the U.S. With every purchase, the company will donate a teddy bear to a child. Comes in four colors. Sixteen-inch Sherpa bear, \$45, bearsforhumanity.com

It's time to de-stress

BY DEBBIE CARLSON | Chicago Tribune

Don't let life's nasties get you down. When you're feeling edgy, sometimes it takes a little self-care in some form to help you get centered and see clearly again. Wrap yourself in one of Chunky Wool Studio's oversize blankets and refocus with one of Spirit Tea's relaxing blends or slip into a CBD-infused bath with bath salts from Lord Jones for an ultra relaxing soak. Here are a few ways to help you step away from the rat race and take the edge off.

Debbie Carlson is a freelance writer.



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Tea time: Tea contains amino acids that help with relaxation, making it a healthy choice. The green and white tea sampler from Spirit Tea changes with the seasons as the owners personally meet with farmers in China, Taiwan and Nepal to source fine varieties. One percent of Spirit Tea's sales are donated to 1% For The Planet, supporting eco causes. \$19, spirittea.co

Cocoon in comfort:

Sometimes, nothing's better than wrapping yourself in a blanket and kicking back when you need to chill out. This oversize hand-knit throw by Chunky Wool Studio is made of merino wool and comes in a variety of soothing colors. \$88, etsy.com

CHUNKY WOOL STUDIO



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Embrace your artistic side: After a stressful day, refocus with this handmade watercolor paint set from The Art Spirits. It features six individually wrapped colors in a calming blue palette. \$45.43, etsy.com

SCENTBIRD

Spa time at home: Scentbird's Amethyst Calming Cooling Mask combines lavender and a white tea extract to help calm and reduce inflammation in stressed skin. Crushed amethyst crystals help banish redness and balance the complexion. \$26, scentbird.com



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Rest well: The best way to feel refreshed is with a good night's sleep. To drown out noisy neighbors or just to create peaceful sounds, consider a sound machine. Lectrofan's classic model has 20 unique digital sounds and unlike an app, the sounds don't loop. \$49.95, soundofsleep.com

Steps online shoppers should take as hackers hover

BY SUSAN TOMPOR

Detroit Free Press

We all know we need to be on the lookout for skimming devices that crooks install at the ATM or at the pump at gas stations.

But we're now being warned that the hackers are watching our online shopping carts too, in order to steal our credit card and debit card information.

Cybercriminals are getting our data in real time, which can make that information more valuable in the underground market.

"It's fresh credit card data that's being exfiltrated," said an FBI special agent on the cyber task force. "When the consumer submits their purchase to that e-commerce site, it goes through properly. But it also gets siphoned off to a server that's controlled by the cyberactor."

The consumer wouldn't know there was a problem because they get the product or service they ordered. But further down the line, the bank or credit card company spots fraudulent activity after the fact.

The FBI said it is seeing a number of e-skimming cases open up across the bureau. Such theft can happen whether you're buying something online through a legitimate website or mobile app.

"Any business accepting online payments on their website is at risk of an e-skimming attack," according to an October alert from the Federal Bureau of Investigation office in Detroit.

Cybercriminals introduce a skimming code on e-commerce payment processing web pages to capture credit card and information such as your name, date of birth, account numbers, passwords and location information, the FBI said.

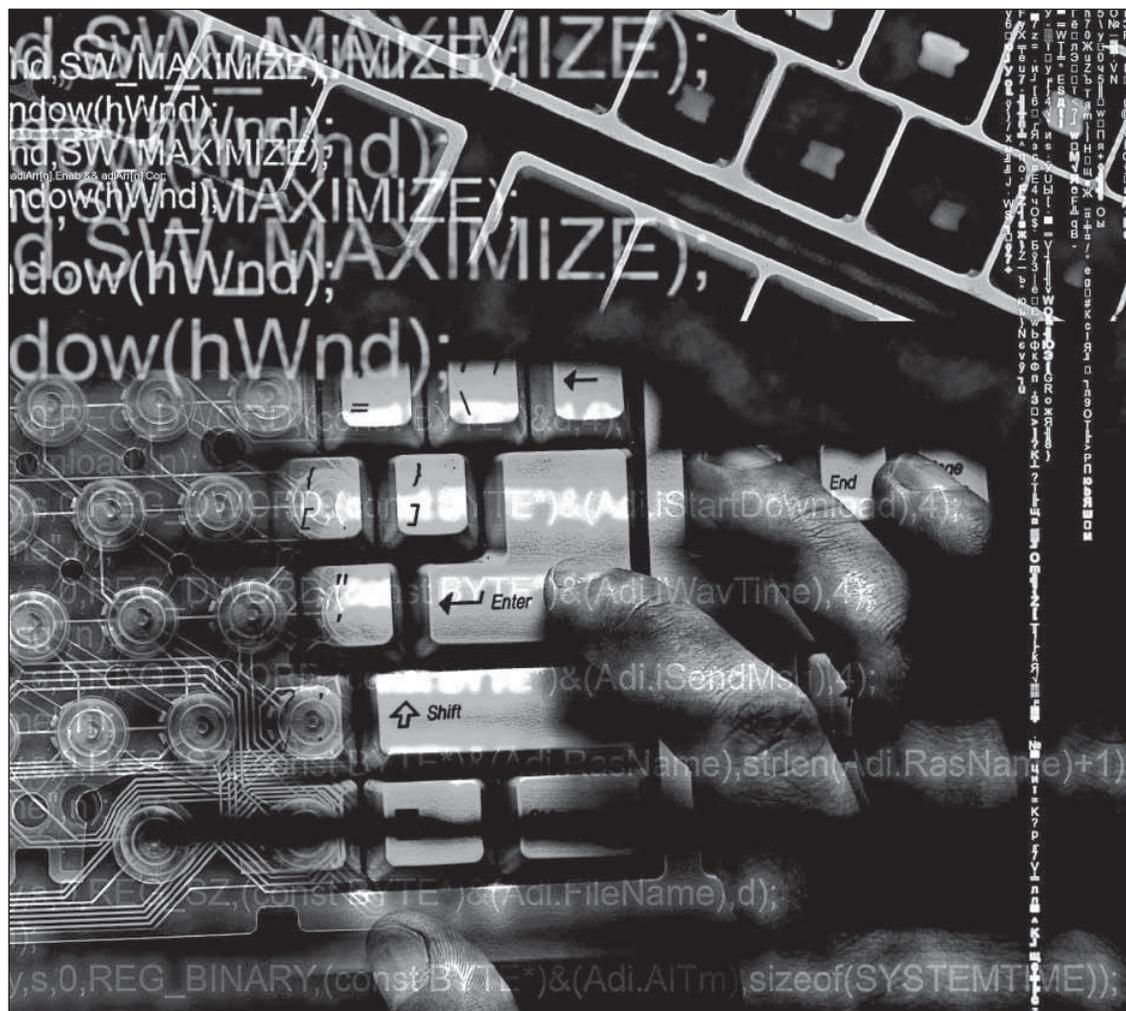
Security experts are noticing a wave of what's called Magecart attacks — the name used for widely distributed malicious software used by cybercriminals — and the threat could rival the well-known compromises of point-of-sale systems of retail giants such as Home Depot and Target, according to RiskIQ, a San Francisco-based cybersecurity company.

Adam Levin, founder of CyberScout, said consumers should understand that more e-skimming attacks may be planned for the months ahead.

"There is often a spike in cyberattacks and fraud during the holiday season, and this year will be no different," Levin said.

It is hard to avoid being e-skimmed as you shop online, Levin said. But several steps can be taken by consumers to protect themselves in the event of such hacking attacks.

Levin and other experts suggest that consumers don't use debit cards to shop online, as bad actors



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would have easier access to your checking account — and you could have a much harder time straightening out problems with your bank account.

Even when you use a credit card, it may be wise to take other precautions. Avoid entering credit card details into a website. Large stores, such as Amazon, will store your card in your account, so you don't need to enter it into a web form where a Magecart skimmer might be lurking, Browning said.

"Larger stores like Amazon are generally safe — breaches of giant online marketplaces could happen, but they dedicate such a significant amount of resources to security that it would be extremely unlikely," Browning said.

Even so, entering your credit card once is safer than entering it repeatedly.

Small shops now offer Amazon Pay, which allows you to avoid potential skimming by paying via the card stored in your Amazon account rather than entering your credit card details, Browning said.

Another way to avoid entering your card details is by using Apple Pay, PayPal or a similar mobile payment system, which send a sort of one-time token of your credit card information. Even if Magecart happens to skim the token, Browning said, they can't access the associated credit card information. Services like PayPal ensure you never have to enter your information into an e-commerce site directly.

Lewis of Duo Security also suggested that online shoppers avoid clicking on banner ads for a specific store or product to avoid any malware-injected pop-ups. Instead, type the web address in yourself.

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A photograph of Erin and Ben Napier, hosts of HGTV's 'Home Town Heroes'. Erin is sitting on the hood of a bright blue vintage truck, wearing a red and white plaid shirt and blue jeans. Ben is standing next to her, wearing a dark green button-down shirt and blue jeans, with his arm around her shoulder. They are in front of a house with a white porch.

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ARE YOU TALKIN' TO ME?

When the Screen Actors Guild Awards are presented live Jan. 19 (TNT and TBS), **Robert De Niro**, 76, currently starring in Netflix's acclaimed *The Irishman*, will be given the organization's highest honor: the SAG Life Achievement Award. Here are five fun facts about the native New Yorker.

His first role, at age 10, was the Cowardly Lion in a production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

He gained 60 pounds—bingeing on ice cream and pasta—for his Oscar-winning part as boxing champ Jake LaMotta in *Raging Bull*.



◀ Marlon Brando and De Niro are the only actors to win Oscars for playing the same character: Vito Corleone in *The Godfather* and *The Godfather: Part II*, respectively.

He paid a dentist to "mess up" his teeth for his role as psychopathic ex-con Max Cady in *Cape Fear*—then paid even more to have them fixed after the movie was finished.

Meryl Streep is his go-to female co-star. They have made three films together: *The Deer Hunter*, *Falling in Love* and *Marvin's Room*. ▶



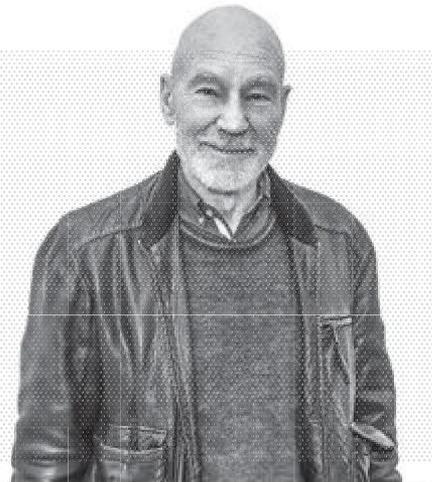
ROB TO THE RESCUE

In the new spinoff drama series *9-1-1: Lone Star* (Jan. 19 on Fox), **Rob Lowe** stars as Owen Strand, a 9/11 survivor from Manhattan who relocates to Austin to help a group of firefighters start anew after their firehouse has to be rebuilt. Lowe, 55, will be joined by Liv Tyler, 42, who plays chief paramedic Michelle Blake. "I have been involved with first responders a ton because my little town of Santa Barbara has suffered two devastating wildfires and floods in the past year," says Lowe. "What they go through is just amazing."



BOLD TYPES

It seemed like the handwriting was on the wall for Jacqueline Carlyle (**Melora Hardin**) when her editor-in-chief office at *Scarlet* magazine—loosely based on *Cosmopolitan*—was being boxed up in the season three finale of *The Bold Type*. When the Freeform series returns (Jan. 23), the magazine is reeling as it's forced to adjust to a new future in the fashion media business. "Playing Jacqueline is a joy because she is always a deep-thinking woman," says Hardin, 52, who also played Jan Levinson on *The Office* and Trudy Monk on *Monk*. "This season we will see how those qualities are tested."



WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

PATRICK STEWART

The Emmy-nominated British actor, 79, reprises his iconic role as Jean-Luc Picard, which he played for seven seasons on *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, when the new series *Star Trek: Picard* premieres Jan. 23 on CBS All Access. The show, also starring **Jonathan Frakes**, will follow the space captain into the next chapter of his life.

What is new with Picard in his emeritus years?

The story begins in retirement and, gradually, we learn why he is retired and a grumpy old sot. I wanted to explore what happened to Picard and what happened to the Starfleet in the Federation in the 17 years that had passed. There is a lot of action.



Do you enjoy being able to stretch, like playing the more villainous role in the latest *Charlie's Angels* movie?

It's what keeps me going. Diversity is everything for me. I was never a leading man; I was a character actor from the very beginning, and I have looked all the time for the next project to be something quite unlike what I've just done, because just being Patrick Stewart really doesn't interest me at all.

What don't we know about you? In the past few years, I have developed a passion for jigsaw puzzles. I do only 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzles, and I do all kinds of subjects. For me, it is one of the major points of relaxation. I have them framed. I have about 14 of them hanging on a staircase in our apartment in Brooklyn.

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—Megan O'Neill Melle



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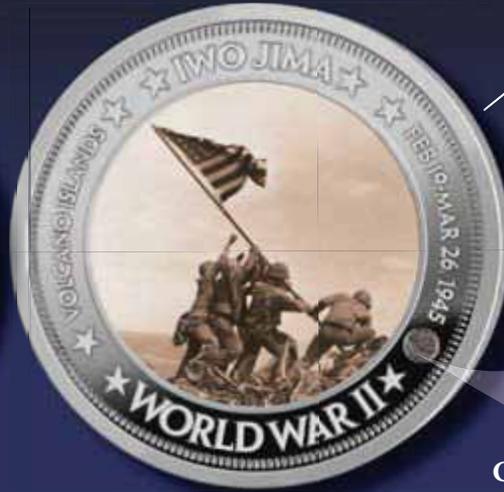
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Erin and Ben Napier, known to millions as the stars of the HGTV hit series *Home Town*, still can't believe that renovating houses in tiny Laurel, Miss., has made them famous. "We do such a mundane thing," says Erin, 34. "We work from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.," says Ben, 36. "Yeah, we have a cameraman and a director, but it's like we're going to work in an office with our construction team or on a job site."

The show, entering its fourth season, follows Erin and Ben as they turn dilapidated old houses into dream digs. It's also bringing new energy to Laurel, an old timber town of almost 19,000 that waned in the mid-20th century once the area's loblolly pine forests were logged. Laurel has "seen some hard times," said Ben in the show's season-one opening. "We're committed to changing that one house at a time."

The series has turned Erin and Ben into America's newest home renovation sweethearts and made Laurel a tourist destination for fans of the show. Visitors drive through the historic district looking for some of the 30-plus houses renovated on the show—as well as for the Napiers' 1925 Craftsman. They shop at businesses the Napiers are partners in, such as Laurel Mercantile Co., a housewares boutique, and Scotsman General Store, which sells boots, flannel shirts, craft soda and the Napiers' own brand of coffee, Big Ben's Blend. Ben's woodshop is housed there too. It features an exhibition window, so visitors can watch him make furniture for the show.

In a twist, this year the Napiers



HOME TOWN HEROES

Sweethearts ERIN AND BEN NAPIER
are helping to rebuild their small
Mississippi town one house at a time—
and HGTV viewers can't get enough.
Plus: Their smart tips for your home
makeover. **BY LEANNE POTTS**

are hitting the road to revitalize another small town for a 2021 six-episode spinoff series, *Home Town Rescue*. The couple will help members of a yet-to-be-named community renovate homes and upgrade public spaces. Don't worry, Laurel, they're not leaving permanently. The original show will go on. "We never want to live anywhere else," Erin says. "We love it here."

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Erin grew up in Laurel wanting to be a book designer, inspired by her real estate agent mother's painting and writing and an aunt who was into scrapbooking. Her aunt gave her a "big, huge photo album with stately sheets," and little Erin filled it with leaves she found, newspaper clippings about dinosaur bone discoveries and her own writing. In seventh grade, she discovered typography. "As soon as we got a computer, that's when graphic design began for me," Erin says. "I would make these fake ads, fake logos. I had fun with type."

Erin and Ben both attended a junior college in nearby Ellisville, Miss. He was a 20-year-old history major, the son of a Methodist minister who had grown up in little towns all over the South. She was an 18-year-old graphic design major, the daughter of a doctor whose family had lived in Laurel for generations. He was outgoing and funny. She was quiet and artistic. They met when she took his photo for a yearbook feature. "Six days later, we decided we would get married—when we got out of school," Erin says. "We've been inseparable ever since."

They transferred to Ole Miss, and that's when Ben picked up woodworking. When Erin needed

frames for a student exhibition, Ben made them. He'd done rough carpentry, but fine woodworking was new. "It became an obsession," Ben says. Yep, he became a woodworker for the woman he loved.

Erin inspired his first foray into furniture making. "I wanted a \$3,000 armoire I saw in an antiques mall,

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"WHEREVER ERIN AND [OUR DAUGHTER] HELEN ARE."



"THE PLACE I'D RATHER BE WHEN I'M ON A PLANE."

and we couldn't afford it," she says. So Ben built one just like it for her. He discovered that making furniture made him happy and that there was no place he would rather be than in a woodshop. "My real passion is furniture design," Ben says. "You can get lost in it."

FAME FOUND THEM

After they graduated college, the couple moved back to Laurel. "My parents said, 'You're very talented, but you live in Mississippi, baby. It's just going to be hard to be a professional artist,'" Erin says. "And I was

like, 'No it's not. Just watch, and I'll show you.' I think it was a little bit of a rebellion for me to come back here."

She worked as a graphic designer, then started her own business designing letterpress wedding invitations. Ben was a woodworker, Methodist student ministry director and Mr. Loblolly, the town's official lumberjack mascot. They bought the gorgeous old house Erin had wanted to live in since she was a little girl, began renovating it and they got two fuzzy dogs.

Their big break came when an HGTV executive started following Erin's Instagram account and saw the makings of a TV show about an adorable couple's life in a small town in the Deep South. The executive, Lindsey Weidhorn, who now runs her own production company, asked the Napiers if they were game. Erin and Ben said yes, hoping they'd draw positive attention to Laurel. *Home Town* premiered in March 2017 and was an instant hit. The show is a paean to small-town life, where neighbors are friendly, church bells ring on the hour and mortgage payments are small. You can watch for hours as Ben and Erin rescue wood floors from shag carpet, eradicate 1980s kitchens and get it all together in time for the big reveal.

SCRAPPY, NOT CRAPPY

On each episode, a homeowner chooses one of two homes selected by the Napiers, buys the place and hands the keys over for the remodel. The couple works with contractors, artisans and designers to direct the renovation. Ben makes a few pieces of custom furniture and features for the house, like a banquette made of wood repurposed from the local high school gym or a kitchen table

DESIGN TIPS

BEST RENO IDEA

BEN: "Customize pre-fab. We bought a door off the shelf for our house but pulled off the factory trim and custom-made trim to match the house."



ERIN: "You need bigger baseboards than you think you do. Big baseboards are sexy."

WHAT THEY GEEK OUT ABOUT

BEN: Wood grain, like in the crib he made for Helen.



ERIN: Typography can be art.



WHAT EVERY HOME MUST HAVE

BEN: Big windows open up any space.



ERIN: Books personalize a room.



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with perfectly turned legs. Erin decides what walls to knock down to open up that dated floor plan and adds artisan touches, like custom stained-glass windows or wall art made from the innards of an old piano.

They give homeowners the digs of their dreams for less than \$200,000, on average, including the house sale price and the reno. "We give people the very best historic restoration and preservation we can with the budget that they have. 'Scrappy, not crappy' is the motto around here," Erin says.

Erin and Ben aren't impressed with their own celebrity. They're quick to give credit for their successful renos and the town's revival to the crew that helps them on the house makeovers and to their business partners and fellow Laurel residents.

The couple is comfortable just being themselves, living a humble life and putting their 2-year-old daughter first. "Helen's number one, and everything else has to fall in line behind her," Erin says.

They walk the talk when it comes to respecting history. They drive a 1962 Chevy pickup and a 1988 Jeep Grand Wagoneer. They live in a 95-year-old home and work on old houses all day. "Older things are the closest things we have to time machines," Erin says. "Everything should be savored and enjoyed, and I think that's what old houses—and life—are about."

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