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'He always wanted to be a state trooper'

Mother at a loss after retired son killed in Lisle cigar lounge

BY ALICE YIN AND MADELINE BUCKLEY

Gregory Rieves wanted to become an Illinois State Police trooper since he was a boy.

"I don't know why," his mother, Hattie Rieves, said Saturday. "He always wanted to be a state trooper. ... He loved his job, he was always happy."



Rieves

Rieves retired last year after a 22-year career with the Illinois State Police. Friday night, he was in a cigar lounge in Lisle with another retired trooper and an off-duty trooper when a woman behind them stood up and started firing, according to police.

Rieves, 51, was shot dead. The two men with him were seriously wounded: retired Trooper Lloyd Graham, 55, and off-duty Trooper Kaiton Bullock, 48.

The shooter, Lisa V. McMullan, 51, turned the gun on herself and

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In race against ALS, ex-Obama staffer and his wife find hope

BY ALISON BOWEN

Brian Wallach wasn't supposed to live to see his younger daughter's first birthday.

Diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a terminal disease with no cure, doctors told him in 2017 that he might have six months to live.

Today, he's focused on being there for his daughter's future firsts: kindergarten drop-off, middle school dance, wedding day.

More than two years after his diagnosis, he has been lucky, he said, to experience relatively limited progression of his disease. After some balance issues, the Kenilworth resident now uses a cane — or, as he is careful to specify, a "cool walking stick" — to get around.

When Wallach was diagnosed, neither he nor his wife, Sandra Abrevaya, knew much about ALS, a neurodegenerative disease that

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IMPEACHMENT OF PRESIDENT TRUMP

Trump's team tees off on Democrats' case

Lawyers' opening salvo says trial a bid to undo 2016 election

BY ERIC TUCKER, LISA MASCARO AND ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press



SENATE TELEVISION

White House counsel Pat Cipollone and members of the president's team addressed the Senate on a rare Saturday session.

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's lawyers plunged into his impeachment trial defense Saturday by accusing Democrats of striving to overturn the 2016 election, arguing that

investigations of Trump's dealings with Ukraine have not been a fact-finding mission but a politically motivated effort to drive him from the White House.

"They're here to perpetrate the most massive interference in an election in American history," White House counsel Pat Cipollone told senators. "And we can't allow that to happen."

The Trump legal team's arguments in the rare Saturday session were aimed at rebutting allegations that the president abused his power when he asked Ukraine to investigate political rival Joe Biden and then obstructed Congress as it tried to investigate.

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Hai Xia, right, leaves the Walgreens in Chinatown empty-handed Friday after hoping to buy a specific brand of surgical face masks.

New year, new fears

City's Chinese community adjusts holiday plans as coronavirus spreads

BY GRACE WONG

On the eve of Lunar New Year, a time meant for celebration with family and arguably the most important Chinese holiday, many Chinatown residents found themselves instead standing in line to buy bright blue boxes of face masks, seeking to protect themselves from the coronavirus after the first case was confirmed in Chicago.

By early afternoon Friday, the lone Walgreens in Chinatown was sold out. Meanwhile, some events celebrating Lunar New Year were canceled, and restaurant owners in the community complained of waning business.

Lunar New Year, celebrated from Friday to Feb. 4, marks one of the busiest travel seasons among Chinese, as it's part of the cultural tradition to return

to one's hometown and reunite with family. But this year, many plans have come to a halt because of the coronavirus outbreak in China that has begun to spread to the U.S.

On Saturday, tourists and area residents walked mostly mask-free, and businesses were open like any typical day in January. Despite some festive

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Donna More files petitions to be placed on the ballot for state's attorney in December at the Cook County clerk's office.



JOHN KASS

More: 'I am experienced and I want to do' state's attorney's job

Donna More, an experienced lawyer and prosecutor, isn't as well known as her opponents in the March 17 Democratic Party primary for Cook County state's attorney.

Bill Conway has his father's money to buy all that TV time. Incumbent Kim Foxx has all that notoriety over Jussie Smollett (for better or worse) and her patron, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, the boss of the Cook County Democrats.

What More brings is a lifetime in the law, as a local and federal prosecutor.

On Friday, she sat for an in-depth interview on my podcast, "The Chicago Way," on WGN Plus.

"I bring three things my opponents don't have," More said. "Legal credentials, felony trial experience and independence. And that independence is from a political machine (Foxx) or an ATM machine (Conway). I am experienced and I want to do this job. This isn't a steppingstone for me. I don't want to run for the Senate in the future. I want to be the lawyer for the people of Cook County."

Foxx is certainly more well known, even as the butt of jokes, and every day it seems she highlights another endorsement engineered by Preckwinkle.

The one endorsement Foxx has yet to announce is from the grateful actor Jussie Smollett. But there's still time for Jussie.

Challenger Conway keeps spending his father's millions on snazzy campaign ads and savvy political/media strategists. He's already been given \$5 million, and there are millions more if he needs it, from dad, who founded the Carlyle Group, the giant multinational investment firm.

The Carlyle Group gave millions to Republican insider and lobbyist Big Bob Kjellander (pronounced \$hellander), along the way winning teacher pension fund deals and feeding top Republicans of the bipartisan Illinois Combine.

But the feds began peeling back the onion, eventually revealing a pay-for-play scheme involving Republican boss Big Bill Cellini, who was sentenced to federal prison, and Tony Rezko, the convicted former

fundraiser for imprisoned Gov. Rod Blagojevich and real estate fairy for former President Barack Obama.

The firm was not charged with wrongdoing, and neither was Conway's father. But all the Carlyle Group had to do was snap its fingers in Washington and Illinois political weasels from Chicago to Springfield would dance the dance of grace and favor.

On "The Chicago Way," More focused on Foxx's Smollett fiasco and Conway's connections to the Carlyle Group.

"The Carlyle Group, Conway's father's company, paid \$4.5 to \$5 million dollars in what we'll call 'lobbying fees' to Bob Kjellander — who had ties to Cellini and Rezko," More said. "The Carlyle Group was able to get more than \$100 million of teacher pension funds to invest. It was a big conspiracy for pay-to-play politics."

Is it fair to tie the son to his father's company?

"If he doesn't want to be tied to his father, he should give back the money and raise money like I'm doing, on the grassroots level," More said. "Except for his father's money, Bill Conway is not a relevant candidate in this race."

For fairness' sake I called Conway's office. Spokesman Jake Strassberger offered this statement:

"While Bill's opponents engage in wild conspiracy theory peddling and the worst kind of Trumpian guilt by association smears, Bill's focused on balancing our criminal justice system, getting after our gun crime epidemic, and getting politics out of an office it never belonged in."

Trumpian? Nice, but I've made a study of the bipartisan Combine that savaged Illinois for years, long before Donald Trump was president, when he was still friends with Bill and Hillary Clinton.

This isn't More's first try for the office. She ran the last time, against Foxx and then-incumbent Anita Alvarez, and finished third.

So is she a viable candidate? "Times have changed," More said. "Kim was the hand-picked person that Toni Preckwinkle wanted in that job. Toni Preckwinkle picks the public

defender, she now picks the state's attorney, she controls the criminal justice system. I don't think that's a good idea. And it's hard for me to believe that in a county with a budget of \$3 billion plus, Kim Foxx can't find a public corruption case."

Who's she going to investigate, Preckwinkle's organization? And bite the hand that feeds her?

As the high-profile race comes into focus, the Democratic candidates are scheduled to appear together, Monday, at a Chicago Tribune Editorial Board session. As of Friday, the plan was to make the session available via livestream on the Tribune's website.

It should be compelling. The job of top prosecutor in Cook County has always been coveted and protected by mayors and county bosses.

An independent state's attorney would threaten the political order.

I'll be interested in what Foxx says about Smollett and about special prosecutor Dan Webb's investigation into her botched handling of the actor's case. Foxx inexplicably dropped 16 grand jury counts against Smollett for allegedly faking a hate crime.

Foxx has since hired outside legal counsel to deal with Webb. She's paying for a personal lawyer out of her own pocket, but she's also sticking taxpayers with the bill for attorneys to represent her office.

"Kim hired a personal lawyer. I get that," More said on "The Chicago Way."

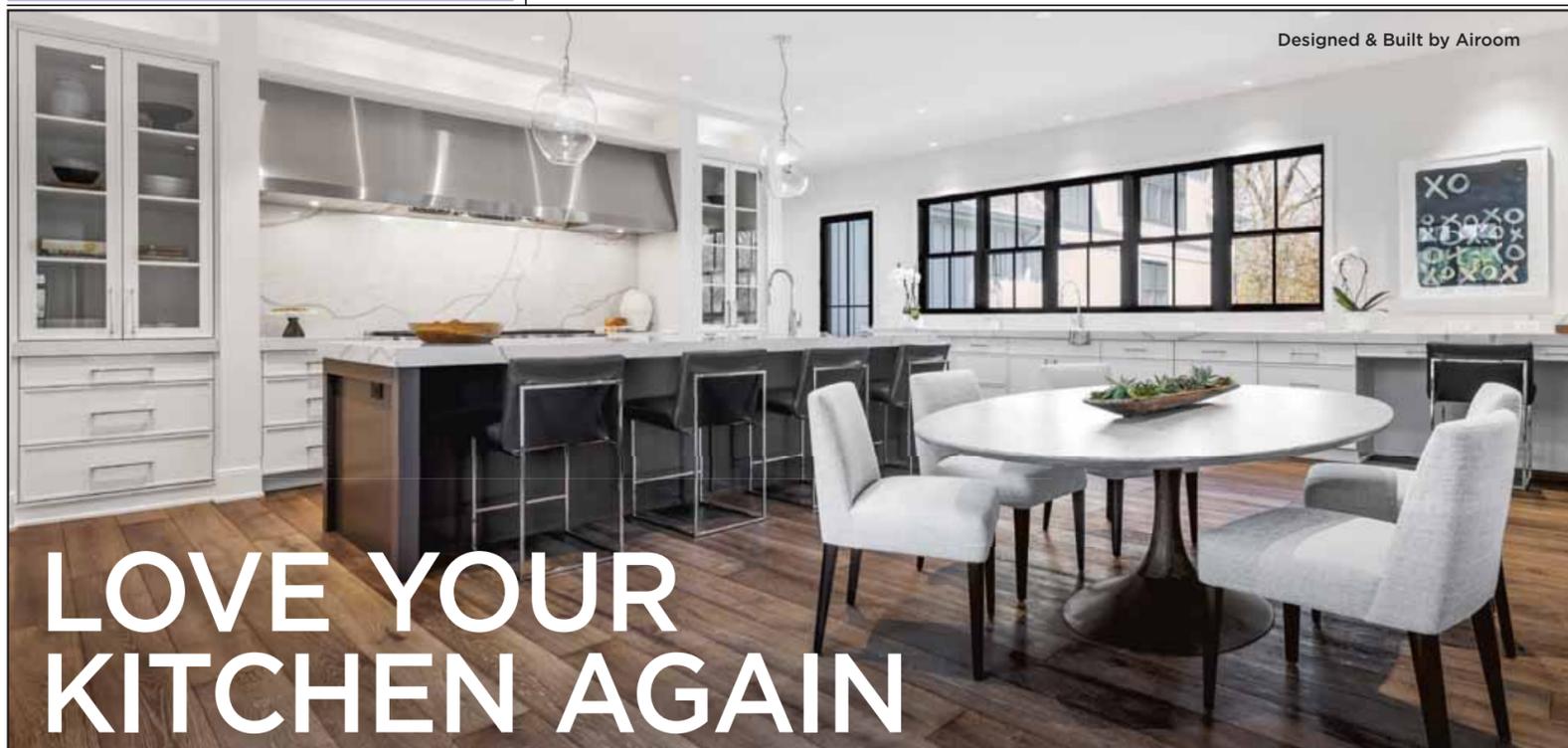
"She's lawyered up now because she's under investigation. But I am still mystified why the office of the state's attorney needed a lawyer. And I'm not sure why 700 lawyers (at the state's attorney's office) can't provide that function or someone from the attorney general's office," More said.

"The office can't be indicted," she said. "What do they need a lawyer for?"

I'll be sure to ask Kim Foxx.

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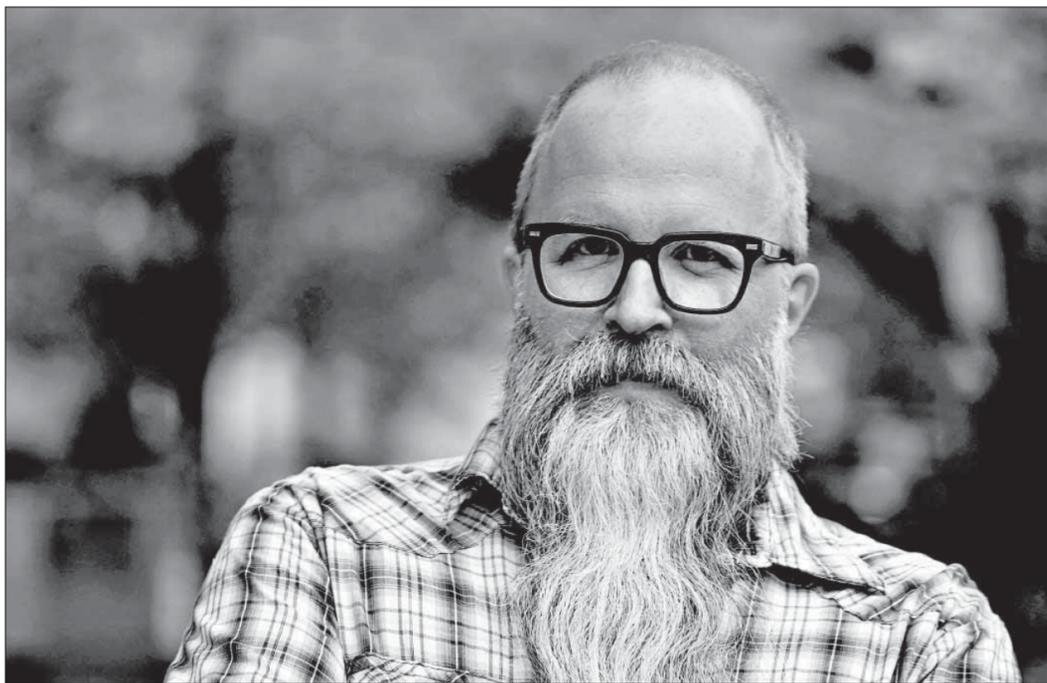
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Dan Sinker, who created the @MayorEmanuel Twitter parody account, is writing a newsletter on Trump's impeachment.

Impeachment newsletter new offering from parody tweeter



MARY SCHMICH

One Friday morning last September, as the Democrats prepared to launch an impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump, Dan Sinker had a thought.

As he rode the train to see a friend — “in that interstitial train time when you’re not doing anything,” as he puts it — he got to wondering: Why hadn’t the Democrats set up a website to explain what was going on? Something that consolidated the news, the reasoning, the next steps?

Sinker’s thoughts often travel quickly from his brain to Twitter, and so he tweeted what he now calls his “offhanded comment.”

Enthusiastic replies rolled in so fast that by the end of the train ride he had another thought. He tweeted that too: “I’m just gonna have to do this aren’t I.”

And that’s how Sinker’s popular newsletter, impeachment.fyi, was born, despite the facts that A) he didn’t know how to do an online newsletter and B) when he polled his Twitter followers on that same September day, 57% of respondents said, “no not another newsletter.”

Sinker is an independent journalist and writer who may be best known as the author behind @MayorEmanuel, the parody Twitter account that The Atlantic magazine called “the best fake Twitter account ever, deftly satirizing Rahm Emanuel, and elevating the tweet and the F-word to the level of literature.”

What he’s aiming for with the newsletter, however, isn’t satire. His opinion is generally clear — he calls himself a progressive — but he keeps the snark and commentary in check.

“Part of the problem we have right now,” he said Friday, “is outrage cycles burn everyone out. Clickbait opinion pieces burn everybody out. I don’t

want to contribute to that. This isn’t about making people outraged. This isn’t about girding people for a fight. This is a utility. Here’s what happened.”

Down in the basement of the Evanston home where he lives with his wife and two kids, Sinker, who’s 45, quickly figured out newsletter technology. In the relatively calmer days of late 2019, he spent a couple of hours most afternoons sifting through news he collected during the day — from newspapers, TV, Twitter — then reducing it to a list of bullet-point items he could mail out by 6 p.m.

It was a novel notion at the start. But as impeachment heated up, mainstream news organizations started their own newsletters, podcasts and blogs aimed at shrinking the onslaught into something more user-friendly.

Fine by him. “It would be very, very silly for me,” he said, “a person who is writing a newsletter that is hooked into everyone else’s reporting, to say, ‘Hey, I’m doing this and you can’t.’”

Despite the competition, Sinker’s newsletter has attracted 12,000 subscribers, by his count. No one has to pay, but many leave an online tip. He’s been making enough money to make it worth the work.

Sinker’s followers seem to like his newsletter precisely because he’s not part of an institution, though he’s always careful to link to the institutions that provide his information. In that way, the story of his newsletter is as much about news dissemination as it is about the news itself.

“Reading his newsletter feels like a very well-informed and sincere friend is trying to help regular people make sense of an exceedingly complex and consequential event,” says Jennifer Brandel, who founded WBEZ’s popular “Curious City” radio show and now runs her own company, Hearken. She calls his newsletter “empowering.”

Farran Nehme, a film writer, subscribed after hearing about it on Twitter.

“The newsletter consolidates the

insanity and also makes it concise,” she says. “I still read in-depth reports and investigations, but I can’t do it every day ... and frankly it wouldn’t be good for my mental health. I don’t know Dan and I often hope he’s holding up OK himself.”

He is. But in the past week, as the trial days have gone deep into the night, it gets harder.

“This is my first-ever foray into daily news,” he said. “Turns out daily news is hard. And it means I’m not around for dinner because I’m in the basement writing. That sucks because I like my family, and it sucks because I’m the one who usually cooks dinner.”

But he enjoys the challenge of boiling hours of testimony down into the most relevant points, and he feels obligated to get the newsletter out as quickly as possible when the day’s events are over.

At 9:39 p.m. Thursday, he tweeted: “OK, the trial is over for the night and tonight’s http://impeachment.fyi update should be up and with subscribers in about 20-30 minutes, hopefully.”

At 10:38, he wrote: “hahaha clearly it’s taking longer than that, as I’ve rewritten one bullet point like four times. Soon though!”

At 11:19: “OK, phew, tonight’s http://impeachment.fyi update is *finally* done and is reaching subscribers now. Sorry for the delay my brain just like seriously noped out there for a bit.”

The impeachment news has left a lot of us feeling seriously noped out on occasion, which is why Sinker’s experiment appeals to so many. We’re all living through this great moment that will soon be called history trying to understand without feeling overwhelmed.

“There’s a utility to news which is about saving people from news, right?” he said.

So he intends to keep going. “At this point,” he said, “this whole story is ride or die till it’s done.”

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Plug pulled on controversial data program

Chicago cops rated residents' risks of links to violence

BY JEREMY GORNER AND ANNIE SWEENEY

Chicago police have quietly ended a controversial data-gathering effort that rated tens of thousands of residents on who was most likely to be caught up in violence — either as a victim or criminal.

A report last week by the city's government watchdog disclosed the demise of the eight-year program — referred to by police as the "Strategic Subject List" or SSL — while raising concerns about its operations on a number of fronts, including the accuracy of the ratings and the sharing of the data with other law enforcement agencies.

The Police Department had revised the SSL numerous times since its inception in 2012, including a significant overhaul last year that included a name change.

In quietly dumping the program in November, the department acknowledged that the data-scraping effort hadn't reduced violence, citing a national study released last year that found the SSL ineffective.

The reversal follows a similar move by Los Angeles police last year.

One national expert said CPD's decision was long overdue, considering the inherent bias in a department targeting people based on its own data as well as the risk of violating individuals' civil rights and concerns that such lists lead over-policed communities to distrust the police.

"It is a big deal," said Andrew Ferguson, a visiting professor at American University Washington College of Law who has written extensively on big data policing risks. "It finally puts the brakes on a system of targeted person-based predictive policing that was largely flawed at the outset. I think there is a clear financial cost — money not spent dealing with the underlying social and economic issues that cause violent crime. But there is also a personal cost to the individuals who were on these lists or targeted by these lists."

'We know who they are'

The SSL program was borne out of Chicago's experimentation in the 2000s with predictive policing, a scientific approach to figuring out which "hot spots" would see spikes in violence so more officers could be deployed there to help out. Chicago ultimately became



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Chicago police officers process a crime scene on Jan. 16. Police quietly ended a controversial data-gathering effort to predict crime in November.

the only big-city police department to win a federal grant allowing it to place increasing emphasis on those behind the violence.

Using a computerized algorithm developed by the Illinois Institute of Technology, police scored people on the list from zero to more than 500 by looking at myriad factors, including their criminal histories, especially for weapons or drug offenses, as well as if they had ever been shot or affiliated with a street gang. The higher the score, the greater their risk to be involved in violence.

Similar to other department databases, the SSL was accessible to street cops — and soon became integral to their daily operations. For a time, then-Superintendent Eddie Johnson noted "we know who they are" in discussing the city's criminal element — a reference to the SSL.

Police brass often cited the data in response to high-profile crime incidents, telling reporters if suspects scored high on the SSL. But it was never clear that it provided a practical way to reduce violence. A 2019 study by the Rand Corporation concluded as much.

In the report, the public policy think tank concluded that the Police Department's last version of the SSL was "operationally unsuitable" for several reasons, including that the data used to determine individuals' risk assessments was too out of date to keep up with the

quick pace of Chicago's violence.

The report also found a "level of public fear" about the program that overshadowed its efforts to reduce violence. Those public concerns stemmed from the Police Department's failure to be fully open about the program's inner workings, the report said.

The study noted as well that being on a "bad guy list" tarnished shooting victims.

In addition, since arrest data was a key factor in determining those most at-risk of violence, anyone with a recent arrest was automatically subjected to "additional scrutiny and punishment," Rand said.

The Police Department touted its use of the SSL by police officials, clergy and community leaders during door-to-door visits with some of those with the highest scores, warning them about the dangers of a criminal lifestyle while offering social services to try to help steer them away from trouble.

In its report released last week, the city inspector general's office found fault with the Police Department for, among other things, not properly training its officers on their use of the SSL.

The IG report also criticized the Police Department for sharing the data with the Cook County sheriff's and state's attorney's offices as well as the mayor's office without providing guidelines on how to use information.

The report also faulted police officials for improperly factoring individuals' arrest histories into their scores without considering whether they had been convicted.

"If an individual was released without charges or was charged and acquitted, or if the charges were dismissed, that individual would have had a risk score ... which factored in an offense which they were never found to have committed," the report said.

Ferguson, the law professor, noted that what he calls "targeted people-based" predictive policing also raises problems because it is based on arrest records generated by the department, resulting in a built-in bias. For example, drug arrests can be a product of over-policing, possibly undercutting the validity of such data to determine an individual's true risk.

Ferguson said using such data in developing policing strategies can be effective, but he criticized CPD — facing pressure to reduce violence — for pushing the idea without an effective plan for how it would be used.

"Chicago felt like they had to do something, and this was their answer," he said. "All of these things are a failure of imagination, of vision at the front end."

Last year a similar list kept by Los Angeles police of the city's "chronic offenders" drew criticism in a police oversight report for

being poorly maintained and inconsistent. This led the department to announce major changes, Ferguson said.

A shift in strategy

In late September, the nearly \$4 million in federal grant money that CPD used to develop the SSL ran out, leading to its cancellation on Nov. 1, according to the inspector general's report.

In an interview Friday, Anthony Guglielmi, the Police Department's chief spokesman, said the decision to end the effort also reflected a shift in strategy to rely on technology centers inside police districts and detective areas as well as support for a growing network of community organizations that provide street outreach, social services and victim advocacy across the city.

The tech centers, funded largely by a \$10 million private donation, offer a wide array of computer programs and specialized tools — including gunshot detection technology called ShotSpotter and an extensive network of surveillance cameras — for officers to track violence in real time.

The centers have been expanded to all but two of the city's 22 districts, providing critical information in solving shootings, the department said.

But Ferguson warned that, just like the SSL, the tech centers' expanded use of surveillance needs to be

monitored to protect the constitutional rights of citizens.

"We can't take our eyes off the ball," he said.

In response, Guglielmi said the tech centers gather data mostly on the places and times that crimes happen to help commanders deploy officers to respond. The centers are used to quickly gather any relevant video footage. The city, he said, has a long history of depending on surveillance cameras, and he stressed they capture crimes taking place in public spaces only, not private homes.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, which has been critical of the Police Department's emphasis on predictive policing, praised its decision to end its use of the SSL as well as the inspector general's report for shining a light on its problems.

In a statement, Karen Sheley, director of the ACLU of Illinois' police practices project, called for continued transparency on the Police Department's part for the "predictive policing tools" it is still using.

"Transparency is critical to the ongoing effort to create faith in policing in Chicago," she said. "Unregulated, sophisticated, powerful databases involving hundreds of thousands of names only harm that trust."

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Naperville board drafts rules for student, police interactions

Draft agreement comes 3 years after teen took own life

BY SUZANNE BAKER

Three years after their son's death, the parents of Naperville teen who killed himself shortly after being questioned by police in a high school dean's office appealed to the Naperville District 203 School Board for defined protocols to prevent a similar incident from occurring.

Maureen and Douglas Walgren could see results as early as Feb. 3 when Superintendent Dan Bridges said administrators expect to present a first draft agreement with the Naperville Police Department that will outline procedures school staff and police will follow when it comes to potential criminal offenses committed by students.

Bridges said no action would be taken that night. A vote on the final agreement would come after the board and public have time to

review it.

Maureen Walgren spoke to the board this week on behalf of Corey's Goal, a nonprofit organization she started with her husband to raise awareness of the constitutional rights of minors in school settings and improve education on how disciplinary practices in schools can better support the emotional well-being of students.

Walgren urged the board to adopt an agreement known as a memorandum of understanding that would serve as the guiding document for the district's school resource officer program.

"I'm here today to talk about ways we can improve the disciplinary process at Naperville North so that what happened to my son on 1-11-17 does not happen again," Walgren said. "If protocols were followed that day that ended with the death of a student, then it's all of our responsibilities to evaluate those protocols to ensure best practices are being followed."

Three years ago Corey Walgren, 16, slipped out of Naperville North High School and plummeted from the top of a municipal parking garage after being interrogated by an officer assigned to the campus. Authorities had accused the teen of possessing child pornography — a felony that can lead to placement on the state's sex offender registry — though records show authorities later determined there were no illegal images on the phone.

Walgren said a structured agreement would help define the school resource officer selection process, the training required, to whom officers report and how they will address safety concerns. She also said the document also would formalize when parents will be called and how officers handle criminal activity at school.

If a dean determines legal or criminal issues are involved, the dean should follow the new law and call the parents before bringing in police, she said.



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Maureen Walgren and her husband, Doug, seen in 2017, urged the Naperville District 203 school board to establish written protocols on handling potential disciplinary action.

"I'd like to see it stated that (school resource officers) are not to be in the room during questioning by deans, unless they are needed to help keep a violent student from hurting themselves or others," Walgren said.

"There are many reasons why a police officer should not be in the room. A minor child can be very intimidated and unnecessarily scared by the presence of a

police officer, especially of legal terms are being used," she said.

Walgren said students often feel threatened, ashamed and fearful simply because an officer has legal authority that comes with severe consequences. The same words used by a dean are much less threatening, she added.

Additionally, minor children who are in legal trouble should be closely moni-

tored and supported after such questioning to ensure their safety, she said.

"We know that no one intended for Corey to die that day," Walgren said. "It is all of our responsibility to ensure the safety of our students."

Seven Naperville police officers are assigned to work in District 203 schools.

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What coronavirus precautions should you take?

Respiratory illness results sore throat, runny nose, cough

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY

An outbreak of hundreds of cases of coronavirus has resulted in at least 56 deaths and travel restrictions that are affecting millions of people in China.

Now, the second case of the respiratory illness in the United States has been confirmed to be in Chicago.

A Chicago woman in her 60s, who returned from a visit to China earlier this month, has been diagnosed with the virus. The woman had traveled to Wuhan, China, the center of the outbreak, in late December and returned to the city Jan. 13. Earlier this week, a man in his 30s was diagnosed in Washington state after traveling to the same region as the woman.

With the virus hitting

close to home, what can people in the Chicago area do to stay healthy?

What is coronavirus?

Human coronaviruses are common throughout the world, causing respiratory illnesses that result in runny noses, sore throats and coughs, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The virus is named for nobs that protrude from its surface, making it resemble a crown, an expert said.

The virus family includes the common cold, as well as more serious illnesses such as SARS, which spread to dozens of countries, sickening more than 8,000 and killing 774 people before it was contained in 2003, according to the CDC. Also in the virus family is MERS, a respiratory illness that emerged in 2012 and is associated with a high mortality rate.

Now, scientists have iden-

tified a new coronavirus that was first confirmed in Wuhan. It can cause a more severe illness than a typical cold, according to Michael Ison, a professor of infectious diseases and organ transplantation at the Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine. To try to contain the outbreak, the Chinese government has ordered a travel lockdown in central China after about 260 cases were identified in Wuhan. Nearly 2,000 have been infected, Chinese officials said.

What are the symptoms?

The virus can result in a runny nose, sore throat and cough, experts say. It can develop into a fever and lung infection that causes shortness of breath. People should see a doctor if they experience a worsening cough, experts said.

"The illness can start like a regular cold. You feel crummy," Ison said.

Dr. Trish Perl, chief of infectious diseases at the University of Texas Southwestern, said patients have presented with fever, malaise and a dry cough.

Ison said there is a polymerase chain reaction test, or PCR test, available to identify the virus, but it is currently only available at the CDC.

So far, the fatality rate from the new virus is relatively low and usually confined to the elderly or those with underlying medical condition, Ison said, but he noted that could change as more cases emerge.

How likely are you to get it?

Experts say the likelihood of Chicagoans who haven't recently traveled to China contracting the new virus is relatively low.

"We know how to control these viruses," Perl said, though still cautioning that there is a lot scientists don't yet know about the new

virus. "There are control measures that people might find invasive, but really, we can control this."

Earlier this week, O'Hare International Airport announced it would begin screening travelers from Wuhan for symptoms.

In regards to the Chicago woman with the virus, Ison said officials are undertaking "contact tracing," which means monitoring people who came in contact with her.

"Unless they get contacted by the health department, they have low to no risk of acquiring the infection," Ison said.

Still doctors remind people that it's flu season, and they should be taking precautions to avoid contracting a wide variety of illnesses.

"Everyone is fixated on the coronavirus but there is a relatively low number of cases," Ison said. "There have been thousands of

deaths already this year of influenza."

What precautions can you take?

Experts remind people to make sure they are frequently washing their hands and not going to work if they start to show symptoms — not just to ward off the new coronavirus, but also the more common flu and other viruses.

"Use of just simple masks reduces transmission," Perl said.

Doctors also urged Chicagoans to make sure they get a flu shot to ward off influenza, though it would not protect people from the new strain of coronavirus.

There are no approved treatments for the new coronavirus, Ison said. It is either cleared by the patient's immune system and they recover, or the patient dies of the infection.

"If they can continue doing simple things ... that's going to help," Perl said.

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decorations, activity in the area was light due to poor weather and coronavirus concerns.

Paulynette Acosta walked in and out of stores while shopping along South Wentworth Avenue, holding a fruit smoothie in one hand and wearing a medical face mask with a decorative design that covered her mouth.

"I just want to be cautious," Acosta said, referring to news reports of the virus having been detected in a Chicago resident who returned from Wuhan on Jan. 13. "It's like there's something new every year."

From restaurant reservation cancellations to travelers eschewing trips to the homeland, many Chinese Chicagoans have taken a cautious approach to this year's festivities, opting to stay home and avoid crowds to limit opportunities for exposure. The identification of Illinois' first coronavirus case Friday underscored the risk for some.

The Chicago woman had returned from caring for her sick father in China earlier this month, and was diagnosed with the respiratory coronavirus that has sickened 1,975 in China and killed at least 56 there, according to officials. The woman's condition had been stabilized, and she was "clinically doing well," officials said.

In Chicago's Chinatown on Friday morning, it seemed like the only indications that it was Lunar New Year's Eve were the red lanterns, wet from the unrelenting drizzle, swaying between trees on Cermak Road.

The usually bustling neighborhood seemed concentrated at the sole Walgreens in the area, on Cermak near Archer Avenue. Boxes of surgical-grade face masks sat on the counter near the cash register, and people lined up, buying them as quickly as the employees could stock them. But the real prize, 3M N95 masks, which customers favor for protection against viruses, had been sold out within two hours that morning. All 400 of them.

A woman who worked at



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Zhejiang Opera Theatre's Yang Jiong performs at the Chicago Cultural Center on Friday to mark the Chinese New Year.



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A worker cleans a restaurant table in Chinatown Friday. Fewer people are dining out.

the Walgreens said Friday that another shipment of 600 masks was due to arrive later that day, hopefully in time for Lunar New Year celebrations. But before 2 p.m. the store was sold out of all face masks, all types. There were no signs alerting customers of the next shipment, nor were any signs posted at other businesses that referenced the virus.

Wearing a black disposable face mask, Hai Xia, 25, who lives in Prairie Shores, came to the Chinatown Walgreens in hopes of find-

ing the 3M N95 masks. His friend had told him via WeChat that Costco and Target were already sold out, so he was hoping he'd get lucky by venturing to Chinatown. But he came up empty-handed once again. It was his second try for the day, and at that point, he was ready to try his luck online, but he said he couldn't find what he was looking for.

"We just want to protect our life," he said in Mandarin.

With their hoods up and umbrellas extended, pa-

trons of Park To Shop in Chinatown hurried from their car to the store for last-minute groceries Friday. Many of them, including small children bundled up in puffy winter jackets, wore face masks as they browsed the aisles of produce and red Lunar New Year boxes full of traditional cookies and candies.

"I don't want to go back (to China)," Qinan Zhao, who was wearing a face mask while loading some green onions into the basket on her bicycle, said in Man-

darin. "It's very scary. But I'm sure the Chinese will find a cure very quickly."

Huan Wang, vice president of the Association of Chinese-American Scientists and Engineers and a restaurateur, said he's seen a decrease in the number of people dining out in his establishments. The health scare combined with the weather has made business difficult.

Many patrons have opted to order delivery online instead of dining in, a service that takes a cut out of Wang's overall profits, he said.

Still, Wang was not oblivious to people's concerns about health risks. To help protect his staff and patrons, his restaurants are also taking extra precautions to sanitize tables and utensils, using extra-strong disinfectants for cleaning, he said. Also, they are posting notices in the restaurants encouraging people to be considerate of other diners by covering their mouths when coughing or sneezing.

Wang said some of his friends who own restaurants in Chinatown have seen cancellations for reservations booked for Lunar New Year, including a group of 80 people who canceled

on Thursday. The reservations are hard to fill so close to the holiday, he said. Because festivities typically begin around dinnertime, the cancellations have dealt a heavy blow to the small businesses.

Among the events canceled Friday was the Festival of Spring, a huge show hosted by the Chinese American Association of Greater Chicago featuring music and dance performances to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Still, another large celebration, the Chinatown Chinese Lunar New Year Parade, is on for Feb. 2, said Mabel Moy, president of the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce.

She said many people who were from Southern China seemed to be less worried than their Northern Chinese counterparts, and her Cantonese friends are still making dinner reservations.

Videos of how to cover your mouth when you cough and how to take preventive measures against the virus are sweeping across WeChat groups, both locally and internationally. Wang said his family, many of whom work in the medical field, have been extra diligent about sharing tips with family, friends and online groups that they're a part of.

"I think people really underestimate the potential impact of coughing," he said. "They think they're healthy so they don't think they need to do anything different."

Many online groups are also putting together packages of supplies to send to Wuhan, the city where the outbreak is concentrated in China, Wang said. And various community organizations have held informational seminars to help educate people on how to protect themselves and how to help.

While preventive measures are necessary, Wang said there's no need for panic. And there's certainly no need for people to be afraid to visit the Chinatown neighborhood in Chicago.

"Many of us haven't been back to China in years," he said with a laugh.

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NU professor leads research team trying to stop coronavirus

Consortium of 9 labs at 8 schools collaborating

BY DAWN RHODES

As the mysterious coronavirus spreads — killing at least 56 people in China and prompting U.S. health officials to screen thousands for signs of the disease — a Northwestern University professor is leading a multipronged effort to try to stop it in its tracks.

Karla Satchell, a professor of microbiology-immunology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, is leading a team of U.S. and Canadian researchers to examine the atomic structure of the virus, which originated in Wuhan, China, in the Hubei

province. Satchell leads the Center for Structural Genomics of Infectious Diseases, a consortium of nine labs at eight schools collaborating on this effort.

Other institutions in the consortium are University of Chicago, Purdue University, Washington University, University of Virginia, University of Calgary, UT Southwestern Medical Center and Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute in San Diego.

Satchell said the consortium, in place since 2007, functions as a sort of rapid response research operation that can mobilize immediately to quickly find solutions for public health emergencies.

"We are here specifically for this," Satchell said in an

interview Friday. "If there's a crisis like this, the last thing you want is for the (National Institutes of Health) to say, let's put out a call for grants and take seven months to review them. We're here and we have entirely trained staff. We're able to pivot almost immediately to respond."

The team is mapping out the proteins of the virus with the aim of finding a weak spot where medication can intervene and stop the virus from replicating in humans. To do that, they are cloning the virus proteins and growing them in crystal form in small ice cube-like trays. The scientists then can use a powerful X-ray beam to view the proteins down to the atomic level.

Satchell said they are

focusing specifically on 12 of the 28 proteins in the virus.

Though coronavirus may be new to the general public, but Satchell said infectious disease researchers at the center already had projects in place to better understand the proteins of similar viruses. Both SARS and MERS are types of coronaviruses, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The proteins in this new virus are highly similar to those of SARS, Satchell said.

That meant researchers quickly could compare and contrast the coronavirus with similar ones, and figure out what drugs they had on hand to test against it, Satchell said.

"We're doing really beautiful science on behalf of the

infectious disease community every day, but when something like this happens, all that capacity is already preexisting," Satchell said.

That similarity, however, does not necessarily mean the same medications work on both. Andrew Mesecar, a biochemistry professor at Purdue, is developing the specific oral medicine and vaccines to combat it.

The consortium has done this type of work before, Satchell said, most notably during recent Zika virus outbreaks starting in 2013.

Satchell said other groups of researchers throughout the world are doing similar work on coronavirus, publicly posting papers and entering information into databases for other researchers to quickly



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access.

"One of the things that's really unique in this is just how open all the science is," Satchell said. "It allows many different minds to contribute to that."

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Buttigieg takes on protester at Chicago fundraiser

Answers criticism during campaign event in the Loop

BY BILL RUTHHART

Democratic presidential hopeful Pete Buttigieg stood on stage at a Chicago fundraiser Saturday afternoon in the ballroom of a tony Loop social club, trying to answer questions on slips of paper in a fish bowl, but the shouts of a protester kept interrupting him.

"I appreciate your activism, but I'm going to have to ask you to respect our format," Buttigieg said.

More than a year into his presidential campaign, Buttigieg is no stranger to the occasional protester making a scene at one of his rallies, usually with criticism over his failure to win support from black voters or his handling of a fatal police shooting in South Bend last summer.

What made Saturday's disruption unusual is it came at one of Buttigieg's own fundraisers — an event aimed at raising money from Chicago donors as he makes one last stop on his way to Iowa, where he'll spend the next nine days campaigning in the state's first-in-the-nation Feb. 3 caucuses.

So, as donors sipped on \$12 glasses of wine and \$8 beers at The Standard Club in the Loop, Buttigieg tried to move on from the protester and get back to the fish bowl of questions.

"I need you to respect me and respect my question and respect the people of South Bend!" the protester shouted before making a reference to the Buttigieg campaign's "Rules of the Road" that call for respect and teamwork. "You're saying solidarity, you're saying rules of the road and you're not following them yourself. You don't love me. You won't let me ask my question."

The presidential hopeful replied, "I respect your activism, but sometimes love is not expressed by interruption. Sometimes love is expressed in a different way." Buttigieg then offered a common political tactic to encourage a protester to quiet down — he promised to meet afterward.

The protester remained undeterred, shouting some more. That prompted a campaign donor to yell, "You're not the only one in the room!" After the disruption went on for more than three minutes, Buttigieg finally relented, "You know what? Just go ahead. Let's do this."

The protester, who identified himself as queer and nonbinary but did not give a name, brought up the South Bend police shooting death last summer of a black robbery suspect, Eric Logan, by a white police officer. The shooting, which the officer's body camera and dashcam failed to record, remains under investigation.

"Mayor Pete, as somebody who says you want to unify communities, as someone who says they want to follow the rules of the road, there are police officers in South Bend who kill people. What's his name Logan ...?" the protester said, trying to recall the name of the shooting victim.

"Not what's his name," a visibly perturbed Buttigieg said. "His name is Eric Logan."

"There's so many, I can't keep track anymore," the protester shot back. "That's false," Buttigieg replied.

Then, finally, came the question: "How can we trust you will show up for queer and trans people and



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Democratic presidential candidate and former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg speaks Friday in Durham, N.H.

people of color when there were eight community meetings in South Bend about a police officer who killed someone in your community and you did not go to them?"

Buttigieg replied by noting he set up the series of community meetings with "rank-and-file officers to elected leaders to some of my harshest critics, and people who have been in my administration all along" to "empower the community" to help come up with solutions for better policing in South Bend.

"We wanted the conversations to be real. We wanted them to lead to actual change that could be implemented," Buttigieg said. "In order for that to happen, we had to have conversations that got out of the circus and into the heart. And so those conversations, I knew, would be at their best when they were as far away as possible from presidential politics."

As a result, Buttigieg explained, he attended only one of the meetings, unannounced, to thank the participants for their hard work.

The former South Bend mayor, whose second term ended earlier this month, then went on to acknowledge some of the shortcomings of his tenure on the issue, including not recruiting and retaining enough black officers.

"I'm not standing up here, as I hope to earn your vote, saying that I have earned it by getting everything perfect, that racism, poverty, homelessness and exclusion have come to an end in my city during my time as mayor any more than they've come to an end anywhere," Buttigieg told the protester. "But we have made so much progress."

He then emphasized that he has support from minorities in South Bend, some of whom he's featured in campaign ads and brought on the campaign trail with him in recent weeks.

"The president doesn't have any more of a magic solution than a mayor does, but there are concrete things that have to be done using the powers of the presidency to deliver greater justice, especially when it comes to issues around race. It matters," Buttigieg told the almost entirely white crowd. "And I am asking voters to send in somebody who knows the good, the bad and the ugly, who knows what is at stake and what can be done in order to get these things done."

Buttigieg's winding answer was met with a loud and long round of applause.

After receiving criticism from fellow presidential contender Elizabeth Warren for conducting his high-dollar fundraisers behind closed doors, Buttigieg opened up the events to the news media late last year. As part of that policy, one print reporter is allowed into the fundraisers to cover the event for the entire media at large. The Tribune covered Saturday's fundraiser under that policy, which does not allow for photos to be taken

or for attendees at the fundraiser to be interviewed. Buttigieg also was interrupted by a second protester who forced a question that criticized him for not offering free college to all. The former mayor contended that having the top 10% of the population pay their own way was the proper approach, one he said had been embraced by fellow competitor Bernie Sanders until more recently. Sanders has proposed tuition-free public college for all, regardless of income.

As he closed his 25 minutes of remarks, Buttigieg sought to use the disruptions at the fundraiser to make a broader point about the need for the Democratic Party to unite as one to defeat Republican President Donald Trump in November.

Throughout the campaign, Buttigieg has pitched himself as representing a new generation of leadership and as the candidate best positioned to unite what he described Saturday as "Democrats, independents and a striking number of what I like to call future former Republicans."

"It's going to be messy. We are talking about the most vulnerable moment our republic has faced in our lifetimes, but I am also still convinced — more convinced after a year of campaigning — that there is a powerful American majority that wants the same things," Buttigieg said. "At the end of the day, we're

going to have one nominee. The 25 people who didn't get to be the nominee — and their supporters — are going to have to come together around the one who does, because we know what we're up against in this country, and it is not each other."

Then, the protester tried to interrupt again as Buttigieg finished his close. The crowd of more than 300 erupted into more than two minutes of roaring applause, drowning out both the demonstrator and the candidate.

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Victim: Lindahl 'said no one would believe me'

Aurora woman details escape from suspected killer

BY MEGAN JONES

Annette Lazar shivered with fear as she felt the cold metal of the 9mm gun against her temple.

"You're not going anywhere," growled the man holding the weapon.

Only minutes earlier on that sunny spring morning in 1979, Lazar had been walking to a friend's house in Aurora. The stranger pulled over in his car and asked if Lazar, 20, wanted to buy some marijuana. She agreed and followed him to a nearby house and into the basement, where the man showed her his pet falcon while "Nights in White Satin" by the Moody Blues blared from the record player.

Then he put a gun to her head and ordered her into the bedroom and sexually assaulted her.

The gunman, she later reported to police, was Bruce Lindahl, the same man authorities said last week is responsible for as many as 12 murders and nine rapes in Aurora, Naperville and other west suburbs in the 1970s and early '80s. The case resurfaced last week when authorities announced DNA had connected Lindahl to the 1976 murder of a Woodridge teenager.

In two interviews with the Beacon-News, Lazar recounted her harrowing experience, what she said to Lindahl that helped her escape, and how authorities discounted her story. It's the first time she's shared those details with anyone other than police or her immediate family, she said. Aurora police said Lazar's story lines up with their reports of the incident. The case was brought to the Kane County state's attorney's office but charges were not authorized, police spokesman Paris Lewbel said.

Lindahl would go on to rape and kill one woman and stab and kill a Naperville high school student, authorities say. There may be other victims, they said.

"He was a monster," Lazar said. "I tried to tell them there was a monster and nobody wanted to listen."

Ted Bundy-type

Lindahl was a smooth talker with sharp blue eyes, and he was known to various police departments for his multiple run-ins with law enforcement, although he had no felony convictions. He was described as a Ted Bundy-type by a former Naperville police chief. He was a "caveman, whose sexual appetite included raping women, young men," Chief James Teal told the Beacon-News in the 1980s.

Lindahl graduated from Downers Grove South High School in 1971 and later worked as a teacher at Kaneland Vocational School in the auto repair shop, police said. He skydived in Hinckley and frequented bars and restaurants in Naperville, Lisle



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Former Aurora resident Annette Lazar reported to police she was sexually assaulted by Bruce Lindahl in 1979.



MEGAN JONES/BEACON-NEWS

During his time in Aurora, Bruce Lindahl lived with an Aurora Police Department officer, an investigation revealed.

and Downers Grove, Kendall County coroner's officials said.

He moved around from Chicago to Downers Grove, Lisle and Woodridge before he settled in Aurora around 1978, police said. Police said Lindahl's crimes started in 1974 and continued until his

bedroom at gunpoint, then told her to take off her clothes.

"I told him that I was going to call the police and he told me to go ahead. He said no one would believe me because he lived with a cop," Lazar said.

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— Annette Lazar

ported last week that one of Lindahl's close friends was a now-retired Aurora police officer. Lindahl and the officer met at a skydiving club, played racquetball, went out for dinner and drinks and attended late-night parties together. The officer, Dave Torres, sold his house to Lindahl in October 1979. Torres denies that Lindahl ever lived with him, but Lazar's attack occurred in the same house seven months before the sale, police reports and property records confirm.

Lindahl ripped off Lazar's pants and she realized she wouldn't be able to

fight him off, she said. Laying on the bedroom mattress, she tried flattery, complimenting Lindahl on his looks and offering to be his girlfriend if he let her leave.

Lindahl asked if she would step on the gas pedal while he worked on the engine. When she got in the car, the man pulled out a sharp object, held it to her neck and drove off with Colliander.

She was taken to Lindahl's house, where he threatened her with a handgun, raped her and took several nude photos of her, authorities said. When Lindahl fell asleep, she ran until she reached Weeks-Kozma about five houses away.

Weeks-Kozma said she quickly brought Colliander inside, gave her some clothes and wrote down Colliander's story, hoping to remember every detail to tell the police.

Colliander described the man who attacked her as having amazing "blue eyes," Weeks-Kozma said. "My daughters and I looked at each other and instantly knew it's Bruce (Lindahl)."

Torres, Lindahl's friend on the Aurora police force, said he heard the dispatch call for assistance at his former address and rushed over. He said found Lindahl naked and asleep. I told him, "Hey, Bruce, we have to talk to you," Torres said.

When other police arrived, they found a gun and nude photos of Colliander. They arrested Lindahl. One of the officers confiscated the plaque that police had awarded Lindahl for his help with the hit-and-run victim two years earlier, Torres said.

Lindahl was charged in Kane County with deviate sexual conduct, rape and aggravated kidnapping. Two weeks before Colliander was set to testify against Lindahl, she vanished. She was last seen leaving her job at Copley Hospital in October 1980.

As the only remaining witness, Weeks-Kozma was on high alert. Police kept a

close watch on her house, and she talked to the chief of police nearly every day, she said.

"He would walk his dog in the rain and just stand on that corner, looking at my house," she said. "Or he'd drive past the house and stop and watch my girls playing in the yard, sort of teasing or threatening me."

The judge eventually dismissed the case against Lindahl in March 1981 because Colliander was missing and could not testify.

Five days later, Lindahl lured an 18-year-old man, a high school student, from a Naperville bowling alley to a friend's apartment. Lindahl stabbed the teen 28 times, killing him. In the frenzy of the attack, Lindahl severed an artery in his leg and bled to death on the apartment floor.

In April 1982, Colliander's body was found by a farmer in an Oswego Township cornfield. Kendall County authorities said this week they don't have DNA to connect Lindahl to Colliander's death, but they and other members of law enforcement believe Lindahl is responsible.

Debra Colliander's sister Susan Colliander said Lindahl tore apart her family and they never fully recovered.

"My mom became a zombie," Susan Colliander said. "I want people to know what stomach and heart-wrenching feelings she had. My dad gave up hope."

Virginia Garza said she and her husband bought and moved into Lindahl's former Aurora home after Lindahl's death, not realizing their new home was connected to a violent criminal. Garza said her husband found hundreds of photographs of naked people hidden in the walls, ceilings, floorboards and in the basement rafters of the home. Not knowing their significance, he threw them out, Garza said. Detectives said they have recovered some photos allegedly taken by Lindahl which are now being used to identify potential victims.

From her home in rural Paw Paw, about 40 miles west of Aurora, Lazar said her attack changed her life in ways big and small. She can't listen to the Moody Blues, and she hates going out at night, she said. She carried guilt and shame for most of her young adult life.

"So many times I wanted to drive by that house and throw a rock at the window because he did that and no one believed me," Lazar said. "I was mad at myself too for putting myself in a dumb situation."

For years, she buried the case in her mind until she received a call from detectives last week that they had connected Lindahl to the Maurer's death in Lisle. Lazar, 61, told her mother and adult son about her attack, shortly before sharing her ordeal with the Beacon-News.

She's glad people are seeing Bruce Lindahl for the person he was, she said. "He was a monster."

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Dems facing major hurdles at start of session

Pensions, property taxes, ethics top list of issues

BY DAN PETRELLA, JAMIE MUNKS AND JOHN BYRNE

Illinois lawmakers return to Springfield on Tuesday for a spring session that will be a test of whether Gov. J.B. Pritzker and the Democratic-led General Assembly can address issues at the root of the state's long-running problems with fiscal instability and political corruption.

Remedies for the state's notoriously high property taxes, soaring public pension debt and weak government ethics laws top the agenda for lawmakers and the second-year governor. All figure to be especially tough tasks in an election year and under the cloud of an ongoing federal corruption probe. Pritzker isn't on the ballot, but voters in November will decide the fate of his signature initiative: a constitutional amendment that would shift the state to a graduated-rate income tax.

Further complicating the political dynamics are Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot's continued push for help from Springfield on a Chicago casino, a new Democratic leader in the state Senate and the ongoing federal probe that has reached into House Speaker Michael Madigan's inner circle.

Pritzker said in an interview with the Tribune earlier this month that passing a balanced budget is his top priority. He also said he needs to balance his "impatience" to get things done with "a desire to bring everybody along on this journey to fixing the challenges the state faces."

"The fact is, I think we all want the same things in the end, and so I'm hopeful we'll be able to get more done this year," he said.

Pritzker has the opportunity to set the tone for the spring session when he delivers his State of the State address Wednesday and his budget proposal next month. If his recent public appearances are any indication, Wednesday's speech likely will focus on early childhood education and criminal justice issues in addition to property taxes, pensions and ethics.

The governor had great success in his first legislative go-round, working with the Democratic majority to pass all the major items on his agenda including recreational marijuana legalization, expanded gambling and a \$45 billion infrastructure plan, in addition to a balanced budget.

This year's budget may well be significantly more challenging than last year's, which took advantage of an unexpected \$1 billion April tax windfall. The governor's budget office acknowledged the challenge in a five-year forecast released in the fall.

"Even with the balanced budget for fiscal year 2020, the underlying structural deficit of the state's budget has not been addressed," the report says. The administration already has asked agency heads to draft plans for a possible 6.5% cut to their budgets.

While the governor's office estimates the graduated income tax would bring in \$3.6 billion in annual revenue, it wouldn't take effect until January 2021, halfway through the budget year. And its prospects at the ballot box are far from certain.

House Republican leader Jim Durkin, who opposes the governor's income tax proposal, said he believes the budget can be balanced again without any new taxes.

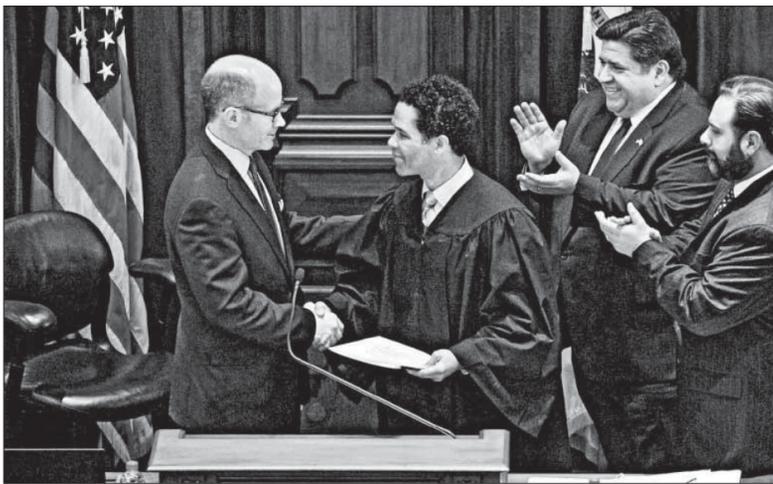
"We do not need to seek additional revenue from Illinois taxpayers or Illinois employers," Durkin said. "This budget can be negotiated, and we can fulfill our responsibilities toward all Illinoisans who rely upon state government."

In the Senate, Oak Park Democrat Don Harmon, who retired, that exposed divisions within the caucus. Harmon will need to navigate his supermajority through any potential additional fallout



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Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker said in an interview with the Tribune earlier this month that passing a balanced budget is his top priority.



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Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, left, is taking over chamber leadership after a bruising battle to succeed John Cullerton, who retired.



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House Republican Leader Rep. Jim Durkin, seen in May, said of the graduated income tax, "We do not need to seek additional revenue from Illinois taxpayers or Illinois employers."

New law allows state's students to miss school in order to vote

BY SOPHIE SHERRY

Students in Illinois will no longer have to worry about potential repercussions of missing class in order to vote, starting with the November general election.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed legislation Wednesday that allows students to be excused from school for up to two hours to vote in primary, general and special elections or any election in which propositions are submitted to a popular vote, according to a news release from the governor's office.

The state's primary election is March 17, but the law will take effect June 1.

Students may be excused on Election Day or any day that early voting is offered.

The law allows for schools to set specific hours when students may be excused.

A group of high school students from Thornton Fractional North and Thornton Fractional South high schools brought the idea to state Sen. Elgie Sims, D-Chicago, who worked with others in the General Assembly, including state Rep. Nick Smith D-Chicago, to pass it into law, according to the release.

"The advocacy of the students in my district convinced me I had to sponsor this legislation, and their passion helped get it over the finish line," Sims said in a news release. "Signing this plan into law broke down a barrier that has long made it difficult for them and other students throughout the state to vote."

from the wide-ranging federal corruption investigation that has already ensnared three Senate Democrats.

The federal probe has spurred a push last year for a broad consideration of ways to strengthen the state's ethics laws. Lawmakers in the fall passed a measure laying out more stringent rules for lobbyists, and tasked a new ethics commission with making additional proposals.

Pritzker plans to ask for changes in state law requiring more information be disclosed on statements of economic interest, and he wants the General Assembly to pass legislation bar-

ring lawmakers from lobbying other levels of government, because there's "too much undue influence that a mayor can have on a state legislator or vice versa," he said earlier this month.

Republicans put forward a host of ethics proposals last fall in response to allegations that emerged from the federal probe. During the legislature's brief fall veto session, lawmakers approved a measure requiring lobbyists to disclose more information and created a task force to recommend further changes by March 31.

Lawmakers must constantly ask themselves if

they're doing enough to safeguard the public's trust in government, Durkin said.

"I can't say with a straight face that we are in light of what we have learned and what we anticipate will be coming down the road," he said.

Like Pritzker, Durkin supports a ban on legislators lobbying other units of government. He's also sponsoring a measure that would require lawmakers and House and Senate candidates to disclose more information about their personal finances, bringing them in line with what's required of judges.

Property tax reform is another huge hurdle. An effort last spring to couple the graduated income tax proposal with property tax relief fell short. The measure, which would have tied a property tax freeze to voter approval for the graduated tax amendment, didn't get through the House, and a large legislative task force to study the issue was created instead.

The task force considered a range of ways to reduce the reliance on property taxes, including consolidation of school districts and other government units, and expanding the state's sales tax.

But the task force missed a Dec. 31 deadline to submit its recommendations.

A sales tax expansion is not something Pritzker is considering, but he said Friday the task force's draft report contains some good ideas "and we'll be pursuing those in the spring session."

Republicans said their ideas were disregarded in the draft report written by Democrats. Durkin nonetheless said he believes there's an opportunity to make meaningful changes to the property tax system — "as long as there's a willingness on behalf of (House Speaker Michael Madigan) and the new (Senate) president to do something that is not just nibbling around the edges."

"We're not real good at reducing taxes," Durkin said. "The legislature is sadly good at raising taxes and spending more."

While the House GOP rejects many of the ideas put forward by Democrats, if the majority party wants to seriously consider reducing the number of local

governments, "they have a partner that is willing to take that up with them," Durkin said.

Pritzker's major accomplishment in the fall legislative session was pushing through a proposal to consolidate nearly 650 suburban and downstate pension funds for police and firefighters into two statewide investment pools.

But the governor acknowledged there is still much work to do to address the unfunded liabilities in the five pension funds for teachers, state workers, university employees, legislators and judges. Despite increased funding, the state's unfunded liabilities grew by more than \$3.5 billion, to \$137 billion, from 2018 to 2019, according to the legislature's bipartisan Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

The administration last year put forward a five-pronged plan for addressing the state's pension debt but so far has made little or no progress on major pieces of the plan.

Yet another task force assembled by Pritzker is supposed to issue recommendations for state assets that could be sold or transferred to the pension funds, though the state is moving on selling the James R. Thompson Center in the Loop. The surprise windfall of tax revenue last April allowed the administration to shelve its most controversial proposal: a seven-year extension of the deadline for the pension funds to reach 90% funding. That forestalled a possible confrontation with Democratic lawmakers and the labor unions that helped elect Pritzker.

Pritzker said that proposal isn't off the table entirely but would need to be part of a multifaceted approach to the issue. He touted a measure that expands a pension buyout plan for state workers as another step his administration has taken.

"Ultimately, what I want to do is reduce the burden on taxpayers of having to pay this increasing burden of pensions and make sure that we're not diverting funds from much needed services that people need, that working families across the state rely upon," Pritzker said.

The spring will also serve as a test of Lightfoot's ability to strike deals in Springfield after she came up empty in the fall despite a personal visit to the Capitol.

Back again is the casino tax fix the mayor says she needs to make the proposed Chicago casino profitable and the long-shot real estate transfer tax change she tapped as the source of \$50 million in her 2020 budget by charging more for expensive property sales. A state lawmaker involved in the talks said negotiations over devoting a portion of that revenue toward alleviating homelessness have stalled and the measure appears unlikely to move this spring.

Lightfoot's City Council floor leader, Northwest Side Ald. Gilbert Villegas, 36th,

said the casino license will be the primary focus.

"Our main priority, numbers one, two and three on the agenda, is the casino. It's just so important, because the pension payments for police and fire are tied to it," Villegas said.

The real estate transfer tax and changes to cannabis rules remain part of the city's agenda, Villegas said, and the administration plans to talk to lawmakers about how to move those items as well. "But what we didn't want to do was to go down there with such a super heavy agenda that we can't get anything done," he said.

Those heavy lifts are joined this spring session by the pressure black aldermen are applying to Lightfoot and state legislators to make changes to the rules governing recreational cannabis sales.

African American members of the City Council have been complaining for months about the equity components of the marijuana dispensary ownership rollout and the strict standards for businesses to allow on-site smoking. They want Lightfoot to press lawmakers to do something about it.

Lightfoot held off on a vote on her plan to allow people to smoke pot in tobacco shops that pay a \$4,400 fee for the privilege of hosting them. Members of the City Council Black Caucus pointed out few such businesses exist in primarily black South and West side neighborhoods.

With landlords allowed to ban weed smoking by renters in their units, aldermen worry thousands of Chicagoans won't have anywhere in their communities to legally smoke, leaving them vulnerable to harassment by police.

"Where these are going to be allowed discriminates against the same community it was supposed to help," said South Side Ald. Leslie Hairston, 5th.

The Lightfoot administration has said it would welcome changes to the marijuana rules, but the mayor's team has stopped short of saying it would push hard for changes with so much else on the agenda.

Pritzker has worked with Lightfoot on the casino tax structure and has expressed a desire to find a way to make sure the project can succeed after a consultant found last summer that the taxes lawmakers approved are so high the project might fail to attract a developer. While the governor has said he wants the rollout of recreational marijuana to continue without substantive changes for the time being, a spokeswoman on Friday said the administration looks "forward to working with the city to consider ways to give local communities more options to regulate consumption within their borders."

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affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord, eventually paralyzing even the body's ability to breathe.

In response to Wallach's diagnosis, the couple, both 39, launched I AM ALS in January 2019. Former staffers in the Obama White House, they marshaled lessons learned while campaigning — gathering information, forming consensus, considering the impossible possible — to build a force to mobilize hope and change for those facing a disease they say can and should be cured.

Hope is beginning to emerge.

On Wednesday, an innovative trial at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston received FDA approval to test several drugs at the same time. In June, a bipartisan congressional caucus was created, which led to federal funding toward research being doubled. And in September, the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative gave the couple's organization a \$453,000 grant to develop digital tools to connect patients, caregivers, doctors and scientists.

"Last year, we made hope a word that was OK to use," Wallach said. "This year, we have to make hope real."

Audaciousness is the only option, the couple says, in their race against the clock.

Wallach logged 120,000 miles in the air last year, including traveling to Washington, D.C., in April, where he testified before Congress and asked legislators to amp up funding.

"Last year, every time someone said, 'Do you want to speak to us,' I said, 'yes.' Every time someone said, 'There's a meeting,' I said, 'I'm going.'" he said. "Every time there was anything, I said, 'Great, I'm on the plane.'"

Until October, when Wallach fell while exiting a Lyft in Boston after swinging a heavy backpack onto his back. Thirteen staples in his head later, and after terrifying Abrevaya with a phone call, the two agreed he wouldn't travel alone anymore. He's maintaining momentum for the cause with more hours in his home office and fewer in airports.

In December, I AM ALS debuted billboards around Times Square as part of its #CuresForAll campaign aimed at informing the public about the impact a cure or better treatment for a neurodegenerative disease can have on other diseases such as multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. ALS patients and their families from states including Michigan, Maine and Colorado were in New York for the launch.

The billboards noted the number of people lost to ALS each day — 16 — with photographs of those who died in 2019. Days earlier, Pete Frates, a founder of the



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Husband and wife Brian Wallach and Sandra Abrevaya sit together in their home in Kenilworth. They created I AM ALS in response to Wallach's diagnosis.

viral fundraiser the Ice Bucket Challenge, which raised \$115 million, had died. He was 34.

The campaign was also shared on social media. The posts expressed the suffering and loss nationwide: a mother wrote about her son who was diagnosed at 20 and died at 28; a son posted in honor of his dad; Colorado Rep. Jason Crow posted a message honoring his cousin.

It's time, the couple said, to switch ALS conversations from a diagnosis

"If I'm a patient, I want to see something, and I want hope for myself and my family. I want something that is going to slow the disease down so I can watch my kids growing up, I can watch them graduate from college, I can watch them marry."

— Steve Perrin, the chief executive officer at the ALS Therapy Development Institute

rooted in darkness to the faces of people bravely moving forward. They want to speed development of potential cures and give patients more access to experimental treatments.

That's not an unreasonable goal, said Sabrina Paganoni, a physician scientist at The Sean M. Healey & AMG Center for ALS at Mass General in Boston, which plans to test at least five different medications for ALS at the same time, a first for the disease and something she said could be a huge turning point.

On Wednesday, the Healey Center announced it received FDA approval to move forward with testing the first three drugs: Zilucoplan, Verdiperstat and CNM-Au8. Similar to how cancer drugs are already

tested, this gives patients access to more treatments and allows researchers to quickly collect data and accelerate the pace toward a cure.

"This is a very exciting time in the history of ALS," Paganoni said. "I think this is going to be the decade when ALS is changed from a rapidly fatal disease to a more chronic disease that we can manage."

For years, Steve Perrin, the chief executive officer at the ALS Therapy Development Institute, has moni-

But that takes resources. "We are in a time when we can reasonably say that there's going to be new treatments available," Paganoni said. "But we need more funding and support, so all of this can happen, and happen soon."

Nearly every moment feels like a push-pull for Wallach and Abrevaya.

Do they spend more precious minutes with their two daughters, ages 4 and 2, or do they spend time away, among strangers — on a plane, in a researcher's of-

painful that your toddlers are being put in this position," Abrevaya said.

The parents guard normalcy. They take their daughters to swim at the neighborhood pool and on vacation with friends. Wallach wishes he could lift them above his head to touch the ceiling, like their uncle can. But he can lie on the floor and play with them; he can listen to them belt out songs on their purple karaoke machine.

They find ways to lighten a heavy subject. On New Year's Eve, the two danced in a video on the foundation's Instagram, singing into hairbrushes, and Wallach promised to get an "ALS: You Gone" tattoo if 20,000 people donated \$10 to a Healey Center research fundraiser. It raised \$40,000 in 24 hours, Wallach said. No matter the outcome, he plans to get the tattoo.

The couple, who both work full-time jobs — Abrevaya is the president of nonprofit Thrive, Wallach works at law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom — want more research, to create a patient navigation system, and to gather signatures for a letter asking new FDA commissioner Stephen Hahn to speed ALS patients' access to possible treatments.

And they keep looking for light. But it takes work.

Changing life with ALS for Wallach, and for other patients and their families, requires bold action from people with the power to make change: politicians, researchers, philanthropists.

As they meet others with ALS, they welcome new friends and face the pain of losing some.

"It does make you

uniquely urgent in what you do," Wallach said. "You push because you have to. You push because you know that the time that we have is precious, and that you want to see 20 years from now. And know that you can make that happen."

Wallach often shares moments about his ALS journey on Twitter with his 40,000 followers. Recently, he shared something he wasn't sure he should. It was a time he was unable to find light.

On a recent night, he woke up to pain he's had for the past few months, radiating from his right hip to his right calf.

He clutched a stuffed llama his daughter gave him. And he began to cry.

"I cried because of the pain. I cried because I couldn't be the father to my girls I dreamed of being," he wrote. "I cried because I couldn't be the husband to my wife I dream of being. Because I saw the future zooming ahead, and for a brief moment I wondered if I would be a part of it."

His wife heard him crying that night. She asked what was wrong. And he said maybe they would be better off if he left, living instead in an assisted living facility. Their daughters, he told her, could have a dad who could do everything he dreamed of doing.

She looked at him in the dark.

"You are my light," she said. "You are their light. The only way you are leaving us is if you die in my arms, and we aren't going to let that happen for a long, long time."

Finally, he smiled.

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died at the scene, police said.

"We have no idea why this happened," Lisle's acting police chief, Ron Wilke, told reporters outside the Humidor, at 1600 Ogden Ave., hours after the shooting. "I believe they know each other."

McMullan, of Hyde Park, has no known criminal history, according to the Lisle Police Department. She had a valid firearm owner's identification card and concealed carry license through the Illinois State Police.

McMullan and Rieves went to Proviso East High School in Maywood together in the 1980s. Police still have not determined if they were ever more than just acquaintances, but they also both have been known to frequent the Humidor of Lisle at the same time, according to officials.

Surveillance video shows McMullan sitting behind the three men in a "media room," watching a big-screen television. Around 10:10 p.m., she stands up, draws a hand-



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The shooter in Friday's shooting at Humidor cigar lounge in Lisle died by suicide.

gun and fires shots at the three "without apparent provocation," according to the Lisle Police Department.

McMullan shot one of the men in the back of the head and then fired several rounds at the two others before shooting herself.

Seven bullets, including one she used on herself, were fired by McMullan during the incident, police said.

Rieves was pronounced dead at a hospital. Graham and Bullock were taken to Edward Hospital and Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in serious condi-

tion. State police Director Brendan F. Kelly said Saturday that they were recovering and were "surrounded by loved ones."

He said Rieves was "well-loved by all those who worked with him." Rieves was the father of a 23-year-old son.

Rieves' mother said she does not know McMullan or why she would have shot her son. "I only know what I saw on the news. I have no idea what happened," she said. "I never knew him to have anything against anybody."

"He had a tough job, I was very concerned about it," she added. "But he didn't worry."

Rieves said she last saw her son three weeks ago. "The last time I saw him was on my birthday when he brought me a bouquet."

She said his friends have been calling the family home all day Saturday. "He was a very, very good guy," said Rieves, 81.

Her son had another passion in life: baseball. "When he was little, I would take him to games." Rieves continued to play on teams after finishing school.

"He did have a good life," she said. "A life that he loved."

Chicago Tribune's Paige Fry contributed.

An encore for Foxx with endorsement by Legend

Reelection bid in state's attorney race has singer's backing

BY LISA DONOVAN

As the Democratic primary for Cook County's top prosecutor heats up, musical superstar and political activist John Legend announced Wednesday he's backing Kim Foxx's reelection.

A critic of Republican President Donald Trump — and famously targeted on Twitter last fall by the commander in chief — Legend has backed Democratic candidates, including Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren's bid for the Democratic presidential nomination this year. Legend also has spoken out about the need for criminal justice reform, one of the reasons he said he was backing Foxx as he did when she won the seat four years ago.

"Kim Foxx heads our country's second-largest prosecutor's office with ambition, compassion, and grace," Legend said in a

news release. "I was thrilled to endorse Kim as State Attorney in 2016, and am thrilled once again to endorse her. Then and now, Kim's background makes her the kind of prosecutor that America needs to help radically transform the justice system."

The Color Of Change, a political action committee focused on backing prosecutors who embrace racial justice, also is endorsing Foxx in the March 17 primary, a spokesman said in a joint statement with Legend.

Color of Change PAC spokesman Rashad Robinson said: "The stakes are high in this election for the people of Chicago and all of Cook County. Since her election in 2016, Kim Foxx has become a national leader in the movement to end mass incarceration. She accomplished a historic repair of injustice by moving to expunge over 1,000 marijuana convictions from the criminal record in a single hearing. Her office has led



Foxx

the nation in clearing the names of the wrongfully convicted and freeing those still imprisoned. But the police union, the former mayor, and other supporters of the threatened status quo are threatened by Foxx's power."

The Fraternal Order of Police has been a vocal critic of Foxx, accusing her of being soft on crime and even holding a public protest to call for her resignation after her office unexpectedly dropped a 16-count indictment that accused onetime "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett of orchestrating a racist and homophobic attack on himself on a downtown Chicago street.

Also vying for the Democratic nod in the state's attorney's race: Bill Conway, a former assistant state's attorney, former Chicago Ald. Bob Fioretti and former county and federal prosecutor Donna More.

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An artist's sketch shows impeachment manager Rep. Adam Schiff presenting an argument in the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump.

GOP pouts and virus prompts panic over possible pandemic



REX W. HUPPKE

As petulant Republicans pouted like partisan putzes during the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump, pathetically pandering to one pouty person in particular, an outbreak of a new virus prompted possible pandemic panic, and the Doomsday Clock predictably pressed closer to midnight. It all left me hiding under the bed, teeth chattering, mind puzzling over the question: "What the (BLEEP) just happened?"

Impeachment trial and polls shows Fox News/ reality rift:

With national polls showing upward of 70% of Americans want to hear from witnesses during the Senate impeachment trial of President Donald Trump, Republican lawmakers scoffed and generally behaved like churlish layabouts as the trial got underway.

Putting party over country and public opinion, the Republican Senators voted again and again to deny Democratic calls for witnesses and documents. Some even walked out during opening arguments Wednesday, in violation of the very trial rules they supported.

At one point, reporters noticed Sen. Rand Paul working on a crossword puzzle. A couple GOP lawmakers left the trial to do interviews on Fox News.

Despite an oath of impartiality, it was clear most if not all Republican senators have decided their loyalty to Trump trumps any desire to hear testimony or see

evidence, even if that evidence might be exculpatory.

While the Democratic House impeachment managers presented their case in rich, sober detail, even using clips of some GOP senators that showed how far those senators have drifted from integrity, the Republicans offered little more than eye rolls and long-since-debunked excuses.

And the president? On Wednesday, the first day of the trial, he sent 142 tweets and retweets.

Because that's what calm, innocent people do, apparently.

Chinese coronavirus arrives in Chicago: If the swift erosion of Democratic norms and the seemingly bottomless corruption of the Trump administration has you down, here's an unwelcome change of topic.

Following an outbreak of a new and mysterious respiratory virus in China, a number of U.S. airports — including O'Hare International — began screening travelers coming from the city of Wuhan, China.

On Friday, the Chicago Department of Public Health reported that a Chicago woman in her 60s who returned from a visit to China earlier this month is the second person in the United States diagnosed with the coronavirus, which has killed at least 26 people. About 830 have been infected, most in China. The first U.S. case of the virus showed up in Washington after a man in his 30s returned from the Wuhan area. That man is hospitalized in good condition and the Chicago woman is hospitalized in stable condition.

The scope of the outbreak remains unclear, and Chinese officials have tried to contain the virus by locking down three cities with a combined population of

more than 18 million people.

The virus can cause fever, coughing, trouble breathing and pneumonia.

On Wednesday, President Donald Trump addressed the coronavirus, telling CNBC: "We have it totally under control. It's one person coming in from China. It's going to be just fine."

Given Trump's track record for honesty, I don't find that at all comforting.

Well, it's not like the Doomsday Clock is sending bad signals... I was feeling down about the state of the world Thursday, so I hopped on the internet and read this from a Chicago Tribune article:

"Calling world affairs 'highly unstable,' scientists on Thursday moved the fateful minute hand of the Doomsday Clock another 20 seconds closer to midnight, signifying that humanity is more perilously near global catastrophe than any other time in recent history."

Hoo boy.

The article quoted the University of Chicago's Rachel Bronson, who serves as president and CEO of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, which started the clock in 1947: "We are now expressing how close the world is to catastrophe in seconds — not hours, or even minutes. It is the closest to doomsday we have ever been in the history of the Doomsday Clock. We now face a true emergency — an absolutely unacceptable state of world affairs that has eliminated any margin for error or further delay."

I'm never coming out from under the bed.

Hold on, hold on ... there is actually some positive news:

Just to show not all hope is lost, some kind souls sneaked around Millennium Park and various

spots along Michigan Avenue and left scarves for people who might need them, along with notes of encouragement.

My colleague Heidi Stevens wrote a column about the random act of kindness, committed by teachers and families at Central Middle School in Evergreen Park. (*Column appears in Life+Travel, Page 3.*)

Two of the notes fastened to the scarves read: "I was not forgotten here and neither are you. We hope this scarf brings you warmth" and "I am not lost, but I'm happy you found me. If you are cold and you need me, please take me. I hope I keep you warm all winter long. You are loved."

As Stevens wrote: "Some 80,000 of our residents are homeless, according to the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless. Does a scarf solve their suffering? Not even close. Does it still hold value? Absolutely?"

Good has a remarkable talent for overcoming bad. Kudos to all behind the scarf project.

Pictures of America's last real president coming to Chicago:

Portraits of former President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama will go on the road from the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C., and stop first in Chicago next June.

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The unique portraits have doubled attendance at the Smithsonian Institution's National Portrait Gallery since they were unveiled in 2018 — a fact that undoubtedly drives the current president crazy.

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Harvey top cop placed on leave, likely out

Ex-Chicago officer tapped for rebuild served just 8 months

By ZAK KOESKE

The Chicago police lieutenant who last year signed on to lead Harvey's Police Department in an effort to rebuild that beleaguered force appears to be on his way out the door after just eight months on the job.

Eddie Winters, a 25-year CPD veteran and former state representative who was one of newly elected Mayor Christopher Clark's most prominent early hires last May, was placed on leave Thursday, pending his removal from office, according to a memo the mayor sent all city employees.

The mayor on Friday declined comment on his reason for sidelining the chief, who is not being paid while on leave, saying he wanted to discuss the matter privately with the City Council at Monday's meeting before making any public statements.

Winters said Friday that he didn't believe it was in his best interest to comment on the situation at this point.

He said he hadn't spoken with the mayor since being placed on leave and didn't know whether there was a chance he might still return to the job.

"I'd really rather see what's going to happen Monday, because I really don't know what's going to happen Monday," Winters said.

He said he still believed he was up to the challenge of overhauling the department.

"I thought I was a good fit for it and still do," he said.

Winters, a Chicago resident who had no prior ties to Harvey before taking the chief's job, told the Southtown last year that he accepted the position because he "saw the need" in the community and felt he could make a difference.

He quickly shook up the top-heavy department by reassigning its five deputy chiefs and set out to update its standard operating procedures, improve its crime data collection, upgrade its outmoded technology and "train up" its officers.

A devoted proponent of community policing, Winters made engagement with residents a centerpiece of his administration and sought to restore the city's frayed relationship with its Police Department, which had been raided by federal agents as part of a corruption probe shortly before his appointment.

To bolster the bond between officers and residents, he created a community policing unit, launched a weekly citizens academy and put together a police logo design contest for local elementary school students.

But his brief tenure has been marred by a surge in violence that saw the city's homicides more than double in 2019.

Harvey has long had some of the highest homicide numbers in the area, but its 25 killings last year — 18 of which occurred after Winters took over — were nearly twice the number that any suburban Cook County municipality has tallied since 2012, records show.

Winters said in November that he expected the new technology and tactics he'd implemented, along with an anticipated increase in manpower, to stem the flow of violence significantly in the coming months.

It appears now, however, that he may not be around to see the impact of his changes come to pass.

A Harvey officer who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of retribution said he and the officers he'd spoken to support Winters and believe his departure would create a "big hit" on morale for an already dispirited department.

Former Dolton police Chief Robert Collins will serve as Harvey's acting chief in Winters' absence, Clark said.

The mayor would not discuss his long-term plans for the force, but said Collins was a qualified leader he'd previously considered and believed he could handle the job.

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New details released about Juice Wrld's death: 'He let out a gasp and collapsed'

By WILLIAM LEE AND JEREMY GORNER

Rapper Juice Wrld had just stepped from the Gulfstream jet early last December and was waiting in a private hangar at Midway Airport with his girlfriend when "he let out a gasp and collapsed to the ground," according to new details about his death released Thursday.

By the time paramedics arrived around 2 a.m. Dec. 8, the 21-year-old rapper was still on the floor, moving and bleeding from his nose and mouth, according to a report filed by the Chicago Fire Department. Pills were scattered around him, and paramedics were told he had been given Narcan, an emergency treatment when opioid overdose is suspected.

The girlfriend said the rapper — whose real name was Jarad Higgins — had a drug problem and took Percocet, which contains acetaminophen and oxycodone, a powerful painkiller and opioid.

Higgins "stopped breathing and became pulseless" after he was brought to the ambulance, according to the report, released after the Tribune filed a Freedom of Information request. The paramedics started CPR and provided Narcan again "with no change."

Higgins was taken to Holy Cross Hospital, where more Nar-

can was administered, again with no change in his condition, the report states. He was transferred to Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, where he was pronounced dead at 3:14 a.m., six days after his birthday. Emergency room doctors found nine pills in his pockets.

The Cook County medical examiner did not release a cause of death until toxicology tests were completed in recent days. They found that Higgins' death was accidental, caused by an overdose of oxycodone and codeine. Other drugs found in his system included THC (an active ingredient in marijuana), morphine and caffeine.

Higgins, his girlfriend and at least eight other people flew to Chicago from Van Nuys, California. As the plane approached the Atlantic Aviation hangar, they were greeted by federal agents who had been tipped that the group was carrying contraband, according to law enforcement sources.

The search turned up 41 "vacuum-sealed" bags of marijuana, six bottles of prescription codeine cough syrup, two 9 mm pistols, a .40-caliber pistol, a high-capacity ammunition magazine and metal-piercing bullets, according to the sources. Two men identified by police as working security for

Higgins were charged with misdemeanor offenses for illegally possessing the guns and ammunition.

The reports released Thursday do not include any documents explaining the tip or detailing interviews with Higgins' entourage.

Chicago police said they were notified while the jet was still en route to Midway that federal agents suspected it was carrying "weapons and narcotics." Plainclothes tactical and gang crime officers joined the agents at the hangar as the jet landed. A drug-sniffing dog made a "positive alert" for bags on two luggage carts, sources said.

No drug charges were filed. Sources said the marijuana and codeine were found in bags that had no name tags.

Higgins' music career took off after he gained support from freestyling on his high school's radio show, according to a 2018 Tribune profile. He racked up millions of streams on SoundCloud for music that blended "elements of meandering, mumble-rap singing against drill-lite percussion and pop-punk melodies ... bridging the gap between urban and suburban youth experiences; an angst-riddled adolescence that feels just as romantically rejected and isolated as it



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Juice Wrld performs during McDonald's Beat Of My City Chicago on Oct. 17. The rapper from the Chicago area died Dec. 8.

wants to turn-up."

Higgins' more emotional rap focusing on the challenges of drug addiction, mental illness and depression struck a chord with young fans, who memorialized him after his death.

Higgins, who grew up in the south suburbs, had landed a \$3 million deal with Interscope Records. Last year, he was one of two artists chosen by McDonald's to be part of a philanthropic campaign, representing their hometowns by partnering with a local charity and performing concerts.

Higgins had been open on social media as well as in media interviews and his music about his struggles with drug use, particularly codeine.

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University Park man found guilty in '17 murder of Hinsdale woman

BY CLIFFORD WARD

Family members of Andrea Urban hugged and stifled sobs Friday in a DuPage County courtroom when a jury found a University Park man guilty of murdering the woman at her Hinsdale home in 2017.

After deliberating about four hours, the jury returned its verdict against Dominic Sanders, 32, for first-degree murder. He also was found guilty of home invasion and residential burglary. The verdicts came after a trial that began Jan. 15.

In addition, the jury made a finding that the murder of the 51-year-old mother of two was exceptionally brutal and heinous and indicative of wanton cruelty, which makes Sanders eligible for a life sentence.

Sanders did not visibly react as the verdicts were read, and briefly glanced back at the courtroom gallery before he was led back to jail.

Following the verdict, State's Attorney Robert Berlin said his office would seek the maximum penalty when Sanders is sentenced. Urban's son, Sasha Kuznetsov, 20, gave a brief statement following the verdict.

"Basically, we just want to say we are very grateful for the wonderful work police officers and prosecutors did on this case to finally achieve this verdict," he said as his sister, Daria, 14, and other family members looked on.

Kuznetsov was one of the first trial witnesses, describing coming home from high school on May 4, 2017, and finding his mother's body on the kitchen floor.

She had been beaten so badly that Kuznetsov said he did not initially recognize her.

Berlin said he was grateful for the verdict and credited the police investigation that led to Sanders' arrest.

It was so strong, Berlin said, that his office never made a plea offer and was committed to obtaining the maximum sentence against Sanders.

During closing arguments, First Assistant State's Attorney Bernie Murray urged the jury to focus on the three major legs of the prosecution case: videos that placed Sanders in the area on the day of the murder, Sanders' admission that he stole and then sold a wedding ring set from the Urban residence, and blood collected from Sanders' shoe that testing showed was an all but certain match for Urban.



Sanders

"The shoe with Andrea Urban's blood on it puts an end to all the defendant's lies," Murray told jurors.

In her closing, Assistant Public Defender Teresa Rioux said the scientific evidence was less compelling than prosecutors said, and that their timeline of the crime was not ironclad. "The state is trying really hard to make their evidence fit their story," she told jurors.

Sanders was arrested about three weeks after the homicide after police pieced together security camera footage from around Urban's home in the 700 block of Town Place and noticed a man in a utility vest. Eventually police made a connection between the man and a silver Dodge Challenger seen parked in downtown Hinsdale, and they later linked it to Sanders via the license plate. From there, police searched a pawnshop database and found records and video of Sanders selling two rings for \$440 about 12:30 p.m. the same day Urban's body was found. The victim's children identified them as a family heirloom wedding ring set that was routinely kept in a master bedroom armoire.

Judge Brian Telder set a March 16 date for sentencing.

Cliff Ward is a freelance reporter.

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Chris Wilson, a business owner in Baltimore, testified in Annapolis about Maryland's "ban the box" movement regarding a person's criminal history on applications.

Helping hand for ex-offenders can actually hold them back



STEVE CHAPMAN

The United States leads the world in many categories that evoke pride and one that should not: We lock people up at a higher rate than any other country. We also have a lot of ex-offenders who have a hard time finding legitimate work. And an ex-offender with no job and no money is a crime waiting to happen.

A few years back, we came up with a remedy for that problem: forbidding employers from asking applicants about their criminal records at the start of the hiring process. Only after candidates have been found qualified and offered interviews may the employer request this information. The assumption was that if ex-offenders could clear the initial screening, employers would be more likely to excuse their past transgressions.

Illinois and dozens of other states and cities have enacted "ban the box" laws to improve the job prospects of correctional alumni. (The term refers to the square you check if you have a criminal history.) In December, President Donald Trump signed a measure imposing a similar rule on federal agencies and contractors.

These laws are particularly relevant

to black men, who have far higher rates of imprisonment than other men — and higher unemployment rates. Even in today's hot job market, African American men from age 20 to 34 are twice as likely to be out of work as their white peers.

Ex-offenders are typically five times likelier to be unemployed than other people. Crime would be reduced if ex-offenders could find steady jobs that would divert them from felonious activity.

Banning the box was a plausible reform. "This law will help ensure that people across Illinois get a fair shot to reach their full potential through their skills and qualifications, rather than past history," said Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn when he signed the bill in 2014.

But all these changes in state laws didn't account for a powerful and immutable law: the law of unintended consequences. The evidence about banning the box is piling up, and it's not pretty. Instead of helping ex-offenders and black men, they have backfired on both.

Last year, Jennifer Doleac, an economics professor at Texas A&M who is affiliated with the University of Chicago Crime Lab, gave written testimony to a U.S. House committee on these laws. Her conclusions were sobering.

"Current evidence suggests that Ban the Box may not increase employment for people with criminal records and might even reduce it," she wrote. "Delaying information about job

When employers can't find out whether applicants have criminal histories, they don't assume the best about black men; they assume the worst.

applicants' criminal histories leads employers to statistically discriminate against groups that are more likely to have a recent conviction." In a triumph of perversity, the people who were supposed to gain ended up worse off.

The latest evidence, assembled by Ryan Sherrard, an economics Ph.D. candidate at the University of California at Santa Barbara, confirms the detrimental consequences. After such a law is passed, his study found, African American men get fewer job callbacks — and white applicants get more. In places that ban the box, black ex-offenders are likelier to end up back in jail than before.

The reasons for these unwanted results are not hard to guess. When employers can't find out whether applicants have criminal histories, they don't assume the best about black men; they assume the worst.

An employer who would hire an unskilled young African American

man who has never been in trouble, but not one with a rap sheet, no longer knows which one is which until late in the process.

So hiring managers may decide to avoid the hassle by not considering many, or any, young black men, even though that amounts to illegal discrimination. Under "ban the box" laws, employers seem to develop a greater preference for white candidates.

This effect works to the disadvantage of African Americans who haven't been in trouble with the cops. It's also no favor to those who have. Sherrard thinks the increase in recidivism may stem from the discouragement that arises when an ex-offender gets a callback and an interview, only to then be rejected because of his past. Raising false hopes is corrosive.

Doleac offers a few alternatives to make it easier for former inmates to get jobs, including education and training to improve their skills, authorizing judges to issue them certificates of work readiness and giving employers legal protection if such employees commit crimes on the job.

But the priority should be to repeal these laws, which have hindered the people they were meant to help. Sometimes the best way to do good is to stop doing harm.

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CHANGE OF SUBJECT

BY ERIC ZORN



Let's go there! The Biden 'scandal' in Ukraine needs a full airing.

In an act of extreme political malpractice, leading Democrats are dismissing the idea of a "witness swap" in the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump. Such an agreement would allow Democrats to compel the testimony of former national security adviser John Bolton and other current and former White House insiders in exchange for allowing Republicans to call Joe Biden and his son Hunter to testify.

Minority leader Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said Wednesday that such a deal is "off the table."

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., the lead impeachment manager, scoffed, "This isn't like some fantasy football trade. ... This isn't we'll offer you this, if you give us that."

Biden himself rejected the suggestion, telling reporters, "We're not going to turn (the trial) into a farce, into some kind of political theater."

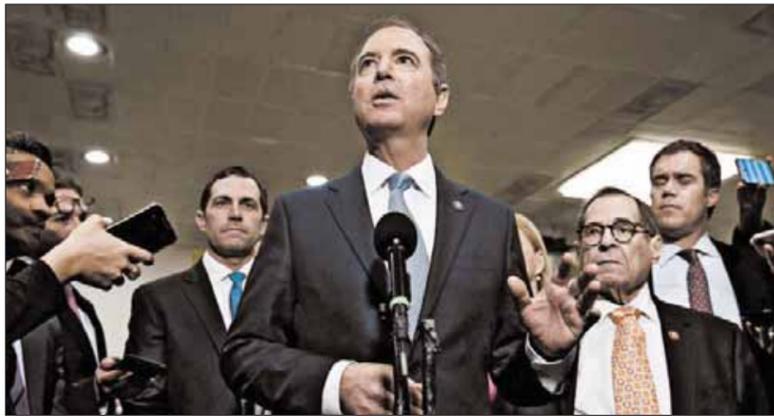
They point out, correctly, that whatever Joe Biden and his son did or didn't do in Ukraine is irrelevant to whether Trump withheld military aid to Ukraine in an attempt to advance his political prospects and then obstructed justice when covering up the deed.

But they fail to see that the impeachment trial is, in fact, the ideal, high-profile venue for airing the Hunter Biden story and putting it behind them. It will otherwise remain a major distraction and source of voter concern as long as Joe Biden is in the race and seemingly reluctant to answer hard questions about it.

To suggest that Democrats are trying to run from the truth, Trump has tweeted "Where's Hunter?" at Biden, a taunt echoed by Trump supporters who dog Biden on the campaign trail. Speaking at a Trump rally in Minneapolis last October, Eric Trump called Hunter Biden an embezzler and a crook. He then led the crowd in a chant of "lock him up!" echoing the similarly empty but doubtlessly effective cry of "lock her up!" that Trump supporters chanted about Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton in 2016.

Rather than simply allow the Republicans to subpoena the Bidens, the Democrats should insist on it, deal or no deal. At the very least it would reveal a consistent devotion to facts.

And the facts here are these:



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

House Democratic impeachment manager Adam Schiff, D-Calif., center, speaks Friday before attending the fourth day of the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump.

In early 2014, a major Ukrainian energy firm, Burisma Holdings, recruited Hunter Biden to serve on its board of directors for a reported \$50,000 a month. He was a Yale Law School graduate and former President George W. Bush appointee to the Amtrak board of directors who was ostensibly hired for his expertise in corporate governance. But, let's be honest, it was his last name — his blood relation to the then sitting vice president of the United States — that inspired Burisma to bring him on.

I will pause here to allow you to get over your shock that the children of the famous and powerful cash in on their lineage and that corporations occasionally bedazzle their boards of directors with lightly qualified figureheads.

Recovered now? Good.

Hunter's appointment, in which his father played no role, was problematic because Joe Biden was the Obama administration's point man on Ukraine, where new leadership was attempting to investigate and root out rampant corruption. Among the allegations was that Burisma's co-founder had abused his power as ecology minister under the previous government to get favorable treatment for the company.

Obama's State Department acknowledged in news stories that Hunter Biden's gig gave rise to an appearance of a conflict of interest for his father, but noted that

Hunter was a private citizen.

Why didn't Joe Biden pull Hunter aside and say "Dude! Go get a real job! This may be legal, but it's wildly inappropriate!"?

Good question. News stories, including a 10,000-word profile of Hunter Biden in the New Yorker last summer, suggest Joe went easy because Hunter was troubled. He had a long history of abuse and addiction that had culminated in his discharge from the naval reserves in February 2014, after he tested positive for cocaine use, and his brother, Beau, had been diagnosed in August 2013 with the brain cancer that would kill him less than two years later.

Hunter subsequently went through an ugly divorce and began dating his brother's widow. It's a disquieting, deeply personal story that some say took its first ghastly turn when Hunter's mother and sister were killed in a car crash when he was 2.

And the story might still be of little general interest had not officials in the European Union and Washington agreed in early 2016 with anti-corruption activists in Ukraine that the country's prosecutor general, Viktor Shokin, was an obstacle to reform and had to be replaced.

Joe Biden was dispatched to Ukraine to secure Shokin's ouster. He privately told then-President Petro Poroshenko that a \$1 billion U.S. loan guarantee was contingent on the removal of Shokin.

"Pressure on us came from everywhere,"

Poroshenko later told the Los Angeles Times. "The activists, political forces, embassies, international organizations" all demanded Shokin be fired, he said.

Hunter Biden and Burisma never came up in the conversations, Poroshenko told the paper. Perhaps because, by most accounts, his investigation into Burisma was long dormant, and it had never probed any alleged misdeeds that occurred while Hunter Biden was on its board.

Trump's campaign and his most frantic defenders in the GOP continue to spin the tale that Joe Biden personally blackmailed Ukraine into firing a prosecutor who was about to expose corrupt acts by Hunter Biden related to his job at Burisma, and this is what prompted Trump's wholesome interest in investigating corruption in Ukraine. It's a tale that doesn't withstand even cursory scrutiny, but Joe Biden's unwillingness to testify and the Democrats' reluctance to engage only serves to amplify it.

Republicans ask, what are the Bidens hiding?

But the better question is, what are the Republicans hiding? They have the power right now to call Hunter and Joe to the well of the Senate and make them testify. They can do so while still denying the Democrats the right to call any witnesses against Trump.

Why won't they do it? Because it would expose the empty dishonesty of their claims. And for Democrats not to take advantage of this moment when significant majorities of the public indicate they want to hear from witnesses is a potentially historic blunder.

Re: Tweets

The winner of this week's reader poll to select the funniest tweet was, "It's been six months since I joined the gym and no progress. I'm going there in person tomorrow to see what's really going on," by @CakeBawse.

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

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Scientists from the University of Chicago and physicist Enrico Fermi conducted nuclear experiments in the 1940s at the plot known as Site A in Red Gate Woods near Willow Springs.

How Cook County preserve aided in creation of A-bomb

Nuclear scientists conducted secret experiments that left Red Gate Woods site contaminated

BY TINA E. AKOURIS

If you walk down the wrong path, you're going to miss it. And if you visit too close to dusk, you might get lost trying to leave.

That was probably the intent of the scientists who were doing nuclear tests deep inside Red Gate Woods as national efforts worked toward creating the first atomic bomb, giving birth to the nuclear age — and to nuclear anxiety. (The metaphorical Doomsday Clock, a byproduct of that time, has even made the news again, with scientists moving the minute hand 20 seconds closer to midnight in an acknowledgment of worsening nuclear tension and likelihood of global catastrophe.)

Today, all that's left of Site A and Plot M in Red Gate Woods, a Cook County forest preserve near Willow Springs, is a stone marker where the first nuclear reactor was rebuilt in 1943.

Not many people know the site is there, but in the late 1980s and the 1990s, enough people living nearby knew about it, and there was a persistent fight to get the area decontaminated and cleaned up.

So why were Site A and Plot M located in Red Gate Woods in the first place?

In 1943, scientists from the University of Chicago and exiled Italian Nobel Prize-winning physicist Enrico Fermi began conducting nuclear experiments at the 19-acre plot known as Site A. It was part of the Manhattan Project, the federal government's nuclear development program during World War II. The 1-acre area nearby known as Plot M was designated a dumping ground for the radioactive waste.

Fermi was one of the scientists credited with ushering in the nuclear age: On Dec. 2, 1942, he oversaw the first self-sustaining nuclear reaction on a squash court under the bleachers at what was then Stagg Field at the University of Chicago campus in Hyde Park.

The nuclear reaction wasn't disclosed until more than a week after the United States dropped nuclear bombs in 1945 on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima (Aug. 6) and Nagasaki (Aug. 9), effectively ending the war. The Tribune reported on Aug. 17 of that year that the U. of C. disclosed "within security limits ... by a war department report" the part it had played in the creation of the two bombs.

"What Fermi ... showed the tense little group of scientists that day (in 1942) was the accomplished fact of man's ambition to cause one atom part to detonate another much after the fashion of firecrackers exploding in sequence."

But before the public learned about Fermi's achievement, the scientist and his peers moved their operations to what amounted to a small village within the forest preserve, where they had access to nearly all the comforts of home.

The Army Corps of Engineers built the research facility for Fermi and his group, dubbing it Site A. The site included a guardhouse, dog shelter, library, cafeteria, dormitory and plenty of recreational spaces for the scientists, according to the Cook County Forest Preserve District.

Notably, Red Gate Woods — not Stagg Field — would have been the site of the first nuclear reaction if it hadn't been for a labor strike that left the buildings at Site A unfinished. Once the strike was over, the scientists moved to Site A with their reactor in early 1943.

"People of a certain age remember it," Lemont resident Tom Ludwig told the Tribune in December 1996. "I was wandering around in the forest preserve in 1943 and some guy came up to me, stuck a gun in my face and said, 'What are you doing here?'"

The site was decommissioned in 1954 and cleaned up in 1956. But as the Tribune reported in May 1990, the mystery of just where all the radioactive waste went, and what exactly was disposed of, was never really solved.

A discovery in 1973 hinted at lingering troubles at the recreation area. The U.S. Department of Energy ordered air and water testing after inspections at Red Gate Woods detected tritium, a radioactive isotope of hydrogen, in two of five picnic wells — at higher levels than what is typical for the environment.

Fifteen years later, Argonne National Laboratory, the government research facility tasked with the testing, released a report that recommended the DOE buy the site and fence it off because "human or natural processes may result in unacceptable human exposure to, and environmental releases of, radioactive and hazardous waste." The news alarmed residents living nearby, and a local environmental activist group called Broken Arrow, named after the military term for a nuclear mishap, brought public pressure to bear on officials to clean up Plot M.

And starting in March 1990, Broken Arrow compiled a list of more than 100 users of well water near Red Gate Woods, compelling the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety to offer to test the wells. The leaders of the charge were a



Scientists, including Enrico Fermi, front row, far left, who were responsible for the first self-sustaining nuclear reaction stand at the University of Chicago on Dec. 2, 1946, the fourth anniversary of the experiment.



A nuclear reactor, Chicago Pile 3, at Cook County's Red Gate Woods is seen in 1956 before it was buried.

Willow Springs couple, Kathleen and Martin Murray, who founded Broken Arrow with some of their neighbors.

An eye-popping find in the woods that spring by workers with the state nuclear safety agency left Broken Arrow members feeling vindicated. The Tribune reported in May 1990 that routine tests at the Plot M dumping site turned up nothing out of the ordinary, but when workers decided to wander over to the larger area where Fermi's reactors had stood, they stumbled upon

something that was anything but ordinary.

"There ... in the heavy underground, were some bits of debris, old graphite bricks and a pencil-like bit of metal, perhaps an inch long. ... Their Geiger counters began to click."

The metallic fragment was uranium.

"People are starting to realize that what we're saying is true," Martin Murray told the Tribune.

After years of checking on the site and monitoring radiation in the water, scientists in the spring

of 1993 were preparing to go underground to get dirt samples and find out just how bad the radiation left over from Manhattan Project experiments really was.

The DOE committed about \$3.4 million to the two-year project that would effectively clean up about 540 cubic yards of dirt from Site A. But Plot M would be left undisturbed. The Tribune reported on Aug. 16, 1996, that studies showed leaving the materials alone at Plot M would be less dangerous than "stirring them up."

"They knew it was hazardous material," Energy Department spokesperson Brian Quirke told the Tribune in 1996. "(The scientists) would put it in a bucket, take a 40-foot stick, (stick it through the handle,) hold either end and then run down to Plot M and throw the bottle into the pit."

But even after the DOE agreed to clean up Site A, residents of nearby towns were still upset that it took so long for the government to take action.

"I'm really angry about this. We ought to collect damages," said Westchester resident Florence Scott, adding that she was astonished it had taken federal authorities half a century to finally clean up Site A.

The 500-plus cubic yards of "hot" dirt and debris were removed and transported to the DOE's Hanford nuclear waste site in Washington state. Red Gate Woods was reopened to the public in the fall of 1997.

"In 1980, (the Energy Department) decided to leave the sleeping dog in place," Quirke said. "It's more like a sleeping Rottweiler, really."

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EDITORIALS

Why did Auschwitz happen?

Seventy-five years after liberation, it defies explanation

"Why did Auschwitz happen? Why? I don't have an answer to that. How, I know?"

— Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Prize winner and Holocaust survivor

Fay Waldman survived Auschwitz. She survived because Josef Mengele, the depraved Nazi doctor, decided on her arrival at the concentration camp that she shouldn't die. "I will never forget his lifting his black-leather gloved hand and pointing which way we should go, to the labor camp or to the death camp," Waldman said at a Chicago-area Holocaust remembrance in 1985. "I was healthy and went to the labor camp while the rest of my family went the other way."

The victims of Nazi hate

The terror at Auschwitz was both systematic and indiscriminate. The Germans murdered 1.1 million people at the extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. Most of the victims were Jewish. They were gassed, shot or beaten to death. Thousands of inmates survived, though barely, as slave laborers. Some worked in mines or rock quarries. Some sorted the confiscated possessions of others prisoners to be shipped back to Germany. One small group, surely the unluckiest of survivors, was assigned to the Sonderkommando, the unit ordered to move corpses from the gas chambers to the ovens.

There were children at Auschwitz too. Among the murdered and brutalized were sets of twins who became the subject of Mengele's sadistic medical experiments. Most were killed afterward so their bodies could be dissected. One pair was sewn together as if to create a conjoined set. They died of gangrene. Eva Kor remembered being tied down and stuck with a needle. "They wanted to know how much blood a person can lose and still live," she said years later.

On Jan. 27, 1945, the madness ended. With Germany in retreat, Soviet soldiers liberated the Auschwitz complex. "We saw emaciated, tortured, impoverished people," Ivan Martynushkin, then a 21-year-old lieutenant, told CNN in 2010. "We could tell from their eyes that they were happy to be saved from this hell." The Soviet troops found approximately 7,000 inmates. The Nazis had fled, taking 60,000 prisoners with them.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE FILE

Fay Waldman — a survivor of Auschwitz, the largest Nazi death complex, during World War II — weeps during a memorial service on April 12, 1981, in Palatine. Waldman, of Lincolnwood, died in 2015.

Those who could not keep up were shot.

Decades later, we remember

Fay Waldman, of Lincolnwood, died in 2015. Eva Kor, of Terre Haute, Indiana, died last summer. Soon all the survivors of the German extermination camps will be gone, no longer bearing witness. Their testimonies will live on, though, via museums like the Illinois Holocaust Museum in

Skokie, documentaries like "Shoah," books and archives. As long as those stories are shared, the lessons of the Holocaust won't be forgotten. This is what makes anniversaries crucial to commemorate: They're opportunities — excuses, if you will — to remember. The year 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, the largest Nazi death complex, and the end to World War II. It's a year filled with reflections.

On the 40th anniversary in

1985, ABC News anchor Peter Jennings visited Auschwitz with Elie Wiesel, the Nobel laureate and Auschwitz survivor, to consider the horror of Nazi genocide. Jennings asked a logical question: How could the Jews of Europe have become victims in their own countries? How did they not recognize the German intention to exterminate the Jews? Why did they seemingly submit so easily? Wiesel had taken up this same question in his acclaimed memoir "Night," in which Moishe

the Beadle returned home to warn villagers after he survived a far-off Nazi massacre. No one believed him. His tale was too fantastical. The Jews put trust in a society that reviled them. Many Jews did flee before the war, but many did not.

Wiesel told Jennings that the Nazi's Final Solution was too well-conceived to fail:

"We came from one world into another," Wiesel said. "The killers killed, and the victims died, and the sky was blue, and bread was bread. It worked. The Germans managed to create, beside creation, another creation. Beside human society another society, a parallel society, and that society was efficient. There were those who lit the fire, those who threw the children in the fire, and it worked day after day, and we had the feeling that it would never end."

The aching question: 'Why?'

Toward the end of his life, Wiesel spent hours in conversation with the Tribune's Howard Reich for Reich's book, "The Art of Inventing Hope: Intimate Conversations with Elie Wiesel." Wiesel suggested that the Holocaust existed as a paradox: something too terrible to happen that also happened. An inconceivable reality. "Wiesel himself had said many times to me that the scale of this genocide could not be absorbed by the human psyche," Reich wrote. To put it another way, citing Wiesel: The "How" of the Holocaust is far easier to grasp than the "Why."

Peter Hayes, a Northwestern University professor emeritus, in his book "Why? Explaining the Holocaust," wrote that Nazi Germany existed in a feedback loop of hate. The regime of Adolf Hitler created "an ideological echo chamber in which leaders constantly harped on the threat the Jews supposedly constituted and the need for Germans to defend themselves against it." Again, that better explains how the Holocaust happened than why.

Why Auschwitz? Because the Nazis decided. They identified a religious minority group who were contributors to European society yet outsiders and declared them to be enemies — vermin to be eradicated because decimating a scapegoat can be advantageous. Six million European Jews died.

Why Auschwitz? There is no logical explanation, so there cannot be a satisfying answer. But the more we reflect on the Holocaust — the more we ask "Why?" — the closer we may come to understanding hate and recognizing inhumanity. Then maybe one day we can eradicate it.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The only thing better about the latest presidential debate was having fewer people on the stage. Other than that, the evening was, for the most part, a rehash of the candidates' previously stated positions, an upright tweet-fest. ... If, on the other hand, you think the job of the president is problem-solving, then the debate ought to be exactly that — a problem-solving test. ...

If we don't want the Oval Office to operate like Twitter, why do we test our candidates as if it does? ... If I were a debate moderator, three days in advance, I would supply the candidates with a series of identical, fact-based problem scenarios. These scenarios would relate to real issues facing the United States — such as health care, infrastructure, Iran, North Korea, climate change or cyberwarfare. Candidates would consider how to respond to the scenarios; they could consult with advisers and arrive at the debate with a (hopefully) workable solution. ...

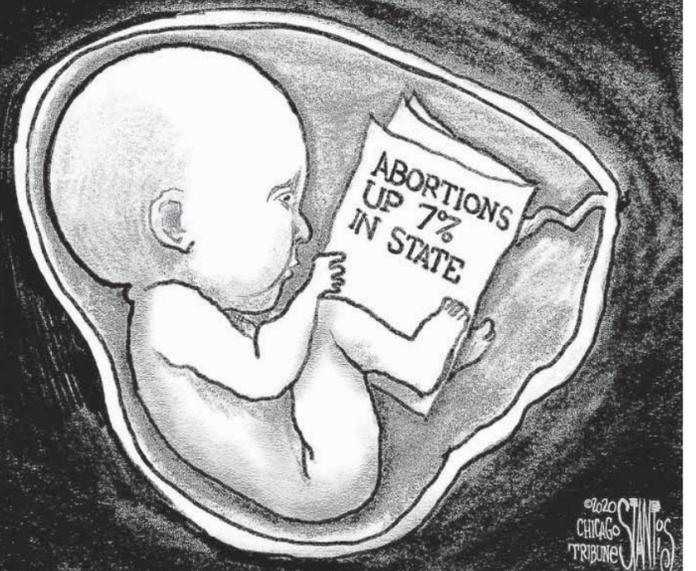
The presidential hopefuls would be required to describe how they had arrived at their approach, explain how it might be achieved and outline the potential consequences. The role of the panelists would be to press the participants, politely but repeatedly, on the feasibility of their proposals. ...

This format would inhibit a candidate's ability to promise free college, Medicare-for-all and a tax increase only on billionaires — all to be magically approved by a Republican-controlled Senate — then have the time clock go off and everyone move on to trade policy.

Greta Van Susteren, *The Washington Post*

SCOTT STANTIS

THE OTHER ILLINOIS EXODUS...



PERSPECTIVE



JIM MONE/AP

Democratic presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg meets with campaign workers and supporters in Minneapolis on Thursday as he opens the first field office in Minnesota, which is a Super Tuesday state. The former New York mayor is focusing on the Super Tuesday primaries that decide 40% of party convention delegates.

Bloomberg's campaign for president best money can buy



CLARENCE PAGE

Judging by his early polling, Michael Bloomberg is giving election-buying a good name, as long as the money is filtered through the cleansing medium of television ad buys.

As you may know by now, especially if you have seen his ads, the billionaire media mogul and former New York mayor is running for president by sitting out the first four primary states. Instead, in a television-age version of William McKinley's "front-porch campaign," he is running ads everywhere while he focuses on the Super Tuesday primaries on March 3, when about 40% of all the party's convention delegates will be decided in one day.

Of course, more than a few Democrats, especially in those four early states, are steamed about the mere appearance that he's trying to buy the nomination rather than wear out his overshoes in the Iowa and New Hampshire winters.

But, unlike most other candidates, he's spending his own money, which he can easily afford to do. His fortune of more than \$50 billion, according to

Forbes, humbles the \$3.1 billion that Forbes reported for President Donald Trump. In typical form, Trump says that's too low but, unlike other recent presidents, refuses to provide such evidence as, say, his tax returns.

The other billionaire in the race, former hedge fund manager Tom Steyer, has a reported \$1.6 billion, which looks modest by comparison.

Personal wealth matters more than usual this year for Democrats who are trying in various ways to prove their populist appeal in winning back working- and middle-class voters who defected to Trump or didn't feel motivated enough by Democrats to turn out and vote.

Welcome to the latest stage of media politics. Four years ago, Trump built a campaign on his TV stardom. Now Bloomberg is building one on his TV commercials.

But, so far, Bloomberg's gamble of flooding the airwaves appears to be paying off. A national Monmouth University poll released Wednesday found 9% support for Bloomberg, up from 5% in December.

That's more than a little ways behind front-runners former Vice President Joe Biden at 30%, up from 26% in December; Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, at 23%, up from 21%; and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren at 14%, down from 17%. But it's not a bad start for a guy who, in a way, is campaigning by remote control.

Monmouth also found evidence that voters don't mind that much, either. As NBC pointed out, 56% of Democrats surveyed said the early states have too much say in the race. Also, 57% of registered voters overall said they want a new president to be elected this year. That's an extraordinary anti-incumbent sentiment despite the currently strong economy.

Bloomberg's video-centric strategy is not entirely without precedent. Former New York Mayor — and now one of Trump's personal lawyers — Rudy Giuliani tried a similar path in 2008. He skipped the earliest states to focus on Florida throughout the primary season, hoping a win there would propel him on to victory on Super Tuesday. But, no way. Lacking momentum, he finished third in Florida and ended his campaign the next day. Maybe a few hundred million more ad dollars would have helped.

In Bloomberg's case, I expect that exposure to voters won't be as much of a challenge as the content of his message. He ran as a Republican, then as an independent in Democratic New York. He alienated black and Latino voters by backing and eventually withdrawing a stop-and-frisk policing strategy for which he apologized profusely as he launched his presidential bid.

Now he's running for the Democratic nomination as a critic of the

party's recent left-progressive drift.

He refuses to endorse the Democratic Party platform that he says goes too far in blaming the private sector for economic troubles and obstructing some policies of education reform and deficit reduction that he favors.

In other words, he's a supermarket Democrat who picks and chooses the issues he likes or doesn't like. No wonder he's popular with independents. So is Biden, whom I expect to be his biggest rival and who also has shown admirable resilience, despite the persistent rumblings among Twitter Democrats who think he's too old or too old-fashioned or too pragmatic to be as exciting as Sanders, who's even older.

The last time I saw the rather dour Bloomberg show real excitement was at the Democratic National Convention in 2016, when he said "I'm from New York, and I know a con man when I see one."

The crowd went nuts. That's the spirit that gets to the heart of what has become the party's biggest unifying issue — unseating Trump, regardless of whether that message is delivered through media or in person.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Vaping health crisis is hurting our youths

In September, the Tribune published a letter to the editor ("Don't rush to judgment on vaping," Sept. 23) that urged the public to slow down in passing judgment on vaping until more evidence became available. As a practicing pediatrician in Chicago, I believe the growing body of data cannot be ignored. This is a pressing public health crisis for our communities, particularly our youth.

The notion that e-cigarettes are not the cigarettes of your grandfather's generation is a fallacy as dangerous as the marketing techniques employed. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that two-thirds of users, ages 15 to 24, are unaware that a particular e-cigarette product always contains nicotine, a substance that is both highly addictive and disrupt-

tive to brain development into one's early 20s. E-cigs perpetuate nicotine addiction due to higher concentrations: One pod contains as much nicotine as a pack of 20 regular cigarettes.

Counting since summer, the CDC identified 2,668 hospitalized cases of e-cigarette, or vaping, product use-associated lung injuries (EVALI) across all 50 states, with 15% of afflicted people under the age of 18. This lung inflammation — linked to vaping nicotine, THC or some combination of the two along with vitamin E acetate — has claimed 60 lives. Although the exact mechanism remains unknown, academic researchers hypothesize the heated oil disrupts normal lung function, impacts immune cells and promotes tumor growth factors. Research takes time, but even these preliminary results over such a brief time are astonishing.

Flavors like mint and mango and the misperception of safety

have engaged young tobacco users following two decades of declines in the youth cigarette smoking rate. With looming pressure for a national flavor ban, Juul, the largest flavored pod manufacturer, independently discontinued most flavored pods. Although President Donald Trump was poised to act on one of the most crucial public health crises of our time, his administration backed off of a strict, full ban on flavored e-cigs. The suggested purchasing age of 21 is beneficial; however, the lack of a universal flavor ban allows for the enticement of nicotine-naïve individuals and their introduction to dangerous health risks.

— Dr. Amy Schlegel, Chicago

Antibiotic misuse must be stopped

Regarding "Antibiotics failed, but old remedy worked" (Jan 2): The story about Minnesota man John Haverty highlights the urgent threat that antibiotic-resistant bacteria poses to public health. His story ends well, but for thousands of others with drug-resistant infections, that

isn't the case.

Alternative therapies, such as phage treatment, are crucial in the fight against bacterial resistance. However, this should not divert attention from the careless practices that led to such widespread resistance, namely the overuse of antibiotics.

Despite public health warnings, many meat producers continue to misuse medically important antibiotics to compensate for industrial farming conditions, which has only exacerbated antibiotic resistance. And sales of medically important antibiotics to the beef and pork industries increased last year.

At a time when the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates at least one person dies from a drug-resistant infection every 15 minutes, it is crucial to place restrictions on the reckless overuse of antibiotics in industrial farming and ensure the drugs are used to treat only sick animals.

Failure to do so will fuel the spread of drug-resistant bacteria, leaving future generations defenseless against common bacterial infections.

— Allison Riley, Wheaton

How a new virus can quickly spread

I am an American citizen who was in Wuhan from Dec. 15 to 17. I spent hours at the airport twice and met with many large groups of students and parents. (I recruit students globally.) When I returned to my home in Bangkok on Dec. 23, I had the worst flu I've had in decades. I also visited Beijing on Dec. 20, and my colleague there got the same flu, three days after me. My girlfriend in Bangkok too. We were all in bed with fever, body aches, headaches and lung infections. We all recovered.

I believe I contracted the Wuhan flu before the coronavirus was announced and passed it on to close contacts. My guess is millions have been exposed and many have become sick, but the death rate is low, and like me, our immune systems beat it.

Consider this — I was in eight major airports in 10 days (Dec. 14-23), twice in Wuhan, Guangzhou, Beijing and Bangkok. In today's world, things like this will be impossible to contain. Because of people like me.

— John Dohrmann, Bangkok



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NATION & WORLD

China races to contain deadly virus

President Xi says country facing grave challenge as outbreak spreads

By **KEN MORITSUGU**
Associated Press

BEIJING — China's leader on Saturday called the accelerating spread of a new virus a grave situation, as cities from the outbreak's epicenter in central China to Hong Kong scrambled to contain an illness that has killed 56 people and infected more than 1,975 others.

President Xi Jinping's remarks, reported by state broadcaster CCTV, came at a meeting of Communist Party leaders convened on Lunar New Year — the country's biggest holiday whose celebrations have been muted — and underlined the government's urgent, expanding efforts to control the outbreak.

Travel agencies have been told to halt all group tours, the state-owned English-language China Daily newspaper reported, citing the China Association of Travel Services.

Millions of people traveling during the holiday have fueled the spread of the outbreak nationwide and overseas after it began in the city of Wuhan in central China. The vast majority of the infections and all the deaths have been in mainland China, but fresh cases are popping up.

Australia and Malaysia reported their first cases Saturday — four each — and Japan its third. France confirmed three cases Friday, the first in Europe, and the U.S. identified its second, a



A medical staffer takes the temperature of a man Saturday at the Wuhan Red Cross Hospital in Wuhan, China.

woman in Chicago who had returned from China.

In the heart of the outbreak where 11 million residents are already on lockdown, Wuhan banned most vehicle use, including private cars, in downtown areas starting Sunday, state media reported. Only authorized vehicles would be permitted, the reports said.

The city will assign 6,000 taxis to neighborhoods, under the management of resident committees, to help people get around if they need to, China Daily said.

In Hong Kong, leader Carrie Lam said her government will raise its response level to emergency, the highest one, and close pri-

mary and secondary schools for two more weeks on top of the Lunar New Year holiday. The schools will reopen Feb. 17.

Lam said direct flights and trains from Wuhan would be blocked.

In a sign of the growing strain on Wuhan's health care system, the official Xinhua news agency reported that the city planned to build a second makeshift hospital with about 1,000 beds. The city has said another hospital was expected to be completed Feb. 3.

The virus comes from a large family of what are known as coronaviruses, some causing nothing worse than a cold. It causes

cold- and flu-like symptoms, including cough and fever, and in more severe cases, shortness of breath. It can worsen to pneumonia, which can be fatal.

China cut off trains, planes and other links to Wuhan on Wednesday, as well as public transportation within the city, and has steadily expanded a lockdown to 16 surrounding cities with a combined population of more than 50 million — greater than that of New York, London, Moscow and Paris combined.

China's biggest holiday, Lunar New Year, unfolded Saturday in the shadow of the virus. Authorities canceled a host of events, and closed major tourist desti-

nations and movie theaters.

Temples locked their doors, Beijing's Forbidden City and Shanghai Disneyland closed, and people canceled restaurant reservations ahead of the holiday, normally a time of family reunions, sightseeing trips and other festivities in the country of 1.4 billion people.

"We originally planned to go back to my wife's hometown and bought train tickets to depart this afternoon," said Li Mengbin, who was on a stroll near the closed Forbidden City. "We ended up canceling. But I'm still happy to celebrate the new year in Beijing, which I hadn't for several years."

Temples and parks were decorated with red stream-

ers, paper lanterns and booths, but some places started dismantling the decor.

People in China wore protective medical masks to public places like grocery stores, where workers dispensed hand sanitizer to customers. Some parts of the country had checkpoints for temperature readings and made masks mandatory.

The National Health Commission reported a jump in the number of infected people, to 1,975. The latest tally, from 29 provinces and cities across China, included 237 patients in serious condition.

Of the 56 deaths, the majority have been in Hubei province, where Wuhan is the capital city.

French automaker PSA Group says it will evacuate its employees from Wuhan, quarantine them and then bring them to France. The Foreign Ministry said it was working on "eventual options" to evacuate French citizens from Wuhan "who want to leave."

The National Health Commission said it is bringing in medical teams to help handle the outbreak, a day after videos circulating online showed throngs of frantic people in masks lined up for examinations and complaints that family members had been turned away at hospitals that were at capacity.

The Chinese military dispatched 450 medical staff, some with experience in past outbreaks, including SARS and Ebola, who arrived in Wuhan late Friday to help treat patients hospitalized with viral pneumonia, Xinhua reported.

Dem hopefuls pour into Iowa for last-minute push

Poll shows Sanders in lead, but Warren gets key backing

By **BILL BARROW**
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Freed momentarily from the Senate's impeachment trial, several presidential candidates high-tailed it to Iowa on Saturday for a last-minute blitz of campaigning before the state's caucuses kick off the battle for the Democratic nomination.

Greeting Sen. Elizabeth Warren was one of the state's most coveted endorsements.

The Des Moines Register called the Massachusetts Democrat "the best leader for these times." Adding that Warren "is not the radical some perceive her to be," the Register said Warren "has proven she is tough and fearless."

Sens. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Warren held town halls, rallies and concerts Saturday across Iowa to keep their supporters motivated heading into the final stretch of the caucus campaign.

They joined former Vice

President Joe Biden and Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, who don't have Senate obligations and have already spent much of the past week in Iowa.

The burst of campaigning comes as the contest for the Democratic nomination enters a crucial phase.

A New York Times/Siena College poll released Saturday showed Sanders with a slight edge over the other leading candidates, but the race remains competitive.

Several polls show Biden, Buttigieg and Warren are still among the front-runners.

"There's still plenty of time for movement," said Kurt Meyer, chairman of the Tri-County Democrats in northern Iowa.

Stuck in Washington for much of the past week, the senators in the race have flooded Iowa and other early voting states with top-shelf surrogates — rock star lawmakers, former Cabinet members, celebrities and spouses. The stand-ins aren't a guaranteed way to sustain excitement or win votes, but the campaigns see it as the best way to maximize their reach in a nominating fight that could turn on the narrowest of margins

in Iowa and other early states.

Biden isn't bound to the Senate like some of his rivals, but he must navigate the trial nonetheless.

House Democrats' charges that President Donald Trump abused his power and obstructed Congress are rooted in the president pressuring Ukrainian officials to investigate discredited theories about Biden's foreign policy duties in Ukraine as vice president and his son Hunter's personal business dealings there.

Trump's defense team began its defense of the president Saturday, and some Republicans are determined to frame the matter more around Biden than around the president.

After a brief trip to New Hampshire, the second state to vote in the Democrats' nominating process, Biden planned to return to Iowa on Saturday night and intended to remain in the state until the caucuses Feb. 3.

He began the day announcing an endorsement from U.S. Rep. Cindy Axne, who joined her fellow first-term congresswoman from Iowa, Abby Finkenauer, in backing Biden.



Democratic presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren, who picked up the endorsement of the influential Des Moines Register, arrives at a town hall Saturday in Muscatine, Iowa.

Ahead of his arrival in Iowa, Sanders sent progressive star and New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez to the state. She addressed dozens of Sanders volunteers at one of his field offices inside a strip mall, before heading out to canvass in Cedar Rapids. She promised to wear her green "Green New Deal" baseball cap to join them on a clear but cold Saturday.

"We are here to make a revolution that lasts," Ocasio-Cortez said. She was scheduled to later join Sanders and filmmaker Michael Moore for a rally Saturday night in Ames.

Sanders' wife, Jane, and actor Danny Glover were campaigning on his behalf

in Nevada, which hosts the third nominating contest. Jane Sanders predicted a strong showing in the early voting states.

"I think we'll win Iowa," she told about 40 staff and volunteers. "I think we'll win New Hampshire. And then I think it's up to you whether we win Nevada. But it looks great."

Sanders' apparent momentum in Iowa is enough for the Buttigieg campaign to respond. The campaign sent prospective donors a fundraising solicitation warning of the Vermont senator's strength.

"Bernie Sanders is raising tons of money, he's surging in the polls, and he has dark money groups attacking his

competitors," the email said. "If things stay steady until the Iowa Caucuses in just nine days, Bernie Sanders could be the nominee of our party."

Warren has Julian Castro, the former Obama housing secretary and one-time presidential candidate, in Nevada. U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass., another star of the House freshman class like Ocasio-Cortez, is in South Carolina.

The Senate adjourned about noon EST Saturday, giving the presidential candidates time to return to Iowa for late-afternoon and night events.

Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., was going to New Hampshire.



This photo shows the view from NASA's Andrew Morgan's helmet cam as Italian astronaut Luca Parmitano works outside the space station during a spacewalk Saturday.

Astronauts plug leak, finish fixing detector

By **MARCIA DUNN**
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Spacewalking astronauts plugged a leak in a cosmic ray detector outside the International Space Station on Saturday, completing a series of complex repairs to give the instrument new life.

The \$2 billion Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer could resume its hunt for elusive antimatter and dark matter by midweek.

Team members around

the world expressed relief as NASA's Andrew Morgan and Italy's Luca Parmitano wrapped up work on the spectrometer. It was their fourth and final spacewalk since November to revive the instrument's crippled cooling system.

"Congratulations the AMS pump system is now leak tight," tweeted the European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, which helps run the spectrometer.

Mission Control cautioned it was too soon to

declare success with the space station's premier science instrument, but noted "It still has a good heartbeat."

Last month, Morgan and Parmitano installed new coolant pumps on the spectrometer. They went back out Saturday to check for any leaks in the plumbing.

Parmitano quickly discovered a leak in one of the eight coolant lines — the first one he tested — and tightened the fitting.

"Our day just got a little more challenging," Mission

Control observed.

The line still leaked after a mandatory one-hour wait, and Parmitano tightened it again. Finally, success — the leak was gone.

"Let us all take a breath," Mission Control urged. By then, the astronauts were already halfway into their sixth spacewalk.

Mission Control acknowledged the leak added some unwanted "drama" to the spacewalk.

"Everybody's hearts stopped," Mission Control told the astronauts.

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Railway tracks lead to Auschwitz II, or Birkenau, where hundreds of thousands of prisoners were directed to Nazi gas chambers. The death camp was liberated Jan. 27, 1945.

LIFE AFTER AUSCHWITZ

Survivors to unite 75 years after liberation to visit horrific symbol of Holocaust

BY MARKUS SCHREIBER
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Associated Press

OSWIECIM, Poland — On Jan. 27, 1945, the Soviet Red Army liberated the Auschwitz death camp in German-occupied Poland. The Germans had already fled westward, leaving behind the bodies of prisoners who had been shot and thousands of sick and starving survivors.

The Soviet troops also found gas chambers and crematoria that the Germans had blown up before fleeing in an attempt to hide evidence of their mass killings.

But the genocide was too massive to hide.

Today, the site of Auschwitz-Birkenau endures as the leading symbol of the terror of the Holocaust. Its iconic status is such that every year it registers a record number of visitors — 2.3 million last year alone.

On Monday — 75 years after its liberation — hundreds of survivors from across the world will travel to Auschwitz for official anniversary commemorations.

In advance of that, Associated Press photographer Markus Schreiber visited the site. Using a panoramic film camera, he documented the remains of the camp in a series of haunting photos.

Auschwitz today is many things at once: an emblem of evil, a site of historical remembrance and a vast cemetery. It is a place where Jews make pilgrimages to pay tribute to ancestors whose ashes and bones remain part of the earth.

Auschwitz is not one camp, but two: Auschwitz I, built in an abandoned Polish military base, and Auschwitz II, or Birkenau, a much bigger complex that went up later about two miles away to expedite the Nazis' Final Solution.

Early on, Auschwitz I operated as a camp for Polish prisoners, including Catholic priests and members of the nation's underground resistance against the German occupation. Later in the war Birkenau was created for the mass killing of Jews and others who were transported there from across Europe.

Prisoners arrived in cramped, windowless cattle trains. At the infamous ramp at Auschwitz, the Nazis selected those they could use as forced laborers. The others — old people, many women and especially children and babies — were gassed to death soon after their arrival.

It is Birkenau that shocks more profoundly, a flat, vast space still ringed by the silver birch trees — Birken in German — that gave the place its name. Crematoria lie in rubble but still intact are the rail tracks and watchtowers and some of the barracks where prisoners slept in cold, cramped conditions.

Schreiber's photos show the notorious main gate with the cynical Nazi slogan "Arbeit Macht Frei" — a German phrase meaning "work will set you free."

Today, visitors can also see the suitcases, glasses and other items prisoners brought on their journeys. Especially haunting are the prosthetic limbs: Many of the Jews who were murdered had fought for their homelands, including Germany, in World War I.

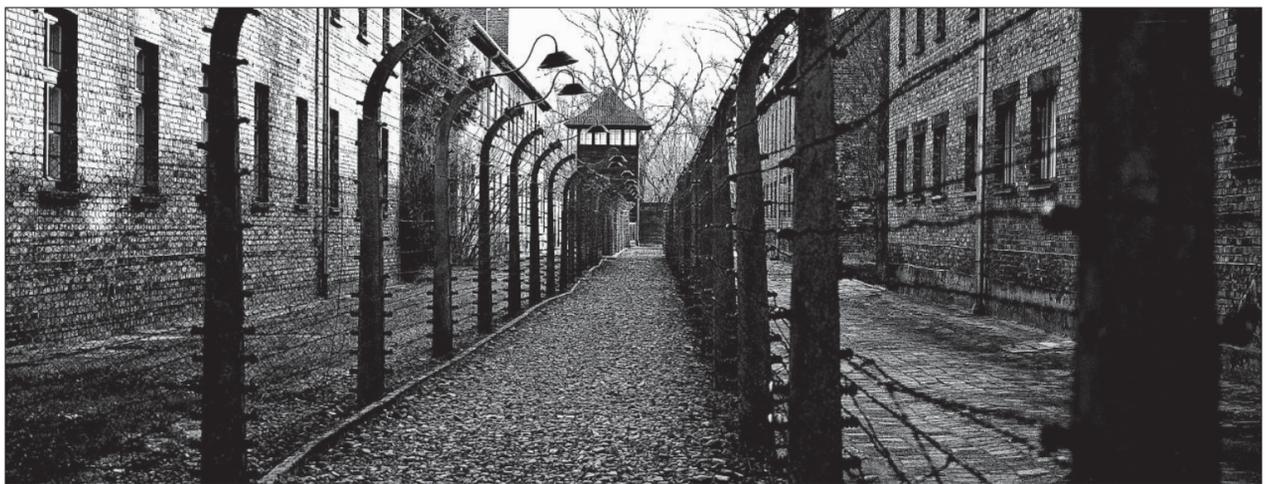
At some parts of Auschwitz-Birkenau only dozens of brick chimneys remain on a vast field where once the barracks for detainees stood.

More than 1.1 million people were murdered by the Nazis and their henchmen in Auschwitz. Most who were killed were Jews, but the victims also included Poles, Roma, Soviet prisoners of war, and others. In all, about 6 million European Jews died during the Holocaust.

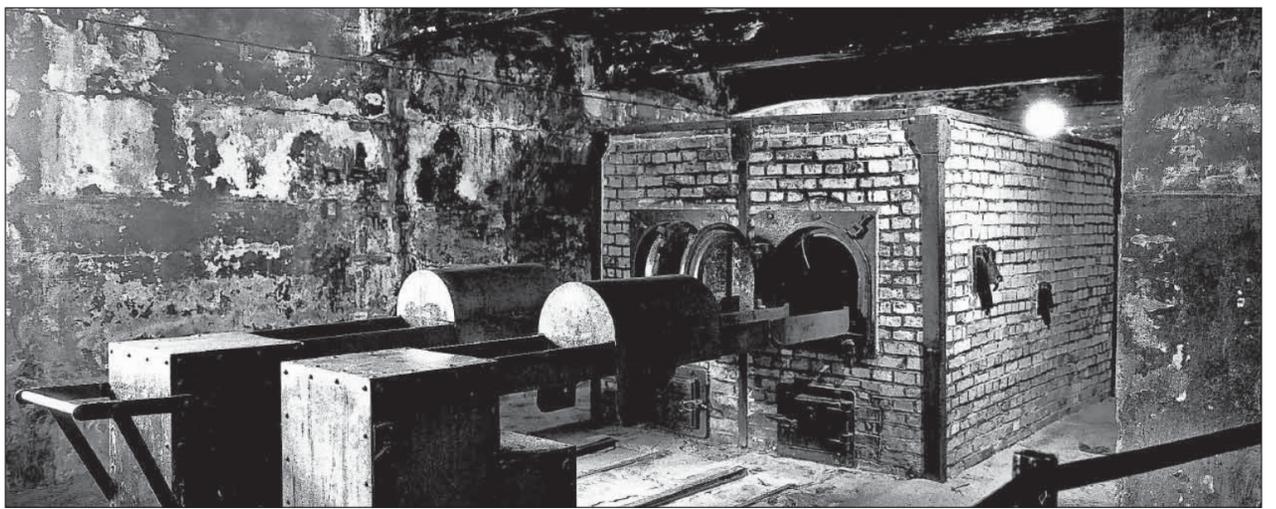
When the Soviets liberated the camp, they found about 7,000 survivors.



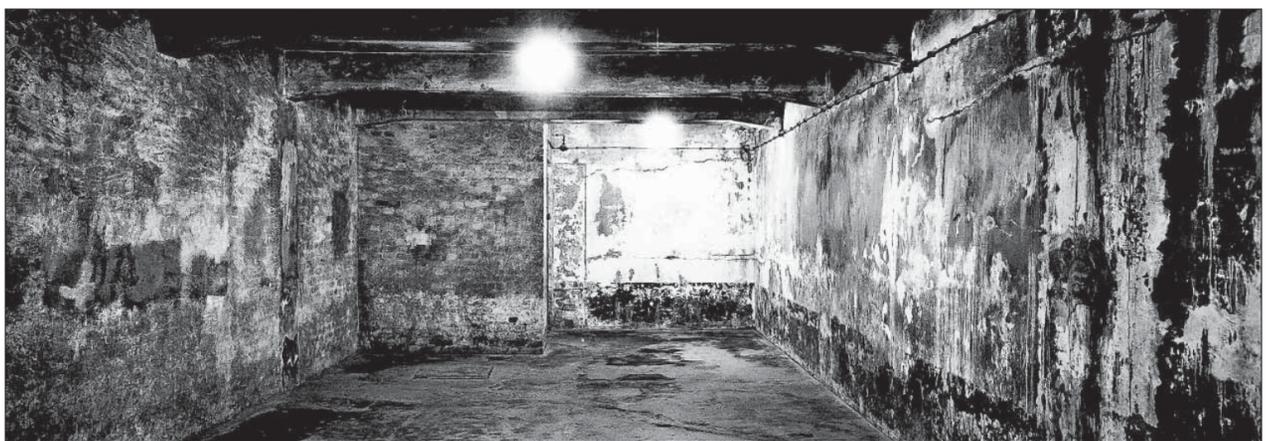
The main entrance to Auschwitz I with the Nazi slogan Arbeit Macht Frei — a German phrase meaning "work will set you free."



A pathway leads to an observation and security tower between what were electric fences at Auschwitz I, which was built on an abandoned base.



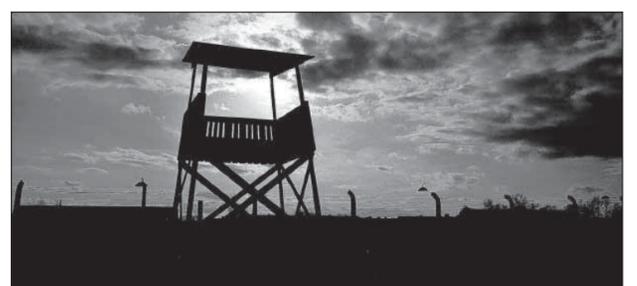
The crematorium at Auschwitz I. More than 1.1 million people were murdered at the camps in Oswiecim, Poland.



A view inside a gas chamber at Auschwitz I. About 2.3 million visited the Nazi death camps last year in Poland.



A rail wagon on the tracks at Birkenau. Survivors from across the world will travel to Auschwitz for anniversary commemorations Monday.



An observation tower stands inside Birkenau, which gets its name from silver birch trees — Birken in German — on the grounds at the camp.



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A man holds a portrait of a victim who died in the 2019 dam disaster last year in Brumadinho city, Minas Gerais state, Brazil. On Saturday, relatives of victims had a memorial.

1 year on, Brazilian city still haunted by dam collapse

BY MARCELO SILVA DE SOUSA
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Like she has so many other nights, Ana Maria Gomes is awakened by the cries of her husband and tries to calm him as he shouts for help from his mine coworkers. She convinces him the dam collapse that devastated their city of Brumadinho and killed at least 270 people happened a year ago.

Sebastiao Gomes, who worked in the environmental cleanup division of the mine in Brazil's Minas Gerais state, recounted the episode and said he's learning to live with the nightmares. He is also undergoing psychiatric treatment, still amazed that he survived the wall of mud that buried so many of his friends one year ago Saturday. And he is not alone.

Brumadinho is a city of 40,000 residents tortured by its past, and struggling to find a future, with doctors reporting spikes in the use of anti-anxiety medications and anti-depressants.

"The city is torn apart. A year has gone by chrono-

logically, but it's like it happened yesterday," Gomes, 54, said by phone.

The rupture of mining company Vale's dam created a wave of mud and debris that buried the equivalent of 300 soccer fields. Families lost children in the mud. Some bodies still haven't been found.

On Saturday, relatives of the victims held a memorial on the anniversary. They released balloons inscribed with the words, "The way that you left hurts too much."

For survivors and family members of victims, the dam's collapse was only the beginning.

Use of anti-depressants jumped 56% in 2019 between January and November from the prior year, while anxiety medication rose 79% in the same period, according to data from Brumadinho's city hall.

"The impact on the population's mental health is similar to that caused by a huge disaster, like Fukushima, or September 11 in the U.S.," said Maíla de Castro Neves, a professor of psychiatric care at Minas Gerais state's federal uni-

versity. Paradoxically, the local economic impact was initially positive, as the city received an infusion of emergency funds from Vale and carried out recovery works. The company paid out more than \$6 billion in compensation, heating up local activity.

But the paralysis of mining activity, which generated about 60% of town revenue before the tragedy, has left Brumadinho's economic future unknown.

The eve of the disaster's anniversary brought some hope to victims' families that their loved ones may find justice. Public prosecutors charged Vale, German auditing firm TUV SUD and 16 employees for intentional homicide and environmental crimes.

Among the accused is Vale's former CEO, Fabio Schvartsman. Nevertheless, Gomes is hopeful that he — and Brumadinho — can turn the page. But the disaster will remain forever etched in their history.

"The tragedies and the losses will always leave wounds, but the town will overcome," he said.

In video, Trump asks how long Ukraine can fight Russia

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump inquired how long Ukraine would be able to resist Russian aggression without U.S. assistance during a 2018 meeting with donors that included the indicted associates of his personal attorney Rudy Giuliani.

"How long would they last in a fight with Russia?" Trump is heard asking in the audio portion of a video recording, moments before he calls for the firing of U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch. She was removed a year later after a campaign to discredit her by Giuliani and others, an action that is part of Democrats' case arguing for the removal of the president in his Senate impeachment trial.

A video recording of the entire 80-minute dinner at the Trump Hotel in Washington was obtained Saturday by The Associated Press. Excerpts were first published Friday by ABC News. People can be seen in some portions of the recording.

The recording contradicts the president's statements that he did not know the Giuliani associates Lev Parnas or Igor Fruman, key figures in the investigation who were indicted last year on campaign finance charges. The recording came to light as Democrats continued to press for witnesses and other evidence to be considered during the impeachment trial.

On the recording, a voice that appears to be Parnas' can be heard saying, "The biggest problem there, I think where we need to start is we got to get rid of the ambassador." He later can be heard telling Trump: "She's basically walking around telling everybody, 'Wait, he's gonna get impeached. Just wait!'"

Trump responds: "Get rid of her! Get her out



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

The removal of Marie Yovanovitch, at the time the ambassador to Ukraine, was demanded by the president, according to a recording ABC News first reported on Friday.

tomorrow. I don't care. Get her out tomorrow. Take her out. OK? Do it?"

Ukraine came up during the dinner in the context of a discussion of energy markets, with the voice appearing to be Parnas' describing his involvement in the purchase of a Ukrainian energy company.

The group then praises Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, to which the president says: "Pompeo's going to be good. He's doing a good job. Already he's doing a good job."

At the beginning of the video, Trump is seen posing for photos before entering the blue-walled dining room.

Also visible in the video are the president's son Donald Trump Jr. and former counselor to the president Johnny DeStefano. Jack Nicklaus III, the grandson of the golf icon, and New York real estate developer Stanley Gale also attended the event for a pro-Trump group.

Just a few minutes into the conversation, Trump can be heard railing against former President George W. Bush, China, the World Trade Organization and the European Union. "Bush, he gets us into the war, he gets us into the Middle East, that was a beauty," Trump says. "We're in the Middle East right now for \$7 tril-

lion." He later says: "China rips us off for years and we owe them \$2 trillion." The president blames the WTO because it "allowed China to do what they're doing."

"The WTO is worse," than China, he declares. "China didn't become great until the WTO."

Trump also seemed to question the U.S. involvement in the Korean War: "How we ever got involved in South Korea in the first place, tell me about it. How we ended up in a Korean War."

Trump provided the guests with an update ahead of his first meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, revealing that he'd settled on a date and location. One of the people in attendance sought to pitch a different location: Songdo, South Korea, which is 70% owned by Gale International and features a Nicklaus-designed golf course.

"You know that Kim Jong Un is a great golfer," Trump is heard telling the guests, who roar with laughter.

Trump also tells the assembled guests that it is "ridiculous" that he can't hold political fundraisers inside the White House, saying it would save the government money compared to driving him the four blocks to his hotel.

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Pain of US separation policy lingers

9 deported parents reunite with kids, but lots more split

BY NOMAAN MERCHANT AND ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — As his son walked toward him in an airport terminal, a sobbing David Xol stretched out his arms, fell to one knee and embraced the boy for about three minutes, crying into his shoulder.

He had not held the child since May 2018, when border agents pulled then-7-year-old Byron away inside a detention facility. They were separated under President Donald Trump's zero-tolerance policy — the father deported to Guatemala, the son placed in a series of government facilities before ending up with a host family in Texas.

Xol was one of nine parents who won the exceedingly rare chance to return to the U.S. after being deported under family separation. They arrived last week at Los Angeles International Airport to be reunited with children they hadn't seen in more than a year and a half under the order of a federal judge who found the U.S. government had unlawfully prevented them from seeking asylum.

After embracing, David stood and patted Byron, now 9, on the head.

"He was small," the father said. "He grew a lot."

The reunion was a powerful reminder of the lasting effects of Trump's separation policy, even as attention and outrage has faded amid impeachment proceedings and tensions with Iran.

But it also underscored the fact that hundreds, potentially thousands, of other parents and children are still apart nearly two years after the zero-tolerance policy on unauthorized border crossings took effect.

"They all kind of hit the lottery," said Linda Dakin-Grimm, an attorney who

represents one of the parents returning to the U.S. "There are so many people out there who have been traumatized by the family separation policy whose pain is not going to be redressed."

More than 4,000 children are known to have been separated from their parents before and during the official start of zero tolerance in spring 2018. Under the policy, border agents charged parents en masse with illegally crossing the U.S.-Mexico border, then placed their children in government facilities.

The policy drew condemnation from around the world as stories emerged almost daily about screaming children, some as young as babies, forcibly taken away from parents.

In June 2018, U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw ordered the government to stop separating families and reunite parents and children.

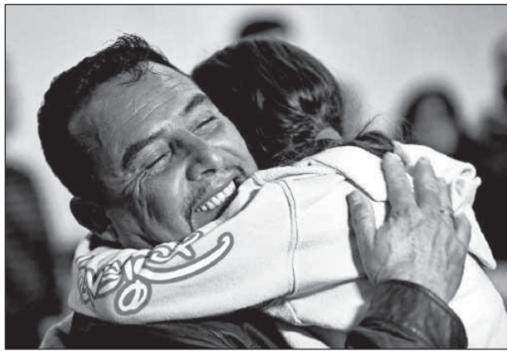
The U.S. has acknowledged that agents separated families long before they enforced zero tolerance across the southern border, its agencies did not properly record separations, and some detention centers were overcrowded and undersupplied, with families denied food, water or medical care.

At least 470 parents were deported without their children, in many cases because they were told to sign paperwork they couldn't read or understand. Some of the kids were held in U.S. government facilities and ultimately placed with sponsors, usually family members. Others were deported to their home countries.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which brought the original family separation lawsuit before Sabraw, asked the judge to order the return of a small group of parents whose children remained in the U.S. In September, Sabraw required the U.S. to allow 11



David Xol, of Guatemala, hugs his son Byron last week at Los Angeles International Airport as they reunite after being separated at the border in May 2018. "He grew a lot," Xol said.



Fernando Arredondo sees his daughter Alison for the first time in 20 months at Los Angeles International Airport.

parents to come back and denied relief to seven others.

Byron anxiously waited for his father to clear immi-

gration authorities and emerge in the terminal so they could be back together for the first time since that fateful day on the border.

The mother who has taken Byron in and escorted him to the airport for the reunion tried to calm his nerves: "They're almost here, you're doing great," Holly Sewell said. "Count to 1,000."

"999," Byron responded. Esvin Fernando Arredondo was also on the plane.

He father from Guatemala was separated from one of his daughters, Andrea Arredondo — then 12 years old and now 13, after they turned themselves in on May 16, 2018, at a Texas crossing and sought asylum legally, according to his lawyer.

Sabraw found that Arredondo had been deported

after his order to the U.S. government not to remove any more parents separated from his children.

Andrea was separated from all family for about a month, living in a shelter as the government struggled to connect children with their parents because they lacked adequate tracking systems. She was finally reunited with her mother, who had turned herself in at the Texas crossing with the other two daughters four days earlier than her husband, on May 12, 2018.

She and her two daughters passed the initial screening interview for asylum, unlike her husband, even though they were fleeing for the same reason.

Their son Marco, 17, was shot and killed by suspected gang members in Guatemala City.

Arredondo eventually emerged with the other parents. He hugged his three daughters. One of the girls, wearing a pink sweatshirt with Mickey Mouse and other Disney characters, held onto his chest as he spoke to reporters through his tears.

"To live the way I lived was very difficult," he said.

While the U.S. has stopped the large-scale separations, it has implemented policies to prevent many asylum-seekers from entering the country. Under its "Remain in Mexico" policy, more than 50,000 people have been told to wait there for weeks or months for U.S. court dates.

The Trump administration also is ramping up deportations of Central Americans to other countries in the region to seek asylum there.

"People want to make this a heartwarming story, but it's not. It's devastating," Sewell said. "There is just no good reason why we had to do this to this child and this family. And he symbolizes thousands of others who have been put in this exact same position."

Impeach

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"They're asking you to tear up all the ballots across this country on your own initiative, take that decision away from the American people," Cipollone said.

Though Trump is the one on trial, the defense team made clear that it intends to paint the impeachment case as a mere continuation of the investigations that have shadowed the president since before he took office — including one into allegations of Russian election interference on his behalf. Trump attorney Jay Sekulow suggested Democrats were investigating the president over Ukraine simply because they couldn't bring him down for Russia.

"That — for this," said Sekulow, holding up a copy of special counsel Robert Mueller's report, which he accused Democrats of attempting to "re-litigate." That report detailed ties between the 2016 Trump campaign and Russia but did not allege a criminal conspiracy to tip the election.

From the White House, Trump tweeted his response: "Any fair minded person watching the Senate trial today would be able to see how unfairly I have been treated and that this is indeed the totally partisan Impeachment Hoax that EVERYBODY, including the Democrats, truly knows

"They're asking you to tear up all the ballots across this country on your own initiative, take that decision away from the American people."

—White House counsel Pat Cipollone

it is."

His team made a two-hour presentation, reserving the heart of its case for Monday.

Acquittal appears likely, given that Republicans hold a 53-47 majority in the Senate, and a two-thirds vote would be required for conviction and removal from office.

Republican senators already eager to clear Trump said Saturday that the White House presentation had shredded the Democratic case.

The Trump attorneys are responding to two articles of impeachment approved last month by the House — one that accuses him of encouraging Ukraine to investigate Biden at the same time the administration withheld military aid from the country, and the other

that accuses him of obstructing Congress by directing aides not to testify or produce documents.

Trump's defense team took center stage following three days of methodical and passionate arguments from Democrats, who wrapped up Friday by warning that Trump will persist in abusing his power and endangering American democracy unless Congress intervenes to remove him before the 2020 election. They also implored Republicans to allow new testimony to be heard before senators render a final verdict.

"Give America a fair trial," said California Rep. Adam Schiff, the lead Democratic impeachment manager. "She's worth it."

On Saturday morning, House managers made the procession across the Capitol to deliver the 28,578-page record of their case to the Senate.

Republicans accused Democrats of cherry-picking evidence and omitting information favorable to the president, casting in a nefarious light actions that Trump was legitimately empowered to take. They focused particular scorn on Schiff, who later told reporters: "When your client is dead to rights, you don't want to talk about your client, you want to attack the prosecution."

The Trump team had teased the idea that it would draw attention on Biden and his son, Hunter, who



President Donald Trump's personal attorney Jay Sekulow, center, stands with his son, Jordan Sekulow, left, and White House counsel Pat Cipollone, at the Capitol on Saturday.

served on the board of a Ukraine gas company Burisma, while his father was vice president. But neither Biden was a focus of Saturday arguments.

Instead, Republicans argued that there was no evidence that Trump made the security aid contingent on Ukraine announcing an investigation into the Bidens and that Ukraine didn't even know that the money had been paused until shortly before it was released.

Deputy White House Counsel Michael Purpura told the senators the July 25 call in which Trump asked Ukraine President

Volodymyr Zelenskiy for the Biden investigation was consistent with the president's concerns about corruption, though Trump never mentioned that word, according to the rough transcript released by the White House.

One of the president's lawyers, Alan Dershowitz, is expected to argue this week that an impeachable offense requires criminal-like conduct, even though legal scholars disagree.

The Senate is heading toward a pivotal vote on Democratic demands for testimony from top Trump aides, including acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and

former national security adviser John Bolton, who refused to appear before the House.

It would take four GOP senators to join the Democratic minority to seek witnesses, and so far the numbers appear lacking.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Republican ally of Trump's, said he thought the legal team had poked holes in the Democrats' case.

He said he had spoken to Trump two days ago, when he was leaving Davos, Switzerland.

Asked if Trump had any observations on the trial, Graham replied: "Yeah, he hates it."

Pompeo to make stop in Ukraine this week

BY MATTHEW LEE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will visit Ukraine this week, making his first trip to the country at the heart of President Donald Trump's impeachment.

As Trump's Senate trial on impeachment charges continues, the State Department announced that Pompeo would travel to Kyiv as part of a five-nation tour of Europe and Central Asia.

Since November, Pom-

peo has twice canceled plans to visit Ukraine, most recently after the New Year when developments with Iran forced him to postpone it. Pompeo will also visit Britain, as it finalizes its divorce from the European Union, along with Belarus, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan on the trip.

Trump's impeachment on charges of abuse of office and obstruction of Congress hinges on his policy toward Ukraine. Witnesses told House investigators that Trump wanted Ukraine to

announce an investigation into former Vice President Joe Biden's son in return for releasing critical military aid to Ukraine.

Pompeo has sought to stay above the impeachment fray and his stop in Ukraine will likely test his ability to continue to do so while leading diplomatic efforts to boost ties between Washington and Kyiv that have been complicated.

One of the impeachment witnesses, William Taylor, was until Jan. 1 the acting U.S. ambassador to Ukraine.

Pompeo had appointed Taylor to the post over the summer to take over from Marie Yovanovitch, whose tour was cut short last May after Trump's personal attorney Rudolph Giuliani made unsubstantiated allegations against her.

Yovanovitch testified that Trump supporters had mounted a smear campaign against her.

Taylor departed Kyiv a day before Pompeo was to have arrived on his previously planned trip.



Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will also visit Britain, as it finalizes its divorce from the European Union.

Suez Canal opened a can of invaders

Invasive species entry fueled by man-made artery

BY ARON HELLER
AND ISABEL DEBRE
Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — As Egypt marks the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Suez Canal, marine biologists are bemoaning one of the famed waterway's lesser known legacies — the invasion of hundreds of nonnative species, including toxic jellyfish and aggressive lionfish.

The canal, which connects the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea, revolutionized maritime travel by creating a direct shipping route between the East and the West. But over the years, the invasive species have driven native marine life toward extinction and altered the delicate Mediterranean ecosystem with potentially devastating consequences, scientists say.

The influx has increased significantly since Egypt doubled its capacity in 2015 with the opening of the "The New Suez Canal," raising alarm in Europe and sparking criticism from various countries along the Mediterranean basin. The sharpest criticism comes from neighboring Israel, which once battled Egypt in war alongside the 120-mile-long canal.

Bella Galil, an Israeli marine biologist who has studied the Mediterranean for over three decades, said much of the ecological damage is irreversible.

But with the invasive fish and crustaceans buoyed by warming water temperatures and rapidly spreading toward European shores, she argued that urgent action is needed to minimize its long-term effect. Galil, of Tel Aviv University's Steinhart Museum of Natural History, said the continued widening and deepening of the canal had created a "moving aquarium" of species that, if unchecked, could make coastal waters



Palestinian fishermen unload their catch at the Gaza Seaport after a night fishing trip.

KHALIL HAMRA/AP

inhospitable for humans.

Galil said the number of invasive species, currently about 400, has more than doubled over the past 30 years, a phenomenon she called a "historic example of the dangers of unintended consequences."

Already, Israel is coping with an unprecedented wave of toxic jellyfish that has damaged coastal power plants and scared off beachgoers and tourists. Several other venomous species, including the aggressive lionfish, have established permanent colonies, creating a potential health hazard when they end up on plates of beach-side restaurants. Most worrisome has been the arrival of the *Lagocephalus Sceleratus*, an extremely poisonous bony fish commonly known as the silver-cheeked toadfish.

Galil said half of all the Israeli fish intake — and all the crustaceans — are now of the invasive variety.

With the "rolling invasion" now reaching as far as Spain, European countries are increasingly taking note. The issue is set to feature prominently at a United Nations ocean sustainability workshop this month in Venice.

"These non-indigenous organisms present serious threats to the local biodiversity, at the very least comparable to those exerted by climate change, pollution and overfishing," Galil said.

She said the new species have caused "a dramatic restructuring" of the ecosystem, endangering various local species and wiping out native mussels, prawns and red mullet.

Israel's Environmental Protection Ministry said it was monitoring the process with concern since its coasts were the new species' "first stop" in the Mediterranean. It stressed that Israel could not stop the phenomenon alone but

is promoting regulation to protect the most vulnerable marine habitats. With Israel increasingly reliant on the Mediterranean Sea for drinking water, the ministry said protecting the country's marine environment was "now more important than ever."

Lebanese scientists at the American University of Beirut recently wrote that failing to mitigate the ecological risks associated with the expansion of the Suez Canal would place a large part of the Mediterranean ecosystem in jeopardy, an opinion shared by marine scientists across the eastern Mediterranean, from Turkey to Tunisia.

A relatively simple option for damage control seems to be available in the form of the Qatari-funded desalination plants the Egyptians are building along the canal, the first of which is expected to be opened later this year.

If carried out properly, Galil said the brine output of the plants could be funneled into the canal to recreate a "salinity barrier" that could stem the flow of species from south to north. The Great Bitter Lakes, about 30 miles north of Suez, once created such an obstacle. But as the canal widened and Egyptian cities and farms flushed agricultural wastewater into the lakes, that bulwark disappeared.

Egypt, which signed a peace accord with Israel in 1979 and recently signed a massive deal with it to import natural gas, has largely rejected the dire warnings of the Israeli scientists as politically motivated.

"Invasive species is a huge and nonspecific category," said Moustafa Fouda, an adviser to Egypt's environment minister. "They can even be productive, replacing species that are

overfished, bringing economic benefits or simply adapting to the new environment."

He estimated that less than 5% of invaders could be regarded as "disruptive" and that most of the shrimp, mollusks, puffer fish and crabs caused no harm. He said even toxic invaders, such as lionfish, were edible if their venomous spines were removed.

Egyptian experts also denied the invasions resulted directly from the Suez expansion. They argue that rising water temperatures brought on by global warming and untreated ballast water discharged by cargo ships spurred the exotic arrivals.

"Invasions are a global trend due to pollution and climate change, the natural result of which is every species struggling to survive and searching for its optimal environment," said Tarek Temraz, a marine biology professor at Suez Canal University and author of the environmental ministry's impact assessment of the canal expansion.

The Suez Canal Authority, the government agency that operates the canal, claimed environmental concerns over its enlargement have been overstated. It said water volume flowing into the Mediterranean increased by 4%, creating "little impact on water flow and plankton movement."

Canal officials say they are closely monitoring species migration, imposing regulations on ships that unwittingly ferry invasive creatures and curtailing water contamination in hopes of restoring salinity to the lakes.

The canal authority said a recent drive to divert agricultural wastewater away from the Bitter Lakes has successfully raised salinity there by 3% over the past years.

Galil says that's not enough, insisting that salinity must increase significantly to serve as an effective barrier.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

NPR defends its reporter after Pompeo lashes out at journalist

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo lashed out Saturday at an NPR reporter who accused him of shouting expletives at her after she asked him in an interview about Ukraine. In a direct attack, America's chief diplomat said the journalist had "lied" to him and he called her conduct "shameful."

NPR said it stood by Mary Louise Kelly's reporting. Pompeo said in a state-

ment that the incident was "another example of how unhinged the media has become in its quest to hurt" President Donald Trump and his administration.

In Friday's interview, Pompeo responded testily when Kelly asked him about Ukraine and whether he defended or should have defended Marie Yovanovitch, the U.S. ambassador in Kyiv whose ouster figured in Trump's impeachment.

Police: Woman charged after Ariz. airport partly evacuated

PHOENIX — A woman angry about not being allowed to board an American Airlines plane at Sky Harbor International Airport was arrested after allegedly mentioning an explosive device, resulting in hundreds of travelers having to evacuate part of one concourse, police said Saturday.

A police bomb squad found no device and the airport soon returned to normal Friday.

Police said Hope Webber, 53, was arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor false emergency reporting and felony making a false terrorism report.

Webber's statements to airline personnel during the incident "related to an explosive device," Sgt. Mercedes Fortune, a police spokeswoman, said. Webber's hometown wasn't available, Fortune said Saturday.

At least 30 dead after rains in Brazil cause flooding, landslides

RIO DE JANEIRO — Two days of heavy rains caused flooding and landslides in southeast Brazil that have killed at least 30 people, authorities said Saturday.

Civil Defense officials said 17 people are listed as missing and 2,600 were evacuated from their houses in Minas Gerais state, which has been buffeted by 48 hours of torrential rains.

Deaths were reported

in the state capital of Belo Horizonte and in the state's interior. On Friday, Belo Horizonte received the greatest quantity of rains ever recorded in 24 hours in the city.

State Gov. Romeu Zema will fly over the affected areas Sunday to evaluate damages.

More rain is expected in Minas Gerais as well as other parts of Brazil, including Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.



HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOUNDATION

Turkish rescue crews search for possible survivors trapped under rubble Saturday in Elazig province. The quake, which hit Friday, was followed by nearly 400 aftershocks.

Turkey's death toll rises to 29 amid hunt for quake survivors

ANKARA, Turkey — The death toll from a strong earthquake that rocked eastern Turkey climbed to 29 Saturday as rescue crews searched for people who remained trapped under the rubble of collapsed buildings, officials said.

Speaking at a televised news conference near the epicenter of the quake in Elazig province, Interior Minister Suleyman Soylu said 18 people were killed in Elazig and four in neighboring Malatya.

Some 1,243 people were injured, with 34 of them in intensive care but not in critical condition, Health Minister Fahrettin Koca said.

On Saturday afternoon, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan visited the hardest-hit areas and attended the funeral of a mother and son killed in the quake. He warned people against repeating "negative" hearsay about the country being unprepared for earthquakes.

"Do not listen to rumors, do not listen to anyone's negative, contrary propaganda, and know that we are your servants," Erdogan said.

Various earthquake monitoring centers gave magnitudes ranging from 6.5 to 6.8 for the earthquake, which hit Friday night near the Elazig province town of Sivrice, the

Turkish Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency, or AFAD, said.

It was followed by 398 aftershocks, the strongest of them with magnitudes 5.4 and 5.1, the disaster agency said.

Emergency workers and security forces distributed tents, beds and blankets as overnight temperatures dropped below freezing in the affected areas. Mosques, schools, sports halls and student dormitories were opened for hundreds who left their homes after the quake.

AFAD reported that 42 people had been rescued as search teams combed wrecked apartment buildings.

5.0 quake jolts Puerto Rico amid ongoing tremors

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A 5.0 magnitude earthquake hit southern Puerto Rico on Saturday at a shallow depth, raising concerns about unstable infrastructure in a region that has been hit by quakes every day for nearly a month.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake occurred

at a depth of eight miles around the southern coastal town of Guayanilla, located close to the epicenters of most of the recent quakes. The ground in southern Puerto Rico first began shaking Dec. 28.

More than 4,000 people remain in shelters, and officials in the U.S. territory

expect the number to rise after Saturday's quake.

President Donald Trump has approved a major disaster declaration for more than dozen municipalities in Puerto Rico following earthquakes that officials say have caused more than \$200 million in damage.

Vatican urges Iraqi president to safeguard Christians

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican on Saturday urged Iraqi President Barham Saleh to guarantee the safety of Christians and ensure they have a future place in the war-battered country.

Saleh met with Pope Francis, the Vatican secretary of state and foreign minister during back-to-back audiences on his second visit to the Vatican.

Saleh's office said he and the pope discussed a papal visit to Iraq, but said it was "scheduled to be paid at a later date."

The Holy See said the meetings focused on peace and security in Iraq, especially for Christian minorities, many of whom have fled communities that date from the time of Christ to escape Islamic State militants.

Saleh's office said peaceful coexistence between Muslims and Christians was the only way to eradicate extremism.

In Libya: The closure of Libya's major oil fields and production facilities has resulted in losses of more than \$255 million in the six-day period ending Jan. 23, the country's national oil company said Saturday.

The closures came when tribal groups loyal to military commander Khalifa Hifter earlier this month seized several large export terminals along the eastern coast as well as southern oil fields. Hifter controls the eastern and much of the southern part of the country.

The moves were meant to challenge Hifter's adversaries in the west, the U.N.-backed, but weak rival government that controls the capital, Tripoli.

The National Oil Corporation put the average daily losses at \$42.8 million.

OBITUARIES

FRANK T. BURNS 1952-2020

Led US wheelchair basketball team to gold at Paralympics

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

A longtime advocate for people with disabilities, Frank T. Burns spent 17 years as a physical education teacher at the Sonia Shankman Orthogenic School in the South Side Woodlawn neighborhood and coached successful U.S. men's wheelchair basketball teams.

"Frank had a legacy of being there first and implementing programs of significance," said David Kiley, who was on the 1988 U.S. men's wheelchair basketball team that Burns coached to a gold medal at the 1988 Paralympics in Seoul. "His dreams and visions always were bigger than those around him."

Burns, 67, died Jan. 8 at the University of Chicago Medical Center of complications from a Dec. 11 heart attack, said his brother Peter. He had been a Woodlawn neighborhood resident.

Born in Beverly on the Southwest Side, Burns graduated from Brother Rice High School. He attended Olive-Harvey College for one term before transferring to the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater. There he got to know Dave Beetstra, who used a wheelchair as a result of a motorcycle accident at age 15.

Through Beetstra, who died in 2015, Burns became involved in a campus group, Students for an Accessible Society, and he drove a campus transportation bus for disabled people. Burns also helped coach the university's wheelchair basketball team.

After graduating from University of Wisconsin at Whitewater in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in speech and journalism, Burns in 1978 received a master's degree in health, physical education and recreation from the University of Kentucky, where he helped develop the Wheel Kats, a men's intercollegiate wheelchair basketball program, and the Lady Kats, a women's team. He then was recruited by Casa Colina Hospital in Pomona, California, where he helped create the hospital's



BURNS FAMILY

Frank Burns taught at Sonia Shankman Orthogenic School on the South Side.

wheelchair basketball teams for men and women.

In 1981, Burns returned to University of Wisconsin at Whitewater as a director of sports, adapted physical education and recreation. He coached the men's wheelchair basketball team to a national championship in 1984.

In 1985, Burns moved to Birmingham, Alabama, to take a job as director of athletics at a group that advocates for people with disabilities, the Lakeshore Foundation, and helped develop a facility that is used as a training site for U.S. Olympic and Paralympic teams.

Burns' work at the Lakeshore Foundation included developing wheelchair basketball programs and other sports programs for disabled youths, as well as raising money to support those programs. In addition to coaching the gold medal-winning U.S. men's wheelchair basketball team at the Paralympic Games in 1988, Burns was the assistant coach of the bronze medal-winning U.S. team at the Paralympic Games in Sydney in 2000.

Burns also was assistant coach of the world championship-winning U.S. men's wheelchair basketball game at the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation's World Wheelchair Basketball Championship in Sydney in 1998.

In 1998, Burns was hired as athletic director and lacrosse coach at North Country Community College in Saranac Lake, New York, near Lake Placid. He returned to Chicago in

2000 as executive director of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association, raising money for the association and developed other fundraising programs.

"Wheelchair basketball is about more than just Xs and Os and national championships and gold medals — it's about improving the quality of life of the people who play," said Will Waller, the CEO of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association. "And at whatever event that Frank and I attended, he was always surrounded by a group of people who he impacted in the sport."

After two years at the association, Burns was hired as a teacher at the Sonia Shankman Orthogenic School, which also is known as the "O-School." Located on the campus of the University of Chicago, the school provides education for children and adolescents who are emotionally challenged or are autistic.

"He had been in a management role, and he was more of a guy who started programs and did a lot of coaching," Peter Burns said. "His passion was at the O-School, working with kids with emotional problems. He was very passionate about coming up with games and physical activities — competitions that kids could excel in."

Burns, who never retired, was inducted into the National Wheelchair Basketball Association Hall of Fame in 2008. After his death, the National Wheelchair Basketball Association created the Frank T. Burns Heritage Fund, which is aimed at providing funding for projects that preserve and display wheelchair basketball history and the association's history.

Burns was a huge sports fan and enjoyed being an uncle of sorts to the children of "everyone he knew," his brother said.

In addition to his brother, he is survived by two sisters, Mary Ellen Franger and Gini; and another brother, James.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON JANUARY 26 ...

In 1784 in a letter to his daughter, Benjamin Franklin expressed unhappiness over the choice of the eagle as the symbol of America and expressed his preference: the turkey.

In 1788 the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day Sydney.

In 1837 Michigan became the 26th state.

In 1841 Britain formally occupied Hong Kong, which the Chinese had ceded to the British.

In 1861 Louisiana seceded from the Union.

In 1870 Virginia rejoined the Union.

In 1880 Gen. Douglas MacArthur was born in Little Rock, Ark.

In 1893 Bessie Coleman, the pioneering African-American aviator who began to pursue her dream of flight in Chicago, was born in Atlanta, Texas.

In 1942 the first American expeditionary force to go to Europe during World War II went ashore in Northern Ireland.

In 1950 India officially proclaimed itself a republic as Rajendra Prasad took the oath of office as president.

In 1979 former Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller died in New York; he was 70.

In 1986 in Super Bowl XX the Chicago Bears beat the

New England Patriots 46-10 in New Orleans.

In 1988 the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "The Phantom of the Opera" opened at Broadway's Majestic Theater.

In 1993 former Czechoslovak President Vaclav Havel was elected president of the new Czech Republic.

In 1998 President Bill Clinton forcefully denied having an affair with a White House intern, telling reporters, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

In 2003 Secretary of State Colin Powell, citing Iraq's lack of cooperation with U.N. inspectors, said he had lost faith in the inspectors' ability to conduct a definitive search for banned weapons programs. **Also in 2003** the Tampa Bay Buccaneers won their first NFL championship, routing the Oakland Raiders 48-21 in the Super Bowl.

In 2004 the White House retreated from its once-confident claims that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction; Democrats swiftly sought to turn the about-face into an election-year issue.

In 2005 Condoleezza Rice was sworn in as secretary of state, following her confirmation by the Senate.

In 2016 a jury found former Chicago transportation official John Bills guilty of taking up to \$2 million in bribes and gifts in return for steering tens of millions of dollars in red light camera contracts to Reflex Traffic Systems Inc.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

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Powerball jackpot: \$373M
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Pick 4 midday 9088 / 5
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Pick 3 evening 316 / 6
Pick 4 evening 8078 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto evening 12 14 16 19 38
Jan. 24
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Mega Millions jackpot: \$343M
Pick 3 midday 445 / 4
Pick 4 midday 0261 / 7
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Jan. 28 Mega Millions: \$141M

INDIANA
Jan. 25
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In Memoriam



Mary Elizabeth 'Betty' McLoughlin

Mary Elizabeth McLoughlin, 89, nee Pollard. Born in Jackson, MS, 2/15/1929. Loving wife of the late Thomas Joseph; Cherished mother of Grace, Michael, Marcelle and Erin; Proud grandmother of Michelle Walter and Thomas and Lydia Spiess; Dear great-grandmother of Avery, Catherine and Sara Walter; Award-winning cardiac care RN; passed quietly on February 7, 2019. Mary was blessed with a wonderful sense of humor. She loved cooking international dishes, gardening, and sewing. Her spirit was notable for its self-sacrifice, generosity, and kindness.

Memorial contributions may be made to support the charity of your choice.

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Death Notices

Antonucci, Raymond William

Raymond William Antonucci, US Navy WWII Veteran, Retired CFD Deputy Fire Commissioner. Beloved husband of Marlene, nee Janz. Loving father of Pamela (Kevin) MacGregor, Susan (David) Murphy, and Raymond J. (Pamela) Antonucci. Proud grandfather of eleven, and Great-Grandfather of nine. Memorial visitation 10 AM, Monday, January 27, 2020, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Avenue, Chicago, until time of Memorial Service at 12 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations in Raymond's name may be made to Chicago Fire Department Gold Badge Society, 3400 W. 111th Street PMB 356, Chicago, IL 60655, or <https://www.givecentral.org/location/406>. Funeral Info 773-736-3833 or visit Raymond's Memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

Smith-Corcoran Funeral Homes

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Apida, Robert J.

Robert J. Apida, age 92, Military Veteran in the United States Army. Beloved husband of Patricia (nee Lakota). Loving father of Edward Apida, Dorothy Chaveriat, Lillian (Dean) Peletis and Jennifer Apida. Cherished grandfather of Victoria. Dear brother of the late Grace Apida. Please omit flowers. Visitation Monday, January 27, 2019 from 3:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge. Funeral Tuesday, beginning at the funeral home at 9:00 a.m. and will then proceed to St. Eugene Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles, IL. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300

CUMBERLAND CHAPELS

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Bell, John R.

Chicago, IL – John R. Bell, graduate of Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism and frequent contributor to national financial and real estate magazines, dies at 89.



Born in Hammond, Indiana, John moved to Chicago as a teenager and has resided in Chicago ever since. He segued into writing the John Carmichael Texaco Sports Final for CBS Radio, and later to publicize peacetime atomic energy R&D as a member of the first public information staff at Argonne National Laboratory.

While at Argonne, he initiated coverage of the work that Argonne was doing by contacting CBS journalist Charles Collingwood. This resulted in a one-hour program produced and broadcast nationally on CBS. John also held several corporate PR positions, including at J. Walter Thompson, General Motors, Montgomery Ward and H. Rozoff and Associates. He added real estate and financial writing to his portfolio when H. Rozoff and Associates obtained a number of real estate and financial accounts.

After he retired, he was a frequent contributor to Mortgage Banking, the official magazine of the Mortgage Banking Association, until it ceased publication in 2016. In writing to his editor at that time, he said that "Mortgage Banking was a unique publication—like no other in its field." She wrote back agreeing that "the magazine was something very special," adding "you were part of the magazine's success."

His articles for Mortgage Banking included coverage of the growth and recovery of the national office market; profile of Wrightwood Capital, the Chicago-based commercial/real estate finance firm; the growth of mixed use developments; the development of business/industrial parks; the nation's Downtowns going green; multifamily apartment markets; five-star hotel markets; industrial recovery; the move to Downtowns; and economic growth in gateway cities.

He wrote cover stories for the National Real Estate Investor and his cover story profiles of Chrysler's CEO Robert Eaton and Wilson Sporting Goods executive Jim Bough appeared in Industry Week (IW). He was also a contributor to Pension Management, the Journal of Property Management (JPM), Progressive Railroad, Flying Careers, Air Cargo World, and Cahners Assembly Magazine.

John enjoyed music, the theater, and raising English Bulldogs—and said he had created the world's finest barbecue sauce.

He and his wife, Virginia, celebrated their 68th Wedding Anniversary Sept. 8, 2019. They have two daughters, Monica (John) Muhs and Vanessa (Leon) LaSota; three grand-daughters, Dr. Amanda (Alex) Saratsis, Sara Muhs, and Leigh (AJ) Grimberg; and two great-grandchildren, Beckett and Eva Saratsis.

The wake will be Tuesday, Jan. 28, from 3 to 9 p.m. at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn, IL (708-636-1193). Funeral will be Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 9 a.m. from Blake-Lamb Funeral Home to 10 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas More Church, 2825 W. 81st St., Chicago, IL (773-436-4444). Interment will follow in St.Casimir Cemetery, 4401 W. 111th St., Chicago, IL.

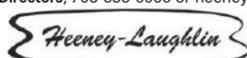


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Benner, Jeanne Marie

Jeanne Marie Benner (nee Barton), Age 73, Born into Eternal Life on January 22, 2020. Loving mother of Sarah, Elizabeth, and Genevieve Benner. Proud "Grandma Jeanne" of Max Benner, Ethan, Alexander, Ella, and Daniel Benoit, and Emmylou Degnan. Beloved daughter of the late Betty and Jack Barton. Devoted sister of John Jr., Michael (Maureen), Judy, Casey (Patrice), Terrence (Annie) Barton, and Colleen (Ken) Rosenbach. Fond "Aunt Jeanne" to many nieces, nephews, and cousins, and also loved by many dear friends. Alumna of St. Barnabas Grammar School (1960) and Mother McAuley H.S. (1964). Dispatcher for O.E.M.C. 9-1-1 Center. Jeanne expressed her deep love for Misericordia/Heart of Mercy as a faithful volunteer and supporter, in appreciation for their loving care of her daughter, Genny. Exceptional cook and baker for her friends and family. "Mama Jeanne" loved preparing meals for the Augustinian community at St. Rita H.S. who especially enjoyed her sweet treats. Family and friends will meet on Monday, January 27th at St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60620 for visitation 9:00am-11:00am. Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00am. Private Interment. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 are most appreciated. Funeral Info: **Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors**, 708-636-5500 or heeneyfh.com



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Bernstein, Patsy S.

Bernstein, Patsy Patricia (Starrels) Bernstein was born in 1928 to Celeste Rau and Joel Starrels. After winning a writing contest for *Mademoiselle*, she moved to New York City. She later returned to Chicago where she was fashion editor for *The Chicago American* and met her future husband, Dr. Haskell E. Bernstein. They were married 45 years. Patsy leaves behind wonderful memories. Her children wish in particular to thank Cindy Conroy who is forever part of our family and whose love and care throughout Patsy's long decline was its one blessing.

Patricia S. Bernstein is survived by her children Mark, Laurie and Jan; her sister-in-law Jodie Bernstein and brother-in-law Joe Yudelson; her grandchildren, Morgan and Dylan Macri and Benjamin and Haskell Rosen; her late brother's children Andrew and Sally Starrels; and many adoring nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Bolton, Patricia M.

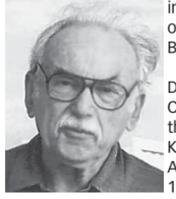
Patricia M. Bolton, nee Boyington. At rest January 15, 2020 at age 94. Beloved wife of the late John F. Bolton Jr. Dear mother of Grace A. (William) Becht, Patricia L. Bolton, John F. Bolton III (Sunny Gail), William E. (Leeanne) Bolton, Michael O. (Diana) Bolton and Kathleen M. (Robert) Sutton. Loving Grandmother of 16 and Great-Great Grandmother of 2. Adored daughter of the late William E. and Grace R., nee Sherman Boyington. Loved aunt and friend to many. Her infectious laugh and humor will be missed by many. Former member of the Alter and Rosary at Christ the King Catholic Church in Beverly. An avid golfer and bridge player. Mass of the Resurrection and Interment at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery were private. The family kindly asks memorial contributions may be made to: Alzheimer's Association, Attn: Part the Cloud, 2290 N. 1st Street, Suite 101, San Jose, CA 95131. Arrangements entrusted to **Modell Funeral Home**, 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com



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Bordie, John George

The Bordie family with sadness announces the passing of Dr John George Bordie on January the 23d, 2020. Dr Bordie was 88 years old.



Dr Bordie was born in Chicago on April 3, 1931, the son of Helena Jozefin Kozubal and John Bordie. As a child, he discovered an 18th century French coin in the soil in his back yard, igniting a lifelong interest in archaeology. He excelled at school, gaining entrance to the University of Chicago before completing high school. His circumstances required him to work through college but he still found time to play folk music, sing opera and slum around in jazz clubs, setting an admired precedent for his granddaughter, Calla.

After pursuing studies in archaeology and participating in digs in North Dakota and Guatemala, his interests turned to linguistics. Completing doctoral research in Pakistan and India, he earned his PhD in linguistics from the University of Texas in 1958, and then undertook postdoctoral studies at Harvard and Cambridge Universities. This led to a career with the Peace Corps, including a posting to Turkey, where he specialized in middle eastern and Sanskrit based languages. After leaving the Peace Corps, he taught at Georgetown and Cornell universities before becoming a linguistics professor at the University of Texas, as director of the Foreign Language Education Center.

Dr Bordie married Camilla May Bordie of Austin, Texas in 1956. He is survived by her and his children, Robin and Ralph, daughter and son-in-law Andrew and Patricia, and grandchildren, Elenor and Calla. We will miss his love, deep wisdom and even better sense of humor.

Donations to the Harry K Ransom Centre at the University of Texas in lieu of flowers (hr.utexas.edu)

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Broholm, Angela T.

Angela T. Broholm was peacefully born into life eternal on January 14, 2020, in Akron Ohio, at the age of 75 surrounded by loving family and friends.



She was born on January 16, 1944 in Chicago, to John and Angeline Lalla. She graduated from Mother of Sorrows High School in Chicago. Angela was employed as a secretary for Standard Oil and as a beautician in Chicago, North Aurora, Aurora, and Batavia, Illinois. She managed off-track betting facilities in North Aurora and Peru, Illinois and worked as a business manager at historic Hale Farm and Village in Bath, Ohio. Angela enjoyed cooking, family gatherings, and nurturing her grandchildren.

Angela is survived by her son Alan and his wife, Leah, her son Aaron and his wife, Heather, her son Adam, her sister Patricia and her husband David, her sister-in-law Debra, her grandchildren Allison, Alana, Jaeger, Chloe and Colin, her nieces and nephews Angeline, Jonathan, Amanda, Lisa, Ashley and Brian, and her former husband and father of her children, Allan. She is preceded in death by her father John, mother Angeline, and her brother John.

A funeral mass will be held February 1, 2020, at 11:30AM at St. Alexander Catholic Church, 7025 W. 126th St., Palos Heights, IL. Burial to follow at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, Alsip, IL.

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Brzostko, Carol J.

Carol J. Brzostko, (nee Ratkovich). Beloved wife of Wayne Brzostko. Loving mother of Victoria Brzostko and Gregory Brzostko. Cherished sister of Ronald (Mary) Ratkovich. Visitation Monday, January 27, 2020 from 3-9 p.m. at the **Richard-Midway Funeral Home** 5749 Archer Ave. (Corner of Lorel). Private cremation. 1-773-767-1840 or www.richardmidwayfh.com
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Byron, Cynthia Remijas

Cynthia "Cindy" Byron nee Remijas, passed away peacefully at the age of 69 on January 17, 2020. Dearest sister of Richard Jr. (Sherry), David (Sandra), Anita, Thomas DDS (Pam), Missy Curtis, Lia (Joseph) Bozich and Jonathan (Hilary); cherished Aunt and Great-Aunt of many; loving daughter of the late Richard J. DDS and Milly (nee Tabola) Remijas. Cindy was a witty and thoughtful friend to many. Family and friends will gather on Tuesday, January 28th for visitation from 9:30 am to 11:30 am and Mass of Christian Burial at 11:45 am at Christ the King Church, 9235 South Hamilton, Chicago. Inurnment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, in memory of her dearest companion, Kobi, memorial donations to PAWS, pawschicago.org preferred and appreciated. Arrangements by KUBINA-TYBOR DIRECTORS, 773-523-2191.

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Calkins, Mary E.

Mary E. Calkins, nee McEnerney, 97, of Elmhurst, passed peacefully surrounded by her family on January 24, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Robert Emmett for 43 years. Loving mother of Mary Lou (Sam) Maggiore, Margaret (Gerald) Sullivan, the late Francis, Kevin (Maryann Trojan), Rita (Bill) Tierney, Cecilia (the late Scott) Hawkins-Wight, Loretta (John) Tierney, and Robert (Marcy DeBias). Dear sister of the late Dolores (the late Peter) Mallon, the late Marge (the late Donald) Duffy, the late James (the late Ceil) McEnerney. Fond Calkins sister-in-law of 10. Caring grandmother of 25, adoring great-grandmother of 55. Visitation Monday, January 27th, from 3:00 – 9:00 PM at Olson Burke/Sullivan Funeral & Cremation Center, 6467-77 N. Northwest Hwy (one block north of Devon) Chicago IL 60631. Family and friends are asked to meet directly at church for the Funeral Mass Tuesday, January 28th, at 9:30 AM, Immaculate Conception Church, 134 Arthur Street, Elmhurst, IL 60126. Procession to All Saints Cemetery to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, American Diabetes Association, or HCU Homocystinuria HealthWell Foundation, would be appreciated. Info 773-774-3333.



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Cathcart II, James Adams

James Adams Cathcart II, 65, passed away suddenly and peacefully from a massive heart attack on January 21, 2020. He was born in Lake Forest, Illinois on July 30, 1954 to Silas and Corlene (nee Hobbs) Cathcart, where he attended Lake Forest Country Day School. He graduated from Berkshire School, a boarding school in



Massachusetts in 1972 and Babson College, also in Massachusetts in 1976. He got married in Chicago in 1985 and became a father in 1986. James is survived by his wife Jana (nee Westrich); loving children Kali Corbett Cathcart and James "Bo" Adams Cathcart III; loving siblings Strawn Cathcart, Daniel H. Cathcart, David M. Cathcart and Corlene C. Rhoades. He was preceded in death by his parents. James was a family man, who loved deeply and was always willing to help or listen without even asking. He had a passion for the outdoors. He grew up playing ice hockey, got his children to play and went to every single game. He was an amazing father, brother, and husband. He was an entrepreneur for the last several years owning his own company, ISB Enterprises. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 AM, on Monday, January 27 at St. Patrick Old Church, 991 South Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045. A reception immediately following at Orwentsia Club 300 Green Bay Road, Lake Forest. Memorial contributions may be sent to Evans Scholars Foundation, 2501 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, Illinois 60026, wgaesf.org in loving memory of James. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com



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Drobny, Sheldon

Sheldon Drobny, age 74. Beloved husband of Anita nee Suckman. Loving father of Jennifer (Tom Chernaik) Drobny-Chernaik, Michael Drobny, Dr. Jessica (Amitay Feder) Drobny-Feder and the late Julie Beth Drobny. Proud grandfather Sasha, Sam, Eden and Adam. Dear brother of Irving (Arlene) Drobny and Arnold (the late Susan) Drobny. Service Monday 10AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Sunset Memorial Lawns. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Shelly Drobny Family Memorial Fund <https://everloved.com/life-of/sheldon-drobny>. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie 847.229.8822, www.cjfiinfo.com



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Franke, John Terrence 'Terry'

John Terrence Franke "Terry" passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on a bright sunny morning on January 21st. It was fitting for someone who always viewed life through rose tinted glasses. His optimism was infectious and his love was overpowering. Terry was a mountain of productivity, a chronic multi-tasker, and was never prone to sit still. His unmatched energy led Terry to live a full life of varied interests and passions. No matter what community he entered, Terry was always a driving force of positivity. Those who knew him would agree he lived every minute of every day to the fullest. Terry was a lifelong Chicagoland resident, born in Chicago, raised by his parents Allyn and Rita, in Deerfield, and a graduate of Loyola Academy in Wilmette. He advanced his studies at his beloved Lawrence University (Class of '68), where as a member of the board of directors for over 20 years, culminating in his role as chairman, Terry became synonymous with the University. Terry's love for Lawrence will live on in perpetuity through the Terry and Mary Franke scholarship fund. After college, Terry received an MBA from the Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University. His first professional endeavor was with Continental Bank as a banker, but Terry quickly found his calling as a human resources benefits consultant at Hewitt Associates where he spent the bulk of his career. As an early partner in a rapidly growing company, Terry's impact was felt all over Hewitt. His positive attitude, thoughtful communication skills, natural leadership, and most importantly integrity, led to a successful career in business. After retiring from Hewitt, Terry was able to share his unique skills with others through his sales consulting role at Productive Strategies. His most recent project was at his own firm Franke Associates, where he assisted institutions with presidential transitions and board governance at the college level. Perhaps his most rewarding work was done serving as a mentor to 21 college interns. Terry was very philanthropic and supported countless causes, but some of his favorites were The Writer's Theatre, JDRF, and the Humanities Festival. Terry's inability to sit idle and difficulty with saying no, led him on a very fulfilling life full of adventure with his beloved wife Mary. He was a patron of the arts, enjoyed his many trips to the theater, and loved rock music, but most of all he loved dancing, where he was truly a force of nature. He also loved racquet sports like pickleball, tennis, and racquetball, as well as golf, especially at Skokie Country Club and Desert Mountain in Arizona where he had a home. Terry enjoyed the outdoors, taking hikes, swimming and going fishing with his grandchildren. Terry was an avid traveler, he and Mary visited 6 continents and countless countries together, but his absolute favorite place was in Pentwater Michigan, where his idea of a perfect day would end by enjoying a martini while watching the sunset over the lake with his wife by his side. Terry's open mindedness and boundless energy allowed him to live a diverse life with many different passions, but he was most passionate about his family. Although he was a tremendous colleague, mentor, friend, and partner, his most successful job was that of a husband and parent. Terry is survived by his spouse Mary who he adored, siblings, Barbara (Chris), Greg, and Alan (Sylvia), his uncle Richard and his aunt Barbara, his children, Jack (Hollie), James (Jessica) and Lizzie (Cory), and by his grandchildren Elsa, Henry, Freja, Heidi, James, Ella, and Linus. He will be dearly missed by all. Memorial services will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, One North LaSalle Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Funeral info: (847) 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com

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Gallagher, Mary Anne

Mary Anne Gallagher, age 72, resident of Misericordia and formerly of Mount Greenwood, Illinois, died peacefully surrounded by her adoring family, on January 16, 2020. Mary Anne was a devoted and loving daughter, sister, aunt, great aunt, cousin and friend to all who were blessed to have been touched by her kind and gentle spirit. Loving daughter of the late Anthony Francis and Margaret Sarah nee Sullivan Gallagher. Devoted sister of Daniel Francis (Mary Therese) Gallagher, Hon. Michael John (Judith) Gallagher, Margaret Ellen Gallagher (Hon. Patrick) Lustig, Special Aunt of Mary Brigid Gallagher, Ellen Gallagher (Paul) Therens, Therese Cathleen Gallagher, Margaret Mary Gallagher, Margaret Sarah Lustig (Michael) Kuczvara, Patrick Foran (Madelyn) Lustig and Michael Gallagher Lustig. Great Aunt to Harper Therens, Madeline Therens, Hadley Therens, Michael Kuczvara and Margaret Kuczvara. Services were held on January 21, 2020 at Misericordia. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Misericordia, 6300 N Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.



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Gersten, Theresa R.

Theresa R. Gersten. Beloved wife of the late William J. Loving mother of Bill, Tracy (Don) McEachern, Christina (Stephen) Sak and the late Michael Gersten. Devoted grandmother of Lourdes Marie Sak. Dear sister of the late Louise Victor and Robert Dyminski. A private Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Ransom Church, followed by burial in All Saints Cemetery. Info., www.ryan-parke.com.



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Greco, Dorothea A.

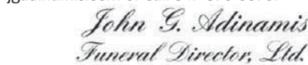
Dorothea A. Greco, nee Noffke, age 91, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Barty Greco; Loving mother of Sharon (Gregory) Gurka, Diane (Bruce) Colravy; and Mark (Kimberly) Greco; Cherished grandmother of Sherry (Tony) Poer, Amy Gurka, Daniel (Christy) Gurka, Elizabeth Colravy, Edmund Colravy, Mark (Molly) Greco, Jr., and Michael Greco; Great-grandmother of Conrad, Chloe, Emalyn, Gannon, and Kamryn; Dear aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Dorothea was preceded in death by her brothers, Robert and Henry Noffke. Visitation will be from 3-9 PM on Monday, 1/27, at Orland Funeral Home, 9900 W 143rd St, Orland Park. Funeral Service will be at Orland Funeral Home at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, 1/28. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery to follow.



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Gregory, Mary

Mary Gregory, nee Daravanis, age 96, passed away on January 20, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Tom; devoted daughter of the late George and Fotini; loving sister of Daphne (the late Nicholas) Rekas and the late Arthur G. Daravanis; cherished aunt of John (the late Lisa), and Frank Rekas; dear great-aunt of Samantha and Alexandra. Friends and family will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 29th, for Visitation from 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Service at 10:30 a.m. at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 2720 W. Winona, Chicago. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director Ltd. For information, visit www.jgadinamis.com or call 847-375-0095.



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Grossman, Bennett

Bennett Grossman, 73 of Chicago passed away on Friday, January 17th from complications related to cancer. He is survived by his beloved sons Joshua (Susan) of Chicago and Ian (Aliza) of Boston and his grandchildren; Graham 11, Nash 2, and Meirav 9 months. Bennett was Uncle to David and Carey Roth, Brother to Maxine Roth (deceased), and son to Irving and Mildred Grossman (deceased). A prominent member of Chicago's video production community since 1974. Bennett is a proud Alum of Columbia College. He started working in television at Israel's first public television station and has worked in Chicago at CBS Channel 2, Roscor, Think Tank, IPA, and Novel Ventures. Bennett was a life-long fan of Chicago sports, especially his beloved White Sox. A creative and energetic producer and director, he will be remembered by his family, friends and collaborators for his warmth, humor, and generosity.

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Gustafson, Robert Ivan 'Bob'

Robert "Bob" Gustafson passed away peacefully on January 15, 2020 with his wife, Judith and daughters, Karen and Marlena by his side. Bob's Family asks that you join them for an open house Celebration of Bob's Life. It will be held on Tuesday, January 28 from 2 until 4 pm at The Mather, north building, 11th flr. in the Above and Beyond Room, 425 Davis St. in Evanston, IL 60201. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the World Monuments Fund, (www.wmf.org). For info:773-774-3333.



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Hagen, Michael L.

Michael L. Hagen, age 70, of Orland Park, IL, retired architect with 45 years of service with several different firms in Chicago. Beloved husband for 43 years to Joan, nee Dressler. Loving father of Kathleen (Rev. Matt) Gunia, Elizabeth (Dan) Hampton, and the late James Michael Hagen. Cherished grandfather of Joseph, Colette, Vivian, and Otto Gunia; Carter and Quinn Hampton. Devoted son of Corinne and the late LeRoy Hagen. Dear brother of Tom (Diane) Hagen and Tim (Karen) Hagen. Please visit colonial-chapel.com for full obituary details 708-532-5400



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Hamester, Mark

Major Mark Hamester, USMC (retired), 57, of Chicago, passed away January 7, 2020 after a courageous battle with brain cancer. Beloved husband of Susan Pickett; loving son of Walter Hamester (Denise Bischof) and Elizabeth "Joey" Hamester; cherished brother of Mary and Matthew Hamester (Mika); dearest uncle of Hanna and Emma Hamester; and fond friend of many. Visitation Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 12:00 pm until time of memorial service at 1:30 pm at Edgebrook Lutheran Church, 5252 W. Devon Avenue, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lou and Jean Malnati Brain Tumor Institute c/o Northwestern Memorial Foundation, 451 N. Fairbanks Court, Ste. 800 Chicago IL 60611. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Herbert-Fernandez, Marion J.

Marion J. Herbert-Fernandez (nee Brennan) age 96, passed peacefully on January 18, 2020. Marion was a WWII Army wife, telephone operator, lover of roses and an expert family baker. She took great pride in all she did, and in particular making a comfortable home for her family. As the three children grew, she kept busy and entered one of the family business, Marquette Photo Supply, owned and managed by her brother-in-law, the late Joe Herbert, next door to Herbert's Barber Shop, owned by her husband and father-in-law. For over 50 years she served customers and made friends until her retirement. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Peter M. Herbert, Retired Lt. Col., Army Reserves. She is survived by their three cherished children, Mary Ann (John) Scott, Peter Jr. (Diane) and Carolyn (Kastytis) Iginis. She is also predeceased by her loving husband, John Fernandez. In addition, she is survived by eleven grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Jude Children's research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN, 38105, would be appreciated. Visitation Monday 9 am until time of mass 10 am at St. Thomas More Church. 2825 w. 81st St., Chicago, IL 60652; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, for info 708-636-1193.



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Herrick, LeRoy W.

LeRoy W. Herrick, age 95, of Chicago, passed away peacefully January 19, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Marilyn R.; loving father of Linda and William (Carol); dear grandfather of Robert, Luci (Stephen) Snowden and Andrew; cherished great-grandfather of Elizabeth and Benjamin; fond brother of the late Donald (the late Maureen) and the late James (Ann Marie); dearest uncle to many nieces and nephews. LeRoy was a proud WWII Army Veteran (29th Division, 116th Infantry, H Company), recipient of the French Legion of Honor medal, 74 year member of IBEW Local 134, O'Hare Airport Chief Electrical Foreman and active member of the St. Monica Senior Club. Visitation Friday, January 31, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Prayers, Saturday 10:15 a.m. at **Kolbus-John V. May Funeral Home** 6857 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago to St. Monica Church for Mass of Christian Burial, 11:00 a.m. Interment Private at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Local 134 CFL Delegate Scholarship Fund, 2722 S. Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago, IL 60616 or Patriot Paws Service Dogs For info 773-774-3232 or www.kolbusmayffh.com



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Hickey Sr., David Patrick

Age 79, U.S. Army Reserve Veteran. Beloved husband of 53 years of Arlene Hickey (nee Colbert). Devoted father of Carolyn (Eugene) Krupinski, Nancy (Arthur) Collias, Mary Beth (Brian) Knoll, and David P. Hickey Jr. Proud grandfather of Eugene, Emma, Nicholas, Jack, Priscilla, Emmett, Brody, and the late Sophia. Loving brother of John "Jack" (Judith) Hickey, and Mary Jane (Eugene) Dunworth. Cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. Proud owner and President of David P. Hickey & Associates. Visitation Tuesday 9:00 a.m. until time of prayers 10:45 a.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Alexander Church, Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to The American Cancer Society, 17060 Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60477 would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878



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Hogan, James Kenneth

JAMES KENNETH HOGAN
James Kenneth Hogan, born July 28, 1935, died January 24, 2020. Veteran U.S. Army, Retired Chicago Police Lieutenant with 29 years of service. Loving father of Kenneth and father-in-law to Melanie. Devoted grandfather of Max. Preceded in death by his beloved companion, Joan Wegner, his father, John, his mother, Teresa, and his brother, John "Jack" Hogan. Visitation Tuesday 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant, Hinsdale, IL. Mass of the Resurrection at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 124 N. Spring Ave., LaGrange, IL, Wednesday 10 a.m. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 6001 W. 111th St., Alsip, IL. 630-323-0275. www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com



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Houser, David and MaryAnne

David Houser (96) and MaryAnne (86), married for 62 years, passed the same day in a loving challenge to stay together. David was a veteran of WW II as a helmsman on a destroyer in the South Pacific, also a public servant as an FBI Special Agent for 26 years (retired), Department of Defense, First National Bank of Chicago, Commonwealth Edison investigator. MaryAnne was a degreed registered nurse in Detroit, Chicago, and at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Illinois. MaryAnne also provided her support to the University of Illinois Chicago and Catholic Charities in their advocacy and aid for patients with special needs. David was a loving husband, father and grandfather, and MaryAnne a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. MaryAnne and David are survived by sons Paul David and John Grant, and have grandchildren including Matthew and wife Kelsey, Kathryn, Grant, and Gerrit and devoted daughter in laws including Madonna and Cheryl whom they loved dearly. Service is not intended and will remain private.

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Hughes, Martha Pellegrini

Martha Pellegrini Hughes, age 87, of Arlington Heights, formerly of Northbrook, IL, passed away peacefully with her loving family at her side, on January 20, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Joseph, Loving mother of Lisa Marie (Donald) Murn and Valerie Hughes (Peter) Parrilli, Devoted grandma of Dana, Mitchell, Tracy, Joseph, Nicholas, Salvatore, Michael and Angel. Great grandmother of Millicent and Francis. Martha lived at The Moorings of Arlington Heights and Crane Crest in Lauderdale - by - the - Sea, Florida. A Memorial Celebration of Life will be planned for the Spring. Arrangements entrusted to **Green Burials of Love, Ltd.**, Marion O'Connor Friel - Funeral Director. Info: (847) 721-0322



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Hulbert, Carolyn W

Carolyn W. Hulbert, age 97, of Indian Head Park; beloved wife of the late John J. Hulbert; loving mother of Jeff (Bonita) Hulbert; proud grandmother of Tracy (Robert) Konezney, Michael (Terry) Hulbert, Steve Heim, Jr., & Kristofer Heim; dear great-grandmother of Katelyn, Ryan, & Zachary Konezney; dear sister, aunt, & friend of many. Carolyn began her career teaching at District 88 Jr. High, and went on to become the Head of the Library Science Department. She also devoted much of her time volunteering at LaGrange Hospital. Visitation 4 to 6pm on Tuesday, January 28 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral service 10 a.m., Wednesday, January 29 at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Chapel Hill Gardens West, Oakbrook Terrace. Funeral info: (708) 352-6500 or hfunerals.com

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Jamrozek, Patricia A.

Patricia A. Jamrozek (nee Dworak), at rest January 23, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Jamrozek. Loving mother of Diane (Tony Drimel) Jamrozek and the late Jason Jamrozek. Caring grandmother of Katie. Dear sister of Joseph (Sharon) Dworak. Fond aunt of the late Joey Dworak. Visitation Monday, January 27, 2020 at **Nelson Funeral Home** 820 W. Talcott Rd. Park Ridge, Illinois from 3 to 9 PM. Viewing Tuesday, January 28, 2020 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Hope Church 9711 W. Devon Ave. Rosemont, Illinois followed by the Mass of the Resurrection at 10:30 AM. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to American Heart Association 1-800-AHA-USA-1 or The American Cancer Society 1-800-227-2345. For info: 1-847-823-5122

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Jha, Chandra Kant

January 21, 2020. Chandra Kant Jha passed away while holding the hand of his devoted daughter Lakshmi. He was two days shy of his 94th birthday. Chandra left a profound and lasting impact on the city that he chose to make his home as well as the people who knew and love him. Chandra emigrated from India to Chicago in 1953. He worked full time while attending graduate school in the evening, earning first an M.S. in Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology and then an M.B.A. from the Graduate School of Business at the University of Chicago. In 1977 Chandra founded PSM International Corporation, a Chicago based real estate development and management company. One of PSM's most notable developments is Oterrie Center in Chicago, a 60 story mixed use building located in Streeterville. Prior to 1977, Chandra was a vice-president at Tishman Realty & Construction Co. where he played a key role in the successful completion of Chicago's 100-story John Hancock Center and other nationally acclaimed projects. Chandra served as a board member of numerous institutions and organizations including the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (McPier) for McCormick Place and Navy Pier in Chicago; the Capital Development Board for the State of Illinois; the International House at the University of Chicago; and the Steering Committee of the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat where he served as Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Fazlur Rahman Khan Chair. Chandra served as a board member of the Newhouse Architecture Foundation, now an affiliate of the Chicago Architecture Center, and was founding President of the India League of America (later transformed into the ILA Foundation), which promoted understanding between the Asian Indian and other American communities. He was a fellow member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Chandra enjoyed meeting friends on weekends, often for long relaxed meals at his home. He loved to philosophize about the art of cooking as his beloved wife and a dear friend prepared brunch or a holiday meal. He relished nothing more than winning tennis games from his daughter Lakshmi at their weekly Saturday tennis matches which he played with vigor into his early nineties. Chandra is survived by his wife of over 50 years Hekmat Elkhanialy Jha, and their only daughter Lakshmi; also by a son from a prior marriage, Rashmi Katyayan, two grandchildren Shivli and Shashank, and a great-grandchild Dhvani. There will be a memorial service and reception for Chandra May 17, 2020 from 1p.m. to 4p.m. at the International House at the University of Chicago where Chandra and Hekmat first met and fell in love. In lieu of flowers, anyone wishing to honor Chandra is asked to make a donation to one of the following: the International House at the University of Chicago, the Indo-American Center, Shirley Ryan Ability Lab.

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Johnson, Ann P.

Ann P. Johnson, 86, of Barrington. Ann was born Aug. 18, 1933 in Cincinnati, OH to John and Leona Porteous. She passed away peacefully at her home at Sunrise Senior Living in Barrington Jan. 16, 2020. Ann is survived by her six children, Gail Ann J. Goldstead (Eric Jebsen), Mike Johnson, Kathy (Michael) Motch, Carol (Ken)

Watt, Stephen Johnson, and Mary Brontton; nine grandchildren, Catherine and Eric Goldstead, Sarah (Danny) Celenza, Chris Johnson, Christy, David, and Mary Motch, Clint Watt, and Alex Brontton; and great grandchildren, Ruby and Jasper Celenza. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Mary Helen Kammerer, and former husband, Robert T. Johnson. Dearly beloved by her family; Ann was vivacious and social. She loved tennis, golf, walking, bridge and raising her children to be everything they could be. Visitation will be Sat., Feb. 1, 2020 from 9am until 11am at St. Anne Catholic Community, 120 N. Ela St. (Corner of Franklin and Ela Sts.), Barrington with an 11am Mass immediately following. Burial will follow in St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Cemetery, Palatine. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601, www.alz.org. For information, please contact **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, Barrington, 847-381-3411. For online condolences please visit, www.davenportfamily.com.



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Joseph, Adele

Adele Joseph, nee Kaplan, 99. Beloved wife of the late Victor; devoted mother of Karan (Norman) Weinberg, Robert L. Joseph, and James S. Joseph; cherished grandmother of Max (Craig Seip) Weinberg and the late Sarah Weinberg; proud great-grandmother of Mosi and Sally. The family would like to thank Adele's dedicated caregivers Lisa and Helen. Services are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, www.chicagos-foodbank.org. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Kalo, Betty Ann

KALO, BETTY ANN (nee Burr)
"I was here. Now I am gone." That is the extent of the obituary Betty wanted. She claimed that her life of almost 95 years was not dominated with many accomplishments. She was mistaken. Betty was an adult psychiatric nurse practitioner during her decades long career at the James Lovell VA in North Chicago. She widely traveled six continents with her husband of almost 60 years, Albert Ozzie Kalo. In her 70s, she rode a camel in Egypt and did back flips off the diving board; she rode a jet ski in her 80s. Her daughters, Zari Kalo of Waukegan IL and Leslie McKee (Scott McKee) of Ormond Beach FL, see the best of Betty through her grandchildren, Rachel Keistler, Aaron Keistler, and Jeremy Outinen (Charlene Outinen), as well as through her bonus granddaughters, Heather Outinen Lee and Jennifer Outinen Cernech.

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Kelly, Edward F.

Edward F. Kelly, age 82, U.S. Army Veteran, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2020. Edward was the loving father of Shawn T. (JoAnn) Kelly, Kimberly A. (Peter) Coker and Jennifer A. Kelly; dearest son of the late Nora and Thomas Kelly; cherished grandfather of Ann (the late John) Burgess and the late Thomas, Joseph, Patrick, John "Red" and James Kelly. Edward was a fond uncle of many, and a proud member of Pipefitters Local #597. Visitation Tuesday, January 28, 2020, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services begin at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, at the funeral home, and will then proceed to Divine Savior Church in Norridge for Mass at 9:30 a.m. The interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines. For more information www.cumberlandchapels.com or (708)456-8300.



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Kochevar, Lillian L.

Lillian Lorraine Kochevar (nee Wind) 91, at rest January 21, 2020. Lillian is preceded in death by her dear husband of 64 years, Martin R. "Bob" Kochevar, her parents Matthias and Theresa Wind, and all of her siblings: Matthias Wind, Eleanor Anders, Adele Bridges, Helen Bergstrom and Edward Wind. She leaves behind four devoted children, Martin E. Kochevar (late Wendy), Marilyn A. Feeney (Patrick), Russell J. Kochevar and Laura M. Kochevar. She was so proud of all her Grandsons: Luke Feeney (Hayley), John Feeney (Colby), Michael Feeney, Joseph Kochevar (Greta) and David Kochevar. Lillian was delighted by her growing Great Grandchildren: Thomas, Patrick, Ellen, Jack, Callen, Moura and Lars. She was a loving Aunt to many nieces and nephews. As a child of immigrants, she never had the opportunity to know most of her extended family. As a result, she absolutely cherished her role of Grandma, Great Grandma and Aunt. Memorial visitation Friday, January 31 from 4 to 8 p.m. at **Adolf Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Ltd.**, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook. Family and friends will gather on Saturday for a Memorial Mass 10:30 a.m. at Notre Dame Church, 64 Norfolk Ave., Clarendon Hills, IL 60514. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Notre Dame Church would be appreciated. Service information: 630-325-2300 or www.adolfservices.com.



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Kocian, Mary Elizabeth

Mary Elizabeth Kocian (nee Burt), age 94, of Frankfort, Illinois passed away peacefully on January 19, 2020 with her sons at her side. Mary is survived by her sons Dean (Gloria) and Timothy, her granddaughter Sara (Nick), grandsons Mark and Brian (Karolyn), and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded

in death by her beloved husband, Frank, and her siblings Ann Peek, Mildred Peek, Pauline Booth, Dorothy Koebnick, and Roy Burt. Mary was born in Arcola, Illinois on April 26, 1925. She grew up on the southside of Chicago and cherished the memories of her many friends and good times had in the neighborhood surrounding her home at 76th and Indiana which she shared with her siblings, her mother Mary Margaret, and her step-father Joseph Heilbron. Mary raised her family in Evergreen Park, Illinois where she was active in Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, in little league baseball, in the PTA (serving as an officer), in the Crawford Gardens Homeowners Association, as a Red Cross volunteer (Oak Lawn tornado), in Republican political campaigns, and as a host parent with the American Field Service. Mary has been a resident of Frankfort, Illinois for 45 years becoming a fixture in her neighborhood greeting neighbors as she worked in her yard and gardens. Services are private. Memorial donations to the Joliet Area Community Hospice (joliethospice.org) would be appreciated by the family.



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Kolb, Gary Edward

Gary Edward Kolb, age 74, grew up and raised his family in Chicago and DesPlaines, eventually retiring to Goodyear, AZ before returning home to Illinois in 2018; served honorably as a medic in the US Navy during the Vietnam Era, respected funeral director for nearly 40 years with Weinstein Brothers, and avid White Sox fan and season ticketholder; devoted son of the late Phillip W. and the late Sissy Kolb; loving father of Kevin (Angela Turner) Kolb, Brian Kolb, and Jill Kolb; adored Grandpa Gary of Lara, Michael, Nina, Dylan, Miranda, and Sara; cherished brother of Cis (Terry) Roberts, Barb (Sandy) Alper, and the late Allen (late Edydie) Kolb; treasured uncle, cousin, and friend to many. We will miss Gary's contagious smile, warm nature, and caring ways. Service Tuesday, 2:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd., Skokie (at Niles Center Rd.). Entombment Memorial Park Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the charity of your choice. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

Dr. Leonard F. Koziol, 70, of Park Ridge for over 30 years passed away on January 15, 2020. Beloved brother of Dr. Raymond S. Koziol, Letitia (Martin) Wambach and Dr. Donald J. (Ruth) Koziol. Loving son of the late Dr. Stanley M. Koziol and the late Cecilia (nee Leszczynski). Loving Uncle of Dr. Raymond J. (Wendy) Koziol, Angela Koziol, David (Laura) Koziol and Jason (Sarah) Koziol, Tim (Sarah) Wambach, Janel (Mark) Blakely, Peter (Jill) Koziol, and Matthew Koziol. Great Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Leonard dedicated his life to the field of psychology, where he had a successful practice for 30+ years and authored cutting-edge neuroscience textbooks. His second love was playing chess where he earned the esteemed title of Grand Master. Leonard was also a former season ticket holder for his beloved Chicago Bears, his favorite memory was attending the "Fog Bowl" of 1988. Leonard was a unique, one of a kind guy who will never be forgotten. Visitation Saturday February 1, from 8:30 am until service 9:30 am at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles, to St. Paul of the Cross Church for Mass at 10:00 am. Entombment St. Adalbert Mausoleum.



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Kreutter, MaryJane

MaryJane Kreutter, nee Menzer, age 83, of Skokie. Beloved wife of the late William J.; dear mother of Debbie (Paul), Kathy, Tammy, and Tim; loving grandmother of Christian, Christopher, and Stephanie; loving daughter of the late Carl and Doris Menzer; cherished sister of Lee Menzer and the late Terry; fond aunt to many nieces and nephews. Memorial Gathering, Tuesday, January 28, 2020, from 4 to 7 p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Info: 847.673.6111.

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Kuffer, Irene

Irene Kuffer, age 86, passed January 24, 2020 peacefully at her home. Formally of New Buffalo, recently of Denton, Texas. Born in Chicago, IL. Beloved wife of the late Donald Kuffer, fond mother of Dorene Kuffer (Susan Dougherty), Dawn Kuffer Remis (William Remis). May she rest in peace.

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Laudert, Ronald R.

Ronald R. Laudert, age 85, of Evanston. Loving son of the late Evelyn Carol and Patrick Laudert. Visitation Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 10:30 a.m. at **Immanuel Lutheran Church**, 616 Lake Street, Evanston, IL 60201. Interment Oak Hill Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Info: www.donnellan-funeral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Lavin, Marshall R.

Marshall R. Lavin, 100, Northwestern University '42, WWII Veteran, Chicago CPA. Beloved husband of the late Charlene, nee Natovich, for 61 years; loving father of Mark (Debra) and Caryl (Steven) Steinberg; proud grandfather of Shira (Dmitriy) Kazandzhi, Hillary (Dylan Brace-Sloss) and Harrison Lavin; fond brother-in-law of the late Diane Sherman. Funeral service Sunday, Jan. 26, 2 PM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Selfhelp Home, 908 W. Argyle, Chicago 60640. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Lee, Carol Sue

Carol Sue Lee, 87, died on January 21, 2020 in Chicago, Illinois, following a short illness while under hospice care. She was born on July 17, 1932, to Verne and Agness (Cooper) Baker, in Iowa City, Iowa, and grew up in Davenport, Iowa. While working at a local movie theater, she met William A. Lee, they married in 1951 and were divorced in 1990. Over the years, Carol lived in the Chicago area; the Quad City area; Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Alexandria, Virginia. Survivors include her three daughters: Linda Lee, Alexandria, Virginia; Susan Bell (John), Sarasota, Florida; and Sally Sugg (Mark), River Forest, Illinois; a brother, Gene (Jan) Baker, Moline, Illinois; and a sister, Joyce Osborn, Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Collin and Erin Sugg; and two nieces and a nephew. A private person, Carol never liked being the center of attention and per her wishes, there will be no services or burial. At some point in the near future, her ashes will be scattered in the mountains in the southwest. In lieu of flowers, a donation to a local animal shelter would be appreciated. JourneyCare Hospice, Lombard, Illinois, provided care and assistance beyond measure and will not be forgotten.

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Leidolf, Mary Jean

Memorial visitation for Mary Jean Leidolf (nee Hefner), 88, of Palatine will be held Friday, January 31, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the memorial Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 455 N. Benton St., Palatine, IL 60067. Inurnment will be held at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. Mary Jean was born May 28,

1931 in Trusdell, Wisconsin, and she passed away January 10, 2020 in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Mary Jean was the beloved wife of the late Nicholas; loving mother of Janet Leidolf, Mark (Gale), Gary (Julie) and Bruce (Terri); dear daughter of the late James and Mary (nee Herr) Hefner; fond sister of Lorraine (late Fred) Kohlndorfer and Carolyn Connor and the late Raymond Hefner. She also had many nieces and nephews that she loved dearly. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Kidney Foundation 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300 Rockville, MD 20852 or visit www.kidneyfund.org or to the American Heart Association 300 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60606 or visit www.americanheart.org. For information, call the **AHLgrim Family Funeral Home**, Palatine, at 847-358-7411, or visit www.ahlgrimffs.com

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Lercara, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Lercara; Loving daughter of Dolores and the late Vincent Lercara; Devoted sister of Cathy Lercara; Loving partner of Pete Nibbe of 19 years; Devoted Niece of Frank Lercara; Beloved niece and cousin to many; Retired loyal employee of over 41 years in the Chicago Public Schools; Funeral Tuesday 9:00 a.m., January 28, 2020 from **Salerno's Galewood Chapels**, 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago to St. Francis Borgia Church. Mass celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Entombment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Monday, January 27, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Funeral Home. For info (773) 889-1700



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Liakopoulos, Niki

Niki Liakopoulos; Loving mother of Samantha (Mark) Tassani and Frances Tiffany (friend Patrick Dolan); Cherished daughter of Fotini (nee Grivas) Liakopoulos; Dearest sister of Patricia (John) Harris; Caring aunt of Frank, Andrew and Paul Harris; Beloved niece, cousin and friend to many. For service times and information visit www.simkinsfh.com



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Lowry, Marianne

Marianne (Bach) Lowry passed away January 20, 2020 at the age of 96. She was born Marian Williams 3-23-23 in Glorieta, New Mexico but was a lifelong Chicagoan. She was predeceased by husbands Henry 'Hank' Haff, Leonard Wendt, Russell Lowry and her son Randy (Beatrice) Wendt. She is survived by her daughter Nancy (John) Gunning, grandchildren Jeffrey (Angie) Raddatz, Curtis (Heather) Raddatz, Amy (Diana) Buch and Maureen (Joe) Ramirez, 8 great grandchildren and longtime friend Norbert Gajaski. Memorials may be made to Norwood Life Care Foundation (norwoodcrossing.org) or Rainbow Hospice (rainbowhospice.org).

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Mahalko, Paul Gerard

Paul G. Mahalko, age 59, died January 2, 2020. Cherished son of the late Ann and Alex Raymond Mahalko; dear brother of Linda (Tom) Pacha; and loving uncle of Kelli Pacha and the late Nicolas "Nick" Pacha. Paul was a beloved family member, enjoyed his career as an electrical engineer, and was an avid Bears fan. He grew up in Hillside and lived most of his adult life in Bridgeport, both in Chicagoland. Services were private.

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Malik, Patricia L. 'Pat'

Patricia "Pat" L. Malik, 81, longtime resident of Glenview, at rest January 25, 2020. Beloved wife of Ron Malik; loving mother of Jayme (Thomas) Bielanski, Scott (Brenda) Malik and Jeff (Suzanne) Malik; proud grandmother of Chris, Kyle, Samantha, Taylor, Daniel, Tyler, Gabbie, Lizzie, Maggie, Carter, Griffin, Darcy, Clare and the late Lauren; dear sister of Cindy (James) Harig and Leslie (Mitchell) Schwarzbach; dear sister-in-law of Arlene Robertson; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday, January 27, 2020 from 4 to 8 pm at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview. Family and friends will meet for funeral Mass Tuesday, January 28 at 10 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St., Glenview. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, C/O Sr. Paulanne's Needy Family Fund, 1775 Grove St., Glenview, IL 60025. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Marinko, Patricia E.

Patricia E. Marinko, 59, of Glendale Heights, passed away January 25, 2020. Loving wife of Paul Marinko Jr.; dear sister of Robin (Justine) Plachy, Diane Cichocki and Ruth Mann; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Robert & Dorothy Plachy. Visitation Wednesday January 29, 2020 from 3 to 9 p.m. with a prayer service at 6 p.m. at **Williams-Kampp Funeral Home** 430 E. Roosevelt Rd. Wheaton, IL 60187. Services conclude at the funeral home. Info @ www.williams-kampp.com or (630) 668-0016.

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Martino, Lillian C.

Lillian C. Martino, née Augelli, 96, passed on January 22, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Louis A. Martino, Sr.; loving mother of Joanne (the late Frank) Ambrose, Louis A., Jr. (Christine) and Toni (Richard) Noreen; beloved daughter of the late Anthony and the late Florence Augelli, née Falco; dearest grandmother of Anthony (Stephanie), Jaime (John), Julie (Nick), Gina (John), Frank, Rich (Christina), Louis III, Anthony, Michelle, Anthony and Alexia; great-grandmother of Louis IV, Jonna, Nicholas, Nicoletta, Gianna, Vivienne and Jack; dear sister of the late Joseph (the late Fran) Augelli, the late Cloda (the late Harold) Scholin, and the late Angelo (Mary) Augelli; dear sister-in-law of the late Anne (the late Leroy) DePlomb and the late Michael (the late Evelyn) Martino; fond aunt and friend of many. Visitation Monday, January 27, 2020 from 3-9 at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Funeral Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at the funeral home at 9:00 am and will proceed to Our Lady Mother of the Church for 10:00 am mass. Entombment will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ The King Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the National Meningitis Association, P.O. Box 60143, Ft. Myers, FL 33906, www.nmaus.org or the American Cancer Society www.cancer.org.

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McCormick, Robert Eugene 'Bob'

Robert "Bob" Eugene McCormick, age 77, of Palatine IL passed away suddenly on January 24, 2020. Beloved husband to Debbie McCormick. Devoted father to Katie, Jennifer, and Timothy (Alison), and Amy (Brock) Shireman. Loving Grandpa Bob to Connor, Clare, Liam, Fenna, Danny, and Tommy. Dear brother-in-law to Joyce (Gordon) Miller. Bob was always available to help family and friends. He had a talent and passion for fixing things and was often referred to as "Bob the Builder." He will be deeply missed. A visitation will be held Tuesday January 28, at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home** 185 E. Northwest Hwy. Palatine IL from 4:00-8:00PM. On Wednesday January 29, there will be a visitation at St. Thomas of Villanova Church 1201 E Anderson Dr, Palatine, IL from 9:00-10:00AM with mass at 10:00AM. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside IL. In lieu of flowers donations to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300 Jacksonville, FL 32256 would be appreciated. For more info please call 847-359-8020 or go to Bob's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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McWilliams, Lorraine J.

Lorraine J. McWilliams, nee Brown, age 92, at rest January 24, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Arthur C. McWilliams. Loving mother of Ralene J. Arthurs, Susan M. (the late Larry) Ingalls, and Craig L. (Lauri) Arthurs. Dear Grandmother of Christopher L. (Michele), Zachary W., Nicholas L., and Jacob L. Fond sister of the late Thomas L. Brown Jr. and the late Rollie C. Brown. Lorraine was an extensive world traveler and an amazingly dedicated grandmother. Visitation Sunday 4 PM to 7 PM at Chapel Hill Gardens West Funeral Home 17W201 Roosevelt Rd., Oakbrook Terrace. Family and friends will meet for the Funeral Mass Monday 10 AM at St. Irene Catholic Church 28W441 Warrenville Rd., Warrenville, IL. Private Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. Info. (630) 941-5860.

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Messineo, Marie C.

Marie C. Messineo, 88, of Poplar Grove, IL, formerly of Chicago, passed away peacefully, Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Arrangements with **Sunset Funeral Home**, Machesney Park, IL

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Moberg Jr., John

John Moberg Jr., 90, Korean War U.S. Air Force Veteran, of Schaumburg, at rest January 22, 2020. Beloved husband of Ruth, nee Andersen for 68 years. Loving brother of the late Edwin, the late Gerda Born, the late Bergit Carlson, Alice (Al) Anderson, and the late Myrna Raney. Dear brother in law of Arne Andersen. Fond uncle of many loving nieces and nephews. Memorial services and Entombment at Mt. Emblem Cemetery in Elmhurst will be held privately. Services entrusted to Chapel Hill Gardens West Funeral Home. Info. (630) 941-5860.

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Moldofsky, Isaac

Isaac Moldofsky, 21. Beloved son of Brad and Kim Moldofsky. Loving brother of Ethan Moldofsky. Cherished grandson of Judy and Ron Kochman, Myra and Howard Moldofsky. Dear nephew of Kevin and Eve Kochman, Cary and Tara Kochman, Lorna and Paul Cohen. Fond cousin of many. Memorial service Sunday 2PM at Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, 303 Dodge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60202. Memorials to Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, www.jrc-ewanston.com, SENG: Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted, P.O. Box 972, Clifton Park, NY 12065, www.sengifted.org, Electronic Frontier Foundation, 815 Eddy Street, San Francisco, CA 94109, www.eff.org and RAICES, 1305 N. Flores St. San Antonio, TX 78212, www.raicestexas.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel**, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Morrison, Judith Marie

Judith Marie Morrison, nee Doherty, beloved wife of the late William O.; loving mother of William Jr. (Marilyn), John (Betty), Mary (Bruce Heinrich) and Edward (fiancée Amy Pizano), proud grandmother of Jeff, Sue (Aaron) Fogg, Sarah (Ryan) Zink, Emily, Kimberly (fiancé Jeff Szczewski), Melissa (Mike Giblin) and Michael; special GG of four plus; fond sister of the late Jeanne O'Brien; dear aunt of many. Avid knitter, card player, reader & swimmer. Memorial visitation Saturday, February 1, 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral mass 11:00 a.m. at St. Domitilla Church, 4940 Washington Street, Hillside, IL. Private interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Berkeley Public Library, 1637 Taft Avenue, Berkeley, IL 60163. Arrangements entrusted to **Hursen Funeral Home & Crematory**, Info 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.

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Mueller, Nancy Bryant

Nancy Bryant Mueller, age 93 of Wilmette, IL. Preceded in death by her beloved husband of 68 years, Carl F. Mueller, her parents, Mila Grosvenor and John Morrison Bryant, her two older sisters and their spouses, Virginia (Hank) Brinker and Maribelle (Chuck) Mc Nair. Loving mother to Susan (Jim) Hollingsworth, Betsy (Bob) Jaeschke and Kurt (Anne) Mueller. Proud grandmother to Jennifer, Mark, Megan, Peter (Supina), Megan (Steven), Amy, Arthur and Joan. Great grandmother to three. Funeral and interment private. Memorial may be made to Kenilworth Union Church 211 Kenilworth Avenue, Kenilworth, IL 60043, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, IL 60022 or a charity of one's choice. Funeral info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990

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Olsen, Norman, M.D.

August 26, 1935 - January 23, 2020
Beloved son of Norman I and Mildred. Cherished husband of Dyana. Loving father of Laura, Tim (Lisa), Kimberly, Norman III (Elizabeth) and stepfather of Dana Metzger (Bradley) and Daran Puffer. Grandfather of Ashley, Linnea, Kelsey and Charles Okerstrom, Mija and Alrik Olsen, Chase and Cienna Metzger and Lily Olsen. Great grandfather of Saniah, Else and Adela. Dr. Olsen was a graduate of Baylor College of Medicine. In the U.S. Navy, he served as the Chief of OB-GYN in Patuxent, MD. In 1968, he entered private practice at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago and also served as the President of the medical staff, Chairman of the OB-GYN Dept. and a member of the Board of Directors. Dr. Olsen was listed by Chicago Magazine as a top doctor in 1999, 2000 and 2001. The family will honor him with a ceremony in Door County, WI to take place this spring.

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Pawlikowski, Jolanta M.

Jolanta M. Pawlikowski (nee Zurczak), passed away January 19, 2020. Beloved wife for 60 years of Witold, loving mother of Beata (Andrius Tamulis); devoted grandmother of Kinga; sister of Andrew and Victor Zurczak. Funeral, Friday, January 31, visitation from 9:45 and Mass at 11:15 at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, 5835 West Irving Park Rd. in Chicago. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to: PSO - ZHP, Inc. Girls' Division, 3102 Wesley Ave., Berwyn, IL 60402; the Kosciuszko Fnd., Chicago Chapter, 325 S. Chester Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068; or the Polish Jesuit Millennium Center, 5835 W. Irving Park Rd, Chicago, IL 60634

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Peters, Diane L.

Diane L. Peters, nee Fritz, 82, of Edison Park. Beloved wife for 55 years to Dale W. Peters. Loving mother of Michelle Ryan and Heather (Kurt) Gustafson. Proud grandmother of Ashley Ryan, Jaclyn Ryan and Matthew Gustafson. Dear sister of Roger Fritz and Paul (Mary Ann) Fritz. Retired 28+ years an educator at several Chicago Public Schools. Active member of Edison Park Lutheran Church and Waller High School Alumna. Memorial Visitation Friday, January 31, 2020 from 3 until 9 PM at **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. Funeral Service Saturday 10:30 AM In State at Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N. Oliphant, (at Avondale) Chicago until time of Service at 11:00 AM. Memorials appreciated to Edison Park Lutheran Church Foundation. Interment Private. For further information 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com

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Pfeifer, Joseph Ernst

Joseph Ernst Pfeifer, age 88, of Yorkville, IL died Friday, January 24, 2020. He was born in Germany the son of the late Jakob and Anna (Steidel) Pfeifer. He served his country honorably in the US Army.

He is survived by his wife Waltraud "Trudy" Pfeifer, children Anita Simmons, Karen Pfeifer, Heidi (Bill) Simpson, Joe (Sherry) Pfeifer and a granddaughter Emma Pfeifer.

Visitation will take place on Monday, January 27, 2020 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the DUNN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME with CREMATORY, Oswego, IL. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM at St Patrick Catholic Church, Yorkville, IL.

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Pietrusiak, Rose Mary 'Rosie'

Rose Mary "Rosie" Pietrusiak, nee Chmielewski went home on January 11, 2020 at the age of 101, most loving wife of the late Walter V. "Wally"; loving mother of Jerome (Barbara), Robert (the late Cathy) and Richard (Theresa Rose); proud grandmother of five and great-grandmother of three; dearest sister of Casimir "Casey" (Rose) Chmielewski and preceded in death by 12 other siblings; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass on Saturday, Feb. 8th at 11 a.m. at St. Mark Church, 1048 N. Campbell Ave., Chicago. Visitation at St. Mark's on Friday, Feb. 7th, 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 8th at 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the **Cruz-Sojka Funeral Home**, 312-666-2673.

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Plevritis, John

John Plevritis, 58, Beloved husband of Polyxeni (nee Tingas); Loving brother of Paul and Ted (Vicki); Dearest brother-in-law of Jimmy (Ilene) Tingas, George Tingas, Stefanie (Vasilios) Pliakos, Eleni (Bill) Vasilakopoulos, and Dina (Nick) Paraskevopoulos; Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 4 - 9 p.m. at Colonial Wojciechowski Funeral Home 8025 W. Golf Rd., Niles, IL. Family and friends are requested to please meet Monday morning 9:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church 2350 E. Dempster St. Des Plaines, IL. for 10:00 a.m. Funeral service. Interment will follow to Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD.** Info: 847-581-0536 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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Poli, Elvira

Elvira Poli, 76 years old of Antioch, IL passed away Wednesday, January 22, 2020 surrounded by her loved ones. She was born to the late Joseph and Josephine (Esposito) Cairo on November 26, 1943 in Chicago, IL.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Our Lady of the Lakes - St. Peter Catholic Church, 557 Lake St. Antioch, IL. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to STRANG FUNERAL HOME OF ANTIOCH, 1055 Main St. Antioch, IL 60002. For additional information, please call (847)-395-4000. Please sign the online guestbook for Elvira at www.strangfh.com.

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Richert, Edward A.

Edward A. Richert, age 88, Korean War Army Veteran, beloved husband of 62 years to Elizabeth A. "Betty" (nee Neville); loving father of Edward (Julie) and James Richert; dearest gramps of Rebecca (Kyle) O'Connor, Margaret (Sean) Murphy, Kathleen (Chris) Murauski, Jennifer (Joseph) O'Hara, James and Brian Richert; cherished great-gramps of Elizabeth, Audrie, Emily and Charlotte; dear brother of the late George Richert, twin Theresa Griffin and Mary Lou Reed. Edward was a Charter Parishioner of St. Alexander Parish in Palos Heights, long time choir member, and a member of the Financial Committee. He was also a 4th Degree member of the Cardinal Stritch Knights of Columbus, St. Theodore Guerin Council and Minister of Communion at Palos Community Hospital. Visitation Monday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Tuesday 9:15 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park to St. Alexander Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of Flowers memorials to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60607 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Pl. Memphis, TN 38105 would be appreciated. Funeral Info: 708 429-3200

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Riesbeck, Alvin F.

On Wednesday, January 15th, 2020, Alvin F. Riesbeck, Jr., devoted husband and father of two children, passed away at the age of 78. Al was born on July 29, 1941 in Chicago to Alvin F. and Virginia (Richter) Riesbeck, Sr. He graduated from Governors State University in 1973 and worked for the Veterans Administration for more than 30 years. He was also a proud U.S. Army Veteran. Al was preceded in death by his father, Alvin, and his stepmother, Charlotte. He is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years Barbara, his two cherished daughters, Vicki (Kevin) Zwart and Jennifer Riesbeck (Brian Opalka), his two treasured grandchildren, Julianna and Calder, his two favorite granddops, Jaci and Annabelle, several dear nieces and nephews, and so many good friends. A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 2600 75th Street, Woodridge, IL. A viewing will be at 10 a.m. with a service at 11 a.m. For full obituary and to express your thoughts and condolences visit hjfunerals.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** 630-964-6500

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Roberts, Sabina Helen

Sabina Helen Roberts (nee Keane), 103, of Huntley, Illinois passed away peacefully at Heritage Woods in Huntley. "Biney", as she was known to family and friends, was born on June 20, 1916 on the East Side of Chicago. There she attended St Francis DeSales School, married, and raised her 5 children while living near most of her extended family. Nothing made Biney happier than sharing stories, playing cards and laughing with family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Roberts, her daughters Kay Banaszak, Roseann Roberts, and Jeri Dassie, her son Pat Roberts, her son-in-law Jack Dieterle, as well as her parents and siblings. She is survived by her daughter, Joan Dieterle, her grandchildren Mike (Elaine) Banaszak, Mark (Mary) Banaszak, John (Debbie) Banaszak, Greg (Cheryl) Dieterle, Bob (Sande Lindorfer) Dieterle, Jim (Carol) Dieterle, and Kathie (Tom) Stanek, 14 great grandchildren, and 6 great-great grandchildren.

Visitation will be on Friday, January 31, 2020 from 9:00am until the time of the 10:00am Funeral Mass, all at St. Mary Catholic Church -10307 Dundee Road, Huntley. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity in Biney's name. For further information please call **DeFiore Funeral Home** at 847-515-8772 or online condolences may be directed to www.defiorefuneral.com

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Roche, Pierre Dwyer

Pierre Dwyer Roche, a lifelong resident of Evanston, Illinois, died on January 19, 2020. Known to family and many old friends as "Dwyer," he was a graduate of St. Mary's grammar school in Evanston, Loyola Academy, and Loyola University Chicago. He served in the Navy Reserve at Glenview Naval Air Station during the Korean War. In June 1953, he married his high school sweetheart, Margaret Stewart. Together, they raised six children in Evanston.

Pierre's dedication to serving others was evident throughout his life. In high school, he volunteered at what was then called the Lawrence Hall for Boys. For many years, he served as youth counselor and coach at the Evanston McGaw YMCA, and organized tennis tournaments and swimming competitions for children at his summer community in Palisades Park, Michigan.

Pierre spent his business career in advertising sales and management at Standard Rate & Data Service and Thomas Regional Publishing. After retiring from business, Pierre began his second career. For 25 years he volunteered at Oakton Community College teaching English to recent immigrants, and regularly taught classes four days a week. In the summers, he taught English to children of migrant farm workers in Michigan. He loved sharing our customs and traditions while helping immigrants overcome the challenges of the English language. He also relished learning about his students' customs and languages and sharing them with family and friends. He volunteered teaching English through Global Volunteers in many countries.

In the last ten years of his life, Pierre was a much-loved DJ in retirement communities and nursing homes in Evanston and Michigan. He found great joy in the tapping toes and spontaneous dancing brought about by his sharing of jazz and popular music from the 1930's and 40's.

Most important to Pierre was family; he cherished his roles of husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife and six children: Kathleen (James) Hirsman, Brian (Emily Sharpe), Marie (John Hoo), Martha (Peter) Hanson, Sara (Robert) Burson, and Frances (Michael Mitrani). He was proud of and always curious about the activities of his 14 grandchildren: Clara, Jacob, Andrew, and Leah Roche; Maxwell, Melissa, and Charlotte Hoo; Katherine and Ellen Han-son; Martha, Hannah, and Joseph Burson; and Samuel and Sarah Mitrani.

A celebration of life will be held February 1, 2020, at 3 p.m. at Three Crowns Park, 2323 McDaniel Avenue, Evanston.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Children's Home and Aid: Attn: Michelle Williams, Children's Home & Aid, 125 S. Wacker Drive, Floor 14, Chicago, IL 60606, or Meals on Wheels Northeastern Illinois, 1723 Simpson Street, Evanston, IL 60201. Donations can be made online at www.childrenshomeandaid.org/donate or https://mealsonwheelsnei.org/donate-today. Info: 847-675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.

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Roden, Helen

Helen Roden, 87, formerly of Park Ridge passed away January 17, 2020. She was the loving wife of the late John R.; beloved mother of Gary (Beth); cherished grandmother of Greg (Jasmin) and Geoff (Bridget); and devoted great-grandmother of Rosemary and Arabelle. Memorial Visitation Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 1 PM - 5PM with Memorial Service to begin at 4 PM at **Nelson Funeral Home** 820 W. Talcott Ave., Park Ridge 60068. For info www.nelsonfunerals.com or 847-823-5122.

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Rodriguez, Mary Jane

Mary Jane Rodriguez, nee Cavanaugh, age 80; beloved wife of 38 years to Jose A. Rodriguez; loving step-mother of Julie (Jamie Crawford) Rodriguez and Jennifer (Robert) Narbert; cherished grandmother of Jayla Crawford-Rodriguez, Matthew Narbert and Isabella Narbert; dear sister of Patricia Cavanaugh and the late Sheila Ryan; fond aunt and friend to many. Visitation Wednesday, Jan. 29th, 3:00PM to 8:00PM. Funeral Thursday, Jan. 30th, 9:15AM from **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. So. of Ogden Ave.) Downers Grove to St. Joseph Church. Mass 10:00AM. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorial to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, www.mercyhome.org are appreciated. 630/968-1000 or www.adamswinterfield-sullivan.com

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Russell, Monica M.

Monica M. Russell, (nee: Medill) age 95 1/2, at rest January 22, 2020. Loving mother of Deborah (late Scott) Russell (Curley Stricklin), Kalamazoo, MI, Jennifer (Jim) Edkins, Lake Zurich, IL, and Heidi (Thomas) McNally, Grand Rapids, MI. Dear sister of Shirley (late Dick) Ruddy. Devoted grandmother of Daniel Russell, Margaret Russell (Oliver Lagman), Caitlin (Vic) Ramirez, Jack (Audrey) McNally, Connor McNally (Rachel Shinneman), Emily Edkins (fiancé Tom Bohac), Greg Edkins and Matthew Edkins. Fond aunt of 13 nieces and nephews. Monica was preceded in death by her husband George T. Russell, her parents George and Julia Medill, her siblings Charlotte (Bill) Powell, George T. Medill, Jr; Lorraine Medill and beloved in-laws Donald and Mary Russell, Joan and John Freeman. Monica was a long time resident of Hinsdale and later, Libertyville, IL had a 50 year career as a nurse, nursing educator and administrator, being an early BS of Nursing graduate in the US. But her greatest love and legacy is her family. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org) or the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org) would be appreciated. Visitation Saturday February 1st from 9:00 am until the time of Mass 10:00 am at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church 306 West Fourth Street, Hinsdale. Interment: Bronswood Cemetery. Service information: Adolf Funeral Home - Willowbrook, 630-325-2300 or adolfservices.com



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Rzasa, Dorothy A.

Dorothy A. Rzasa, nee Thorpe, beloved wife of the late Walter; loving mother of Sharon (Art) Solverson, Edward (Beth) Rzasa, and Nancy (the late Tom) Florio, the late Stanley (Helen) Rzasa and the late Joseph (Barbara) Rzasa; beloved grandmother of 7 and great-grandmother of 2; fond sister of Louise Larsen and the late Preston (Bonnie), Robert (Dorothy) and William (Rosa) Thorpe; loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Tuesday 9:15 A.M. from Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Monday 3-8 P.M. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Association appreciated. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.



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Sacco, Gilbert F.

Gilbert F. Sacco formerly of Westchester, age 91. Beloved husband of the late Lorraine, nee Kovarik; dear brother of Phyllis (late Phillip) Onstad, Margaret (Robert) Fuesel and the late Irene (late James) Haller; brother-in-law of Barbara (late Edward) Tverdek and the late Lila (late Dale) Kingsnorth; fond uncle of many. Retired from GTE in 1986 after many years of service. Family and friends will be received at the Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) for a Memorial Visitation on Thursday, January 30, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. proceeding to Divine Providence Church for 11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Mt. Carmel High School, 6410 S. Dante Ave., Chicago, IL 60637 appreciated. For info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L

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Sadighian, Shervin

Born August 22, 1969, in Miami Florida to parents Mike & Victoria Sadighian. He passed away on January 22, 2020 in Allen, Texas.

Shervin was a hardworking and determined man and even more so a loving and caring husband and father. He grew up in Hinsdale, Illinois and graduated from Hinsdale Central High School where he found several friends and formed many fond memories; he played on the football team and got voted the King of Hearts. Following high school, he went on to later graduate from Purdue University in 1992. At Purdue he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity where he found even more friends and formed even more fond memories. He found success in a career with AT&T where he served as an Assistant Vice President under supply chain management. He found even more success in a dedicated relationship with childhood friend, high school prom date, and later wife, Cindy Sadighian. Together they had two sons Jack (21) and Ryan (20) who now both study at the University of Georgia.

He loved his family more than anything in the world and worked hard to guarantee they never wanted or struggled. He was the kind of husband to assure his wife was always happy and often surprised her with thoughtful gifts. He was the kind of father to do whatever it took to put a smile on his kids faces, staying up all night before Christmas to set up a Lego battle for his young sons to find in the morning. He was the kind of employee to work long, hard hours to assure all was perfect. And he was the kind of man to treat everyone with respect, regardless of who they were or how well he knew them.

Shervin is survived by his wife Cindy, sons Jack and Ryan, father Mike, brother Arvin, and many loved in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

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Scallon, Marilyn 'Dolly'

Marilyn "Dolly" Scallon (nee Schneller), age 91, of Western Springs. Beloved wife of Charles Scallon for a wonderful 70 years. Loving mother of the late Carol (David) Masini. Dedicated grandmother of Courtney (Michael) Rolfes, Brendan (Carrie) Masini, Caitlin (Desi) Sendaydiego, and Charles (Kelly) Masini. Doting great-grandmother of Brendan Jr., Michael, Carolyn, James, Caroline, Desi Jr., and Madeleine. Visitation 3:00 to 7:00 PM Friday, January 31, 2020 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Family and friends are invited to meet for 11:00 AM Mass on February 1st, directly at St. John of the Cross Church, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Misericordia. For further information: 708-352-6500 or HJfunerals.com



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Schnell, Joyce Marie

Joyce Marie Schnell nee Green, age 80, of Morton Grove IL. Truehearted wife of the late Werner J. Schnell. Strong mom to Bridget (Oliver) Osterhues and the late Michelle (Tom) Sorrentino. Cherished Mama to Kristina, Tony, Elena, Dominic, Joey Sorrentino, Brandon, Garrett, Tristan, Marlena Osterhues, and Adam and Anders Schnell. Worldly sister to Carol, Marilyn, and the late Sharon. Former wife of the late Robert D. Berglund. Joyce was a dear friend and will be missed by many. A visitation will be held Friday January 31, at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home** 185 E. Northwest Hwy. Palatine IL from 3:00-8:00PM. A service will be held Saturday February 1, at 10:00AM at the funeral home. Interment Memory Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital would be appreciated, ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105. For more information please call 847-359-8020 or visit Joyce's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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Schwartz, Evelyn

Evelyn Schwartz. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Sol Schwartz. Loving mother of Trudy (Dr. Baroukh) Levi, Leah (Rabbi Yerachmiel) Cohen, and the late Dr. Lenard Schwartz. Cherished grandmother of 15 and great-grandmother of 32. Dear sister of the late Sara Wolf and Michael Best. Treasured aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Graveside service Monday 10:30AM at Shalom Memorial Park, Arlington Heights, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, remembrances to the Jewish United Fund would be appreciated. Arrangement by **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-Mitzvah (630-648-9824) or www.MitzvahFunerals.com

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Smith, Andrew Lawrence "Larry"

Andrew Lawrence "Larry" Smith, U.S. Army Korean War Veteran, age 89, of Palos Heights, IL passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 23, 2020. Beloved husband for 65 years to the late Clara Evelyn "Clare" Smith, nee Smit (2017). Loving father of Steven (Eric Ringquist) Smith and Jill (David) Knibbe. Proud grandfather of Laura Knibbe and Jaclyn (David) Hollinger. Cherished great-grandfather of Noah and Ryan Hollinger. Dear brother of the late Eldene (Cornelius) Dykstra and the late William (late Jane) Smith. Fond uncle of many nephews and nieces. Preceded in death by his parents Andrew and Janet Smith. Visitation Tuesday, January 28, 2020 from 3-8 p.m. at **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Visitation continues Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at Calvary Church, 16100 S. 104th Ave., Orland Park, IL 60467 from 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 10:30 a.m. Interment with Military Honors at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Calvary Church or Honor Flight Chicago, 9701 W. Higgins Rd., Suite 310, Chicago, IL 60018. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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Smotrys, Louis

Louis C. Smotrys, age 72, of Lombard. Loving father of Steven (Lauren) Smotrys, Jennifer (the late John) Jaloway, and Michael (Jessica) Smotrys; dear son of the late Carl and Helen Smotrys; devoted grandfather of 12; fond brother of Susan (John) Wick, Joan (Jim) Opoka, Maryanne (Phil) Jackson, and the late Larry Smotrys; uncle of many nieces and nephews; loving companion of his dog Angel. Visitation Sunday, January 26, 3-9pm at **Knollcrest Funeral Home**, 1500 S. Meyers Rd. (3 blks. So. Of Roosevelt Rd.) Lombard. Funeral Monday, 9:15am from the funeral home to Christ the King, 1501 S. Main St., Lombard. Mass 10am. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Marklund Children's Home, 164 S Prairie Ave, Bloomingdale, IL 60108, are appreciated. Funeral info: (630) 932-1500 or www.knollcrest.net

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Sommers, Marjorie Ann (Voth)

(1940-2020) Bensenville, IL. Passed away peacefully at home on January 17, 2020. Marj was predeceased by her parents, Walter and Lena (Heider) Voth; husband, H. William Sommers; and son, William Glen Sommers. She is survived by her loving son, Charles (Charlene) Sommers; dear siblings Glen Voth, Edythe (David) Bernhardt, and Gayle (Mary) Voth, and their children, and cherished friends Muriel and Elaine Schneider. Marj lived with an angel on her shoulder and her life in Jesus' footsteps. A memorial service to celebrate Marj's life will be held on what would have been her 80th birthday, Sunday, March 1, 2020, 2:00 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 142 E. 3rd St., Elmhurst, IL. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Marj's memory to Immanuel Lutheran Church or School in Elmhurst.



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Spieles, Nicole B.

On January 23, 2020, Nicole B. Spieles, nee Jannis, age 47, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones and in the arms of her loving husband. She was the beloved wife of Kurt T. Spieles; dear mother of Vivian, Delphine, and Calliope; devoted daughter of Marlis and John Jannis; and fond sister of Amanda (Jeffrey) Kozaka. Visitation will be Monday, January 27, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Michalik Funeral Home**, 1056 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60642. Family and friends will meet Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 1017 N. LaSalle Dr., Chicago, IL 60610 for a 10:00 a.m. Service. Interment will follow at Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Ancona School, www.anconaschool.org/give. For further info call 312-421-0936 or www.michalikfuneralhome.com.

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STANTON, MARGARET J 'PEGGY'

Margaret J. "Peggy" Stanton (neé O'Neill) 74 formerly of Edison Park; beloved wife of Daniel; loving mother of Sean (Dr. Emily) Stanton, Erin (Blair) Dillon, and Caitlin (Jeff) Haile; cherished grandmother of Will, Teddy, Kaitlyn, and Kyle; dear sister of Mary Jo (the late Jerry) Callahan, Judy O'Neill, Mark (the late Agnes) O'Neill, Don (Julie) (the late Marcia) O'Neill, and John (Sharon) O'Neill; and treasured aunt of many. Memorial services 11AM Saturday February 1, 2020 at the STRANG FUNERAL HOME 1055 Main St. (Rte. 83) Antioch, IL 60002. Visitation from 4PM until 9PM Friday and from 10AM until time of services Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia Heart of Mercy or the American Diabetes Association, are appreciated. INFO 847-395-4000 or www.strangfh.com.

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Tadel, Adeline

Adeline Tadel passed away peacefully under the care of VITAS Hospice and the attentive staff at Franciscan Village Mother Theresa Home in Lemont, Illinois on January 3, 2020 aged 103. She is survived by her two children; Ronald (Patrice) (late Anita) and Sandra (Keith Adams), one brother Stanley (Selma) Walczak; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren, fond aunt of many nieces and nephews that helped in her later years. She was preceded in death by her parents Michael and Waldislava Walczak, her beloved husband Edward, brother Witolt (Helen) Walczak and sisters Regina (Martin) Oldenberg and Elokoda "Betty" (Matt) Nowicki. A memorial mass will be celebrated February 1, 2020, St. Francis of Assisi Chapel, Franciscan Village 1270 Franciscan Drive in Lemont, IL. 10:30 AM to 11:30 Gathering, 11:30 to 12:30 Mass. A memorial service will be held at St. Boniface Church in Chetek WI. Date yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers please send donations to St. Francis of Assisi Chapel at Franciscan Village or St. Boniface Church 419 3rd Street Chetek WI 54728. Info and full obituary at www.markiewiczfh.com **Markiewicz Funeral Home, P.C.** 630-257-6363

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Tenegal, George M.

George M. Tenegal passed away in his home in Chicago, Illinois, on January 3, 2020, at the age of 71. George is survived by his siblings, Diane Tenegal, Michael Tenegal, Mari Ann Whooley, and Annette O'Keefe, as well as many nieces and nephews. George was born on September 30, 1948, in Chicago, Illinois, to Ann and George Tenegal. George graduated from Leo High School in 1966. As George developed a passion at a very young age and demonstrated his gift as a pianist, he received a scholarship to study at DePaul, and graduated in 1971 with a Music Degree. As George continued his passion for music, he pursued his Graduate studies at MDW - Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst Wien, located in Vienna, Austria, and from September 1973 to May 1974, he studied at Villa Schifanoia, located in Florence, Italy.

As well as an accomplished pianist, George was a vocal-coach, Latin, Italian, Spanish, French, German, and English diction teacher, and studio accompanist. He worked for many years at DePaul University and then at North Park University. He will forever be remembered for his kind and gentle nature, love for his family, and his exceptional gift as a pianist and vocal coach. We will miss him very much. May he forever rest in peace.

A memorial to celebrate George's life will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020, at North Park University's chapel, at 2:30 p.m., which is located at 3225 West Foster Avenue, Chicago, IL.

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Thompson, Raymond J.

Raymond J. Thompson, age 70, passed away on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Beloved father of Bernadette (David) Mitchell, Michael Thompson, Jacquelyn (Dave) O'Malley and Luke (Kelsey) Thompson; cherished grandfather of Garret, Brandon, Conor, Hailey, and Landon; dear brother of the late Susan Thompson and Warren (June) Thompson; fond uncle to many. He was met by his beloved German Shepherds as he crossed the rainbow bridge to heaven. A born leader, Raymond was a Lifetime member of Muskies INC. and also an inductee into their Hall of Fame. He was Chairman and co-founder of the Illini Muskies Alliance, as well as a member of their Hall of Fame. A well-known author, cartographer, and highly respected speaker. Visitation Monday, January 27th at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 4727 W. 103rd St. Oak Lawn, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Tuesday, January 28th 10:00 a.m. chapel service at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to: Illini Muskies Alliance, 3944 S. Clarence Ave., Stickney, IL 60402 would be greatly appreciated. For more information 708-636-1193 or visit www.blakelamboklaw.com

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Warnock, Tracy

Tracy Warnock, age 42, Beloved daughter of Phillip Sr. (Linda) and the late Ella Ann; loving mom of Lisa Anna Marie Denk; cherished sister of Kristin and the late Phillip; favored granddaughter of the late Frances and Robert Warnock; dear cousin of Lisa Brundage, Jennifer Calabrese, Dia Coleman, Bob Warnock and Patrick Anderson. Tracy will be missed dearly by many. Visitation, Monday from 4 to 9 P.M. at Kolbus-John V. May Funeral Home, 6857 W. Higgins Ave, Chicago. Funeral Service Wednesday, January 29, 2020 10 A.M. at St. John's Lutheran Church 4939 W. Montrose Chicago. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. For info: www.kolbusmayfh.com or 773-774-3232

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Welter, Lynn

Lynn Welter, 76, of Chicago, passed away peacefully on January 23, 2020 at The Admiral at the Lake. Her memory will be cherished by her sister Jane, her nieces Jill (Eduardo) and Emily (Omar), her extended family, and her many dear friends. Lynn was a lifelong Chicagoan who had a long and fulfilling career as a social worker at Metropolitan Family Services. She was a loving pet owner who also rescued and fostered many cats. No funeral services. Memorial donations may be made to Tree House Humane Society or the Black Ensemble Theater, Lynn's favorite charities.

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Whealan, Dorothy

Dorothy nee Kruger Whealan passed on January 23, 2020 after a full life. Wife of Emmett Whealan, mother of Barbara Dobney, Kelly (Brent) George, Kerry (Doug) Dowling, Patrick (Natalie) Whealan, late Edward Whealan, and Erin (Richard) Whealan Mayorga. Big Mama to Dion, Scott, Chris, Riley, Emmett, Caitlin, Kiernan, Brennan, Ryan, Eddie, Jake, Miles, & Sydney. A master of three point pivots, doubles, and finales, Dorothy was a lifelong fashion model who knew everyone in the industry and the greater Chicago area that either sold, wore, tailored, or looked at clothes with appreciation. There isn't a runway around that her high heels did not grace. She had a passion for movies that extended into multiple extra roles sans nominations. A dedicated member of Service Club of Chicago, Beverly CC, Ridge CC, Sam's and Costco. Also a devoted member of multiple frequent flyer associations, hotel chains, and player's club memberships at casinos across the country. Always a willing participant for mischief and fun: the stories are all true.

Visitation Monday January 27, 2020 from 3-8 pm at Kenny Brothers Funeral Home at 3600 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park, IL. Funeral Mass: Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 11:00 a.m. at Saint Barnabas Church in Chicago, 10121 S Longwood Drive, Chicago. Interment to follow at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to The Service Club of Chicago or the Kidney Cancer Association.... Dress code: Glamorous

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Wolf, Mary Jill

Mary Jill Wolf, nee Burke, of Chicago. Beloved wife of James Wolf. Dear mother of Jamie (Ann-Marie), Caroline (Tom) Mansour, John (Kristi), Katharine (Thomas "Ben") Dunn, Daniel (Katie), and Edward Wolf. Loving grandmother of Nora, Joseph, Emma, Burke, Ava, Olivia, Jack, Nolan, Charlotte, Rory, and Jim. Devoted sister of Edward (Julie) Burke, Carol Sexton, the late William Burke, the late Jane Bryne, and the late Donna Fitzpatrick. Brother-in-law of John Fitzpatrick. Aunt of many nieces and nephews, friend of many. Mary Jill taught within the gifted program at Hibbard Elementary School in Chicago for many years. She was a devout member of St. Mary of the Woods Parish. Visitation, 9:30 AM, Tuesday, January 28, St. Mary of the Woods Church, 7033 N Moselle Ave, Chicago, IL 60646, until time of the Funeral Mass at 11 AM. Interment Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary Jill's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Funeral info 773-736-3833

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Zaveduk, Adele

Adele Zaveduk (nee Laznowski) of Northbrook, IL died peacefully at home on January 23, 2020. She was 82 years old. Adele was born in August of 1937 in Paris, France. During World War II Adele and her sister Josette were hidden with a non-Jewish family before her parents were deported by the Nazis. After the war she moved to Argentina, where she met her

husband Benjamin, and the first of their 2 children were born. The family moved to the Chicago area in 1963. She was a strong life force packaged in a tiny body. She played tennis, loved the theater, opera, and the symphony, and watched foreign-language mysteries on TV. She made sure no one was left out of a conversation. She made a mean brisket, her flan and chocolate mousse were the highlights of many meals, and she knitted scraps of yarn into beautiful blankets for hospitalized children. She always read the last page of a book first. While Adele did not define herself by her wartime experiences, she felt that sharing her story could help in the fight against hate and intolerance. She was involved in the establishment of the Illinois Holocaust Museum, and over the years she spoke to thousands of schoolchildren through their Speakers' Bureau. Her life story was published in several books. Over the years she spoke to thousands of school children. Adele is survived by her husband Benjamin, sons Victor (Barb) and Mitchell (Abra); her grandchildren Kaylee and Maya; her brother Henri (Barbara), her sisters Josette Laznowski (Jaime Graievsky) and Sylvia Frydman (Daniel Gabe); numerous nieces and nephews and their families; and an extended family of dear friends. Chapel service Mon, Jan 27, 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Rd., Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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SUNDAY, JAN. 26 NORMAL HIGH: 31° NORMAL LOW: 16° RECORD HIGH: 62° (1944) RECORD LOW: -16° (1897)

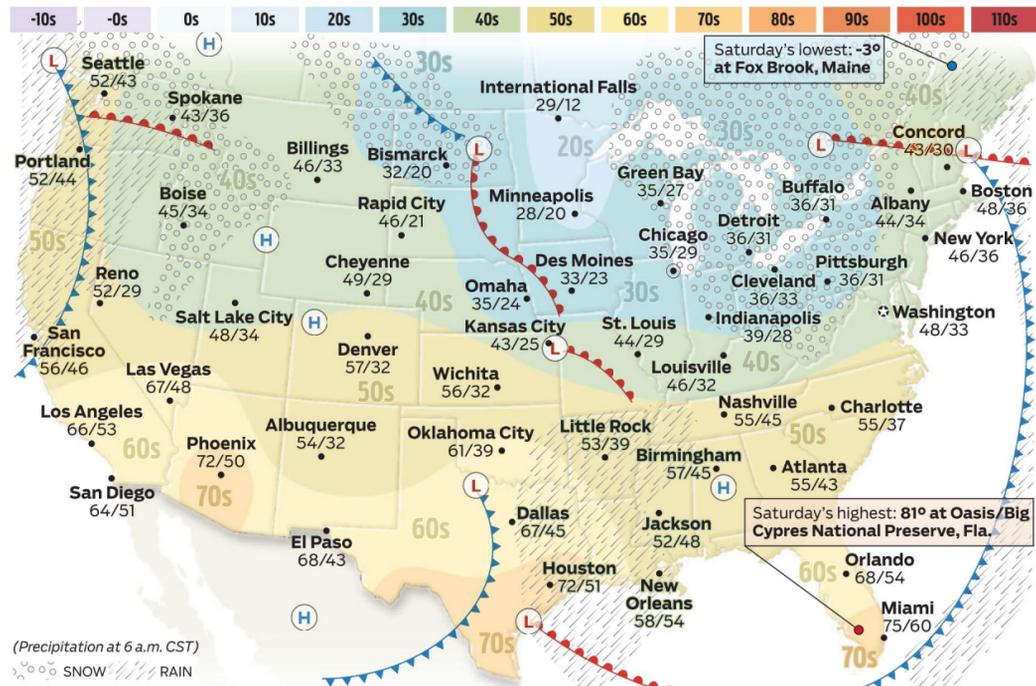
Slightly above normal temperatures this week

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 35 **LOW** 29

- A dry, breezy and cloudy day.
- Steady afternoon temperatures, slightly above normal with a high in the mid 30s.
- Gusty west winds 10-18 mph.
- Nighttime winds diminish overnight and turn northwest.
- Cloudy overnight.
- Nighttime low in the upper 20s, 10 or more degrees above normal for early January.

NATIONAL FORECAST



We enter the last week of January with temperatures more than 5 degrees above normal for the month. The above normal temperature trend should continue through month's end. Little temperature variation is expected this week with highs in the 30s. The normal high temp for the last week of January is 31 to 32 degrees while the normal low temperature rises to 17 by Jan. 31. Normal temperatures are now on the upswing as we began the second half of meteorological winter Jan. 16. High temps this week are forecast to range from 33 to 37 with lows ranging from 25 to 29.

Fairly dry conditions look to be in place through Thursday with another late week snow system possible beginning Friday into Saturday. If we get snow late this week, it will be the fourth consecutive end of the week snow event.

MONDAY, JAN. 27

HIGH 37 **LOW** 28

Mostly cloudy with a chance for a few flurries. Light NW winds. Above normal high in the mid to upper 30s. Clouds persist overnight with a low again near 30, more than 10 degrees above normal for late January.

TUESDAY, JAN. 28

HIGH 37 **LOW** 27

A day similar to Monday with an above-normal high in the mid to upper 30s and a low in the upper 20s. Fairly calm with light west winds. High pressure to the southwest. Flurries possible overnight with cloudy skies.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

HIGH 32 **LOW** 22

Clouds and light winds persist. A chance for a few passing snow showers as an Alberta Clipper crosses the northern Great Lakes. A little cooler with a high near freezing. Colder overnight with a low in the lower 20s.

THURSDAY, JAN. 30

HIGH 32 **LOW** 24

The streak of cloudy weather continues. A seasonable high near freezing. Light winds with high pressure centered over Missouri. Mostly cloudy overnight with light south winds and a low in mid 20s.

FRIDAY, JAN. 31

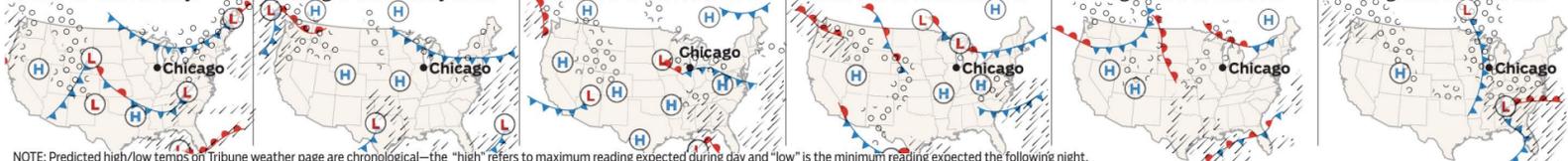
HIGH 32 **LOW** 24

Cloudy skies of late January continue into February. A chance of snow showers begins in afternoon. A high near normal of 32. South winds 4-8 mph. Cloudy with light snow possible overnight. Low in mid 20s.

SATURDAY, FEB. 1

HIGH 35 **LOW** 24

February starts as January ended with cloudy skies. Light snow showers or flurries are possible. West winds increase to 10-15 mph in the afternoon. The chance for snow ends overnight. Low in mid 20s.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Has there ever been a winter where October or November snowfall totals were the highest of the winter season? Thanks.
Nick Recchia,
River Grove

Dear Nick,
Checking the city's snowfall climatology dating back to the fall of 1884, October has never been the snowiest month of any snowfall season. Though extremely rare, November has taken the honors, just twice, during the winters of 2015-'16 and 1940-'41. In November 2015, the city recorded 11.2 inches of snow, all of it falling in a pre-Thanksgiving snow-storm on Nov. 20 to 21. The largest monthly total the rest of the winter was 6.3 inches in January. The only other time November claimed seasonal snow total highs was in 1940 when 14.8 inches fell, more than the runner-up months of February with 11.2 inches and March with 11.7 inches.

Write to: ASK TOM
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End of January 2019—polar vortex brings record cold

ONE YEAR AGO—A COLD LAST WEEK OF JAN, 2019

The cold continued to February 1st. A quick warmup followed with the high temp reaching 51 on 2/4/19

*The minimum temp on 1/30/19 and 1/31/19 were record lows for Chicago for those dates. At least a trace of snow was recorded at O'Hare each of the last 7 days of January

O'HARE:	DATE	MAX TEMP	MIN TEMP	AVG TEMP DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	SNOWFALL (inches)
	1/25/19	5°	-6°	-24°	0.7"
	1/26/19	12°	-7°	-21°	1.7"
	1/27/19	11°	-5°	-21°	Trace
	1/28/19	34°	8°	-3°	5.0"
	1/29/19	10°	-10°	-24°	0.3"
	1/30/19	-10°	-23°*	-40°	Trace
	1/31/19	1°	-21°*	-34°	0.8"

2019 WAS THE COLDEST LAST WEEK OF JANUARY ON RECORD FOR CHICAGO
Coldest mean average temp Jan. 25 through Jan. 31



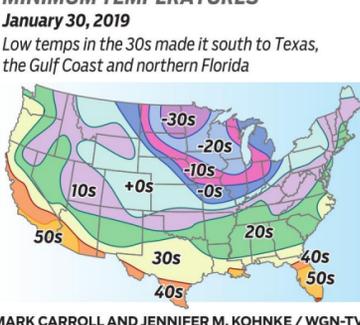
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MINIMUM TEMPERATURES



MIDWEST CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	cl	48	30	pc	41	27
Champaign	pc	35	26	cl	35	26
Decatur	pc	37	27	cl	33	25
Moline	cl	31	23	cl	33	23
Peoria	pc	33	25	cl	32	24
Quincy	cl	31	27	cl	34	24
Rockford	cl	31	20	cl	35	24
Springfield	cl	38	27	sh	34	25
Sterling	cl	29	18	pc	33	23
Indiana						
Bloomington	pc	41	30	cl	39	28
Evansville	sh	42	31	cl	40	28
Fort Wayne	cl	34	27	sh	35	29
Indianapolis	cl	39	28	sh	37	29
Lafayette	sh	36	26	sh	35	28
South Bend	ss	34	27	ss	35	30
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	sh	35	27	cl	34	22
Kenosha	cl	35	28	cl	35	26
La Crosse	pc	31	20	cl	34	21
Madison	cl	32	24	cl	33	24
Milwaukee	sh	34	27	cl	34	25
Wausau	sh	33	23	cl	32	21
Michigan						
Detroit	ss	36	31	sh	35	29
Grand Rapids	ss	36	29	sh	36	28
Marquette	ss	32	28	sh	31	25
St. Joe, Marie	ss	35	26	cl	31	18
Traverse City	ss	35	30	sh	34	27
Iowa						
Ames	sh	32	22	sh	29	19
Cedar Rapids	sh	28	23	pc	29	20
Des Moines	cl	33	23	sh	31	21
Dubuque	cl	30	20	cl	35	23

OTHER U.S. CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	su	68	44	su	75	49
Albuquerque	sh	44	34	sh	42	31
Albuquerque	pc	54	32	pc	49	30
Amarillo	pc	62	32	pc	61	33
Anchorage	pc	1	-4	cl	2	-1
Asheville	pc	49	34	sh	47	31
Aspen	pc	40	19	ss	31	14
Atlanta	pc	55	43	sh	55	35
Atlanta City	pc	48	34	pc	47	32
Austin	su	76	46	su	71	54
Baltimore	pc	47	34	pc	48	35
Birmingham	sh	57	45	pc	57	36
Bismarck	ss	32	20	sh	30	21
Boise	rm	45	34	sh	47	39
Boise	pc	48	36	pc	47	34
Boston	pc	82	58	pc	78	63
Brownsville	ss	36	31	ss	35	28
Burlington	su	38	33	ss	38	28
Charlotte	pc	55	37	sh	55	33
Charlotte SC	pc	60	47	sh	59	44
Charlton WV	sh	41	34	sh	41	29
Chattanooga	pc	53	43	sh	55	33
Cheyanne	pc	49	29	sh	43	26
Cincinnati	cl	41	28	cl	39	29
Cleveland	ss	36	33	ss	34	32
Colo. Spgs	pc	51	30	rs	48	24
Columbia MO	cl	54	37	pc	38	27
Columbia SC	pc	59	45	sh	58	36
Columbus	sh	36	29	sh	36	27
Concord	pc	43	30	pc	41	30
Corpus Christi	pc	77	52	su	72	60
Dallas	pc	67	45	pc	67	51
Daytona Bch.	pc	65	49	pc	70	52
Denver	pc	57	32	sh	48	31
Des Moines	cl	32	23	sh	29	14
Duluth	cl	68	47	pc	64	38
El Paso	pc	68	43	pc	64	38

SUN./MON.

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Fairbanks	ss	-13	-27	pc	-21	-28
Fargo	sh	27	16	sh	22	12
Flagstaff	pc	49	27	sh	46	20
Fort Myers	pc	73	54	sh	75	61
Fort Smith	sh	57	36	pc	59	41
Fresno	sh	62	42	pc	60	43
Grand Junc.	pc	40	28	ss	37	21
Grand Falls	cl	45	34	pc	47	30
Harrisburg	pc	45	33	pc	44	32
Hartford	pc	45	31	pc	44	28
Helena	cl	41	30	pc	44	27
Honolulu	su	82	69	pc	82	67
Houston	ts	72	51	pc	68	55
Int'l Falls	pc	29	12	sh	24	2
Jackson	sh	52	48	pc	58	40
Jacksonville	pc	67	53	cl	65	50
Juneau	rm	41	33	ss	35	33
Kansas City	pc	43	25	pc	37	28
Las Vegas	pc	67	48	pc	68	43
Lexington	pc	45	34	sh	43	31
Lincoln	pc	39	21	cl	33	24
Little Rock	sh	53	39	pc	57	37
Los Angeles	pc	66	53	sh	76	55
Louisville	pc	46	32	cl	43	31
Macon	cl	61	44	sh	59	38
Memphis	sh	52	42	pc	53	35
Miami	pc	75	60	sh	76	65
Minneapolis	pc	52	48	pc	50	20
Mobile	rm	55	52	sh	63	45
Montgomery	sh	56	46	pc	60	36
Nashville	cl	55	45	pc	52	31
New Orleans	rm	58	54	pc	62	50
New York	pc	46	36	pc	47	35
Norfolk	pc	52	33	pc	52	34
Oklahoma City	pc	51	39	pc	58	38
Omaha	pc	35	24	sh	32	23
Olando	pc	68	54	pc	72	55

SUN./MON.

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Palm Beach	pc	74	57	sh	79	61
Palm Springs	su	77	55	su	79	52
Philadelphia	pc	46	33	pc	45	32
Phoenix	su	72	50	sh	72	46
Pittsburgh	sh	36	31	sh	36	30
Portland, ME	pc	45	32	pc	43	29
Portland, OR	sh	52	44	rm	51	48
Providence	pc	47	32	pc	45	29
Raleigh	su	53	36	sh	53	34
Rapid City	pc	46	21	cl	36	30
Reno	sh	52	29	pc	54	34
Richmond	pc	52	33	ss	35	27
Rochester	sh	37	32	ss	35	27
Sacramento	pc	64	42	pc	63	46
Salem, Ore.	sh	52	43	rm	51	47
Salt Lake City	sh	48	34	pc	44	33
Santa Fe	pc	47	29	rs	42	23
Savannah	pc	63	48	sh	59	42
Seattle	sh	52	43	rm	51	46
Shreveport	sh	56	45	pc	61	45
Sioux Falls	pc	34	25	sh	29	21
Spokane	rm	43	36			



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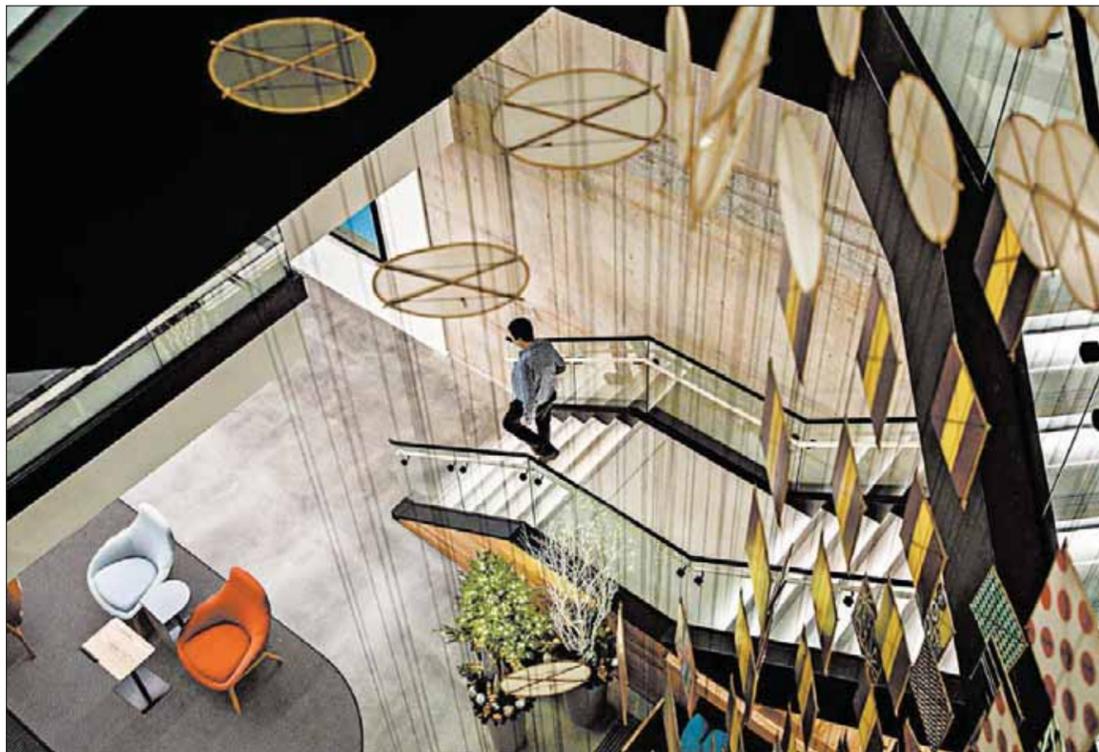
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The grand staircase helps connect employees at McDonald's 500,000-square-foot headquarters in Chicago's West Loop.

Flurry of energy

McDonald's employees report moving headquarters from Oak Brook to Fulton Market served up faster company, increase in applications

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

When Nubia Murray moved to Chicago from Manhattan three years ago to take a corporate job at McDonald's in Oak Brook, she didn't realize what a culture shock it would be to go "from subway fights to Pleasantville."

The sprawling corporate campus, lush with fountains and greenery, was lovely but felt "stuck in time," said the 35-year-old global marketing manager. Spread out over four buildings in an 88-acre suburban idyll, employees would often drive or take a shuttle to meet with colleagues from other business units.

The energy shift has been palpable since the fast-food giant moved its global headquarters to Chicago's booming Fulton Market neighborhood in June 2018, putting it in the heart of the city's restaurant scene and a stone's throw from Google and other envelope-pushing companies, Murray said.

With all 2,000 employees under one roof, decisions happen faster, collaborating is easier, and, McDonald's reports, a lot more people seem to want to work at the world's largest burger chain.

Applications for corporate jobs have increased 20% since the move, totaling 250,000, and tech hires have doubled as the company invests in self-service kiosks, voice-ordering technology and mobile apps. The company has beefed up its campus recruiting and last year launched a two-year program to prepare recent college grads for technology roles; this summer it will debut its first formal technology internship.

"We have aged ourselves backwards," Murray, who lives in the South Loop,



McDonald's employees Nubia Murray and Tim Litterio walk past Hamburger University at the company's global headquarters in the Fulton Market district.

said as she sat with several colleagues referred by the company to discuss life at the new headquarters. "We have been transformed into such a younger and faster-moving organization."

McDonald's is among a parade of suburban companies that over the past decade have moved their headquarters downtown or opened satellite city offices, mainly to attract and retain talent but also to freshen their brand image and keep closer tabs on what consumers want.

Employees have had to adjust to new commutes and dramatic changes in office space design — no cubicle walls, lots of social and meeting spaces, quiet rooms designated for focused work and, in the case of McDonald's, no assigned desks.

But companies from McDonald's to Beam Suntory to Conagra to Ferrara

Candy say, enthusiastically, that the investments have been worth it.

"It's been so good for our culture and people," said Paula Erickson, chief human resources officer at spirits maker Beam Suntory, which moved to the Merchandise Mart from Deerfield three years ago. "It breathes new life into our company."

'Right decision'

Corporate suburb-to-city moves slowed significantly last year, not because the city has become less popular but because many of the companies that would move have already done so, said Paul Reaumont, a vice chairman at real estate brokerage CBRE who specializes in directing corporate relocations

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Illinois leading AI hire rules

Law first in US to require transparent use in interviews

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Illinois residents who made finding a new job one of their 2020 resolutions will have a better understanding of how employers use artificial intelligence to assess video interviews, under a new state law that is the first of its kind.

The Illinois Artificial Intelligence Video Interview Act, which took effect Jan. 1, requires companies to notify applicants when AI will be used to screen them. Video interviews typically involve candidates recording responses at a computer and algorithms are used to analyze the answers.

Under the new law, companies must explain how the technology works and how the tools evaluate a candidate. Employers must obtain consent from applicants before using AI to assess their videos. The legislation also prohibits businesses from sharing submitted videos except with "persons whose expertise or technology" are required to screen applicants. Job applicants can ask to have submitted videos destroyed, and companies, including any individual with copies, must comply within 30 days.

Some career counseling groups say it's unclear whether the law will protect job applicants because its provisions are vague.

"Candidates can decline to have the video interview, but the law doesn't require that employers provide an alternative. A lot of the responsibility is being put on the candidate," said Anita Jenke, executive director of Career Transitions Center of Chicago, a nonprofit career coaching organization.

Jenke said job applicants might feel obligated to do the video interview so they don't lose out on an employment opportunity.

Employers in a variety of industries increasingly are turning to video interviews as a way to cut through the piles of applications they receive. In some cases, AI software is used to analyze the candidate's facial expression, tone and language, although many of the algorithms behind the technology remain concealed by the companies that design them. Critics of the practice say it results in biased evaluations of applicants.

Rep. Jaime Andrade Jr., 40th, who sponsored the bill, said the legislation is meant to bring transparency to how applicant videos are evaluated.

"The technology hasn't been vetted fully yet. There are some

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ComEd gears up to power transportation shift



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Liz Mosbach charges a Tesla at an electric vehicle charging station Wednesday on the roof of a parking garage at NewCity in Chicago.

With demand for electric vehicles expected to rise sharply, utility adjusts to keep lights on, rates low

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Electric vehicles are generating most of the buzz in the automotive industry these days, with sleek designs, sizzling performance and environmental benefits threatening to put gas guzzlers in the rearview mirror for good.

While still a fraction of total auto sales, demand for electric vehicles is projected to ramp up sharply over the next decade, with nearly 19 million of them streaking silently on U.S. roads by 2030, up from about 1.5 million vehicles today, according to the Edison Electric Institute.

But to get from here to there will require a major boost from a nascent player in the automotive industry — electric utilities.

From installing charging stations to fortifying the grid, ComEd is gearing up to power transportation electrification in the Chicago area, where upward of 3 million drivers may trade gas pumps for plugs over

the next decade, according to the utility. Meeting the increased demand while keeping the lights on and rates down for all customers could prove challenging.

"We're pretty excited about the transformation of the transportation sector to more electric vehicles," said Joe Dominguez, 57, a longtime Exelon executive who was named CEO of ComEd in August 2018. "That's a technology that we see coming very rapidly that's going to change the nature of our business."

ComEd is a unit of Chicago-based Exelon Corp. and the dominant electric utility in the state, providing service to more than 4 million customers in northern Illinois.

The rise of electric vehicles seems a foregone conclusion. On Wednesday, Tesla, which delivered 367,500 electric vehicles last year and has yet to turn an annual profit, surpassed \$100 billion in valuation — more

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Development on menu at former McDonald's site

Oak Brook given \$400K open space grant to fund plans

BY CHUCK FIELDMAN

The Oak Brook Park District has been awarded a \$400,000 Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development grant from the Illinois Association of Park Districts to help pay for the development of 34 acres of the former McDonald's

property.

The park district paid McDonald's \$15.8 million in February for the vacant land, which for several years has been used as soccer fields. The purchase was made possible after the park district passed a \$17.9 million referendum in 2018.

Wight and Company, a consultancy firm, was hired last year to come up with a plan using resident input for the long-term development and improvement

of the property, along with an existing portion of adjacent Central Park, south of Ginger Creek.

More than 20 significant projects, at a cost of \$10 million to \$12 million, are part of the plan and will be distributed through the operating and capital budgets through 2030.

Lore Kosey, the park district's executive director, said that while the successful referendum allowed for the purchase of the property, there won't be another

referendum seeking funds to help pay for the development.

Bob Johnson, the park district's director of parks and planning, said the grant will help fund the construction of two full-sized soccer fields, additional walking trails, two outdoor fitness stations, a central plaza with a basketball court and two bag-toss courts, two trail-side picnic shelters and a paved parking lot.

Construction is expected to begin in late spring into

early summer.

The \$400,000 in grant funds gives the park district \$2.5 million on hand to begin work, Kosey said. However, it doesn't include, for example, \$500,000 each needed for restrooms and a replacement walking bridge over Ginger Creek, which separates the north and south ends of the park.

She said the park district will continue to apply for grant funds and do work as money is available and will apply for another Open

Space Lands Acquisition and Development grant.

"We can apply every year and have a chance, as long as funds are available," she said.

The Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development grant program was established by the Illinois General Assembly in 1986 to provide financial assistance to local government agencies for the acquisition and development of land for public parks and open space.

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around Chicago.

The trend shows no sign of reversing, even as the millennials who inspired companies to move downtown now move to the suburbs to raise families, Reaumont said. Millennials still prefer to work in the city for the amenities, and ride-share companies have made it easier to commute, he said.

The expensive decision to move downtown always starts with a discussion about labor, as large employers compete with the likes of Google and Facebook not only for tech talent but also finance and marketing candidates, Reaumont said. While downtown rents can be double those in the suburbs, the cost is offset by hiring the right people and reducing turnover, he said.

About 8.5 million square feet of office space has been relocated from the Chicago suburbs to the city since 2007, including full headquarters and satellite offices. Reaumont expects most future city moves will be for satellite offices, which companies often use to target Chicago's rich pool of marketing talent.

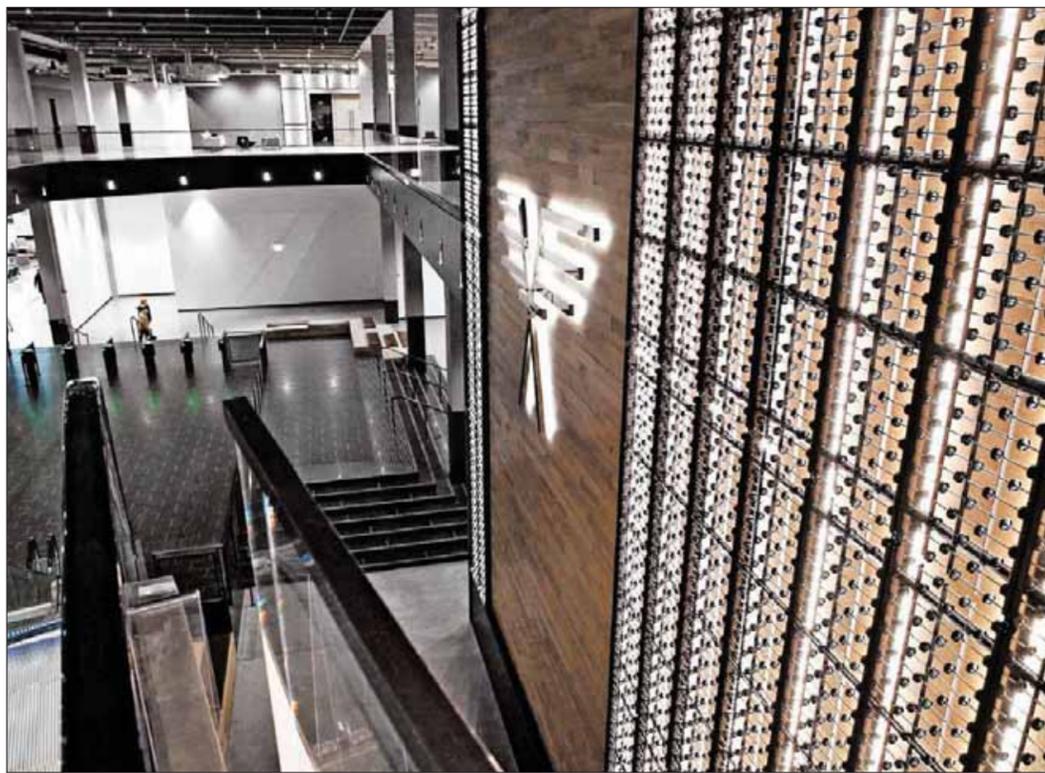
Over half of relocations went to River North and the West Loop, which is attractive because of its proximity to Metra stations used by suburban employees, he said. The West Loop's Fulton Market district is emerging as the choice destination as developers churn out office buildings in the former meatpacking hub.

Companies that move to the city risk losing suburban employees inconvenienced by the commute, and have to assess whether "the gain is worth the pain," said Steve Patcot, who leads the human resources practice for executive search firm Spencer Stuart. It takes a decade to see whether a move brings the benefits a company hopes to achieve, he said.

Conagra lost 10% of its 250 suburban employees when it closed its Naperville office as part of its headquarters move to Chicago from Omaha, Neb., and just a third of those in Nebraska who were offered to move did so, said Chief Human Resources Officer Charisse Brock. But the company, which has 550 employees on a single floor in the Merchandise Mart plus some 1,200 employees in Omaha, was able to fill 90% of its jobs in six months and has a more "vibrant" energy now. Colleagues connect more easily, decisions come faster, and it has been able to hire people with more diverse points of view, Brock said.

Oreo-maker Mondelez International, which in April plans to move its headquarters and 400 employees from Deerfield to Fulton Market, is offering a one-time relocation bonus to senior-level employees and will roll out a commuter benefits program to defray train and parking expenses, said spokesman Tom Armitage.

Ferrara Candy, which in November was one of the first tenants to move into the freshly renovated Old Post Office, was warned that it could lose up to a quarter of its workforce when it left Oakbrook Terrace, said Chief Human Resources Officer Mike Goldwasser. But few of its nearly 400 corporate employees jumped ship, and 2019 ended up having the lowest attrition since Goldwasser joined the company four years ago.



Ferrara Candy was one of the first tenants to move into the refurbished Old Post Office in November. The interior of the building is decorated with the stylized image of an eagle, which represents the building's history.

Ferrara offered several new benefits to help people adjust to the changes, including a commuter stipend, a cellphone stipend now that no one has a landline, and permission to work from home one day a week.

There have been jarring moments as some suburbanites jet out early to catch a train, and managers have had to trust that people are working even when they are hunkered out of sight in one of the building's many loungelike nooks.

But "we intuitively know that this was the right decision for us," Goldwasser said. "We think it is going to pay significant dividends in the years to come."

The Old Post Office's grand marble lobby and urban-industrial aesthetic offer a different vibe than the four floors the Lemonheads and Trolli maker had occupied in a traditional Oakbrook Terrace office tower since 2012. The building's amenities include a 28,000-square-foot gym, which prominently features a boxing ring, and a chic bar with a bocce ball court, which Ferrara will share with incoming tenants including Deerfield-based Walgreens, which is opening a satellite office there for 1,800 employees.

Ferrara's office, which will exceed 110,000 square feet on a single floor once it's fully developed, exudes contemporary sophistication rather than Candyland cheer. Collaborative spaces abound, including a bustling cafe with a Nespresso machine and free beer, wine, kombucha and cold brew on tap, where the hope is that spontaneous encounters between co-workers can stimulate new ideas.

Already, the quality and quantity of applicants has increased, Goldwasser said. It's taking a week less to make hires now than it did when the company was in the suburbs, he said.

While the city location was important for appealing to job candidates who might not be willing to commute to the western suburbs — especially young city dwellers without cars — just as critical was designing an impressive space to reflect the candy-maker's ambitions, Goldwasser said.

"We are one of the fastest-growing confection companies in the U.S., and we think we can challenge the biggest confection companies that are out there," said Goldwasser, who hired 250 new corporate employees last year and expects to



Employees mingle in the conference center at McDonald's global headquarters in Chicago.



Ferrara Candy headquarters in the Old Post Office building at 433 W. Van Buren St. has many types of work spaces, including this semi-private area seen on Tuesday.

hire another 100 to 125 this year. "This shows our employees that we believe that we can. There's a sense of self-confidence, a sense of optimism about the future that the space has helped to create."

Changing office culture

McDonald's move to Fulton Market, spearheaded by former CEO Steve Easterbrook, came as the chain set out to modernize its restaurants and embrace technology as it fights for convenience-hungry customers who have more plentiful dining options and a growing preference for fresher, healthier food. Easterbrook was fired in December for having a consensual relationship with an employee in violation of company policy and was succeeded by Chris Kempczinski, who had been president of McDonald's USA.

McDonald's 500,000-square-foot complex, a \$250 million project on the former site of Oprah Winfrey's Harpo Studios, spans nine floors, including a

top-floor gym and bar featuring Thursday night happy hours. A rooftop garden, with three beehives, produces teas and honey offered in the office cafes. There are four outdoor spaces, outfitted with Wi-Fi for working or socializing.

Two levels of parking below the building are open to anyone, but they're barely used. McDonald's operates a shuttle, conspicuously branded, from the Metra stations.

"We were very concerned about parking if a lot of suburban employees would want to drive, but we learned that people definitely prefer public transportation," said Sheri Malec, senior director of workplace solutions for McDonald's.

Though the company expected some attrition with the move, it said it did not see a spike in turnover that year.

The building, which McDonald's rents from developer Sterling Bay, features various nods to the history of the 65-year-old company. An original neon

Speedee sign from an early restaurant greets people heading to the bar, and an old menu board advertising 10-cent fries decorates the two-story Work Cafe. A wall of hundreds of Happy Meal toys through the years is curated by McDonald's archivist Mike Bullington, whose office full of memorabilia is also in the building so employees can drop by if they need to tap his vast knowledge of the brand.

But the company's focus is toward the future, which it wanted reflected in the cutting-edge design of its office. Glass conference rooms can be reserved with digital control panels on the doors, and every room is video conference-enabled so remote workers can participate. Speakers pump out white noise to deaden the voices of loud phone talkers. The ceiling also contains noise-reducing materials made of recycled Coke bottles.

There are no assigned desks, aside from some exceptions for health reasons plus seven offices for executives — and that has drastically cut printing and paper usage because there's nowhere to put it. Murray, the marketing manager, says the change has forced her to work faster, responding to requests in real time and producing concise bullet points rather than wordy documents.

"We have been on a journey to change our culture for the past five years to be more collaborative, nimble, agile, technology-focused, and certainly the move here has helped accelerate that, just by the physical workspace that people are in," said Jez Langhorn, vice president of Global People at McDonald's. "It supports being collaborative."

The move also came with the introduction of flexible working hours, which emerged as an employee priority during focus groups.

The policy requires employees to be in the office during core hours of 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., but they can decide when to work the rest of their 7.5-hour workday to accommodate personal responsibilities like school pickups. Managers are also now required to let employees work from home one day a week.

At Beam Suntory, perks helped ease the transition. The spirits company relaxed its dress code and instituted a one-day-a-week remote work policy. It allows employees to expense Ubers and cabs if they worry about safety on public transportation or need to speed home for a sick child or other emergency.

Beam, which moved in part to be closer to the bars where mixology trends were taking shape, also gave Chicago employees an extra \$250 in annual "ambassador dollars" to spend on its brands at bars and restaurants, on top of the \$500 U.S. employees receive.

"We wanted employees to proactively be going out to bars in the city, to understand what consumers are ordering, understand what the trends are so we can be better at what we're doing from a business perspective," Erickson said.

Beam Suntory's offices, which house 500 employees in 110,000 square feet on a single floor, have a "buzz" about them now, she said. The company lost just five employees as a result of the move, and has seen a 25% increase in applications, she said. That bigger applicant pool has helped reduce the time it takes to fill a position to 65 days from 85. The number of multicultural hires has tripled.

While talent was part of the motivation for the move, Beam said being downtown also has improved business. Since 2017, Beam Suntory's bar and restaurant business has grown 40% faster in Chicago than its U.S. average, in part because of sponsorships of the Chicago Cubs and Bears and other community events in the city that feature its products, the company said. Sales teams also can better foster relationships with customers and get more menu placements, Erickson said.

For Tim Litterio, corporate finance manager at McDonald's, escaping the company's "suburban bubble" has given the company better insight into how and what people are eating. On Randolph Street, which is littered with restaurants, "you can see how fast-paced the consumer is" as people grab a pre-ordered lunch from a pick-up shelf and leave, he said.

"We didn't see that in Oak Brook because we were hidden behind this great landscape of trees," said Litterio, 27, who commutes on the train from Lisle.

A greater sense of community has spurred a renaissance for employee groups, which report increased participation and engagement. In August, they collaborated for their first joint volunteer day, sending employees to charity projects at 10 sites throughout the city.

Litterio, who heads the Young Professional Network at the company, said participation has doubled since the move, in part because of the new hires.

Litterio makes it a point to ask new hires if they would have applied for the job if it were in Oak Brook.

"It's always the same answer," he said. "No."

Electric

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than GM and Ford combined.

Not surprisingly, automakers are all in on EVs, from Detroit's Big Three to startup electric truck manufacturer Rivian, which is set to begin production later this year in downstate Normal.

It is a crucial balancing act for ComEd — enabling the growth of electrical vehicles while not knowing how widespread adoption will become. Legislators, regulators, automakers and consumers will have a hand in the process, but nothing happens without the electric utility paving the way.

A study last year by Boston Consulting Group said transportation electrification, from the family car to electric buses and delivery fleets, could create \$3 billion to \$10 billion of new value for the average utility over the next decade, mostly from needed infrastructure investments.

"This is a big deal for utilities," said Tom Baker, an energy industry consultant and partner with Boston Consulting Group's San Francisco office. "It's a growth opportunity for the utility, and it's also, for most areas of the country, a policy objective."

But utilities will have to carefully plan for the projected increase in demand from electric vehicles, which could require up to a 33% increase in peak capacity. Baker said those infrastructure investments could put upward pressure on consumer electric rates, as utilities fortify the power grid to handle the increased load.

ComEd has been investing \$300 million a year since 2012 into the Smart Grid infrastructure improvement program, which includes digital switches that automatically route power around potential problem areas. During a recent interview at ComEd's Chicago headquarters, Dominguez said the investments have improved reliability by 70%, reduced the frequency and duration of outages, and avoided more than 13 million interruptions in service.

"We're investing a lot in the system. We've had to because, let's be honest, we weren't in a great place in 2012. We were not one of the best-performing electric utilities," said Dominguez, who is now steering ComEd through a different kind of challenge — a federal investigation into the utility's lobbying activities.

Rates have been relatively flat over the last decade, according to Dominguez.

But keeping that trend going may be more challenging as millions of electric vehicles come online in the Chicago area over the next decade, creating unpredictable demand issues on a neighborhood by neighborhood basis.

About 80% of electric vehicle charging takes place at home, Baker said, which could contribute to a power distribution bottleneck on any given block.

Peak demand for most utilities is between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., when people return home from work, turn on the lights, the TV and the stove, and perhaps jack up the heat or air conditioning as well. If millions of people also suddenly plugged in their electric cars, it could overload the grid.

One way to solve that problem is through "optimized charging," which would steer electric vehicle charging to off-peak hours to reduce the stress on the power grid. That could be done with pricing incentives and smart technology that keep the vehicles plugged in, but don't flip the power switch on until the middle of the night, when demand is low.

A study published last year by the Citizens Utility Board pegged the relative cost of charging up an electric vehicle as the equivalent of paying about \$1.00 per gallon of gas. Taking advantage of hourly pricing can further reduce the cost.

ComEd offers hourly pricing incentives to charge your electric vehicle at 2 a.m. The Citizens Utility Board wants to make it law.

"If you do it right, it can lower overall electric bills

"We have to ensure that the sources that are making the electricity aren't producing air pollution either. If we're just using coal plants to make electricity to power electric vehicles, we're obviously not going to get the same environmental benefit that we would if we had clean energy sources."

— Joe Dominguez, CEO of ComEd



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The U.S. Department of Energy's alternative fuels website says there are 24,409 electric vehicle charging stations in the U.S., including 563 in Illinois. Electric vehicle charging stations, above, are available in a parking garage at NewCity in Chicago.



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Joe Dominguez, CEO of ComEd, said Smart Grid investments have improved reliability by 70% and reduced outages.

for everyone," said David Kolata, executive director of the Citizens Utility Board. "You're getting more usage when you need it, and less usage when you don't."

The nonprofit Illinois watchdog group is part of a coalition of environmental and consumer advocates that last year proposed the Clean Energy Jobs Act, which would push for electric vehicle adoption and 100% renewable energy in Illinois, among other goals. The measure stalled in Springfield last year, but Kolata is hoping the bill will get traction in 2020.

One aspect of the proposed legislation would create a "beneficial electrification" program that would encourage people to charge their electric vehicles at off-peak times. Such a policy would prevent a spike in demand, making the power grid more reliable and reducing electricity bills for all ComEd customers, Kolata said.

Another concern is making sure ComEd has enough clean energy — nuclear and renewable power like solar and wind — so that the environmental benefits of EVs aren't lost through "dirty" energy generation.

"We have to ensure that the sources that are making the electricity aren't producing air pollution either," Dominguez said. "If we're just using coal plants to make electricity to power electric vehicles, we're obviously not going to get the same environmental benefit that we would if we had clean energy sources."

Clean energy provides 92% of the electricity delivered by ComEd, but most of it comes from the state's five nuclear plants, which are owned by the utility's par-

ent company, Exelon. Those plants will be phased out of production over the next two decades, leaving renewable energy as the only clean energy source down the road.

The Future Energy Jobs Act, which took effect in 2017, requires Illinois utilities to get 25% of their retail power from renewable sources like solar and wind by 2025. ComEd now gets about 7% of its electricity from renewable sources, and likely won't hit that goal in five years, Dominguez said.

But the biggest infra-

structure hurdle to widespread electric vehicle adoption is a shortage of public charging stations. With a typical range of about 200 miles, the calculation comes down to whether you can load up the family electric vehicle and drive to Ohio without running out of juice.

The 18.7 million electric vehicles projected to be on the road by 2030 would require 9.6 million charging ports — and a significant investment in charging infrastructure, according to a report by Edison Electric Institute and the Institute

for Electric Innovation.

Currently, there are 24,409 public charging stations in the U.S., including 563 in Illinois, according to the U.S. Department of Energy's alternative fuels website.

"When you talk about owning an EV, the phrase 'range anxiety' keeps coming up," said Mike Moran, spokesman for Electrify America, a Virginia-based company rolling out what it claims is the nation's largest public fast-charging network. "We want to instill range confidence."

Electrify America, which

is owned by Volkswagen, is investing \$2 billion in the charging network as part of the automaker's massive 2016 settlement with federal and state regulators over its diesel emissions testing scandal.

The company expects to have 800 charging stations with about 3,500 chargers in 45 states by the end of next year. Currently, there are 390 stations up and running across the U.S., including seven in the Chicago area.

Locations include Target stores in Glenview, Woodridge, Hodgkins and Chicago, as well as shopping centers in Lincolnwood and Schaumburg. The company expects to add 12 more Chicago-area charging stations by December 2021, Moran said.

The chargers can accommodate any electric vehicle, and can be operated by an app. Most charging sessions take 20 to 40 minutes, allowing the driver to lock the vehicle and visit the nearby retailers while they wait, with updates on charging progress delivered on the app.

Moran declined to say how much it costs to build a charging station, but said it was a process that ultimately requires working with the utility provider to power up the location. ComEd, he said, is getting with the program.

"ComEd is becoming more familiar with our applications, and it's becoming more streamlined as we make more requests of them to energize our charging locations," Moran said.

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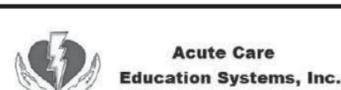
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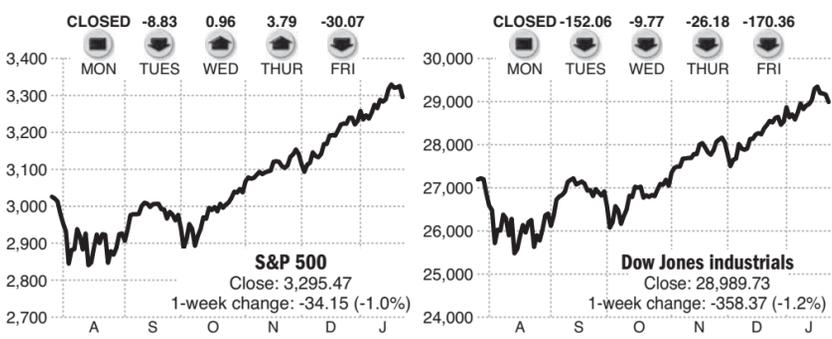
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52-WEEK		INDEX	WEEKLY PERFORMANCE		CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
HIGH	LOW		HIGH	LOW					
29373.62	24244.31	Dow Jones industrials	29341.21	28843.31	28989.73	-358.37	-1.2	+1.6	▲ +17.2
11359.49	9635.28	Dow Jones trans.	11252.77	10872.07	11059.84	-219.01	-1.9	+1.5	▲ +11.5
934.46	701.47	Dow Jones utilities	934.46	906.34	931.94	+23.64	+2.6	+6.0	▲ +31.6
14183.26	11926.81	NYSE Comp.	14168.20	13920.57	13978.47	-204.73	-1.4	+0.5	▲ +15.3
5914.74	5127.21	NYSE International	5886.61	5792.52	5812.54	-101.51	-1.7	-0.3	▲ +11.5
9272.37	6584.50	Nasdaq 100	9272.37	9101.44	9141.47	-32.27	-0.4	+4.7	▲ +34.7
9451.43	6953.23	Nasdaq Comp.	9451.43	9273.23	9314.91	-74.03	-0.8	+3.8	▲ +30.0
3337.77	2612.86	S&P 500	3337.77	3281.53	3295.47	-34.15	-1.0	+2.0	▲ +23.7
2106.30	1772.40	S&P MidCap	2094.71	2054.38	2065.15	-30.40	-1.5	+0.1	▲ +13.6
34000.41	27001.88	Wilshire 5000	34000.41	33390.89	33539.55	-377.83	-1.1	+2.0	▲ +21.6
1715.08	1444.97	Russell 2000	1695.45	1653.19	1662.23	-37.40	-2.2	-0.4	▲ +12.1
425.36	352.97	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	425.36	419.37	423.64	-0.92	-0.2	+1.9	▲ +18.4
7727.49	6734.00	FTSE 100	7651.44	7503.17	7585.98	-88.58	-1.2	+0.6	▲ +11.4

Most active

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Chesapck Engy	.56	-10
Gen Electric	11.71	-10
Ford Motor	9.00	-16
Bank of America	33.54	-1.17
AT&T Inc	38.50	+1.12
Freeport McMoran	11.84	-1.03
Uber Technology	36.80	+1.67
EnCana Corp	3.79	-3.20
Aurora Cannabis Inc	1.99	-1.14
Pfizer Inc	39.82	-6.9
Snac Inc A	19.05	-0.6
Sthwstn Energy	1.71	-15
Virgin Galactic Hldg	17.21	+1.57

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Adv Micro Dev	50.35	-58
FuelCell Energy	1.82	-58
Intel Corp	68.47	+8.87
Apple Inc	318.31	-42
genprex Inc	1.28	+92
Microsoft Corp	165.04	-2.06
Comcast Corp A	44.59	-2.91
Titan Pharmaceut	.32	-0.2
Micron Tech	57.76	+1.0
Zynga Inc	6.10	-5.7
Novavax Inc	7.80	+2.06
Tesla Inc	564.82	+54.32
Luckin Coffee Inc	40.83	-9.19

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Alps Alerian MLP	8.30	-54
Citigp Vel Inv Crde	4.83	+96
iPath Sh Term Fut	14.24	+92
iShs China Large Cap	42.35	-2.76
iShs Emerg Mkts	44.60	-1.63
iShs iBoxx HY CpbD	87.69	-67
Invesco QQQ Trust	222.70	-68
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SPDR S&P O&G ExpPdtm	20.44	-1.93
SPDR Financial	30.39	-64
US Oil Fund LP	11.43	-90
VanE Vect Gld Miners	29.22	+80

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization		STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
STOCK	CLOSE			
AT&T Inc	38.50	+12		
Abbott Labs	90.40	+14.0		
Adobe Inc	351.37	+1.63		
Alibaba Group Hldg	213.75	-13.68		
Alphabet Inc C	1466.71	-13.68		
Alphabet Inc A	1466.17	-13.35		
Amazon.com Inc	1861.64	-3.08		
Apple Inc	318.31	-42		
Bank of America	33.54	-1.17		
Berkshire Hath A	340199.06	-4770.98		
Berkshire Hath B	226.86	-3.34		
Boeing Co	323.05	-1.10		
Chevron Corp	111.85	-3.73		
China Mobile Ltd	44.79	+1.69		
Cisco Syst	48.85	-1.7		
Citigroup	78.42	-2.70		
CocaCola Co	57.68	+7.4		
Comcast Corp A	44.59	-2.91		
Disney	140.08	-4.25		
Exxon Mobil Corp	66.32	-2.24		
Facebook Inc	217.94	-4.20		
FEMSA	93.62	-91		
HSBC Holdings prA	26.91	-0.2		
Home Depot	232.00	+0.9		
Intel Corp	68.47	+8.87		
JPMorgan Chase	133.15	-5.05		
Johnson & Johnson	148.32	-85		
MasterCard Inc	323.67	+0.1		
Medtronic Inc	119.26	+2.3		
Merck & Co	85.98	-4.99		
Microsoft Corp	165.04	-2.06		
Novartis AG	93.87	-2.06		
Oracle Corp	54.07	-1.06		
PepsiCo	142.91	+1.66		
Pfizer Inc	39.82	-6.9		
Procter & Gamble	125.14	-5.2		
Royal Dutch Shell B	58.46	-1.33		
Royal Dutch Shell A	57.17	-1.37		
SAP Se	139.06	-90		
Salesforce.com Inc	182.11	-1.2		
Taiwan Semicon	57.73	-85		
Toyota Mot	142.76	+2.72		
Unitedhealth Group	292.81	-5.66		
Verizon Comm	60.28	+15		
Visa Inc	205.00	+30		
WallMart Sts	114.37	-59		
Wells Fargo & Co	47.57	-1.61		

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 24, 2020

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR	Stock	Stock
					\$	%
1 Boeing Co	181,809	323.05	▲ -1.10	-9.1		
2 Abbott Labs	159,868	90.40	▲ +1.40	+31.7		
3 McDonalds Corp	159,083	211.24	▼ -7.4	+17.2		
4 AbbVie Inc	123,540	83.54	▼ -4.46	+1.4		
5 Mondelez Intl	79,319	55.09	▼ -0.7	+29.9		
6 Caterpillar Inc	77,582	140.38	▼ -7.40	+11.3		
7 CME Group	74,983	209.24	▲ +2.38	+13.8		
8 ITW	56,663	176.30	▼ -4.13	+40.1		
9 Deere Co	53,555	170.12	▼ -6.08	+11.1		
10 Exelon Corp	46,398	47.73	▲ +3.4	+5.4		
11 Baxter Intl	46,348	90.78	▲ +1.05	+32.0		
12 Walgreen Boots Alli	46,100	52.04	▼ -2.37	-23.2		
13 Allstate Corp	38,317	118.28	▲ +7.3	+39.9		
14 Kraft Heinz Co	37,135	30.41	▼ -6.2	-31.4		
15 Motorola Solutions	30,782	179.66	▲ +3.54	+56.7		
16 Equity Residential	30,733	82.76	▲ +2.6	+21.3		
17 Arch Dan Mid	24,661	44.30	▼ -9.5	+6.1		
18 Discover Fin Svcs	23,914	76.29	▼ -8.15	+32.3		
19 Ventus Inc	21,928	58.83	▲ +0.2	-4		
20 Ntnn Trust Cp	21,531	101.62	▼ -7.76	+18.6		
21 United Airlines Hldg	20,724	81.90	▼ -7.80	+2.4		
22 CDW Corp	19,816	137.92	▲ +1.07	+72.0		
23 Gallagher AJ	18,066	96.86	▲ +4.1	+33.9		
24 Grainger WW	17,721	329.00	▼ -11.15	+13.8		
25 TransUnion	17,489	92.88	▲ +0.3	+57.9		
26 Dover Corp	17,012	117.11	▼ -2.42	+53.0		
27 ConAgra Brands Inc	15,714	32.28	▼ -1.05	+66.2		
28 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	15,603	272.98	▲ +0.9	-5.6		
29 Zebra Tech	13,625	252.70	▼ -0.4	+46.9		
30 CBOE Global Markets	13,272	119.81	▲ +3.28	+23.2		
31 IDEX Corp	13,092	172.14	▼ -3.71	+29.3		
32 CNA Financial	12,149	44.75	▼ -1.22	+6.0		
33 NiSource Inc	10,862	29.08	▲ +0.4	+11.1		
34 LKQ Corporation	10,600	33.61	▼ -1.00	+33.8		
35 Packaging Corp Am	10,000	105.65	▼ -3.39	+20.0		
36 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	9,672	69.51	▲ +1.0	+73.6		
37 US Foods Holding	9,070	41.34	▼ -0.3	+22.0		
38 CF Industries	8,899	40.93	▼ -5.21	+3.8		
39 Jones Lang LaSalle	8,733	169.46	▼ -2.48	+24.4		
40 Aptargroup Inc	7,487	117.12	▼ -2.0	+22.0		
41 Paylocity Hldg	7,240	138.67	▼ -2.93	+10.7		
42 Hill-Rom Hldgs	7,341	109.64	▼ -6.11	+18.2		
43 Old Republic	7,097	23.38	▲ +4.2	+12.5		
44 Morningstar Inc	6,707	156.69	▼ -1.99	+32.2		
45 CDR Global Inc	6,617	54.51	▼ -2.12	+9.5		
46 Equity Lifesty Prop	6,561	72.08	▲ +1.56	+43.8		
47 IAA Inc	6,479	48.53	▼ -1.18			
48 Middleby Corp	6,409	114.17	▲ +8.4	-2.8		
49 Ingredion Inc	6,159	92.26	▼ -3.2	-2.8		
50 Stericycle Inc	5,721	62.78	▼ -5.7	+47.6		
51 First Indl RT	5,504	43.36	▲ +4.8	+41.3		
52 GrubHub Inc	5,356	58.57	▲ +2.59	-22.5		
53 Kemper Corp	5,127	76.94	▼ -1.86	+6.1		
54 Brunswick Corp	5,093	62.44	▲ +3.69	+61.2		
55 Littelfuse Inc	4,923	189.81	▼ -1.01	+6.5		
56 Cabot Microelect	4,545	156.17	▲ +1.47	+70.5		
57 RLI Corp	4,291	95.71	▲ +2.09	+38.0		
58 Equity Commonwhl	3,986	32.70	▼ -1.13	+16.6		
59 Envestnet Inc	3,799	72.41	▲ +1.82	+37.6		
60 Wintrust Financial	3,657	64.09	▼ -4.91	-7.0		
61 John Bean Technol	3,577	112.98	▼ -2.86	+49.2		
62 Anixter Intl	3,338	98.69	▼ -4.8	+67.0		
63 Hyatt Hotels Corp	3,080	84.20	▼ -3.99	+28.6		
64 GATX	2,865	81.63	▲ +4.25	+17.7		
65 Retail Prop Amer	2,798	13.10	▼ -0.2	+18.8		
66 Teleph Data	2,656	24.72	▼ -6.4	-29.3		
67 TreeHouse Foods	2,596	46.19	▼ -1.22	-19.0		
68 Navistar Intl	2,537	25.57	▼ -1.84	-15.6		
69 Fst Midw Bcp	2,296	20.88	▼ -1.42	-8		
70 Stepan Co	2,279	101.31	▼ -3.23	+22.3		
71 Federal Signal	2,106	34.82	▼ -0.1	+56.5		
72 Adtalem Global Educ	1,929	35.04	▼ -1.47	-26.4		
73 Knowles Corp	1,893	20.68	▲ +0.4	+52.1		
74 US Cellular	1,884	35.47	▼ -8.4	-38.0		
75 Hub Group Inc	1,807	54.15	▼ -8.8	+26.2		
76 Horace Mann	1,787	43.36	▼ -1.25	+8.7		
77 Group Inc	1,677	2.97	▼ -0.4	-15.9		
78 Huron Consulting Gp	1,548	67.57	▼ -1.47	+47.5		
79 AAR Corp	1,544	44.23	▼ -1.59	+22.6		
80 ADRUS HomeCare	1,499	96.36	▼ -1.04	+54.0		
81 First Bussey Corp	1,471	26.73	▼ -4.2	+7.1		
82 Allscripts Hlthcare	1,458	8.98	▼ -7.2	-22.8		
83 Coeur Mining	1,450	60.31	▲ +1.17	+39.2		
84 Methode Electronics	1,383	37.37	▼ -1.74	+53.4		
85 Tootsie Roll	1,345	34.48	▼ -2.3	+3		
86 SP Brands Corp	936	40.80	▼ -3.1	+2.0		
87 Acco Brands Corp	881	9.09	▼ -0.6	+71.7		
88 Enova Intl Inc	800	23.71	▼ -6.4	+3.6		
89 Sanfilippo John	759	86.72	▼ -4.07	+45.2		
90 OneSpan Inc	754	18.47	▼ -1.28	+41.7		
91 ANI Pharma	742	61.50	▲ +2.3	+15.0		
92 Great Lakes Dredge	710	11.11	▼ -5.2	+58.4		
93 QCR Holdings Inc	688	48.57	▲ +1.15	+28.6		
94 Heritage-Crystal Clin	668	23.85	▼ -8.4	+81.1		
95 Echo Global Logis	585	21.45	▼ -1.84	-5.2		
96 Heidrick & Struggles	583	30.45	▼ -1.63	-2.1		
97 Fst Mid Bancshares	566	34.01	▼ -8.5	+6.1		
98 Tenneco Inc	559	9.80	▼ -9.9	-68.7		
99 Century Aluminum	535	6.02	▼ -1.16	-29.4		
100 MYR Group	532	31.96	▼ ...	+5.8		



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Anita Erickson, who is seeking a job, sits with Mike Munger of Career Transitions Center as she prepares on Thursday for potential video interviews.

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concerns regarding bias. (The software) is only as good as the data it is given," Andrade said.

Andrade said he is working on another bill that will explain provisions of the law and protect job applicants who don't consent to the interviews from automatic disqualification.

"This is the first law of its kind in the nation. It's a work in progress," Andrade said.

Video interviews are just one of the tools that employers are turning to as they incorporate technology into the hiring process. Resume filters scan for keywords and phrases on resumes, chatbots schedule interviews and algorithms help predict a job candidate's future success.

With video interviews in particular, job seekers need to be more conscious about how they present themselves because it's uncertain what the algorithms are looking for, said Jenke, who has worked at Career Transitions Center for 10 years.

"I think what they need to do is think about how do you compellingly and concisely tell your story? What makes you stand out? Applicants have to use keywords and learn to be concise because we don't know what they (employers) are measuring," Jenke said.

The new technologies make it harder for applicants to make a personal connection with hiring managers, said Jeffrey Blumenfeld, director of career services for JVS Career

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tips to get through 2020 when overworked and underappreciated

1. Stop looking for recognition

This is a tough but vital strategy for surviving a thankless job. There will be times when your job requires you to work early and stay late, come in on weekends and perform duties beyond what your job description covers. Just do it.

It's in your best interest to suck it up and get it done. Sometimes being extraordinary is considered a requirement, and you've got to accept that you shouldn't expect a round of applause for every extra task.

2. Don't be a pushover

When you're passionate about what you do and you do it with friendly people in a happy environment, you tend to be more committed without expecting anything in return.

Excitement and engagement are good for your career and your health, but make sure you draw a line between the habit and the exception. If you're routinely being asked to commit more time than is fair to ask, you have every right to communicate your feelings and negotiate something in return.

Remember, it's up to you to communicate your needs and expectations.

There's a difference between being overworked and being exploited. Asking you to perform tasks that make you uncomfortable is a good reason to look for opportunities elsewhere.

3. Watch for workplace hazards

If you're unlucky, you might work with someone who's actively trying to set you up for failure. This person might take credit for hard work that you did or throw you under the bus when you least expect it.

First, err on the side of generosity. It's possible that this person is overwhelmed with personal or professional issues and being inconsiderate without realizing it.

But if your coworker's behavior is clearly antagonistic, put this person on your radar as a workplace hazard. Do your best to minimize your interactions with him or her.

4. Honestly evaluate your behavior

If you find that the relationship between you and your coworker or boss is deteriorating despite your best efforts, you need to act. But before you do, take an honest look at your workplace behavior to see if there's any chance that you could be the problem.

Do you gossip and cause drama? Do you bring smelly tuna sandwiches for lunch or steal your coworkers' snacks? Evaluate your behavior from an outsider's perspective to see if there's anything lacking.

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7 health care jobs enjoying their time in the spotlight

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1. Home health aides

Outlook: Employment of home health aides and personal care aides is projected to grow 36 percent through 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations.

How to: Home health aides and personal care aides typically need a high school diploma or equivalent, though some positions do not require it. Those working in certified home health or hospice agencies must complete formal training and pass a standardized test.

Pay: The median annual wage for home health aides was \$24,200 in May 2018.

The median annual wage for personal care aides was \$24,020 in May 2018.

The average hourly wage for both professions is approximately \$11.50 an hour.

2. Occupational therapy assistants

Outlook: Overall employment of occupational therapy assistants and aides is projected to grow 31 percent through 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations.

How to: Occupational therapy assistants need an associate's degree from an accredited occupational therapy assistant program. All states regulate the practice of occupational therapy assistants.

Occupational therapy aides typically need a high school diploma or equivalent and receive training on the job.

Pay: The median annual wage for occupational therapy aides was \$28,160 in May 2018.

The median annual wage for occupational therapy assistants was \$60,220 in May 2018.

3. Physician assistants

Outlook: Employment of physician assistants is projected to grow 31 percent through 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations.

How to: Physician assistants typically need a master's degree from an accredited educational program. All states require physician assistants to be licensed.

Pay: The median annual wage for physician assistants was \$108,610 in May 2018.

4. Nurse practitioners

Outlook: Overall employment of nurse practitioners is projected to grow 26 percent through 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations.

How to: Nurse practitioners must earn at least a master's degree in one of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) roles. They must also be licensed in their state and pass a national certification exam.

Pay: The median annual wage for nurse practitioners was \$113,930 in May 2018.

5. Speech-language pathologists

Outlook: Employment of speech-language pathologists is projected to grow 27 percent through 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations.

How to: Speech-language pathologists typically need at least a master's degree. Most states require that speech-language pathologists be licensed. Requirements vary by state.

Pay: The median annual wage for speech-language pathologists was \$77,510 in May 2018.

6. Physical therapist assistants

Outlook: Employment of physical therapist assistants and aides is projected to grow 26 percent job growth through 2028.

How to: Physical therapist assistants entering the profession need an associate's degree from an accredited program. All states require physical therapist assistants to be licensed or certified.

Physical therapist aides usually have a high school diploma and receive on-the-job training.

Pay: The median annual wage for physical therapist aides was \$26,240 in May 2018.

The median annual wage for physical therapist assistants was \$58,040 in May 2018.

7. Phlebotomists

Outlook: Employment of phlebotomists is projected to grow 23 percent through 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations.

How to: Phlebotomists, who draw blood for tests, transfusions, research, or blood donations, typically enter the occupation with a postsecondary non-degree award from a phlebotomy program. Almost all employers look for phlebotomists who have earned professional certification.

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Careers in health care make up a majority of the fastest-growing jobs in the country.

Strong medicine: Health care opportunities continue to surge in 2020

Careers in health care have been on the rise for years, usually making up a majority of the fastest-growing jobs in the country, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, and 2020 is no different.

"It doesn't take a genius to figure out why," says Jill Black, 71, a retired nurse who worked at St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates and Cook County Hospital in Chicago, among others, during a nearly 40-year career in nursing. "People get sick, they get older, they need more care. It's just a natural need."

Black, who retired 10 years ago, says she's been on the other side of the health care equation in recent years, spending time in Tampa, Florida, hospitals and rehab centers as she assisted her husband to recover from a stroke. She also had a "brief but scary" stay herself, recovering from pneumonia two years ago. "It's a humbling thing to be on the other side of the curtain but I have to tell you, it makes me proud to be a nurse but also glad I'm retired because things have really changed — a lot more tracking, surveying, catering to the sorts of things we didn't have to do 20 or 30 years ago."

Still, Black says she's impressed by the work done by not only nurses but by others in the health care system. "The entire process is so much more specialized than it used to be," she says. "There are people doing things we either didn't do in the past or that were handled by docs or nurses."

The specialization Black refers to is why the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics projects the employment of health care occupations to grow 14 percent through 2028. "An aging population is the primary reason for the growth but there has been an awareness of people now have of their own health that they didn't have in the 1970s and '80s," says career consultant Pia Greco, who specializes in administrative health-care careers in Dallas, Texas. "As people focus more on their own well-being, they want to be proactive with their own bodies. People work out

and stay in shape and then they take it a step further. They want to learn more about what they can do to live a longer, healthier life."

An active approach

Tobias Anderson, a 36-year-old financial analyst in New York, says he's working to become certified as a personal trainer because as he worked to improve his own health, he realized he could help improve the health of others. "I'm a late bloomer when it comes to fitness," says Anderson. "I was about 100 pounds overweight until about two years ago. I found a great trainer, changed my diet, committed to a new lifestyle and decided to change my life."

As he found success with his new approach to his diet and exercise regime, Anderson says he realized he wanted to help others do the same. "I'm not trying to be anyone's guru or anything but I'm the poster child for how a lifestyle change can improve your life."

People power

Anderson says he has no real timeline for when he'll make the switch in careers full time but admits he's fine with taking an eventual cut in pay to do something he really loves. "I work with numbers in both fields, and in training, like in finance, those numbers have a connection to people," he says. "Either I'm using numbers to help people make money or I'm using them to help them live a healthier, more fulfilled life. And I've decided that I'm going with the latter approach."

Although her career in nursing has a dotted-line relationship to a career as a trainer, Black says she thinks Anderson is making a wise choice. "When you work with someone to improve their health, you see a real, tangible outcome," she says. "Granted, you're not successful 100 percent of the time but when you are, it means a lot."

— Marco Buscaglia, *Careers*



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The legend of the 1985 Bears lives on in their Super Bowl rings. Former coach Mike Ditka: "The more I think about it, I think I'm going to wear it all the time now. Why wouldn't I? It's the thing I'm most proud of." Ditka and other Super Bowl champs on what their rings mean to them. **Pages 6-7**
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Kopech 2.0

Sox pitcher gets a big makeover before returning to the mound

Sometimes you feel like it's time for a reboot, and sometimes the reboot is forced upon you. Whatever the reason, the goal is getting a fresh start, a chance to rewrite the script with a happier ending. No matter what your lot in life, change can be the fuel to a new beginning.

After missing the 2019 season after undergoing Tommy John surgery on his right elbow, White Sox pitcher Michael Kopech did what he needed to do.

He got married to his girlfriend, actress Vanessa Morgan. He dropped off social media, bidding adieu to his Instagram followers with a philosophical farewell post. And he cut off his shoulder-length hair, adopting a buzz cut for his 2020 rebirth.

Kopech 2.0 made his debut this weekend at SoxFest, and in a couple of weeks he'll make his long-awaited return to Camelback Ranch in Glendale, Ariz., to begin his comeback. The success or failure of that comeback could determine whether the rebuilding Sox can pull off an October surprise.

Living in the moment is the biggest change Kopech has been seeking after spending a good part of his adult life look-



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On the White Sox

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

When in Rome for Benetti

Jason Benetti, who's spending his White Sox offseason calling basketball games on TV every few days, knows he needs a break to recharge before baseball returns in just a few weeks.

So right after SoxFest, he's getting on a plane bound for Rome, where he'll spend four whole days before jetting home and getting back to work.

"It's only eight hours" away by plane, Benetti said at the White Sox fan convention, as if that explains why he's taking less than a week off to see sites and spool pasta.

Four days is an April road trip to Anaheim. Not even the Griswold family would consider that enough time for a European vacation.

Rome wasn't built in a day, but maybe Monday through Thursday is enough to hit the highlights.

Benetti, however, has only a few open dates in his slate of college telecasts for ESPN and fill-in slots for Bulls TV play-by-play man Neil Funk, so he wants to make the most of it.

What he won't have time for is to tweet a picture of the Colosseum, asking his Twitter followers the first person to come to mind. (Flavius Anicius Maximus?) He plans to take a vacation from that too.

"I've just got to go, relax, throw my phone in the ocean for a couple of days and completely disconnect," Benetti said.

That means a ceasefire of sorts from his mocking of — or perhaps mock fight with — newly re-signed Sox TV partner Steve Stone over who can amass the most followers.

"I am waiting with bated breath to open Twitter after four days and see all the shots (Steve's) taken at my silent Twitter app," said Benetti, who is 36 years old to Stone's 72. "It's going to be very exciting, after four days, to see, oh, where has he gone with this?"

At last check, they were separated by 3,248, people, alter egos or bots with Benetti followed by 41,679 and Stone 38,431.

"The problem for (Stone) is every salvo reminds people to go follow me. I think he's actually hurting himself," Benetti said.

Maybe, but not really. Both White Sox announcers could use some help. Combined, the Twitter audiences @jasonbenetti and @stevestone are dwarfed by that of Cubs TV announcer Len Kasper, who has 138,916 followers, for whatever that's worth.

"The only thing that really matters is that the most possible fans get the most possible information from both me and Jason," Stone said.

"Jason and I want everybody to be linked to the White Sox because we both feel this is going to be one of the most exciting periods of time, an era if you will, of White Sox baseball."

Stone, the 1980 American League Cy Young Award winner, was 15-12 with the 1977 White Sox dubbed the South Side Hitmen by sports writer Philip Hersh. That Sox team led its division much of the summer until mid-August but stumbled through September to finish third.

"People want to compare this (2020 Sox team) to the South Side Hitmen," Stone said. "I think this team will be better than the South Side Hitmen and the reason I say that is the South Side Hitmen, except for



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—White Sox TV announcer Steve Stone (at right)

Chet Lemon, who was a kid, were all guys either at or just over the zenith of their careers.

"But these guys? These guys have a young Eloy Jimenez, a very young Luis Robert, a young Yoan Moncada, a relatively young (Tim) Anderson. (Nick) Madrigal, when he gets here, will be very young. (Nomar) Mazara's only 24 years old. So most of the guys on this team are young. They haven't seen even close to what the ceiling is going to be, and that's why ... as they meld together, this is going to be exciting."

While Stone will tease Benetti about his shellfish allergy, he reserves his true firepower for those who challenge him on his baseball insights.

The latest battleground: Stone's unshakable conviction that Pete Rose's gambling should keep him out of the Hall of Fame forever.

"There was only one rule in Pete's time

that got you banned from the game, and that was if you bet on baseball, you were banned from the game," Stone said.

Stone will engage with followers up to a point, articulating his view as someone who doesn't just know the game but knows Rose and played against him. But he doesn't suffer fools and demands a level of civility some fail to meet. Profanity and politics are deal-breakers.

"I was reading Len Kasper saying he never blocks anybody," Stone said. "I take a completely different avenue," Stone said. "When somebody aggravates me, I block them. The reason is, No. 1, I'm not getting paid for (Twitter). No. 2, I do it to have fun."

How he expects to build his Twitter following with such exacting standards is a mystery, but it's easier to relax by blocking a few boors than flying all the way to Italy for four days, then making a beeline for home.

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11 a.m. Bayer vs. Fortuna	FS1
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Sullivan

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ing for something off in the distance. It led to the feelings of anxiety and depression that weren't obvious to outsiders and affected the way he thought about himself and others.

It's hard for some to understand what a highly touted baseball player with Kopech's talent, good looks and personality could possibly be anxious or depressed about. His dream of making it to the majors had come true, he'd found the love of his life and his future looks exceedingly bright. Kopech said it's not a problem that just suddenly appeared.

"I've dealt with anxiety before, kind of my whole life," he said. "It was just the idea of just seeking for more. The revelation I can't seek for more for the rest of my life was the blessing of being called up to the big leagues. I got there and I got to live it, but what's more at that point? I stopped looking for more, and it allowed me to not look too far ahead, not dwell on what I'd done wrong, just be myself and live through the moment."

"I look forward to embracing that opportunity when the season comes and just being myself on the mound."

Kopech's new year started with his Jan. 4 marriage to Morgan, an actress on the TV show "Riverdale," whom he met on social media. According to E! News, she saw Kopech on her Instagram page, then began to follow him on Twitter.

Kopech followed Morgan back and eventually sent a DM. They soon met in person and began dating, ultimately leading to marriage.

"If it wasn't for social media, we would have never known each other," Morgan told E! News. "Thank you IG and Twitter for my husband."

Ironically, Kopech already had decided to get off Instagram and Twitter last October, writing a farewell post that mentioned his bouts of anxiety and depression. He wrote that quitting social media was "lay-



White Sox pitcher Michael Kopech gets his haircut by Angie Williams, with Great Clips, at Ronald McDonald House on Wednesday.

ing down my weapons and embracing all my fears," then thanked his fans for following him and told them to look inward.

"If you are also looking for peace in the world, seek inward and be that peace," he wrote. "It's beautiful in there. 'Into the wilderness I go, to lose my mind & find my soul.' Now... fire away."

Kopech told me Friday the decision had everything to do with his own feelings about social media's image-making issues and nothing to do with the online trolls who target celebrities on Twitter.

"I wasn't necessarily bothered by anybody or anything they had to say," he said. "I've never really been affected too much by that. It's just the lives that are portrayed on social media aren't necessarily genuine and authentic."

"It's all an idea of what we want people to view us as. I think I put too much value on that, and I don't necessarily care, at the risk of sounding ungrateful, how people view me."

"How I view myself is ultimately what's

going to make me the person I want to be. I think social media kind of took away from that, so the thing about deleting it, I was able to then focus on myself without the idea of how others view me."

Whether the change has helped Kopech find inner peace might be difficult to determine considering he also has taken the life-altering step of getting married.

"I've had a few changes, I guess," he said, laughing. "But, yeah, absolutely, I have noticed. I've been much more aware of my surroundings. I've been able to interact with people genuinely and not based on what I know about them or how I view them or how they view me. I think that's how interactions are meant to be."

"And on top of that, I think it's going to make me a better baseball player because it's going to take those pressures off me that I put on myself." The final part of the reboot occurred last week when Kopech had his first haircut in more than two years, getting almost 12-inches lopped off, raising \$20,000 for Ronald McDonald



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House Charities and White Sox Charities.

He looked like a whole new person, going from Woodstock wanderer to Wall Street banker in no time. Kopech insisted he wouldn't miss his signature look.

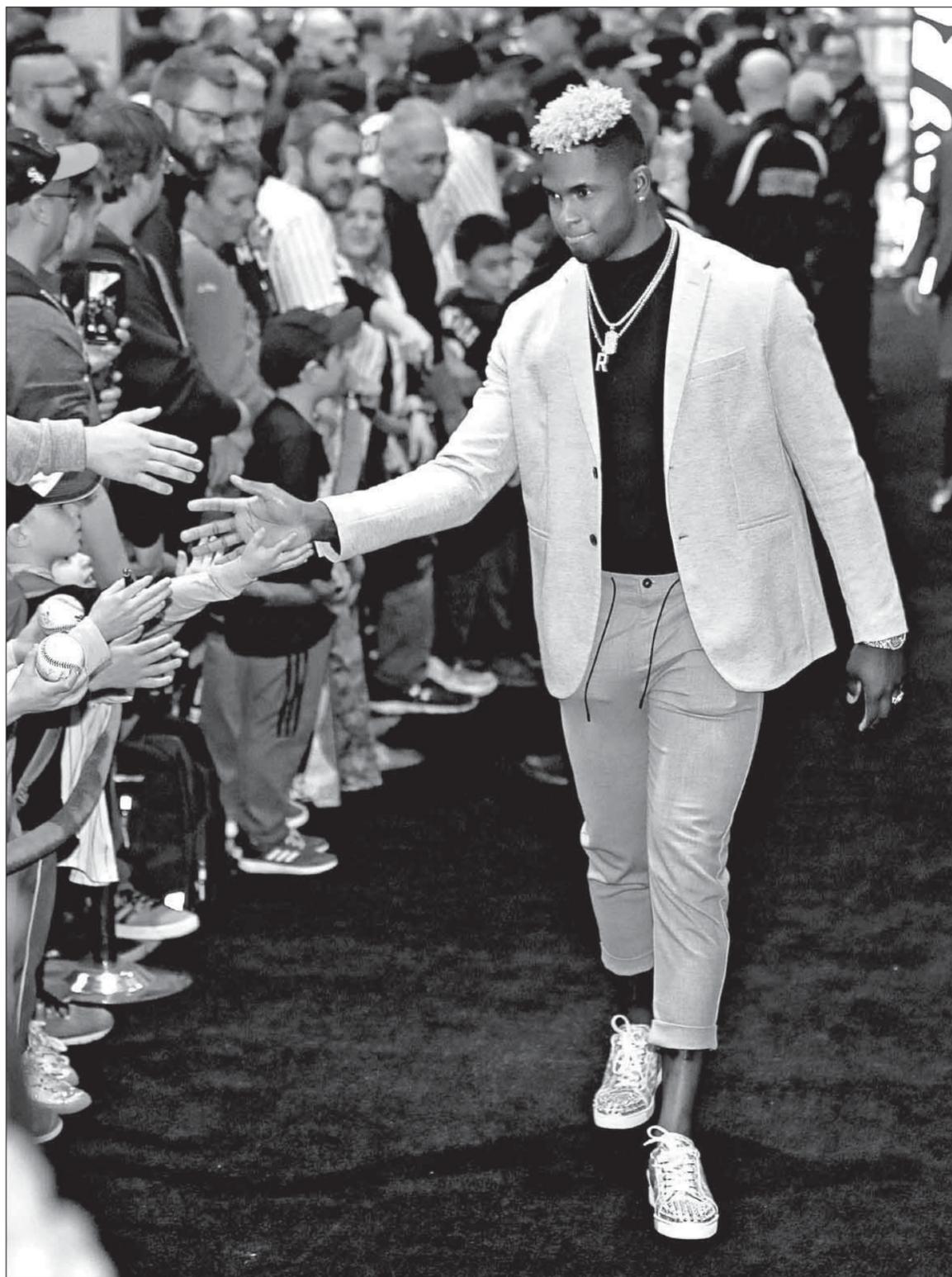
"I got rid of it for a better reason," he said.

The new season is almost here, but Kopech doesn't know if he'll be with the Sox on opening day. He made only four major-league starts after his much-hyped debut in 2018 before the shocking announcement of the season-ending elbow injury. Chances are the Sox will go the conservative route with their top pitching prospect, limiting his spring innings and starting him at Triple-A Charlotte. Maybe not, but Kopech said he's ready for that possibility and knows it's out of his control.

"I'm going there this spring, I'm going to compete and I'm going to give myself a chance," he said. "And if it's not in the stars, I'll figure it out along the way."

Figuring it out along the way is usually the best path.

WHITE SOX



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White Sox outfielder Luis Robert is announced on opening day of SoxFest at McCormick Place West in Chicago on Friday.

Quiet type of hype

Prospect Robert aware of buzz around him but isn't letting it get to him

BY LAMOND POPE

Baseball America recently listed Luis Robert as the No. 2 prospect in baseball.

MLB Pipeline ranked the White Sox center fielder as the top outfield prospect in the sport and the No. 3 prospect overall.

Robert isn't letting the hype get to him.

"I try to not pay attention to what happens with other guys," Robert said through an interpreter Friday at SoxFest. "I'm going to do my best every single day and try to get good results, and if for whatever reason I don't get the results that I'm hoping it, it won't be for lack of effort."

Robert, 22, had a terrific 2019 as he made his way through the minor-league system, excelling at Class A Winston-Salem, Double-A Birmingham and Triple-A Charlotte. In 122 games at the three minor-league levels, he hit .328 with 32 home runs and 92 RBIs. He also stole 36 bases.

He's looking to do damage at the big-league level in 2020.

"Last year was very important," Robert said. "Even though I had short stints at every single level in the minors, I think that experience was good for me. I had a chance to taste what it was like growing up in the minors."

"When I got to Triple-A, it really challenged me because I knew that the level there was high compared to the other levels. But I feel that experience made me better. It prepared me for what is coming in the big leagues."

The stage is set for Robert to be the opening-day center fielder after he and the Sox agreed to a six-year, \$50 million deal Jan. 2. The contract includes two club options that could extend the deal through the 2027 season.

"We haven't had any conversations about (starting the season with the Sox), but I'm very ready and open to whatever the team wants me to do," Robert said. "I want to prove in spring training that I'm able to do a good job in the majors."

Robert appreciated having the new deal in place for many reasons.

"That means a lot because that shows that the team trusts me and trusts my abilities," Robert said. "I think I'm ready to show and to prove that I'm worth that confidence that they have put in me."

His teammates are ready to watch and help in any way.

"Everybody's excited to see what kind of player he can be," Sox first baseman Jose Abreu said through an interpreter. "I think



White Sox players Yoan Moncada, Luis Robert, and Jose Abreu have some fun on opening day of SoxFest at McCormick Place West in Chicago on Friday.

the stats, the numbers are going to be there."

Manager Rick Renteria is still contemplating where he'll slot Robert in the batting order. Robert said he's comfortable at the top of the lineup.

"Throughout my career, I've been first in the order," Robert said. "I think hitting leadoff, I have the ability to do a good job. I still think I need to improve on my bunts, that's probably the area that I need to improve a little bit more. But I feel comfortable leading off the lineup."

General manager Rick Hahn expects opposing pitchers to go after Robert like they did left fielder Eloy Jimenez during his rookie season in 2019.

"They treated (Jimenez) like a seasoned vet in terms of setting him up and trying to exploit some weaknesses off the plate with some breaking balls," Hahn said Thursday. "I think you're going to see Luis get that same treatment. I don't think you're going

to see too many guys challenging him early with fastballs because they're going to know the report."

"He's not a finished product at age 22. Obviously, a guy who's played pro ball for a little over two full seasons, basically. But that acclimation period, I think could well come together fairly quickly. We'll find out together. But we're certainly very excited to see that development."

The development continues this spring. Robert said he'll lean on veterans like Abreu.

"During this offseason, I've been working with Abreu and I think he's going to be the guy who will let me know what to improve in spring training," Robert said. "He's going to be in my ear the whole time and he's going to let me know when I'm doing things wrong or when there's something specifically that I need to improve. I'm confident in him. I trust him. I just need to work hard every day."

4 TAKEAWAYS FROM SOXFEST

Contract intrigue for young stars

BY LAMOND POPE

SoxFest concluded Saturday at McCormick Place West. Here are four takeaways from the various seminars.

1. What's the possibility of contract extensions for young stars Yoan Moncada and Lucas Giolito?

Left fielder Eloy Jimenez and the Sox agreed to a five-year, \$43 million deal before the start of the 2019 season. In January, the Sox agreed to terms on a six-year, \$50 million deal with center fielder Luis Robert.

On Saturday, a fan asked about possibility of extensions for third baseman Yoan Moncada and pitcher Lucas Giolito, and Sox general manager Rick Hahn initially joked, "I can't hear you."

Hahn then discussed the process of trying to sign players to extensions.

"We've had a decent amount of success for the past couple of decades in terms of extending young guys, going back to (Mark) Buehrle and (Paul) Konerko, back when they were arbitration-eligible or pre-arbitration-eligible, going through (Chris) Sale, (Jose) Quintana and (Adam) Eaton and now Tim Anderson and Robert and Eloy," Hahn said.

"It certainly is a priority for this organization to keep this group together as long as possible and make all the pieces fit for as long as we can. When we presented the blueprint for the rebuild a few years back to (Chairman) Jerry (Reinsdorf), one element of it was our economic strategy and that included not only continuing to be aggressive trying to sign young players, perhaps being even more aggressive than we have before as you saw with Eloy and Luis, signing them before they had a big-league AB.

"The only thing I'll say is that it continues to be a priority for us, but it does take two to tango. Sometimes players prefer to go year-to-year and maintain their own flexibility to hit free agency as soon as possible. We're not going to convert on everyone, but we're going to go down swinging on the ones we really want."

There's still time. Moncada and Giolito, who both had breakout seasons in 2019, are set to become free agents after the 2023 season.

2. Want another prospect to keep tabs on? Chris Getz suggests pitcher Jonathan Stiever.

A lot of attention has gone to top prospects Luis Robert, pitcher Michael Kopech, first baseman Andrew Vaughn and second baseman Nick Madrigal. And rightfully so. When asked by a fan for another young player to watch, Sox director of player development Chris Getz pointed to pitcher Jonathan Stiever as a prospect who fared well at a lower level.

Stiever went 10-10 with a 3.48 ERA, 154 strikeouts and 27 walks at Class A Kannapolis and Winston-Salem in 2019.

"He's been talked about here and recently," Getz said. "A fifth-rounder (in 2018) out of Indiana, who really took a big step forward last year for us. He's a guy that's caught a lot of attention. We feel like he has the chance to be part of a rotation here in Chicago hopefully in the near future."

Stiever is the No. 6 prospect in the organization. He earned a spot as a non-roster invitee to Sox spring training camp.

3. Pitching coach Don Cooper envisions Dallas Keuchel helping the staff in a variety of ways.

Sox pitching coach Don Cooper said one reason a team acquires a free-agent pitcher is the numbers on the back of the baseball card.

The Sox liked the numbers — and more — when they added Dallas Keuchel.

"We expect and hope that Dallas Keuchel will take the ball 32 times for us, pitch somewhere between 180 and 210 innings," Cooper said, "because that would mean he's taking the bulk of the game, six, seven, eight and sometimes nine innings."

"But also a big asset for the younger kids, they have a guy who has been through it and has done it for many years. (There's) not much that Dallas hasn't seen or been through during that time and he can help the younger guys with stuff that might be going on in their world, as a veteran should do. A lot of talk about being good in the clubhouse. I like that. But I first want them to be good on the field."

4. The pursuit of Yasmani Grandal included a rare feature.

Catcher Yasmani Grandal was the first major addition of the offseason for the Sox.

General manager Rick Hahn walked fans through part of the process of attaining the catcher on Saturday, with details that included a face-to-face with Sox management during the GM meetings in November.

"That's not too rare, that tends to happen, guys like to hear presentations about where you're at and how they fit," Hahn said. "What was a little bit rare was after that meeting, within 48 hours, Yasmani was coming back to us with more detailed questions about our advanced scouting, what analytics we use, he wanted video on a number of pitchers within our organization."

The momentum picked up from there with conversations with Grandal's agent, and the four-year, \$73 million deal was announced Nov. 21.

WHITE SOX

SOXFEST KIDS PRESS CONFERENCE

Kids have lots of questions for Sox

BY PHIL THOMPSON

You never know what the White Sox's youngest fans will ask players during the annual Kids Club Press Conference at SoxFest, but on the flip side you'll often be surprised by how candid the players' responses will be. It probably was inevitable one of the kids would ask for players' opinions about the Astros, who were punished by Major League Baseball this month for running a sign-stealing scheme in 2017, the year they beat the Dodgers to win the World Series. Catcher Yasmani Grandal was a member of the Dodgers then, and pitcher Dallas Keuchel was on the Astros (he publicly apologized for his role in the cheating operation Friday). Both signed with the Sox in the offseason, which means Grandal often will be catching when Keuchel takes the mound. To his credit, Grandal addressed the elephant in the room at McCormick Place West on Saturday, one of the top-10 moments from the kids' question-and-answer session, moderated by NBC Sports Chicago's Leila Rahimi and featuring Grandal and outfielders Eloy Jimenez and Nomar Mazara.

1. How do you feel about the Astros?

Catcher Yasmani Grandal: Believe me, I was on the losing side of that (with the Dodgers). They're like the Patriots of baseball, right? They found a loophole, it worked out, but I think it's a question that's going to keep on coming up. And it kind of sucks when you've got a guy (Keuchel) that's here. We spoke. I know exactly how he feels about it. But, hey, it happened and it's in the past. You can't really live in the past.

At times we tend to live in the past, so let's just move forward from that. I know in L.A. there (are) a lot of people that are (ticked off). I can't look at '17 and say, man, they won because of this. You still have to hit the ball, you still have to catch the ball, you still have to pitch. And I have great memories from 2017. That was a great World Series, we took it to seven games.

So, yeah, let's move on from it. Obviously, they're a great team, we're a great team and hopefully we can bump heads this year.

2. Who's your favorite team to beat?

Outfielder Nomar Mazara: My favorite team to beat was the Astros, but now that I'm here it's got to be the Cubs.

Outfielder Eloy Jimenez: We are on the same page.

3. What position do you like to play best in baseball?

Grandal: I've played third base, I've played shortstop. Coming up I was a third baseman and then my dad had the bright idea to put me in to catch, which I hated for the first maybe four years I did it. And then I started understanding the game a little bit more, so I got super excited.

You do have some sort of anger-management issues you need to deal with when you first start catching because you start screaming at everybody and you don't know why. But I enjoy catching.

If you're smart, you become a pitcher. It gets paid way more and you do way less.

4. Do you like skiing or sledding better?

Grandal: I kind of enjoy sledding just because I have a 2-year-old boy and he likes to be active and he loves sledding too. So sledding would probably be No. 1, but I enjoy snowboarding so hopefully maybe in six years we can pick that up.

Jimenez: We don't have snow in the Dominican, so ...

5. What's your favorite animal?

Grandal: I've got two dogs — doesn't mean I really like 'em.

I got a big Great Dane I love. I got him my first year in the big leagues. Then I have a Chiweenie (a Chihuahua-Dachshund mix) who I really hate. It's my daughter's dog and she has no idea what she's doing.

But I grew up with a lot of animals especially around Cuba — pigs, chickens, geese — so as long as I can remember I was being chased by chickens at some point, which is pretty funny because my little boy was chased the other day by a chicken, so that was funny.

Jimenez: I like tigers.

6. What's your favorite part about catching?

Grandal: I don't think there's a favorite part about catching. Being a catcher you have to have a certain mindset; a little bit crazy.

Jimenez: Not a little bit — a lot.

Mazara: These guys work all the days. They have a lot of work they do every day, it's crazy.

Grandal: You do get hit with a lot of balls. Whether that's in your foot, inner thigh, it hurts.

You've got to deal with a lot of different personalities. You almost have to be a psychologist when it comes to being a catcher, that's why you're a little bit crazy. I kind of enjoy the whole aspect of being a catcher. I like school, so I tend to read a lot of books. I've read plenty of psychology books.

7. Why did you join the White Sox?

Grandal: When you get to the position I got to be in and you start looking and you kind of have an idea of what you want to do — and I wasn't really thinking about this year or the next year — I was just looking in the long run. I'm pretty competitive, but at the same time, my mom's a teacher (so) I like to teach a little bit and I like to learn a lot.

Once I started to look at the White Sox, and kind of I guess digging deeper into it learning about the players, here was an organization that throughout the big leagues you don't really look at just because you've got a lot of young guys and you have no idea what they have in mind with them; you don't know who's coming up.

And as I started looking into it, you started to see all the talent that is already here in the big leagues and (coming) in the future. I just saw an opportunity to kind of show those guys how to go about themselves once they got to the big leagues. And having these guys around and creating that culture everybody's talking about, that was very exciting for me. After that it was a pretty easy decision for me.

The cool thing is before I signed with the White Sox they were pretty much locked in. I asked my wife, I said, "Of these three cities, which do you like best?" She said, "I love Chicago." I said, "All right, that kind of makes the decision a little easier." I started looking into it, started talking to (general manager) Rick (Hahn) a lot, trying to see the direction that they were going in.

Obviously, I've known (Ricky) Renteria since I got to San Diego; he was our bench coach there. So I loved the fact that Ricky was the manager. So it just seemed to be a perfect fit for me.

8. How did you pick your number?

Grandal: There's a lot of things that go into picking a number. At times you don't have a say. If you get traded as a minor leaguer and you make it to the big leagues they just give you whatever number you got. ... I've been lucky enough to have numbers that I've played with in the past that I've picked.

Jimenez: Mine, because I played winter ball in the Dominican, was 74. And I felt good to say that's a lucky number.

9. Who's your best friend on an opposing team?

Jimenez: If I have to pick ... one is here, it's Edwin Encarnacion. And the second one is Rafael Devers. Oh, three, sorry — and Nomar.

Mazara: If I have to pick I would say Joey Gallo and my guy (Jimenez).

10. (For Jimenez): Why is your nickname the Big Baby?

Grandal: He's a big baby.

Jimenez: It's because I'm tall and I (am) 23 years old.

Grandal: In the minor leagues when he struck out he used to cry a lot, so they called him a baby.

Mazara: Is that true?

Jimenez: That's a secret.



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A Guaranteed Rate Field model made out of Legos sits on display on opening day of SoxFest on Friday.

'Happy to be alive'

Former Sox pitcher now coaching after near-death experience

BY PHIL THOMPSON

White Sox minor-league pitching coach Danny Farquhar is still fairly new to coaching, but he already has a philosophy he abides by: "You always want to be positive."

That philosophy applies to his life away from the diamond as well. The former Sox reliever nearly died from a brain hemorrhage, caused by a ruptured aneurysm, which he suffered in the dugout during a game against the Astros on April 20, 2018.

Since then he endured a six-week recovery, threw out a ceremonial first pitch at Guaranteed Rate Field in June 2018, parted ways (as a player) with the Sox that offseason, tried a comeback with the Yankees as a minor-leaguer the following spring and rejoined the Sox as a minor-league pitching instructor for Double-A Birmingham in August. Despite more than a year of highs and lows, Farquhar was smiling and upbeat while discussing his health and his future at SoxFest on Friday.

"I'm doing great," he said. "I'm on the coaching workout program, which is just work out your (biceps and triceps) and chest to look strong. It's been awesome recovering and I'm happy to be a coach now."

He said he's amazed at the outpouring of support he continues to receive from fans, relatives and the Sox organization.

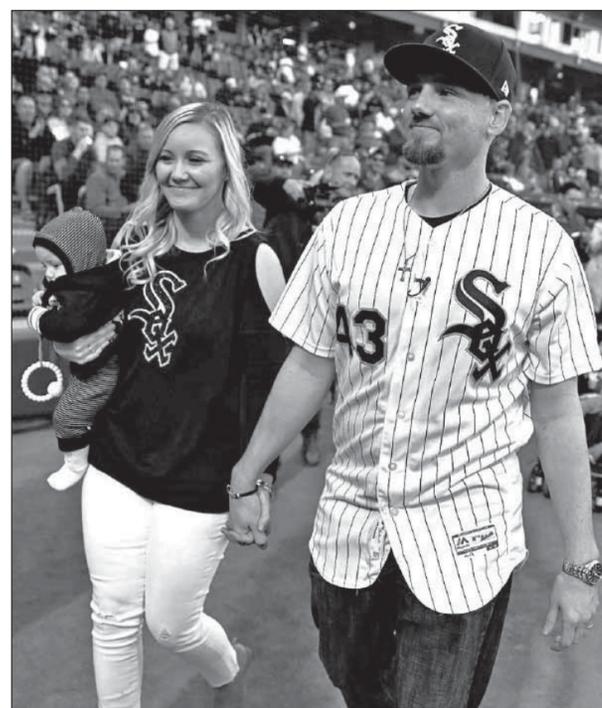
"And I can't be more thankful for it. I'm just happy to still be alive and still in the baseball life," he said.

On Jan. 13, he was named pitching coach for Class A Winston-Salem.

"My end goal is to be a big-league pitching coach and I'm going to strive for the top," Farquhar said. "Why would I do something and not try to be the best at it? There's only 30 of them in the major leagues and I want to be one of the best in the game. ... Obviously that's not an overnight thing."

Farquhar said he texts a lot with minor-league pitching coordinator Everett Teaford, who has been his chief mentor as Farquhar learns the nuances of coaching.

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"I liked the coaches that were positive and tried to help me without being negative. That's kind of my goal to help guys and plant the seed and lead them in the right direction, but almost make it seem like it was their idea."

—White Sox minor-league pitching coach Danny Farquhar (at right)

being a player) is evaluating guys just constantly," Farquhar said. "As a player you're so focused on your performance, and as a pitching coach you have 12 or 13 guys that you're evaluating and you're trying to fix and you're trying to help."

Farquhar's seven-year career as a reliever is fresh enough in his mind that he remembers the kind of coach he responded well to — and the kind he didn't.

"I didn't like the coaches that were negative," he said. "I liked the coaches that were positive and tried to help me without being negative. That's kind of my goal to help guys and plant the seed and lead them in the right direction, but almost make it seem like it was their idea."

However, Farquhar said he has no problem having tough conver-

sations with players who need constructive criticism, taking cues from his relationship with Teaford.

"If you have an issue with a guy and what he's doing, instead of going and telling somebody else about it, why not confront the player and tell him to his face that you have an issue?" he said. "That's how I want to handle my coaching job, and I think that's the relationship I have right now with Teaford."

Despite the shift in his aspirations from playing to coaching, Farquhar isn't looking to follow in Sox skipper Rick Renteria's footsteps anytime soon.

"Being a manager?" he said. "Now you have to deal with all the hitters and defensive positioning and — oof — I haven't thought that far."

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HOW THE **CHIEFS** WERE BUILT

Foundation begins with Mahomes

BY DAVE SKRETTA | Associated Press



KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The team that would eventually take the Chiefs back to the Super Bowl for the first time in 50 years was under construction long before general manager Brett Veach and coach Andy Reid laid the cornerstone.

Patrick Mahomes simply allowed them to erect the walls faster and higher than anyone thought possible.

The story of how the Chiefs were built doesn't begin or end with the record-setting quarterback, but everything certainly revolves around him. The reigning league MVP's uncanny ability to make every throw imaginable, his competitive drive and willingness to tuck and run, and his leadership in the locker room have all been instrumental in helping the Chiefs advance to the championship game against the 49ers next weekend.

"People thought I was crazy back at the combine, before he took a start, when I said he is the best player I've ever seen," Veach said. "He is the best player in the game. I think that's not just me saying it now, it's the whole league."

Even though he missed most of three games because of a knee injury, and was hobbled in a handful of others with a sore ankle, Mahomes still threw for more than 4,000 yards with 26 TD passes and only five INTs.

His value doesn't end there, either. Mahomes remains on his rookie contract — at least for now — and that allowed the Chiefs the financial flexibility to rebuild a defense into one that was among the NFL's best late in the season.



Veach

The Chiefs knew after they failed to stop the Patriots in overtime in last year's AFC championship game that they needed to make changes, and Reid made the difficult decision to relieve Bob Sutton of his duties as their defensive coordinator. He brought in Steve Spagnuolo, who in turn implemented an aggressive 4-3 defense, and Veach did his part by overhauling the personnel on that side of the ball to better fit the new scheme.

There were pieces already in place thanks to a couple of successful drafts, including Pro Bowl defensive tackle Chris Jones, and a couple of free-agent signings last year helped the linebacker group. But it was Veach's pursuit of defensive end Frank Clark and safety Tyrann Mathieu that ultimately put the Chiefs defense over the top.

The Chiefs traded a load of draft picks to the Seahawks for Clark, then gave him a \$105.5 million contract, and he lived up to the investment by giving them a fearsome pass rush. Mathieu arrived in free agency thanks to a \$42 million deal, and he not only brought play-making ability to the back of the defense but an unmistakable swagger to the whole team.

Those were the big names that shored up the defense, but other pieces came along too. The Chiefs brought in veteran cornerback Bashaud Breeland and linebacker Damien Wilson, and they drafted safety Juan Thornhill and defensive tackle Khalel Saunders, and all four of them have played an integral role this season.

"Spags has done a great job with that group," Reid said. "He has guys with him on the defensive side that he was familiar with. He'll be the first to tell you, that is such a big part of it. He didn't have to teach the coaches — the coaches just hit the ground running and already knew what was expected of them. So the players go, 'Man, all these guys believe this, they can teach it, they're all tied in.'"

While the Chiefs overhauled their defense from last season, the offense merely needed a few finishing touches. They had added wide receivers Tyreek Hill and Demarcus Robinson along with tight end Travis Kelce through the draft, and they had added running back Damien Williams and wide receiver Sammy Watkins through free agency in previous years.

The offensive line returned from last season largely intact, and the Chiefs merely added a couple of reinforcements — Stefan Wisniewski even worked his way into the starting lineup, proving to be much more than just a depth piece.

They also added wide receiver Mecole Hardman, who was voted to the Pro Bowl as a return specialist, along with running back Darwin Thompson and offensive lineman Nick Allegretti through the draft. All have had a role this season.

Now, with a vastly improved defense to match the Chiefs' already prolific offense, they have finally taken the franchise back to the Super Bowl for the first time since beating the Vikings for their only championship in 1970.

"I think the mentality of these guys in the locker room is that we want to get the big one and not fall short," Mahomes said. "We want to make sure that we're going to the Super Bowl and we're going to win it and not regret not preparing or doing whatever it takes to do that. I think with the guys in this locker room we're going to take advantage of every day. It's a long build over this next week and a half or whatever it is. We're going to build every single day."

HOW THE **49ERS** WERE BUILT

Seldom-used tactic proved to be the key

BY JOSH DUBOW | Associated Press



SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Most executives preach the importance of building through the draft. Splashy free agent signings each March generate lots of headlines.

When it came to building the 49ers into a Super Bowl team, coach Kyle Shanahan and general manager John Lynch used a tactic that's not nearly as common in the NFL with a series of trades that have put key starters in place.

"John and his staff have been unbelievable," Shanahan said. "When we came here, we knew we had to go get some. There were a lot here to start with that have worked out very well, but we also knew we had a lot of hard work in front of us."

"John and his staff have presented all this stuff and got us a ton of guys, and it's been great because even the big key ones that everyone knows about have made a difference."

The biggest one of those of course came midway through the 2017 season when the team was eight games into an 0-9 start when Patriots coach Bill Belichick called to offer quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo for a second-round pick.

The 49ers got the most important piece of the rebuilding process. But that wasn't the only key trade.

Just before the start of that season, the 49ers sent a fifth-round pick to the Lions for former first-round guard Laken Tomlinson, who almost immediately stepped in as a starter who has been a key part of the line ever since.

Two more big trades came this past year starting in March when the 49ers dealt a 2020 second-round pick to the Chiefs for pass rusher Dee Ford.



Lynch

Ford teamed with rookie Nick Bosa as a formidable edge-rushing duo that has transformed a defense that lacked playmakers into one of the most feared units in the league.

"His take off, his get off is one of a kind," defensive tackle DeForest Buckner said about Ford. "Probably the best first step I've ever seen. Just to see him, it's like a track meet."

Then perhaps the final piece was put into place during the season when the 49ers dealt third and fourth-round picks to the Broncos for receiver Emmanuel Sanders and a fifth-round pick.

That filled the void of a No. 1 receiver that the 49ers lacked, allowing the offense to step up its production in the second half of the season when the defense was hampered by injuries.

"It gave us a big pick-up when we needed it," Shanahan said. "Emmanuel came in and allowed our other receivers to grow. Emmanuel came in and took a lot of pressure off the guys right away."

Perhaps the second-biggest move to the one that brought Garoppolo to town was the season-ending knee injury to Garoppolo in 2018. That led to a 4-12 finish that gave the 49ers the No. 2 pick in the draft and the chance to draft Bosa.

"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, I guess." Things have a way of working out."

Bosa was the fourth defensive lineman taken by the 49ers in the last five drafts, joining Buckner, Arik Armstead and Solomon Thomas.

Using high picks on the line has been a philosophy in San Francisco that predates the Shanahan-Lynch regime with left tackle Joe Staley being drafted 28th overall in 2007. He teams with 2018 first-round right tackle Mike McGlinchey to anchor the line.

The skilled position players on offense have been found with lower-value picks. The 49ers haven't had a quarterback, runningback, tight end or receiver who was drafted in the first round play a single snap in three years under Shanahan.

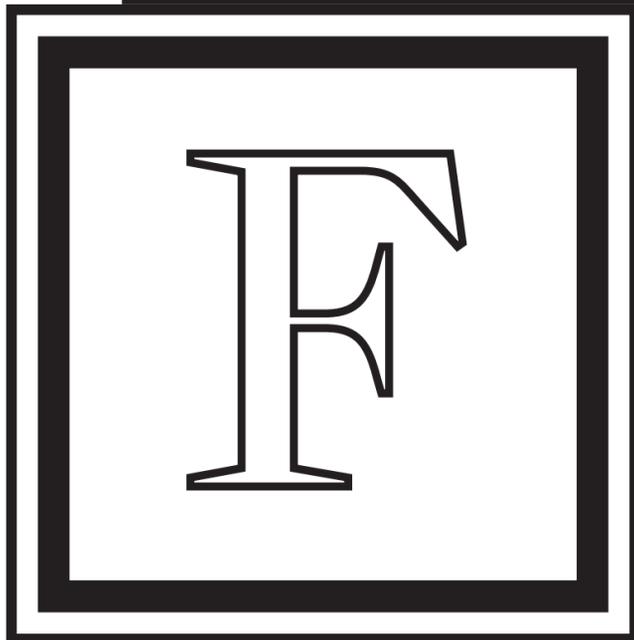
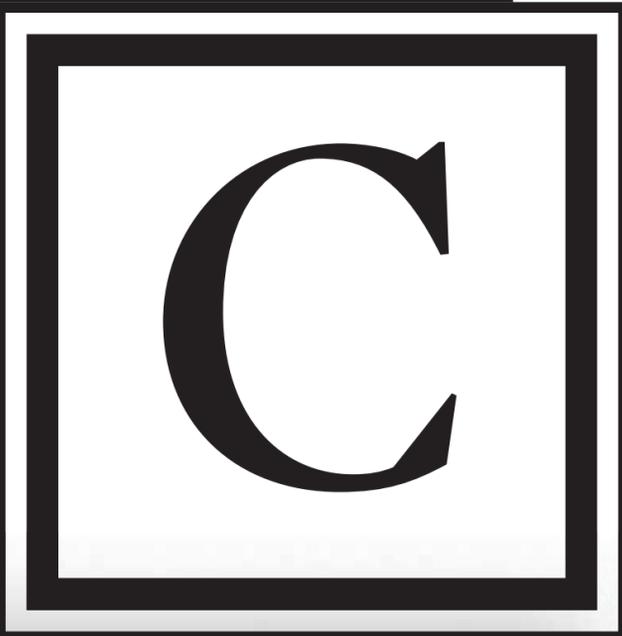
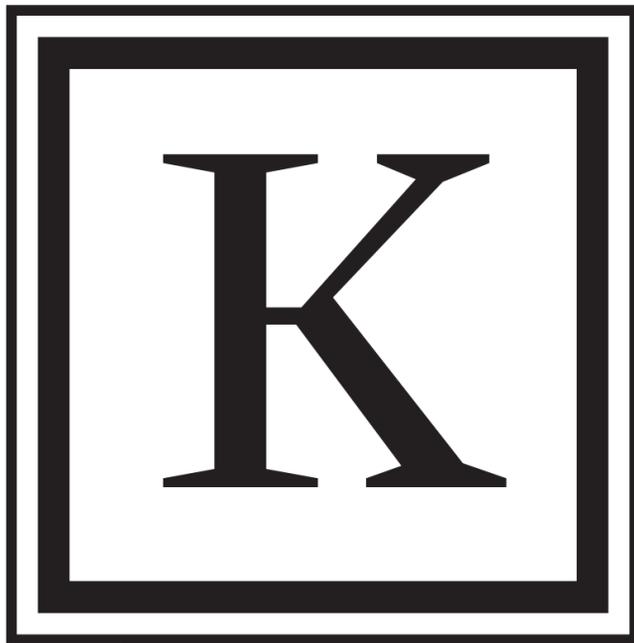
In fact, the 49ers have gotten more offensive production out of undrafted players than first-rounders with 24 TDs this season from players who weren't drafted, 11 more than any other team this season.

"It's just one of those things that shows you how hungry guys are," running back Raheem Mostert said. "It doesn't necessarily mean guys have to be first- or second-rounders in order to get the ball. All you have to do is produce and that's something that guys who have been in the lower tier of the draft or undrafted have been capable of doing."

Mostert led the undrafted group with 10 touchdowns after arriving late in 2016 after he was cut by his sixth team. He's the only skill position player on the roster who predated Shanahan's arrival.

The 49ers have also made key additions in the later rounds of the draft with All-Pro tight end George Kittle coming as a fifth-round pick in 2017 and middle linebacker and defensive leader Fred Warner arriving the following year as a third-round pick.

Finally, free agency has played a big role with additions such as cornerback Richard Sherman and linebacker Kwon Alexander the last two years.



BEARS

Rings true, even today

The legend of the champion 1985 Bears lives on with their Super Bowl jewelry

BY RICH CAMPBELL

Through 100 seasons of Bears football, there is only one Super Bowl championship ring. One version of that highly sought symbol of football immortality. It is almost 34 years old but as brilliant as ever. On May 23, 1986, members of the Super Bowl XX champions received their rings during a boisterous dinner at a suburban hotel. Over time, the mementos have, in a sense, taken on lives of their own. For one thing, their increasing rarity in team annals makes them even more special. And in some instances, that value has perpetuated their colorful existences.

Like how a college student famously found Walter Payton's lost Super Bowl ring in his hand-me-down sofa in 2001.

Or how a Bears scout needed less than a year to lose his ring at the bottom of a Texas lake and recovered it with the help of a scuba diver.

William "Refrigerator" Perry's size-23 ring — about the size of a half-dollar — was the largest Jostens ever made. (The average man wears a 10.) In August 1986, the Tribune reported that Perry left his ring as collateral at a BMW dealer in Lake Forest to return home to grab his checkbook, which he had forgotten.

Fridge's ring fetched \$170,000 at auction in 2015. Now anyone can buy a replica on Amazon for \$29.90.

As the NFL's 100th season climaxes with the 49ers and Chiefs meeting in Super Bowl LIV, players on both teams are training their crosshairs on *the ring*. Meanwhile, the Tribune spoke to members of the '85 Bears about what their rings mean to them, how such prized keepsakes have endured and, apparently, how Hall of Fame Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino is the team's greatest troll.

Mike Ditka

Coach (Hall of Fame Class of 1988)

"I'm very proud of my Super Bowl ring," Ditka said. "I wear it. I don't have it on all the time, but I wear it a lot. The more I think about it, I think I'm going to wear it all the time now. Why wouldn't I? It's the thing I'm most proud of, that I was with all those guys and we came together that one year and made something special happen."

When several players designed the ring early in 1986, Ditka insisted the words "TEAM" and "ATTITUDE" be inscribed on it.

"When I speak (publicly), I talk about being an ace with attitude, character and enthusiasm," he said. "Those three things are important to develop as a person. Your attitude determines who you're going to be. If you've got a bad attitude, I don't care what kind of a person you are, you're not going to be very good."

"I played for pretty good coaches in Coach (George) Halas and Coach (Tom) Landry. That's something I learned from them too. If you have a bad attitude, it's hard to do anything good. If you have a positive attitude and you're willing to pay the price of work and to discipline yourself, then you've got a chance. That's why those words were so important to me."

Jimbo Covert

Left tackle (Hall of Fame Class of 2020)

"It really hit when they had the Super Bowl ring ceremony and we all got our rings," Covert said. "I was on the committee to help design it, so we saw a couple mock-ups. But until you get it on your finger, it's a completely different perspective when it has your name on the side of it. It's pretty cool."

Covert explained that team captains received an inscription on the inner part of the ring that has the player's name, jersey number and the words "Captain" and "Louisiana Superdome January 26."

"One little funny thing is Dan Marino and I are best friends," Covert said, noting he and Marino were college roommates at Pittsburgh. "When they beat us (in the 1985 season), that's a huge deal in Miami. That's up there with their '72 team. That's all they talk about."

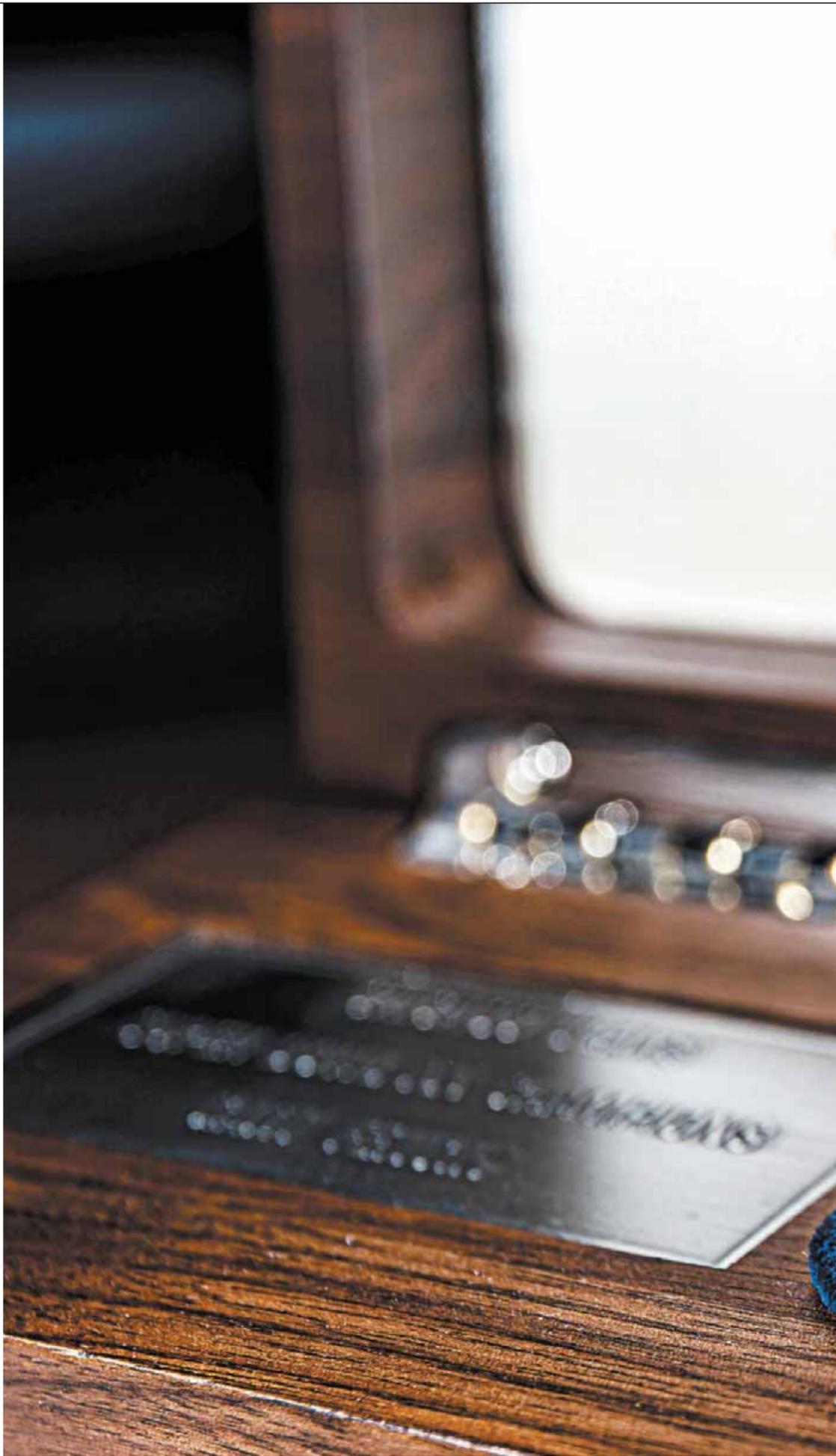
"On the ring, under your name, it has the record: 18-1. We were out having a couple cocktails one time, and people were around. Dan goes: 'See that ring? That '1' is mine.' I said: 'Well, what would you rather have, bro? The '1' or the ring?' And that was the end of it."

Dan Hampton

Defensive end (Hall of Fame Class of 2002)

Hampton, like most players, doesn't wear his ring often. "I've got beat-up fingers that I really don't need to draw attention to," he said. "It means a lot to me. It does. But it's like a trophy. It goes in a case. I'm looking at it right now. It's up on a shelf and it's in the little wooden box that the Bears presented it to us in."

"Still, at the end of the day, in my heart, I know what we were. I know who we were. But also, my deal is we should have had three of them. Or four. We should have had three or four. So in a way, to me, it's kind of an unfortunate reminder that we didn't get it done the next year or the next year or the next year. There were reasons, and I'm still bothered by it. Obviously it's good to have. But I wanted four of them."



Mike Singletary

Linebacker (Hall of Fame Class of 1998)

"The strongest memory I get from wearing it is realizing what it took to get it," Singletary said. "It's a lot of hard work, a lot of sacrifice, and it was really a process. It was pretty amazing. When I first got to the Bears and realized where we were, just a lot of guys playing a game, and we really formed ourselves into a team that was so much more than that."

"A lot of that was because of Coach Ditka and his vision and his dream of what it really meant to be a part of something. He always said nothing ever really matters unless you win a Super Bowl. In many, many ways, he's right."

Steve McMichael

Defensive tackle

"Many years ago, Ditka was at his restaurant with Dan Marino, and he called me up, telling me, 'Get your ass over here,'" McMichael recalled. "And I said, 'What do you need from me, Tight End?' But I went down there and sat down with those guys, and the first thing Marino did was he grabbed my hand and pointed at my ring."

"Right here (on the side) where it says 18-1?" he said. "You see that 1 right there? That's me!" I told him I would take his ass out right then. I told him he was lucky I never put a bounty out on him. Sure, he never won a Super Bowl. But he gets to brag that he beat what everybody considered to be the best team of all time. In their heyday."

"You understand why that's important to him? Personally, I'd rather have this ring. But that one game, man. ... That one game."

Jim McMahon

Quarterback

Never one to miss a chance to crack wise, McMahon publicly needled Bears ownership in 1986 about potentially skimping on the championship rings.

At the Pro Bowl on Feb. 2 of that year, the Tribune quoted him as saying: "Hope management does it right. You know the Bears. We might get things like you find in the bottom of those Cracker Jack boxes."

Then, the day before the ring presentation dinner, McMahon was quoted as saying: "If we get them Friday night, then we can take them to be appraised Saturday morning."

At the Bears100 convention in June, McMahon said he still has his ring but isn't sure where it is. He wondered aloud if it's in a safe or in a drawer at home.

"I'm not big on jewelry," he said. He was wearing an earring at the time.

Tom Thayer

Right guard

"The Super Bowl ring is not about the value, it's about its worth," Thayer said. "If you look at the value of the ring, there's value to everything out there. It's really irrelevant in the big picture. It's what did it take to get the opportunity to get that ring? The value of that, the worth of that throughout your lifetime and how it stretches out to your family."

"My brother started playing football, and I just wanted to be like him. And then when I found out that I really did love football, what I always wanted it to be in my life, you think of the worth of that. The weightlifting sessions. The people that were so instrumental in your development over the course of life."

Thayer almost never wears his ring, instead keeping it in a safe deposit box.

"You know what's funny about it?" he said. "You get fitted for your ring within a couple weeks of winning the Super Bowl, and you're 300 pounds. Now it spins around my finger like a high school girl wearing her boyfriend's ring. You are cognizant that when you do have an event or when you're going to go out, have it handy and bring it with you because it's really neat for people to see. But wearing it on an everyday basis, it wouldn't be fitting because it just doesn't fit."

George McCaskey

Current chairman

McCaskey once lost his ring on a trip to a preseason game in Cincinnati in the early 1990s.

"At some point on the return flight, I realized that I didn't have my ring with me, and I was sick to my stomach," McCaskey recalled in March.

"Bob Laskowski, who at the time was our United Airlines rep and since came to work for the Bears and has been with us for many, many years, tore the plane apart for me. I was very embarrassed, and our doctors were looking under their seats and the overhead bins and the seat backs and the pockets. It couldn't be found anywhere. The fact of the matter was it wasn't on the plane, and I thought it was hopelessly lost."

"I don't remember how much time passed, but I got a call from a firefighter with whatever the local fire department is that services that airport, and he said: 'Hey, I was on a vehicle on the jetway, and we're trained to look for debris on the tarmac that could be sucked into a jet engine. And I've got your ring.'"

"He returned the ring. He didn't want any money, didn't want any reward. He wound up coming to a Bears game. The ring was smashed. It had gotten run over by one of the airport vehicles. So since then, I don't wear it all the time. And I've got my dad's ring from 1963, so they're both in a safe place."



Gary Fencik

Safety

"It's your lifelong dream, but it's the ultimate *team* accomplishment," Fencik said. "Every individual went up to get their ring, and when you opened it up, it's like, 'Wow, this is the physical identity of what we all wanted and hoped we could get to.'"

"You think about the games that led up to it. Like the NFC championship that we lost the year before. I had two interceptions against (49ers quarterback Joe) Montana in the first half. I was like, 'Oh, I own this guy.' And (then) we were crying in the locker room like kids. You think of all of that as you look back and go, 'Wow.' That wasn't just a season. It's really a process, and it goes beyond a season."

"I think how devastating it must be to lose a Super Bowl. You're so close, and then nobody says: 'Hey, let's see your AFC championship ring. Can you wear the AFC or NFC championship ring?' It's like, 'Uh, so, I guess you didn't win, huh?'"

Fencik's ring once disappeared from his home but was returned anonymously.

"It was after, 'Hey, who has got beer at their place?' when they closed down the bar," he recalled. "I was out of football at the time. The next day I looked, and I couldn't find that ring. I had put it on my kitchen table in my condo. You have a really tough decision to make. Either someone is going to bring it back, or not."

"I called up a friend of mine, an undercover cop. I said: 'Look, I don't want to press charges. I don't care who it is. I just want that ring back.' I got to know the detective squad a little bit better than I should have. It was one of things, hey, maybe somebody just had too many drinks, they were looking at it and stuck it in their pocket and forgot. But you can't wait too long on that because they had to pull people in."

"I go, look, I have five people I know didn't take it. But there were people I didn't know. So you had to just bring them in, and some people were really ticked. But I said, hey, I'm ticked too. So I got it back. I'm much more careful."

The Bears granted Fencik permission to have a second ring made so he could display it in a glass globe that magnifies it to make it appear like the gigantic championship rings modern teams get.

"I would want that big bling thing," Fencik said. "I want it as big as a pro wrestler's belt."

Chicago Tribune's Colleen Kane and Dan Wiederer contributed.

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— Gary Fencik, whose ring is shown from four different perspectives above

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BEARS

When it comes to QB spot, good backup plan is needed



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

MOBILE, Ala. — Three thoughts on the Bears' offseason road map after a week of chilly Senior Bowl practices.

1. What are the top needs for the Bears as they consider possible fits in free agency and the draft?

It has to start at quarterback. The Titans hit a home run last offseason when they added Ryan Tannehill via a trade with the Dolphins, who wound up paying \$5 million to the quarterback to pull off the deal.

It's difficult to say who the Tannehill of the 2020 offseason could be because, well, who figured Tannehill would step in for Marcus Mariota this season and perform so well?

He posted a spectacular 117.5 passer rating, throwing for 2,742 yards with 22 touchdown passes and six interceptions. He benefited greatly from the bruising running game led by Derrick Henry and the emergence of rookie wide receiver A.J. Brown, a second-round pick who had 1,051 yards, averaging 20.2 per reception, and scored eight touchdowns.

Tannehill was looking for a spot where an opportunity could open, and the Titans looked like a good bet because Mariota had an injury history and the Titans had yet to pull the trigger on a second contract for the No. 2 pick of the 2015 draft. It ended up being a perfect storm of scenarios for Tannehill and the Titans, who reached the AFC championship game after qualifying for the playoffs as the No. 6 seed.

Some have wondered whether Mariota, whom the Bears liked when he was coming out of Oregon during general manager Ryan Pace's first season at Halas Hall, could be an option. I don't think he's a fit because Mariota and Mitch Trubisky share the same agency — Rep1 Sports.

Regardless of how the Bears view Mariota, it seems unlikely that the agents would want to place one client in a spot where he's in position to take the starting job from another client. That would automatically mean one of them is on the bench. The agents want Trubisky to start and flourish (so do the Bears) and Mariota to have a shot to win a starting job and jump-start his career.

It's possible the best route for Pace is to trade for a quarterback because luring a top free agent will be difficult with the team's stated goal to have Trubisky be the opening-day starter. The sales pitch that "we really like you, but Mitch is our guy" won't be super appealing to guys with other options and clearer shots at playing time.

A trade could be figured out (even though trades cannot become official until the start of the new league year) well before March 18.

A number of factors would be in play, including Matt Nagy's evaluation of the quarterback, the contract the Bears would be taking on and the necessary compensation needed to land a backup option who would give the Bears a legitimate No. 2 in the event Trubisky doesn't bounce back from a poor season.

Several other positions need to be closely examined on offense.

Tight end Trey Burton has \$4 million guaranteed in his \$6.7 million base salary, so he will be back. If his recent hip surgery solves lingering health issues, perhaps he can regain the form he showed in 2018, when he caught 54 passes for 569 yards with six touchdowns.

But the Bears can't count on that, so they're going to have to either sign a free agent, draft a tight end or both. A pass-catching tight end is a must in the offense.

Rashaad Coward received 10 starts at right guard, which might have been enough tape for the Bears to deem him a better backup option right now than a starter.

If so, signing a starter in free agency likely will be a goal unless the team is confident it can identify a Day 1 starter with one of its second-round draft picks. It would be a considerable roll of the dice to think the Bears could land a rookie starter on the line on the third day of the draft.

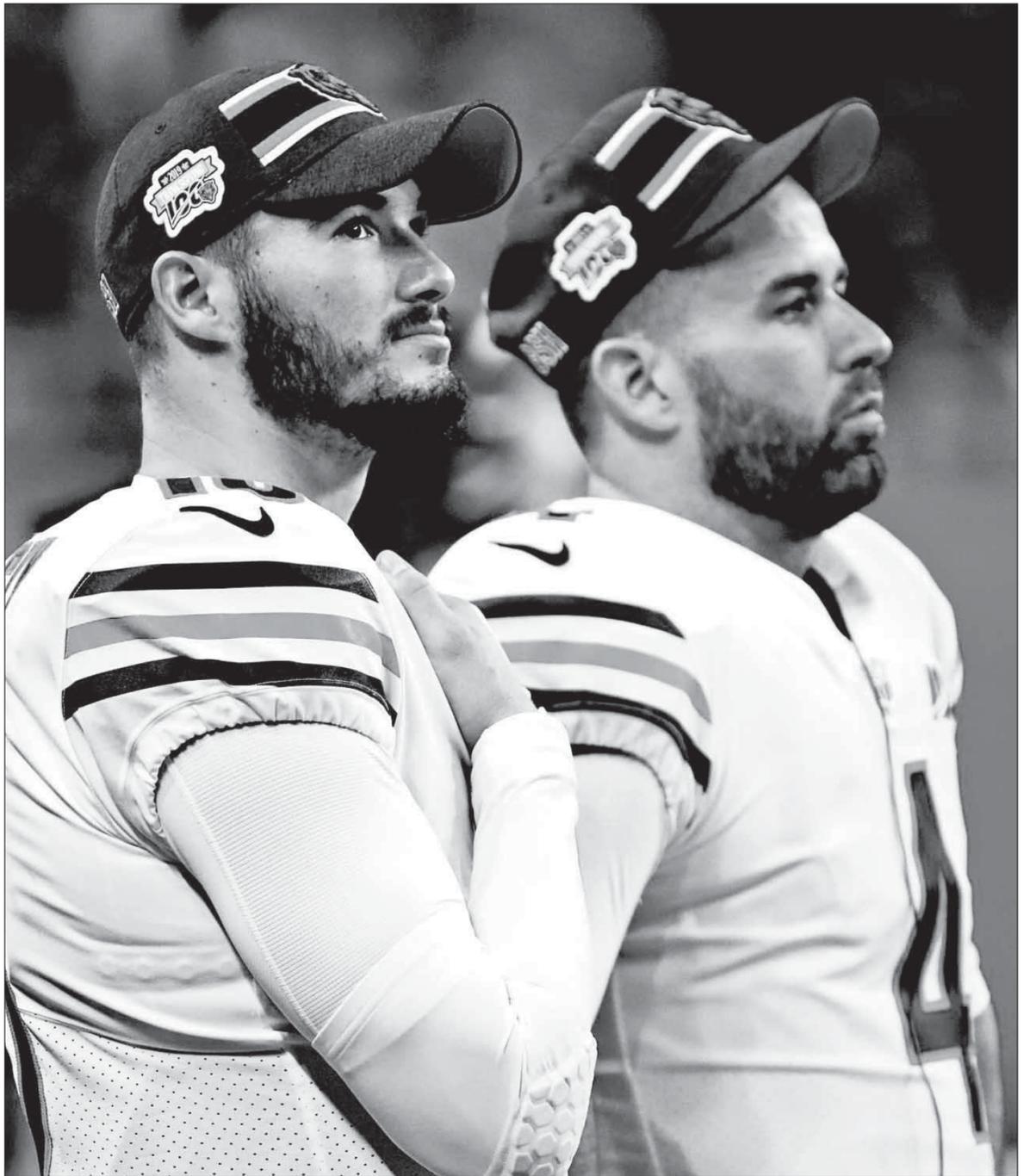
More on Pace and later-round picks at offensive tackle below.

I don't believe offensive needs end here. The Bears will closely look at the future of wide receiver Taylor Gabriel. He's due a base salary of \$5.5 million, and none of it is guaranteed.

Gabriel is kind of a one-trick pony. His one trick, speed, is special, but he's small for an outside receiver, and if the Bears release him, they would create \$4.5 million in cap space. Gabriel also battled concussions last season and has had at least four documented concussions since joining the NFL.

It's a deep draft for wide receivers, so the Bears could get the type of talent in Round 4 or 5 that typically would come off the board late in Round 3.

If the Bears find a young receiver who can get on the field quickly, they could be much more dynamic at the position, provided Anthony Miller returns from yet another shoulder surgery.



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The Bears say Mitch Trubisky, left, will be their opening-day quarterback in 2020, but they may seek a backup who could challenge him.

2. As far as defensive needs, the Bears must figure out who will start next to Roquan Smith.

The Bears have three inside linebackers coming out of contract, and all of them — Danny Trevathan, Nick Kwiatkowski and Kevin Pierre-Louis — provided value.

I've operated with the idea that the team cannot lock up too much cap space at the position with Roquan Smith a building block for the future who could eventually command a very big payday.

Smith's 2020 cap hit is just above \$5 million. There are just too many offensive needs to pay big money to a starter next to Smith, and considering how the defense performed with Kwiatkowski and Pierre-Louis in the lineup, can the Bears justify paying Trevathan close to \$7 million per year? Even with the intangibles he brings to the locker room? Maybe I'm wrong, but I think a lower-budget option is most likely.

The Bears have two needs in the secondary, and you can make a case that getting improved high-caliber depth at cornerback is more important than signing a safety to start alongside the recently extended Eddie Jackson.

Some have suggested the Bears should replace Prince Amukamara, who is due to earn \$9 million at age 31 and is entering the final year of his contract. Sure, removing Amukamara from the roster would clear \$9 million in cap space, but that's the easy part. Then who starts?

The going rate for good starting cornerbacks isn't less than that, especially if the salary cap bumps up with a new collective bargaining agreement. The Bears don't have depth at the position.

Could they consider approaching Amukamara for a salary reduction, as they did with Kyle Long a year ago? I guess that's possible, but the team would have to be prepared for Amukamara to say no, which would then mean cutting him. You can't approach a player about a pay cut without being ready to move on from him.

Finding a Day 1 starter without a first-round draft pick is also challenging, but don't be surprised if the Bears are looking for a group of cornerbacks to consider with a second-round pick. They need an infusion of young talent at the position.

Applying the logic I used at inside linebacker, the Bears can shop for a box safety who can come in on a smaller contract and put Jackson in a position where he can remain in free safety. It's easier to find draft picks who can start as a rookie at this position, especially if they identify a bright guy, which the Bears did with Adrian Amos.

Don't forget depth on the defensive line. That's always a priority, and with Nick Williams headed to free agency, this is another area that cannot be overlooked.



BUTCH DILL/AP

Houston's Josh Jones, center, is a lineman who could draw interest from the Bears.

3. The Bears are taking a close look at offensive linemen this offseason.

The Saints have done as good a job as any team in mining the draft for offensive line talent in the middle and late rounds.

The Saints drafted Jermon Bushrod out of Towson in the fourth round in 2007. He was a very good left tackle and had some fine seasons with the Bears. Terron Armstead, a Cahokia, Ill., native, was a third-round pick from Arkansas-Pine Bluff in 2013. He became a starter in the final month of his rookie season and has developed into one of the better left tackles in the league.

Then there were guards Jahri Evans and Carl Nicks and right tackle Zach Strief (Northwestern).

Pace and director of player personnel Josh Lucas came to Chicago from New Orleans after the Saints made those picks. They've had a hand in selecting really good linemen later in the draft.

All but Strief and Nicks (Nebraska) came from small programs. That's why they lasted in the draft. They had really good traits and measurables, but there was a question about how they would adapt at the professional level.

I imagine the Bears are putting an extra emphasis on evaluating linemen after deeming a coaching change necessary at the position. Whom they find, we'll have to wait and see.

■ 3a. Houston left tackle Josh Jones is an intriguing prospect here. He's not from a small program and he's not going to last until Day 3. He's quite athletic for being 6-foot-7, 310 pounds. He will need to get stronger, and it remains to be seen if he can play left tackle in the NFL, but Jones might be a possibility in the middle of Round 2, if he's still available.

■ 3b. After winning the NFC championship game, the 49ers broke out T-shirts in their locker room celebration that read "Mobile to Miami," a nod to the fact that their staff was coaching in this game last January. That doesn't mean the Lions or Bengals, the teams coaching in the game this season, can stamp their ticket to the Super Bowl a year from now, but it's another reminder of how quickly teams' fortunes can shift in the NFL.

Another reminder? Of the four teams that played on championship weekend, three didn't make the postseason in 2018. ■ 3c. The best player at the Senior Bowl is South Carolina defensive lineman Javon Kinlaw. He has a chance to be selected in the top half of the first round.

■ 3d. Another defensive lineman who has helped himself this week is North Carolina's Jason Strowbridge. He has excelled on the inside and outside. His college teammate Charlie Heck, an offensive lineman, is also on the North squad. Heck is the son of former Bears offensive lineman Andy Heck.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



LEON HALIP/GETTY IMAGES

Illinois' Ayo Dosunmu celebrates after making the game-winning basket against Michigan on Saturday.

NO. 21 ILLINOIS 64, MICHIGAN 62

Ayo the hero

Dosunmu's clutch shot puts Illinois alone in 1st place

BY SHANNON RYAN

Introducing your first-place Illini.

Sounds strange, right? But Illinois, which has been teetering between abysmal and mediocre the last several years, is atop the Big Ten — only the most rugged league in the nation.

After Michigan State's loss to Indiana on Thursday and Illinois' 64-62 victory at Michigan on Saturday, the No. 21 Illini (15-5, 7-2) are in sole possession of the top spot and on a six-game tear. It's Illinois' longest conference winning streak since the Final Four season of 2004-05.

Here are three takeaways from Saturday's victory:

1. Ayo Dosunmu continues to make clutch shots.

With Illinois needing a shot to win, everyone knew the ball would be in sophomore Ayo Dosunmu's hands at the end of the game.

He still made the jumper with Xavier Simpson guarding him tightly and only 0.5 seconds left on the clock.

"We just chose to let him go," coach Brad Underwood told reporters after the game. "I've seen him practice that shot a million times."

"He stops on a dime. He got to 15 feet, and it was well-guarded, but he knocked it down."

Dosunmu scored a career-high 27 points on 11-of-18 shooting with seven rebounds to carry an otherwise struggling lineup.

In the last five games, Dosunmu has averaged 19.2 points and 5.4 assists while shooting 53.7% from the field. His late-game heroics helped Illinois hold off Wisconsin, Rutgers and Northwestern and he was brilliant down the stretch against Purdue.

Dosunmu's shot against Michigan (11-8, 2-6) will be most memorable.

There were nine ties and 12 lead changes Saturday before Dosunmu's game winner. He scored six of the Illini's final eight points.



Illinois' Andres Feliz shoots over Michigan's David DeJulius and Brandon Johns Jr. at Crisler Center on Saturday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

ST. JOHN'S 79, DEPAUL 66

DePaul falls to 1-6 in Big East

Charlie Moore had 20 points and seven rebounds, and Paul Reed had 15 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks, but it wasn't enough for DePaul to avoid another Big East loss.

St. John's completed a regular-season sweep of the Blue Demons with a 79-66 win

Saturday afternoon at Wintrust Arena. LJ Figueroa scored a career-high 28 points for the Red Storm, which ended a four-game road losing streak.

DePaul (13-7, 1-6) lost its second straight game and sixth in its last seven games.

2. Being a road warrior in the Big Ten should pay dividends.

The conference has become notorious for its tough road environments.

Few wins this season have come for teams outside of their home arenas.

Illinois is 4-3 as a visitor in the Big Ten, calling the wins "road-kill." Only Wisconsin and Iowa have as many as three road wins.

The Illini have looked composed outside of Champaign with wins at Wisconsin and Purdue to make it three straight on the road. They had not won in Ann Arbor, Mich., since 2010.

The eventual conference champion in this beat-up-on-each-other league will have to have collected at least a few road wins — and Illinois is proving it can do so.

Michigan State can move back into a first-place tie with Illinois with a road win Sunday at Minnesota.

3. Illinois can overcome weak spots.

The Illini found itself in foul trouble with Kofi Cockburn fouling out and Giorgi Bezhaniashvili (three) and Trent Frazier (four) also struggling. Cockburn finished with a season-low five points on 2-of-9 shooting and second-to-lowest rebound total with three. He picked up his fifth foul seemingly out of frustration.

But Illinois picked up the slack with its defense.

The Illini held Michigan to 39% shooting, including 23.5% (4 of 17) on 3-pointers. In their two games against Illinois, the Wolverines have shot only 7 of 35 on 3-pointers. Michigan managed only five assists. Trent Frazier was strong on defense against Simpson for much of the game.

And while Dosunmu carried the offense, Andres Feliz added 15 points on 5-of-9 shooting to go with seven rebounds off the bench.

BULLS

BULLS 118, CAVALIERS 106

Markkanen injury leaves a large void

Bulls plan to fill scoring hole for the next 4-6 weeks is to play faster

BY JAMAL COLLIER

CLEVELAND — One way the Bulls plan to counteract the loss of forward Lauri Markkanen, who will miss four to six weeks with a stress reaction in his right pelvis is to start playing faster.

The Bulls have played at about a league average pace this season. Entering Saturday's game against the Cavaliers, their pace was 100.6 points per 100 possessions, good for 14th in the NBA.

To make up for the scoring void left by Markkanen's absence, however, coach Jim Boylen wants his team to start picking up the pace.

"We need to play faster," Boylen said before Saturday's game. "We've got to play faster. We've got to use our speed. We've got to make people play in front of us."

The Bulls' first game without Markkanen, however, was a disaster offensively.

They never found an offensive rhythm Friday during a 17-point home loss to the Kings, who had dropped six in a row.

Even though Boylen lamented more than a few scoring opportunities and open shots he believed they could have converted, the Bulls were stagnant for long stretches of the game and were held to 81 points.

With the Bulls lacking another reliable scoring option on the floor, the Kings focused all their attention on guard Zach LaVine, swarming him every time he touched the ball. It's an adjustment LaVine made quickly by the start of the next game, scoring 27 points in the first half against the Cavs, but it's an issue the Bulls are going to have to manage for the near future.

"(The Kings) had 4 1/2 guys with a foot in the paint the whole game," Boylen said. "That's what people are going to do to us, they're going to shrink the floor. We've got to play faster. We got to move the ball. I thought we had a couple possessions the ball stuck; the ball can't stick. We've got to move it, we've got to drive it."

To lessen the impact of playing without their top four frontcourt players — Markkanen, Otto Porter Jr., Wendell Carter Jr. and Daniel Gafford — the Bulls will be forced



RON SCHWANE/AP

Cavaliers' Larry Nance Jr. (22) dunks against Bulls' Coby White (0) in the first half Saturday in Cleveland.

to use smaller lineups more frequently, which should help them push the pace.

It's a different approach from last season when Boylen wanted to slow his shorthanded team down and get back to the basics. This team is missing the kind of big men who can make that style work.

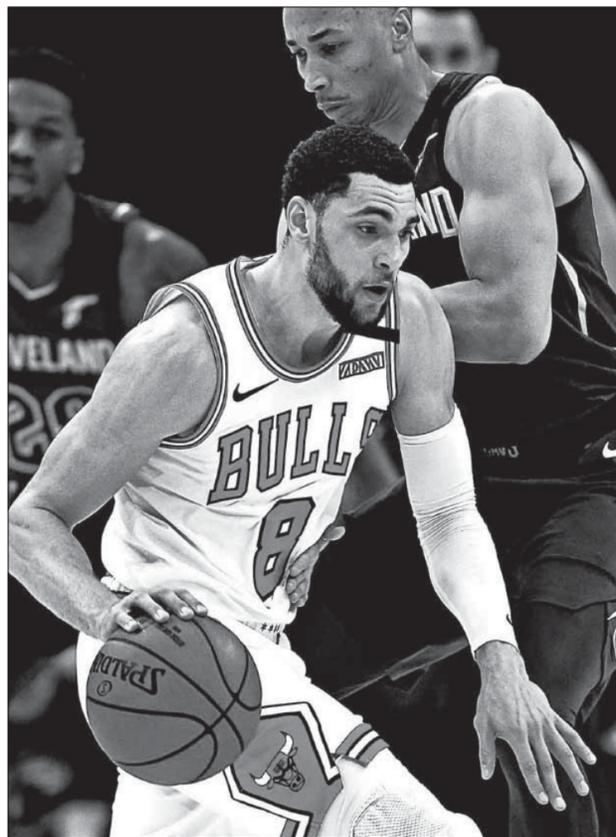
"Obviously my style of play is completely different (than Markkanen's)," said forward Thaddeus Young, who has replaced Markkanen in the starting lineup. "I can post up and put my back to the basket. I make some shots. I'm not as good a shooter as Lauri, but I try to insert myself in those positions that help our offense be successful against teams how he was playing."

But finding a second scoring option has been an issue all season for the Bulls, even with Markkanen healthy.

So his absence will force the Bulls to get creative to find ways to score, even if it means disrupting their rotation.

Behind Young, Boylen has gone to Chandler Hutchison as backup power forward while inserting Denzel Valentine and Shaquille Harrison into the rotation in hopes of finding a scoring spark.

"It's going to be more fluid, I think, just by necessity," Boylen said. "Valentine comes in, gets it going a little bit, he plays longer. Coby's (White) got it going, we extend his minutes, which we've done. Yeah, we'll make that feel and we'll get a read on it as it goes."



RON SCHWANE/AP

BULLS 118, CAVALIERS 106

LaVine strikes again

Zach LaVine (above) put together one of his best all-around games of the season Saturday night, scoring 44 points, grabbing 10 rebounds and dishing eight assists to lead the Bulls to a 118-106 victory against the Cavaliers in Cleveland.

He just missed his first career triple-double, but LaVine scored 40 points for the fourth time this season, tied for the third most in the NBA. His performance led the Bulls' charge as he played the entire third quarter and the Bulls outscored the Cavs 40-19 to take control.

It was a marked difference from Friday night, when LaVine was crowded and frustrated by Kings defenders all game. Every time he drove the ball toward the paint, he was met with double teams and triple teams, a potential preview of how difficult life was about to become without forward Lauri Markkanen (pelvis) to help space the floor. But LaVine has been tasked with carrying this Bulls offense all season and showed once again Saturday that he was up to the task.

A week earlier at the United Center, the Cavs blew a 19-point lead and gave up 42 points to LaVine. They had no answer for him once again Saturday. He hit them for 27 points in the first half, a signal that he was on his way to another scoring big game.

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GOLF

Rahm rides early eagle to slim lead

Ex-champ up 1 at Torrey; McIlroy targets top ranking

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
Associated Press



DENIS POROV/AP

SAN DIEGO — Jon Rahm is playing some of his best golf with two victories and a runner-up in his last four tournaments. He was at his best Saturday at Torrey Pines, holing a chip for birdie and a full gap wedge for eagle to start his round.

Even after a 7-under 65 for a one-shot lead in the Farmers Insurance Open, Rahm knows as well as anyone that the hard work is still in front of him, mainly because of whoever might be behind him.

Three years ago, that was Rahm. He made two eagles over the last six holes for a 66 to capture his first PGA Tour title. This year, it could be Ryan Palmer and Rory McIlroy in the final group, maybe even Tiger Woods from five shots back.

“The back nine three years ago? It will do absolutely nothing, really,” Rahm said. “The only thing it’s going to do is keep me focused, no matter how good I’m playing, knowing that somebody can come and do the same thing.”

After a two-hour fog delay, Rahm had the ideal start. He chipped in from just off the green at No. 1. Then, he hit a gap wedge from 111 yards that landed short of the hole and rolled in for an eagle.

Equally important was saving par on No. 5, and then on Nos. 12, 14 and 15, each of them feeling just as good as birdies.

It led to the low round of the day. He was at 12-under 204 and had a one-shot lead over Palmer, whose card was a mixture of birdies and bogeys until a 10-foot birdie on the 17th gave him a 71.

Rahm and Palmer have good history. They were teammates at the Zurich Classic in New Orleans and won. This time they’re on their own, with company.

McIlroy can go to No. 1 in the world with a victory, and after a poor finish Friday, he got it right this time. McIlroy hit a 5-iron from a bunker on No. 12 — the third-toughest hole of the day — to 6 feet for birdie. He also powered a 3-wood over the water to 20 feet on the par-5 18th that set up an easy birdie for a 67.

That left him three shots behind and in the final group with Rahm, the first time they’ve played together on Sunday on the PGA Tour.

Spaniard Jon Rahm tees off during the third round Saturday at Torrey Pines.

“It was nice to shoot a good third round here and get myself a little bit closer,” McIlroy said. “There’s a lot of guys like 6-, 7-, 8-under par. Need to go out and try to replicate what I did today. If I can do that, I’ll have a good shot.”

Woods finished with a 15-foot putt — his longest of the round — on the par-5 18th and hopes it will give him some momentum going into Sunday. Never mind that the putt was for par. He sent his wedge over the green and into the bunker, and another dropped shot could have been costly. The par salvaged a 69 that got him within five. It wasn’t a bad score, it just felt like way after the start.

Woods opened with two birdies in three holes, chipped in for par, added two more birdies for a 32 and suddenly was within two shots of the lead as he goes for a ninth victory at Torrey Pines, and a record 83rd in his PGA Tour career.

But he didn’t make another birdie, and didn’t even have a chance at one from closer than 20 feet.

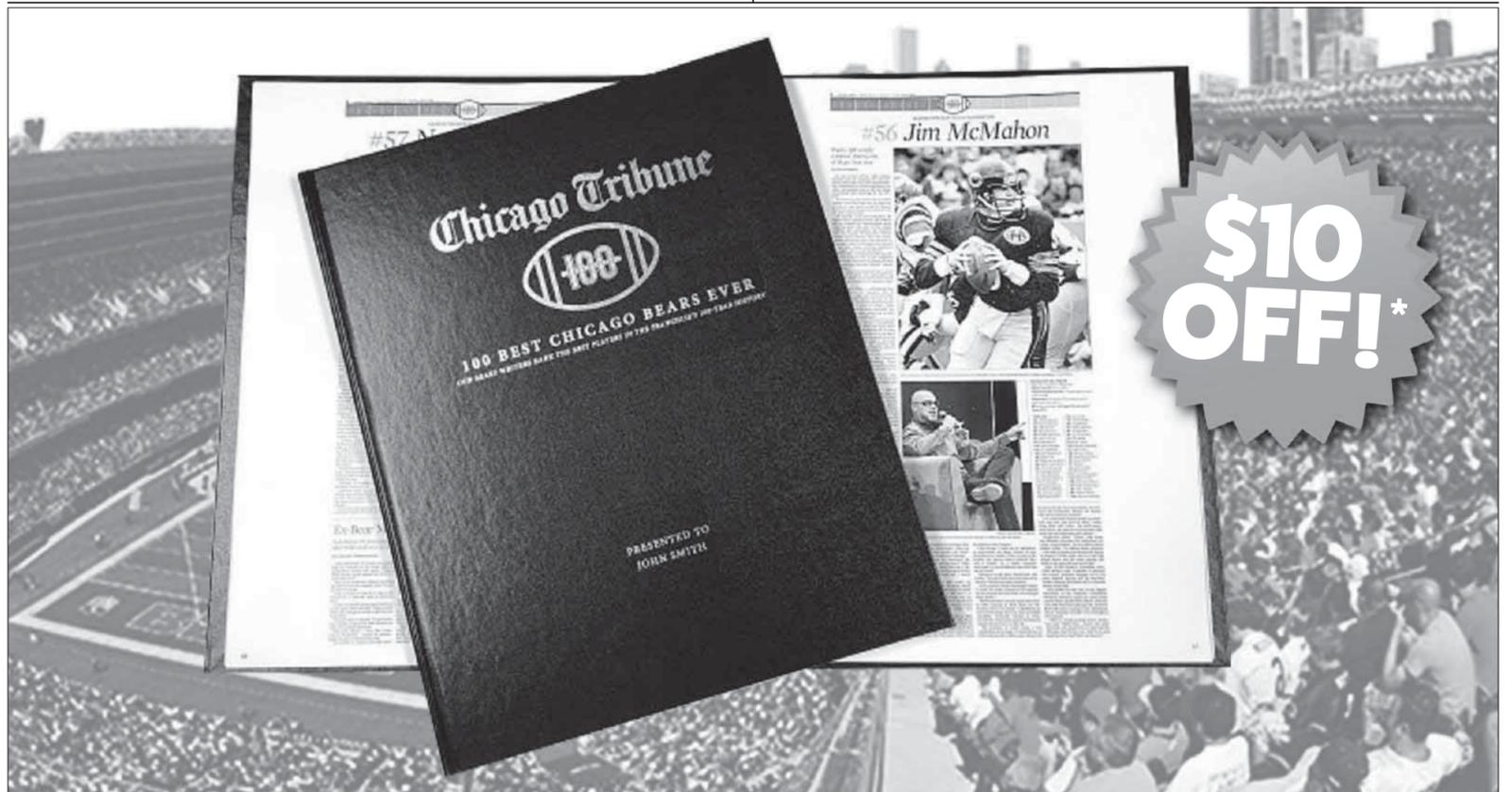
“It was important to make that putt,” he said. “By the end of the day, there will probably be 10, 11, 12 guys ahead of me. I’ve still got to go out there and post a low one tomorrow.”

Woods was among 16 players within five shots of the lead.

Sung Kang (67), PGA Tour rookie Harry Higgs (69) and Cameron Champ (68) joined McIlroy at 9-under 207.

McIlroy is playing for the first time since late November and didn’t appear to pick up too much rust during his break. This is his second time playing Torrey Pines, and it feels suited for him, even if he struggles like everyone else on poa greens.

“Even if you’re not making that many birdies but if you keep giving yourself chances, it’s one of these courses that you feel like you’re playing really well, you might be a couple under,” McIlroy said. “That’s OK. No one else is going that low. Keep doing the same thing tomorrow and should be right there.”



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ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	31	14	.689	—
Boston	30	14	.682	½
Philadelphia	30	17	.638	2
Brooklyn	19	25	.432	11½
New York	12	34	.261	19½
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	31	14	.689	—
Orlando	21	25	.457	10½
Washington	15	29	.341	15½
Charlotte	15	31	.326	16½
Atlanta	11	35	.239	20½
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	40	6	.870	—
Indiana	30	16	.652	10
Chicago	18	30	.375	23
Detroit	17	30	.362	23½
Cleveland	12	34	.261	28

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	28	16	.636	—
Dallas	28	17	.622	½
Memphis	21	24	.467	7½
San Antonio	20	24	.455	8
New Orleans	17	29	.370	12
NORTHWEST				
Utah	32	13	.711	—
Denver	31	14	.689	1
Oklahoma City	28	19	.596	5
Portland	19	27	.413	13½
Minnesota	15	31	.326	17½
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	36	10	.783	—
L.A. Clippers	32	14	.696	4
Phoenix	19	26	.422	16½
Sacramento	16	29	.356	19½
Golden State	10	37	.213	26½

SATURDAY'S RESULTS				
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BULLS 118, CAVALIERS 106

CHICAGO: Dunn 4-2-2-10, Young 5-9-1-2, Kornetz 3-5-0-2-6, LaVine 16-30-7-8-44, Satoransky 8-11-2-2-19, Felicio 0-1-0-0-0, Hutchison 2-7-3-4-8, Arcidiacono 3-5-0-1-9, Valentine 1-5-0-0-3, White 2-6-3-3-8. **TOTALS:** 44-88-18-24-118.

CLEVELAND: Love 8-16-0-0-20, Osman 7-11-2-3-18, Thompson 3-7-1-2-7, Garland 5-12-1-13, Sexton 7-15-1-18, McKinnie 2-5-0-0-4, Henson 2-3-2-2-7, Nance Jr. 7-11-0-0-15, Dellavedova 0-10-0-0, Exum 1-3-2-2-4. **TOTALS:** 42-84-9-11-106.

Chicago	25	34	40	19	-118
Cleveland	31	26	19	30	-106

3-Point Goals—Chicago 12-33 (LaVine 5-12, Arcidiacono 3-5, Satoransky 1-2, White 1-2, Hutchison 1-3, Valentine 1-4, Dunn 0-2, Young 0-2), Cleveland 13-30 (Love 4-8, Sexton 3-7, Osman 2-4, Garland 2-5, Henson 1-2, Nance Jr. 1-3). **Rebounds**—Chicago 36 (LaVine 10), Cleveland 43 (Love, Nance Jr. 11). **Assists**—Chicago 24 (LaVine 8), Cleveland 30 (Osman, Thompson 6). **Total Fouls**—Chicago 16, Cleveland 20. **A**—19,432.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	29	10	12	70	169	135
Tampa Bay	29	15	4	62	175	137
Florida	28	16	5	61	183	163
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	35	4	28	109	199
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Washington	33	11	5	71	177	144
Pittsburgh	31	14	5	67	168	136
N.Y. Islanders	29	15	5	63	143	132
Columbus	27	16	8	62	138	130
Carolina	29	18	3	61	159	132
Philadelphia	27	17	6	60	158	150
N.Y. Rangers	23	21	4	50	158	159
New Jersey	17	24	7	41	126	173

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	30	11	8	68	158	134
Colorado	28	15	6	62	179	143
Dallas	27	17	4	58	125	120
Chicago	24	21	6	54	155	161
Winnipeg	25	22	4	54	152	160
Minnesota	23	21	6	52	156	166
Nashville	22	18	7	51	156	154

PACIFIC						
ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	27	18	4	58	162	149
Edmonton	26	18	5	57	155	153
Calgary	26	19	5	57	135	147
Arizona	26	20	5	57	146	138
Vegas	25	20	7	57	161	159
San Jose	21	25	4	46	130	167
Anaheim	19	24	5	43	122	150
Los Angeles	18	27	5	41	125	158

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 G3: Pacific 5, Atlantic 4
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 Montreal at Nashville, 7 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Dallas, 7 p.m.
 St. Louis at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
 Anaheim at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

PACIFIC 5, ATLANTIC 4			
Atlantic	3	1	-4
Pacific	1	4	-5

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Atlantic All-Stars, Hedman 9 (Eichel, Pastrnak), 10:24. 2, Atlantic All-Stars, Huberdeau 18 (Tkachuk, Marner), 11:29. 3, Pacific All-Stars, Pacioretty 21 (Kopitar), 16:05. 4, Atlantic All-Stars, Pastrnak 37 (Andersen, Huberdeau), 19:13. **Penalties:** None.
SECOND PERIOD: 5, Pacific All-Stars, Pettersson 20 (Hughes, Tkachuk), 11:37. 6, Pacific All-Stars, Draisaitl 27 (Gordano), 11:44. 7, Atlantic All-Stars, Bertuzzi 17 (Ducclair, Weber), 13:15. 8, Pacific All-Stars, Pettersson 21 (Tkachuk, Hughes), 15:04. 9, Pacific All-Stars, Hertl 15 (McDavid, Draisaitl), 17:24. **Penalties:** None.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Atlantic 7-4-11. Pacific 9-11-20.
POWER PLAYS: Atlantic 0 of 0; Pacific 0 of 0.
GOALIES: Atlantic, Andersen 22-9-6 (9 shots-8 saves), Atlantic, Vasilevskiy 24-9-2 (11-7). Pacific, Rittich 19-12-5 (4-3). Pacific, Markstrom 18-13-3 (7-4). **A:** 18,112 (19,150). **T0:**34.
Referees: Francois St Laurent, Justin St Pierre.
Linesmen: Michel Cormier, Bryan Panich.

ALL-STAR GAME MVPs

2019: David Pastrnak, Boston
2018: Brock Boeser, Vancouver
2017: Wayne Simmonds, Philadelphia
2016: John Scott, Arizona
2015: Ryan Johansen, Columbus
2014: No Game (Olympics)
2013: No Game (lockout)
2012: Marian Gaborik, N.Y. Rangers
2011: Patrick Sharp, Chicago
2010: No Game (Olympics)
2009: Alex Kovalev, Montreal
2008: Eric Staal, Carolina
2007: Daniel Briere, Buffalo
2006: No Game (Olympics)
2005: No Game (lockout)
2004: Joe Sakic, Colorado
2003: Dany Heatley, Atlanta
2002: Eric Daze (N. America), Chicago
2001: Bill Guerin (N. America), Boston
2000: Pavel Bure (World), Florida
1999: Wayne Gretzky (North America), N.Y. Rangers
1998: Teemu Selanne (World), Anaheim
1997: Mark Recchi, Montreal
1996: Ray Bourque, Boston
1995: No Game (lockout)
1994: Mike Richter, N.Y. Rangers
1993: Mike Gartner, N.Y. Rangers
1992: Brett Hull, St. Louis
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PRO BOWL			
Sunday in Orlando, Fla.			
AFC vs. NFC, 2 p.m. (ESPN)			
SUPER BOWL			
Sunday, Feb. 2 in Miami Gardens, Fla.			
Kansas City (14-4) vs. San Francisco (15-3), 5:30 p.m. (FOX)			

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED	
1. Baylor (17-1) beat Florida 72-61. Next: at Iowa State, Wednesday.	
2. Gonzaga (21-1) beat Pacific 92-59. Next: at Santa Clara, Thursday.	
3. Kansas (16-3) beat Tennessee 74-68. Next: at Oklahoma State, Monday.	
4. San Diego State (20-0) did not play. Next: at UNLV, Sunday.	
5. Florida State (17-2) beat Notre Dame 85-84. Next: at Virginia, Tuesday.	
6. Louisville (17-3) beat Clemson 80-62. Next: at Boston College, Wednesday.	
7. Dayton (18-2) beat Richmond 87-79. Next: at Duquesne, Wednesday.	
8. Duke (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Tuesday.	
9. Villanova (16-3) beat Providence 64-60. Next: at St. John's, Tuesday.	
10. Seton Hall (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Wednesday.	
11. Michigan State (14-5) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Sunday.	
12. Oregon (16-4) did not play. Next: at UCLA, Sunday.	
13. Butler (16-4) did not play. Next: at Georgetown, Tuesday.	
14. West Virginia (16-3) beat Missouri 74-51. Next: at No. 18 Texas Tech, Wed.	
15. Kentucky (15-4) beat No. 18 Texas Tech 76-74, OT. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Wed.	
16. Auburn (17-2) beat Iowa State 80-76. Next: at Mississippi, Tuesday.	
17. Maryland (15-4) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Sunday.	
18. Texas Tech (12-7) lost to No. 15 Kentucky 76-74, OT. Next: vs. No. 14 West Virginia, Wednesday.	
19. Iowa (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Monday.	
20. Memphis (14-5) lost to SMU 74-70. Next: at UCF, Wednesday.	
21. Illinois (15-5) beat Michigan 64-62. Next: vs. Minnesota, Thursday.	
22. Arizona (13-6) lost to Arizona State 66-65. Next: at Washington, Thursday.	
23. Colorado (16-4) beat Washington 76-62. Next: at UCLA, Thursday.	
24. Rutgers (15-5) beat Nebraska 75-72. Next: vs. Purdue, Tuesday.	
25. Houston (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. South Florida, Sunday.	

SATURDAY'S SCORES

EAST	
Chicago 73, Navy 66	
Boston College 61, Virginia Tech 56	
Boston U. 79, Holy Cross 64	
Colgate 79, American U. 69	
Cornell 62, Columbia 50	
Geo. Washington 85, Saint Joseph's 69	
Penn 66, Temple 59	
Syracuse 69, Pittsburgh 61	
UMass 73, Duquesne 64	
VCU 76, La Salle 65	
SOUTH	
Charlotte 75, FIU 49	
La. Tech 72, UAB 58	
N. Carolina 94, Miami 71	
S. Carolina 90, Vanderbilt 64	
SC-Upstate 80, UNC-Asheville 63	
UNC-Greensboro 70, Samford 63	
MIDWEST	
Akron 88, Ohio 86	
Bowling Green 85, Toledo 79	
C. Michigan 71, Ball St. 66	
Cleveland St. 70, Milwaukee 53	
Detroit 70, UIC 69	
Grinnell 121, Knox 94	
IUPUI 89, Oakland 85	
Indiana St. 61, Bradley 53	
Miami (Ohio) 73, E. Michigan 68	
Neb.-Omaha 75, Fort Wayne 71	
N. Dakota 83, W. Illinois 77	
N. Dakota St. 82, Denver 70	
N. Illinois 58, W. Michigan 52	
Rose-Hulman 65, Bluffton 51	
S. Illinois 58, Illinois St. 55	
St. John's 79, DePaul 66	
UT Martin 79, SIU-Edwardsville 76	
Wichita St. 87, UCF 79	
Youngstown St. 98, Green Bay 94	
SOUTHWEST	
Arkansas 78, TCU 67	
LSU 69, Texas 67	
Oklahoma 63, Mississippi St. 62	
Oklahoma St. 73, Texas A&M 62	
WEST	
San Francisco 83, BYU 82	
St. Mary's 73, Loyola Marymount 62	

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. South Carolina (18-1) did not play. Next: at Georgia, Sunday.	
2. Baylor (17-1) beat Texas Tech 87-79. Next: vs. Iowa State, Tuesday.	
3. UConn (18-1) beat East Carolina 98-42. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Thursday.	
4. Oregon (16-2) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Oregon State, Sunday.	
5. Louisville (19-1) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Sunday.	
6. Stanford (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. Utah, Sunday.	
7. Oregon State (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Oregon, Sunday.	
8. N.C. State (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina, Sunday.	
9. Mississippi State (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi, Sunday.	
10. UCLA (17-1) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Sunday.	
11. DePaul (18-2) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Sunday.	
12. Kentucky (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Monday.	
13. Gonzaga (20-1) beat Loyola Marymount 78-52. Next: vs. San Diego, Thu.	
14. Florida State (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Miami, Sunday.	
15. Texas A&M (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Sunday.	
16. Arizona State (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Friday.	
17. Indiana (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Monday.	
18. Arizona (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 UCLA, Friday.	
19. Iowa (16-3) did not play. vs. Michigan State, Sunday.	
20. Maryland (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Northwestern, Sunday.	
21. Arkansas (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Sunday.	
22. Northwestern (17-2) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Maryland, Sunday.	
23. Tennessee (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. LSU, Sunday.	
24. South Dakota (18-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oral Roberts, Sunday.	
25. West Virginia (13-4) did not play. Next: at TCU, Sunday.	

SATURDAY'S SCORES

EAST	
Boston U. 76, Holy Cross 70	
Colgate 63, American U. 62	
Cornell 80, Columbia 77	
Harvard 64, Dartmouth 49	
Navy 57, Army 45	
W. Kentucky 74, Marshall 65	
Yale 73, Brown 40	
SOUTH	
Alabama A&M 74, Alcorn St. 67	
Bethune-Cookman 69, NC A&T 58	
Charlotte 64, FIU 50	
Delaware St. 64, NC Cent. 60	
Furman 69, W. Carolina 53	
High Point 81, Hampton 77	
Howard 72, Florida A&M 58	
Jackson St. 61, Grambling St. 46	
N. Kentucky 72, Detroit 60	
MIDWEST	
Ball St. 80, Miami (Ohio) 63	
Buffalo 57, Kent St. 44	
Cent. Michigan 73, Toledo 66	
E. Michigan 62, N. Illinois 55	

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BLACKHAWKS AT THE BREAK

So far, this team's not half bad

Plenty of positives, negatives as Hawks push for the playoffs

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

For a little more than a week, the Blackhawks can put the ups and downs of a tumultuous first 51 games on hold.

Players and coaches already began treks all over the world for some rest and relaxation before reconvening in Arizona to restart the season Saturday against the Coyotes.

It has been a struggle, but the Hawks are in decent shape to make a playoff run. Then again, they're one losing streak away from being sellers at the Feb. 24 trade deadline.

What has gone right and what has gone wrong? Here are the four biggest positives and negatives from the Hawks season at the All-Star break.

The positives

1. Dominik Kubalik, Kirby Dach and Adam Boqvist lead a promising rookie class.

Just how strong this group will end up is unclear, but Kubalik is on pace for more than 30 goals, and Dach and Boqvist are holding their own as teenagers in the NHL.

Kubalik is 24, so he's graded on a curve, but he has been a revelation, especially when the light went on over the last month with 13 goals in his last 16 games.

Dach and Boqvist have shown more than glimpses of their promise, which is typical for teens who enter the NHL a little before they probably should have.

Meanwhile, the jury is still out on Alex Nylander, who doesn't appear to be a core player after the Hawks acquired him from the Sabres for Henri Jokiharju. But there's still time for Nylander to develop into a top-six forward, and the Hawks have made clear they intend to give him plenty of it.

2. Robin Lehner has been a game changer.

If the Hawks don't end up making the playoffs, coach Jeremy Colliton might regret not anointing Lehner as the No. 1 goalie sooner. Lehner has had a few poor games but overall has been consistently great and should get the bulk of starts over Corey Crawford the rest of the way.

Crawford hasn't played poorly but had a miserable December, and his .910 save percentage is well behind Lehner's .922, which is one of the best in the league. The big question is whether the Hawks can re-sign Lehner, who is scheduled to be an unrestricted free agent after the season.



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Dominik Kubalik (8) and goalie Robin Lehner have been pleasant surprises in the first half.

3. Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews are as good as ever.

Toews started slowly but has averaged more than a point per game since the start of November.

Kane is on pace for another 100-point season despite having a ton of linemates.

4. The Blackhawks are 9 points ahead of last season's pace.

The Hawks are on the outside looking in at the playoffs, as they were at this point last season, but they're in much better shape.

The 2018-19 Hawks were 18-24-9 (45 points) at the break and seven points out of a playoff spot while trailing six teams. This team is 24-21-6 (51 points) and three points out while trailing only two teams.

Considering Calvin de Haan and Brent Seabrook suffered season-ending injuries, Andrew Shaw has been out since the end of November with a concussion and the Hawks have lost Duncan Keith, Connor Murphy, Dylan Strome and Drake Caggiula for lengthy periods, it's remarkable they're in position for a postseason run.

The negatives

1. The power play has been ineffective.

The Hawks' turnaround last season began when Erik Gustafsson joined the power play, fueling a two-month stretch as the best team in the league with a man advantage.

This season the Hawks have been on a never-ending search to make things click. They retained Gustafsson in the offseason largely because they hoped he would again quarterback the top power-play unit and produce another 60-point season.

But he hasn't come close to being the same player, and Jeremy Colliton still is searching for an effective top unit. Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews and Alex DeBrincat are still there, now joined by Kirby Dach and Adam Boqvist.

But that unit hasn't been any better, and the Hawks have the fifth-worst power play (24-for-154) in the league. The four worst teams? The Ducks, Red Wings, Devils and Senators, none of whom has a chance to make the playoffs.

2. Alex DeBrincat is in the middle of a disappointing season.

Singling out DeBrincat is a bit unfair because he might be more unlucky than underperforming. He is on pace for the most shots on goal of his three-season career, and his effort never has been questioned.

The fact is, however, DeBrincat has 12 goals and is on pace to finish with 19, which would be a precipitous drop from last season's 41. Most concerning is that DeBrincat has only four even-strength goals despite already having played more minutes on a line with Patrick Kane at even strength than he did all of last season.

But unlike Erik Gustafsson, whose career year seemed like an aberration, DeBrincat's down year seems to be an outlier. His 8.4% shot percentage is far below the 17.2% he posted over his first two seasons, so chances are he will correct to the mean next season.

The Hawks — and DeBrincat — would sure like to see it corrected for the final two months of this season.

3. The Blackhawks have been mediocre at the United Center.

The Hawks are one of six teams with a points percentage of .500 or below at home, and it should come as no surprise that none of the six holds a playoff spot.

Jeremy Colliton has tried to cajole his team into playing the kind of simpler game that has worked a little better on the road (12-9-3).

Even during their current 11-5 stretch, the Hawks are just 4-4 at home. If they can continue to win at an .875 clip away from the United Center, then, sure, they don't need to worry about the home record. But that's not likely to happen.

4. The Blackhawks have failed to play complete games too many times.

The Hawks gave away too many games over the first three months by either not being ready at the start, disappearing in the second period or not closing out games.

Even in recent wins over the Red Wings and Senators, the Hawks trailed 2-0 after the first period before figuring things out. They blew 3-0 leads to the Bruins and Blues and had to hang on to beat the Flames 5-3 on New Year's Eve despite scoring the first four goals.

With contenders needing to focus on picking up every available point after the break, falling asleep during any lengthy stretch of a game will be difficult to overcome.



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GRAMMY AWARDS PREVIEW

STAYING POWER?

Lizzo, Billie Eilish and Rosalía are up. But what does it tell us about pop longevity in the volatile decade ahead?



Billie Eilish

JACK PLUNKETT/INVISION



GREG KOT

The nominations for the 62nd annual Grammy Awards that will be handed out Sunday provide a window into now, the artists that defined 2019: Lizzo, Billie Eilish, Rosalía, Lil Nas X.

The trouble with “now” is making it last.

Just ask Taylor Swift and Chance the Rapper, relatively recent big winners at the Grammys who were nudged aside in this year’s nominations for a wave of newcomers. Only Swift was nominated in one of the top categories. The title song of her recent album “Lover” got a nod for record of the year. But given her 10 previous Grammys, including two for album of the year, the exclusion of “Lover” in the album-of-the-year category — despite critical acclaim, platinum certification (1 million sales) and 18 top-100 singles — came as a surprise.

Chance made Grammy history by garnering seven nominations and three awards in 2017 after releasing his debut album, “Coloring Book.” He became the first artist to win a Grammy for music that was streamed for free instead of sold. Yet this year, Chance’s

follow-up album, “The Big Day,” was shut out by the Recording Academy. The Chicago MC’s only nomination came for a feature on a YBN Cordae song, “Bad Idea.”

Even Lady Gaga, who once seemed like a shoo-in for a boatload of nominations for the soundtrack to her 2018 “A Star Is Born” movie with Bradley Cooper, was snubbed for album of the year (though she did receive a record-of-the-year nomination for the single “Always Remember Us This Way”).

But in the free-for-all that is the digital era, the turnover in pop comes faster than you can say “Harlem Shake.”

Swift was the youngest artist ever to win album of the year, at 20 in 2010 for “Fearless.” Chance the Rapper was 23 when he had his big Grammy night three years ago. Their careers are hardly over, but the Grammy spotlight has shifted to relative newcomers such as the 18-year-old Eilish and 20-year-old Lil Nas X.

Whereas the Grammys once specialized in rewarding veteran artists with major awards later in their careers, as if making up for past oversights, recent years have seen a pronounced shift toward the younger artists stirring up the most buzz on social media and digital streaming platforms. This is partially a matter of survival.

The Grammys may pay lip service to the idea of rewarding musical excellence, but the

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Lizzo

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Can ‘The Irishman’ make Netflix money?



NETFLIX

How does a movie like “The Irishman” make money when the studio that produces it is a subscription service?

It would need to be streaming service’s biggest hit to date



NINA METZ

If a movie was released in theaters, you can find its box office reported. “The Wizard of Oz” made \$969,000 internationally when it came out in 1939. Type a title into Box Office Mojo and see what comes up.

This is useful information for a few reasons. Here’s a compelling

one: A couple years ago a study looked at global box office between 2014-2017 and found that female-led films outperformed male-led films at all budget levels. There’s a transparency to the data — studios, for example, can’t greenlight a slate of movies featuring almost all-male leads and pretend it’s smart business.

Box office performance doesn’t just influence what movies get made, it can also help shape how we think about any given movie.

“It’s rare that you’ll have a conversation about a movie without somehow, some way, the box office or the performance of a movie being brought up,” said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for Comscore, which compiles box office data.

Would the idea of cult hit even exist if we didn’t know that it

flopped when it first opened only to be re-discovered at some later point when people found it on TV or at midnight screenings?

But what about movies that are released by streaming services, which as a whole rarely provide any data? How do we talk about those movies when we know next to nothing to about how well they did?

“This is an issue that wouldn’t have even existed five years ago,” said Dergarabedian. “It’s analogous to sports — what if suddenly there were no stats in sports? The whole thing would fall apart. But if you want to be a disrupter, I guess you change the rules on how we perceive what success means. And I think that’s what streaming services are doing here.”

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Chicago's Grammy magic

Mojo comes from a group of creative women on the city's new classical music scene

BY XENIA HANUSIAK

If winning a Grammy is a sign of creative achievement then Chicago could well be described as the contemporary classical music epicenter of the world. Year after year for the past two decades, a Grammy ceremony doesn't pass without the name of a Chicago musician, producer, or ensemble etched on one of its gilded trophies.

There are a few explanations for this sustained record of achievement, but there is one common denominator: women. Together, the names of Julia Nicols-Corry, Deirdre Harrison, Reba Cafarelli and Alyssa Martinez form a super pack of women who direct the operations behind the creative virtuosity of Cedille, Eighth Blackbird, Third Coast Percussion and the Spektral Quartet. On Sunday, Third Coast hopes to repeat its 2017 victory as the best chamber music/small ensemble, and Nathalie Joachim — former flautist of the four-time Grammy-winning Eighth Blackbird — celebrates her first nomination with her debut album “Fanm d’Ayiti” — a collaboration with the thrice-nominated Spektral.

The unique story of women at the helm on Chicago's art music scene is a lineage that begins with Grammy Award-winning composer Augusta Read Thomas, and passes to Lisa Kaplan, the pianist, founding member and Executive Director of Eighth Blackbird.

Thomas reigns as the matriarch. As the Chicago Tribune's 2016 Chicagoan of Year, Thomas' accolades and accomplishments easily fill four resumes. The indefatigable pioneer spearheaded the Ear Taxi Festival in 2016, branding Chicago as a new-music town. In 2017 — through her position as professor at the University of Chicago — Thomas instituted the Chicago



Augusta Read Thomas addresses the audience before a performance of the Grossman Ensemble.

Center for Contemporary Composition. She describes her success as a “lifetime of work, a whole gestalt of being active.” When I ask her about the influence of Ear Taxi on the local contemporary scene, she simply replies, “My three years of action speak louder than any words I can say to you.” The marathon two-day festival brought together 350 musicians, performing 54 world premieres. Her altruism appears endless: “My role is to deepen the path,” she says.

Thomas' roll-up-your-sleeves attitude is emblematic of the women she mentors. There is true grit at play as Chicago women defy the odds in an industry known for its gendered division of labor. The record for women's participation in classical music is bleak. Musicologist and sociologist Hyacinthe Ravet, the Vice-Dean of Equality at Paris-Sorbonne University noted in a 2016 study that “women make up approximately 10% of



Nathalie Joachim performs at the Chicago Chapter Nominee Reception on Jan. 17.

composers of contemporary music and a quarter of musicians while about one third of actors are women.” In 2019, women composed 3% of the music performed by orchestras across the globe, according to Deborah Borda, president of the New York Philharmonic in a recent interview.

Despite the low probabilities, Nicols-Corry, Harrison, Cafarelli and

Martinez have carved out distinctive, multifaceted careers. As the chief operating officer of Eighth Blackbird, Harrison leads the administration for the 23-year-old ensemble. With a double Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University and actors' training from London's Royal Academy of Arts, Harrison debuted to administration in 2002 because, she says, of “economics and the U.S. Health system.” As co-artistic director of the band The Lucky Strikes, Harrison says her “storyteller training helps with leadership functions.”

Cafarelli began her studies as a bassoonist at the Eastman School of Music, but her entrepreneurial flair led her to the Chicago Center for Contemporary Composition and Ear Taxi Festival, before she landed in her present position as executive director of Third Coast Percussion. Martinez, development and production coordinator for Spektral Quartet, brings creativity as a poet and visual artist.

The contributions of these women create a cornerstone of the success

of these ensembles, but their achievements cement it even further. These women are agents of empowerment for other women. Long before the celebrity influencers of Hollywood's #metoo rallied for gender parity in their industry, Chicago's trailblazers have been proving how women promoting women is one of the most powerful acts of solidarity.

When Brooklyn flautist Joachim moved to Chicago to join Eighth Blackbird five years ago, her solo projects were buoyed by the support of women's networks across the arts and business communities. She says, “Women supporting women's work is not (akin) to tokenism.” Her “Fanm d’Ayiti” (Women in Haiti) is the result. “This debut album is my very first step in claiming my identity in my music as a Haitian woman, as a black woman and as an American female composer.” Martinez agrees that “mentorship in the arts is essential, and when it can happen from woman to woman, even better. In Chicago, I see the same talented women popping up in different

organizations, roles and capacities over the years, on both the administrative and creative sides of projects. They make Chicago music great.”

Harrison describes her fellow colleagues as “radically generous women.” “We often communicate by email or calls, share templates, contacts or idea,” she says. “We want to nurture the process of supporting each other's growth.”

Presiding over globally recognized ensembles and their Grammy nominations requires this same collaborative, nurturing spirit. As director of operations at Cedille since 2015, Nicols-Corry participates in all aspects of the production process from the moment artists propose a recording project, to the recording sessions, to managing the release and marketing the finished product. Nicols-Corry says her fulfillment comes from “seeing firsthand the impact how Cedille's recordings have on an artist's career.”

These recordings can elevate the city's music scene. They also feed into the morale and creative energy of the next generation, and can lead to other accolades.

Harrison believes that a Grammy win has “real power in the chamber music world. It becomes part of a narrative and identity that can open doors.” For Chicago ensembles, the door-opening Grammys lead to expanded touring schedules, fascinating collaborations and new initiatives. Third Coast Percussion has performed across 33 states, in addition to engagements in Colombia, United Kingdom, Lithuania, Taiwan and Germany. The quartet has worked with architects at the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation and musicians from Zimbabwe's Shona people.

For Eighth Blackbird, the triumphs have attracted new resources to enable the Blackbird Creative Lab network to generate further commissions and ignite community engagement. In May, Cedille hosts its first recording competition for young Chicago classical musicians. And its inclusive policy has allowed far ranging independent recording projects such as Chicago Sinfonietta's *African Heritage Series* to succeed.

Chicago's ensembles are built on indefatigable work ethic and outside-the-box thinking. These qualities can flourish in Chicago because the city allows a work-life balance, and an affordable lifestyle that the more saturated musical capitals of the world can't offer. When there is space to breathe and access to community, ideas and innovations prosper.

“There is a wider margin for risk and you need that room if you are trying to push the envelope artistically,” says Cafarelli. “I worked with Augusta Read Thomas for many years and she always said something to the effect that the history of the world is written in art. This has really stuck with me. Long after we are all gone, the music of our time will remain. Future generations interpret the world and learn from us through what we create now and leave behind for them.”

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This 'very naughty boy' was a Python like no other

Terry Jones was at the core of British comedy group's transgressive aesthetic



CHRIS JONES

The Pythons — the living ones, anyway — can be funny about death.

The point of this column is to say surrealists such as these guys *should* be funny about death. Some of us could use the help.

"Two down, four to go," tweeted John Cleese on Wednesday, reacting with affection to the death of Terry Jones, maybe the least Pythonesque of the Monty Python comedy team. Or maybe the most.

Cleese's kicker, referencing the death of Graham Chapman way back in 1989, was consistent with a man who has in his Twitter profile, "Yes, I am still alive, contrary to rumor."

"HE WAS A VERY NAUGHTY BOY!!!" tweeted Terry Gilliam, "and we miss you. Terry (Jones) was someone totally consumed with life ... a brilliant, constantly questioning, iconoclastic, righteously argumentative and angry but outrageously funny and generous and kind human being ... and very often a complete pain in the ass. One could never hope for a better friend."

Eric Idle, a man usually known for looking on the bright side of life, said that Jones' death, following a

lifetime of making people laugh, was "too sad if you knew him."

But if you didn't? "You will always smile."

Idle's emotion, expressed with his typical concision, clearly flowed from the diagnosis of dementia that Jones received in 2015. This had been, then, a slow goodbye, achingly familiar to any family, be it of blood or not, who has been afflicted with that horror.

The Pythons were all about the quickness of their minds, and one of their number had been losing his. Especially cruel, given that of all the Pythons, Jones was the most iconoclastic. He never allowed himself to be trapped in one genre, any single perception. He could slip away.

Jones wrote children's books. He penned op ed articles. He wrote about Geoffrey Chaucer. He came up with all manner of TV shows, from fictions to documentaries.

Michael Palin was correct Wednesday when on his Facebook page he called Jones a "Renaissance comedian," by which I think he meant that Jones used comedy as a kind of creative entree, not just into different forms but genres. Ideas too. And activism.

Jones directed films, including, brilliantly, "Monty Python's Life of Brian," a 1979 film about a guy who happened to be born on the same day as Jesus Christ and right next door. If you weren't around



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"Monty Python" star Terry Jones died Jan. 18 at his North London home surrounded by his wife and family. He was 77.



BBC-TV

Eric Idle (from left), Graham Chapman, Michael Palin, John Cleese, Terry Jones and Terry Gilliam of "Monty Python's Flying Circus."

in 1979, it's hard to imagine the indignation and outrage that greeted the release of the film, even if the campaigns of contemporaneous moralists like Mary Whitehouse only resulted in more publicity. Still, numerous local authorities in Britain outright banned the film.

I remember vividly walking past picketing nuns when I defied my parents and went into the cinema to see the film — which was strikingly sweet and generous in tone, not unlike

Jones himself.

In "Life of Brian," Jones was satirizing religion and poking fun at the irrationality of many of his beliefs and assumptions, but he and the other Pythons were also using the core story as a way to satirize a whole bunch of other things, from trade unions to armchair progressives.

Most of that went over my head in 1979, but I quickly figured out that this was a crack in British religious orthodoxy, that the Pythons were pushing the

boulders as far as they could be pushed and it behooved any interested parties to jump with them into the hole.

The Pythons had other perceived peaks, but it was "Life of Brian" that put them at the top of the BBC News. And that, primarily, was Jones' doing. People were so busy being outraged they did not see the quality of the direction.

Jones had a famous fondness for appearing in drag, which included playing Brian's mother, Mandy Cohen, in "Life of Brian," hence the famous maternal line: "He's not the Messiah. He's a very naughty boy."

In the 1960s Jones played a succession of female authority figures on the BBC's "Monty Python's Flying Circus," many withering in their potency. He did so with a confidence atypical for the era, even in the world of the Pythons.

And somehow when Jones appeared in a sketch you didn't so much think funny as surrealistic. Jones was the reason they were not just another all-male comedy troop of upper-class Oxbridge graduates

who had used their intellect for silliness. Jones was, even in the early days, partaking of a transgressive artistic movement, which is the reason the Pythons, a strange and eclectic bunch, remain so beloved.

All the Pythons have to die, of course. We all do. But when a person has dementia, like Jones, it becomes harder to plan your own death. Your own narrative has changed and old stories and legacies are in process of slipping away.

But I hope Cleese, Idle and the rest of them go out kicking and grinning — after about 50 more years, of course.

David Bowie, their contemporary, treated his exit as a spectacular piece of performance art. Once we eventually figured out what he was doing, it struck many of us as perhaps the greatest way to die, ever. Bowie was retiring a character and also leaving us himself.

Jones had a similarly broad range of guises. Just a different final exit, influence intact.

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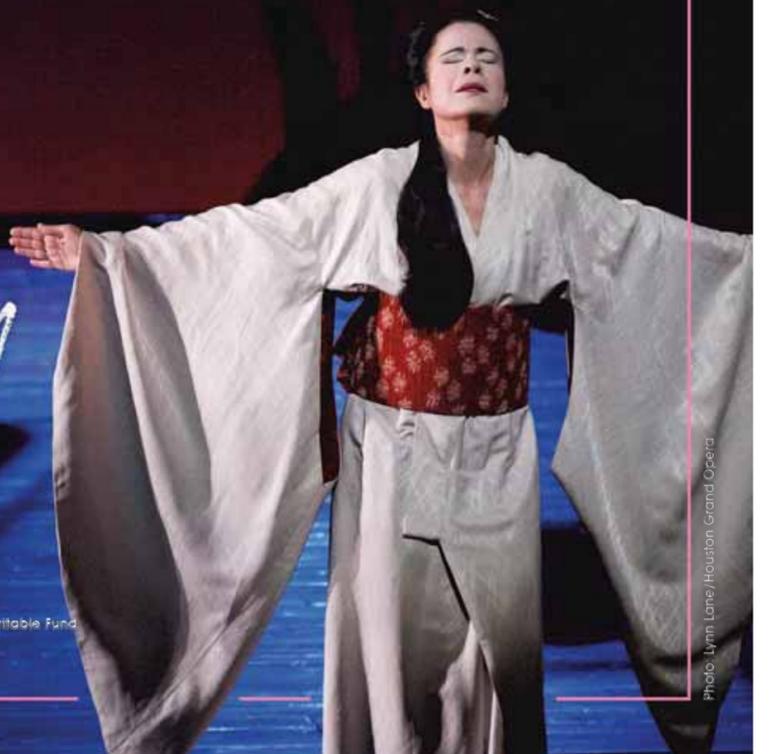


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BOOKS

What we should read right now

Overwhelmed by the news? Authors recommend books to enter a new decade

A new decade dawns, and rarely has it felt like we're at such a critical turning point. The U.S. Senate opened an impeachment trial to determine whether President Donald Trump abused his power and obstructed Congress. American foreign policy has been upended and nationalism is on the rise globally, even as climate change threats grow. The #MeToo and Black Lives Matter movements have cracked open difficult and important conversations that will continue as we head into the November election.

With all of this in mind, I asked a wide-ranging group of authors what books we should be reading as we start 2020. The query wasn't intended to solicit the latest nonfiction tome on the political moment, but rather, put simply: *What book do you turn to in uncertain times?*

Sharing book recommendations is a communal act, one that can prove as contagious as panic — and hopefully more so.

— Jennifer Day, Tribune books editor

Here's what I read for relief: Poets like **Barbara Crooker**, **Naomi Shihab Nye**, **Billy Collins** and **Ted Kooser**. I love **James Crews'** anthology "**Healing the Divide: Poems of Kindness and Connection**." I read the essayists who focus on the charm in humanity that can always be found if we will just look: **E.B. White**, **Joseph Mitchell**, **Rick Bragg** and **Garrison Keillor**. I am lifted up by novels with heart and hope, like "**The Bookshop of the Broken Hearted**" by **Robert Hillman**, and the work of **Anne Tyler** and **Kent Haruf**. Cookbooks cheer me up quite a bit, especially **Ann Hodgman's** "**Beat This**" and "**Beat That**," with wonderful recipes and very funny commentary; try her apple crisp and roast chicken, and it may put the giddy-up in your serotonin level.

— Elizabeth Berg, author of "*The Confession Club*"

I spent Christmas alone at what I termed "white lady camp." It is one of those places that Oprah has visited where one pays homage to the earth's vibrations. After four straight years of constant publishing, traveling and teaching, I needed to read a book. White lady camp seemed as good a milieu to escape the incessant drumbeat of war, chaos and willful ignorance as any. The challenge was what books? I chose **Nell Irvin Painter's** "**The History of White People**," because the masterful scale of her intellectual history is an antidote to smallness of the current media cycle. The book contextualizes the idea of whiteness, as a people, an idea and a set of beliefs. It is very useful for understanding Donald Trump's fascination with his lineage and the Western world's dance with authoritarianism. These ideas about whiteness provide an intangible cognitive protectionism for people and always have. Grand narratives, written fiercely, comfort me. They offer context — times really have been worse. They also offer pragmatic hope that whatever world survives our attempts to destroy the earth, a writer will be there to turn our felonious foibles into allegories that future generations may heed.

— Tressie McMillan Cottom, author of "*Thick*"

It was a privilege meeting Czeslaw Milosz, a recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature. He'd survived both the Nazi and Soviet occupations of Poland and regarded his work as resistance to "the practice of the lie." He said that during the Warsaw Uprising, poetry was second only to bread. One fed the body, the other the spirit. His words resonate in a time of climate change deniers, when democratic institutions are being undermined by Russian interference and "alternate facts." An American writer of a poetry as basic as bread was **W.S. Merwin**, who died last year at 91. When the American Writers Museum opened in Chicago in 2017, it honored Merwin's work with a gallery that featured a living palm forest where visitors interacted with his poem "**Place**" that begins: "On the last day of the world / I would want to plant a tree." School kids came and added their lines in response to his beautiful poem and to our jeopardized future.

— Stuart Dybek, author of "*The Coast of Chicago*"

At times like these, when the demolition of patriarchy is so urgently necessary, I turn to **Jane Austen**. For instance, "**Pride and Prejudice**."

"In vain have I struggled. It will not do. My feelings will not be repressed. You must allow me to tell you how ardently I admire and love you."

And so begins one of the angriest scenes in English literature — one of the sexiest too. It isn't polite at all. Elizabeth Bennet blasts Darcy with his (supposed) faults, and concludes thus:

"I had not known you a month before I felt that you were the last man in the world whom I could ever be prevailed on to marry."

That term, "prevailed on", sums up the 19th-century marriage market, a lottery in which women's desires rarely took precedence over their dowries. But the TONE is not subjugated at all, but brave and free as hell. She really lets him have it! To write so devastatingly about the rights and privileges and maneuverings of upper-class women, Austen must have read Wollstonecraft. But it's this book and this scene in particular that are the true start of feminism in England.

— Lucy Ellmann, author of "*Ducks, Newburyport*"

We're living, we are told, in Orwellian times. The namesake of this dark era, George Orwell, is known best for his painfully prescient novel, "1984." Yet Orwell was also a magnificent essayist. "**The Collected Essays, Journalism, and Letters of George Orwell**," spanning the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s, are treasure caves shimmering with verbal gems. Spelunk further and you encounter a humane and curious soul making his uncertain way through an uncommonly cruel stretch of history. He changes course occasionally, but his moral compass always points north, and he never loses sight of the pleasures that make life worthwhile. "Spring is here," Orwell writes, "and they can't stop you enjoying it." Atom bombs pile up in factories and lies stream from loudspeakers, "but the earth is still going round the sun, and neither the dictators nor the bureaucrats, deeply as they disapprove of the process, are able to prevent it."

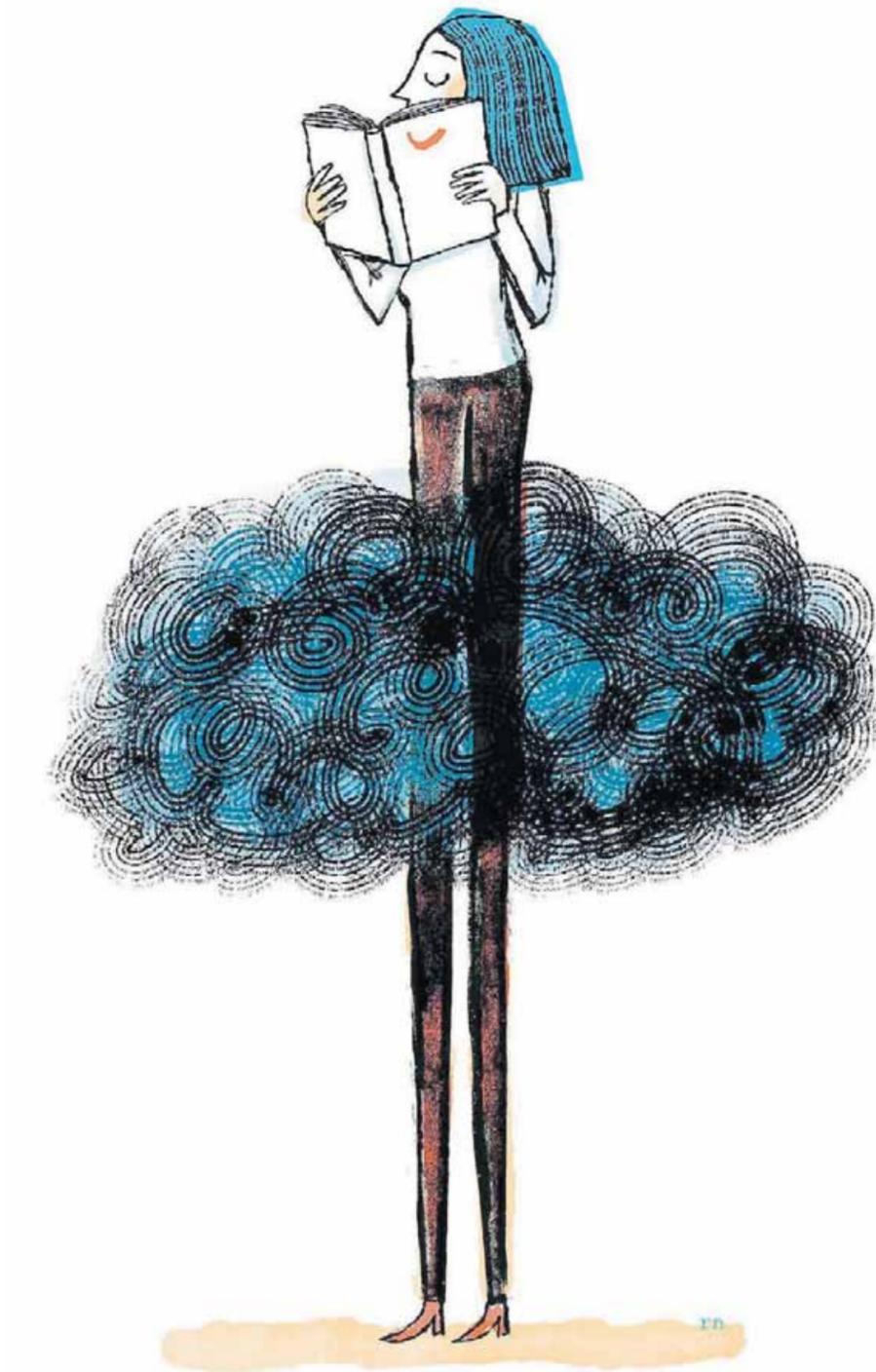
— Daniel Immerwahr, author of "*How to Hide and Empire*"

There is so much to fear in this world right now, so many things to make us rigid with dread, and I find my single best antidote to all of it is to stay curious. Things change shape when you can keep asking questions about them. Monoliths break down, foregone conclusions become less so, and even dictators show their seams. Coming from a place where there is always more to unpack, more to understand, gives me the mental flexibility required to imagine better outcomes. Enter **Lynda Barry's** "**Making Comics**," a book that is every bit as much about creative problem solving as it is drawing. What I love most about Barry is not just her exercises, but the way she thinks about *thinking*. How do we learn? What is the relationship between a thought, a dream, a memory, and a story? Reading "**Making Comics**" makes me want to wade into the areas I feel unsure about, which at this point is ... everything? And that's the whole point.

— Mira Jacob, author of "*Good Talk*"

One book I've returned to a few times is "**Kitchen**" by **Banana Yoshimoto**. In a completely different life years ago, I was in Hong Kong on a business trip, when I happened across the U.K. edition in the Page One bookstore (I never really liked the U.S. cover). I knew it was the book for me from the opening paragraph, in which the narrator mimics the sound of light bouncing off kitchen tile ("ting! ting!"). This novel is about a young woman Mikage whose last living family member, her grandmother, has just passed, and she begins to improvise a new life with friends she's just met. It's about these adventures, but I think it's also about how catastrophic pain can sensitize you to beauty and pleasure even when you're grieving. "Kitchen" is melancholic but not despairing, gentle in tone but aware, comforting without false adages. Reading it for the first time in a foreign city, the experience was like encountering someone very familiar but unplaceable.

— Ling Ma, author of "*Severance*"



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Bertholt Brecht once asked if there would be singing in the dark times and he concluded that yes there would be singing, because we would have to sing about the dark times. I think it is one of the primary jobs of literature to excavate the heartbreak of the world around us. In the course of that excavation we, as readers, try to find some beauty in the rubble. We sift through and find consolation, sometimes in the smallest, most unlikely moments. I find this music in just about every book I read. At this moment I am reading **Ariel Dorfman's** extraordinary new novel, "**Cautivos**." Even though it is set in the final years of the 16th century, in the world of Cervantes, it is a novel about today and the discovery of song in the dark times. Great books open up the lungs of the world for us. We are never the same when we read the right words put down in the correct order. I constantly turn to writers like **Michael Ondaatje**, **John Berger**, **Louise Erdrich** and so many others. Literature is where I find my faith.

— Colum McCann, author of "*Apeirogon*"

Point of view, voice and focus are very important to me right now. It's easy to get lost. The book that I've gone to in the last few weeks is "**Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood and The Story of a Return**" by **Marjane Satrapi**. Its lessons are so profoundly relevant. It's a graphic novel memoir about an Iranian woman growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution. A girl then woman faces, interacts with, talks to her country, religion, culture. She leaves. She comes back.

There is terror. There is resistance. There are consequences. There is helplessness. There is growth. And through it all there is laughter. The whole book is a great big reminder. Satrapi said it well: "The world is not divided between East and West. You are American, I am Iranian, we don't know each other, but we talk together and we understand each other perfectly. The difference between you and your government is much bigger than the difference between you and me. And the difference between me and my government is much bigger than the difference be-

tween me and you. And our governments are very much the same."

— Nnedi Okorafor, author of "*Binti: The Complete Trilogy*"

Perhaps it seems counterintuitive to suggest turning to horror literature. In a horror story, a terrible truth is typically revealed. Hope springs from the shared, communal recognition that something is indeed monstrously wrong. Ultimately, we will not survive, yet we choose to go on anyway. With all that in mind, my recommendation is **John Langan's** "**The Fisherman**." It's a sprawling, time-hopping epic that opens quietly, with two widowers attempting to simply go on in the face of their depthless grief. In their search for the Dutchman's Creek that doesn't appear on any map, they discover a wild legend, one that cracks the novel open. "The Fisherman" manages to be contemplative, rollicking, terrifying, empathic and ultimately redemptive. Langan's characters (and we the readers) realize the impossibility of going on in the same manner as we had before because of the truth: We've always been living in uncertain times.

— Paul Tremblay, author of "*Growing Things*"

I always teach **Jennifer Egan's** "**A Visit From the Goon Squad**," so I reread it for each new class. It's one of the most virtuosic novels I've ever encountered. There's so much chaos in those opening sections, people dumbfounded at how their lives have ended up. And then, in a section called "A to B," Stephanie says to her brother, "I feel like everything is ending," and Jules, just out of prison for a horrible transgression, tells her, "Sure, everything is ending... but not yet." And in the second half of the book, the characters transform themselves, find new endings that seemed impossible before. I love that acknowledgment that, although we don't have much time left, there's still an opportunity for redemption. I don't know if my students, so young, feel the weight of that moment, but it always kills me. Egan makes me believe that there's still time left for all of us.

— Kevin Wilson, author of "*Nothing to See Here*"

"**Fifty-Two Stories**" by **Anton Chekhov**, translated by **Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky**. A face in a photograph destroyed by a child with a needle, a middle-aged landowner tearfully chewing the sour green fruit of his gooseberry bushes, an adulterous woman's underwear reminding her boyfriend of fish scales; it doesn't matter if it one reads **Chekhov** during the Trump or the Nixon or the McKinley administration — his stories condense the chaos of experience into an intoxicating liquor of lucidity that always pours smooth, reminding us that life really is worth living, regardless of when. Written astonishingly quickly, serialized in 19th-century Russian magazines and gathered by generations of humans in countless incomplete collections, you could spend your whole life trying to read them all and be pretty sure you haven't, but new English translations of 52 of them by 21st-century time travelers Pevear and Volokhonsky out in April will certainly offer a reason to stay alive long enough to try.

— Chris Ware, author of "*Rusty Brown*"

E.B. White's "**Charlotte's Web**," which I read with my mother when I was 6, was the first book I ever cried over. The death of that spider was very affecting, yet somehow not depressing. There was a hopefulness at work.

Fast-forward 30 years, when I read "Charlotte's Web" with my own child. At the end he cried, and I did too.

In this frightening, enraging political moment, I am a little wistfully envious of my friends who have young kids, for they know that despite the perils right now, it's important that they go home and read to their children. Parent and child have a chance to be enclosed, and to be reminded of what matters: to feel empathy together for other lives. Good literature can do that. "Charlotte's Web" certainly does. I think I'll read it again now.

— Meg Wolitzer, author of "*The Female Persuasion*"

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Multitalented Reese Witherspoon may be eclipsing Oprah Winfrey when it comes to the power of her book club recommendations.

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More potent than Oprah's Book Club?

BY JOHN WARNER

Word-of-mouth is, and always has been, the most powerful force behind a book's success.

I imagine it's a phenomenon that predates the printed book. The most successful etchers on cave walls probably had someone saying, "You seen what Thak's up to in the hole in the rocks near the medium-sized stream?"

When Mother Biblioracle owned the Book Bin in Northbrook, customers would come in and simply ask what they should read next, not even bothering to peruse the shelves. Having established a relationship with those customers, she knew what they liked, and — as an independent bookstore in the age of Crown Books and their heavy discounts, the Book Bin needed to provide that service to survive.

Of course, my weekly recommendations are a form of word-of-mouth, tailored to a specific person's recent reads. I don't think it's the biggest megaphone around, but hopefully some people are listening.

Recently, as my plane was approaching O'Hare for landing, I was frantically paging through the final chapter of "Such a Nice Age" by Kiley Reed, because I couldn't stand the thought of leaving the book unfinished before I had to rejoin the world. I was thinking to myself, *Reese, you did it again.*

Reese, of course, is Reese Witherspoon, actress, entertainment mogul and the force behind Reese's Book Club. The "again" is recommending a book that had me tearing through the narrative, fully invested in finding out what was going to happen to the main character. Reese's Book Club has become the most potent word-of-mouth vehicle since — maybe even including — Oprah's Book Club.

I almost can't believe I just typed that last sentence. Oprah's Book Club was a phenomenon, worthy of breaking news banners when she would announce her latest selection, each choice virtually guaranteed to sell a million copies. Reese's Book Club does not have that kind of track record, but she also has a handful of amazing successes

under her belt, including "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens, which had been doing well for a mid-list novel, but since being chosen by Witherspoon has sold well over a million copies.

It is interesting to consider some of the differences between the Oprah and Reese book clubs. Reese's Book Club is explicitly dedicated to titles that center women and are always contemporary, often new releases. Oprah's choices, which became news again after Apple TV Plus announced a series this fall based on the return of her club, seem predicated on books she found particularly profound, or important, and even dipping into classics like "Anna Karenina." Oprah's Book Club sometimes feels like your favorite teacher guiding you toward her favorite book. The experience is going to be edifying above all.

Reese, on the other hand, is the kind of friend who you know is a passionate reader, the person who will read a book in a day, and is always tapped into what's happening and what's good.

Of course, Reese Witherspoon, the reader, is also

Reese Witherspoon, the savvy and successful film and television producer, so the book club and her taste serve a purpose beyond recommending books. She has recently moved from producing television and movies from books written before she launched the book club ("Gone Girl," "Wild") to projects tied in with her selections, like mini-series based on Celeste Ng's "Little Fires Everywhere" and "Daisy Jones and the Six" by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

What better way to stoke interest in your future TV project than make sure millions of people have read the book first?

I'm glad for Reese's Book Club, because anything that gets more people reading more books is a win.

Plus, when I need one of those books I can't want to put down, I know where to go.

John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities."

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

1. "The Secret Wisdom of the Earth" by Christopher Scotton
 2. "Recursion" by Blake Crouch
 3. "Heading Out to Wonderful" by Robert Goolrick
 4. "Boy Swallows Universe" by Trent Dalton
 5. "The Nix" by Nathan Hill — *Therese M., Winfield*
- I think Therese will enjoy Ron Rash's moody "One Foot in Eden."

1. "A Spark of Light" by Jodi Picoult
 2. "Educated" by Tara Westover
 3. "The Woman in the Window" by A.J. Finn
 4. "Notorious RBG" by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik
 5. "Tangerine" by Christine Mangan — *Joan B., Morton Grove*
- Well, the perfect book for Joan is Kiley Reed's "Such a Nice Age," but since I already talk about that in the column and it isn't as special to recommend something you just recommended, I'm going with "Swamplandia" by Karen Russell.

1. "Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI" by David Grann
 2. "The Last Tudor" by Philippa Gregory
 3. "The Accidental Further Adventures of the 100-Year-Old Man" by Jonas Jonasson
 4. "The Likeness" by Tana French
 5. "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict — *Patty W., Orland Park*
- Here's a bit of a throwback for Patty: "Stones From the River" by Ursula Hegi.

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Woo-sik Choi, from left, Kang-ho Song, Hye-jin Jang and So-dam Park in a scene from "Parasite," which received several Oscar nominations but none for its actors.

'Parasite' acting was snubbed

None of the movie's outstanding performers was nominated for an Oscar in that category

BY JUSTIN CHANG
Los Angeles Times

Spoiler alert: If you have not seen "Parasite," be forewarned that this essay discusses key plot details from the movie, including the ending.

Bong Joon Ho's "Parasite" made Oscar history Monday morning by becoming the first Korean movie to score nominations not only for international feature but also for best picture, director and original screenplay. But amid these well-earned, long-overdue milestones, the movie, or rather the motion picture academy, fell short in at least one crucial department: None of the movie's outstanding actors — including Chang Hye Jin, Cho Yeon Jeong, Choi Woo Shik, Lee Jung Eun, Lee Sun Kyun, Park So Dam and Song Kang Ho — received an acting nomination.

I can sense your objections already. It was an insanely competitive field, after all, and two other best-picture nominees ("1917" and "Ford v Ferrari") also failed to secure acting nominations. Some might argue that in the midst of its vigorous campaign to capture a directing nomination for Bong, the movie's distributor, Neon, could have given the actors a bigger push.

But the deck was always stacked against "Parasite's"

cast. Few of its actors are well known in the U.S., and the motion picture academy has a dreadful track record of recognizing Asian actors.

Some might argue that the seamless and coherence of the "Parasite" ensemble may actually have worked against it, keeping any single actor from standing out. To me, that argument is not just false on its face but ugly in its insinuations: It comes close to perpetuating a hoary canard about Asian actors and Asian people in general, which is that they're indistinguishable and interchangeable.

As the New York Magazine/Vulture writer E. Alex Jung recently noted, "There's an old prejudice at work here that sees Asian people as technical workers — hence the praise for Bong Joon Ho — and refuses to see us as fully human." The oversight feels especially glaring if you come away from "Parasite" convinced, as I was, that it features some of the best individual performances — and the single most dazzling, nuanced and sustained feat of collaborative acting — in any movie last year.

Some organizations, to their credit, have recognized this. The cast earned a Screen Actors Guild nomination for best ensemble — the first time a non-English-language

movie has pulled off that feat in the 21 years since "Life Is Beautiful." Song won best supporting actor for his performance as the film's working-class patriarch from the Los Angeles Film Critics Association and other organizations.

And I'm convinced that the actors' presence on the awards-season circuit has made some small, incremental progress: They've done their part to chip away at the industry's blinkered perceptions of what great acting looks like and who can deliver it.

But to discuss "Parasite" purely in terms of representation is to risk diminishing the singularity of its achievement. If you already know how the movie ends — and if you don't, you should read no further — you know why it's so heartening to see the actors posing alongside Bong at a press photo call or an industry Q&A.

Speaking as someone who hasn't yet recovered emotionally from the movie, the sight of these actors' faces beaming from a magazine cover still inspires a simple, even primal reaction: relief.

I mean, look at them, they're all alive! And happy and healthy! They didn't really bludgeon each other, kick each other down stairs, assault each other with food-borne allergens or stab each other with barbecue skewers! See how

stylish they look, how harmoniously they coexist, how pleased they are to be in one another's company — in stark contrast to the tale of poverty, duplicity and horror that brought them all together.

A quick recap may be in order. The movie tells the story of the impoverished Kim family — a bumbling father, Ki-taek (Song); a shrewd mother, Chung-sook (Chang); a wily daughter, Ki-jung (Park So Dam); and an ambitious son, Ki-woo (Choi). Through some ingenious trickery, the Kims manage to install themselves as employees in the household of the wealthy Park family, who hold up an eerie mirror image to the Kims: a tech-titan father, Dong-ik (Lee Sun Kyun); his trophy wife, Yeon-kyo (Cho); their neglected teenage daughter, Da-hye (Jung Ji So); and their overindulged younger son, Da-song (Jung Hyun Jun).

Nearly every great performance is a well-executed con, an elaborate scheme skillfully foisted on the audience. That's surely one reason why the "Parasite" actors have connected so forcefully with critics and audiences around the world, even those who may emerge from the theater remembering individual faces better than names.

As in every elaborate house-of-games thriller, the actors playing the grifters and the griftees alike are all in professional cahoots, merrily engaged in their own deeper charade. Allowing yourself to be defrauded — or, if you prefer, suspending your disbelief — is part of the fun.

As an allegory of social inequality and class rage, "Parasite" both amplifies and complicates these pleasures. Bong and his actors manipulate our sympathies with ruthless precision. They resist the temptation to cast either the Kims or the Parks in terms of easy heroism or villainy, even as they gleefully upend our inclination to side with the poor against the rich.

When the movie springs a trapdoor under our feet — revealing that the Parks' housekeeper, Moon-gwang (Lee Jung Eun), has been hiding her husband (Park Myung Hoon) in the house's underground bunker — it completely resets our understanding of what those designations even mean. The poor will always be rich, after all, relative to those who are even less fortunate.

All this is testament to Bong's directorial acumen, which has been duly acknowledged by awards voters. But that acumen cannot be measured strictly

in terms of ingenious plotting and virtuoso camerawork; it hinges on the greatness of his actors. They are the reason that "Parasite," for all the clockwork precision of its plotting, never feels like a mechanical construct or a lifeless genre exercise. They are the warm blood racing through this movie's finely crafted veins.

The best-known cast member is Song, an extraordinarily versatile performer and a major star in South Korea. His character, Ki-taek, is a vintage Everyman who loves his family but is never as sharp, responsible or considerate as he could be. Ki-taek has an obvious kinship with the father Song played in Bong's 2006 monster movie, "The Host," another hapless clown who, in trying to protect his family, achieves a furious moral stature by movie's end.

But while Song is unambiguously heroic in "The Host," in "Parasite" he shows us how an ordinary family man can become a killer, an avenger of the underclass. While some have expressed skepticism about his metamorphosis and the movie's climactic descent into madness, I think the groundwork is amply laid by a few scenes in which Ki-taek interacts with his rich employers.

When the Parks recoil from his "old radish" body odor, Ki-taek's jovial countenance suddenly darkens, and in Song's silent glare we see a deeply wounded fury that has, perhaps, been bubbling away all along. He shows us what it feels like to be regarded as not just inferior but subhuman.

A more conventional version of "Parasite" might have positioned Song as the antihero and turned his horrific transformation into the story's entire dramatic fulcrum. But Bong's sensibility is relentlessly egalitarian. It could be argued that the two Kim men, Ki-taek and Ki-woo, are effectively the movie's co-leads, as reinforced by the story's wrenching father-son coda. But that only makes it all the more surprising and gratifying that the women of "Parasite" are the ones who leave the strongest impression.

First among equals, for me, is Cho, whose Yeon-kyo exudes a lofty, even militaristic sense of entitlement one minute — watch her instruct her housekeeper on how to arrange party tables in a "crane formation" — but can descend into shock and panic at the mildest provocation.

As portraits of the idle rich go, she's somehow

both the movie's most damnable and redeemable figure, sympathetic even (or especially) at her moments of utter cluelessness. And Cho is nothing short of superb; breezily chattering away and stroking her pet dog, she etches a supremely intelligent portrait of a woman living in a state of carefully nurtured ignorance.

Her performance works in concert with those of the other actresses to excavate one of "Parasite's" less remarked-upon themes. If this is a story of class conflict, it is no less a movie about gender warfare, and one of Bong's sharpest observations is that the higher up the class spectrum you go, the more rigid the patriarchy's grip.

That's why Yeon-kyo lives in utter terror of her husband, while in the Kim household, by contrast, gender parity prevails. If anything, the Kim women, Chung-sook and Ki-jung, easily best their male counterparts for sheer smarts and killer instincts.

In casting Chang and Park So Dam, respectively, Bong seems to have sought out two distinctly different actresses with the same edge of steel. One sign of the filmmaker's mastery is his economy, the way he allows his actors to convey character details without exposition.

Park's cool, unflappable authority is all we need to grasp that Ki-jung is the most intuitively gifted con artist in a family full of them; we don't know exactly how she tames the wild young Da-song into submission, and we don't need to. Chung-sook, for her part, is the last of the Kims to infiltrate the Parks' household, but in Chang's shrewd, sardonic performance, we see that she is also the first one to suspect the full gravity and terror of what's at stake.

And the strongest, most capable, most resilient woman in "Parasite"? She is almost certainly Moon-gwang, the housekeeper who at first seems to be little more than a tiresome busybody, a bit too eager to assert her authority over her domain — until you realize, in Lee Jung Eun's brutal physical and emotional meltdown, that her meddling stems not from ego but desperation.

In her wrenching performance — and also that of Park Myung Hoon as her husband, who for spoiler-related reasons has been the most visible member of the cast — "Parasite" peels back its pristine surfaces to show us what it truly means to be one of the wretched of the earth.

It isn't a pretty picture, just the best one.

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WATCH THIS: SUNDAY



Billie Eilish

"The 62nd Annual Grammy Awards" (7 p.m., CBS): Alicia Keys returns to host this year's ceremony from the Staples Center in Los Angeles, where Lizzo, a first-time nominee, leads the pack of potential winners with eight nominations, including best new artist. Billie Eilish and Lil Nas X follow with six nods each. Four-time Grammy-winning band Aerosmith, collectively named the 2020 MusiCares Person of the Year, are set to perform a medley of their hits, and blockbuster vocalists Blake Shelton and Gwen Stefani will take the Grammy stage together for the first time.

"Who Will Write Our History" (2 p.m., Discovery): At a time when hate attacks — many of them specifically targeting Jews — are climbing to a startling level, the free press is under siege and inconvenient facts are dismissed by politicians as "fake news," Roberta Grossman's stirring documentary looks back at the fearless efforts of a group in 1940 Poland who put their lives on the line to defeat Nazi lies and propaganda with the truth. Actors Adrien Brody and Joan Allen are heard in this 2019 film, airing here to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

"Batwoman" (7 p.m., CW): Kate and Alice (Ruby Rose, Rachel Skarsten) are forced to deal with demons from the past when their shared birthday arrives in the new episode "An Un-Birthday Present," while elsewhere, an unexpected guest makes a surprise appearance in Gotham. Dougray Scott, Meagan Tandy, Nicole Kang and Camrus Johnson also star; Sam Littlefield guest stars.

"The Circus: Inside the Craziest Political Campaign on Earth" (7 p.m., 12:30 a.m., Showtime): John Heilemann, Mark McKinnon and Alex Wagner return to co-anchor Season 5 of this insightful docuseries, which returns a week before the crucial Democratic caucuses in Iowa. Those results, coupled with the soon-to-follow contests in New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina, among other states, should give a sharper picture of which candidates are most successfully connecting with Democratic voters to become their party's nominee against incumbent President Donald Trump.

"Our Cartoon President" (7:30 p.m., 3:30 a.m., Showtime): Art continues to imitate life in this satirical animated comedy series, which returns for Season 3 with a premiere called "Impeachment." The U.S. House of Representatives has just impeached Cartoon Donald Trump (voice of Jeff Bergman), so he immediately turns to Cartoon Sean Hannity (voice of James Adomian) to convince Americans that he has been unjustly accused. Meanwhile, Cartoon Elizabeth Warren (voice of Allie Levitan) decides to dumb down her campaign. Joining the voice cast this season are Jon Glaser, Ed Begley Jr. and Matt Lucas, among others.

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	NBC 5	* (6) America's Got Talent: "The Champions Three."		American Ninja Warrior: "USA vs. The World." (N) © HD			NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)		
	ABC 7	America's Funniest Home Videos © HD		Shark Tank © HD		Shark Tank © HD		News at 10pm (N) *	
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	MeTV 26.3	Columbo: "Suitable for Framing." ©		Collector (N)		Flintstones	Honeymoon.	D. Van Dyke	
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©							Star Trek: Next
	Bounce 26.5	* (6) Judgment Day ('99) **		OJ25 ©		The Last Witch Hunter ('15) *** ©			
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	AMC	* Break-Bad (7:29) Breaking Bad ©						(8:37) Breaking Bad ©	
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	BBCA	Doctor Who (N) ©						(8:11) The Princess Bride (PG, '87) *** Cary Elwes.	
	BET	Tyler Perry's The Single Moms Club (PG-13, '14) ** Nia Long. ©						Martin ©	
	BIGTEN	* Basketball						College Wrestling: Ohio State at Minnesota. (N) ©	
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	CNN	Impeachment-Trump (N)						Impeachment-Trump (N)	
	COM	The Office		The Office		The Office		South Park	
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	HIST	American Pickers (N) ©						Auschwitz Untold (N) ©	
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	IFC	Vegas Vacation (PG, '97) *						Chevy Chase. ©	
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PARMT	* (6:30) White House Down (PG-13, '13) ** Channing Tatum. ©						Shooter (R, '07) ** © *		
SYFY	* Hitman-Body XXX: Return of Xander Cage (PG-13, '17) ** ©						(9:32) Troy (R, '04) *** *		
TBS	Justice League (PG-13, '17) ** Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill. ©						Justice League ('17) *** *		
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TRAV	Expedition Bigfoot: "The Forest Is Watching." (N) ©						Burgers		
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awards ceremony is also a network television show in an increasingly desperate struggle to pry viewers away from countless other entertainment options.

Last year, the CBS Grammy broadcast drew 19.9 million viewers, up slightly from 2018. But it's reached all-time lows among the crucial 18-49 demographic in the last two years: a 5.6 rating in 2019, down from 5.9 in 2018.

More than ever, the Recording Academy, the nonprofit organization of 21,000 music professionals that votes on the Grammys, finds itself in a fight for not just relevance but survival.

Its chief executive, Deborah Dugan, was placed on administrative leave last week after "a formal allegation of misconduct by a senior female member of the Recording Academy team," the academy said. Dugan's dismissal came after she sent an internal memo describing financial malfeasance and voting irregularities within the academy. Last year, Dugan replaced the previous academy CEO, Neil Portnow, who was criticized for suggesting that women in the industry needed to "step up" if they wanted wider recognition at the Grammys.

Little wonder that the academy is recalibrating by paying more attention than ever to artists on the rise rather than nostalgia acts. The flip side of that equation is that the churn may mitigate against performers developing the kind of career longevity enjoyed by previous generations of newcomers-turned-heritage artists. In the hustle to uncover what's newest all the time, the long-simmering development key to so many careers may become a casualty.

The news isn't all bad. Concerns about staying power and commerce aside, the Grammys have somehow stumbled into something that's actually quite energizing: diversity.

Among the first-time nominees this year are Rosalía, whose flamenco-flavored pop earned two nominations, including best artist, the first nominee ever in that category for music recorded entirely in Spanish.

Lil Nas X's six nominations centered on the hit "Old Town Road," which bridged the gap between rap and country. Last year, the rapper became the first openly gay artist to win a Country Music Association award. Novelty

or not, the song spent a record-breaking 19 weeks as the No. 1 song on the Billboard Hot 100 last year.

Eilish was nominated in six categories for her debut album, "When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?" The album avoids brighter pop currency in favor of a darker electronic mix that touches on elements of Goth and industrial. If it should win for best album, it would make the teenager the youngest solo performer ever to do so, nudging aside Swift.

The Grammys also appear poised to affirm Lizzo's arrival as a pop force. Her eight nominations put an exclamation point on her latest album, "Cuz I Love You," in which her larger-than-life voice and personality intersect with an array of social-political movements: body-positive advocacy, feminism, LGBTQ rights, #BlackLivesMatter.

But she's not exactly a rookie. The flute-playing "no-genre hip-hop" artist is 31 and had been making adventurous music in relative obscurity for nearly a decade before wider recognition arrived. She was more than ready for her moment, an example of an artist who not only feels fresh but was seasoned enough to make the most of her opportunity once it arrived. For Lizzo at least, her "now" moment could have real staying power.

Album of the year

The nominees: Bon Iver, "i,i"; Lana Del Rey, "Norman F----- Rockwell!"; Billie Eilish, "When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?"; H.E.R., "I Used to Know Her"; Ariana Grande, "thank u, next"; Lil Nas X, "7"; Lizzo, "Cuz I Love You"; Vampire Weekend, "Father of the Bride."

Who should win: A tossup between Eilish and Lizzo, both deserving, but Lizzo's "Cuz I Love You" is a defining moment in a long-overlooked career.

Who will win: hard to see Lizzo's cross-generational appeal being denied.

Record of the Year

The nominees: Bon Iver, "Hey, Ma"; Billie Eilish, "Bad Guy"; Ariana Grande, "7 rings"; H.E.R., "Hard Place"; Khalid, "Talk"; Lil Nas X, "Old Town Road"; Lizzo, "Truth Hurts"; Post Malone, "Sunflower."

Who should win: This award is about production and perform-



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Spanish Singer Rosalía performs in Paris on Dec. 3, 2019. The first-time nominee is up for two awards.

ance rather than songwriting, and in that regard it's difficult to overlook how radical Eilish's "Bad Guy" sounded on pop radio with its sinister, Gothic feel. But the even more adventurous rap-country crossover of Lil Nas X's "Old Town Road" made it the defining pop single of 2019.

Who will win: Lil Nas X's "Old Town Road."

Song of the Year

Nominees: Lady Gaga, "Always Remember Us This Way"; Billie Eilish, "Bad Guy"; Tanya Tucker, "Bring My Flowers Now"; H.E.R.,

"Hard Place"; Taylor Swift, "Lover"; Lana Del Rey, "Norman F----- Rockwell!"; Lewis Capaldi, "Someone You Loved"; Lizzo, "Truth Hurts."

Who should win: Lana Del Rey's latest album, "Norman F----- Rockwell!" brims with adventurous songwriting. I would have preferred that the brilliant "Mariners Apartment Complex" be nominated in this category, but the title track is nearly as good.

Who will win: Gaga's single from "A Star is Born" is the kind of middle-of-the-road ballad that always make the Grammy voters

weak in the knees.

Best New Artist

Nominees: Black Pumas, Billie Eilish, Lil Nas X, Lizzo, Maggie Rogers, Rosalía, Tank and the Bangas, Yola.

Who should win: The Recording Academy has always played fast and loose in this category, often nominating artists who are anything but "new" in that they've released a bunch of music in previous years before they got massively popular. This year, the ringers include Lizzo and Rosalía.

The teenage Eilish, on the other hand, is coming off a striking debut album, "When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?" She's "new" in the true sense of the word.

Who will win: Though a Lizzo sweep in the top categories isn't out of the question, Eilish should get the nod.

Best Pop Vocal Album

Nominees: Beyoncé, "The Lion King: The Gift"; Billie Eilish, "When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?"; Ariana Grande, "thank u, next"; Ed Sheeran, "No.6 Collaborations Project"; Taylor Swift, "Lover."

Who should win: Swift took some chances on "Lover," but Eilish's debut album is the year's most adventurous pop album.

Who will win: Grande's mainstream success may bring in some votes, but Eilish appears to have the inside track.

Best Latin Rock, Urban or Alternative Album

Nominees: Bad Bunny, "X 100Pre"; J Balvin & Bad Bunny, "Oasis"; Flor De Toloache, "Indestructible"; iLe, "Almadura"; Rosalía, "El Mal Querer."

Who should win: It's been a breakthrough year for Latinx music, and Rosalía's 2018 album mixes pop accessibility and experimentation underpinned by songwriting craftsmanship.

Who will win: Bad Bunny's massive out-of-the-gate success will likely be punctuated by his hit collaboration with fellow superstar Balvin.

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But what if we could point to a number, like box office, and get some idea of whether a streaming release is "successful" or not?

Let's look at one Oscar contender: Can Martin Scorsese's crime film "The Irishman" make money for Netflix?

Blagging anonymously under the name Entertainment Strategy Guy, one Hollywood analyst has given this question considerable thought. And he's created some mathematical models to come up with an answer.

He says "The Irishman" would have to be Netflix's biggest hit to date — "crossing 110 million subscribers watching globally" (Netflix has nearly 160 million subscribers in total) — to make money for the streaming service. And by his calculations, the movie actually lost \$280 million and he'll explain how he got to that number below.

He talks about his methods in depth in four separate blog posts where he walks readers through his thought process, which draws on his experience working at a major streaming service in business development and strategy. He prefers to stay anonymous should he ever decide to return to work in the industry again. (The Tribune agreed to use his nom de plume and has confirmed his identity.)

He's writing about an aspect of streaming that most journalists aren't tackling. "I think that's because it's just early," said Comscore's Dergarabedian. "We're in the infancy of this and everyone's trying to figure it out. But I think more and more journalists are going to be looking at this question. And in looking at this gentleman's analysis, it's as good as any."

Entertainment Strategy Guy acknowledges he doesn't have access to Netflix internal data, so he's making assumptions that may not always be right. Sometimes he's rounding numbers. But taking all that into account, it's a worthy thought experiment.

What do we know about who saw "The Irishman"?

Starring Robert De Niro and Al Pacino, the movie is the (possibly embellished) story of a real-life mob hit man who worked with

Teamster leader Jimmy Hoffa and was supposedly responsible for his death. The film became available to subscribers in late November.

Shortly after, Netflix announced it was forecasting that 40 million accounts will have watched at least 70% of the movie in its first month online. Here's Entertainment Strategy Guy's response to that: "If you want the good interpretation, getting 40 million people to watch anything is a win."

Because Netflix doesn't release data about all of its offerings, we can't know what that 40 million number means compared to other films on the site.

What if we take that 40 million and multiply it by the average ticket price (\$9): Does that give us a starting point to make some comparisons with a theoretical box office of \$360 million?

Entertainment Strategy Guy says no: 40 million accounts is not equivalent to 40 million people buying tickets. Why? Because you can't assume the same people who streamed the movie online would automatically pay to see it in theaters if that were the only option. Price and convenience are real factors when people make these kinds of choices.

For some context: 43 million people in the U.S. went to see "Spider-Man: Far From Home" in theaters, which was the fifth highest grossing movie of 2019. What are the chances "The Irishman" could match that? Probably nonexistent.

Instead, Entertainment Strategy Guy looked at other films in the same genre.

"I wanted to get an idea of, had this been released only in theaters, what was the potential upside for theatrical run if this was a hit?" The highest grossing equivalent was "American Hustle," which made \$150 million domestically. Scorsese's highest grossing mob film was "The Departed," which made \$132 million domestically.

In other words, Netflix might have left money on the table. Entertainment Strategy Guy isn't alone in thinking that.

Doug Stone is president of Box Office Analyst, and he consults with theater owners, studios and financial analysts about box office numbers. He thinks if the "The Irishman" had been given a wide release in theaters like Scorsese's previous films, it potentially could

have brought in anywhere from \$80 million to \$115 million: "It would have been very substantial box office. The fact is, Scorsese has a track record of doing well.

"And honestly I can't imagine anybody would have dropped their Netflix subscription if it appeared in theaters first for a longer exclusive run." But bypassing a standard theatrical release has become part of Netflix's identity.

Stone doesn't think Disney will follow this model, by the way. Sure, the studio might make films just for its streaming site. But it will remain firmly in the business of putting movies in theaters. "Disney is a different animal. They do not make films like 'The Irishman,' per se. Primarily they make event films, and there's a lot of money in theatrical box office for those films."

Has "The Irishman" made significant money in its limited theatrical run?

Unlikely. The film had a very limited theatrical run in an unreported number of theaters (it's still playing at the Landmark Century Centre Cinema and IPIC South Barrington). According to Box Office Mojo, it made just under \$1 million total in foreign markets. But there's no data for U.S. theaters.

Here's why. Instead of distributing through the dominant theater chains — which refuse to work with Netflix because the streaming service won't abide by the usual 90-day exclusive window — Netflix rented out independent theaters (or smaller chains like Landmark). That means they pocketed 100% of the ticket price rather than splitting it 50-50 with the theaters (which is generally the industry standard).

According to Stone, normally all box office numbers are reported to Comscore. But he says Netflix chooses not to have that information publicly available and "specifically requires theater owners not report to Comscore."

So can "The Irishman" make money for Netflix just through streaming?

No, based on the numbers crunched by Entertainment Strategy Guy.

This is where it gets complicated. Netflix makes money not just by gaining new subscribers but by retaining the ones it al-

ready has.

First Entertainment Strategy Guy had to determine the lifetime dollar value of the average subscriber (aka how much money Netflix thinks it can get from the average subscriber). This was his formula:

He multiplied the average monthly subscription price (\$12) by the average number of months a user subscribes (30). Then he subtracted how much it costs to get someone in the door (\$100, which we know because Netflix released their marketing costs in their 2019 annual statement).

That puts customer lifetime value at \$260. Then he created a mathematical model to try to gauge the percentage of customers who kept their subscription because of "The Irishman."

"Where that model comes from is based off historical data (information that's already out there) and some of my own experience." He's making educated guesses because we don't know how many people watched the movie and thought, "Hey, I'll keep subscribing." Even Netflix doesn't know. "But they use giant econometric mathematical models to come up with these estimates themselves."

Entertainment Strategy Guy then took that \$260 and multiplied it times the number of subscribers he's attributing to "The Irishman" based on his own model (125,000 customers). His result: The movie "made" \$32.5 million for Netflix from U.S. accounts, plus an additional \$5.4 million from international accounts.

Or put another way, he thinks the movie lost as much as \$280 million.

We don't know how accurate this number is, but there is plenty of logic behind it. Pradeep Chintagunta is a marketing professor at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and he said, "I think this was very carefully laid out and thought through." He also said that, to Entertainment Strategy Guy's credit, "he points out the two big holes, which are also the two big criticisms that I had."

The first: The 125,000 subscribers attributed to "The Irishman" — we just can't know if that number is right.

The second: The movie's value might lie elsewhere.

"If you want to be known as a major legitimate studio," Chintagunta said, "the fact that you

snagged Scorsese and De Niro and Pacino and all these guys, that will help you to get other top directors and other top stars to come in and make movies for you. That effect is very, very hard to quantify but I think it's critical."

Even though about 25% of Netflix accounts watched the movie, the budget was enormous. Reports have been all over the place: According to CNBC it was \$100 million; Variety has it at \$160 million; The Hollywood Reporter says \$200 million.

Entertainment Strategy Guy thinks it was even higher, closer to \$250 million due to a few factors, including the long shoot, pricey talent and expensive degrading technology that is in so much of the film. "And the initial versions of that didn't work as well, so they had to do rush VFX to finish it in time for the New York Film Festival," he said, "which is where I've heard it added a lot of the cost."

Plus: "They did another \$50 or so million in marketing. And I'm estimating they're going to have a \$40 million marketing campaign for the Oscars as well."

Even factoring in a potential Oscar bump (and even if the lower budget estimates are more accurate) "it would be very hard to make up for that in viewership," he said.

We know Netflix spends more than it brings in. Last year it spent around \$15 billion on content, but after all the company's costs were factored in, it was \$3 billion short.

So why not explore a revenue model that can include subscribers and wide theatrical releases?

"Two reasons," Entertainment Strategy Guy said. "I think there's some institutional inertia, which means if what you're doing is what you've always done, you don't want to admit it's wrong because it could impact the stock price.

"But that brings me to the other reason. If you measure Netflix's success in cash flow, they're losing money every year. But if you measure it in stock price growth — and it was the best performing stock of the decade — Netflix could say, 'Why would we need to put our movies in theaters? Clearly our stock price is going up. We're being rewarded by Wall Street for maintaining this strategy.'"

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A landmark CSO recording of 'Babi Yar'



HOWARD REICH
On Music

It was one of the more striking moments of Riccardo Muti's tenure as Chicago Symphony Orchestra music director.

Standing before a packed Orchestra Hall — and surrounded by a huge contingent of CSO instrumentalists, choristers and vocal soloist — Muti paused before beginning the performance. The gravity of the work he and his colleagues were about to perform, Shostakovich's Symphony No. 13, "Babi Yar," prompted him to step to the front of the stage and address the audience.

The "Babi Yar" Symphony, after all, was a momentous work, even by Shostakovich's exalted standards.

It "will remain eternal not only because it's a great piece of music," Muti told the house, "but because it's a deep warning, a document that's important for us and the next generation that ... every form of dictatorship should be banned. ... It's about time that we find peace in this tragic world."

Specifically, "Babi Yar" confronts the machine-gun massacre of 33,771 Jews in a ravine outside Kiev on Sept. 29 and 30, 1941. In later months, thousands more — including non-Jews, gypsies, Communists, Soviet prisoners and others — were murdered there. In all, the remains of about 100,000 lie in those pits, according to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

By daring to open the CSO's 2018-19 season with a work as darkly profound as "Babi Yar," Muti was making an unflinching statement on the violent



Vocal soloist Alexey Tikhomirov (center left) and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra perform Shostakovich's Symphony No. 13, "Babi Yar," with Riccardo Muti conducting.

and oft-genocidal world we live in.

Now those not fortunate enough to have attended that searing performance — with Irina Shostakovich, the composer's widow, in the audience — can hear why it ranked among the best of that year (or any other). The new recording of the live concert on the CSO Resound label, "Shostakovich 13, Babi Yar," captures the orchestra's tonal heft, the lamenting phrases of the Chicago Symphony Chorus men and bass Alexey Tikhomirov's sometimes majestic, sometimes sorrowful utterances.

The music begins ominously, chimes suggesting the mournful tolling of a bell, while the orchestra unfurls sinuous, dirge-like lines.

"There is no memorial above Babi Yar," the male choristers sing slowly and broodingly. "The steep ravine is like a crude tombstone."

The words are Yevgeny Yevtushenko's, from his poem "Babi Yar," which he

wrote in 1961 after visiting Babi Yar with a university friend. Until that day, Yevtushenko did not know of the blood that had flowed there, for the Soviet era's anti-Semitism meant there were no markers where Jews had been killed en masse by Nazis, with aid from the local citizenry.

"My friend led me up and down those ravines, hills and gullies, where at the time you could still come across a human bone," Yevtushenko recalled. "At once I had a feeling of historical injustice. There was no monument. The next day, at my hotel, on odd scraps of paper, I wrote a poem, 'Babi Yar.'"

To Shostakovich, the work was a revelation.

It "astounded me," he said. "It astounded thousands of people. Many had heard about Babi Yar, but it took Yevtushenko's poem to make them aware of it. They tried to destroy the memory of Babi Yar, first the Germans and then the Ukrainian government. But after Yevtushenko's poem,

it became clear that it would never be forgotten. That is the power of art."

Or at least the power of Yevtushenko's and Shostakovich's art, the combination of a ferociously expressive text, declamatory choral writing and sinewy orchestral passages making for a startlingly potent statement. You can hear this throughout the "Babi Yar" recording, but especially when vocalist Tikhomirov sings of anti-Semitism's pain and humiliation.

"I feel now that I am a Jew ... I feel that I am Dreyfus," he intones in Russian, referring to Alfred Dreyfus, the Jewish French army captain wrongly convicted of treason in the late 19th century (he was ultimately exonerated).

"The bourgeois rabble denounce and judge me," Tikhomirov sings. "I am behind bars, I am encircled, persecuted, spat on, slandered, and fine ladies with lace frills squeal and poke their parasols into my face. I feel that I am a little boy in Byelostok," the site of

other Holocaust-era mass executions.

As the music becomes more agitated, the orchestra snarls, its angular motifs evoking certain passages in Verdi's Requiem, Muti articulating them with comparable terror.

"They guffaw 'Kill the Yids! Save Russia!' " exclaim the choristers.

In response to this onslaught, bass Tikhomirov offers a poetic response: "I feel that I am Anne Frank," he sings gently, "as tender as a shoot in April."

All of which illuminates the miracle of Shostakovich's Symphony No. 13, which offers not a simplistic message about genocide but a complex one, encompassing horror, rage and aspiration. Muti brings forth this range of emotion not only by ensuring that the vocalists whisper as well as roar, but also by the colors he draws from the orchestra. When the CSO strings swell, when the brass ignite shattering staccato chords, when the percussion seem to make the room tremble, we are

hearing a virtuoso orchestra providing vivid commentary.

Though the "Babi Yar" opening movement of Shostakovich's 13th Symphony is its most acclaimed, subsequent sections also bristle with pointed social commentary. The bitter sarcasm of the "Humor" second movement; the grim portraiture of the "In the Store" third movement; the sense of despair that pervades the "Fears" fourth movement; and the sardonic depiction of those who flourish in dictatorships in the "A Career" finale amount to timeless indictments of humanity's worst excesses.

But that is not the final word.

"And yet after all this anguish, the score ended with a slender ray of light, not only via Yevtushenko's final lines but also Shostakovich's serene writing for strings," I wrote in my review of the Orchestra Hall performance on Sept. 21, 2018.

"Muti brought extraordinary tenderness to these last pages, in effect giving listeners a desperately needed reason to hope."

The conductor's sensitivity to the score came as no surprise, for his connection to it ran deep. Though the music had been effectively banned in the Soviet Union since the 1960s, a micro-filmed copy of the score was smuggled out, and Muti conducted the work's Western European premiere in Rome on Jan. 31, 1970.

Half a century later, his recording of "Babi Yar" stands as an essential document. Considering the gravitas of the subject matter and acuity of the performance, it seems likely to win wide attention and accolades in the months ahead.

It deserves them.

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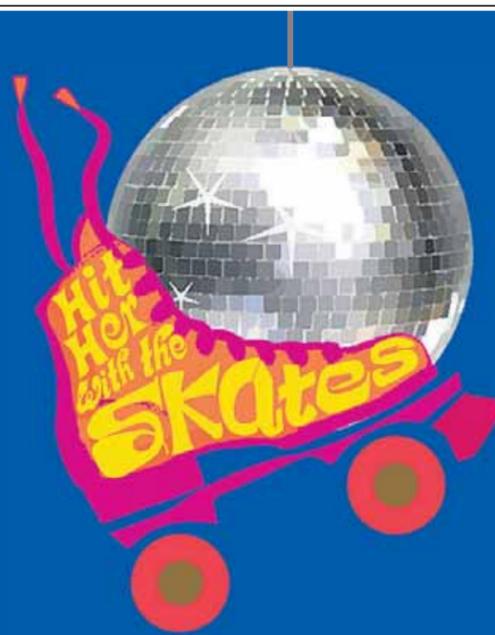
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How baseball connects us: A one-man show

Dan Nelson is the sole star of a play that celebrates simple joy of the game



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

One night in the dead of winter two writers were talking baseball.

"Some of what you see on the field is beautiful and that is part of my love for the game," said Billy Lombardo. "I wasn't much of a player as a kid, played mostly softball, but my love for the game deepened by having two sons who played and being at their games. I remember their first game, they were still little, and I was standing with some other dads and one of them leans over and says to me, 'I got half a hundo on this game.' There are so many characters in baseball, too."

"My wife and I, before she was my wife, fell in love going to Cubs games," said Dan Nelson. "We would get burritos and bring them to games and have picnics in the bleachers. That's the thing. We care about baseball because of the connections it gives us to family and friends. A win can be almost meaningless if you don't have someone to celebrate with."

All of this and more talking reaffirmed for me, once again, that baseball has long held an allure for most people, especially for writers.

It goes way back. When baseball was still in its infancy, the poet Walt Whitman wrote, "I see great things in baseball. It's our game — the American game." Though that may no longer be true, it was the case for generations.

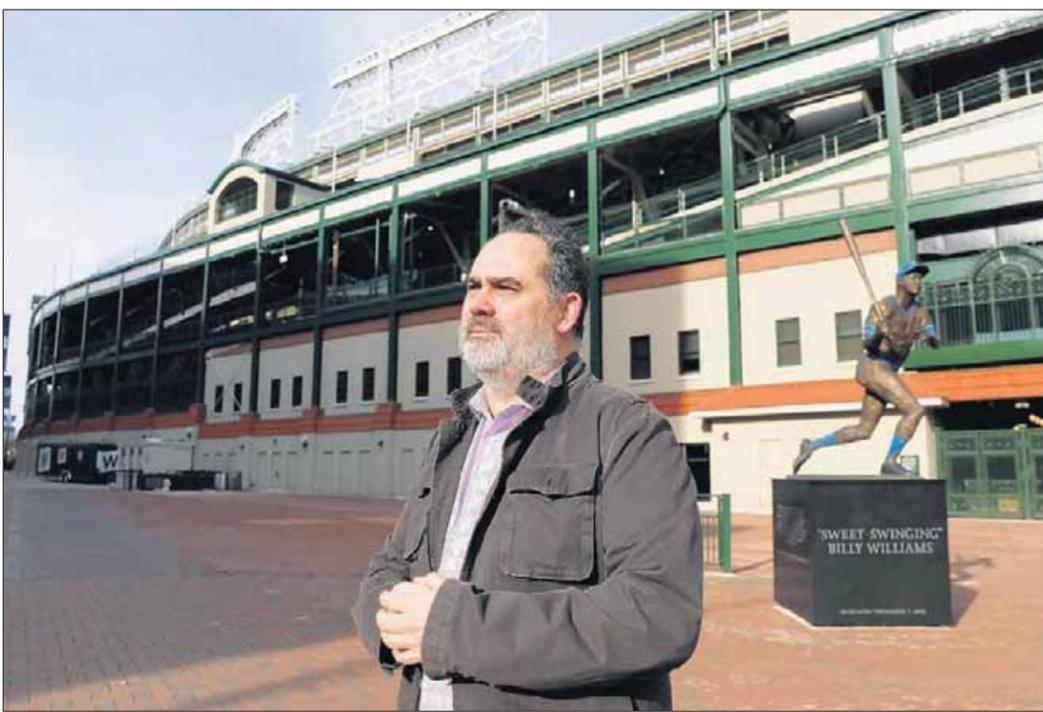
Listening to Nelson and Lombardo talk I was transported back to a June afternoon in 2006. I was on the fifth floor of City Hall showing then-Mayor Richard M. Daley a photo of

himself as a child. It was taken at Comiskey Park in 1955, shortly after his father, Richard J., had been sworn in as mayor. His father was in the photo, as were his brothers, William, Michael and John, along with White Sox manager Marty Marion and Cubs skipper Stan Hack. Daley looked closely at the photo and said, "Oh, yeah ... Oh, boy ... I was in 7th grade. I played baseball all the time. Spring, summer and fall, we were always playing, baseball and some softball, pickup games. Also, I played catch with my dad. I was the pitcher, he was the catcher, or sometimes it was the other way around. I was 4 or 5 and we were always in the backyard throwing the ball. That's how everybody learned. And then, going to see the games. It was better than going to see the movies. You knew all the players, all the averages and statistics. Baseball was king."

That may no longer be true, even in the wake of the frenzy of the recent Cubs Convention. Football, with the Super Bowl but a week away, likely has overtaken baseball in American heads and hearts. But for those of a certain age, baseball will ever hold a special place.

It certainly does for Lombardo, a longtime educator and the author of four terrific books. His most recent is "Morning Will Come" handsomely published by Tortoise Books. Republished is more accurate because the book first arrived in 2009 under the title "How to Hold a Woman." It is a gathering of nine connected stories, all focused on the ways in which one suburban family copes with death. And with life.

In 2010 he published "The Man with Two Arms" (Harry N. Abrams). On one level it is a powerful baseball book, the story of a



Dan Nelson, who will perform his one man show called "Night The Cubs Won" four Sunday nights during Rhinofest, stands outside of Wrigley Field on a cold winter day.

father who begins teaching his son from infancy to pitch effectively with either arm, enabling him to make it to the major leagues. Reviewing it for the Tribune, Alan Cheuse called it "a lovely homage to the game, and to what is undoubtedly modern America's finest literary tribute to the baseball since Bernard Malamud's novel 'The Natural.'" But it courses on deeper levels too, as does all of Lombardo's work, into the nature of relationships and the dark side of dreams.

Nelson grew up in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with a father who was a devoted St. Louis Cardinals fan.

"I always believed my blood to be Cardinal red but when I moved to Chicago, I lived a block away from Wrigley and slowly fell in love with the Cubs," said Nelson. "When I later learned that my (Irish immigrant) great-grandmother, who was born in Chicago, had a favorite

team in the 1908 Cubs, that was it."

Nelson's passion for the game will be manifest on Sunday when he premieres his one man play, "Night the Cubs Won" at 7 p.m. at the Prop Theater. It will also play on the following three Sundays, same time and place, as part of this year's estimable and exciting Rhinofest.

He is, understandably, reluctant to share many details about the show but will say that he and his wife and sister watched the game at bygone Bin 36 restaurant downtown, that his wife went home during the rain delay and that he made it home at, ahem, 6 a.m.

I first, and last, saw Nelson perform in a one-man show about baseball called "Caps" at the Stage Left Theatre in 1996. I called him "a young and obviously talented writer/performer," going on to write that the show offered "the sort of joy-of-the-game chatter

that peppers, less articulately and inventively, conversations between all fans, though the piece in which Ryne Sandberg tears the head off a pigeon is downright surreal."

He then stopped performing as he and his wife Michelle began to build their now very successful real estate-rehabbing business. But a few years ago, at the prompting of some friends who always enjoyed his informal storytelling, he entered and won a Moth competition. He performed in his basement for about 50 friends and then three years ago dove into Rhinofest with a show about his first job and the next year another about the poker games he played with little pals, all of them using money earned delivering newspapers.

Much of the action in "Night the Cubs Won" takes place on that November night/very early morning, when the Cubs won the

rain-delayed seventh game and their first World Series since 1908. Nelson will be wearing a suit and there will be a screen on the otherwise bare stage showing photos, many of his great-grandmother, mother and wife.

"It's my story of falling in love with the game and with Michele and discovering how the game connects families through generations," said Nelson. "It's also how for me the wheels really came off that night."

At the end of their meaning-of-baseball conversation, Nelson said he was eager to read Lombardo's books and Lombardo said he was eager to see Nelson's show. It went without saying, of course, that the Cubs open on March 26 in Milwaukee against the Brewers and the White Sox open that same day, playing the Kansas City Royals at home.

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R&B not dead

Ella Mai defends the genre that made her famous and fuels her soul

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Along with SZA and H.E.R., London-born Ella Mai has brought old-school soul singing back to mainstream R&B after a long hiatus. Her talent already has earned her a best R&B song Grammy for her 2018 hit "Boo'd Up," and this year, her self-titled debut is in the running for best R&B album.

While she's on the cusp of a possible second Grammy win Sunday, Mai spoke about rising stardom.

Q: Your album is the most successful of the Grammy nominees for best R&B album. Do you think you'll win?

A: To have a Grammy-nominated debut album is incredible, and I'm excited because I'm the only female in the category. The men are doing incredible things, and I'm actually a fan of all the other albums in the category, so it's definitely a tough competition. If I was to win, I feel like it would be recognition for all of us as female R&B artists.

Q: You've won a Grammy, three Billboard Music Awards and two Soul Train Music Awards, among many other accolades. Which honor has meant the most to you?

A: All of them. Last year, I got so many nominations that I wasn't expecting, so to be able to get the nominations and then win so many was incredible. The BET viewer's choice award that I won in the summer meant a lot to me because it's fan voted, and I was up against a lot of really big mainstream artists (including Cardi B, Childish Gam-

bino, J. Cole, Drake and Travis Scott). I was the underdog, so I was really excited to win that. But it's weird because I've only been able to accept two (awards) onstage because the R&B categories are not always the televised awards.

Q: What do you think about R&B often being treated as second-class music?

A: It's been like that for a while because everyone had this notion that R&B was dead and R&B wasn't really mainstream. Hopefully, that's about to change. That's something all of us would love to see. In the last two or three years, a lot of us have proven that it can be still mainstream and that there's a huge market for R&B. We'll continue to fight and work hard to make sure people see it as just as big as hip-hop.

Q: What is the biggest change that success has brought to your everyday life?

A: Before I started music, I was in school and still lived with my mom. I live in LA now. I can provide for my family. I can wake up and say what I want to do for the day. I still have to work, but it's a different type of working. It doesn't feel like work.

Q: You were named after Ella Fitzgerald. Are you a fan?

A: I love her. My mom used to play her all the time when I was growing up. My mom's a huge jazz fan. My brother is named after Miles Davis, so you can tell how much of a jazz fan she is.



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Ella Mai attended the American Music Awards in November and is now up for best R&B album for her self-titled debut.

Q: Did being the namesake of a jazz icon give you a lot to live up to?

A: Funny story. My mom named me after her because that was her favorite musician, but when I was born, she told my grandma that she hoped I could sing. And that's why she called me Ella. But she never pressured me — or I never felt pressured to try and live up to the name. It's great knowing that I was named after a singer, and sometimes I do wonder if that's really the reason I can sing. My mom did a good job there.

Q: Why do you think "Boo'd Up" caught on the way it did?

A: It didn't really sound like anything else that was on the radio at the time. Music is all about how a song or a lyric makes somebody feel, and I think "Boo'd Up" really hit the nail on the head. It really was a feel-good song, and it was what radio was missing. There hasn't been such an organic, playful love song. There's no cursing in it. It's really innocent. It's something everyone has felt before, no matter what age they are, from old to young, which is why I think people loved it so much. Even when you play it now, it really gives you that same feeling of when you first heard it.

Q: What was it like playing "Saturday Night Live" in 2018?

A: "SNL" was super fun. I spent some years in New York, so I knew of it then, but in England, I always heard of it. I never really knew much about it until I moved to New York, so to be able to do "SNL" ... I feel like it was quite early in my career. I was honored. The staff was really nice and friendly, and we were able to go in and really do what we wanted. I had a great time as well because Steve Carell was hosting the week I did it, and I'm a big fan of his.

Q: You have such an American sound. Were you also influenced by British R&B?

A: I think British R&B, especially when I was growing up, was in a great space as well. As I got older, I'd listen to a bit more American R&B, which shaped my sound — also the fact that I worked with an American producer, DJ Mustard, and kind of found that pocket. But yeah, I grew up listening to R&B from both the U.S. and the U.K., and the not just R&B. I listen to all types of music genres.

Q: Who is your favorite British performer?

A: Sade. I know she's Nigerian, technically, but you can call her British too.

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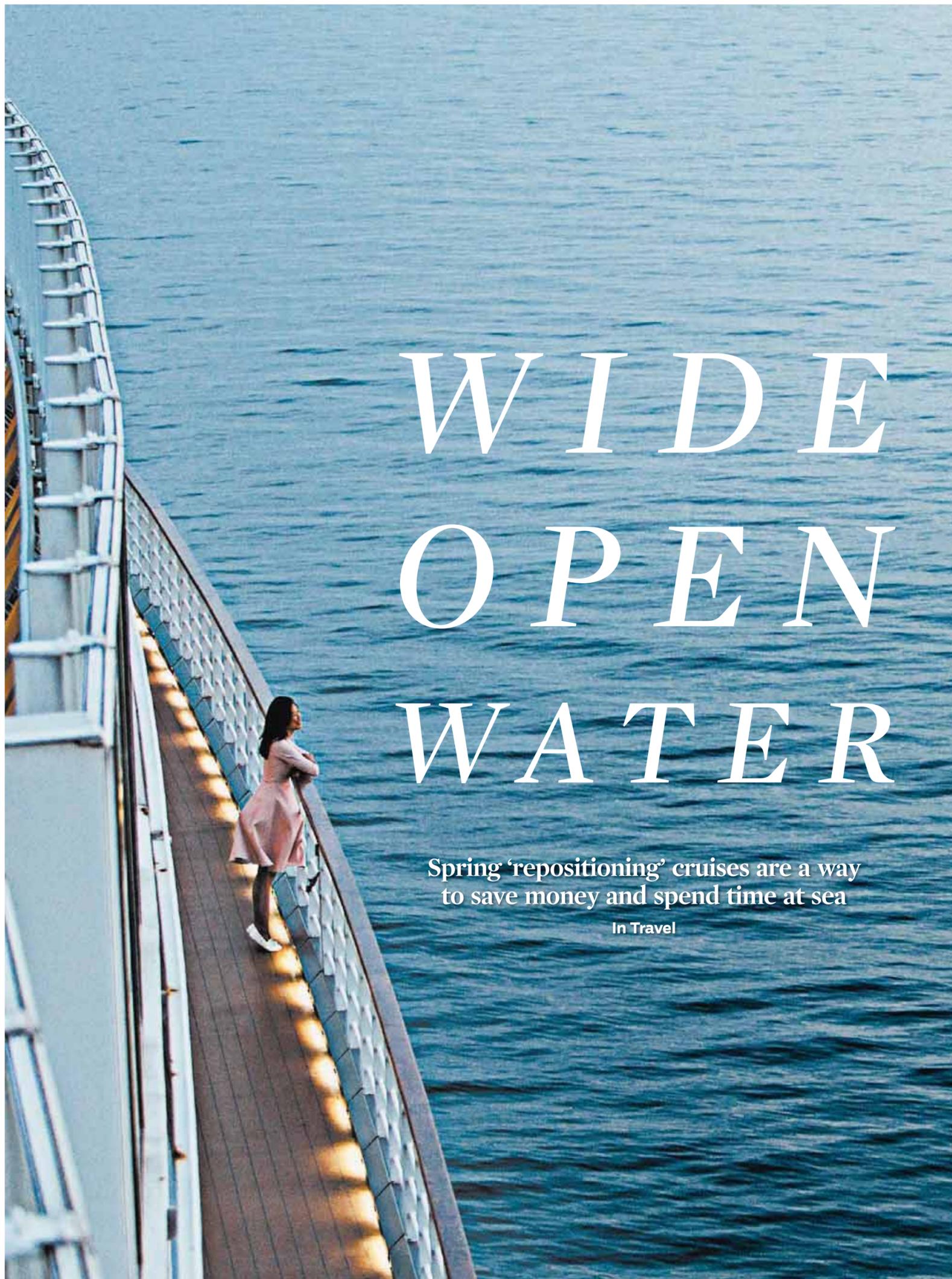
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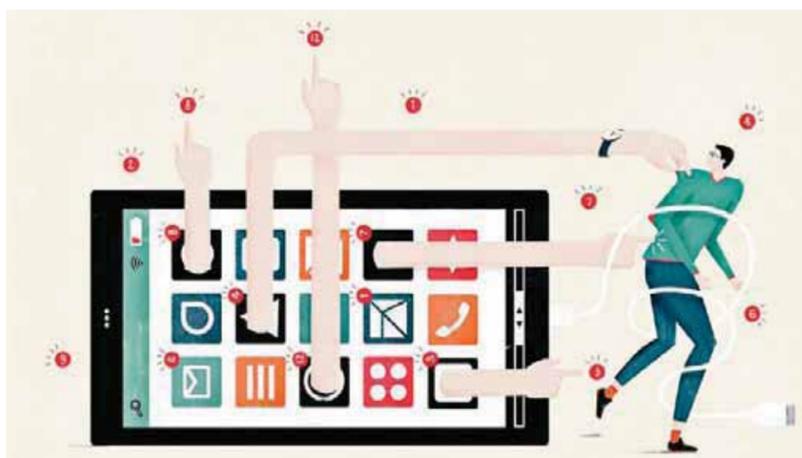
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Tired senior requires a little self-care

Dear Amy: My husband and I (both retired seniors) belong to a service club. He joined well before I did.

After a few years of membership, I realized I would have been happier to just stay on the sidelines, but I hung in there because it was important to my husband for us to do things together.

I served in various capacities in our club and spent years in executive positions. I have now been doing this for 10 years. The last few meetings I attended were (to me) unpleasant and stressful.

I told my husband I am thinking of resigning. He was initially understanding, but then he got upset and threatened to also resign if I did — his reasoning being: “We don’t do enough things together.”

In reality, we never do much of anything separately, and it is sometimes stifling.

Before we retired, he was a member of this service club by himself. We are also members of one other club, which we both enjoy and would not think of leaving. We also travel together.

At this point in my old age, I just want to reduce stress and unpleasantness. My health is not the best, I have serious family obligations and want to look after myself.

Am I being selfish? Where do I draw the line?

— Stressed Out

Dear Stressed: This reminds me of the old joke: A couple is asked how often they have sex. The husband says, “Almost never — like once a week!” while the wife says, “All the time — like once a week!” You two have different perceptions of “togetherness.”

Your husband seems to be adept at getting his needs met. You? Not so much.

“Self-care” has become a buzzy phrase. It can be challenging to understand what it really means to take care of yourself.

Many women who have given so much to spouses and children face the challenge of how to cope (and how others will cope) when they decide to stop giving it all away.

No, you are not being selfish. You should draw the line wherever you want to, and your husband, bless him, will have to adjust. You are not responsible for his feelings or his behavior.

Carving out a few afternoons on your own at the library, gym or sitting by yourself quietly will revive you, be good for your health and will likely be good for your

relationship.

Dear Amy: My wife and I are in our late 70s and want to move into a senior housing facility.

We both are healthy enough to live into our 90s (both our mothers lived past 100), but we agree that she will probably live longer than I.

She wants to move into a senior facility we became acquainted with through older friends who lived (and died) there.

I don’t want to move there, but she thinks that since she will live in the facility the longest, her choice gets priority.

She doesn’t even want to check out other facilities to find a compromise.

What should we do?

— Torn

Dear Torn: You two seem very practical regarding your futures, but I don’t think it is particularly useful to apply an actuarial table to your current situation. Right now, this is not primarily about where you will die but about how you will live. Your wife is not making a rational choice about her future housing if she hasn’t explored the available options.

You don’t mention why you don’t want to move into the facility she prefers, but both of your interests and needs should have equal weight.

For the sake of your relationship, you should both work hard to have an open mind regarding options. You should meet with administrators, take photos and make pro and con lists. Ask her to leave her comfort zone and to look at four places with you, including the place she prefers.

Dear Amy: In your responses about workplace issues, you often advise people to “go to HR.”

I don’t know about your experiences with HR, but for many people Human Resources represents the interests of the company, and only the company.

— Experienced

Dear Experienced: I agree that it is important to be aware that HR reps work for the same company as the complainant. It is vital to document every meeting and encounter, even with HR.

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BALANCING ACT

By Heidi Stevens | hstevens@chicagotribune.com | @heidistevens13

A warm reminder from some kindhearted souls

Winter scarves with encouraging notes left along Michigan Avenue

Some kindhearted souls sprinkled winter scarves around the Loop over the weekend — through Millennium Park, outside the Art Institute, up and down Michigan Avenue. The scarves had little notes attached to them with a rubber band.

“I was not forgotten here and neither are you. We hope this scarf brings you warmth.”

“I am not lost, but I’m happy you found me. If you are cold and you need me, please take me. I hope I keep you warm all winter long. You are loved.”

Teachers and families at Central Middle School in Evergreen Park are behind the scarf distribution. (Watch for a follow-up column.) Thank you, teachers and families, on behalf of Chicago.

A sheet of ice blanketed the city from Friday night through the weekend. Temperatures dipped into the single digits. The windchill was inhumane. And far, far too many Chicagoans had no shelter from it. Some 80,000 of our residents are homeless, according to the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless.

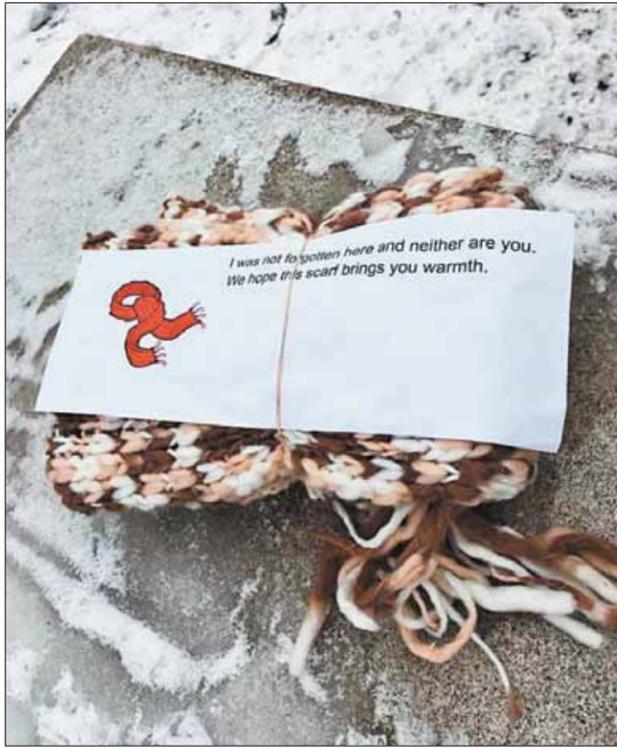
Does a scarf solve their suffering? Not even close.

Does it still hold value? Absolutely.

Here’s why I believe so.

Also on Chicago’s streets and sidewalks this past weekend was a Women’s March. It attracted elected officials and lifelong activists and first-time protesters and hopeful, fed-up young people — 10,000 or so people who took the time to imagine a different, better future and then showed up in the freezing rain to try to make it so.

Also on Chicago’s streets and sidewalks this past weekend were volunteers headed to schools and community centers and food pantries to honor the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. by turning his holiday into a day of service.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ALAN ROBINSON

Teachers and families from Central Middle School left scarves with encouraging messages attached to them around the Loop over the weekend.

More than 600 volunteers built furniture and painted walls at Robert Nathaniel Dett Elementary School. Mayor Lori Lightfoot and first lady Amy Eshleman joined volunteers at the Greater Chicago Food Depository, packing groceries and meals.

City Year, Metropolitan Family Services, Gary Comer College Prep Middle School and My Block My Hood My City were among the Chicago institutions that sponsored MLK Day acts of service.

Also on Chicago’s streets and sidewalks this past weekend there was violence. And pain. And grief. And suffering.

One march, one day of service, one scarf distribution — one of anything doesn’t cancel out the bad. But one of anything that

nudges us toward kindness, toward action, toward solutions, still matters.

It matters practically — necks got warmer from those scarves, for example. And it matters in a way that I’m not sure we talk about enough.

A friend of mine shared a post on Facebook recently that I can’t stop thinking about. It was an anecdote about Abraham Johannes Muste, a Dutch-born activist who spent most of his life in the United States.

He was an ordained minister and an author. He agitated for the labor movement and was active in the religious pacifist movement. He died in 1967.

My friend’s Facebook post tells a story, to which I found multiple other references, about Muste

standing outside the White House during the Vietnam War and being approached by a reporter. The reporter is said to have asked Muste, “Do you really think you are going to change the policies of this country by standing out here alone at night in front of the White House with a candle?”

And Muste is said to have replied, “Oh, I don’t do this to change the country. I do this so the country won’t change me.”

I thought about that quote when I learned about the scarves sprinkled around the Loop.

What would we do if our guiding principle, our North Star, was a desire to keep the cruelty and chaos of the world around us from hardening our hearts? What would it look like to try, when we

can, to attach that guiding principle to action?

I think it would look a lot like those scarves. I think it would look like warmth. And generosity. And a genuine effort to see our fellow humans and help them feel less alone.

I hope those scarves found the bodies that most needed them. And I hope the story of those scarves finds its way into the hearts that most need it, the hearts that need extra protection against hardening and wear and tear.

They’re a wonderful reminder, those scarves, that our streets can also contain beauty. We just need to be the ones to put it there.

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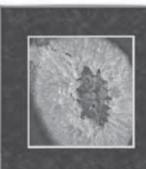
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A break from smartphones and other screens can free up time for things like family board game night.

Take a 'tech shabbat'

Could you and your family give up smartphones, computers and TV for one day each week?

BY CINDY DAMPIER

I recently mentioned to an Uber driver that I was thinking of trying a whole-house day off from tech.

At first he seemed impressed by my lofty goal. Then we started talking about our families — and our teen children — and the constant presence of screens, and all the stressors they bring with them. Taking a break sounded like a dream.

Then again, we couldn't escape reality: I had summoned him to my door via my smartphone, and there, on the dash, sat his smartphone, faithfully guiding us to our destination.

"Well," I said as I was getting out, "I think I'm going to try this idea of taking a break from screens."

He looked at me across the backseat and chuckled.

"Good luck," he said.

Indeed.

Technology, and of course screens, are now present at virtually every moment of our lives, and it has become ever more difficult to untangle them from daily existence. U.S. government data shows that 43% of American adults live in a cellphone-only household, with no landline. Pew Research Center reports that 82% of smartphone users rarely or never turn their phones off.

But, for all our glassy-eyed dependence on tech, the idea of opting out of it, at least temporarily, is catching on.

"I do feel a shift," says filmmaker and author Tiffany Shlain, whose book "24/6: The Power of Unplugging One Day a Week" was published in September. "People are ready for something different."

Shlain, who advocates a weekly 24-hour, secular "tech

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— Tiffany Shlain, filmmaker and author

shabbat," has been following that practice for a decade, and says that as the level of tech involvement has "gotten crazy" over that time, the idea of taking a break from it seems a lot less crazy.

Sonoma State University psychology professor Mary Gomes, who has been assigning four-day tech fasts to her students for the past 10 years, sees that same trend, even among her digitally native students. "I'm getting more of a sense of enthusiasm from students," Gomes says. "They'll say things like, 'Now I have an excuse to cut back! I think there are a lot of pressures for students online, and so they are starting to feel overloaded by technology.'"

Shlain's tech shabbat practice came about at a time when she felt overloaded personally, after losing her father and giving birth to her second child in close succession. "We decided to try it, and it felt so good," she says. "I thought, 'This is what I need.'"

Though she is not a particularly religious person, she liked the notion of tying the habit of weekly tech breaks to the Jewish tradition of shabbat, a weekly day of rest and contemplation. "It's this thousand-year-old practice that has so much wisdom in it," she says. "It's about being present." And, she points out, a prescribed day of rest is inherent in many religious traditions.

Shlain and her family (including two teen daughters) put away cellphones and shut down computers on Friday evening, then host a dinner for family and friends. Saturday is a day of rest: no chores or homework, and no screens, including TV. "To have a full day of no screens is the modern version of a day of rest in my mind. And it has been the most incredible practice of my life. It's one of the best things I have done as a person, and one of the best things I have done as a parent."

Her family doesn't reconnect to tech until Saturday evening, at which time Shlain says, "I'm really ready to get back online. So you get to appreciate technology in a whole new way."

Shlain has a long-standing enthusiasm for tech; she founded the Webby Awards, which recognizes the best websites around the world, before launching her production company. "The early days of the web were about its ability to connect people and ideas from all over the world," she says. "But what I didn't foresee was how it would disconnect us from the people right in front of us, because everyone is always staring at a screen."

One of the consequences of a tech fast for Gomes' students, she says, is increased awareness of that disconnect. "They're used to being lost in their own world when they're out walking

around," says Gomes, "listening to whatever they're listening to, and now suddenly they're looking around, listening to the sounds of birds, making eye contact with people. Most of the time they experience that as lovely and liberating, but one of the only negatives is that they start noticing how everyone else is glued to their phone."

Even after their tech break ends, Gomes says, students continue to reassess their tech use and, in some cases, reorder their priorities. "Over four days, you get a chance to see what are the essentials for me — work responsibilities, keeping in touch with family — and what are the things I can do without. You get a sense of the things that are actually optional that it's so easy to fall into spending a lot of time on."

Both Shlain and Gomes have tips for starting a tech break, whether it's a four-day deep dive or a weekly event.

Recruit others to join in

If your tech break is not a family event, ask friends or a roommate to join in. Moral support is great, but good company is even better. "My students report that they'll play games in the evening, or have conversations, deep conversations they would never have had otherwise," Gomes says.

Make it a treat

The key to stoking enthusiasm for the break, Shlain says, is in presenting it properly — in fact, she doesn't call it a fast or detox, because those things sound negative. "Don't start by saying, 'We're all going to give up our phones.' Start by having everyone write down a list of the things they're always wishing they had more time for." This is a way of giving yourself time to do those things. In Shlain's house, the tech shabbat is "about creating a space in time where you are rewarded for all the hard work you do."

Do the prep work

Plan for things like emergency communication: Shlain suggests a landline phone, but you might also agree that one person will do limited checking to see if an important call has come in. Prepare to participate in the things you've been wanting to do: gather reading material, recipes, maps or anything else you'll need that might live on your phone or computer. Remember that boredom is real ... and that it's also OK. "My younger daughter will sometimes say she's bored during our tech shabbats," says Shlain. "I say that's OK, boredom is when creativity happens."

Practice self-compassion

If you end up not meeting your tech break's goals, that's OK too. "People bring a lot of judgment to tech use, especially for young people," says Gomes. "If you find yourself slipping back into it, remember that habit is very powerful. Just try again."

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SOCIAL GRACES

Handling your Super Bowl party in light of protest

BY HANNAH HERRERA GREENSPAN

Q: With many celebrities and others protesting the Super Bowl, should you still host your annual party?

A: Before you panic and cancel that cold shrimp platter order, know that the party absolutely can go on!

Despite the controversy, your choice to continue with your annual tradition is exactly that, yours. As with any voluntary gathering, it does not infringe on

the ability of your guests to choose whether or not to partake.

If that phone rings with a decline, take it in stride and with grace. Respect the choice, no matter the reason cited, and hopefully those you've invited will be polite as well. If they try to engage in a debate, don't take the bait.

If you find yourself in a position where potential guests are set on making you see their point, or are unwilling to stop pushing until you agree with them, it's OK to politely change the subject. A

simple, "You'll be missed, but I understand and can't wait to get together again soon," can work wonders. Your goal is to keep the relationship, and you'll get extra points for doing it in such a civil way.

— Courtney Fadler, etiquette expert and owner of *Courtney Fadler Etiquette*

A: I love any reason to gather friends and family, and Super Bowl Sunday is the big go-to the first Sunday in February.

I like to think we can rise above

controversy — there is so much excessive noise and dissension in our world today — and just focus on fun. NFL and politics aside, we need more love and laughter in our lives. Let's create annual family traditions to cherish for years and generations to come.

More than ever, it's a good time to host a good old-fashioned Super Bowl potluck party and make memories together surrounded by our favorite people.

So, cook up your favorite spicy wings, queso board and black bean chili recipe and set up the



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— Debi Lilly, chief eventeur at *A Perfect Event*

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THE KIDS

HOW TO KEEP THEM BUSY THIS WEEK

Commemorate the Year of the Rat

By WEB BEHRENS

Tuesday

'ONCE ON THIS ISLAND'

Tony-winning composers Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty are better known for "Ragtime" and "Seussical," but their best musical is actually this sumptuous fable about noble peasants, dubious aristocrats and a pantheon of Caribbean deities. The Broadway tour brings 2018's Tony-winning production, recommended for ages 5 and up, to the Loop. Eight performances over six days remain in the run: Jan. 28 to Feb. 2 at Cadillac Palace, 151 W. Randolph St. \$21-\$96. broadwayinchicago.com/show/once-on-this-island/

Thursday

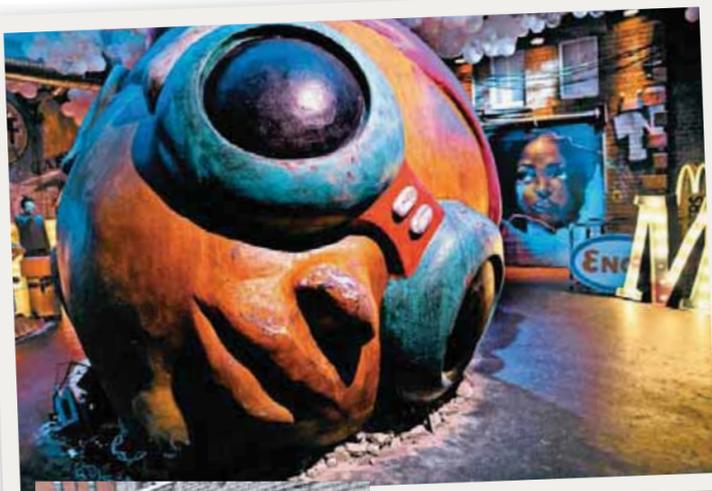
NEVERMORE PARK

With his superhero-and-anime-influenced work, Chicago artist Hebru Brantley makes art kids love. Now his heroic characters Flyboy and Lil Mama have soared into a magical 3-D universe all their own: Nevermore Park. Housed in a 6,000-square-foot gallery space in Pilsen, the immersive experience lets visitors wander among Brantley's sculptures; wear 3D goggles that reveal hidden messages on the walls; and peruse collages of pop-culture ephemera that track black history. Nevermore tickets are currently on sale through March 1. Nevermore Park, 949 W. 16th St. \$28. nevermorepark.com

Friday

'REQUIEM: A WHITE WANDERER'

An innovative visual art and sound hybrid, "Requiem: A White Wanderer" is an installation and concert designed to focus attention on climate change. Inspired by the trillion-ton iceberg that calved off an Antarctic ice shelf in 2017, Chicago-based Luftwerk and composer Katherine Young used seismic data from the event to create the piece. Visitors can take "sound walks" around Pritzker Pavilion Lawn Jan. 31 through Feb. 2; the all-ages concert takes place twice Feb. 1, at 5 and 7 p.m. The earlier concert is specifically family-oriented; advance registration is highly recommended. At Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St. Free. tinyurl.com/wdp8an7



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TOP PICKS

Thursday, Jan. 30:
NEVERMORE PARK

Sunday, Feb. 2:
LUNAR NEW YEAR PARADE

Saturday

WONDERS OF WINTER

If your family prefers embracing wintry fun rather than nesting indoors, don't miss this chance to get your snowy fix (weather permitting, natch). Hosted at this 1920s Tudor Revival mansion run by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, Wonders of Winter offers a wide array of drop-in activities. Hitch a ride on a horse-drawn wagon, and make s'mores around an open fire. Try your hand at ice fishing and your feet at snowshoeing. Don't worry about tiny frostbitten toes, either: Indoor activities provide a warm break from the cold. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at

Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook. Free admission; fees for some activities. tinyurl.com/vtumq3y

LOGAN CENTER FAMILY SATURDAY

Celebrate Carnival — better known in the U.S. as Mardi Gras — a few weeks early at this edition of The Logan's monthly day for families. The center programs two hours of drop-in activities with a Brazilian flair. 2-4 p.m. at the Logan Center for the Arts, 915 E. 60th St. Free. tinyurl.com/k5deh4m

WOODSTOCK GROUNDHOG DAYS

Is there any place more perfect to host Groundhog Days festivities than Wood-

stock, the Illinois hamlet 60-some miles northwest of the Loop? Hundreds of folks will gather this weekend to celebrate the peculiar holiday, culminating in the big event at 7 a.m. Feb. 2 in Woodstock Square, where the classic comedy "Groundhog Day" was filmed. Will furry little Woodstock Willie see his shadow after the polka band wakes him up? Come find out — but dress for the weather. The outdoor event is free; a ticketed breakfast follows, where you can snag a photo op with a human-sized plushy Willie. Festivities begin Feb. 1, including free screenings of the film, walking tours, a chili cook-off and more. \$15 for the 7:30 a.m. breakfast Feb. 2 at Woodstock Moose Lodge, 406 Clay St., Woodstock. woodstockgroundhog.org

Sunday

LUNAR NEW YEAR PARADE

Welcome, new year 4718! Blow your kids' minds with the fact that the Chinese calendar has been in use more than twice as long as our Gregorian one. The Lunar New Year, often called "Chinese New Year" by Westerners, is the biggest annual holiday for much of the world's population. Commemorate the Year of the Rat at Chicago's celebratory parade, a spectacle filled with drums, dancing dragons and more. The big Chinatown parade kicks off at 1 p.m. Feb. 2 at Wentworth Avenue and 24th Street, heading north on Wentworth to Cermak Road. (For those who can't make it, the North Side hosts the Argyle Lunar New Year Parade at 1 p.m. Feb. 1.) ccc-foundation.org/lunar-new-year-parade

BOTANIC GARDEN FAMILY CLASSES

What makes ice cream taste so good? Families with kids 4 to 10 find out about the ingredients that produce delicious flavors, including various fruits and the vanilla bean, which comes from orchids. Make and sample some scrumptious ice cream during "Sweet Treats, Cold Eats," 9:30-11 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. Feb. 2 and 15. More of a breakfast person? "Make Your Own Butter and Pancakes" is Feb. 23 and 29. All classes at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. \$24 per adult-child pair. tinyurl.com/wz7ur9r

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DREAMSTIME

If your child has the flu, keep them at home.

Kids with flu: When is it OK for them to go back to school?

By ARLINDA SMITH BROADY
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

ized each year in the United States because of influenza.

Flu symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, feeling tired and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults). Some people with the flu will not have a fever.

Flu season typically begins in September and continues until May. The season often peaks between December and February.

Parents can protect their children's health and that of others by keeping sick kids at home. If a child exhibits several flu symptoms, it's probably best to err on the side of caution for at least one day.

"Our school nurse specialist also mentioned one thing parents should be aware of: Many doctor's notes state the child may return to school when fever-free for 24 hours," said Meghan Frick, a spokeswoman for the Georgia Department of Education. "Parents sometimes don't realize that this

means fever-free for 24 hours without the use of antipyretic medications like Tylenol or Motrin."

School administrators can help by keeping sick students and staff separate from others until they can be picked up to go home. When feasible, identify a "sick room" through which others do not regularly pass, says the CDC. The sick room should be separated from areas used by well students for routine health activities, such as picking up medications. Sick room staff should be limited in number and should not be at high risk for severe illness if they get sick.

And, of course, keeping surfaces clean — especially doorknobs — is a good way to keep germs at bay. Teachers may want to wipe down desks between classes in middle and high school and maybe during recess in elementary schools — or at least have the kids do it.

Although flu germs are relatively fragile, they can live up to eight hours after the infected person has coughed or sneezed.



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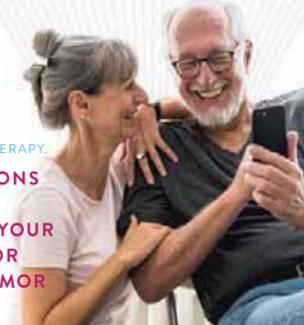
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Junior-high boys caught up in scrunchie crush craze

BY DANIELLE BRAFF
The New York Times

Here's the news from winter break: Scrunchies have become a desired item for junior-high schoolboys.

Today's tween girls are offering their scrunchies — the fabric-poofted hair elastics last popular in the 1980s — to their crushes. If accepted, the boy will wear it around his wrist until he finds a new scrunchie — er, crush.

If he really likes the girl, he can offer his hoodie in return.

"Well, now I know why my 13-year-old has a bunch of scrunchies in his room, and why his hoodie is missing," said Amanda Marks, who lives in Decatur, Georgia, and is the co-host and producer of the "Sis & Tell" podcast.

How this trend started is a bit of a mystery, but it appears to have gained traction.

It's possible that the Netflix movie "To All the Boys I've Loved Before" had something to do with it. During the flick, which is based on Jenny Han's young adult book series, the main character snags a scrunchie from his crush's hair and puts it on his wrist, commenting that she looks pretty with her hair down.

Han had no idea it was such an influential scene.

"I had no idea kids were offering up scrunchies to their crushes," she said. "I think it's delightful."

Perhaps adults are unaware of or indifferent to the scrunchie crush craze, but in junior highs and even in some high schools across the country, it appears to be quite a big deal.

The hashtag #Savethescrunchies trended briefly this fall, scrunchie collection funds started by parents of tween girls have started, and undoubtedly any store selling scrunchies is making money off these crushes.

And there are rules, according to Nora Cullerton, a 15-year-old in River Forest, Illinois.

"If a guy is wearing a scrunchie, you know he has a girlfriend," she said. "You can give any color, and the boys will take a Snapchat of the scrunchie and send it to the girl to show them that they're wearing it."

In middle school, Nora said, a girl gives a boy a scrunchie if she likes him. In high school, she gives it to him if they're dating. If the couple is in a nontraditional relationship? Anything could happen.

You may note that the scrunchie-hoodie trade is not an equal one.

After learning of the trend and noticing the scrunchies piling on her son's desk — along with the missing hoodie — Marks told her son that it was ridiculous to give



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Tween girls are offering their scrunchies — the fabric-poofted hair elastics last popular in the 1980s — to their crushes.

away a hoodie because it's simply not equivalent in monetary value to a scrunchie.

"I mentioned I would totally buy him some scrunchies to give to girls he had crushes on if he wanted me to," Marks said. "Of course he gave me a look that said, 'You're being ridiculous.'"

Mark, 42, said that back in her day they gave each other a mixtape or CD, or even homemade friendship bracelets made out of string.

"I'm guessing sending someone a Spotify playlist just doesn't have the same sentiment?" she said dryly.

Kate Sorensen, the mother of a 12-year-old boy in Ankeny, Iowa, said the scrunchie crush trades are "running rampant" in his sixth grade class. He has arrived home with two so far.

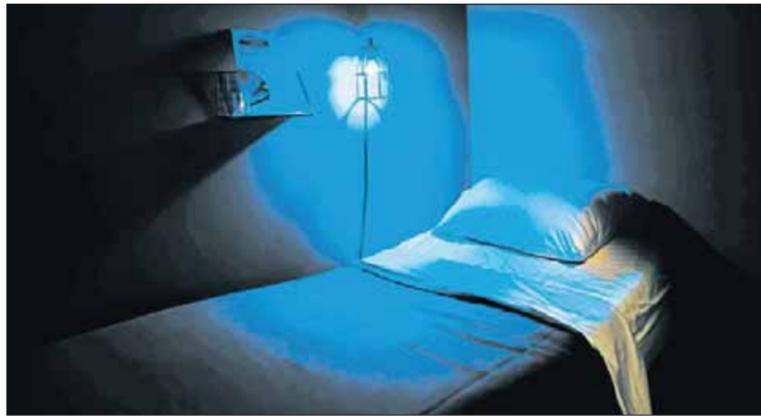
"As for our son giving away a hoodie — he's got plenty to spare, however, I would be really frustrated if he started giving clothes away," Sorensen said.

The two scrunchies he received now live on his desk in his room.

Other tweens are possessive over their scrunchies, given the fact that posh velvet or satin are the styles to get and they can really make a dent in the allowance (\$18 for a set of 10 at Urban Outfitters).

Tully Lovell, 10, a fifth grader in River Forest, Illinois, said she hasn't given anyone a scrunchie and doesn't plan on indulging in the fad.

"I like my scrunchies too much," she said.



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A nap pod at ReJuve, in Block 37, offers office workers and tourists the chance to sneak in a power nap in a private room.

Chicago has a new place to power nap

BY ALISON BOWEN

For many people, trying to get more sleep is a constant goal.

In downtown Chicago, a new business, ReJuve, offers workers the opportunity to sneak in some sleep during the day, with napping suites beginning at \$15 available in increments of 30 minutes, 60 minutes and 90 minutes.

The business, which opened in Block 37 in November as a pop-up, recently extended through the spring, said owner Florence Hardy. She aims to provide a relaxing space, with aromatherapy, sleep masks and noise-canceling headphones.

The three different sleep spaces include, depending on price points, ergonomic beanbag-style chairs, "not just your college beanbag," Hardy said, a reclining chair or a full bed. Hardy said she opened ReJuve after experiencing burnout as an attorney.

"People are sort of nervous about the idea of napping, I think, in the U.S.," she said. "It really has a negative connotation, like, 'What, a nap in the middle of the day? You're lazy?'"

Hardy was inspired by feeling more productive after a nap and also travel, where she had to check out of a hotel but wished she had a spot to rest before a flight. Plus, sometimes she found herself with extra time downtown between appointments and could have used a quiet space.

"I need it, so hopefully other people need it too," she said, adding that because of requests for time intervals even shorter than 15 minutes, they are considering a room where people share space at a lower

cost.

It's not the first time a napping business has opened in Chicago; Peace Power Napping opened in 2017 but has since closed. Cities such as New York and Washington, D.C., also have sleep stations or nap co-ops. Many airports also have nap pods.

Phyllis Zee, chief of sleep medicine at Northwestern Medicine's Department of Neurology, said napping benefits depend on whether it's a good nap or a bad nap.

First, she pointed out that napping in the middle of the afternoon is not abnormal, and other countries like Japan have napping pods.

"We tend to think in our society that naps may be bad, because they prevent you from being able to sleep during the night," she said.

But scheduled naps can be beneficial. If someone wakes up at 6 a.m., she noted, by the time the post-lunch slump hits at 2 p.m., they have already been awake for eight hours.

"Having a short nap in the middle of the afternoon, let's say right around lunch or right after lunchtime, is natural," she said.

And a power nap can also allow someone to be more functional for the rest of the day. "Otherwise, you'd be very sleepy throughout that entire time," Zee said.

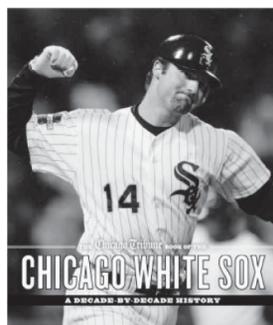
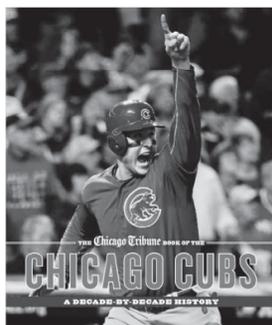
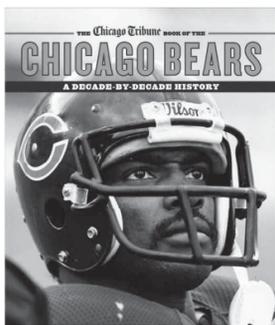
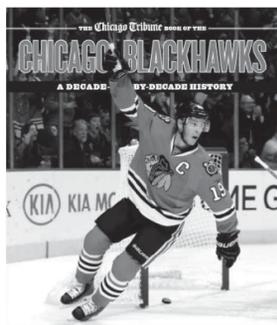
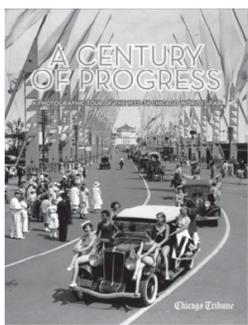
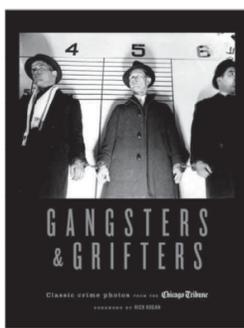
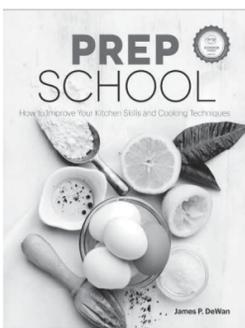
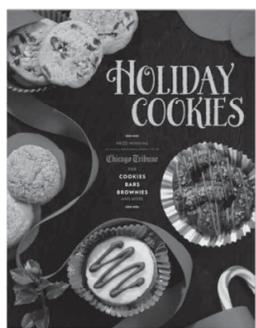
Where napping can be less helpful, she said, is when people are very sleepy because they're not getting enough sleep at night. Keep an eye out for sleep deprivation signs; these can include falling asleep unintentionally, irritability and mood disorders.

If, like many people, you're getting less than seven hours of shuteye per night on a regular basis, Zee said, "You're probably not getting sufficient sleep."

For those considering an afternoon catnap, Zee suggests aiming for 30 minutes. "If you nap for an hour or two, what happens? You wake up feeling pretty groggy, and it takes you another 20 or 30 minutes to wake up."

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Rite of passage

Spring 'repositioning' cruises are a way to save money and spend time at sea

ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL

In April, Royal Caribbean's Ovation of the Seas is to depart Sydney, Australia, for Hawaii.

BY ANNE KALOSH

One of the great biannual migrations is about to begin as cruise ships leisurely move from their winter homes in the Caribbean to Europe for the summer.

These trans-Atlantic repositioning voyages are a rite of spring. The reverse occurs in the autumn, when vessels flock back to warm Caribbean waters.

It can be tough for lines to sell these longer, shoulder-season voyages.

"A lot of people don't want to do it because they don't have the time — 10 or 12 days, of which nine may be at sea," said Peter Carideo, president of CRC Travel, a luxury specialist in Chicago.

But for cruise fans with time on their hands, they're an opportunity to sail with big savings.

Carideo pointed to Seabourn's 14-night Europe-to-Caribbean crossing last November, with a lead-in price of \$3,999, or \$285 per person, per day. "Typically, Seabourn costs \$600 to \$700 or \$800 per day at least," he said.

Most repositionings are in the off-peak months of March, April and November, when it's also easier to use frequent flyer miles for the airfare to or from the ship.

Seasoned travelers like Jennifer Anderson of Chicago find allure beyond the savings, saying the ship becomes the destination — much like an all-inclusive resort.

"People take care of you — the cooking, the cleaning. There's a doctor, a spa, lectures, wine tastings," said Anderson, an event planner at Jennifer Anderson & Associates. "The water is so beautiful and therapeutic to watch as you sit by the pool or on your veranda or in the lounge."

In November, Anderson and her husband crossed from Lisbon, Portugal, to the Caribbean. Their Seabourn ship called at the Portuguese island of Madeira, then spent nine days at sea before arriving at Barbados, the first Caribbean port. Other trans-Atlantics they took were similar, sometimes visiting the Canary Islands or ending in Florida.

Anderson said she swims and tans, and "I read 20 books."

It's not too late to plan a spring voyage. Carideo said they rarely sell out. A check of March and April departures found availability across a range of lines.

An exception: Seven Seas Splendor, a new ship for luxury line Regent Seven Seas Cruises. Regent loyalists Nancy and Jim Kopnisky of Sarasota, Florida, booked six months ahead to ensure a berth on April's inaugural cruise from New York to Barcelona, Spain.

Later, when Jim's daughter and her husband decided to join them, few suites were available. The inaugural-season pricing was no bargain. But they still favor



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For cruise fans with time on their hands, repositioning voyages can be a chance to sail at a big savings.



CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE

Carnival Legend will make a rare crossing from Tampa, Florida, to Barcelona, Spain, this spring.

Regent for its all-inclusive rates that cover airfare, a precruise hotel night, drinks, gratuities and shore excursions.

This will be the Kopniskys' first repositioning cruise and, like Anderson, they weren't seeking ports.

"As we've become older, it's 'been there, done that,'" Kopnisky said. "This will give us an opportunity to see how it feels to spend six days at sea without the hustle-bustle of having to get up early in the morning. We're looking forward to sitting back and relaxing."

She added that they're prepared for possible cold weather in April, "so we may not be sitting around the pool."

Jim's daughter, Kathy Kopnisky, an early retiree who lives in

Silver Spring, Maryland, and her husband plan to hit the gym every day, and they've booked a class to learn how to make paella before landing in Barcelona.

To keep folks entertained at sea, the cruise lines pack in enrichment activities such as lectures, classes in everything from digital photo editing to music, plus sports competitions and games.

Ted Eastwick grew up sailing trans-Atlantic with his parents and grandparents and has crossed scores of times with Cunard alone. In recent years he's taken two repositioning voyages on his favorite line, Crystal Cruises. One was from Hamburg, Germany, to Miami, where he lives; the other was from Honolulu to Vancouver,

British Columbia.

Eastwick, who owns an executive search firm, estimates repositioning voyages save up to 70%, even on the five-star lines. And they seem to foster more of a bonding vibe among passengers than your typical cruise.

"There's an esprit de corps that you don't usually find on cruises today. ... It's like, 'We're all in this together as we head out to sea,'" Eastwick said. He's even met passengers who can't be bothered going ashore at any ports on the way.

With cruise ships sailing globally, there is a greater range of repositioning cruises on all types of lines.

"It's not just your traditional repositioning across the Atlantic," said Vicki Freed, senior vice president of sales, trade support and service for Royal Caribbean International. She pointed to Ovation of the Seas' trans-Pacific cruise from Australia to Hawaii, with the option of continuing on to Vancouver.

Ovation will sail from Sydney April 20 and visit five destinations in New Zealand and French Polynesia, with 12 sea days sprinkled in, before arriving at Honolulu.

What's there to do aboard the 4,905-passenger Ovation during a dozen days at sea? Plenty. Riders can soar high above the ship in a glass viewing capsule on an extending arm, catch a movie on an outdoor screen, rock climb or test the surfing and skydiving simulators. Ovation's SeaPlex playground offers bumper cars, a ball court, roller skating and a circus trapeze school. The adults-only

Solarium houses a glass-enclosed pool.

Per person fares for this 18-night journey start at \$2,253 in an interior cabin. (There are no windows but "virtual balconies" project a realistic-looking outdoor view on a high-definition screen.) Fares for a balcony room start at \$3,178. Taxes, fees and port expenses of \$183.52 are extra.

Other upcoming repositioning cruises include Carnival Legend's 14-night crossing from Tampa, Florida, to Barcelona, leaving March 25. Since the Carnival Cruise Line fleet mostly sails year-round from North America, this is a rare crossing for the "Fun Ship" line.

Legend stops in the Bahamas, Bermuda, Portugal's Azores Islands and Málaga and Valencia, Spain, before arriving in Barcelona. This is an "extra value" sailing, with fares starting at \$759 per person in an interior room and \$899 in a balcony cabin. Taxes, fees and port expenses are an additional \$223.89.

Norwegian Cruise Line's 15-day crossing from Miami to Barcelona leaves April 18. Norwegian Epic's journey begins with six sea days before arriving at the Azores, two more sea days before Lisbon, then Cádiz, Málaga, Cartagena and Palma de Majorca in Spain before Barcelona. With the 30% discount at press time, fares start at \$993 per person in an inside room and \$1,490 in a balcony room, plus taxes and port fees.

For a boutique-type experience, Ponant, a French line with small, sleek ships caters to international clientele. No rock climbing walls or roller-skating on these yachtlike vessels but, instead, gourmet French cuisine, a spa and a theater for lectures and concerts.

In early April, its 184-passenger Le Dumont-d'Urville will sail from Cayenne, French Guiana, to Dakar, Senegal. There are no stops on the way. For the eight-night voyage, Ponant offers bonus savings of up to 30%, with fares starting at \$2,200. And there's a special offer for solo travelers: no single supplement.

Chicago agent Carideo said people who haven't cruised before probably shouldn't dive into a repositioning ship as their maiden voyage.

"If they don't like it, they're stuck on it," he said. Boredom, seasickness and bad weather are possibilities.

"It's about your expectations," said Anderson, the Chicago event planner. "If you want to be entertained all the time, maybe it's not for you. I go to relax, decompress, meditate, try to tune out the world a little."

"I like the (ship's) movement, the serenity"

Anne Kalosh is a freelance writer.

Be prepared when visiting the Emerald Isle



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Ireland is more than an “Emerald Isle.” It’s an isle filled with cultural and historic wonders ... and lately with lots of tourists, too. And at many of its top sights, reservations are now either required or highly recommended.

In Dublin, it’s more important than ever to buy advance tickets for the most popular sights. These include Kilmainham Gaol, a museum housed in a former prison for political prisoners (visits are by guided tour only), and the Guinness Storehouse, birthplace of Ireland’s famous stout beer. If you don’t book in advance, you’ll waste time waiting in long ticket lines and may not even get in.

It’s also smart to buy timed-entry tickets in advance for the Book of Kells, the 1,200-year-old illuminated manuscript of the four gospels, displayed at the Trinity College library. Without a reservation, visitors can try the side entry (through the Arts Building on Nassau Street), where it’s often easy to book tickets — even same day, if available — from ticket machines in the lobby hallway.

A new museum in Dublin, 14 Henrietta Street, is also one of the city’s best sightseeing stops. The former townhouse offers a fascinating look at the hardships of Dublin tenement life. Once an affluent Georgian mansion, it was subdivided and converted in the 19th century into a cramped multifamily space housing more than 100 people. On a 75-minute tour, guides share stories of former residents and describe the 150-year decline of this aristocratic town-



DOMINIC ARIZONA BONUCELLI/RICK STEVES' EUROPE

For cheaper entry and a more peaceful experience, visit the Cliffs of Moher early or late in the day.



RICK STEVES/RICK STEVES' EUROPE

If booking same-day tickets to Dublin’s Book of Kells, you’ll find few crowds at the side-entrance ticket kiosks.

house into a tenement.

A new, modern visitors center has opened at Bru na Boinne, the site of two 5,000-year-old passage tombs 45 minutes north of Dublin. Exhibits detail the latest discoveries at the site,

while high-tech interactive displays transport visitors to prehistoric times. From the center, shuttles make it easy to reach the tombs — Newgrange and Knowth — which can be accessed only via guided tour. Tours are

expected to fill up well in advance, but beginning March 1 you can reserve a spot online ahead of time.

Popular stops around Ireland are coming up with creative ways to grapple with crowds. The Cliffs of Moher — the majestic sheer cliffs on Ireland’s west coast — now cleverly offer online tickets for half price (4 euros) before 11 a.m. and after 4 p.m. Smart travelers are wise to visit at these times not just because it’s a little cheaper, but because lighter crowds make for a more tranquil experience at the cliffs. Tickets include parking and admission to the visitors’ center and its exhibit, which focuses on the cliffs’ natural and geological history.

South of Dublin, in County Wicklow, Avondale House — the former resi-

dence of Irish political leader Charles Parnell — has closed for a long-term renovation. A reopening date has not yet been announced. In the southern port town of Kinsale, Desmond Castle is closed to visitors for an indefinite period of time.

Residents of Northern Ireland are wrestling with the effects of an impending Brexit. But tourists aren’t likely to experience any significant impacts: In 2020, I expect a visit to Northern Ireland to be just as easy as ever, and probably even more interesting.

Planning is needed to visit a few popular sights near the town of Portrush, on the northern coast. To walk across Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, dramatically suspended above the Antrim Coast, it’s smart to

buy timed-entry tickets ahead of your visit (now available online). To tour the Old Bushmills whiskey distillery, travelers should show up early, as groups are limited to 18 people and spots are only available on a first-come, first-served basis.

In Northern Ireland’s capital of Belfast, the “Glider” buses, the city’s new form of hybrid-powered rapid transit, have proved popular after a little more than a year of being fully up and running. These 105-person buses, connecting east and west Belfast on one line and the city center and Titanic Quarter on another, are particularly handy for travelers.

Although the series has ended, “Game of Thrones” lives on in Northern Ireland, where much of the show was filmed. In the town of Banbridge, 30 minutes from Belfast, a “Game of Thrones” studio tour — featuring actual sets, costumes, and props from the show — is slated to open later this year at Linen Mill Studios, one of the show’s main production sites. Belfast itself celebrates its connection to the show with six free-standing stained-glass windows sprinkled around town. Each window represents a main house or family in the show (one for each episode of the final season).

Ireland is famously welcoming. But for the well-prepared traveler (who visits equipped with good information and the necessary reservations), that welcome will feel even warmer. May your guidebook be well used and the wind always at your back.

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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Is there an exception for a missed luggage claim deadline?

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT
King Features

I recently flew from Iowa City, Iowa, to Providence, Rhode Island, on Delta Air Lines. While we were on a stopover in Detroit, the luggage handlers apparently left my bag outside during a thunderstorm. The airline delayed and ultimately canceled my flight because of the storm.

When I retrieved my bag from the baggage claim carousel, it was soaking, and the pull-up handle no longer worked. I contacted Delta three days later when my daughter came to visit to help with the details. Delta began to process my complaint. The airline provided instructions and the need for details like photos and receipts. I accommodated these requests.

Then, to my dismay, Delta abruptly informed me that since more than 24 hours had passed before I made the claim, it was thrown out. I’m 90 years old. I simply wanted help with the technology, and I was exhausted from the ordeal. No one at any time suggested I had to do this within 24 hours of my flight. Thank you for your help in the matter that has caused me much angst.

— *Mardella Carlson, Iowa City, Iowa*

A: I’m sorry to hear about your luggage. Delta should have taken greater care of your luggage when you were traveling.

Delta is both right — and wrong. It’s right in the sense that you had 24 hours to file a claim. That’s pretty standard for domestic flights. You have a week for most international flights. But Delta shouldn’t have led you to believe you had a valid claim, and it should have reviewed your circumstances before summarily dismissing your claim. Instead, Delta asked you for photos and documentation of your loss. Someone at Delta could have easily looked at the

timeline and saved you all the paperwork.

You definitely missed your luggage claim deadline. But you know that saying, “Rules were meant to be broken”? Well, I know I may get myself into trouble for writing this, but Delta should have taken your age into account, not to mention that no one told you about the 24-hour deadline. Some passengers need extra assistance, and I believe Delta should have considered helping you despite the rules.

If you ever find yourself in a situation like this again, you can always appeal to an executive at the airline. I list the

names, numbers and email addresses of the customer service executives at Delta Air Lines on my nonprofit consumer advocacy site, elliott.org.

I contacted Delta on your behalf. The airline was under no obligation to help you, of course, but when it reviewed your claim, it decided to replace your damaged bag. That’s the right call.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER

Jones’ dream trip: Relax in warmth

BY JAE-HA KIM
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Best known for his work on the Hulu series “Shrill,” Luka Jones is an avid traveler whose preferred mode of transportation is the train. But the actor says he hasn’t been blessed with the ability to pick up other languages.

“I wish,” said Jones, 44, who resides in Los Angeles. “Spanish would be my first choice. When I was younger, I spent a month living in Belgrade, Serbia, but all I can recall from that time are some curse words.”

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: The Bay Area. I love San Francisco. If I were to live somewhere else in California, it would be there or the East Bay. Berkeley is another of my favorites.

Q: To someone who was going to that area for the first time, what would you recommend they do during their visit?

A: Alcatraz. It’s a weird thing to go to a formerly active prison on an island in the middle of the San Francisco Bay. But it’s actually really cool. You get to take a short ferry ride to the island and back. And you get some history about what it was like to be there when Alcatraz was active, and how intense it must have been for prisoners there to be stuck on the island looking out at one of the most beautiful cities in the world knowing they don’t get to enjoy it. I’m making it sound horrible to



ALLYSON RIGGS/HULU

some, maybe, but I promise it’s an interesting and oddly lovely trip.

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?

A: The first trip I remember was a road trip from Chicago, where I partially grew up, to Toronto. My dad lived in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago and wanted to take the family to visit his friend in Toronto. It felt like a long trip to me at that time, but I was only about 10. I probably didn’t appreciate the great city of Toronto as much as I could have at the time. Later on, I shot a couple seasons of “People of Earth” (there). I love that city. It’s very much like Chicago in a lot of ways.

Q: If you could only pick one place to eat, would you choose a casual meal at a street cart or fine dining at a nice restaurant?

A: I’m into simple places to eat. I like it to be a restaurant, but nothing very fancy or very noisy. As an Angeleno, I prefer to go to one of the many Mexican restaurants and grab a burrito or some enchiladas than almost anything else.

Q: Where are your favorite weekend get-aways?

A: Santa Barbara. Palm Springs. The beach towns

north of San Diego. One nice thing about living in L.A. is that there are a lot of fun or relaxing places within a day’s drive from here. Obviously, San Francisco can be a weekend trip from here as well. And I happen to really enjoy Las Vegas. I know it’s not for everybody, but it’s fun.

Q: When you go away, what are some of your must-have items?

A: Gotta bring my laptop. And I’ll always bring a book, even if I don’t read it.

Q: What would be your dream trip?

A: My dreams about trips are always changing. As I get older, my dream trip tends to become most about relaxing in a warm place with comfortable surroundings and zero pressure to do anything.

Q: What is your best vacation memory?

A: My first trip to New York City when I was young is probably the most excited I’ve ever been for a trip. I went to visit my friend in Maryland. His dad drove us up from Maryland and we caught a double-header at Yankee Stadium against Bo Jackson and the Kansas City Royals. That was a truly thrilling trip.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

BAHAMAS VS. BARBADOS

Which destination in the Caribbean is best for you?

BY LILLY GRAVES
Oyster.com

Close your eyes and pick between the Bahamas and Barbados. At first thought, you might think the two Caribbean destinations are one and the same. After all, both are popular vacation spots for North Americans and Europeans, plus they boast warm weather year-round, pristine sand and turquoise water, activities to break up the beach time and killer rum punch. However, these two locations are quite different. Let us help you choose the right destination for you.

Traveling

Given its location, the Bahamas offers shorter cruise options for those who have a long weekend to spare.

Bahamas: The islands that make up the Bahamas are 50 miles off the coast of Florida, making the destination easy to reach for North Americans. The archipelago consists of approximately 700 islands and islets, but only about 30 are inhabited, and each one offers its own vibe.

To travel between the islands, there are fast air-conditioned catamarans, which mostly depart from Nassau. Most people heading to a resort in Nassau, Paradise Island or Grand Bahama Island will take a taxi from the airport. The public transportation systems are well-developed.

Barbados: Rather than a series of islands, Barbados is an independent island nation within the British Commonwealth. The two destinations are not close together — Barbados is 1,420 miles southeast of the Bahamas in the Lesser Antilles of the West Indies, making it a longer jaunt for those coming from North America.

Upon arriving, many choose to rent a car, but taxis are also a popular way to get to and from the hotels. The island is divided



STEVE ALLEN TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHY

Whether you're searching for white or pink sand, there are plenty of stunning beaches in the Bahamas, like Cabbage Beach.

into 11 parishes, each with its own unique character. It's quite easy to get around Barbados by public transport too.

Beaches

Bahamas: There are plenty of stunning beaches in the Bahamas. Perhaps the most famous stretch is Cabbage Beach on Paradise Island. Here, you'll find small to midsize waves (great for swimming) and plenty of sand to stretch out. The farther you travel to the Out Islands, like the Abacos and Exumas, the fewer crowds you'll find.

If you're dreaming of the famous pink-sand beaches, head to Harbour Island by water taxi from Eleuthera. The 3 1/2 miles of soft pink sand and calm, turquoise waters are perfect for romantic beach walks and leisurely swims.

Barbados: Barbados offers a staggering number

of beautiful beaches and all of them are public. There are white- and pink-sand stretches with cerulean waters on the Caribbean side, as well as spots with perfect swells and dramatic scenery on the eastern Atlantic coast. The island's west coast sees slightly narrower beaches with more people, but these are excellent areas for swimming, watching the sunset, snorkeling, and stand-up paddleboarding. Large resorts on the south coast tend to offer bigger stretches of sand and heftier waves. The biggest waves can be found on the island's east coast, where you'll spot professional surfers from around the world.

Things to do

Bahamas: It's all about getting in the water in the Bahamas. Teeming with fish, coral and underwater adventures, the Bahamas

are perfect for snorkeling and scuba diving. All Atlantis guests have free access to Aquaventure — the massive water park — and the largest outdoor marine habitat in the world. There's also a 14-acre Dolphin Cay for swimming with dolphins, playing with sea lions and snorkeling with manta rays. You can find local culture in the form of shops, night markets and rum houses in Nassau.

Barbados: Barbados is relatively flat compared with St. Lucia, its mountainous, volcanic neighbor. Much like the Bahamas, Barbados offers plenty of water-centric activities, like snorkeling and wreck diving, boogie boarding, stand-up paddleboarding, windsurfing, kitesurfing and surfing.

The island blends British cultural traits (think cricket and afternoon tea) with strong Afro-Caribbean influences. Barbados was

under British rule for 340 uninterrupted years, and its history can be felt strongly. Make sure to learn about plantation life and visit the many rum shops, distilleries, tropical gardens and quaint churches.

Food and nightlife

The Bahamas has a leg up in terms of nightlife thanks to its major resorts.

Bahamas: Local cuisine in the Bahamas includes plenty of seafood, simply cooked or in the form of fritters, ceviches and spicy fish stews. Meat dishes are available (especially pork), as are tropical fruits, rice, peas and potatoes. Overall, the lesser-visited islands offer a laid-back party atmosphere.

Due to the influx of resorts and cruise ship passengers in Nassau, you can easily find more

Americanized restaurants, shopping centers and recognizable chain names. Nightlife in Nassau and the major resorts tend to center on sundowner drinks by the beach, nightclubs with DJs, casual bars and casinos. Gambling is legal in the Bahamas, and many tourists take advantage of the Vegas-style tables.

Barbados: Similar to the Bahamas, a wide variety of seafood and meats is available in Barbados. The national dish is cou-cou and fried flying fish with spicy gravy. Another traditional meal is pudding and souse (pickled pork with spiced sweet potatoes).

Choose between a wide range of restaurants. You'll likely hear mention of the Oistins Fish Fry, which takes place every Friday night. When it comes to nightlife, St. Lawrence Gap is a small street in the parish of Christ Church with energetic bars.

South Carolina's Beaufort offers plenty

History abounds in the crown jewel of Low Country

BY PATTI NICKELL
Tribune News Service

BEAUFORT, S.C. — The “Great Skeddaddle” proved the salvation of Beaufort, the jewel in the crown of South Carolina's Low Country. Following the 1861 firing on Fort Sumter in Charleston, which precipitated the Civil War, the entire state was under siege. Beaufort, just 70 miles south of Charleston, was at particular risk.

The city's residents — believing the war would be over in a month or so — buried their silver and skeddaddled, planning to return and take up their lives when it was all over. Four years later they returned to find their livelihood gone and their beautiful mansions lost to unpaid taxes.

The good news was that the mansions, thanks to the largesse of the Union army (and the fact that the populace had not put up a fight) remained intact and today's visitors can marvel at a town whose center is almost entirely antebellum.

Street after street of these mansions — adorned with white columns and surrounded by stately oaks dripping with Spanish moss — elicit oohs and aahs. The best time to truly experience them is during the Fall Festival of Houses & Gardens (in 2020 scheduled for Oct. 23 through 25.)

Tours provide access to three centuries of architectural splendor in an area designated as a National Historic Landmark District.

The festival showcases Beaufort's charms, but any time is a good time to visit this beautiful city, located on Port Royal, one of South Carolina's coastal islands. Some 60% of Beaufort County is water, and the town sits on the Beaufort River, a tidal arm of the



DISCOVER SOUTH CAROLINA

The Beaufort Inn is one of the city's most picturesque small inns. It's the very essence of Southern hospitality.

Atlantic.

Get a sense of how the water defines the land on one of Captain Dick's river tours aboard the Prince of Tides, while learning about the area's wildlife and ecology.

Spartina, a tall marsh grass that grows prolifically, lines the riverbanks; Oystercatchers, birds with rosy red bills, patrol beds of sun-bleached oyster shells, awaiting their next meal, and the mud flats — visible at low tide — are home to an army of fiddler crabs.

While on board, you'll also hear stories about the pirates and rice and indigo planters who called this exotic locale home.

Sailing on a boat named the Prince of Tides can't

help but put one in mind of the Low Country's literary patron saint, Pat Conroy. The author of “The Prince of Tides,” “The Great Santini” and “The Lords of Discipline” served the area as a teacher, mentor, advocate of Low Country life and friend to anyone with a story to tell.

Get a peek into his life — both public and private — at the Pat Conroy Literary Center, and then visit his grave at the tiny cemetery on nearby St. Helena Island.

Just a short walk from the center is the charming Beaufort Inn. Some of Beaufort's most beautiful houses have been turned into small inns and bed-and-breakfast accommodations, and this is one of the

best. With its lush gardens, sweeping verandas and rocking-chair-lined porches, it is the very essence of Southern hospitality. The hotel's 48 rooms are in both the main house and in cottages facing the gardens and courtyard.

If you want a true Southern experience, book dinner on the upstairs veranda of the Anchorage 1770 Inn. With a glass of Champagne in hand, toast the sunset as the sun slowly sinks into the bay, creating a landscape portrait in shades of gold, orange and vermilion.

The food comes from the Low Country's bountiful larder and the genuine hospitality comes from the inn's owners Frank and Amy, transplanted Atlan-

tans who take it as a personal affront if their guests don't enjoy themselves.

For a unique perspective on Beaufort, listen to what Peach Morrison, director of the Lowcountry & Resort Islands, has to say. She likens it to one of three Southern sisters — Charleston, South Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; and Beaufort. Charleston, says Morrison, being the oldest, is very well-established and sure of her charms. Savannah, the youngest, is beautiful, a bit wild and loves to party. Then where does that leave Beaufort?

“Beaufort is the middle sister,” says Morrison. “She'll get in the truck, back the boat in the water and go get shrimp for dinner — but

she won't do it without putting her pearls on first.”

As if Beaufort alone doesn't have enough to offer, the surrounding Low Country — with its mélange of Southern, Native American, European, Caribbean and African cultures — is a veritable smorgasbord of sights, sounds and tastes.

In Yemassee, the ruins shrouded in Spanish moss visible from the road are those of Old Sheldon Church, built between 1745 and 1753 and thought to be the first conscious attempt in America to model a building after a Greek temple. The church was burned in 1865 by Union Gen. John Logan and never rebuilt. Today, its ruins stand as a haunting testament to the ravages of war.

Save a day for exploring Walterboro, referred to as the “Front Porch of the Low Country.” If you arrive early enough, stop for breakfast at the Old Bank Christmas & Bakery. If that sounds incongruous, that's because it is. The Bakery, with the fluffiest biscuits I've had lately, is tucked away in a corner of one of the largest Christmas gift shops in the South.

Tour the Bedon-Lucas House, one of Walterboro's five remaining “high houses.” The flooding of nearby fields for the cultivation of rice made it necessary to raise the houses off the ground. The interior is well-preserved with the original heart of pine floors.

If you're craving some quality beach time, there's no better spot than Edisto. This sandy paradise is the yin to Myrtle Beach's and Hilton Head's yang — a family-oriented community where spacious beach houses take the place of high-rise hotels, and where the honey SeaCow Eatery is the popular gathering spot for locals.

The beach is so pristine that not only is it a favorite of visitors, but of loggerhead sea turtles as well, who come here to nest.

NEWS TO USE

Mushing in Michigan

BY PHIL MARTY

Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

■ Feb. 13-17 is a key time for fans of sled-dog racing. The UP200 in Michigan will draw mushers from the U.S. and Canada for a 230-mile circuit from Marquette to Grand Marais, featuring 12-dog teams. The Midnight Run, with eight-dog teams, is a 90-mile race that will be Feb. 14-15, and the Jack Pine 30, with six-dog teams, is a 26-mile competition on Feb. 15. up200.org

■ There'll be plenty of outdoor fun Jan. 31 to Feb. 2 during the 27th annual Ice Breaker Festival in South Haven, Michigan. Naturally there will be ice sculptors at work, along with a chili cook-off, cardboard sled race, ice skating, horse-drawn wagon rides, curling and lots of food and drink. tinyurl.com/ydrax9c6

■ Woodstock, filming site for the classic movie "Groundhog Day," holds its annual Groundhog Days on Jan. 30 to Feb. 2. Among the

activities are viewings of the film, memorabilia from the filming, a walking tour of filming sites, a pub crawl, trivia competition and more. woodstockgroundhog.org

■ Folk and roots music will be the focus Jan. 31 to Feb. 1 during the 43rd annual Ann Arbor Folk Festival in the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium. Headlining Friday night will be Calexico and Iron & Wine, and Nathaniel Rateliff is Saturday night's main act. theark.org/folk-festival

■ There will be hundreds of cars, trucks and SUVs to admire at the 22nd annual Michigan International Auto Show on Jan. 30 to Feb. 2 at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids. Special attractions will include exotic vehicles in the Million Dollar Motorway, 120 years of automotive history in the Gilmore Auto Museum and hot vehicles in the Great American Muscle Cars. grautoshow.com

■ The Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa, where Buddy Holly, The Big Bopper and Ritchie Valens performed before their fatal plane crash, holds its



SIGURD UTYCH

Marquette, Michigan's UP 200 in February showcases several sled-dog races.

annual Winter Dance Party on Jan. 30 to Feb. 1. The weekend is a celebration of the music of the three. tinyurl.com/yfwfjtgtf

■ Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa in Galena, Illinois puts on its annual Winter Carnival on Feb. 14-17. At the Nordic Center there will be ice skating, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and sledding and a snowshoe race on Saturday. There are also lots of kids' activities, hay wagon rides, nightly bonfires and hot-air balloon glows, ice sculptures and more. tinyurl.com/yalqthma

■ Kenosha puts on its seventh annual Snow Daze Festival the afternoon of Feb. 8.

Ice sculptures will be on display in front of businesses and in Veterans Memorial Park where there will also be an ice-carving demonstration. There's also free skating at the ice rink and free skate rentals. tinyurl.com/yjk7t73o

■ Michigan offers free fishing weekends twice a year. For 2020 the dates are Feb. 15-16 and June 13-14. On those dates no fishing license is required for resident or out-of-state visitors.

Also, no entry fee is required for state parks and recreation areas. tinyurl.com/y2mpmwaw

■ More than 100 artists open their permanent and pop-up studios during the Banbury Art Crawl, which will be Feb. 7-8 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. This is the 11th year for this event held in Banbury Place, the old Uniroyal factory that was transformed into an artists' and entrepreneurs' community. Artists will also be giving demonstrations, and there will be food and music. tinyurl.com/yf5dtmg9

■ There will be more than 700,000 square feet of outdoors gear on display Feb. 14-23 during the 66th annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Expect lots of boats, RVs, ATVs and fishing tackle, along with representatives of outfitters and lodges. Speakers, seminars and demonstrations will add to the fun. tinyurl.com/yh99onde

■ If you're one of those people whose vacationing isn't complete without a trip to Door County, Wisconsin, you might want to know that Northern Sky Theater in Fish Creek has announced the lineup for its 2020 season. It's an expanded season with seven summer shows, two in the fall and one during the winter holidays. northernskytheater.com

Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time. Listings are not an endorsement. Send tips at least a month in advance to ChicagoTribTravel@gmail.com.

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

Asmara. The small African country sits on the Red Sea and is bordered by Ethiopia, Sudan and Djibouti.

The newest technology on cruise ships

BY TARIRO MZEZEWA
The New York Times

People who work on cruises often describe ships as "cities at sea," but cities usually have speedy Wi-Fi, food delivery services you can summon on your phone, and homes with voice-activated assistants such as Alexa, Siri and Google to answer questions and provide information.

Now, cruise companies are getting in the tech game. In October, Carnival Corp. unveiled the Sky

Princess, the first ship built specifically to support the company's Ocean Medallion technology. The medallion is a pendant, the size of a quarter, that guests on ships like the Sky Princess can wear as a bracelet or necklace, or keep in a pocket. The medallion doesn't need to be charged. It can unlock a stateroom door and guests can use the medallion to pay for meals and settle bills through an app downloaded to their phones. The medallion's Ocean Compass lets people

track friends and family on their phones.

The Celebrity Edge's new app lets guests upload a selfie, and the company's facial recognition software will automatically check them into the cruise. The app also allows passengers to see entertainment and dining options. These functions will also be available on the Apex, a Celebrity ship setting sail in April.

Check-in via selfie is also available on the app for Celebrity's parent company, Royal Caribbean.

Royal Caribbean says the function allows guests to get from "car to bar" in 10 minutes. On Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas, guests can use an in-app remote for their TVs and use the app to unlock their stateroom doors.

People attached to voice apps such as Google, Siri and Alexa who book a cruise on MSC's newest ships, the Bellissima and the Grandiosa, can ask an onboard voice-activated system called Zoe for all sorts of guidance.



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The Sky Princess is Carnival's first ship built specifically to support Ocean Medallion technology, which includes a circular pendant that can be worn on the wrist.

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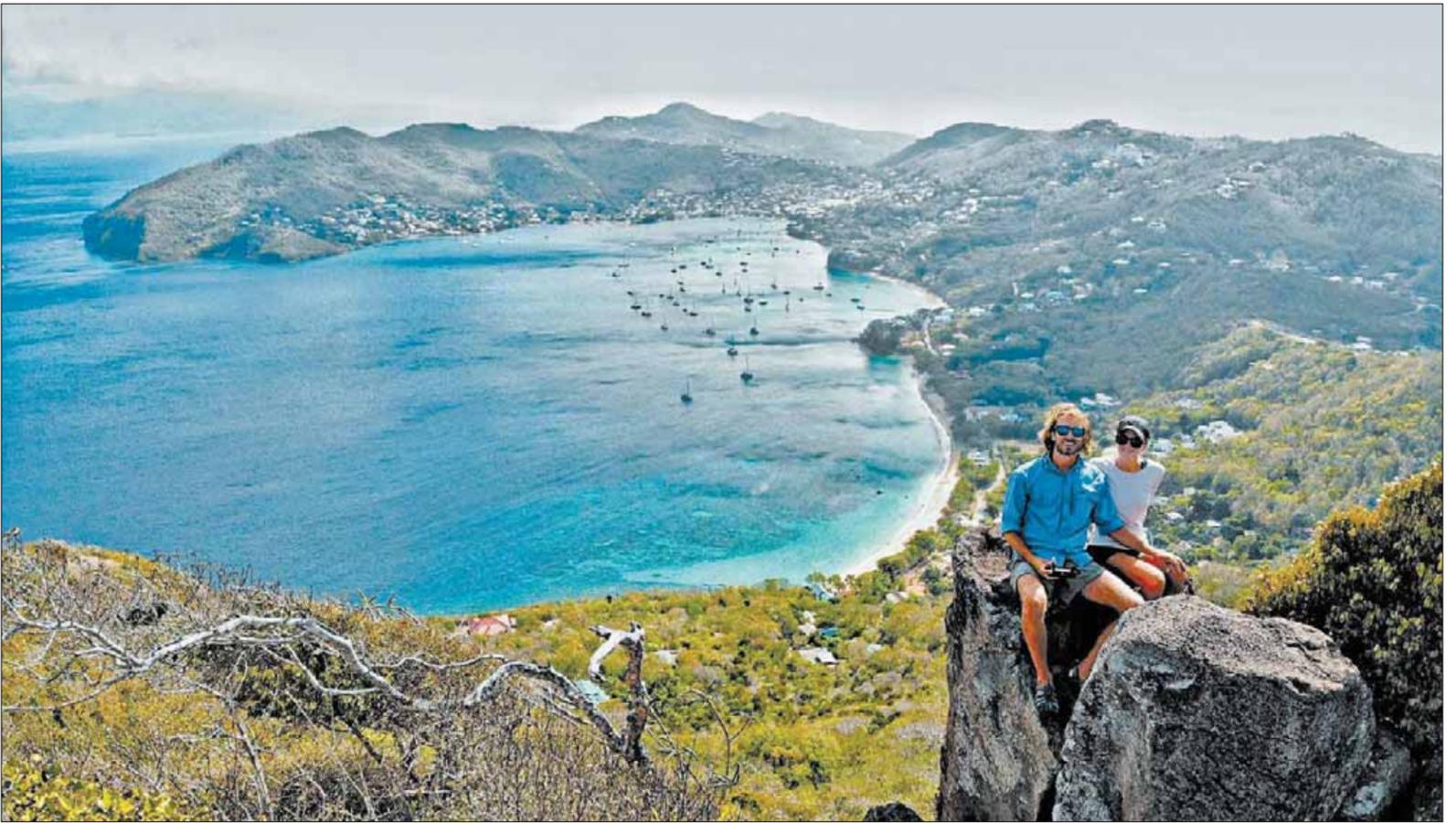
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Nick and Sara Wiskerchen pose for a photo on top of Peggy's Rock in Bequia, the second-largest island in the Grenadines.

SAIL AWAY

Ever think about quitting your job to sail around the Caribbean? A couple of Wisconsin natives did just that

BY ERIN GIFFORD

A little over a year ago, Sara and Nick Wiskerchen did what many of us dream about, but few of us actually do.

These Wisconsin natives quit their jobs in Washington, D.C., sold their modest home and set sail on a DIY cruise adventure.

Nick was an IT specialist with a federal agency. Sara was a media relations director with a trade association. Both in their early 40s, they craved a midcareer break. The Caribbean was calling.

The chain of events that led to a life on the water started modestly enough in 2014, with a casual stroll around the Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show. That inspired them to sign up for a four-day introductory sailing course. They bought their first sailboat later that year, taking it out on weekends to sail Maryland's Chesapeake Bay.

In 2017, they'd traded in their starter boat for the S/V Borealis. Costing \$200,000, the pre-owned, 37-foot sailboat was better equipped for living onboard and making the arduous month-long passage to the Caribbean.

By late 2018, it was anchors aweigh.

Their seafaring adventure has taken these college sweethearts to 12 countries and countless windswept islands in the Caribbean. As of press time, they were sailing around Guadeloupe.

They've spent the most recent months hopping around the Grenadines island chain, Martinique, Dominica and St. Lucia, where the couple got married 15 years ago, back when Sara had never even set foot in a sailboat.

"Cruising allows us to spend more time in a country than the average vacationer, so we are able to explore beyond the typical tourist destinations, meet local people and more fully experience each island's culture," Sara said by email from Grenada, another port of call. (She posts periodic updates about their journey on their blog, www.sailingborealis.com.)

While they spend a lot of their time living and playing on the water, exploring the Caribbean's lush mountain landscapes on foot has been a highlight of their travels. Among their favorite treks: navigating the dense, tropical forest and jumping into chalky blue, river-fed pools on the 27

Charcos (waterfalls) hike along the Rio Damajagua near Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic.

In Grenada, the weekly "hash" hike at the marina in St. George's has drawn in Sara and Nick more than once. The scavenger hunt-style walk/run is put on by a local club, baptizing newbies afterward with celebratory rum punch.

They've made nighttime visits to Puerto Rico's bioluminescent bays that give off a dazzling, blue-green glow when dinoflagellates in the water are disturbed by kayaks and the like. Mosquito Bay in Vieques is one of their favorites.

Snorkeling wows across the Caribbean, but for Sara and Nick, it's at its best in the British Virgin Islands. They've snorkeled among schools of kaleidoscopic fish at the caves of Norman Island, on the southern tip of the BVI archipelago. They also give high marks to the sparkling clear water, vivid coral reefs and marine life of the Spanish Virgin Islands and the Grenadines, and they have plenty of good things to say about the fishing and white, sandy beaches of the Bahamas, particularly the Exumas, Long Island and Eleuthera.

"Cruisers say the water and



Sara Wiskerchen relaxes on the deck of the S/V Borealis in St. John's Maho Bay.

beaches in the Bahamas are rivaled only by the South Pacific," Sara said.

Sailing the Caribbean at your own pace makes it easy to drop in on lively island celebrations, such as Junkanoo in the Bahamas, Spicemas in Grenada and the Friday night street party in St. Lucia's Gros Islet.

Despite the fun and sun, it hasn't all been smooth sailing (pun intended).

"The experience has been harder mentally, physically, emotionally and relationship-wise than expected," said Sara.

Sharing such a small space isn't always easy. Chores are done by hand since there is no dishwasher, microwave or washing machine. Basic tasks taken for granted on terra firma, such as grocery shopping, are less convenient and often cost more.

Getting the appropriate government clearance and cruising permits to visit various islands can be an all-day affair. Some countries allow cruisers to go through the process online or during a single stop in an office where customs and immigration officials sit together, but that's not always the case. In the Dominican Republic, Sara and Nick had to separately clear immigration, customs and agriculture officials.

Since neither of them is working and they're relying on their savings, they try to be frugal when it comes to dining out and other expenses.

Occasional headaches aside, Sara and Nick say they don't regret their decision to set sail. For now, they're living their dream.

Erin Gifford is a freelance writer.

New cruise ships to set sail for Antarctica

BY NORA WALSH
The New York Times

As the number of travelers cruising Antarctica swells, polar expedition companies are launching sustainable vessels designed for these bucket-list trips.

According to the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators, approximately 56,000 tourists visited Antarctica in the 2018-19 season, a 53% increase from the 2014-15 season.

"Climate change is a chief reason for the increased interest in visiting Antarctica," said Mary Curry, a small ship cruise specialist and travel planner at Adventure Life. "We truly don't know if the region will ever be as magnificent as it is now."

Interested in seeing the southernmost continent? Here's a roundup of some of the tour operators planning itineraries.

Antarctica21: In November, Antarctica21 debuted the world's first vessel purpose-built for Antarctic tourism: the 73-passenger Magellan Explorer, equipped with ice-detecting radar technology, a heat recycling system and a fleet of 10 Zodiac boats. A forward-facing observation deck and glass-enclosed lounge offer prime wildlife viewing, while designer guest rooms feature balconies and single cabins.

Most itineraries, including the eight-day Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise, bypass the turbulent waters of the Drake Passage by flying from Punta Arenas to King George Island. From there, travelers cruise the South Shetland Islands and west coast of Antarctica to spot penguins, whales and other marine wildlife. Full board rates begin at \$13,995 per person and include Antarctic flights and activities.



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Snowshoeing across Antarctica's landscape is one activity offered to travelers on an Antarctica21 tour.

Hurtigruten: Cruise operator Hurtigruten in March will unveil the 530-passenger MS Fridtjof Nansen, the sister ship to the just-launched MS Roald Amundsen. Both vessels feature science centers and citizen science projects, and both are hybrid electric-powered with low-emission engines.

The MS Fridtjof Nansen's Highlights of the Frozen Continent, a 12-day journey, explores some 20 sites across the Antarctic Peninsula, where guests can take a polar plunge and enter a lottery to camp overnight on the ice. Prices start at \$7,875 per person with eight sailings from November to January 2021.

Lindblad Expeditions: In April,

Lindblad Expeditions' new National Geographic Endurance vessel will hit the seas featuring 69 cabins, a science command center and a PC5 ice class — it is the strongest ice-breaking expedition ship of its kind based on an international rating system for polar vessels. Additional amenities include two observation "igloos," a spa with infinity Jacuzzis and a permanent polar art installation. The new 35-day Epic Antarctica voyage traverses the Antarctic Peninsula, the 200-foot Ross Ice Shelf and UNESCO sites on Australia and New Zealand's sub-Antarctic islands. Guests travel with a crew of veteran naturalists, a certified photo instructor, and an undersea specialist equipped with a hydro-

phone and underwater video camera.

"Travelers will encounter almost every imaginable form of ice and observe endemic species found nowhere else on earth," said Trey Byus, the company's chief expedition officer. All-inclusive rates from \$48,800 with departures on Dec. 27, 2021, and Jan. 26, 2022.

Adventure Life: Astronomy buffs should keep their eyes on the third-cabin Ocean Victory, launching this December. The travel outfitter Adventure Life is taking guests to witness next year's total solar eclipse on Dec. 4 at a prime position just east of South Orkney Island. (The rare celestial show will not happen

again in this part of the world until 2061.) Other trip highlights include viewing breeding penguins on South Georgia Island, Weddell seals on Cuverville Island and Lemaire Channel's orca whales.

The 15-day voyage starts at \$13,000 per person on a full-board basis.

Quark Expeditions: Next year, Quark Expeditions will christen the 102-suite Ultramarine, and its two twin-engine helicopters and 20 easy-access Zodiac boats. Guests will be able to test their mettle on a variety of heli-adventures from hiking to flightseeing, all of which explore areas only accessible by air.

Outdoor enthusiasts can also cross-country ski, paddle polar waters with stand-up boards and camp out in the icy wilderness. Tour operator Scott Dunn will be offering 11- to 23-night full-board trips to Antarctica on Ultramarine in 2021, starting at approximately \$15,000 per person.

Ponant: Expedition cruise company Ponant plans to bring together travelers and scientists on a new electric hybrid vessel, the 135-stateroom Le Commandant Charcot, launching in May 2021. Fitted with modern oceanographic equipment and a research laboratory, guests will be able to assist scientists in research activities.

The ship's bevy of polar toys, including hovercrafts, electric snowmobiles and a tethered hot air balloon, give guests a privileged vantage point of Antarctica's indelible and fragile beauty. All-inclusive prices for the 15-day Expedition to Charcot & Peter I Islands start at \$16,480 per person for trips departing next fall and winter.

HOME

MAKE YOUR SPACE

Hard choices

Wood flooring options have evolved, expanded; how to pick the right one for your home

BY TIM MCKEOUGH
The New York Times

If you have flooring you don't like — whether it's carpet, vinyl or unappealing wood — it can feel like there's no way to escape it, no matter how many rugs you pile on top. But if you have floors you love, walking across them can be a daily pleasure.

That's because the floor is the base upon which all other decorating decisions are built. Change your floors, and you change the character of your home. It's as simple as that.

So it's no surprise that new floors — specifically, hardwood floors — are at the top of many renovation wish lists. Not all wood floors, however, are equally appealing or appropriate for every space.

"We look at a building holistically, so the walls and windows, and the environment that we're in, all feed into the decision-making about the floors," said Paul Bertelli, the design principal of JLF Architects in Bozeman, Montana, whose firm chooses a different wood floor for almost every project.

The wood flooring industry has evolved considerably in recent years, as wider planks have increased in popularity and finish and installation options have expanded. Given all the choices available, we asked architects and flooring pros for advice on how to pick the right one.

Choose the wood species and color

Browsing through flooring samples to choose a type of wood and a color for your new floor is probably the most enjoyable part of

the process. At this stage, much depends on personal preference and your overall vision for your home.

One of the most popular species is white oak, a classic, durable and widely available wood. "It can also take stain very well," said Chris Sy, the president of Carlisle Wide Plank Floors. That means it can be customized for a wide variety of aesthetics, from bleached off-white to ebony.

Other types of wood offer different looks. "Hickory has a lot of color variation, from light tones to dark tones," Sy said.

Those who want a rich, darker brown usually select walnut, while those who prefer blonder wood may opt for maple or birch.

Prefinished or site-finished?

Another major decision is whether to buy prefinished flooring, sold with its final color and topcoat in place, or unfinished flooring that can be stained and finished by an installer after it's put down.

One of the advantages of prefinished flooring is that it can be installed quickly, usually in a single day.

When floors are finished on site, the home has to be vacated to allow for sanding, staining and finishing, including drying time.

"It's very messy work, and it's very important that nobody step on it for days, or weeks, at a time," said Elizabeth Roberts, an architect in Brooklyn.

Because prefinished flooring is made in a factory, companies can also produce it with a wide range of exotic finishes that might be difficult for an installer to re-create on-site and with great



WILLIAM COLE

In a farmhouse in Dutchess County, New York, Larson Architecture Works installed reclaimed heart-pine flooring from the Hudson Co.



DUSTIN AKSLAND

Architect Elizabeth Roberts used prefinished boards in this Brooklyn, New York, townhouse.

consistency.

"You know what you're going to get," said Jane Kim, an architect in New York.

A key difference, however, is that prefinished boards usually have beveled edges to allow for slight irregularities, which creates more pronounced lines between the boards after installation.

Because unfinished flooring is sanded flat after it is installed, the finished floor looks more like a solid plane, without gaps.

Choose the finish

Most hardwood floors today have a finishing coat of clear polyurethane. "Polyurethane essentially sits on top of the wood," protecting it from moisture, wear and staining, said Jamie Hammel, owner of the Hudson Co., a supplier of wood flooring and paneling.

Water-based polyure-

thanes have grown in popularity in recent years, and the finishing sheen can range from matte to glossy.

A polyurethane finish is very durable, but once damaged or worn, it can be difficult to repair, Hammel said, because it typically requires refinishing an entire board, if not the whole floor.

An alternative is an oil-based finish. "Oil penetrates into the wood and therefore tends to make it look a bit richer," he said.

And because it doesn't leave a film on top of the wood, it allows for relatively easy spot repairs.

The downside to an oil finish is that it requires more regular maintenance.

Select solid or engineered wood

Solid wood is just what it sounds like: a plank of your chosen wood, cut from a log. An engineered wood floor is composed of a thin-

ner layer of your chosen wood on top of a manufactured base of layered wood, like plywood.

Engineered wood has a number of benefits. "It's built to be more dimensionally stable," Hammel said. "It will expand and contract less," reducing the chance that the boards will warp or shrink over time.

Engineered flooring is especially good in basements, in high humidity areas and over radiant heating systems, he said.

And in homes with concrete subfloors, like many high-rise apartments, engineered flooring can be glued directly to the slab, whereas solid wood usually requires a plywood subfloor so it can be nailed in place.

But it isn't always the best option. Some people simply like the idea of solid hardwood better, and in extremely dry areas, solid wood may perform better.

Pick plank widths and installation patterns

Narrow boards with widths of about 2 to 3 inches were once standard for hardwood flooring. Not anymore. Five- to 8-inch widths are now commonplace, and some homeowners opt to go even wider, with broad planks measuring up to a foot wide and beyond.

In general, the wider the boards, the higher the cost. And "the wider it gets, the less stable it gets, because the wood wants to move," Roberts said.

"When we get into really wide flooring, we almost always recommend an engineered floor, because that prevents it from cupping and warping."

Most floors are installed with the boards in straight lines, but there are many alternative installation patterns, including herringbone and chevron, which are enjoying renewed popularity.

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Survive winter in stylish boots

BY KRISTIN LARSON
Chicago Tribune

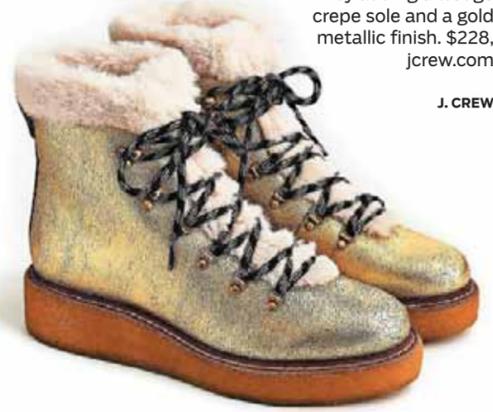
Winter, with all of its fickle mood swings, is here, but we all know the real winter is still coming. So, get ready to finally put the sneakers and chic flats aside and bid adieu to the mild temps of late; it's time to get your boots in order before the deep freeze hits.

The good news is that it's easy this season as the fashion powers that be have aligned with Mother Nature and proclaimed chunky-soled boots and worker boots with thick lug soles all the rage. Still, to make sure they're not all looks and no substance, go for styles with extra insulation and water-resistant properties, like Marc Fisher's shearling lace-up boots, which will keep you steady on slippery streets, or Gucci's floral lug sole boots, which will keep you dry — and thinking of spring — during inclement weather.



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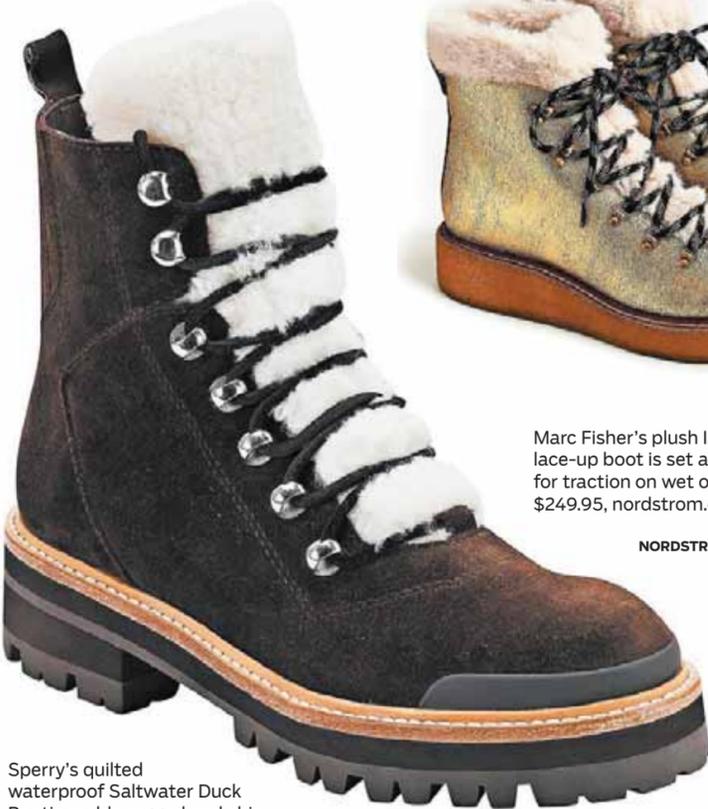


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SPERRY



NORDSTROM

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Teen tips for finding clothing bargains



ELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel
Ellen: I am a 13-year-old girl on a \$35-per-month clothing allowance. How do I make my dollars stretch?
— Amelia I.

Dear Amelia: Whether you're 13 or much, much older, your clothes budget will go so very much further if you shop at thrift stores, secondhand shops, consignment stores and church sales. And you're never too young to start there for some great deals. You'll be surprised by the amazing bargains, even brand-new clothes with tags still on, that were donated to church thrifts, Goodwill, Salvation Army, etc. The hunt for bargains takes work because you have to go often to catch the name-brand items before they are scooped up. It also means sorting through plenty of washed out, stretched out, damaged (and even dirty) items. But bring some friends along and look forward to a weekly treasure hunt! (It helps if the friends are different sizes so there are no disputes over the best bargains.)

Some religious nonprofits collect donations all year long that are sold at one huge blowout event annually. That's where I've found my most braggable items. Some thrifts are incredibly well organized (often by volunteers), making shopping a breeze. Other shops are a jumbled mess (women's shirts wrongly displayed with the menswear, for example). And it's not just clothes



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Your clothes budget will go much further if you shop at secondhand stores, consignment stores and church sales.



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You might be surprised by the amazing bargains that get donated to Goodwill and similar thrift shops.

bargains. Never pay full price for housewares — glasses, coffee cups, frying pans, utensils. Outfitting your home, your dorm room or your new apartment will quadruple or even quintuple your buying power! You're young, so start honing those shopping skills that will last you a lifetime and do good by helping charities and keeping stuff out of landfills.

Dear Answer Angel
Ellen: I'm 60 years old

plus. I love camouflage prints but I wonder if I'm too old to wear them. And also, what colors/prints go with camo?
— Pammy J.

Dear Pammy: Camo prints are the new leopard — always in style for every age. Since camo often comes in shades of olive (there's a reason it's called "olive drab") — not a flattering color for many of us — enliven it with a red blouse, a cream sweater or a bright pink T-shirt. Consider a

print or a check that picks up one of the shades in your camo garment. Pattern mixing takes guts, but give it a try and enjoy the compliments you get for your bold choices.

Dear Answer Angel
Ellen: I know you hate capris (agreed) but I think you're OK with ankle-length pants. I think they look great in the summer with flats. On websites and in catalogs, they still show winter ankle pants with bare feet and flats on the models, but I'm not crazy about that during our chilly winters even if I'm inside my office. One of my co-workers wears knee-high hose, but even the sheerest hose don't look great. I know you're going to say ankle boots! What's the right look as far as where the pant leg ends and the boot starts? Any other suggestions?
— Lynn H.

Dear Lynn: You read my mind. I love pants that hit at the ankle bone, and in cooler weather ankle boots work great. It took me a

while to get used to boots and booties that show a bit of flesh when the pants leg catches on the boot, but fashionable street style photos convinced me that this look is utterly acceptable and chic. Flip through street style images online (fashionista.com, vogue.com, etc.) and you'll see what I mean. Also, lace-up ankle boots with a heavier sock "cuffed" at the ankle work nicely on chilly days.

Angelic Readers

I was surprised that there's so much pent-up frustration about the money we waste on products packaged in tubes and pump dispensers that make so much of the creams, lotions and makeup impossible to use. Thank you for the scores of good ideas to get to the last drop:

Tiny spatulas were a favorite solution: Mary-Jean, Cheryl N., Marilou J., Valerie and Victoria H. buy them at amazon.com. Gail B. buys these tools through google.com, two for \$2.95. Amy E. says, "Just Google 'mini spatulas for make-

up." Eva B. and Jean M. find the little spatulas at The Container Store.

Lee V. and Mary W. recommend The Container Store's Lotion Saver Bottle Couplers (containerstore.com, \$4.99/three-pack) to get the last bit out of a pump container." Kelly E. buys the \$9.99 Zero Waste Cap on amazon.com. Jean O'B. writes, "About getting more lotion out of those \$!@& containers: I put my lotion pump bottles upside down in a coffee mug, pint glass or other sturdy container for liquids. Then I just unscrew the top and get the rest of it out that way." Bill H., Katie A. K. and Ann S. use the upside-down trick too. Agnes P. says, "I turn it upside down in my nightstand drawer and close the drawer. It stays there wedged until I use it up. I use the lotion at night anyhow so it's where I want it to be."

Readers like Nancy St. J. and Jim B. say it helps to place the container in the microwave first before employing the upside-down trick. But be sure there's no metallic labeling to spark the micro.

Julie W. points out: "Most non-pump bottles have standard size caps. I save a few and rinse them out. When the pumps on my products don't work anymore, I replace them with one of those caps. I turn the bottle upside down, usually in a corner of the counter, and am able to get the remaining lotion out. The caps usually have a little flip opening which helps." Jim T., Sharon Sz. and Larry D. do the same.

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel@lenn.com.

THE GOODS

YOUR HUNT IS OVER

Dope designs for your housewares

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON

The legalization of marijuana in many states has brought weed into homes like never before. But why stop with the actual plant lying around the house when you could show your love for the substance in your decor?

Gone are the days of weed-loving folks' homes being clad with lava lamps and tie-dyes. Now, your home can be tastefully laden with products that beautifully display your preferred recreational activity.

Designer Jonathan Adler, known for his offbeat creations, has been a major player in the marijuana housewares game. His collections of edgy canisters blend porcelain, gold accents and trippy graphics to make chic statement pieces.

Popular cannabis lifestyle brand Higher Standards collaborated with Adler on a line of home goods, such as coasters, trays and catchall dishes. The Smolder design features fiery red lips with an alluring black and platinum puff of smoke that makes lighting up look super luxe.

If you're one of those people who love the smell of weed, but don't smoke it, there are a few goods to satisfy even this desire, such as Flavor Paper's scratch-and-sniff Cannabliss wallpaper, which comes in two electric colors. Malin+Goetz's Cannabis candle, with its deep green color and melding of spices and florals, evokes the aroma of marijuana, making for an elevated experience without getting elevated.

Check out these stylish weed housewares and enjoy the high life.

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FLAVOR PAPER

If you want the smell of weed without the smoke, Cannabliss by Flavor Paper comes in four bold colors with two being scratch and sniff made from hemp terpenes. \$350 a roll, flavorpaper.com



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Chance the Rapper

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CANDID CANDACE

BY CANDACE JORDAN



'A Night at the Museum' helps Chicago's homeless

Thousands of supporters turned out for Chance the Rapper's "A Night at the Museum" benefit hosted by his nonprofit, SocialWorks, on Dec. 19 at the Museum of Science and Industry.

The event raised funds for the charity's Warmest Winter campaign that provides direct support to people experiencing homelessness in Chicago. It also served as a donation hub, with guests encouraged to bring "warming" items, such as a blanket or coat, that will be distributed to shelters throughout Chicago. Last year, the event received over 18,000 donations.

During a summit in the museum's Giant Dome Theater, Amy Patti, MSI communications director, introduced Chance. He spoke about the five (free) initiatives of SocialWorks: OpenMike (provides a place for high school students to share, express and network); My State of Mind (a program that helps unify the mental health community); New Chance: Arts & Literature Fund (enriches students through the arts and provides schools with learning devices and more); Kids of the Kingdom (a seven-week, faith-based summer day camp); and Warmest Wishes.

"Kids of the Kingdom is one of the programs I'm the closest to," Chance said. "I get to see these kids interact and grapple with the understanding of the love of Christ and really feel confident in their praise."

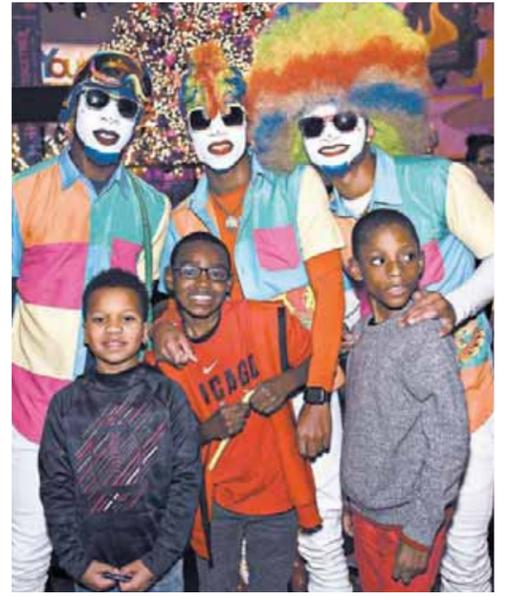
Chance announced 10 Chicago public schools that will receive grants of \$100,000 each: South Shore, Farragut, Steinmetz, Curie, Mather, Hubbard and CVS high schools, and DePriest, Hedges and Finkl elementary schools.

During the evening, attendees enjoyed over 60 kid-friendly performances and experiences. The Chicago Bulls passed out 500-plus game tickets; B.I.G. Homie Project & DTLR radio handed out Ugg footwear; and the Chicago Sky had their energetic drum line roaming the museum entertaining the crowds.

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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Fresh The Clowns with Tyshawn Potter, from left, LaDarius Langston and Juelz Cooley



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Brian Willingham, KeAsia Anderson, Ravon Dillon and Taylor Appling from the Jesse White Tumblers



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Sully Jimenez and Camilla Jimenez, 7



Cameron Henderson, 15, Chance Henderson, 10, and Ciji Henderson

Better to stop supervisor's sexy TMI sooner than later



JUDITH MARTIN
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: My supervisor came into our office today and began describing to my co-worker, who is also a friend of hers, her intimate encounter with her husband the night before, including frequency, locations and method.

I am a senior lady, married for many decades and hardly a prude, but I was very dismayed by their conversation, and it is not the first time this has happened. I was a captive audience, as it is not possible for me to leave my office.

I need the job and have no desire to make disparaging remarks. What can I say or do to extricate myself from having to listen to these conversations and, by my silence, perhaps inadvertently signaling my approval of them?

Gentle reader: It is time to remind the participants that these days, such stories can be misunderstood and result in everyone's being called into Human Resources for harassment training — or worse. Miss Manners intends you to say that the misunderstanding will be someone else's, while implying that the someone else might be too nearby to proceed with safety.

Dear Miss Manners: Our 10-story condominium building has a social committee, and one of their missions is to raise money for common area improvements. They are selling tickets for a home tour, where unit owners open their homes to display their designs and decorat-

ing sense.

We have a premium unit in the building, and it's undergoing major renovations. We were asked if we would allow our unit to be on the tour. I politely declined.

My husband and I are private individuals who keep things to ourselves and have no interest in letting strangers into our home, nor in having our home photographed.

No one from the building has been in our unit, but many are aware of the scale of the renovation and ask questions in the elevator. I am usually brief and downplay it.

Although I would like to support the cause and purchase tickets, I have no interest in going on the tour. My husband warned me that it might be perceived as "snobby" by the neighbors. What do you think?

Gentle reader: That it will be perceived as snobby by the neighbors.

However, neighbors who are inclined that way were going to draw the same conclusion even if you did display your extensive renovations.

Miss Manners recommends you stay clear of the entire project and show your support by instead participating generously in the next, less sensitive project.

Dear Miss Manners: I attended a dinner party with a friend who claims to be a strict vegetarian. The host served some pre-dinner snacks, and my friend began to eat lots of Parmesan cheese. I know that this food contains veal rennet but was unsure if my friend was aware of this. Since she had already started eating the food, I didn't want to embarrass her in front of everyone else. I still feel a twinge of guilt about not sharing my

information. Is it rude to call someone out for breaking their eating practice, or should I mind my own business?

Gentle reader: The term "strict vegetarian" became necessary only when it was discovered that no two people could agree on the definition of "vegetarian." And Miss Manners suspects that the more restrictive term is also subject to interpretation. She therefore considers it a blessing that it is impolite to comment on what someone does or does not eat — much less on what has already been eaten.

Dear Miss Manners: On a river cruise with friends, they each ordered an entree first, but no soup. When it came to me, I ordered soup, so they changed their orders and all ordered soup.

They said they did not want to sit while I had my soup.

I said, "Why can't you just converse with each other?" but they didn't want to do that. So I said, "Then you order things to eat you really may not want, just because others do?" They said yes, and that they felt it was rude not to follow this procedure. Am I the crazy one here?

Gentle reader: If we could revive the old rule against discussing at the table what everyone is eating, the world would go around a lot faster. That exchange does not meet Miss Manners' definition of conversation.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

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Rather than secretive "pocket listings," Chicago-area real estate agents can share listings that will be coming soon via a private listings network.

Private previews

Secretive, exclusive 'pocket listings' are no more, but Chicago-area agents have a new way to see homes for sale earlier

BY JOANNE CLEAVER

Being invited to a secret real estate club flatters the ego but could flatten prospects for selling your house.

The long-debated realty agent practice of "pocket listings" — involving agents' close-to-the-vest lists of eager buyers and sellers — is now officially over, thanks to a new rule adopted by the National Association of Realtors at the end of 2019.

The change follows, in part, the lead of Midwest Real Estate Data (MRED), the Lisle-based multiple listing service that serves much of the Chicago area, which began to probe the use of pocket listings — also known as exclusive listings — five years ago.

As an alternative, a new "coming soon" category of listings will likely benefit both home sellers and buyers by making full and complete information available to all, while maintaining the advantageous air of whisper networks, say MRED officials and agents.

The consumer advantage of greater listing transparency and agent accountability far outweigh any disappointment at not having access to an agent's purported secret list of potential buyers or sellers, said David Schleuter, an Itasca-based real estate lawyer and past president of the Illinois Real Estate Lawyers Association.

"I've had clients say, 'You won't believe this deal; we were on a special list

and only seven people knew about this house,'" said Schleuter. "The reality is, agents used that supposed inside track, and people were overpaying."

Specifically to combat the pocket listing custom, MRED created a private listing network (PLN) category in 2016, which Chicago area sellers and agents can use to signal that a house will soon be available on the multiple listing service, said MRED's CEO, Rebecca Jensen.

The multiple listing service, or MLS, is the agent-owned database that compiles real estate listings. Agents and brokers rely on MLS data to market houses on behalf of sellers and to find suitable properties for the buyers they work with. National listing supersites such as Zillow and Realtor.com draw primarily from regional MLS feeds to distribute listings.

MRED's experiment with its new private listing network forced some aspects of the mysterious pocket listing economy out of the shadows. By defini-

tion, the scope and influence of pocket listings had remained mysterious, reliant on word-of-mouth and impossible to verify. "The rule change is targeted at exactly that 'secret list' dynamic," Jensen said. "Every time we took it to focus groups, and to our board, everyone agreed that it flies in the face of what the MLS does. This does away with the (claim) that, 'Oh, I know about secret listings, but you have to go through only me.'"

In 2018, about 4% of MRED listings appeared on its private listing network. Listings can start on the PLN and then transition to the standard MLS, but a listing only counts as officially on the market when it hits the traditional MLS. That means that the days when the listing is unofficially available through the PLN do not count in its total "days on market" for purposes of assessing the length of time it took to sell.

Listings that started out on the PLN before transitioning to the MLS took about 33 days to sell, not including the listing's duration on the PLN. Listings on the MLS from the start sold in about 40 days, according to MRED research.

The private listing network properties sold for a median of \$295,500, compared to \$230,000 for the MLS, and those properties sold at about the same discount to the asking price as the standard MLS listings.

The private listing network gives sellers a way to signal that a house will soon be available, even as sellers get it ready for the full-on marketing effort, which typically involves staging, photographs and showings to both agents and interested buyers.

"Getting the listing out there (to the

public) is the way," Schleuter said. "When it hits the computer, serious buyers get notifications. With a pocket listing, you won't reach those people."

And in the type of tight market expected to prevail in Chicago in the spring selling season, sellers can test asking prices by teasing the property's imminent availability — and buyers might be enticed to preemptively strike for a particular house, Jensen said.

"It gives sellers more control over their listing," said Jensen of the slow-lane on-ramp. "A professional will know the timing of the market and the shape the listing needs to be in to show it at its best."

Greater transparency to listings and agents' claims can only make life easier for buyers and sellers this spring, said Paul Wells, broker-owner of Re/MAX of Barrington, and a member of the MRED board. Agents can solicit feedback about the condition of a house from their peers and coach sellers accordingly as to, for instance, whether it would be worthwhile to replace scratched countertops or simply offer an allowance for their replacement, Wells said. Some buyers might not care about outdated appliances or worn carpet, he said, if they can snatch a property from the market before it is formally available through the mainstream MLS.

The private listing network, he added, "leaves an open book about what the agent and seller are going to do."

Joanne Cleaver is a freelance writer.

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ELITE STREET

Penthouse once owned by film critic sells for \$1.21M

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

Chicago Sun-Times film critic Richard Roeper made an excellent call in 2014 — and it had nothing to do with the movies.

A three-bedroom, 2,600-square-foot duplex penthouse in River North that Roeper owned from 2005 until 2014 sold Jan. 7 for \$1.21 million — some 13% below the \$1.395 million amount that Roeper reaped for the condo when he sold it in 2014.

The top-floor unit has two full baths, two half baths, floor-to-ceiling windows, and electric shades in the living room and dining room.

Its features include four terraces, a roof deck, a two-story

living room, a kitchen with stainless steel appliances and a built-in Miele coffee center, a master suite with a terrace and a walk-in closet with built-in shelving, and a second bedroom with a terrace.

The sellers listed the condo in April for \$1.5 million, and then reduced the price to \$1.35 million in August and then to \$1.3 million in October.

Listing agent Susan Sondag called the unit "a unique property."

"It's a corner unit with gobs of light," she said. "It's really special and really beautiful, with light from all corners. It's a really cool space. You'd never know what's up there when you walk by."

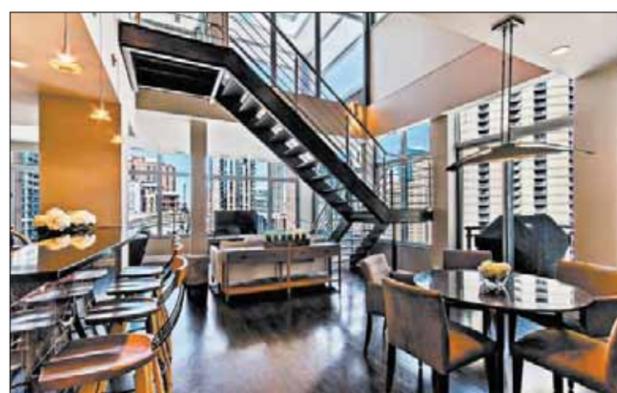
The sellers were family mem-

bers of Charles Maniscalco, who bought the unit from Roeper in 2014. Maniscalco, who was the retired CEO of PepsiCo's Quaker-Tropicana-Gatorade division, died of lung cancer in early 2019. Public records do not yet identify the buyer.

Roeper, who also appears on WLS-Ch. 7's "Windy City Live" and on WGN-AM's "Roe Conn Show," currently rents a condo in the Loop.

Former WBBM-Ch. 2 anchor Rafael Romo sells Pilsen three-flat for \$717,500: Former WBBM-Ch. 2 and WGBO-Ch. 66 reporter and anchor Rafael

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A three-bedroom, 2,600-square-foot duplex penthouse condominium unit that Richard Roeper owned from 2005 until 2014 sold on Jan. 7.

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Inheriting home comes with many questions

BY ILYCE GLINK AND SAMUEL J. TAMKIN
Tribune Content Agency

Q: My husband's stepmother added him to the title to her home prior to her death. She added him as a joint tenant with rights of survivorship. We understand the property transferred automatically to him at her death.

We have a big issue, however. We didn't know she had a mortgage on the home, and the mortgage exceeds the value of the property. The value of the home is basically just land value due to the dilapidated state of the home. Is there anything we can do with the mortgage company to pay what the property is actually valued at or is this a walk-away situation?

A: Before we discuss how you should or could approach the lender, we'd like to see you investigate the value of the property a little further. While you may be correct that the value for the property is basically the value of the land, we think you should double-check that. You can do a bit of sleuthing online to see what lots sell for in your area and you can talk to real estate brokers or agents and get their input on the value of the property.

Sam has seen similar situations where his clients' estimation of the value of a piece of property has been way off, sometimes for the better and sometimes for the worse. Once you have a better understanding of the property's value, you can decide what to do and how to approach the lender.

If you do discover that the value of the property exceeds the mortgage, you might prefer to sell the property, pay off the loan and any closing costs and fees at the closing, and benefit from any residual



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It could be beneficial to speak with an attorney before trying to sell inherited property.

We doubt that your husband has any responsibility for the repayment of the debt, as the lender's security is with the property.

cash from the sale.

If you do confirm that the property's value is lower than the amount owing on the mortgage, you can approach the lender and offer to give it the property in lieu of foreclosure.

You should know a couple of other things: If your husband's stepmother added your husband to the

title without his knowledge, your husband might have the ability to claim that he is not the owner of the property as he never accepted ownership of the home. If he didn't accept it, he might be able to claim that he isn't the owner.

In either case, if the lender does not receive payments on the mortgage, the lender will foreclose on

the property. Once the lender forecloses, the property will be the lender's problem and it should be out of your husband's hands.

In some situations, you might be able to sell the property to a buyer and hope that buyer pays enough to cover the loan and closing costs. If the buyer is unable to offer enough, you might get the lender to approve the sale anyway as a short sale, where the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to pay off the debt and the lender allows the sale anyway.

We doubt that your husband has any responsi-

bility for the repayment of the debt, as the lender's security is with the property. This means that if the property is lost in foreclosure, your husband's credit should not be hurt. Unfortunately, if the credit reporting bureaus tie the property to your husband's name, it could be an issue even if the debt is not in your husband's name.

Why? Because the property itself could show up on your husband's credit history and show a default or foreclosure. That default or foreclosure should only affect his stepmother, but his name on the title could still cause him a headache.

To avoid this headache, we suggest that your husband talk to an attorney to find out whether he has any responsibility regarding the property under the laws of the state in which the property is located. If he finds out that he does, then he should figure out how to navigate the process to minimize any issues or find out what he can do to avoid these issues altogether. Good luck.

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SAVINGS UPDATE

A snapshot of the Americans who recently bought homes

Every year, the National Association of REALTORS publishes a profile of statistics on home purchases during the past year, including who bought and sold the homes, the kinds of homes purchased, how buyers navigated the buying and selling process, and how they financed their home. In this "Part 1" look at their data, we'll dive into who the latest batch of American homebuyers were.

The typical homebuyer from mid-2018 to mid-2019 was in their mid to late 40s, with the majority being married couples. Seven in 10 bought the home as a couple (61% married, 9% unmarried), while single female buyers (17%) almost doubled single male buyers (9%).

In terms of previous home ownership, two-thirds were repeat buyers and one-third were first timers. Across buyers, their median 2018 household income was about \$93,000.

Among the reasons for buying, the most common response was simply a desire to own their own home (29%). Buyers also reported expecting to live

in their new home for a median of 15 years, with 20% saying they had no plans to ever move again.

Only 1 in 8 buyers (13%) purchased a newly constructed home, with the vast majority (87%) buying a previously owned home. The median year of construction for all purchases was 1990.

Almost a quarter of buyers had a military affiliation, including 20% veterans and 3% active-duty service members.

Lastly, about an eighth of buyers (12%) purchased a multi-generational home, either to accommodate aging parents, allow an adult child to live at home, or save money on housing.

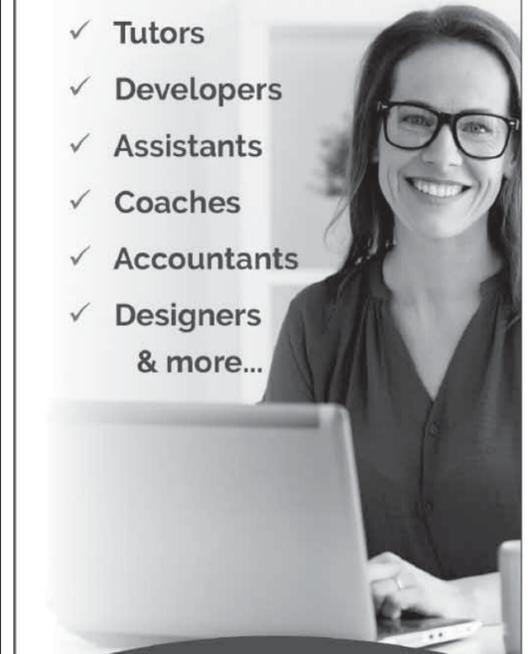
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HOME OF THE WEEK

Lakeview home with 1,100-bottle wine cellar: \$2.99 million

ADDRESS: 1742 W. Barry Ave. in Chicago
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 Listed on Sept. 24, 2019

This 7,200-square-foot residence has five bedrooms and six bathrooms. The home features a landscaped yard, sport court and two-car garage. The entryway leads to a living space with two fireplaces. The main level includes a kitchen and family room with a butler's pantry, wet bar and two walk-in pantry closets. Upstairs are four bedrooms, including the master suite with a vaulted ceiling, dressing room and bathroom. The lower level includes a cigar lounge, wet bar, 1,100-bottle wine cellar and bedroom.

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States try to ferret out unnamed landlords

When LLCs own property, it can be difficult to locate individuals responsible

BY TIM HENDERSON
Stateline.org

NEWBURGH, N.Y. — This small Hudson Valley city features sweeping river and mountain views, charming rowhouses and Victorian homes that are drawing young professionals looking for a break from high housing costs downriver.

But the sight of abandoned or dilapidated houses next to renovated ones is a reminder that the city's revival still faces obstacles — including landlords who can't be identified when it's time to make repairs.

Those landlords hide behind limited liability companies, or LLCs, which can be used to shield investors' other assets. When a property's owner is an LLC, the landlord can't be sued and their name may not even appear on deeds.

"When an LLC is involved there isn't a lot of good information about who the owner is and how the building can get repaired," said William Horton, an assistant fire chief in Newburgh who supervises the city's four building inspectors.

It's a nationwide problem that New York has addressed with a new law requiring LLCs to disclose all members and investors when buying or selling property.

Some other states also are moving to require more disclosure of LLC owners. Arizona's 2018 law requires a public record of every owner and member of an LLC, and Washington state has long required owners to disclose names and addresses.

In Connecticut, the city of New Haven is lobbying for something similar, as difficulty mounts with anonymous landlords.

Many cities, including Newburgh, have landlord registries requiring a point

of contact for landlords, though many don't comply there, Horton said. The American Apartment Owners Association, representing landlords, has called some of the registries "intrusive."

Burden debate

The National Association of Secretaries of State, representing state officials who register LLCs and other corporate entities, has resisted efforts to standardize registration requirements that disclose more information than some states want to collect.

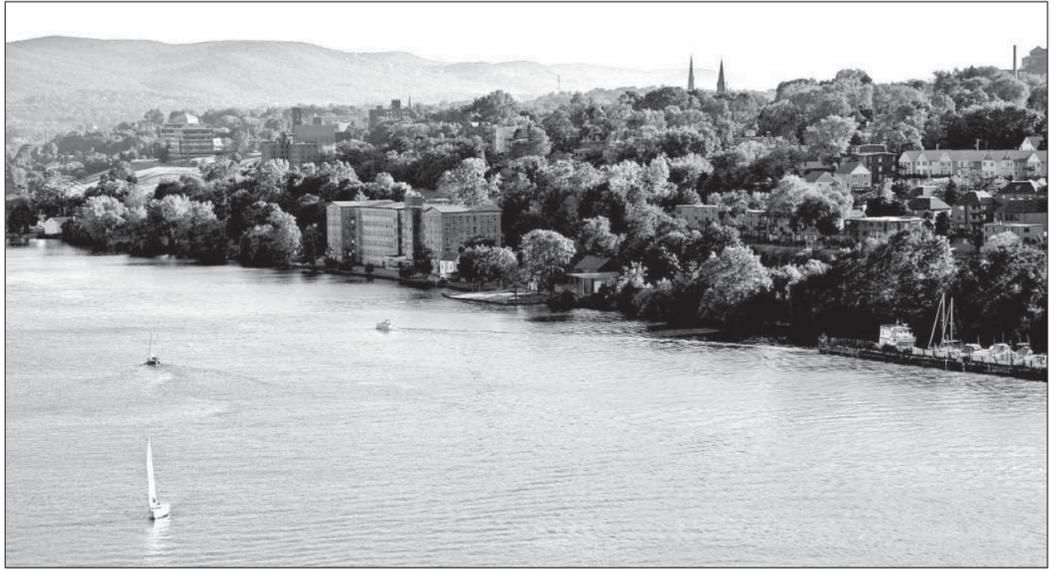
"States will be left to deal with a host of unworkable regulatory and compliance burdens" if they're required to collect more information about LLCs and corporations, the association said in a position paper supplied to Stateline.

The New York law applies to LLC owners of residential properties of up to four units. But some attorneys worry that because the law refers to "property containing one- to four-family dwelling units," it could be construed to mean any residential buildings as long as some units are one-family.

"Nobody knows what to do," said Stuart Saft, a Manhattan real estate attorney who is now suggesting his clients switch to other forms of companies like trusts or limited partnerships to avoid the law's "confusing draftsmanship."

The state bar association warned attorneys about the confusion, noting that disclosing all related parties could create a vast amount of information that would not fit on the current form used by counties to report real estate transactions to the state.

However, New York's county clerks, who are expected to record the new information, will interpret



NANCY KENNEDY/ISTOCKPHOTO

Newburgh, New York, has been struggling to identify some landlords when it's time to make repairs to their properties.

the law as intended, to apply only to LLC owners of fewer than five units, said Mark Lavigne, deputy director of the New York State Association of Counties.

"There won't really be a change in our process," Lavigne said.

And Saft said attorneys have no problems with the stated intent of the law, which replicates an existing New York City law.

"There should be a point of contact with the landlord, absolutely," Saft said. "The intent is to deal with the homes that went into default and getting them cleaned up. That's fine."

Horton said the new law could help Newburgh's effort to bring back beautiful but run-down houses in the city. It also could help tenants such as the single mother and five children who were left homeless when the city condemned their rental house in March.

The owner, identified only by an LLC name with an address in Hartsdale, New York, did not show up in court to face code issues ranging from gas leaks to rotted floors. The deed to

the property shows only the LLC name, an unintelligible doodle for a signature, and a different address in Mount Vernon, New York, for a now-foreclosed house.

"This is one more tool we can use," Horton said. "We need to make sure a building is safe, and this inability to find the landlord delays it. It can take days and meantime maybe somebody has no heat."

Property milking

LLCs were born in Wyoming in the 1970s to fund risky drilling operations without exposing investors to lawsuits.

Popularity skyrocketed in 1988 when the Internal Revenue Service ruled that they could be taxed like partnerships, meaning that owners would not be double-taxed, as corporations are, for both corporate and personal income.

Nationally, the rise of LLCs has helped enable "property milking" by landlords who no longer have to worry about personal reputation or lawsuits but can treat a rental home as a stream of cash, said Adam Travis, a Harvard

University sociology doctoral student who published a paper on the subject in the American Sociological Review.

"A different kind of logic takes over, where you're extracting as much from the property as possible while putting as little as possible into it," Travis said.

Landlords were drawn by the limited liability, which prevents lawsuits against owners' other assets, as landlords were increasingly sued over conditions on their property, Travis said. LLCs came to be seen as a "firewall" to protect landlords from personal lawsuits.

According to U.S. Census Bureau figures cited by Travis, the proportion of rental properties owned by unincorporated individual landlords has declined from more than 90% in 1991 to around 75% in 2015, as LLCs became more popular. About 15% of rental properties are now owned by LLCs.

Travis studied building complaints in Milwaukee and found an association between conversion to LLC ownership and disrepair serious enough to generate

complaints to the city. He compared the city's property database of more than 134,000 rental units with owner information by year to more than 2,000 complaints reported to the city's Neighborhood Services System between 2000 and 2015.

He said Newburgh and the Hudson Valley of New York are less subject to such abuse because prices are going up, so investors have more incentive to protect their investments and plan for a profitable resale. Many Newburgh residents said the city is on the upswing despite some remaining blight.

New Haven has a law requiring landlords to provide owner contact information, but it hasn't been enforced, and the city would like the state to enact a law similar to New York's, said Frank D'Amore, the city's deputy director of neighborhood and property services.

"There's a mandate that you name a member or owner of the LLC, but sometimes the member is another LLC and it goes on and on, it's like this web of LLCs," D'Amore said.



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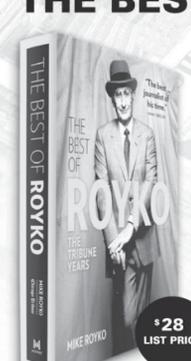
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Romo, who now is CNN's Atlanta-based senior Latin American affairs editor, sold a historic brick three-flat apartment building in the Southwest Side Pilsen neighborhood in October for \$717,500.

Romo came to Chicago in 1997 as a reporter and anchor for Univision-owned WGBO. He jumped from the Spanish-language station to Channel 2 in 2004 as a reporter, but left the CBS-owned station in 2008. He joined CNN in 2009.

In Pilsen, Romo paid \$556,500 in 2005 for the 3,600-square-foot brick building, which was built in the late 1870s and has three, 1,200-square-foot apartments, each with three bedrooms and 1½ baths. Romo had lived in one of the units for some of his time in Chicago, but since leaving town, he had been renting them out.

Romo sold the three-flat to a couple from Lemont who are real estate investors.

Reached at CNN's offices, Romo declined to comment on the deal.



BOB GOLDSBOROUGH/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A four-bedroom, 4,700-square-foot Tudor-style house in River Forest designed by noted architect R. Harold Zook sold Jan. 6 for \$905,000.



Romo

a second-floor laundry room.

The house first was listed in 2013 for just under \$1.35 million. It was on and off the market for the next several years before it was the

subject of a 2015 foreclosure suit and sold at a judicial sale in 2017 for \$458,500. The 2017 buyer, Oak Brook-based HJH Homes, then embarked on an extensive renovation, installing a new kitchen, new baths, new hardwood floors and new cabinetry, said listing agent Michael Trilla of Trilla Realty, who represented HJH Homes in its Jan. 6 sale.

"HJH also restored all the details that Zook had in there as well," Trilla told Elite Street. "They did a fantastic quality job on that renovation."

HJH first listed the home in mid-2018 for between \$500,000 and \$600,000, and then, after a full-scale renovation, relisted it in November for \$929,000.

Public records do not yet identify the buyer.

Rush Oak Park Hospital buys house for \$1 million: A three-story, 3,832-square-foot Queen Anne-style house in Oak Park — most recently used as an

apartment building — sold for \$1 million in late November to neighboring Rush Oak Park Hospital.

The sellers of the house, at 613 S. Maple Ave., paid just \$185,000 for the house in 2013, according to public records. It's not known what investments the seller made in the building, which was built in the mid-1890s, but based on the sale prices alone, the seller reaped a healthy return. The \$1 million sale price also represented a significant premium from the Cook County assessor's \$535,570 estimated market value for the building.

Brad Spencer, a spokesman for Rush Oak Park Hospital, said the hospital has not yet finalized a specific use for the building, which is to the south and west of the hospital's campus, or for the building's 0.2-acre lot.

"The process of determining its future use will involve discussing with many stakeholders," Spencer said. "We do not have any immediate plans that we're in a position to share with the media at this time."

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance writer.

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How to avoid the pitfalls in homeowners insurance

By CARLA FRIED Rate.com

Whether you're buying a first home or are a decades-long owner, adequately insuring your home is crucial. Yet, according to real estate data provider CoreLogic, in 2017 about one in four homes were underinsured by at least 20%.

A policy that covers less than 80% of your home's replacement value is risky. Many policies have an "insurance to value" clause that stipulates coverage must be a minimum amount; 80% is common. If you file a claim and it is determined you're underinsured by 20%, your claim could be prorated, meaning only paid in part. You don't want to have to chip in \$100,000 to rebuild your \$500,000 house.

So, consider these steps.

Focus on the cost to rebuild. You probably know what your home's current value is. But when it comes to insurance, the market value of your home isn't what matters. It's the cost to rebuild. That might be less than market value, if land values are high where you live. Or it could be more than the market value if, say, you recently plowed a lot into high-end renovations.

Replacement cost is based on current building costs in your area. (A charming older house may cost more to rebuild.) An insurance agent can provide the local cost to rebuild per square foot. If you know a good local contractor who deals with new construction, ask for estimates. If you have high-end finishes, consider increasing your square-footage cost estimate. Or hire an appraiser.

Don't settle for "actual cash value" coverage. A policy spells out how the



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insurer will figure out what you're entitled to in a claim. Actual cash value (ACV) coverage will disappoint. It pays you based on the depreciated value of your home and possessions. So, let's say a fallen tree puts a big hole in your roof that's 20 years old. An ACV policy pays to replace a 20-year-old roof. That's a lot less than what the roofer charges for a new roof.

Replacement value is the way to go. In fact, you should consider extended replacement cost coverage, where your payout can be up to 125% of the policy's value.

Insure your possessions for replacement value, too. You don't want a check that only pays to replace a 10-year-old couch.

Policies often limit coverage for possessions at somewhere between 50% and 70% of the policy value. And there are limits on valuables. A standard policy may limit jewelry coverage to \$2,000. If, after careful inventory, you decide that's not enough, consider policy tweaks to increase coverage.

Disaster prep: Do you really want to roll the dice? Damage from floods, high winds and earthquakes isn't covered by a standard policy, or may come with different terms.

For instance, in some states an insurance policy has a separate deductible

for hurricane and wind/hail damage. A standard deductible is typically \$500 to \$1,000, but hurricane deductibles are typically a percentage of your policy's value, like 5%, so a \$300,000 policy could include a \$15,000 deductible for hurricane-related damage. Earthquake deductibles can be 10% to 15%. Separate policies for these events may be required.

Flood insurance is mandatory in clearly defined flood zones, but recent storms make clear that millions more homes are vulnerable. The more common route is to buy through the federal flood insurance program managed by FEMA. Premiums vary, but at the high end the annual cost in 2019 is less than \$500.

Consider an umbrella liability policy. A standard homeowner's policy typically provides up to \$100,000 in liability coverage if you are responsible for an accident inside or outside your home. It can also provide coverage if you are sued. You can supplement this with an umbrella policy that buys peace of mind cheaply: \$1 million of protection typically costs less than \$400 a year.

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Chicago Tribune RIDES

On the right side of fun

Owners enjoy double takes that right-hand-drive cars elicit

BY MERCEDES LILIENTHAL
The New York Times

Drive-thrus are difficult, and tollbooths are worse. But for people who own right-hand-drive cars in the United States, the infrequent headaches are the price they pay for a unique kind of fun.

They might not have the wow factor of a Lamborghini, but right-hand-drive cars (besides the mail carrier's) elicit double takes on North American roads just the same.

Roughly a third of the world's nations drive on the left side of the road, and cars from Australia, Britain and Japan with the driver's cockpit on the "shotgun" side are particularly desirable. By law, cars imported into the United States must pass a raft of federal safety and emission standards; cars at least 25 years old are exempted.

Jeff Zurschmeide of Portland, Oregon, grew up in a family of automotive enthusiasts. His dad loved British sports cars and passed that appreciation on to him. So when he got the chance to own a right-hand-drive 1976 Austin Mini 1000, he jumped at the opportunity.

This British racer is crazy fun to drive, Zurschmeide said. "A friend owned this Mini, and she was moving away and couldn't take it, so I bought it about eight years ago," he said.

He made some performance enhancements, including better front brakes. Zurschmeide, who is 6 feet tall, also replaced the original front seats with a more comfortable pair from a Mazda Miata, that match the caramel-colored interior and rear bench seat.

Then it was time to trick out the interior. He put in a chunky, high-performance MOMO steering wheel and made a custom horn button from a coin commemorating Queen Elizabeth's 50th year on the throne. The stick shift knob is a billiard ball.

"You might think that learning to shift with your left hand would be hard," Zurschmeide said, "but it's not. The hard thing to learn to do is to look up and left for the rearview mirror, instead of up and right."

Phil Hansford's right-

hand-driving ways began in 2006. A teacher in Airdrie, Alberta, he spends as much time in nature as he can — mountain biking, camping, hiking — and a capable four-wheel-drive vehicle is essential to get him off the grid. He realized he could import vehicles he couldn't get in North America — short-wheelbase diesel SUVs, with manual transmissions, for example.

"I've lived in many parts of Canada, including Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia and Alberta," Hansford said. "All these places have great outdoor areas, but accessing them means you need the right vehicle."

His first import from Japan brought a realization: These well-maintained cars often had lower miles and weren't exposed to the same hostile temperatures, terrain and speed extremes they would have seen here.

"Not to mention the engine combinations that we didn't get here, along with extra options," Hansford said.

In North America, "aside from a rare few, pretty much every SUV is a V6," he added. "Our choice in diesels is limited to full-size pickups. Manual trans? Almost extinct in every vehicular application. To be able to buy a Japanese-engineered, short-wheelbase, manual diesel? Pretty much unicorn status."

After his first Japanese car, "it was difficult to go back to North American market vehicles again," Hansford said.

He and his wife own four right-hand-drive SUVs: two 1999 Toyota Land Cruisers (one a diesel with a manual transmission); a two-door Mitsubishi Pajero; and their crown jewel, a 1997 Mitsubishi Pajero Evolution. Hansford said that this was a special model made for rally racing and that Mitsubishi had sold only 2,500 in Japan. His is No. 581.

The prices for these cars vary widely. The cost to import will include shipping, and a good starting price is a few thousand dollars. It's worth seeking out an importer who can help with all of the arrangements, including customs.



RICARDO NAGAOKA/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Jeff Zurschmeide, who is 6 feet tall, replaced the original front seats in his 1976 Austin Mini 1000 with a more comfortable set pulled from a Mazda Miata.



ALANA PATERSON/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Phil Hansford in his 1997 right-hand-drive Mitsubishi Pajero Evolution in December near Calgary, Canada.

Life on the right side of the car has some quirks. "Drive-thrus are best done when you have a passenger," Hansford said.

"Additionally, tollbooths can be an exercise in calisthenics." Consider E-Z Pass.

The Japanese gauges

show kilometers, so smartphone apps that convert kilometers to miles will help owners go with the flow. Additionally, fender-mounted mirrors on the Japanese vehicles (for curbside parking in Japan) seem to throw people off.

Parts can be hard to get. Online forums, international parts websites and social media groups can be great assets.

After eight years, Zurschmeide, who owns both left- and right-hand-drive Minis, still sometimes walks up to the wrong side of the car. That's a theme for people who own both left- and right-driving cars.

Hansford recounted his early right-hand-drive hiccup: "trying to shift the door handle as I attempted to turn off the wipers and indicate correctly at the same time." In Japanese vehicles, the turn signal and

wiper stalks are often opposite their North American counterparts.

"The expletives that came out of the old tire shop guy's mouth when he had to drive my truck into the shop," Hansford said, "I still laugh just thinking about it."

Zurschmeide has fun with his Mini. "I bought a full-size plastic skeleton and sometimes belt it into the left-hand seat," he said. "People see the Mini and they look at it before they know it's a right-hander. They see the skeleton in the 'driver's seat' and do a double-take."

Any time Zurschmeide is on the road, he's grinning.

"I love running club rallies or driving in the hills with other British sports car owners," he said. "My club is the Original Minis Group, or OMG."

Hummer name set to return with electric pickup

BY JAMIE L. LAREAU
Detroit Free Press

General Motors is bringing back the name Hummer, but not the whole brand.

The automaker will build an all-electric pickup dubbed the Hummer to be sold within the GMC brand in early 2022, according to a person familiar with GM's product plan. The story was first reported in The Wall Street Journal.

NBA superstar LeBron James will promote Hum-

mer's return, said the person, who wasn't authorized to speak about the program. GM will also air a commercial during the Super Bowl next month.

GM declined to comment on the report.

As the Detroit Free Press reported in October, GM plans to build a new group of premium electric pickups and other vehicles such as SUVs at its Detroit-Hamtramck plant beginning in late 2021.

At that time, people familiar with the program

told the Free Press that GM was considering reviving the long-gone Hummer brand on some of those vehicles.

GM phased out the Hummer name in 2010 after GM emerged from bankruptcy and needed to shed brands.

While Hummer was popular, it was also controversial due to its extreme gas-guzzling.

The new Hummer model will likely be a rugged, Jeep-like pickup for off-road enthusiasts, the per-

son familiar with the new program said, but there are no plans to make Hummer a stand-alone brand.

But as the Hummer becomes electric, it potentially draws a new kind of customer, an analyst said.

"There could be a huge cohort of people that will now grow up associating GMC with being environmentally friendly," said George Augustaitis, director of Industry Analytics at CarGurus, an automotive research and shopping website.



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HONDA

The Honda Passport slots between the compact CR-V and midsize Pilot.

Passport a sensible family car

BY LARRY PRINTZ
Tribune News Service

We live in an era in which torn jeans are considered fashionable and a glamorous room is one decorated with old barn wood and rusty metal tables. Today's design aesthetic seems to be poverty chic.

This is why the 2020 Honda Passport is the perfect embodiment of today's anti-aesthetic aesthetic.

Resuscitating a name first used in 1993 on a re-badged Isuzu Rodeo, the sensibly subdued Honda Passport slots between the compact CR-V and midsize three-row Pilot. Actually, its 6.5 inches shorter than the Pilot but shares its wheelbase and overall width.

But the absence of extra seating provides for a massive 41.2 cubic-foot cargo hold that expands to a minivan-like 100.7 cubic feet with the second row folded, as much as 9 cubic feet less than the Pilot but still impressive. The abundant space is a result of the Passport's sensible shape that does little to delight the eye but does much to appeal to America's practical nature.

This is a device for family duty, an automotive utility knife; the excitement it delivers is from its down-to-earth, Conestoga-like sensibility.

Not that there's anything wrong with that. When it comes to family transport, the Passport's best surprise is its lack of them.

2020 HONDA PASSPORT
Base price:
\$33,085
Engine: SOHC 3.5-liter V-6
Horsepower/Torque: 280/262
EPA fuel economy (city/highway): 19/24 mpg

That said, Honda is trying to pitch the Passport as more off-road worthy than its other offerings, although it's hard to notice except for the 1.1 inches of additional ground clearance compared with the Pilot. There are no underbody skid plates, nor any of the expected driveline enhancements for serious off-roading such as hill descent control.

Otherwise, the Passport performs as you'd expect it to given its genetics.

The 280-horsepower 3.5-liter V-6 and nine-speed automatic transmission provides for ample power delivery tempered by good fuel efficiency with none of the commotion common to a turbocharged four. In the interest of fuel economy, three of the engine's cylinders deactivate and the rear driveshaft decouples under light loads.

The test vehicle, an all-wheel-drive Elite model, uses computerized torque vectoring to send up to 70% of the powertrain's torque between

axles, and 100% between wheels for better traction while cornering.

For those who have driven the Pilot, the Passport's ride and handling will feel familiar, with a benign buttoned-down efficiency that delivers a fairly firm ride that ably soaks up the rough stuff without undue fuss or excitement. Visibility is excellent in all directions, and seat comfort is good.

Accessing the second row is easy thanks to wide door openings. Honda's advanced safety systems are standard and include forward collision warning, automatic emergency braking and lane-keeping assist. Blind spot warning is standard on all but the base Sport trim level.

The interior is a picture of unromantically functional Honda design that's shared with its larger sibling. Ambiance is agreeable but hardly lavish given the Elite's \$44,875 price, although most buyers will choose a lower-priced model. Nevertheless, make sure you skip the base Sport model so that your Passport has all available technology, including a Wi-Fi hotspot, Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, an 8-inch touchscreen and wireless phone charging.

The Passport's functionality will serve any family well despite its benign demeanor, and its appearance won't look foolish decades from now, unlike 1970s station wagons, 1980s minivans or the weathered shiplap walls you recently installed in your home.

Steering wobble should be dealt with immediately



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: I purchased a used 2019 Ford pickup with 11,000 miles on it. As I was driving on I-80 at 70 mph, the front end started to vibrate. I was able to pull over. The next day while driving 55 mph on a 2-lane highway, the truck started to vibrate so badly that the steering wheel pulled out of my hands. The next thing I knew I was in the other lane; fortunately, no one was coming. We still had 50 miles to get home, so I drove about 35 mph.

I called the dealer and they said Ford knew about it but did not issue a recall. It's the steering damper and they will not have a replacement part for about 2 to 3 months. The dealer had to put in an aftermarket part.

— R.Y., Varna, Illinois
A: Steering wobble goes back as far as 1965 when Ford introduced the twin I-beam front suspension, and steering dampers (stabilizers) probably go back as far. Like a shock absorber, the damper can wear out or suffer damage. A class-action lawsuit against Ford was filed last year for alleged defects in the steering and suspension systems of F-250 and F-350 trucks. I encourage readers to replace the steering damper at the first sign of wobble.

Q: I use a tool with a swivel on my car's windshield to clean it. It really works, but I have yet to find a product that will remove the film on the inside of the windshield. Can you help? I have



FORD

A Ford pickup owner is concerned about an alarming vibration in the front end.

tried all the standard products.

— Addison, Illinois

A: That insidious film comes from outgassing. Much of it comes from the vinyl on the dash, but there are plenty of outside sources. The newer the car, the quicker the film returns. I prefer to use automotive glass cleaners such as Invisible Glass, Meguiar's or others. After repairing a bull's-eye chip on my windshield, the Safelite tech gave me a can of the company's cleaner, which also did a good job. Household cleaners don't seem to work as well.

Tip: After cleaning the glass, polish it with a dry microfiber cloth or crumpled-up newspaper. Don't try this with a digital newspaper, though.

Q: I own a 2018 Jaguar XF Sportbrake (wagon). At my last service in December 2019 with 20,538 miles on the odometer, the service manager recommended that I need rear brakes soon. I never owned a car that needed the brakes (rear or front) replaced until at least 50,000-plus

miles. As a matter of fact, my wife's Mercedes CLK 350 is running 70,000 miles and still has the original brakes.

The service manager said that it is very common for Jaguar vehicles to need new brakes between 20,000-25,000 miles. Is he just trying to make some quick money off me (\$900 is the cost) or is there any truth to this, and why the rear brakes? I usually have had to replace the front brakes first.

— F.H., Allentown, Pennsylvania

A: The front brakes do most of the braking, even more so on front-wheel-drive cars. So, you are right in suspecting something sounds fishy. Take your vehicle to another shop, perhaps an independent repair shop, and ask for an inspection. You may discover that it's a little diagnostic money well spent.

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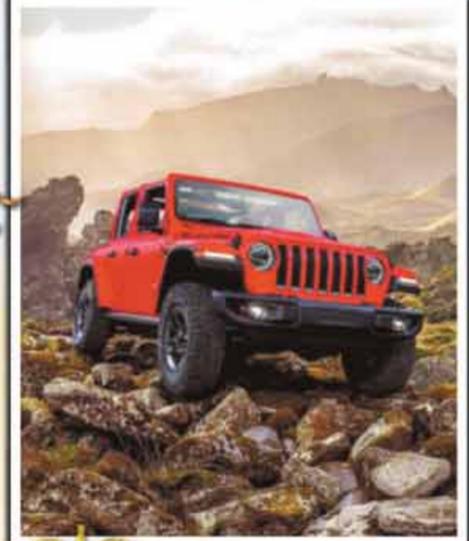
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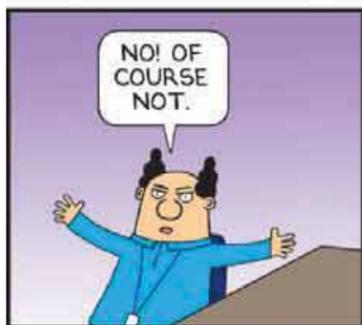
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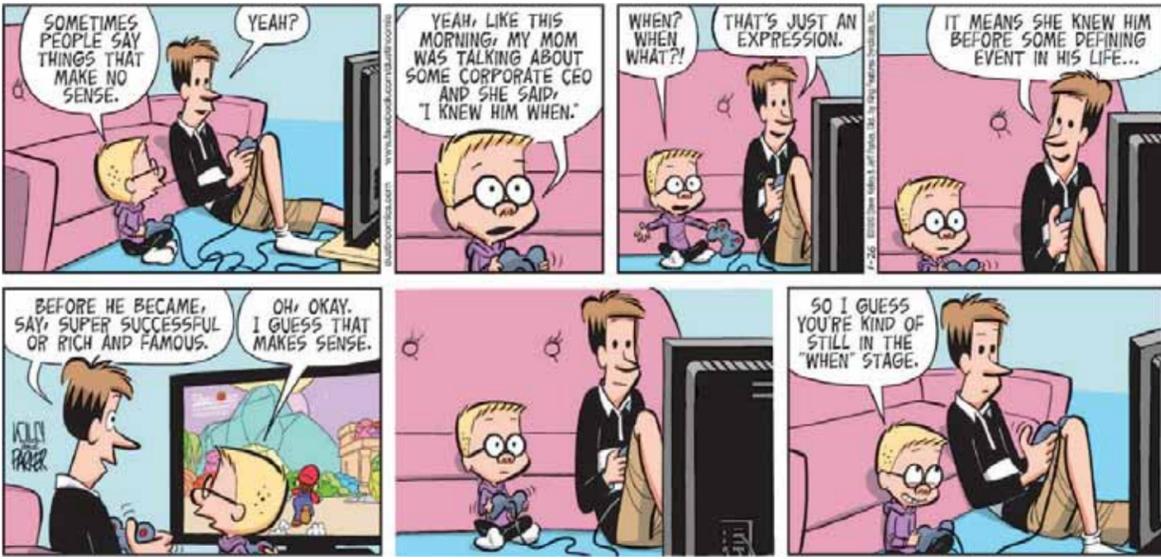
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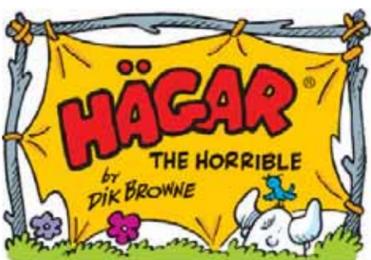
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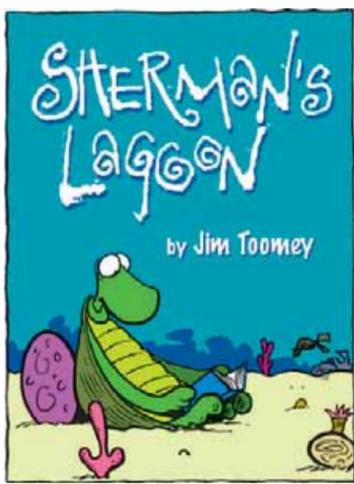


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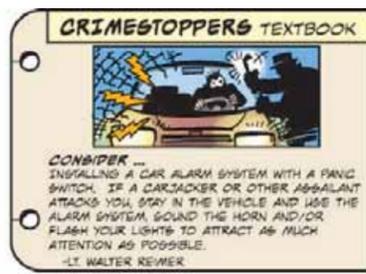




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STEERING COMMITTEE: Film guys with a shared past

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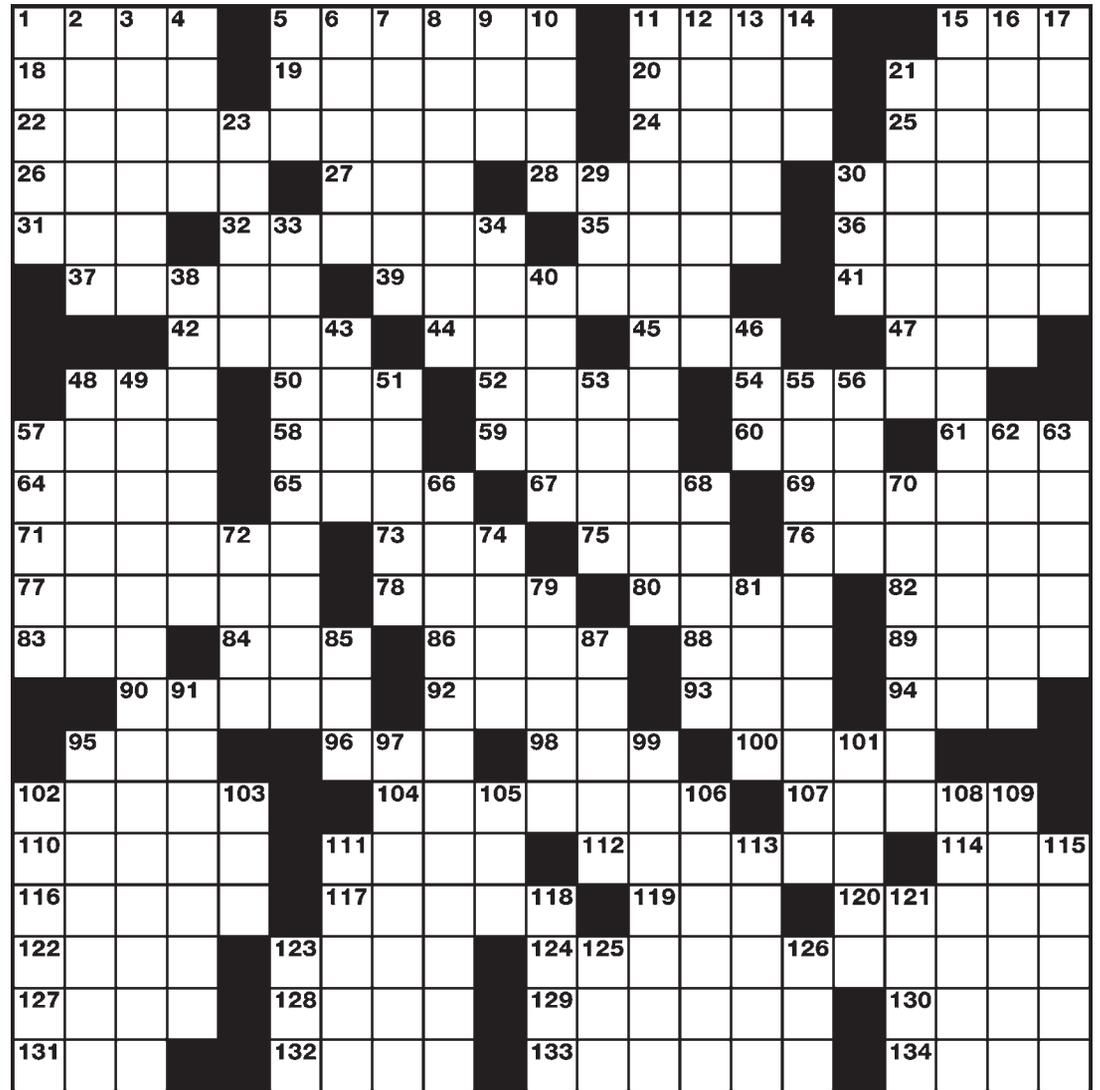
- 1 Fleece-lined boots
5 Punctuation spoken for emphasis
11 Actress — Pinkett Smith
15 Brewery vessel
18 —-mutuel betting
19 Part of some freight trains
20 Visa alternative
21 Random stack
22 *Goldfinger* star*
24 Symbol of stubbornness
25 Opposin'
26 Young eel
27 Extended "Anyway ..."
28 Mussels marinara discard
30 Producers of oxygen
31 Even score
32 Not idle
35 Silly Putty has offbeat ones
36 Place to perch
37 Terry, for one
39 Hold in esteem
41 Heavy volumes
42 Baron or viscount
44 Numbered rd.
45 Hieroglyphics animal
47 Some WBC decisions
48 Beef from a Hamburger
50 Go head-to-head
52 Cheese from the Netherlands
54 Chapel structure
57 '70s tennis star
58 Since Jan. 1
59 Dash, e.g.
60 MI6 counterpart
61 In spite of, for short

- 64 Mideast money
65 Hand over legally
67 Whimsical adventure
69 Come into view
71 Overly ornate
73 Improperly
75 Bit in some lasers
76 Hitchcock film with 22 Across
77 Sioux people
78 For all time
80 Casino sign filler
82 Fjord city
83 Point of a pump
84 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup champ
86 With a chance to win
88 "Honest" guy
89 Airline ticket add-ons
90 Villainous expression
92 Well-grounded
93 Female rabbit
94 Wrap it up
95 Roundball league
96 Spending limit
98 Macroeconomics no.
100 Typical macroeconomics nos.
102 Sideshow worker
104 One way to get a Postal Service discount
107 Brewery ovens
110 Seek redemption
111 Dashed
112 Do a Top Ten chore
114 Grammy category
116 Extreme enthusiasm
117 Jai alai basket
119 Part of UNLV

- 120 "A New Argentina" musical
122 Of another kind
123 Fossil fuel
124 What each of the answers to the starred clues once was
127 Profiles, for short
128 Artifice
129 Found success
130 Vichyssoise veggie
131 Appetite
132 Low card
133 Backs at sea
134 Sicilian volcano

Down

- 1 Sports surprise
2 Celtic language
3 Gold panner's discard
4 — qua non
5 Cutesy—
6 Modern painter Max
7 Cezanne contemporary
8 Become slippery, perhaps
9 Dinghy implement
10 Blow— (salon jobs)
11 *Avatar* director*
12 Good-luck charms
13 Small valleys
14 Lumbering tool
15 *Green Book* star*
16 Made-up names
17 Fundamental beliefs
21 Hapless boxer
23 Bucket of bolts
29 Spectrum slice
30 High school class
33 *National Lampoon's Vacation* star*
34 Fragrant compound category
38 Hamlet's girlfriend



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- 40 Clutch, for one
43 Solemn ceremony
46 Political contributor, for short
48 Cheese from Italy
49 *The Dirty Dozen* star*
51 Oscar actor Redmayne
53 Berry in some smoothies
55 *Schindler's List* star*
56 Cantina appetizer

- 57 Jargon
62 "Star-Spangled Banner" word sung "proudly"
63 Crunchy ice cream ingredient
66 *Viva Las Vegas* star*
68 Press, fold and stretch
70 Lay claim to
72 Swing about
74 Director Dunham
79 "12 Days of Christmas" quintet

- 81 What orchestras tune to
85 Circular path
87 Train of thought
91 Child-care providers
95 Portman of films
97 Pacify
99 Chopin piece
101 Greedy one
102 Acquired
103 Vote of support
105 Aug. setting in Augusta

- 106 Lost-package inquiry
108 Serving-dish holder
109 Shiny fabric
111 Search intensively
113 Invite for coffee, perhaps
115 Antarctic attire
118 Drive-thru devices
121 Detestable
123 Monitor for the first PCs
125 Untrustworthy one
126 QB sack makers

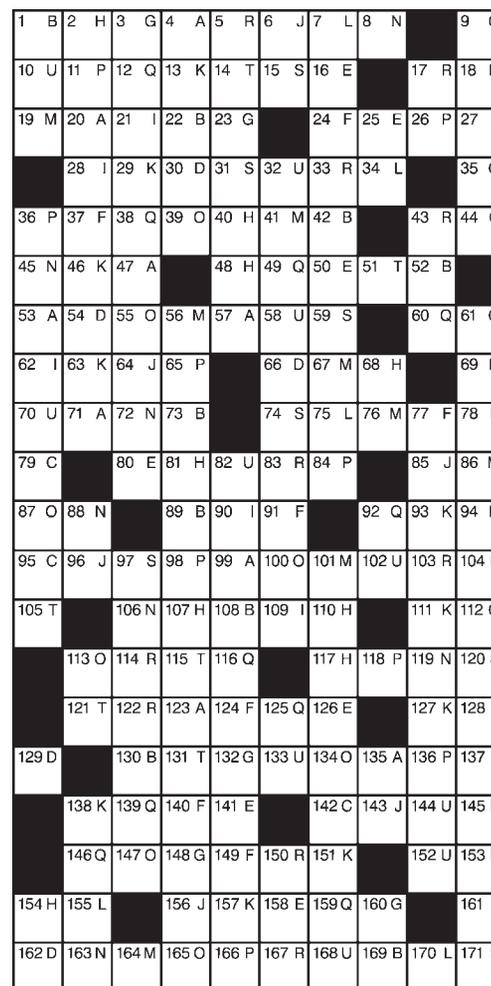
Quote-Acrossic

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

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|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| A. One of the 'Twin Bridges' | 57 | 135 | 47 | 53 | 71 | 99 | 4 | 20 | 123 | | |
| B. 23rd lowest prime number: hypn. | 73 | 22 | 108 | 153 | 89 | 52 | 145 | 1 | 42 | 130 | 169 |
| C. Food for aborigines | 79 | 142 | 44 | 95 | | | | | | | |
| D. Legendary TV comic, Bob | 94 | 162 | 69 | 54 | 66 | 30 | 129 | | | | |
| E. Reliever | 104 | 126 | 80 | 50 | 25 | 16 | 141 | 158 | | | |
| F. Reporter | 37 | 91 | 124 | 140 | 24 | 149 | 128 | 161 | 77 | | |
| G. Fly under the radar | 148 | 132 | 160 | 35 | 23 | 61 | 112 | 3 | | | |
| H. Dashboard warning?: 2 wds. | 107 | 68 | 154 | 18 | 110 | 117 | 2 | 48 | 81 | 40 | |
| I. Vermont rock group | 21 | 90 | 62 | 28 | 109 | | | | | | |
| J. Shortest NYC subway line | 27 | 85 | 143 | 64 | 96 | 156 | 6 | | | | |

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|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|
| K. To be honest: 3 wds. | 111 | 63 | 157 | 29 | 13 | 127 | 138 | 46 | 93 | 78 | 151 |
| L. Book in some bibles | 137 | 155 | 34 | 7 | 75 | 170 | | | | | |
| M. Elimination | 19 | 101 | 76 | 164 | 86 | 67 | 56 | 41 | | | |
| N. Wayne Rooney or Pele | 8 | 72 | 163 | 45 | 119 | 88 | 106 | | | | |
| O. How to enjoy a revel | 9 | 55 | 39 | 100 | 165 | 87 | 147 | 113 | 134 | | |
| P. Second fiddle | 36 | 65 | 166 | 118 | 84 | 98 | 11 | 136 | 26 | | |
| Q. Shoe type: pl. | 60 | 139 | 159 | 125 | 38 | 146 | 49 | 92 | 116 | 12 | |
| R. Aegean-Marmara connector, of old | 167 | 83 | 122 | 150 | 33 | 43 | 17 | 114 | 103 | 5 | |
| S. Guts | 97 | 15 | 171 | 31 | 59 | 120 | 74 | | | | |
| T. London theatre on The Cut: 2 wds. | 115 | 105 | 51 | 131 | 14 | 121 | | | | | |
| U. Black gold Alaskan area: 2 wds. | 168 | 82 | 133 | 152 | 70 | | | | | | |
| | 144 | 10 | 102 | 32 | 58 | | | | | | |



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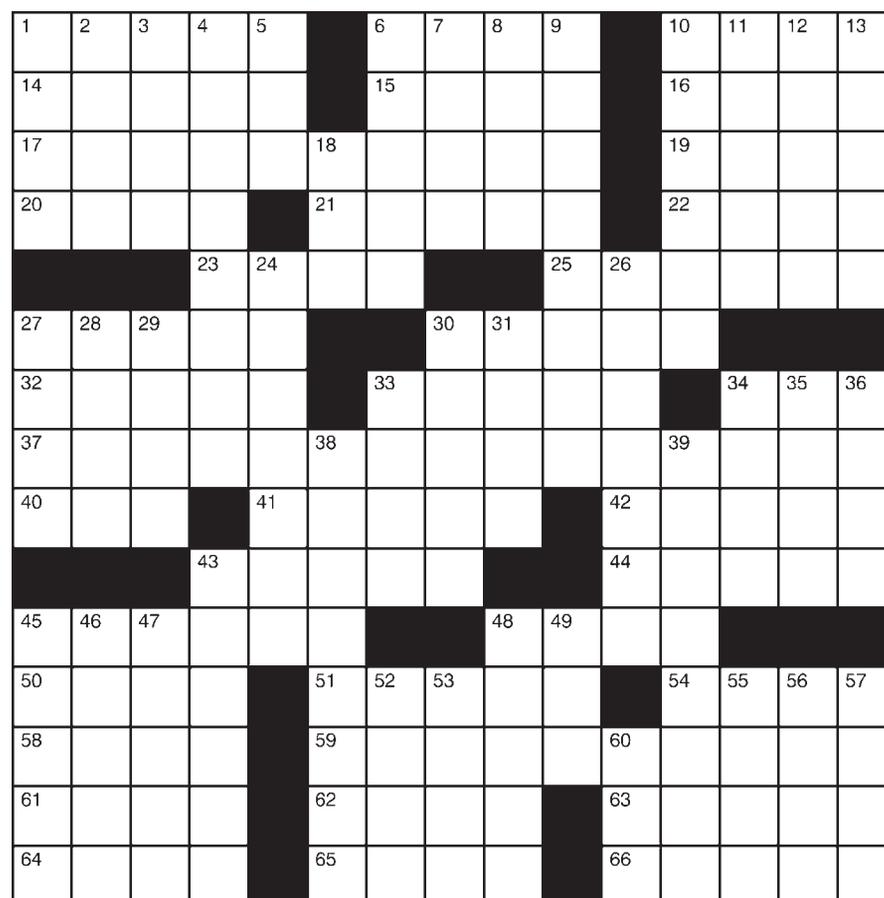
- 1 Jezebel Davis
- 6 Bacon's codependent
- 10 Silver-tongued
- 14 Belly ____: complainer
- 15 Pinball defeat
- 16 Castor's mother
- 17 Item attacked by 59 Across?
- 19 Bread's birthplace
- 20 Showing age
- 21 Devoured
- 22 Nib
- 23 Slithery-set members
- 25 Abides
- 27 Conform
- 30 Belly laughs
- 32 Eyelashes
- 33 Siouan Indians
- 34 Fitting
- 37 Eighteenth century apocrypha?
- 40 Study
- 41 Actress Eleonora, and kin
- 42 Stormy Weather composer
- 43 Strontium, e.g.

- 44 Time out for lovers
- 45 Margaux's sibling
- 48 Like the *Pequod*
- 50 Seed envelope
- 51 Type face
- 54 Early cartoonist
- 58 Trig
- 59 Sayer of 37 Across?
- 61 Toward
- 62 Basso Pinza
- 63 Consonant separators
- 64 *The Gambler* star
- 65 Quayle and Dailey
- 66 Bentley's sleuth

Down

- 1 PDQ or JS
- 2 Repeat
- 3 Her name means shining
- 4 Turtle
- 5 Miscue
- 6 James and Kett
- 7 Belted
- 8 Mirth
- 9 *The Red and the Black* author
- 10 Planets
- 11 Even

- 12 Paragon
- 13 Mr. Cub
- 18 You betcha!
- 24 One in line
- 26 Missed Act I
- 27 LSD
- 28 Cubes
- 29 Actor Bates
- 30 Novel/film/soap opera
- 31 Wows
- 33 ____ boy!
- 34 Confederate
- 35 Slapstick material
- 36 Wickiup's cousin
- 38 Banned
- 39 Songwriter's aide
- 43 *Areopagitica* author
- 45 Crazy
- 46 Omni, e.g.
- 47 Lariat
- 48 A Musketeer
- 49 ____ whale
- 52 Huxley's *Eyeless in ____*
- 53 L ____ Lou
- 55 Play to ____
- 56 Erelong
- 57 Carpenter's unit
- 60 Turner or Cole



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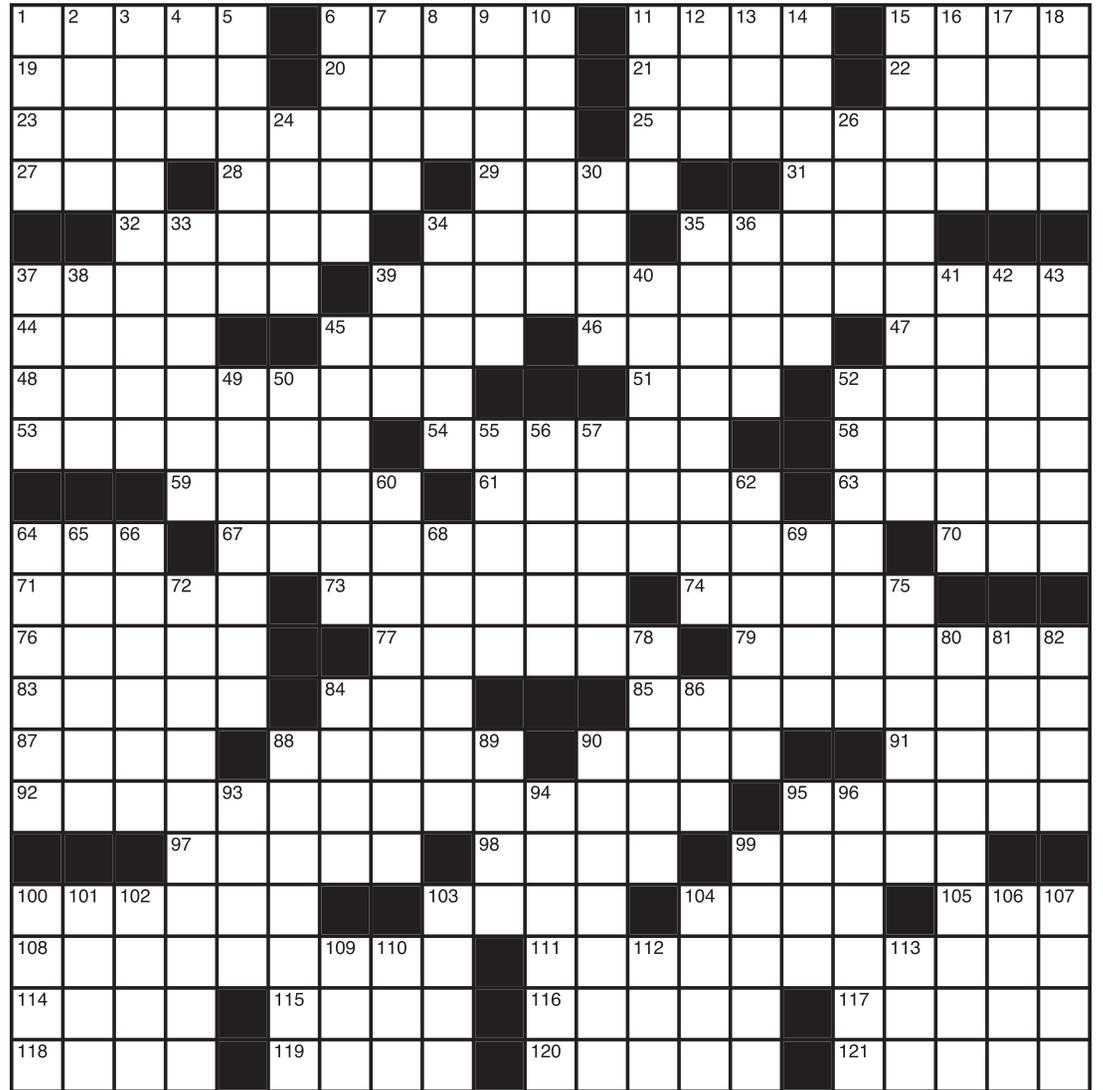
- 1 Sent regrets, say, briefly
- 6 Tank to go under
- 11 Sweater predator
- 15 Morsel in a linguine sauce
- 19 Get around
- 20 Upstanding
- 21 Twistable treat
- 22 "The Godfather" enforcer — Brasi
- 23 Tales of woe?
- 25 Piggy bank?
- 27 High hybrid stat.
- 28 Organization for the 50+ crowd
- 29 Train units
- 31 Musical corps members
- 32 Feminist poet Lorde
- 34 Delicate fabric
- 35 Explode
- 37 Inflated accommodation
- 39 Leave politics to wander?
- 44 Historian's Muse
- 45 The Emerald Isle
- 46 Attack
- 47 Yemeni port
- 48 App for getting a hip escort?
- 51 — Diego
- 52 What some hounds follow
- 53 Fails to understand
- 54 Plug
- 58 Car dealer's offering
- 59 Kama —
- 61 Illinois-to-Washington family
- 63 Early fur trader
- 64 Tired routine
- 67 Precipitation not yet visible?
- 70 Busy hosp. areas
- 71 Absinthe flavoring
- 73 Sarges' superiors
- 74 English glam rockers since the '70s
- 76 Someone to pay?
- 77 Big bomb trials
- 79 Ties
- 83 Cher and Che
- 84 Big —
- 85 Mafia hopefuls' repressed personas?
- 87 Artful
- 88 Really dug
- 90 Sarah McLachlan hit
- 91 Basic diamond trio
- 92 Musty sheets?

- 95 Metaphorical incentive
- 97 Part of TNT
- 98 Crimson rivals
- 99 Writer Sontag
- 100 Winter hanger
- 103 Burt's Bees product
- 104 Tap lineup
- 105 Neruda wrote one to "things"
- 108 Libertine on screen?
- 111 Musical works for deep voices?
- 114 Scheme
- 115 Novelist Murdoch
- 116 Cyber Monday sector
- 117 Tiptoe, say
- 118 Performed on karaoke night
- 119 'Tis the season
- 120 Currently
- 121 Quicker than is prudent

Down

- 1 Copier supply unit
- 2 Freudian —
- 3 One with unrefined tastes
- 4 Peck in the park, briefly
- 5 An era may be confined to one
- 6 Camping treat
- 7 Brilliant stroke
- 8 One may be measured in cups
- 9 It's under Wayne Manor
- 10 French border region
- 11 Oft-beaded footwear
- 12 W. state whose largest city is named for a New England city
- 13 Perfect score, often
- 14 Hurry, with "it"
- 15 Challenges for climbers
- 16 Swanky
- 17 Taiwanese tech giant
- 18 Rover's destination
- 24 ID —
- 26 Tick off
- 30 Ones crying foul?
- 33 Curved fasteners
- 34 Leapers in a carol
- 35 Avoided unhappy consequences
- 36 Muscat's land
- 37 "Back in Black" band

- 38 Pelvic bones
- 39 Cristo Redentor city
- 40 Job application component
- 41 Brainstorm
- 42 Bleeping official
- 43 Joins, as a club
- 45 TV chef Lagasse
- 49 Ones taking a lot of interest in their work?
- 50 Org. that sued SeaWorld on behalf of orcas
- 52 Libel, in speech
- 55 Comedian Fields
- 56 Orchestral winds
- 57 Milwaukee theater named for a brewer, with "the"
- 60 Spanish New Year
- 62 One-named Tejano singer
- 64 Quick, in Quito
- 65 Peace Prize-winning relief org.
- 66 Hoops jump ball
- 68 "Couldn't agree more"
- 69 Roof edge
- 72 It follows a guilty verdict
- 75 "Bewitched" witch
- 78 A and B, on LPs
- 80 Harmony ruiners
- 81 "Do — others ..."
- 82 Sibilant attention-getter
- 84 Soup step
- 86 "Henry & June" diarist
- 88 French comics series set in Gaul in 50 BC
- 89 Entreaty
- 90 Lively movement
- 93 River where down means north
- 94 "Doubt it"
- 95 Sticks by the pool table
- 96 Per se
- 99 In a wily way
- 100 Little handfuls
- 101 Royal Crown, for one
- 102 "Terrible" leader
- 103 Téa's "Madam Secretary" role
- 104 Home to most of the Silk Road
- 106 Ingredient in OFF!
- 107 Best Upset, e.g.
- 109 Shot spot
- 110 Soul supplier
- 112 Blue
- 113 Glass of NPR



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Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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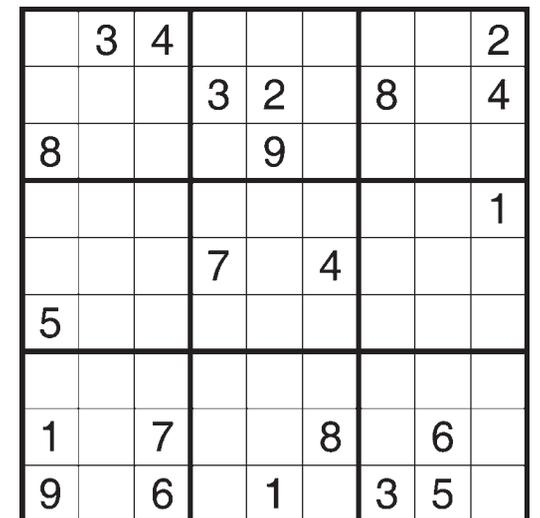
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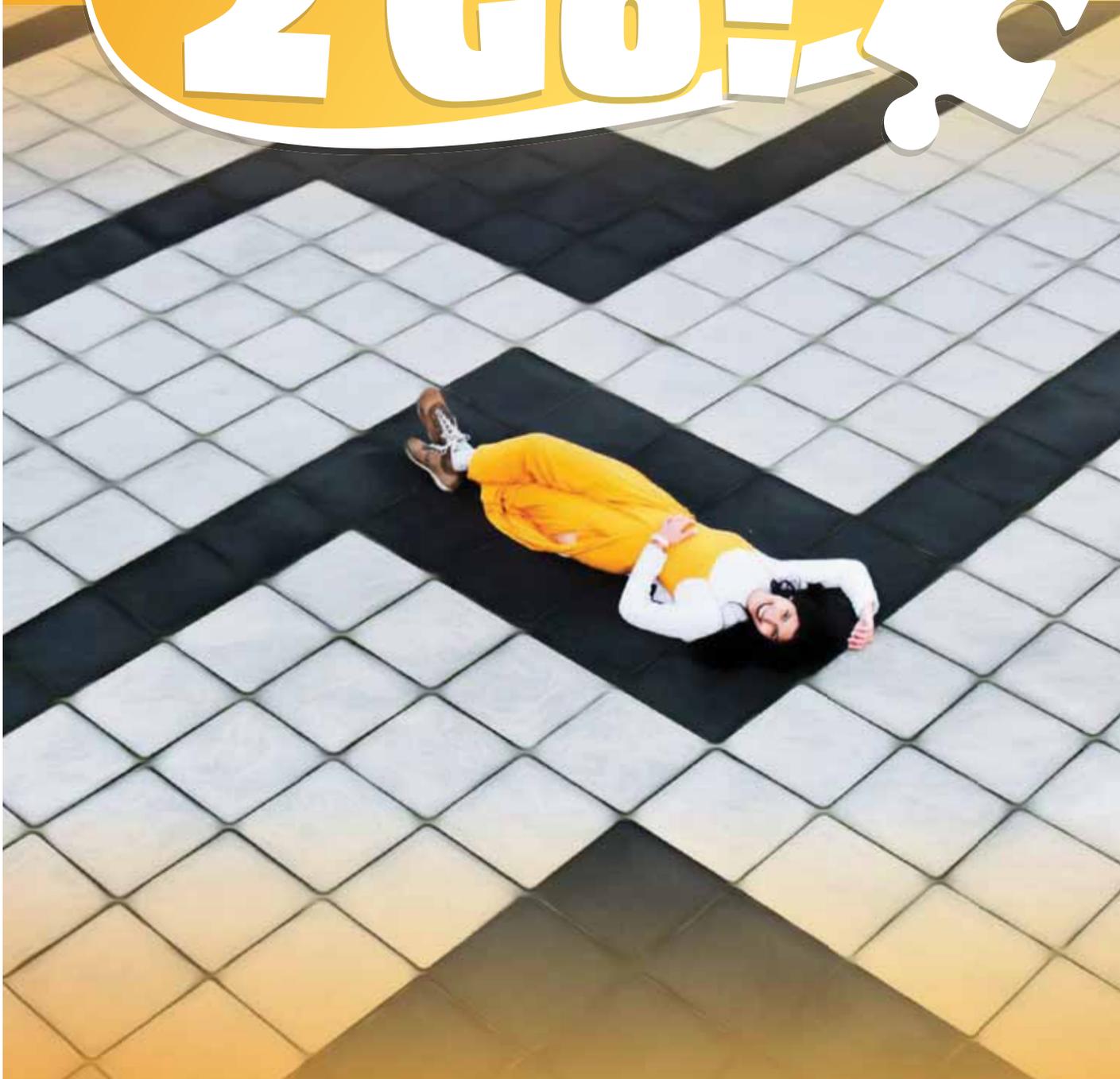
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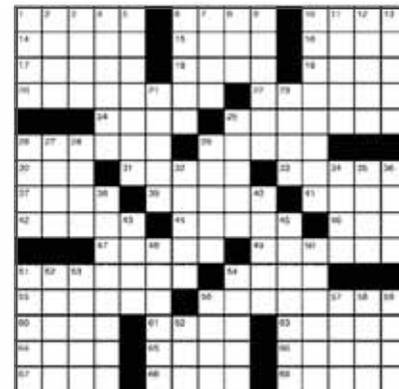
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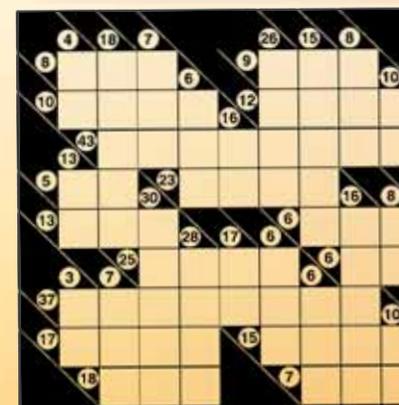
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JUMBLE KIDS
— that scrambled word game! —
By DAVID L. HOYT and JEFF KILMER

The letters of these crazy words are all mixed up. To play the game, put them back into the right order so that they make real words you can find in your dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under each crazy word, but only one letter to a square.

How funny is it looking that? Why does it only appear all the time?

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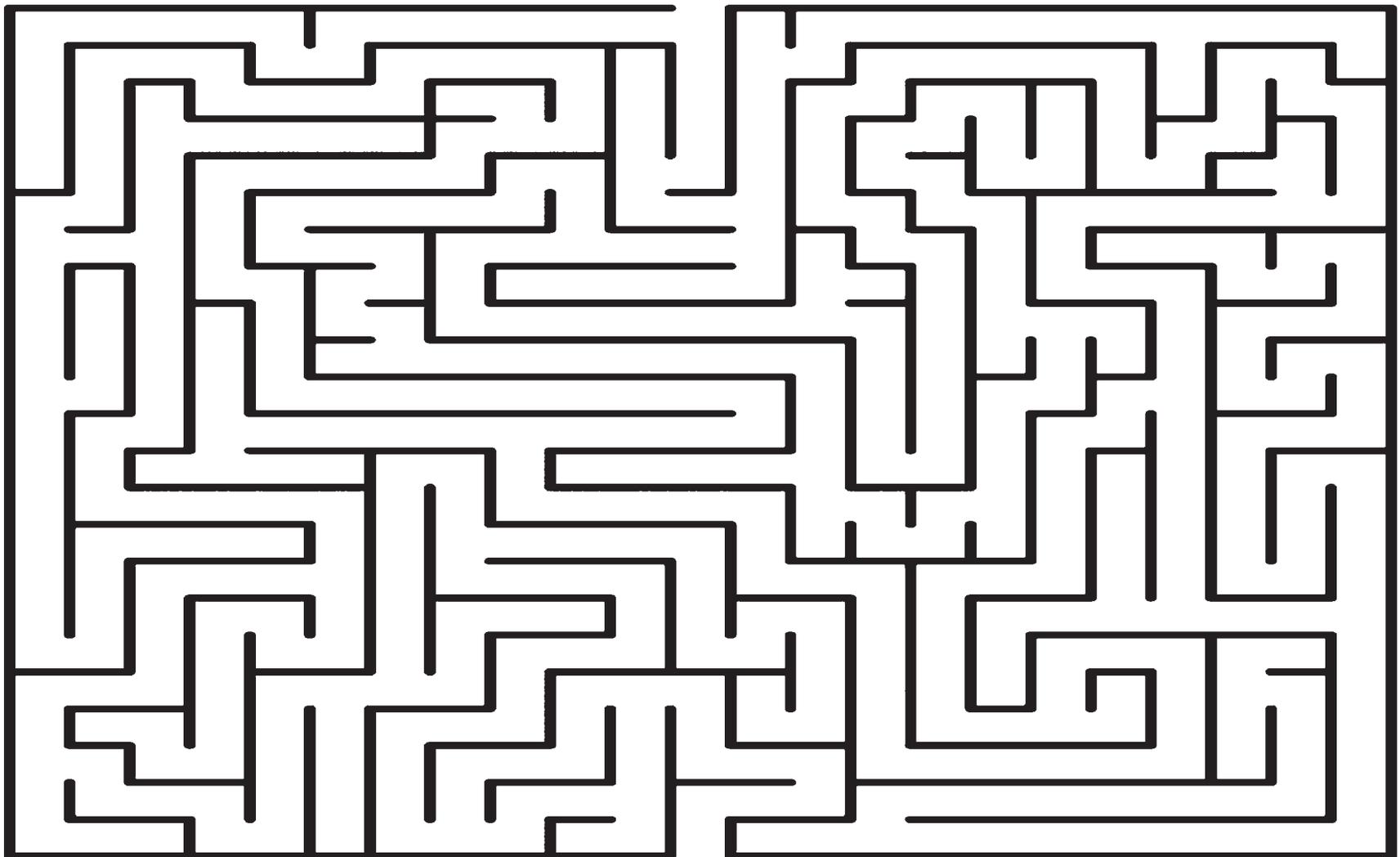
Color me!

You see more words to solve today's Jumble For Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Then play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you

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Word Search

SAME BOTH WAYS

Can you find all the palindromes hidden in the grid? They are hidden horizontally, vertically and diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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Word Search

ALL GO

Can you find all the words beginning with GO? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

F J U S E H S O L O G I G L J G
 G O R I N G O R G O N Z O L A O
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 GORGONZOLA
 GORILLA
 GORING

GOSH
 GOSLINGS
 GOSPEL
 GOSSIP
 GOT
 GOULASH
 GOURMET
 GOUT
 GOVERNMENT
 GOWN

Word Search

BE MY VALENTINE

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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 E B Z O K B E C E P R H A N E N T I
 M M B S S M B L T N X E E T F I N O
 V Y G O O E D I C I D E R A I J E N
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| ADORE | CONFECTIONERY | INFATUATION | SUITOR |
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| ANONYMOUS | DARLING | KISS | SWEETHEART |
| BEAU | DATE | LOVE | SYMBOLIC |
| BELOVED | DOZEN | PASSION | TENDERNESS |
| BE MINE | EMOTION | PINK | TRUE |
| BOUQUET | FEBRUARY | POSY | UNEXPECTED |
| BOYFRIEND | GIFT | RED | VALENTINE |
| CANDLE | HEARTS | RIBBONS | WIFE |
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WordWheel

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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The Commuter Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Shoe with wheels on it
- 6 "Ali __ and the 40 Thieves"
- 10 Group of hoodlums
- 14 __ war; fought
- 15 Pub beverages
- 16 "Hey! What's the big __?"
- 17 All __; from the beginning
- 18 Children
- 19 Geese, turkeys, chickens, etc.
- 20 Hoodwinks
- 22 Main course
- 24 Pore over
- 25 Beer makers
- 26 Take into custody
- 29 Change slightly
- 30 Sheep's cry
- 31 __ firma; solid ground
- 33 Goes out with
- 37 Dryer residue
- 39 Synagogue leader
- 41 Unspotted
- 42 Lawn trimmer
- 44 Group formed to help a sheriff
- 46 Uplifting accessory
- 47 Low point
- 49 Least risky
- 51 Spoke
- 54 Confident
- 55 Paint undercoat
- 56 Occurring once every 2 years
- 60 __ vaulting; Olympic event
- 61 Housekeeper
- 63 Fisher or Albert
- 64 Tied, as scores
- 65 __ of Capri
- 66 Peddles
- 67 Take a nap
- 68 Lean-to
- 69 Lock of hair

DOWN

- 1 Yarn mop
- 2 Hardy cabbage
- 3 Very interested
- 4 Professor's status
- 5 Most nervous
- 6 Boston __ beans
- 7 Muhammad and Laila

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- 8 __-and-breakfast inn
- 28 __ a bell; sounded familiar
- 45 Sincere
- 9 Declare
- 29 Vine support
- 48 Skin layer
- 10 Hallmark paper
- 32 Fast
- 50 Car wheel guard
- 11 Worship
- 34 Toothpaste container
- 51 Higher of two
- 12 More modern
- 35 Blunders
- 52 Treasure cache
- 13 Strong winds
- 36 Chair or stool
- 53 Flooring pieces
- 21 Procrastinator's word
- 38 Crowded apartment house
- 54 __ with; backed
- 23 Requirement
- 40 Magazine edition
- 56 Liver secretion
- 25 Tattles
- 43 Hard to find
- 57 Doing nothing
- 26 Qualified
- 62 Bit of soot
- 27 Sudden attack
- 58 Feels sick
- 59 Not as much

The Commuter Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 TV bear
"Gentle __"
- 4 Fishhook ends
- 9 Smack
- 13 Crude metals
- 15 German submarine
- 16 Bum
- 17 Spoiled kid
- 18 Dividend
- 19 Actor __ Julia
- 20 Stallion kept for breeding
- 22 Ran __; met by chance
- 23 At no time, to a poet
- 24 Skillet
- 26 Places for sporting events
- 29 Relationship endings
- 34 Even; balanced
- 35 Sassy
- 36 Dingbat
- 37 Middle-__; not yet an oldster
- 38 Tilt
- 39 In a lazy way
- 40 Deface
- 41 Used up
- 42 Whiff

- 43 Ms. Dukakis and others
- 45 Like rough sandpaper
- 46 In one __ and out the other
- 47 Dangle
- 48 Dance at a bar mitzvah
- 51 Evaluating
- 56 Gung ho
- 57 Not forbidden
- 58 Midday
- 60 Make over
- 61 Clear a recording tape
- 62 Lira replacer
- 63 Ms. Barrymore
- 64 Fender nicks
- 65 Butterfly catcher's item

DOWN

- 1 Hope or Barker
- 2 Is mistaken
- 3 Orderly
- 4 Shrubs
- 5 Detest
- 6 Laugh loudly
- 7 Forbids entry to
- 8 Most difficult to climb

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- 9 Psychologist
- 29 Hard cereal grain
- 41 Jacuzzi
- 10 Money given temporarily
- 30 Tenant's payment
- 42 Male children
- 11 Border on
- 31 Beneath
- 44 Grassland
- 12 "Sport of Kings"
- 32 Yanks
- 45 Social divisions
- 14 Flabbergasted
- 33 Fashion
- 47 Armed robbery
- 21 Pass out cards
- 35 __ market; swap meet
- 48 Difficult
- 25 Ooh and __; express delight
- 38 __ out of control; quickly became unmanageable
- 49 Above
- 26 Remembered Texas mission
- 39 Visualize
- 50 Carousel, e.g.
- 27 Royal
- 52 Beget children
- 28 Each
- 53 Read quickly
- 54 Part of speech
- 55 Clinton's VP
- 59 Forget-me-__

The Commuter Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Collection from the henhouse
- 5 Root beer __; ice cream treat
- 10 Hit on the head
- 14 Faucet problem
- 15 Shoptalk
- 16 Kiln
- 17 “__ had a little lamb..”
- 18 Partial
- 20 Mrs. in Mexico
- 21 Genealogist’s drawing
- 22 Mare or stallion
- 23 Canter, trot and gallop
- 25 “Well, that went over like a __ of bricks!”
- 26 Sweet liqueurs
- 28 Nairobi resident
- 31 Popular flowers
- 32 Aerosol
- 34 Faux __; social blunder
- 36 Alda or Thicke
- 37 Spring month
- 38 “__ and Circumstance”
- 39 Baseball’s Ott
- 40 Spain’s farewell
- 41 Baffling question
- 42 Sailor
- 44 Girl’s bow
- 45 Mai tai ingredient
- 46 Spud
- 47 Lisa Marie’s dad
- 50 Atkins or Huntley
- 51 Many a time
- 54 Truces
- 57 Ship’s pole
- 58 Vigorous
- 59 Fragrance
- 60 Cincinnati, __
- 61 Small bills
- 62 More current

DOWN

- 1 Shade trees
- 2 Equipment
- 3 Weekend event for bargain hunters
- 4 Wild blue yonder
- 5 Come-on looks
- 6 Queues
- 7 A single time

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- 8 In the past
- 28 Actor __ Kristofferson
- 43 Ascends
- 9 Actor Selleck
- 29 Punctuation mark
- 44 Julius or Augustus
- 10 Group of ants
- 30 Appoints
- 46 Motif
- 11 Finished; done
- 32 Washer cycle
- 47 Resound
- 12 Earns, after expenses
- 33 Expert
- 48 Not fatty
- 13 Leg joint
- 35 Lively
- 49 Singer Jerry __
- 19 Insincere
- 37 Actor Sandler
- 50 Noisy bird
- 21 __ up; binds
- 38 Skin opening
- 52 Fall short
- 24 “So be it!”
- 40 Entertain
- 53 __ on; trampled
- 25 Dabbling duck
- 41 Play miniature golf
- 55 Devotee
- 26 Stuff
- 56 Anger
- 27 Acting parts
- 57 Piglet’s mom

The Commuter Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Tender to the touch
- 5 Over
- 10 St. Louis team
- 14 High point
- 15 ___ with; carrying
- 16 Length times width
- 17 Command to sled dogs
- 18 Still; lifeless
- 19 Applaud
- 20 Sprawling manors
- 22 Lighthouses
- 24 "Ode on a Grecian ___"
- 25 One of the Marx Brothers
- 26 Nervous
- 29 Crony
- 30 ___-pocus
- 34 Put in order
- 35 Sty resident
- 36 Conclude
- 37 Garden tool
- 38 In a knot
- 40 Shameful grade
- 41 Student's written works
- 43 Pot cover
- 44 Being nothing more than
- 45 Bird homes
- 46 Golfer's peg
- 47 Most terrible
- 48 Carried
- 50 Talk on and on
- 51 Made broader
- 54 Beet soup
- 58 Eve's husband
- 59 More pleasant
- 61 Sightseeing trip
- 62 Turn over
- 63 Debonair
- 64 As a result
- 65 SAT, for one
- 66 Awards for TV shows & actors
- 67 Tall marsh grass

DOWN

- 1 "Ditto!"
- 2 Musical work
- 3 Remainder
- 4 Tire out
- 5 Flying saucer pilot
- 6 Forbids
- 7 Poetical work
- 8 Spoken
- 9 Go in

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- 10 Critter with a black mask
- 31 "Ida, Sweet As Apple ___"
- 49 Uptight
- 11 Singer Guthrie
- 32 ___ manual; computer book
- 50 Punctures
- 12 Cruel
- 33 Bed linen item
- 51 Move lightly on the wind
- 13 Fools
- 35 Daddies
- 52 Not working
- 21 Give it a go
- 36 Nourished
- 53 Speaker's platform
- 23 Plant pest
- 38 Mike or Cicely
- 54 Group of quail
- 25 Dickered
- 39 Whopper
- 55 Apple's center
- 26 Pale-looking
- 42 Endeavor
- 56 Gigantic
- 27 Loop formed with a slipknot
- 44 Gang member
- 57 ___ on; trampled
- 28 Lock of hair
- 46 Boredom
- 60 Rotating part in a machine
- 29 Brooch
- 47 Military conflict

The Commuter Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 BPOE member
- 4 Radio knobs
- 9 Jeopardy
- 13 Equipment
- 15 Bert's "Sesame Street" buddy
- 16 Doing nothing
- 17 Fence opening
- 18 Ballot caster
- 19 Blood vessel
- 20 Lessening
- 22 Polishes off
- 23 Frilly-edged
- 24 Corncob
- 26 Point the finger at
- 29 Tolerable
- 34 Ninth-grader
- 35 __ the neck; stretch in order to see better
- 36 Aries the __; zodiac sign
- 37 Not wild
- 38 Breakfast side order
- 39 Test __; lab vial
- 40 Christmas __; December 24
- 41 Actor Glover
- 42 High-powered

- surgical beam
- 43 Kept
- 45 __ esteemed; very respected
- 46 Felt hat
- 47 Shopping center, often
- 48 Young cow
- 51 Busting
- 56 Finished; done
- 57 Requirements
- 58 Lunch hour
- 60 Singer Turner
- 61 Perfect
- 62 Greece's dollar
- 63 Small whirlpool
- 64 Confuse
- 65 Badminton court divider

DOWN

- 1 "Last one in's a rotten __!"
- 2 Starring role
- 3 Mulgrew or Winslet
- 4 Tool; piece of equipment
- 5 Odd twist of circumstances
- 6 Prefix for septic or histamine

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- 7 Claim against property
- 26 Run __; chase
- 42 Uplifting tune
- 8 Corporal's superior
- 27 Want badly
- 44 Brawl; melee
- 9 Geraldo __
- 28 Ajax rival
- 45 Annoying situation
- 10 New concept
- 29 __ spanking new
- 47 Olympics prize
- 11 Narrow cut
- 30 As __ as ABC
- 48 Pigeon coop
- 12 Male dolls
- 31 Comb and __
- 49 Fervent
- 14 Loner
- 32 Descriptive tag
- 50 Loan
- 21 __ out at; attack verbally
- 33 __ board; nail file
- 52 Late actor Foxx
- 25 "__ we having fun yet?"
- 35 Ice cream scoop holder
- 53 Tall grass stalk
- 38 African nation
- 39 Slogan
- 54 Part of speech
- 41 Pass away
- 55 Clinton's VP
- 59 Forget-me-__

The Commuter Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Worn out
- 6 Con game
- 10 Applied frosting to
- 14 Venerate
- 15 Detest
- 16 "My country 'tis of ___."
- 17 Get the hang of
- 18 Made fun of
- 19 Make, as a salary
- 20 Woman's upper undergarment
- 22 Skilled
- 24 Pleasant
- 25 Assumed names
- 26 Distance from end to end
- 29 Thing worth having
- 30 Highest card
- 31 Poet William Butler ___
- 33 Passed out cards
- 37 Prison knife
- 39 Vexed
- 41 Kill
- 42 Donut centers
- 44 Intense beam
- 46 Use a straw
- 47 Xenon & argon

- 49 Prior to
- 51 Modified
- 54 Think deeply
- 55 Written in verse
- 56 Boxing
- 60 "___ and the King of Siam"
- 61 Observed
- 63 Skier's hillside
- 64 Take a nap
- 65 Owner's paper
- 66 Sum
- 67 Willow or larch
- 68 Notice
- 69 Graceful waterbirds

DOWN

- 1 Powder
- 2 Has no ___; is clueless
- 3 Meander
- 4 Going astray
- 5 Population ___; persons per square mile
- 6 Layered rock
- 7 Poncho
- 8 Feasted
- 9 Military awards, often
- 10 Repeats

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| 11 Pandemonium | 32 Had an illness | 50 Chap |
| 12 Spooky | 34 To boot | 51 Take ___; undo |
| 13 Fender marks | 35 Lion's den | 52 Recluse |
| 21 Shade of yellow | 36 Sort; variety | 53 Nervous |
| 23 Gave up the ghost | 38 Languish; stagnate | 54 Like a garden after the rain |
| 25 Pompous fools | 40 Remove insects from | 56 Chick's noise |
| 26 ___ out at; attack verbally | 43 Indira's robe | 57 Tiny amount |
| 27 Canyon sound | 45 Puts up a fight | 58 Reach across |
| 28 Astronaut ___ Armstrong | 48 Withdraw, as states from the Union | 59 Tillis & Tormé |
| 29 Book of maps | | 62 Affirmative |

ArrowWords

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal the mystery word.

Nonsense	Tariff payer	Common people	Unrhymed poetry	Cargo	▼	Egg layers	▼	PC picture	Sharp punch	Behavior	▼	Complete
▶	▼	▼	▼	▼		Slow pace	8		▼	▼		Pivotal
Dolt	2					Address abbr.		Pedestrian sign	▶			▼
Enjoyably	▶		6			▼		▼			Finds out	
▶					Party item		Sharp-tasting		Cunning	▶		9
Elbowed		Owens, in the Bible		Retrieve	▶		▼			Ski lift		Slalom obstacle
Frat letter	▶	▼				Wrap up		Slew	Luggage ID	▶		5
Corn serving	▶			Spinal column bone	▶		4	▼				
▶				Aware of	▶				Colony member	▶		
Creative pursuits	Got word of	▶	3					Take care of	7			1

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Put to paper	1	Wild animal	▼	Theater section	▼	Speaker's stand	Unlucky one	▼	Eyeball part	4	Surmise	Even so
▶				Belief system	▶	▼					9	▼
On the house	7	Region	▶				Urgent needs		Regret	▶		
Samples		Square one		Take the bus	▶		▼		Bottom line	▶		
▶		▼		Visits	▶				Not working	▼		Formal footwear
Implored	Pour		Stringed toy	Office furniture	Ongoing TV show	6	Sprint	▶	Jump over	▶		▼
▶	▼		▼	▼	Entirely	▶			3	Pop	Tall tale	
Came about	▶		5		Compass part	▶				▼	▼	
▶				Fizzy drink	▶				Afflict	▶		
Metropolis	8	Hard wood	▶		Card suit	▶					2	

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Golf course rental	Next	Queue	▼	Peels	Parking places	▼	Airline seating class	4	African antelopes	▼	Red Pig	Long, long time
▼	8	▼		Foes	Block	▶				▼	▼	▼
Wooded area	▶			▼			As a rule		Small band	▶		
One of a pair	▶		7		Basking worry	3	▼					
Color refractor		Green shade Foolish	▶			'Who cares?' Pull strings	▶		Mayday	▶		2
▼		▼			Shoe type	▶			Ref's call			Sleep sites
Obliged	Knock over	5	Chiding sound		Set down	▶			Take the prize	▼	Meager	▼
▼	▼	▼	▼				9	Spouse	▶			
Duty	▶				Asserted	▶						1
Take a chance	▶		6	High spot	▶			Paper contents	▶			

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Big cat	▼	Company symbols	▼	Pause indicator	▼	Recipe amount	▼	Dinner rooster	▼	Strong point	▼	Strike out Deli bread	
3								Distant	▶		6	▼	
Energetic		Causing more laughs	5	Hurry		Hog food		Small horse Most well-fed	▶				
▶		▶		▶		▶		Pressure	▶				
Tells	Regular Grown-up	▶						Wager Can opener	▶			Ardent	
▶	▶		Pond plant		Baseball great Mel	▶		Yuletide worker Rice wine		8		▼	
Criticize Genetic letters	▶	1	▶	Obtuse	Butter squares Bribe	▶				Tonic's partner		Race segment	4
▶				9	▶	Snoopy's breed	▶			2	▶		
Creates Numerous	▶							One going downhill	▶				
Disney pooch	7	▶						Not sharing	▶				

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"SUBWAY SERIES"
By AMY JOHNSON

- ACROSS**
- 1 "___ Mial"
 - 6 Botanist's study
 - 11 Economics pioneer Smith
 - 15 Evite letters
 - 19 Victim of Artemis
 - 20 Chewy chocolate treats
 - 21 Wrap alternative
 - 22 Sport with touches
 - 23 "I say, lovely worship!?"
 - 26 Summers of Food Network's "Unwrapped"
 - 27 Ancient concert venues
 - 28 European chain
 - 29 Functional clothing accessory
 - 30 Mount near Olympus
 - 31 ___-am: kids' book character
 - 33 Symphonic finale
 - 34 Sleep inducer of a sort
 - 36 Teflon advisory groups?
 - 42 Cry over, maybe
 - 43 Division word
 - 44 Surg. workplaces
 - 45 Concerns in substance abuse therapy
 - 50 Insert "@#\$\$%!" say
 - 51 RAZR MAXX manufacturer
 - 55 Its first maps were pub. in 1905
 - 56 Central Eur. power until 1806
 - 57 IOU?
 - 61 Western treaty gp.
 - 62 Speakeasy difficulty
 - 64 Horn of Afr. country
 - 65 King and queen
 - 66 Filled Italian fare
 - 69 Showed (in)
 - 72 White House middle name
 - 75 Religious sch. with the motto "Make no little plans here"
 - 77 Latin I word
 - 78 Pod resident
 - 81 Really bad nursery color schemes?
 - 86 24-hr. banking service
 - 87 She played Mia in "Pulp Fiction"

- 88 It was held outside of California only once, in 1942
- 89 "Memoirs of a ___"
- 92 Ristorante topper
- 96 Comfy top
- 97 Salon supplies
- 98 Pretense
- 99 Ones who control the markets?
- 104 Curious box opener
- 108 February deity
- 109 Frankfurt's river
- 110 Suffix with smack
- 111 "Food, Glorious Food" musical
- 113 Lyon lover's word
- 115 Shopping list entry
- 119 ___ hall
- 120 What to grab for an early morning flight?
- 123 Agt. after tax evaders
- 124 DOE part: Abbr.
- 125 Half a historic bomber
- 126 VW and BMW
- 127 Sisterhood name in a Rebecca Wells novel
- 128 Hardly leave wanting
- 129 Latin for "he holds"
- 130 Food often spilled?

- 13 World carrier
- 14 Maybelline purchase
- 15 Update, in a way
- 16 Muscle malady
- 17 Vice ___
- 18 Pie nut
- 24 More sordid
- 25 Helper
- 32 Onetime Yes label
- 33 Social group
- 35 Crux
- 36 Cheese-topped chip
- 37 Palais Garnier performance
- 38 Tiger's front and back?
- 39 Dragon's island
- 40 Figurehead place
- 41 Confident leader?
- 46 Siesta
- 47 Eponymous inventor Tupper
- 48 It might be going
- 49 What Simon does
- 52 Soccer stadium shout
- 53 Alphanumeric run
- 54 July 4th reactions
- 57 Jury trial Amendment
- 58 Señorita's other
- 59 Joins the race
- 60 SFO approximation
- 62 Indian royal
- 63 Lady's business?
- 66 St. Louis player
- 67 Prunes
- 68 Wrath, in a hymn
- 70 Eponymous comet tracker
- 71 Maximum trio?
- 72 Bra spec
- 73 Funny Bombeck
- 74 Makeup artist?
- 76 PC port
- 78 Far from in vogue
- 79 Merman of Broadway
- 80 Squirrel away
- 82 College Football Hall of Fame inductee 29 years after Knute
- 83 Like epics
- 84 Beach bags

- 85 Still-life vessel
- 89 Like drinkable milk
- 90 Beckett's homeland
- 91 Mystery writer's forte
- 93 Frequent child companion?
- 94 Earth-friendly prefix
- 95 Disco balls, e.g.
- 100 Admire to the max
- 101 Hurler Hersheiser
- 102 Victoria's Secret purchase
- 103 Fight
- 104 Picayune
- 105 Therapy prefix
- 106 "When pigs fly!"
- 107 Ex of Rod Stewart
- 112 "___ a Kick Out of You": Cole Porter
- 113 Soon
- 114 Like chitchat
- 116 "Bye"
- 117 Bespectacled Ghostbuster
- 118 Neatnik's bane
- 121 Prop- suffix
- 122 Chitchat

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17	11	7	19	14	20	15	4	5	18			4	5	18
		4		4		5				14		7	6	19
20	2	21	4	13	3		18	22	3	7	23	19	7	20
12		19				18		7		5			8	21
3			19	20	11	3	5	24	4	24	11	25	9	22
21		20		7		5		3		13		15	10	23
4	24	11	3	5	3	19	19		26	2	5	23	11	24
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R	U	C	K	Y
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C	H	O	U	J
D	T	C	L	I
M	O	T	R	Y
E	B	E	P	A
V	O	N	M	C

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M	A	V	O	R
E	T	J	P	C

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2	12	1	2	13	13	9	2	4		14		7	3	16
10		9		2		15		2		14	2	3	4	17
16	2	2	9		17	18	2	10	7	19		9	5	18
		10		3		12		3				2	6	19
20	9	18	4	10	9		7	6	10	21	2	7	7	20
5				7		22		2		2			8	21
20		23	2	7	3	9	2		10	7	16	7	9	22
24	4	19		2		10		21		20		15	10	23
5		9		9	18	25	18	4	15	10	23	3	11	24
4	5	5	3	7		2		10		15		2	12	25
23		23			18	23	10	26	10	4	2	7	13	26

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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™ 1

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- ACROSS**
- CLUE**
- Combining
 - Delighted, merry
 - Carry
 - Discourteous
 - Home to Quito
 - Middle of _____
- ANSWER**
- RGINEGM
FELUGEL
LAHU
DREU
DAURECO
EHERWON
- DOWN**
- CLUE**
- Carry out
 - An intellectual
 - _____ case
 - Cleanse
 - Plant, shrub
- ANSWER**
- XTUCEEE
TIFC
EHGDEAG
ELREWYJ
UREDALN
UHBS

How to play
Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

CLUE: Julie Andrews, Glen Campbell and Bob Hope joined the cast of stars celebrating the opening of this in October 1971.

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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™ 2

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- ACROSS**
- CLUE**
- Ascended
 - On the docket
 - Gold _____
 - Commotion
 - Faint or unsteady light
 - Art _____
- ANSWER**
- MLBIECD
DPALENN
NCIO
USFS
RLMGIEM
AELRYGL
- DOWN**
- CLUE**
- Like Piza's tower
 - _____ coat
 - Determine, designate
 - _____ time
 - Starr, for example
 - Living _____
- ANSWER**
- ANGELIN
NIK M
EICPSYF
ULSREIE
URERD M
WLIL

How to play
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BONUS

CLUE: This performer studied acting briefly at Juilliard under John Houseman.

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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™ 3

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- ACROSS**
- CLUE**
- Los Angeles team
 - _____ shirt
 - Spot on a radar screen
 - Flying insect
 - State of bliss
 - Spreads
- ANSWER**
- DORS DGE
NAELLFN
PLIB
TMOH
AVARINN
XADEPSN
- DOWN**
- CLUE**
- Standing _____
 - "The _____ Show"
 - Unorthodox
 - Lucille Ball was one
 - Spotted carnivore
 - Section
- ANSWER**
- ANOOVIT
NOGG
FTAFEOB
DRHEAED
RALEDOP
RAAE

How to play
Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

CLUE: Something that many, but not all, experience.

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- ACROSS**
- CLUE**
- Sad
 - "Lady _____"
 - Young female
 - High/low playing cards
 - Joy
 - Reverberating
- ANSWER**
- TRFUEAL
NMAONAD
LIGR
ESAC
TAIOELN
HOIECNG
- DOWN**
- CLUE**
- Back
 - General, for example
 - John Lennon song
 - Needling
 - Silent _____
 - Nimbus
- ANSWER**
- EERSNDO
NKRA
AGIEIMN
NASITEG
TUIOACN
LOHA

How to play
Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

CLUE: The first confirmed sighting of _____ was in 1820.

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10	3	11	12		2	13	1	14	9	3	2	3	3	16
3		9		12		2		2		2		7	4	17
12	4	5	4	4	2	3	2	3	12			10	5	18
		3		5		12				10		15	6	19
10	6	12	2	16	4		11	17	10	12	4	2	7	20
18		2				19		10		4			8	21
16			20	18	1	2	3	21	20	9	5	12	9	22
2		15		9		22		2		16		20	10	23
12	23	5	10	16	7	2	3		24	20	25	25	11	24
4		3		26		14				12		2	12	25
8	9	5	3	12		12	18	10	12	17	2	7	13	26

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Sudoku

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9.

— The Mepham Group

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		9						
5	3		4	1				
	8	5					7	4
		1		4	5			
3								

LA Times Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Trot or gallop
- 5 Home with a domed roof
- 10 Stylish
- 14 Earth Day sci.
- 15 Playground chute
- 16 Avatar of Vishnu
- 17 Four-to-midnight production overseer, say
- 20 Bill of Rights amendment count
- 21 "Les Misérables" author Victor
- 22 Parisian love
- 23 "What __ the odds?"
- 24 In liberal amounts
- 26 Dead battery hookup
- 31 Get hitched in a hurry
- 32 Without warning
- 37 Unload for cash
- 38 Colorado ski city
- 39 Secure in the harbor
- 40 Mind readers
- 42 Luxurious bedding material
- 43 Encased dagger
- 45 Popular restaurant fish
- 49 18-Down, on a sundial

- 50 Shoreline feature
- 51 Stare at impolitely
- 53 Time Warner "Superstation"
- 56 Dry runs, and a hint to the starts of 17-, 26- and 43-Across
- 60 Clumsy one
- 61 Mail for King Arthur
- 62 Wrinkle remover
- 63 MDs for otitis sufferers
- 64 With tongue in cheek
- 65 Maddens with reminders

DOWN

- 1 Bothersome insect
- 2 Exercise woe
- 3 Nickel or dime
- 4 Tiny toymaker
- 5 Periodical publisher
- 6 Sound from a water cooler
- 7 Fat-reducing procedure, briefly
- 8 Poem of praise
- 9 "__ the ramparts ..."
- 10 Punishment's partner
- 11 Is wearing

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- 12 Poker concession
- 13 Have in stock
- 18 Midafternoon hour
- 19 __ parking
- 23 Winesap, e.g.
- 24 Most capable
- 25 Draw up a schedule for
- 26 Kid around
- 27 Oscar-nominated Peter Fonda role
- 28 "__ Flanders": Defoe novel
- 29 Social divisions
- 30 Wolf pack leader
- 33 Muscat resident
- 34 "Surely you don't mean me"
- 35 Hairdo
- 36 Seaside swooper
- 38 Contented sounds
- 41 Exams for sophs or jrs.
- 42 Winter Olympics entrant
- 44 Swank of "Amelia"
- 45 Move furtively
- 46 Scandalous newsmaker of 2001-'02
- 47 Alaskan native
- 48 Outplays
- 51 "Goodness gracious!"
- 52 Earth sci.
- 53 O'Hara homestead
- 54 Opinion website
- 55 IRS form entries
- 57 Inexperienced, as recruits
- 58 Go wrong
- 59 Moral wrong

LA Times Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Foursome times two
- 6 "And there you have it!"
- 11 Barnyard bleat
- 14 Supercharged engine, for short
- 15 Like much bar beer
- 16 Foul up
- 17 Ice cream headache
- 19 Theology subj.
- 20 Of the state, to Sarkozy
- 21 Fur from a weasel
- 23 Woolly mama
- 25 Whistle-blower?
- 28 Soon, to Shakespeare
- 29 Dieter's progress
- 31 Written permission to skip school
- 34 Campbell's line
- 36 Old Russian leaders
- 37 Support, as a cause
- 40 Response provokers
- 44 Earthy tone
- 46 Soothes
- 47 Elmer Fudd, at times
- 52 Old Nair rival
- 53 Concert reed
- 54 Flight school finals
- 56 "King Kong"

- studio
- 57 Proficient in
- 60 Corn Belt resident
- 62 Google Earth offering
- 63 "What a dumb idea!" (or what you might say about the beginning of 17-, 31- or 47-Across)
- 68 Put away some groceries?
- 69 Holy ark contents
- 70 Citizen under Caesar
- 71 Cold War state: Abbr.
- 72 __ Sweet: aspartame
- 73 Agriculture giant celebrating its 175th anniversary this year

DOWN

- 1 Gambling letters
- 2 Unfriendly dog
- 3 Swaps for a better model
- 4 "__ Baby": "Hair" song
- 5 No-nos
- 6 Whirlpool
- 7 Dollar bill
- 8 Suburban suffix
- 9 Lounge around
- 10 Simon Says player

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- 11 Sheep prized for its wool
- 12 "Am too!" retort
- 13 "What's My Line?" panelist Francis
- 18 Kismet
- 22 Macho guy
- 23 End of a vague threat
- 24 Goes a-courting
- 26 Pretense
- 27 Touse
- 30 Scared, as horses
- 32 Warmed the bench

- 33 Albany-to-Buffalo canal
- 35 The like
- 38 Moo __ pork
- 39 White-tailed shorebirds
- 41 Login requirement
- 42 Onion's cousin
- 43 Comparison words
- 45 DDE's command
- 47 Articles of faith
- 48 German subs
- 49 "The Last of the Mohicans" author

- 50 Cuthbert of "24"
- 51 Aussie bounders
- 55 Weapon used with a shield, maybe
- 58 Memo abbr.
- 59 What you used to be?
- 61 Mother Nature's burn balm
- 64 Getty display
- 65 Street cover
- 66 Deface
- 67 U-turn from WSW

LA Times Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Hip-hop fan
- 5 Les __-Unis
- 10 Olympian's goal
- 14 Smidgen
- 15 Chevy Blazer, now
- 16 Orchestral wind
- 17 *One to four inches per day, for bamboo
- 19 Endorse, in a way
- 20 Rice-__
- 21 Toga party costume
- 23 Take part in a 1920s fad
- 26 Like a prof. emeritus
- 27 Big pitcher
- 28 *Noted scythe bearer
- 33 Lowly laborer
- 34 Goody two shoes
- 35 *1973 Thomas Pynchon novel
- 41 Concerning the ears
- 42 Japanese noodle
- 43 *Wrestling style that forbids holds below the waist
- 46 First responders, briefly
- 50 Cyclotron input
- 51 Meeting

- 53 Eleanor Rigby, for one
- 57 Snorer's problem, perhaps
- 58 Hops drier
- 59 *Pearl Jam genre
- 62 Attend to, as a job opening
- 63 Come out with
- 64 Wrath, in a hymn title
- 65 "South Park" co-creator Parker
- 66 Nonlethal weapon
- 67 Recipe amts.

DOWN

- 1 Oaf
- 2 Take for a time
- 3 "Becket" star
- 4 No page-turner
- 5 Ordinal suffix
- 6 Roofer's goo
- 7 Obsessed fictional captain
- 8 For the full nine months
- 9 Garden apparatus
- 10 Dad-blasted
- 11 Drama award
- 12 Theater section
- 13 It might be pounded out

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- 18 "True dat," quaintly
- 22 Do more than listen
- 24 "__ Around": Beach Boys hit
- 25 "Iliad" setting
- 29 "Recapping ..."
- 30 Pint seller
- 31 Old Japanese capital
- 32 Remote button
- 33 Test showings
- 35 Silence
- 36 Robot play
- 37 "Now We __ Six": Milne
- 38 Thoughtless way to stare
- 39 Nutritional figs.
- 40 First-class
- 44 Lousy liquor
- 45 Mobster's code of silence
- 46 Lively wit
- 47 They may have fake IDs
- 48 Work boot feature
- 49 Treacherous types
- 52 Freelancer's encl.
- 53 Like fuzzy slippers
- 54 Poker holding
- 55 Cruise destination
- 56 Wearying routines
- 60 Once known as
- 61 Canine warning that the answers to starred clues have in common, initially

LA Times Crossword

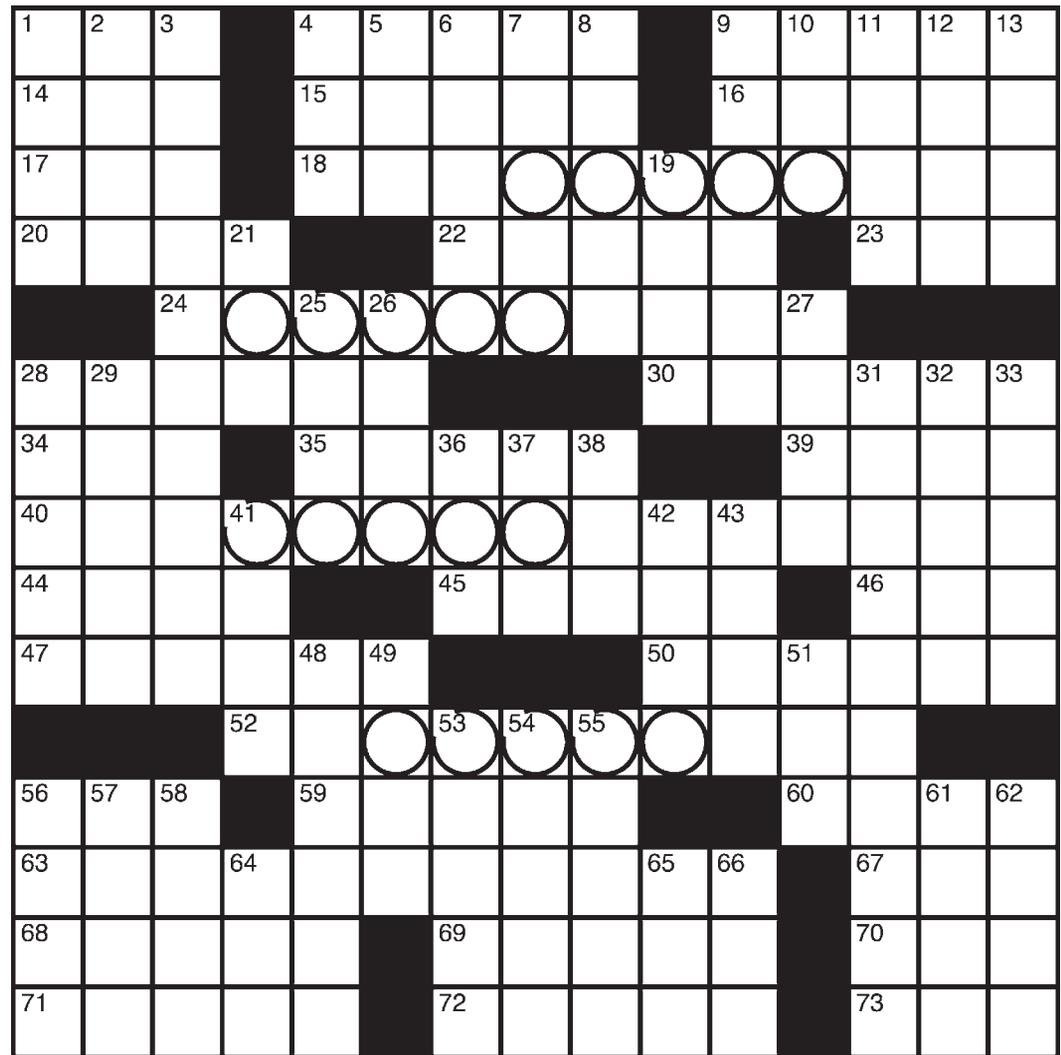
ACROSS

- 1 Browns' org.
- 4 Twine material
- 9 Come-ons
- 14 SS supplement, for some
- 15 Golfer who was #1 when she retired in 2010
- 16 Missouri's ___ Mountains
- 17 TUMS target
- 18 Congregational divide
- 20 Modern address starter
- 22 Spirited mount
- 23 Do a hatchet job
- 24 "Inside the NBA" analyst Barkley, familiarly
- 28 Burning rubber sound
- 30 Decorous
- 34 Green hole
- 35 Wings it, musically
- 39 Heavenly bear
- 40 Fix-it guide
- 44 Like many eBay items
- 45 Tuscany city
- 46 Hum attachment?
- 47 Fable messages
- 50 Manually
- 52 Woolly garment
- 56 He voiced Elmer
- 59 Sweethearts maker

- 60 Leap in a tutu
- 63 Office purchase, and in a way, what can be seen in this puzzle's sequence of circles
- 67 Fish lacking pelvic fins
- 68 Aptly named bug spray
- 69 New product div.
- 70 Holiday tuber
- 71 Surrogate
- 72 Out of port
- 73 "Strange Magic" rock gp.

DOWN

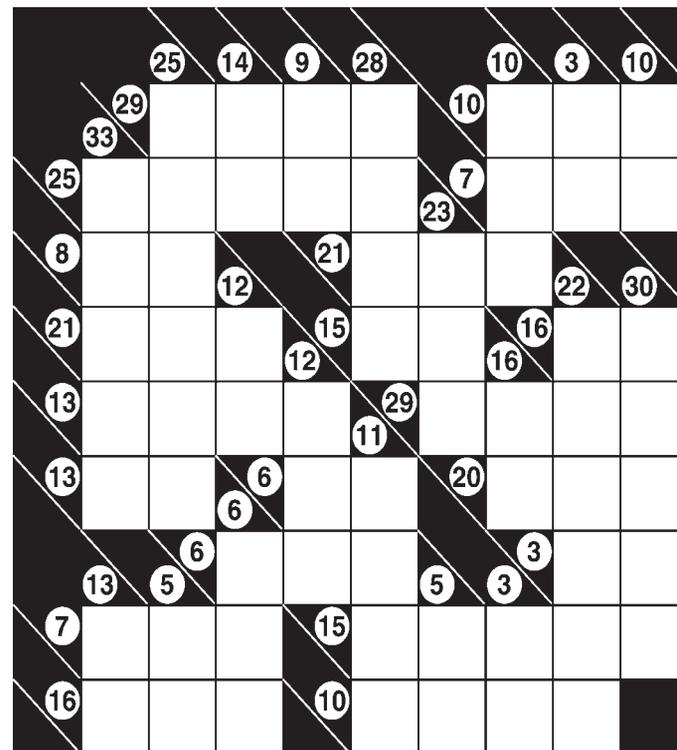
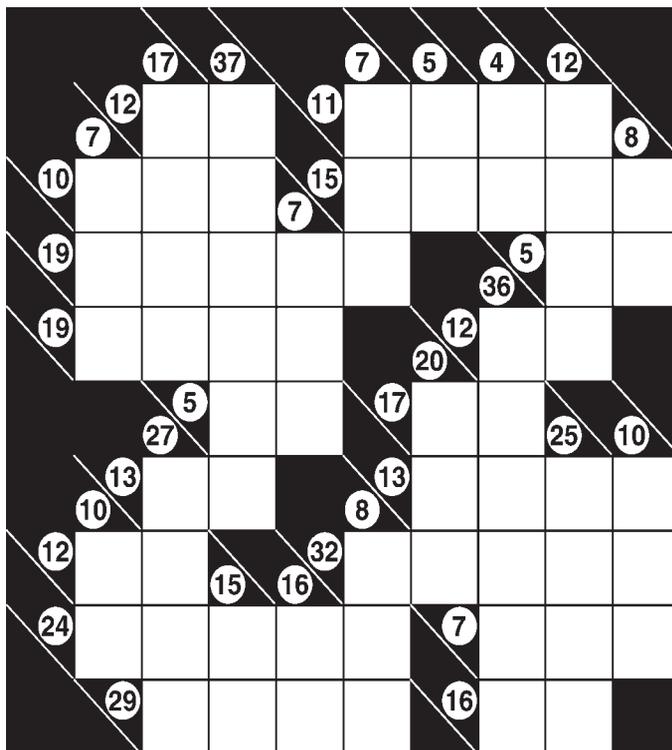
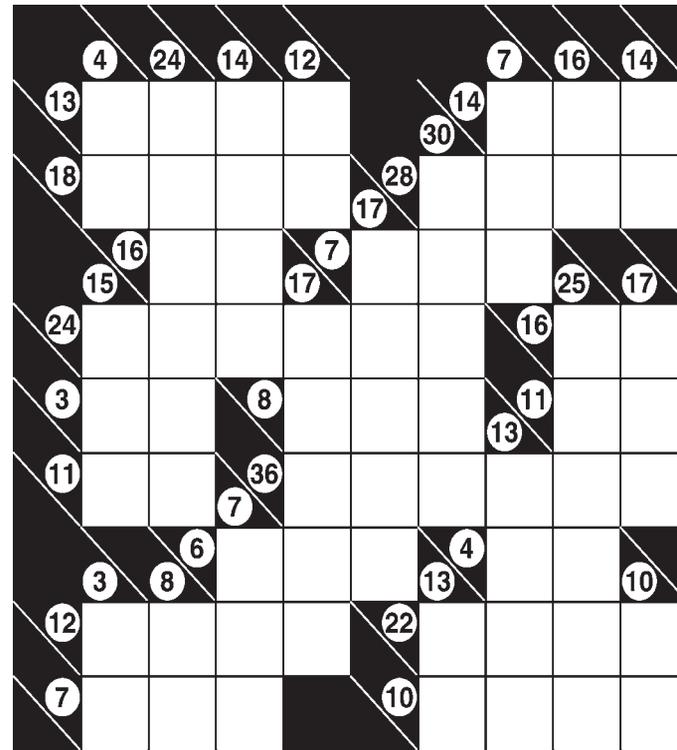
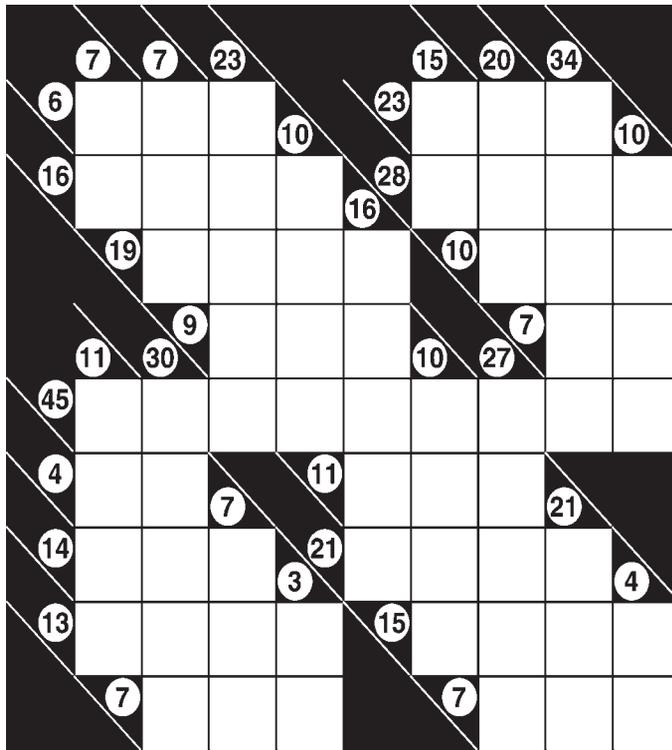
- 1 Soon to happen
- 2 Its name usually has only two or three letters
- 3 Da Vinci masterpiece, with "The"
- 4 Humanities maj.
- 5 Einstein's "I"
- 6 Complaint about a library volume?
- 7 Primary artery
- 8 One working on a punch, perhaps
- 9 Dump truck adjunct
- 10 Israeli arms expert ___ Gal
- 11 Diaper woe
- 12 Gardner who invented cases



- 13 Depict unfairly
- 19 Common menu option
- 21 À la mode serving
- 25 Sitarist Shankar
- 26 Woodwind instr.
- 27 Franklin's genre
- 28 Rugby tussle
- 29 Mexican cheese
- 31 Magnum, for one
- 32 Krupp Works city
- 33 Did Ebert's job
- 36 Roast hosts, for short
- 37 Part of PBK
- 38 Understand
- 41 First family member?
- 42 "Mad Money" channel
- 43 Put on the canvas
- 48 Desolate
- 49 Poet Silverstein
- 51 Pilgrimage to Mecca
- 53 Ghana's capital
- 54 Apple messaging tool
- 55 Horses with interspersed colored and white hairs
- 56 Amt. you don't expect to pay
- 57 Wide-mouthed pourer
- 58 Slimming choice, briefly
- 61 Marsh duck
- 62 Sailor's patron
- 64 Plague
- 65 Ending with fluor-
- 66 Nutritional stat

Kakuro — *The Mepham Group*

To solve Kakuro, you must enter a number between 1 and 9 in the empty squares. The clues are the numbers in the white circles that give the sum of the solution numbers: above the line are across clues and below the line are down clues. Thus, a clue of 3 will produce a solution of 2 and 1 and a 5 will produce 4 and 1, or 2 and 3, but, of course, which squares they go in will depend on the solution of a clue in the other direction. No digit can be repeated in a solution, so a 4 can only produce 1 and 3, never 2 and 2.



Jumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LUNBT

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AGIANU

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Ans: " " -



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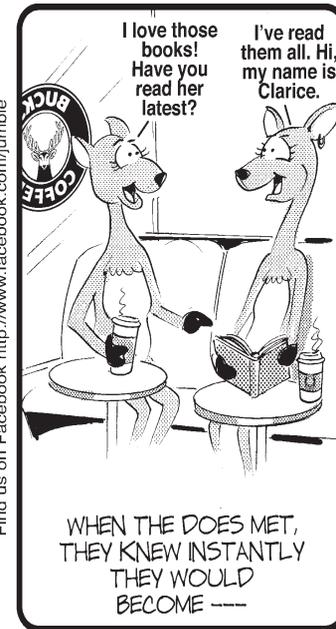
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A: " "



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VUCER

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PAR SCORE 145-155
BEST SCORE 204

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PAR SCORE 145-155
BEST SCORE 230

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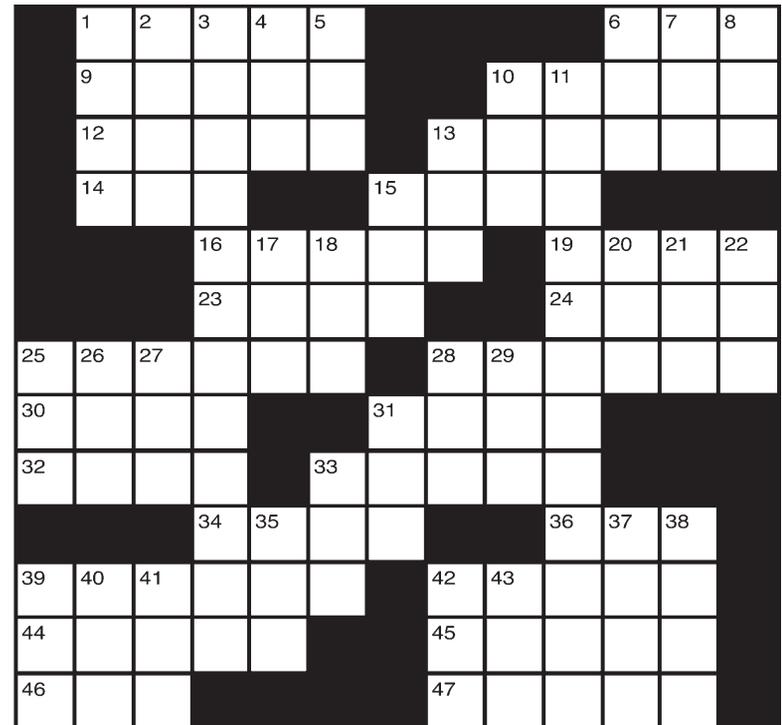
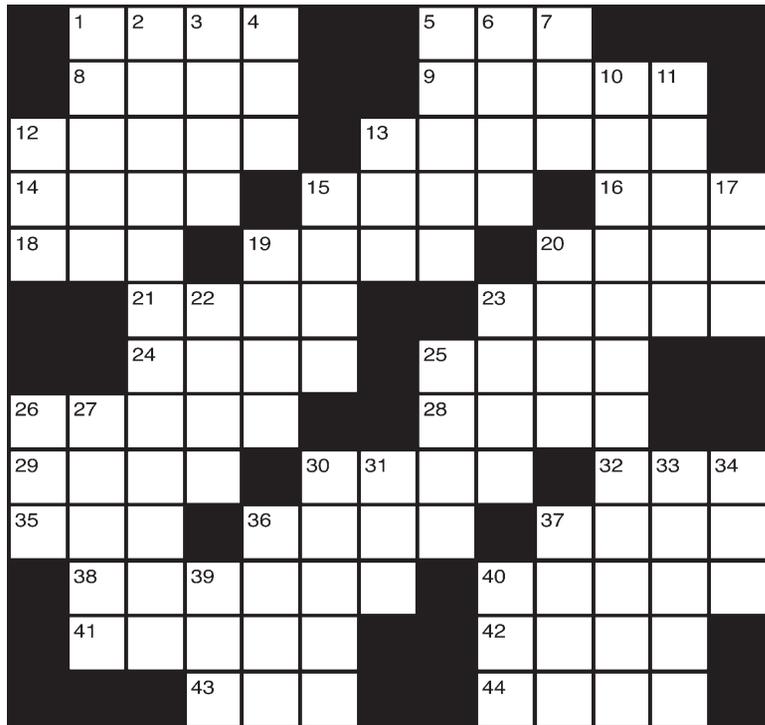
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The (Classic) TV Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 “__ Case”
- 5 “Murder, __ Wrote”
- 8 Jai __; fast game
- 9 “__ Is Enough”
- 12 “The __ Is Right”
- 13 “The Lone __”
- 14 Wander; roam
- 15 Harrison or Faith
- 16 Actress __ Thompson
- 18 “Grand __ Opry”
- 19 “__ of Our Lives”
- 20 Grows old
- 21 “The __ McCoys”
- 23 “The __ Prince of Bel-Air”
- 24 Monty or Arsenio
- 25 Actor Orson __, often a panelist on “To Tell the Truth”
- 26 Unrefined; boorish
- 28 Harmon __; role on “JAG”
- 29 Warren Beatty/ Diane Keaton film
- 30 Fly high
- 32 Building wing
- 35 “Say __ to the Dress”

- 36 “If __ a Hammer”; hit song for Peter, Paul and Mary
- 37 “3rd Rock __ the Sun”
- 38 “The __ Katie Elder”; John Wayne movie
- 40 “__ Train”; old western series
- 41 “__ the Dragon”; Bruce Lee film
- 42 Tavern orders
- 43 “__ Haw”
- 44 “The __ Breed”; James Stewart western movie

DOWN

- 1 Burnett or Channing
- 2 Actor on “Rules of Engagement”
- 3 “Arsenic and Old __”
- 4 “__ Hard”; Bruce Willis movie
- 5 Scorches
- 6 Female red deer
- 7 “The __ and I”; film for Fred MacMurray
- 10 Actress Marg __
- 11 “Men in __”

- 12 Expert
- 13 __ Rogers and Dale Evans
- 15 “The __ Guy”; series for Lee Majors
- 17 Bit of sooty residue
- 19 Actor __ Robertson
- 20 Saudi or Yemeni
- 22 George of “CSI”
- 23 “__ Factor”; former reality series
- 25 Actor __ Garrett
- 26 “Boys Don’t __”; Hilary Swank movie
- 27 Actress Della
- 30 Dinah __
- 31 Clumsy one
- 33 “Every Which Way But __”
- 34 ...J, K, ...
- 36 “...__ by your outfit that you are a cowboy...”
- 37 “...with boughs of holly, ...”
- 39 __ degree; utmost
- 40 “__ of the Worlds”; movie for Tom Cruise

ACROSS

- 1 “__ Days”; series for Ron Howard
- 6 Knight or Koppel
- 9 “__ Grows in Brooklyn”; Dorothy McGuire movie
- 10 Lift with great effort
- 12 Lions’ dens
- 13 “Dumb & __”; Jim Carrey film
- 14 And so forth; abbr.
- 15 Indian woman’s garment
- 16 “__ Nest”
- 19 Cargo
- 23 In a lazy way
- 24 Boo-Boo Bear’s buddy
- 25 Covered with lawn
- 28 Actor Dennis
- 30 Contented cat’s sound
- 31 Diane of “Numb3rs”
- 32 One opposed
- 33 Sgt. __; TV role for Phil Silvers
- 34 Will __ of “The Waltons”
- 36 Crime drama series

- 39 Role on “All in the Family”
- 42 Went out with
- 44 “__ 66”
- 45 “Rigoletto” or “La Bohème”
- 46 Flow back
- 47 “__ Johnny!”; Ed McMahon’s line

DOWN

- 1 Alan __, Jr., of “Gilligan’s Island”
- 2 Rat-__-tat; knocking sound
- 3 “The __”; Drew Carey’s game show
- 4 __ person; apiece
- 5 “__, Dear”
- 6 Actor __ Hunter
- 7 __ Arden of “Our Miss Brooks”
- 8 German article
- 10 “Ben-__”; movie for Charlton Heston
- 11 Actress on “CSI: Miami”
- 13 “One __ at a Time”
- 15 Pigpen
- 17 Meredith Grey and Cristina Yang; abbr.
- 18 Wood thickness
- 20 Comic strip “Alley __”
- 21 Get old
- 22 Hitchcock or Scorsese; abbr.
- 25 Abbreviation on a student’s transcript
- 26 “See Spot __”; David Arquette film
- 27 Mr. Linkletter
- 28 Holbrook or Linden
- 29 Mork’s planet
- 31 Evergreen tree
- 33 Mayberry resident
- 35 “Old MacDonald had a farm, __-I-O. And on that farm...”
- 37 Excessively dry
- 38 Actress Lupino and her namesakes
- 39 “Car 54, Where __ You?”
- 40 Reiner or Estes
- 41 Baby bear
- 42 Comment from Homer Simpson
- 43 King Kong, for one

Hitori

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Word Salsa

WORD SALSA™

by Tony Tallarico

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward.
Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

I'M QUITE ...**ENGLISH**

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 CHEERFUL
 COMICAL
 DECENT
 DISCREET
 GENEROUS
 HONORABLE
 KINDLY
 PATIENT
 PERSONABLE
 POLITE
 WISE

SPANISH

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MENTOR
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ON THE WALL

<u>ENGLISH</u>	<u>SPANISH</u>
CALENDAR	CALENDARIO
CLOCK	RELOJ
DECORATION	DECORACIÓN
HOOK	GANCHO
LIGHT SWITCH	LLAVE DE LA LUZ
MIRROR	ESPEJO
PAINTING	PINTURA
PHOTO	FOTO
POSTER	PÓSTER
RECEPTACLE	RECEPTÁCULO
SHELF	ESTANTE
WALLPAPER	EL PAPEL PINTADO

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O L U C Á T P E C E R N E U Ó
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I F L E H S N Ó I C R A Ó T T
P C A L E N D A R Ó P P S A I
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E O H C N A G N L M P U E T S
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DANCING LIKE A STAR

<u>ENGLISH</u>	<u>SPANISH</u>
BALLROOM	SALON DE BAILE
BOLERO	BOLERO
CHOREOGRAPH	COREOGRAFIAR
COORDINATION	COORDINACIÓN
DANCE CLASS	CLASE DE BAILE
DANCE FLOOR	PISTA
FOXTROT	FOXTROT
PARTNER	PAREJA
RUMBA	RUMBA
STEP	PASO
TO DANCE	BAILAR
WALTZ	VALS

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N Ó I C A N A L C E C N A D N
S S A L C E C N A D Z T L W Ó
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C L A S E D E B A I L E A L N
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H N A I L E C N A D O T C A I
O D S B C I Ó N R T X R E L T
R E T O R T X O F H U A F I A
E B A L L R O O M M N P V A N
O A J E B J W L B J P I A B I
G I P R Z T L A W E H S L O D
R L F O X T R O T R O T S L R
A E N Ó I C A S M E Ó A I E O
P A R E J A B M U R P L A R O
H P V R A I F A R G O E R O C
                    
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Level: Tough

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. Digits inside the dotted cages must add up to the number in the corner of each cage, and digits can't repeat inside a cage.

5	20	17		15	21			
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He sure has seen his fair share of highs and lows.

Clue: Before getting into television, this person wanted to be a cartoonist.

SKAAAL *Clue: Home to Chris Stevens*

AONJRIT *Clue: Schneider was one*

EVRSIRD *Clue: Alex and Bobby*

YTAPOUS *Clue: Procedure on some dramas*

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Use the clues to help unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four words.

Then arrange the circled letters to form the answer, as suggested by the cartoon and clue.

Answer

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I wonder if he ever investigated other careers before deciding on acting?

Clue: This actor said, "Unless you treat failure as part of the journey, you're never going to get anywhere."

LOICEL *Clue: "Lassie," performer*

TNCORUY *Clue: Buck and Roy's style*

DOBCEKR *Clue: Fred's town*

TRMYSYE *Clue: Jessica's specialty*

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I was crazy about her TV role.

I was crazy about it too.

Clue: This person was named one of People Magazine's "50 Most Beautiful People" in 1998.

RPREPAT *Clue: Tent resident*

NETIRNH *Clue: "Biggest Loser" winner*

PLAOURP *Clue: Like a top-rated show*

TLYEHAW *Clue: Like J.R.*

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I think everybody knows this character's name.

Clue: This character was featured on a show that aired for 11 seasons.

ACELLPS *Clue: Al Robbins instrument*

SPONIMS *Clue: Animated family*

RHORTBE *Clue: Frasier had one*

GARNEMA *Clue: The Partridges had one*

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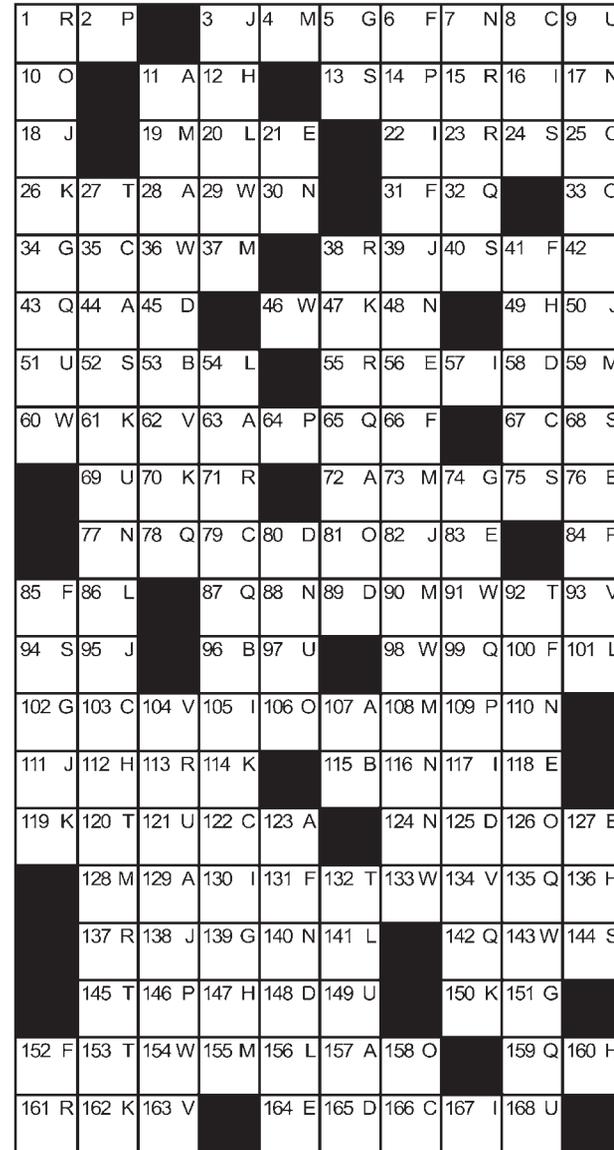
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CLUES

WORDS

- A. Suburbia's start _____
44 72 107 28 123 63 129 11 157
- B. Not the albumen _____
76 96 53 115
- C. Sickening _____
103 35 8 25 122 67 166 79
- D. Gloat _____
89 148 165 58 80 125 45
- E. In-box? _____
164 127 118 56 83 21
- F. Scattered _____
31 66 152 100 41 131 6 85
- G. Gusher _____
74 34 5 151 139 102
- H. Very, very _____
49 112 147 12 160 136
- I. Suitable and relevant _____
42 57 130 22 167 16 105 117
- J. Jump to conclusions _____
138 82 18 111 50 39 3 95
- K. Zesty, in Paris _____
26 61 119 70 150 47 114 162
- L. "Hey," in teen-speak; 2 wds. _____
54 156 141 20 86 101
- M. WWI Europe, to Yanks; 2 wds. _____
19 73 155 4 37 128 59 90 108
- N. She wears a heart on her chest; 2 wds. _____
17 124 77 30 116 48 110 88 140 7
- O. Teens often have these with parents _____
106 10 126 81 158 33
- P. Bring together _____
109 146 84 64 2 14
- Q. All one can do; 2 wds. _____
99 32 65 159 135 43 78 87 142
- R. Root beer tree _____
113 55 15 137 38 23 71 1 161
- S. Type of ceiling _____
94 40 68 24 52 75 144 13



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 by Robert O'Neill

- T. Overflow _____
27 120 145 153 132 92
- U. I hop?: 2 wds. _____
168 51 69 149 97 121 9
- V. Otherwise _____
62 134 93 104 163
- W. Where Harbin is _____
154 46 29 60 143 133 36 91 98

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WORDS

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- B. Onomatopoeic tuba sound 128 35 21 85 9 154 67 110 118
- C. In a different fashion 156 137 146 97 109 34 119 18 46
- D. Circuitous route 81 113 63 36 139 150 131 48 24 74
- E. Giving in 136 14 124 37 66 42 7 114
- F. Fat 73 127 39 57 51 2 102
- G. Stops raining; 2 wds. 71 20 31 59 148 82
- H. "Rocky" band Survivor's album; 4 wds. 86 58 50 16 107 10 26 129 65 117
- I. Comic teaching social graces; 2 wds. 78 106 122 29 8 68 88 15
- J. This little bird climbs down headfirst 49 12 111 89 80 60 153 32
- K. Use one's gray matter 55 5 44 112 142
- L. Compliant 135 79 108 41 6 72 96 52
- M. Paid for 104 69 152 91 123 17
- N. Manners and mores 83 116 138 147 98
- O. Ready to box 145 100 84 43 132 75
- P. Transvaal president ___ Paul 95 64 151
- Q. Wise-appearing 93 140 120 3 40 28
- R. Radio's music selector 94 101 19 134 126 56
- S. People besides ourselves 54 30 77 62 149 22

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152	M	153	J	154	B			155	W	156	C	157	T	158	A				

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by Pat Cohen

- T. Butler who didn't give a damn 157 61 87 27 13
- U. Black cat, to some; 2 wds. 125 141 38 11 25 90 133
- V. One present at a function 1 76 23 121 144 47 33 105
- W. Sample tapes 45 130 155 92 99

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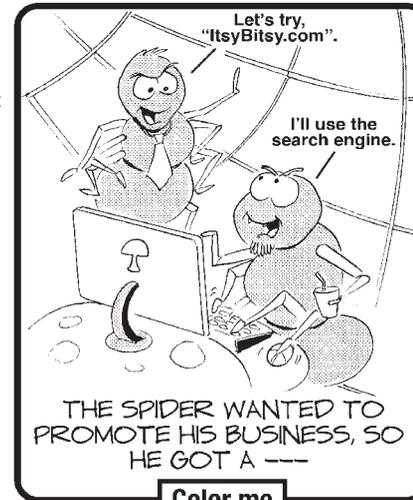
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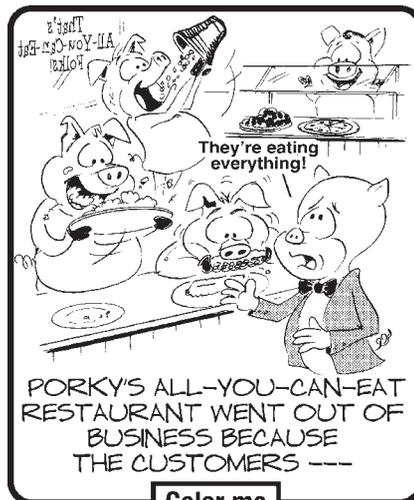
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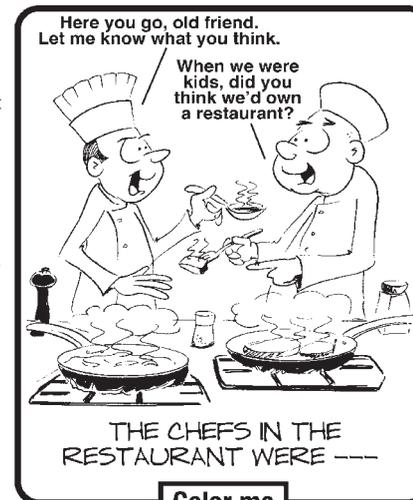
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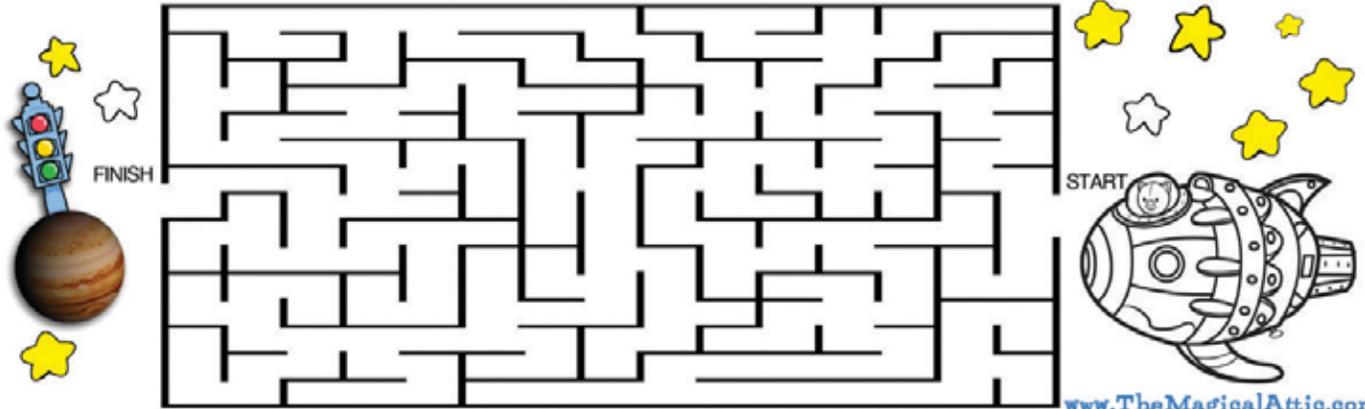
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You can use a darker marker or different colored pencil to finish the drawing and erase the foundation lines.

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When the runner stopped to look for his watch, he —
LOST TIME

LOG QUIT HUGE DRIP
Porky's all-you-can-eat restaurant went out of business
because the customers — PIGGED OUT

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SYH
 ○ ○

TAPH
 ○ ○ ○

TTSE
 ○ ○ ○ ○

ROPO
 ○ ○ ○ ○



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SIDH
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SUPH
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FNA
 ○ ○ ○

KOHO
 ○ ○ ○ ○

IRTM
 ○ ○ ○ ○

GKIN
 ○ ○ ○ ○



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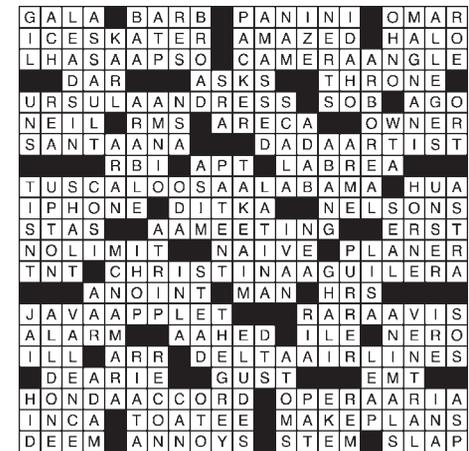
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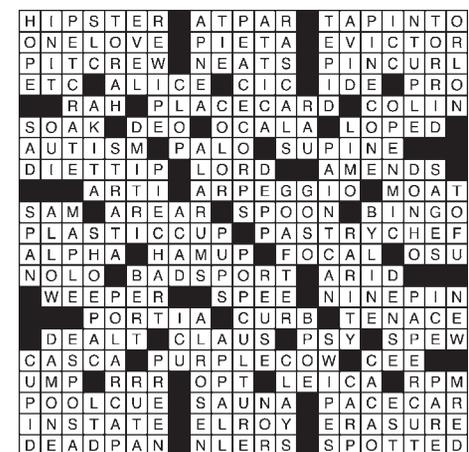
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7D-Laundry 10D-Bush B-Disney World
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BLUNT YIELD IGUANA EXHALE
His ability to say “adios” and “au revoir” made him this — “BYE”-LINGUAL

CURVE PILOT SICKEN PILLOW
She hinted that her daughter should clean her room, but her daughter didn’t — PICK UP ON IT

DODGE SKUNK REVIVE AFFIRM
When the does met, they knew instantly they would become — “DEER” FRIENDS

LARVA DRILL THROWN BESIDE
Their attempt to drill for water didn’t — END WELL

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HYPER PARCH WANTED TAMPER
After he pitched a perfect game, he — THREW A PARTY

IDIOT SLASH TONGUE UNFOLD
When the salesman told him the stereo was 50 percent off, he said this — SOUNDS GOOD

ABATE IMAGE BENIGN PIRACY
After his climbing companion started to panic, he told her to — GET A GRIP

SHIFT EXACT GENTLY FORGOT
The male retriever thought that the female retriever was — FETCHING

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SCRABBLE BRAND GRAMS SOLUTION

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PAR SCORE 160-170							TOTAL	229

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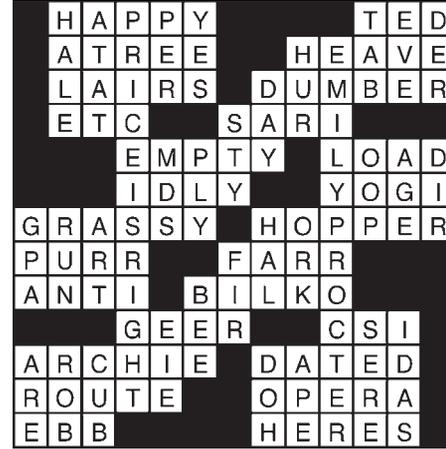
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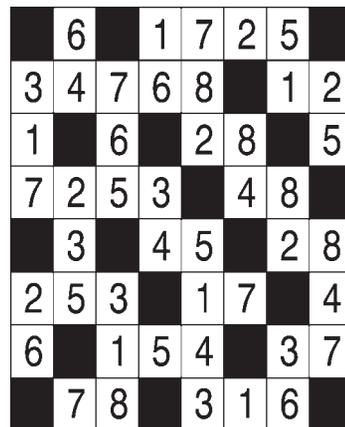
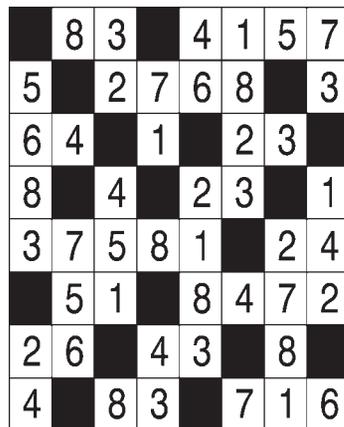
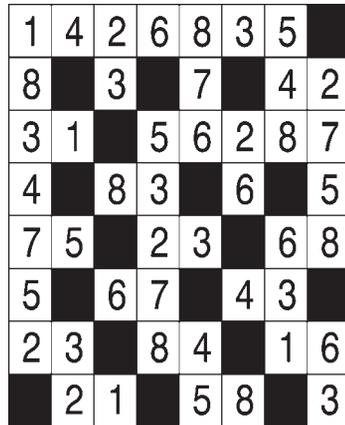
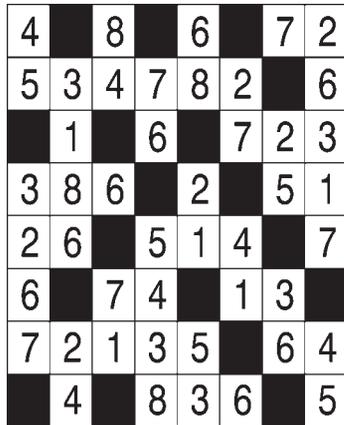
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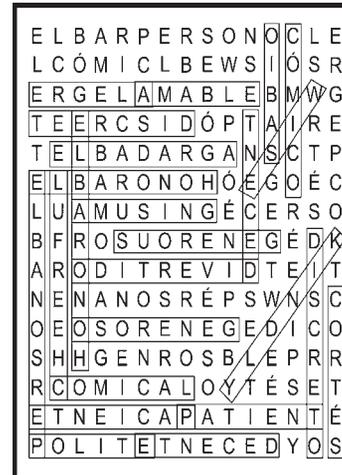
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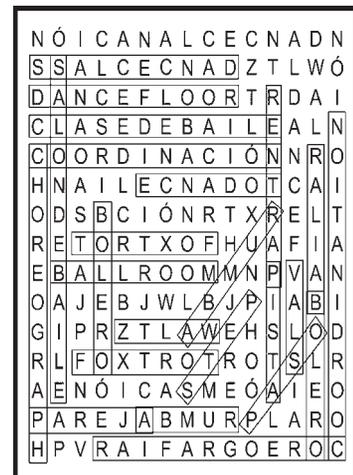


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Jumbles: ALASKA JANITOR DRIVERS AUTOPSY
 Answer: Before getting into television, this person wanted to be a cartoonist. **AL ROKER**

Jumbles: COLLIE COUNTRY BEDROCK MYSTERY
 Answer: This actor said, "Unless you treat failure as part of the journey, you're never going to get anywhere." **TOM SELLECK**

Jumbles: TRAPPER THINNER POPULAR WEALTHY
 Answer: This person was named one of People Magazine's "50 Most Beautiful People" in 1998. **HELEN HUNT**

Jumbles: SCALPEL SIMPSON BROTHER MANAGER
 Answer: This character was featured on a show that aired for 11 seasons. **NORM PETERSON**

Quote-Acrostic

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QUOTE-ACROSTIC answer: (Sheri) LYNCH: BE HAPPY OR I'LL SCREAM: As grownups we desire our offspring be smart, adorable and hugely appreciative of our every gesture and sacrifice, or alternatively, just keep quiet. Also, hopefully spend the night at someone else's house.

A. Levittown	E. Hopper	I. Apposite	M. Over there	Q. Level best	U. Ego trip
B. York	F. Bestrewn	J. Prejudge	N. Raggedy Ann	R. Sassafras	V. Alias
C. Nauseous	G. Emoter	K. Piquante	O. Issues	S. Coffered	W. Manchuria
D. Chortle	H. Hugely	L. Yo, dude	P. Liaise	T. Runoff	

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QUOTE-ACROSTIC answer: WOODY ALLEN: TO BE GOOD OR BAD?: As I think about it, it seems to me that the world is divided into two types, the good people and the bad people. The good ones sleep better at night while the bad ones enjoy the waking hours much more.

A. Whippet	E. Yielding	I. Etta Kett	M. Bought	Q. Owlsh	U. Bad omen
B. Oompahpah	F. Adipose	J. Nuthatch	N. Ethos	R. Deejay	V. Attendee
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A BOLD APPROACH

Greta Gerwig gives 'Little Women' its due

BY GLENN WHIPP

Los Angeles Times

Greta Gerwig knew how to end her new adaptation of "Little Women," the eighth film version of Louisa May Alcott's classic girlhood novel. She also knew not everyone would like her idea, so she decided to shoot it surreptitiously, betting she could pull it off.

Judging from the reviews of the film, she did — though that doesn't mean the experience wasn't a little nerve-wracking.

"You know how with each new draft of a script you have a different paper color ... so you have the pink draft, the blue draft, the green draft, and it goes to everybody, and you have the possibility of a bunch of notes?" Gerwig says. "This was just one of those things where I thought, 'I know what I want to do here. And I don't want to debate it. I want to just do it.'"

The 1868 novel about the March sisters — Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy — ends with the headstrong, spirited Jo giving up writing, marrying, having children and opening a school. But in real life, Jo's creator, Alcott, never married, never had children and continued writing, becoming a wealthy and famous author. "Jo should have remained a literary spinster," Alcott wrote later.

Gerwig thought she could close her "Little Women" by blending the two narratives, creating a movie within a movie that delivered the pleasures of a romance inside a story about Alcott realizing her artistic ambitions.

Gerwig did share her bold, meta approach with producer Amy Pascal, who had started developing a new adaptation of "Little Women" several years ago while she was running Sony Pictures. But that was pretty much it. Gerwig was flying solo in this follow-up to her Oscar-nominated "Lady Bird," "betting the farm," as she puts it, that it would turn out OK.

She cut it close too. Gerwig, 36, finished shooting "Little Women" on Dec. 16, 2018. She returned home to New York and began editing it the following day. Other than Christmas and New Year's,



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"What you choose to tell and how you choose to tell it indicates to an audience what's important," says Greta Gerwig, who adapted and directed "Little Women" for the big screen.

she and editor Nick Huoy worked nonstop, setting up a New York screening for Sony studio executives on March 10.

Were there notes about that ending?

"They had some questions, yes," Gerwig says, laughing. "My argument was that I'm not standing outside the romance. I'm not saying, 'What's wrong with you people that you want that?' I want it too! I want them to kiss! And even though in the movie, it's

constructed that it's fiction, I'm still satisfied when they kiss."

Indeed, in the scene when Jo (played by Saoirse Ronan) runs after Friedrich (Louis Garrel), Gerwig pulls out all cinematic signifiers of romance: the rain machines and the backlights and the camera crane and cymbal crash and rolling thunder — heightening them just a touch. Gerwig's joy in the scene's emotional content is obvious in its construction. But she had more

she wanted to say with the movie.

"She told Amy (Pascal) that the film was about art and money," Ronan says. "I can't imagine too many people having the guts to go into a major American studio and say something like that about 'Little Women.'" Noting her confidence on their first collaboration, "Lady Bird," Ronan adds that "she's owning that even more. She's the hottest director in town, and everyone wants to work with her and they abso-

lutely should."

When Gerwig first met Pascal about "Little Women" in 2016, she was primarily known for her work as an actress in independent films made by Baumbach and Joe Swanberg. That didn't stop her from telling Pascal that she was the only person who could write this new adaptation. Gerwig got the job and, after the success of "Lady Bird," she was hired to direct it too.

When Gerwig showed the finished product to her agent, Jeremy Barber, he told her he found it more personal than "Lady Bird," a coming-of-age about a young woman, like Gerwig, who hailed from Sacramento.

Gerwig believes Barber's reaction is tied to the authorship question she explores in the film. Her "Little Women" opens with Jo shyly entering a publisher's office, looking to sell a story on behalf of a "friend."

"I lifted 90% of the dialogue straight from the book, but there was something about the language, her hesitancy, her willingness to change the work to get the money ... all of that, I just knew through and through," Gerwig says. "I felt it could be me talking to a studio head. It has been me talking to a studio head."

Those conversations, Gerwig says, are reflected in an exchange between Jo and Amy that gets to the heart of why she wanted to make this movie. Amy asks her sister what she's writing. Jo replies that she's started something, but she doesn't think it's any good. Elaborating, Jo explains: "It's just about our little lives. Who would care about a story of our domestic struggles and joys? It doesn't have any real importance."

"Writing them will make them important," Amy answers.

"What you choose to tell and how you choose to tell it indicates to an audience what's important," Gerwig says. "I wanted to make this 'Little Women' 30 feet tall. I wanted to shoot it on film. I wanted it to have these amazing actors and collaborators. I wanted to give it the works because I wanted to say it matters."

2nd pair of frames for events? Not needed



ELLEN WARREN

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I can't see without my glasses, so there's no question that I must wear them even for the dressiest occasions. (Contact lenses don't work for me.) But should I buy a special pair for fancy events? If so, what should they look like? My everyday glasses are round and tortoiseshell. They seem kind of casual for a formal event.

— Jo B.

Dear Jo: Prescription eyewear is so expensive. Even if you get a bargain on the frames from online places like Warby Parker, by the time you pay for the prescription lenses and the no-scratch coating it's easy to spend \$300 or \$400. So, not many of us can afford to have a second pair just for fancy evenings out. Anyhow, it is totally unnecessary! Oprah shows up at the most elegant of events wearing big black frames. Same goes for Demi Moore, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Anne Hathaway, Jane Fonda and Tina Fey. And I think we can agree that all of them can afford any eyewear they want.

Let's say that you have more money than you know what to do with and you've decided to splurge on evening glasses. Sure you can pop for some glitzy ones slathered in rhinestones and sparkle. Or crazy-colored ones to match your outfit. That will definitely get you some attention. But, if you're trying to wear the most unobtrusive glasses possible, then wire frames, clear frames, no frames at all (like Elizabeth Warren)



Jane Fonda is among the celebrities who show it's OK to wear black eyeglass frames to even the most elegant of events.

or neutral shades like beige or taupe are your best bets.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: What is the correct order for applying make-up?

— Suzanne B.

Dear Suzanne: Sunscreen should go on first. Followed by moisturizer, if you use it. You can skip a step if you use moisturizer that also has sunscreen SPF 30 or greater. That's a twofer. While not everyone will agree, the makeup artists I talked to say that next comes eye makeup — brows, eyeliner, shadow and mascara. Then concealer if needed. After that, apply lipstick. (Some pros prefer doing the lips before

eyes.) Blush is the last to go on since only when the rest of the face is complete will you know how much more color you want, if any.

Dear Answer Angel:

Many of the places I shop have stacks of sequin skirts for sale. Gold, silver, copper, colors. They look like they'd be fun to wear, but are they just for evening? Could I wear one in the daytime?

— Toni B.

Dear Toni: You might get some stares — depending on where you live and work — but yes! Sequins for daytime are a thing this season. The way to wear them in daytime is to dress them down. Wear the skirt

with a T-shirt or a basic buttoned-up cardigan and casual shoes, boots or booties. You'll be totally on trend and definitely a standout.

Angelic Readers 1

Marv R.: "I use and advocate V-neck undershirts so that the undershirt doesn't show at the neckline in a man's button shirt. At some point fairly recently, the manufacturers decided to make the neck opening on V-neck undershirts smaller so that the undershirt would still show when men had the top shirt button unbuttoned. More recently, the manufacturers introduced a solution to the problem they created. The

different manufacturers offer V-neck undershirts with a deep V. You definitely need to seek out undershirts marked as deep V to meet the no-show objective."

Angelic Readers 2

From Ellen: I was surprised by how many of you had experienced the same problem as reader Jan C., who wrote asking for reader solutions to her problem. She had a toenail removed and wanted to show off her polished nails but couldn't get the polish to adhere to the bare skin. Apparently losing a nail is not uncommon and you've got plenty of helpful hints for her:

Cindy M. says her local salon used acrylic power to fashion a nail on the bare spot: "Lasts for a few months and cost just \$5 plus tip."

Pat F. writes: "When I lost my toenail I bought artificial fingernails. The thumb fit my big toe so I glued it on and kept my pedicure."

Jeanette did the same: "Unless I bump it, the nail stays for a month or more."

Rita D. and Mary P. also recommend the fake nail solution.

Kris N. bought cute colored and patterned Band-Aids and put a fresh one on whenever her toes were showing.

Susan K. says with a base coat and a top coat, regular nail polish stays on her no-nail toe for three weeks.

Rosemary F. suggests to tape the skin and polish the tape.

Reader Rant

Robin D. writes: "What is it with athletic clothing manufacturers that are making such short shorts for women? It is almost impossible to find shorts in 7- to 9-inch inseams. And if you can find them, there are no pockets for cell-phones, keys, etc. I live in a 55-plus community, and all the women say the same thing. Clothing manufacturers are missing out on a huge market of active adult women."

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel@tribune.com.

THE GOODS

CHEERS!

BY JESSICA MOAZAMI | Chicago Tribune

Whether it's an intimate soiree with your besties or a big bash, there is a lot that goes into throwing a great party. After getting the guest list just right, the next most important part is the bar — and having a well-stocked bar isn't enough. Up your game with the right accessories to add major style.

Jessica Moazami is a freelance stylist.



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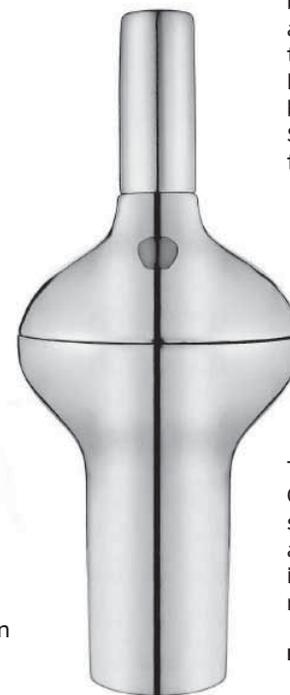
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DREAMSTIME

For the ideal wardrobe, look in a mirror and think about why you look and feel good in your favorite outfits. Pinpoint the common factors.

An easy guide to buying the right clothes

BY ARAMIDE ESUBI
Tribune Content Agency

The closet of our dreams would be organized, clutter-free and purge itself every year. Even better, this dream closet would only be filled with clothes that make us look and feel amazing. Think about it. Wouldn't it be wonderful to love every piece you have? Wouldn't you love to never frown at a piece again, wondering what you were thinking when you got it because it doesn't go with anything? Well, those goals might be more achievable than you think. Try these five easy steps to make sure that from now on, you only buy what really works.

Step 1: Go try on one or two of your favorite outfits. If you're anything like me, you have more than one or two favorites. Think of the outfits that get tons of compliments or make you feel confident every time you wear them.

Step 2: Stand in front of the mirror and really think about why you look and feel so good in your outfits. Is the cut of the jacket perfect for your long waist? Maybe the jewel tone flatters your complexion. Is it the feel of the fabric that you really love? Since these are your favorite outfits we're talking about, chances are it's a combination of several factors that make the clothes work for you. If you've tried on a few favorites, analyze the common factors among them.

Step 3: Think of any new trends that you have been inspired by lately. Can you add elements of them to these favorite outfits? You may be able to create new looks that become your new favorite, or you can mix and match pieces from your favorite outfits to make things even more interesting. The main goal in this step is to work with what you have to make changes in your wardrobe. So, you shouldn't need to completely overhaul your closet once you complete this step. You'd be surprised what you can come up with when you push yourself to think outside your comfort zone.

Step 4: Create a budget. While this may not be the most enjoyable part, it is the responsible part of the process. Having a budget will keep you on track with what you can afford to spend and what pieces you truly want to invest in. It will also keep you from doing any impulse buying that might take you off track of your mission.

Step 5: Now here's the fun part — go shopping! Use your outfit research to guide you toward new clothes that share some aspects of your favorite outfit(s). Don't buy things that are too similar (we're going for range here) but if you look great in certain shades, stock up on different styles of clothing in those tones. If you realize you love pencil skirts, grab a few more in various colors and prints.

Once you have a foundation for what looks good on you, makes you feel great and fits your budget, your closet and wardrobe will be a fashion gold mine!

Add color to a small space

BY MICHELE LERNER

The Washington Post

Design articles often suggest a “pop of color” to perk up an overly neutral palette in your home. But if you live in tight quarters, how do you know how many pops are too many?

We asked Debbie Lori Travin of DLT Interiors in New York City to share her insights about using color in your home, particularly when you are living in a studio or one-bedroom apartment or in a home with smaller rooms.

“The use of color in a small space needs to be done strategically and sparingly,” Travin wrote in an email. “If there’s too much color, the space becomes unsophisticated looking; more like a child’s room. If there is not enough color, it could look rather dull and uninspiring.”

Here are Travin’s recommended steps to using just the right amount of color in a small space.

1. The background

Start with a neutral palette for the key pieces of furniture, which include the sofa and chairs.

2. Trust your instincts

Decide which accent colors make you happy and go with that. Remember, you want to design a room you enjoy looking at and spending time in.

3. A little goes a long way

Once you decide which accent color you like most, decide where you would like to use it. Using color sparingly and precisely is a challenge and requires editing accordingly.

Here are other ways to use color in a small room:

Add color with the pillows. Travin chose light blue and orange for one room because her client loved that combination.

Choose an accent piece of furniture in a color to add personality and punch to the room. For example, she chose to use a soft, blue animal-print fabric on benches in one project, which, she said, added panache to the room and balanced with the light blue pillows on the sofa.

Incorporate artwork. This is a great way to introduce color into a small space. In her client’s home, she added a large painting with oranges and blues over the sofa to tie in and bring all the colors together.

Include metal. In a client’s home, she added gold accents in the cocktail table and side tables as well as in the lighting. Gold is a warm metal and works well with oranges and blues, she said. Silver accents add a cooler tone to blues and oranges. Either one works beautifully and adds another dimension to your room’s colors, she said.

“Make sure you do not overuse color in a small room,” Travin wrote. “Choose wisely with the pillows, accent furniture, artwork or accessories and keep most of the base of the furniture neutral, and then you will have a room that is both sophisticated as well as inviting.”



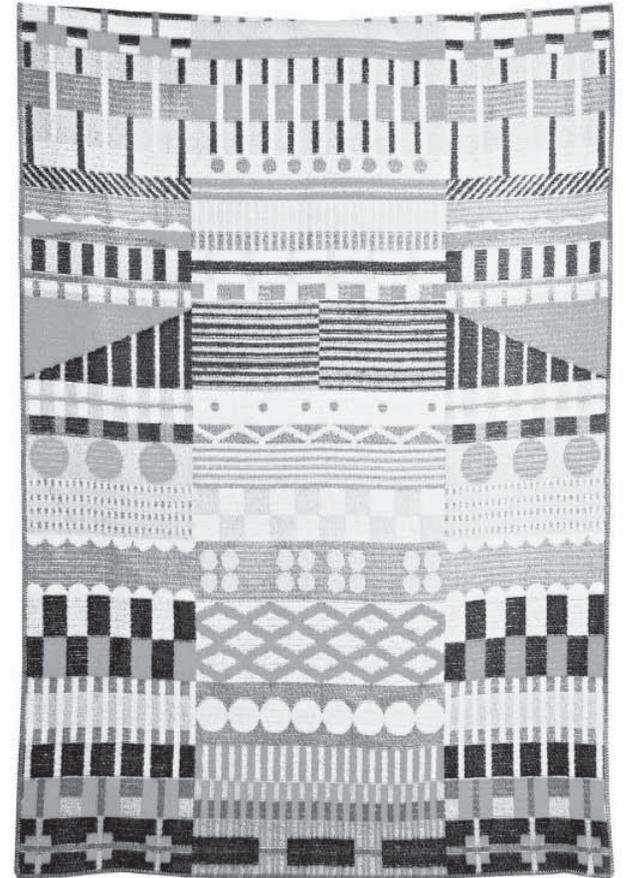
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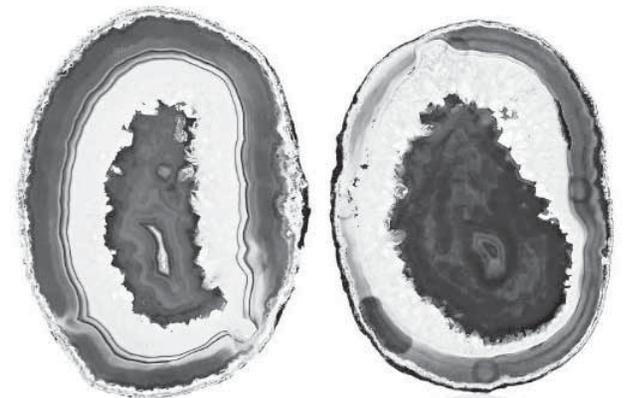
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Menswear department may disappear

BY ALEXIS BENVENISTE
Bloomberg

While gender-free clothing has been on runways and in fashion magazines for years, building a retail space around the concept was until recently seen as financially risky. Now, some companies are out to prove that the cultural fulcrum has shifted enough to give it a try.

According to Pew research, 35% of Generation Z knows someone who identifies as nonbinary and prefers gender-neutral pronouns — and millennials and even Generation X aren't far behind. Retailers, and in particular clothes sellers, have taken notice.

"I do believe gender-neutral fashion is the future," said Fashion Institute of Technology professor Dawnn Karen. "I feel like we're moving towards that."

Holding itself out as the first gender-free store in New York, The Phluid Project in Manhattan's Soho neighborhood is part of this nascent segment. The space is a combination store, cafe and event space geared toward the LGBTQ community.

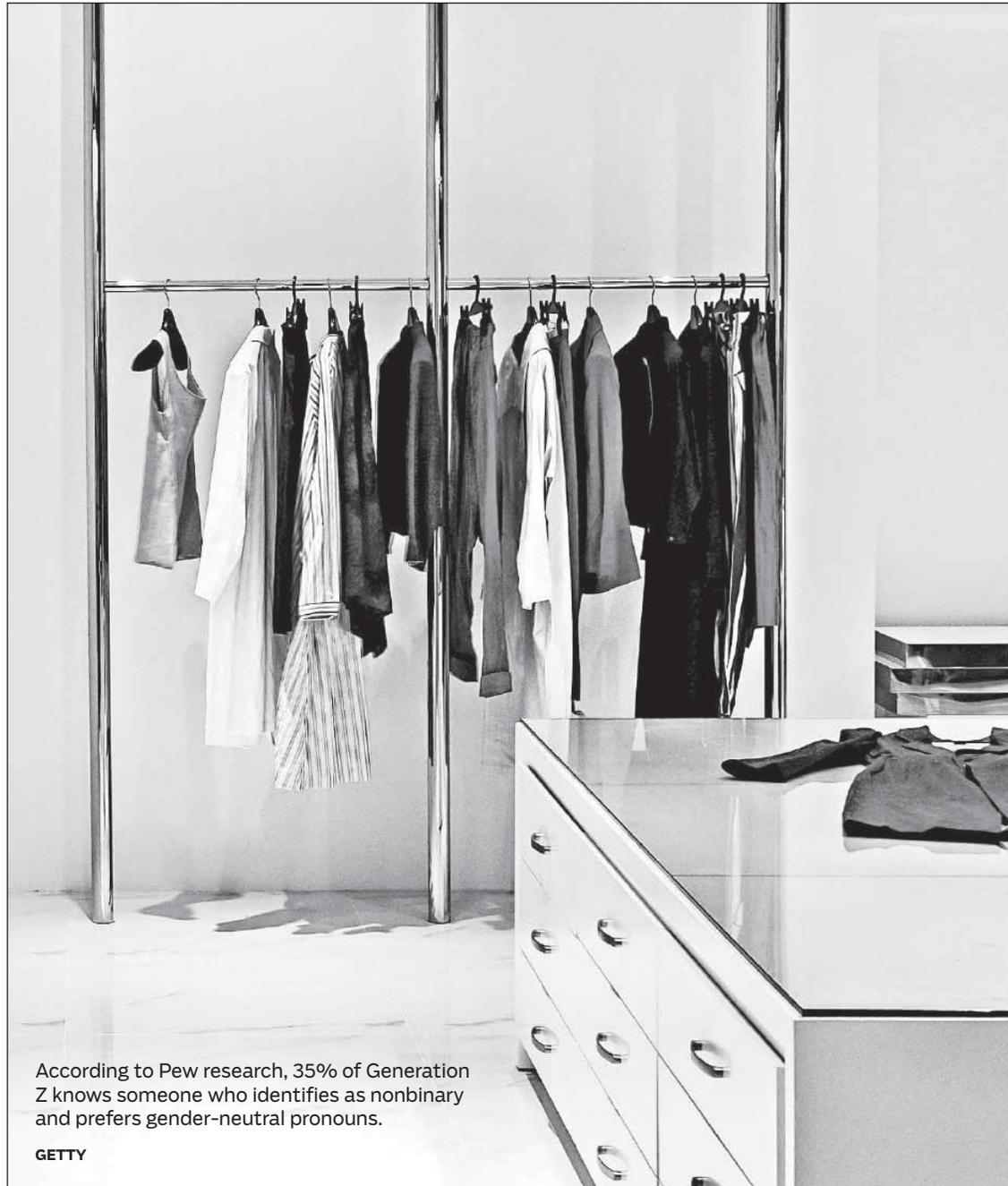
Phluid Project founder Rob Smith, 54, spent 30 years as a retail executive before opening the store. While Phluid has been up and running a few years now, only recently has the concept of making a commercial go of gender-free clothing spread to bigger corporate retail.

The ascent of Generation Z, Smith said, is the moving force.

"There is a paradigm shift that is currently happening in our society. An unlearning and a relearning," Smith said. "By next year, Gen Z (will account) for one-third of the national population, which accounts for 40% of U.S. spending power. It's time to change with the times and generations, because their voice and power is undeniable.

"It became clear to me," Smith said, "that there was a need to shatter the historic infrastructure of companies we're operating under."

On a visit to the Phluid Project earlier this year, there were none of the traditional signs to send



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you to specific clothing departments. Nongendered mannequins stood atop tables, sporting dresses, pants, shirts and graphic tees that say, "They Power," a reference to the pronoun preference of many nonbinary individuals.

The company said that, after spending its first year focusing on establishing the brand and a unique open sales floor experience, it's now looking to better

develop its social media and e-commerce platforms, as well as strategic partnerships.

This summer, Phluid partnered with HBO and its series "Euphoria," a drama about growing up in Gen Z America, and set up several pop-ups across the country, offering shoppers a capsule collection and panel discussions. Phluid also has a partnership with French clothing label Equipment on a gender fluid collection.

Fifty-six percent of Gen Z consumers already shop outside of their gender, ignoring clothing that's labeled and categorized into gendered sections, according to a study by advertising agency J. Walter Thompson. Smith is very much acquainted with how those decisions are made. Before the Phluid Project, he worked for Nike, and eventually moved on to become an executive vice president at Macy's, and then Victoria's Secret. He also served on the board of shoe-seller Steve Madden.

"I started to share the idea with friends and business partners and got a cold reaction," Smith said of the Phluid Project's beginnings. "It is difficult, and understandable, to go to investors with an unproven concept."

"Other brands have to worry about losing customers because their concepts and missions are often antiquated," Smith said. "We are a blank canvas."

His store not only sells gender-neutral clothing, it seeks to guarantee that its clothing comes from designers who support the gender-free clothing mission. The store's original clothing only makes up 50% of its inventory. The rest is made by designers aligned with the company's mission and concept. The store doesn't shop vintage or buy from wholesale.

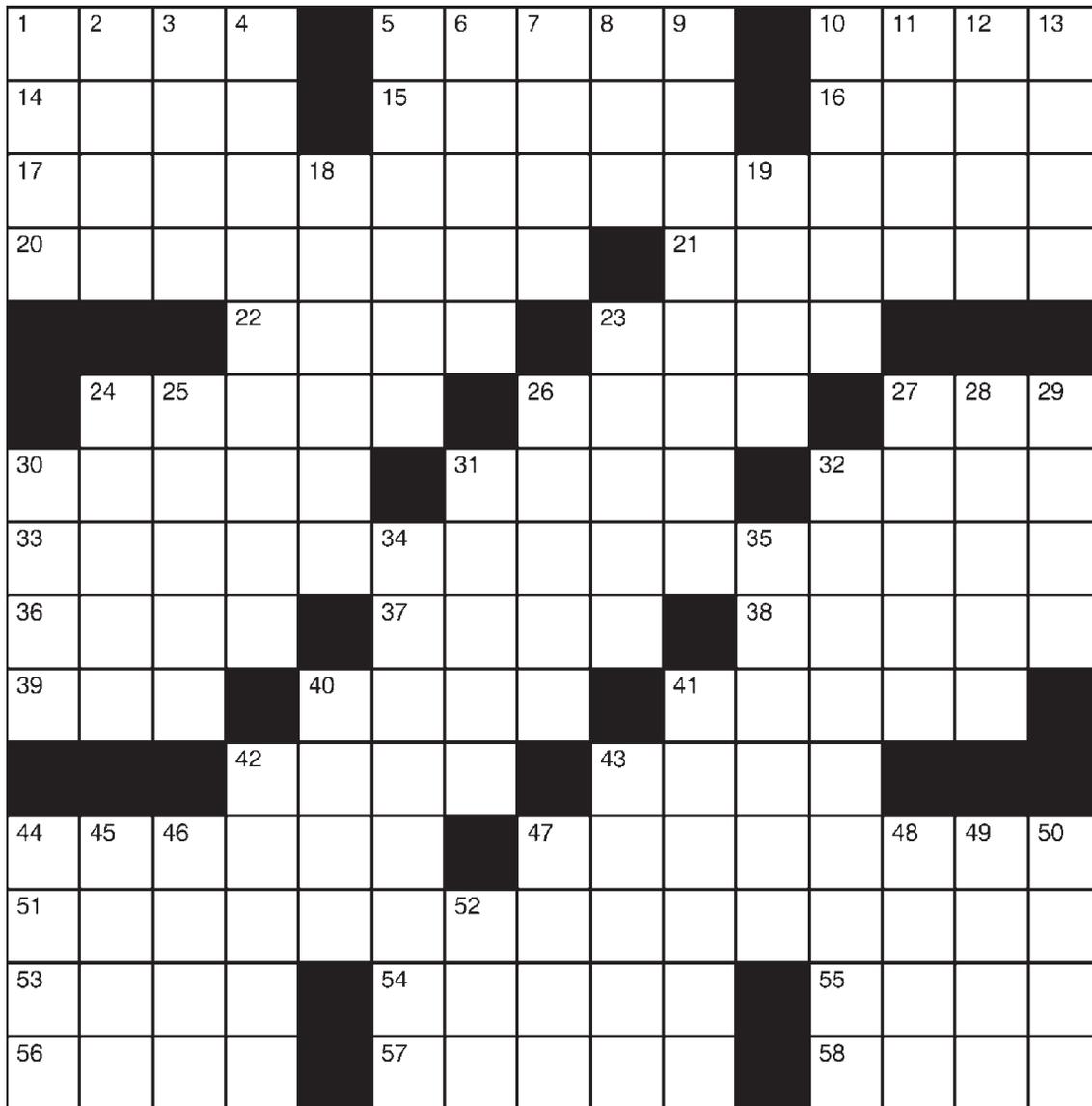
The Phluid Project isn't the lone retailer in this space. Labels such as Radimo and Official Rebrand — which emphasizes sustainability — are on the same path.

According to Business of Fashion's 2018 State of Fashion research, 66% of millennials worldwide are willing to spend more on brands that are sustainable. In response to this data, Official Rebrand is "turning unsold goods into new, one-of-a-kind collections," said MI Leggett, its founder. Official Rebrand modifies donations with design and alterations, including by painting clothing with phrases and figures.

"The first pieces came from my own closet," Leggett said. "Now I take clothing donations from friends, family, and clients commissioning custom work."

Big clothing retailers like H&M are starting to incorporate gender fluidity into a larger retail strategy, launching collections such as Denim United and last year's collaboration with Eytys. Still, H&M doesn't plan to completely eliminate gendered clothing or gendered clothing sections. LVMH-owned Sephora also started a campaign this summer aimed at an image of broader inclusiveness.

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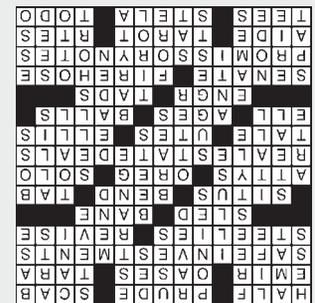
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- 41. Barium oxide
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- 44. Quarrellet
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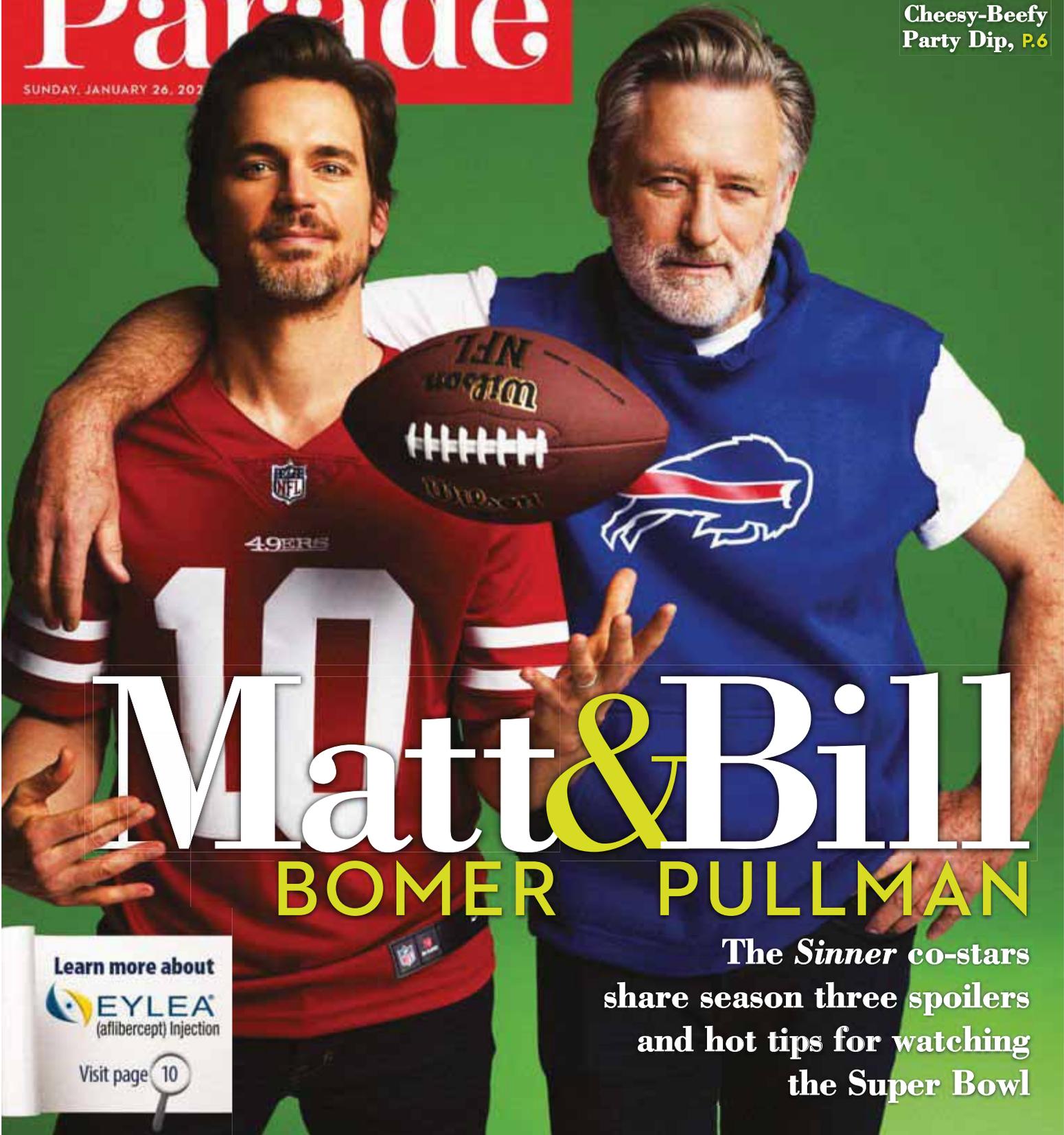
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WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

WILL ARNETT

The voice of Lego Batman in three successful movie comedies, the *Arrested Development* star, 49, expands his relationship with the toy company by taking the reins as host of *Lego Masters* (Feb. 5 on Fox). The new competition series will feature contestants facing off in intense brick-building challenges until one is crowned Lego Master, winning a prize of \$100,000.



What attracted you to *Lego Masters*? I didn't want to do reality TV that was trying to make people look bad. This is all about people who are really good at doing something. In this case, it happens to be building with Legos. Their creativity and skill are off the charts.

Can you give an example? On one episode, they had to build a movie moment, something that would tell a story. We had Phil Lord and Chris Miller, who wrote and directed the *Lego* movies, come in to give advice to the teams, and then help us rate how well the contestants did.

What's cool about playing Batman in the *Lego* movies, instead of live action? People ask me all the time, "Would you want to play real Batman?" I'm like, "What? And go through all that, and have to squeeze into the suit?"



Is it true you did *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* and *The Lego Movie* because you wanted something your kids could see?

Yeah. I started making the deal that I would do one for them, one for me. With *BoJack Horseman* [season six premieres Jan. 31 on Netflix], my kids were like, "Can we watch *BoJack*?" And I'm like, "Absolutely not." They're 9 [Abel] and 11 [Archie]. Then I did *Lego*, and then my show *Flaked*—which I'm also like, "No, you can't watch it." Then I did *Ninja Turtles*. It's worked out really well.

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A GOOD PLACE GOODBYE

It's a wrap for the critically acclaimed series *The Good Place*, which followed Eleanor Shellstrop (**Kristen Bell**) on her journey through various phases of the afterlife in an examination of what makes a person good and deserving of "the Good Place." The series finale (Jan. 30 on NBC) will expand to 90 minutes and include an aftershow with the cast, hosted by Seth Meyers. "The ending is satisfying," says Bell. "It's also a punch to the gut, but you'll understand why the whole thing was worth it."



SUPER BOWL SUPER-SHOW

Hustlers star **Jennifer Lopez** and **Shakira** will bring Latin heat to the 2020 Super Bowl halftime show at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami on Feb. 2—Shakira's 43rd birthday. "I'm gonna be celebrating my birthday with 100 million people," says Shakira. "It's a huge platform," adds Lopez, 50. "I think it's important in this day and age for two Latin women to be standing on that stage. We want to bring everybody together."



WHO'LL GET THIS YEAR'S TOP AWARDS?

New artists **Lizzo**, **Billie Eilish** and **Lil Nas X** lead the nominations with eight and (in a tie) six nominations, respectively. But when the 62nd Grammy Awards show, hosted by **Alicia Keys**, airs Jan. 26 on CBS, some longtime favorites will also be on hand.



TANYA TUCKER, 61, is getting some Grammy love. In 2019, she released her first album of all-new material in 17 years, *While I'm Livin'*. The "Delta Dawn" singer, who has been previously nominated 10 times with no wins, picked up four noms this year. She is competing for Best Country Solo Performance against Blake Shelton, Willie Nelson, Tyler Childers and Ashley McBryde. Tucker's "Bring My Flowers Now" is also nominated for Song of the Year and Best Country Song, and *While I'm Livin'* is nominated for Best Country Album.

BARBRA STREISAND, 77, has eight Grammys but has never won for Best Traditional Pop Album. This year she is nominated for the 13th time in that category, for *Walls*, but she's up against some stiff competition in Andrea Bocelli, Michael Bublé—who has won this award four times—Elvis Costello & the Imposters and John Legend.



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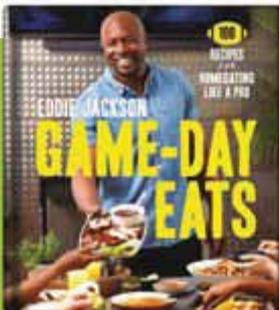
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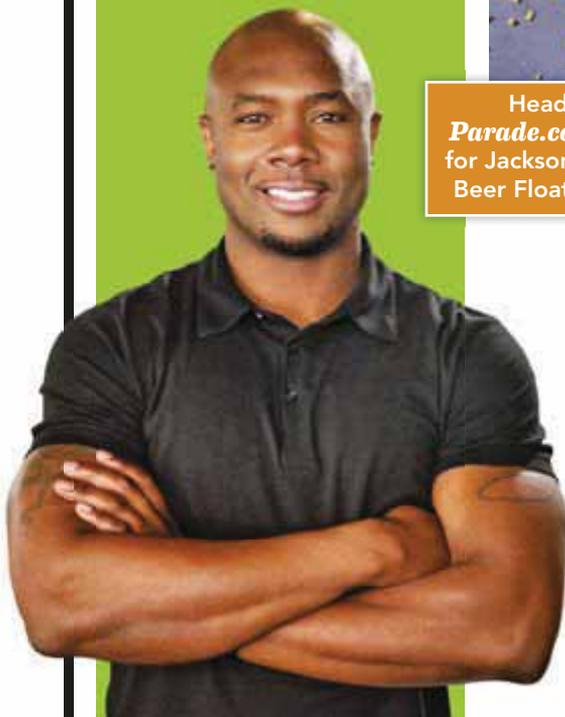
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Royale With Cheese Dip

In a medium cast-iron skillet over medium, heat 1 Tbsp **extra-virgin olive oil** until it shimmers. Add 1 lb **ground chuck**; cook, crumbling with a wooden spoon, 3 minutes or until it starts to brown. Add 1 finely chopped **small onion**; cook, stirring occasionally, 5–7 minutes or until onion has softened and beef is cooked through. Clear an empty spot in middle of skillet, add 2 Tbsp **tomato paste**; toast 1 minute. Stir in ½ tsp **garlic powder**. Stir in 1 (15-oz) jar **salsa con queso** (such as Tostitos) and ½ cup **half-and-half**. Bring to a simmer; cook, stirring, 1 minute or until mixture is well combined. Sprinkle middle of dip with 1 cup coarsely shredded **yellow cheddar cheese**, leaving a small border around edge without cheese. Transfer to oven; broil on high 1–2 minutes or until top is bubbling and browned in places.

In a small bowl, combine ¼ cup **mayonnaise**, 2 Tbsp **sweet relish**, 2 Tbsp **ketchup**, ½ tsp **kosher salt** and ¼ tsp freshly ground **black pepper**. Top dip with drizzles of the mayo-relish sauce along with your favorite burger fixings: onions, pickles, lettuce, tomatoes, ketchup and mustard. Serve with **tortilla chips**.
Serves 8–10.

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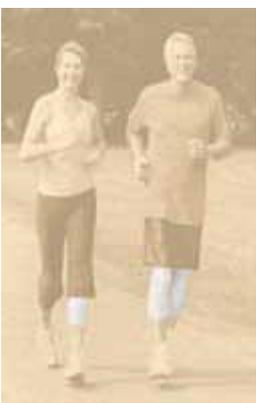
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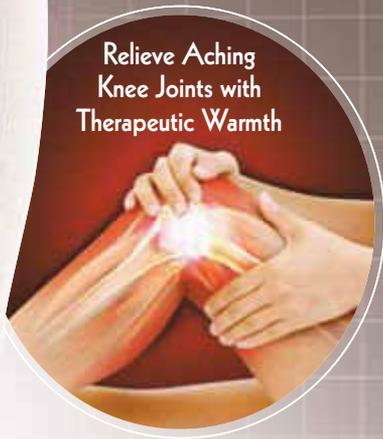


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Go Wild in Yellowstone National Park

Winter in Yellowstone means steaming geysers, cold temperatures (the average January high is 24°F), the intense quiet of deep snowfall and great wildlife viewing. (It also means fewer people; some 29,000 people visit the park in January versus an average of 948,000 in July.)

Yellowstone hosts the largest concentration of wildlife in the lower 48 states, including cougars, moose, pine martens, bighorn sheep, pronghorn, mule deer and elk. Bison have called the park home since prehistoric times; they look prehistoric as they snowplow through drifts with powerful heads and humps to get to the grass underneath. Some 100 wolves live here, making it one of the best places in the world to see the once-endangered *Canis lupus*. Trumpeter swans and owls feed near semi-frozen rivers, and the vivid blues of Yellowstone's famed hot springs glow even more brilliantly against a backdrop of pristine white snow.



See the Ice Show at Lakeshores of the Great Lakes

Two of America's four National Lakeshores lie along Lake Superior, where winter transforms the landscape into a fierce, magical world of swirling snow, frozen waves, ice caves and icicles. In these remote northern places, winter is celebrated, ice is something to be marveled at or climbed and snowstorms mean better conditions for skiing and snowshoeing.

At Michigan's Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, which stretches for 42 miles along the coast of the Upper Peninsula, massive curtains of frozen water cover sandstone cliffs, and waterfalls freeze into dramatic columns of yellow and blue ice. The Michigan Ice Fest (Feb. 12–16) offers films, talks and classes in photography and ice climbing. (Watching the ice climbers is a draw for many.)

When conditions are right, visitors to Wisconsin's Apostle Islands National Lakeshore can walk across the ice of Lake Superior and explore sea caves chiseled into the cliffs by centuries of waves. Large ice crystals and curtains and columns of deep-blue ice create a world straight out of Disney's *Frozen*.



Soar With Bald Eagles

To see a bald eagle soaring in slow circles in the sky, wings stretched to almost 8 feet across, or to watch it dive for prey at speeds of nearly 100 mph, is to witness something that has transfixed humans for millennia. Ancient Romans carried battle standards emblazoned with



eagles; in some Native American cultures, bald eagles are believed to be messengers between gods and humans; and America's founding fathers adopted the eagle—a bird of "supreme power and authority"—as the symbol for a fledgling country.

January is National Bald

Eagle Watch Month, and you can spot these glorious birds across the U.S. On the upper Mississippi River, as many as 2,500 bald eagles spend the winter feeding on fish below dams and in open water. In late January and early February, the birds begin courting and nest-building. In Virginia, eagles roost along the Potomac in

the Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck Refuge, just 18 miles outside of Washington, D.C. And in Oregon's Bear Valley National Wildlife Refuge, hundreds of eagles roost at night in old-growth forests of ponderosa pine, incense cedar and Douglas fir.

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- EYLEA is for prescription use only. For additional safety information, please talk to your doctor and see the full Prescribing Information for EYLEA.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA.

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Consumer Brief Summary

This summary contains risk and safety information for patients about EYLEA. It does not include all the information about EYLEA and does not take the place of talking to your eye doctor about your medical condition or treatment.

What is EYLEA?

EYLEA is a prescription medicine that works by blocking vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF). VEGF can cause fluid to leak into the macula (the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye responsible for sharp central vision). Blocking VEGF helps reduce fluid from leaking into the macula.

What is EYLEA used for?

EYLEA is indicated for the treatment of patients with:

- Neovascular (Wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)
- Macular Edema Following Retinal Vein Occlusion (RVO)
- Diabetic Macular Edema (DME)
- Diabetic Retinopathy (DR)

How is EYLEA given?

EYLEA is an injection administered by your eye doctor into the eye. Depending on your condition, EYLEA injections are given on different schedules. Consult with your eye doctor to confirm which EYLEA schedule is appropriate for you.

Who should not use EYLEA?

Do not use EYLEA if you have an infection in or around the eye, eye pain or redness, inflammation in the eye, or are allergic to aflibercept and/or any other ingredients in EYLEA.

What is the most important information I should know about EYLEA?

- EYLEA must only be administered by a qualified eye doctor. Injection into the eye with EYLEA can result in an infection in the eye and retinal detachment (separation of retina from back of the eye). Inflammation in the eye has been reported with the use of EYLEA. If your eye becomes red, sensitive to light, painful, or develops a change in vision, seek immediate care from an eye doctor
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- There is a potential risk of serious and sometimes fatal side effects related to blood clots, leading to heart attack or stroke in patients receiving EYLEA
- Serious side effects related to the injection procedure with EYLEA are rare but can occur including infection inside the eye and retinal detachment
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What are possible side effects of EYLEA?

EYLEA can cause serious side effects, including

- **See important safety information listed under “What is the most important information I should know about EYLEA?”**

The most common side effects include

- Increased redness in the eye
- Eye pain
- Cataract
- Vitreous (gel-like substance) detachment
- Vitreous floaters
- Moving spots in the field of vision
- Increased pressure in the eye

There are other possible side effects of EYLEA. For more information, ask your eye doctor.

It is important that you contact your doctor right away if you think you might be experiencing any side effects, including eye pain or redness, light sensitivity, or blurring of vision, after an injection.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA.

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What should I tell my eye doctor before receiving EYLEA?

- Tell your eye doctor if you have any medical conditions
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How is EYLEA supplied?

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Where can I learn more about EYLEA?

For more information, talk to your eye doctor and see the full Prescribing Information at EYLEA.com.

DREAM *team*

MATT BOMER and BILL PULLMAN join up for a new season of TV's hit crime series *The Sinner*—and gear up for the Super Bowl.

On the sidelines of this Super Bowl party-themed photo shoot, Matt Bomer is inhaling a bowl of Cheez Doodles.

The actor, known for his roles in such movies as *Magic Mike XXL* and *The Normal Heart*, is holding the snack a few inches from his face and wafting the orange dust up to his nose.

Bomer, 42, is quick to explain that this isn't some kind of alternative sinus-clearing treatment. He's on a crazy calorie-restrictive diet for a plot point in the third season of USA Network's *The Sinner*, on which he's guest-starring, and this is the closest he'll let himself come to breaking his regimen. The verdict? "Smells kind of like feet," he says with a laugh.

He's here with Bill Pullman, 66, who has portrayed *The Sinner's* troubled detective Harry Ambrose since the show debuted in 2017,



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to talk about two things near and dear to both of them: the new season of the critically acclaimed series, premiering on Feb. 6, and that *other* show that happens to be the biggest one in the world, the Super Bowl.

Count Pullman and Bomer among the millions of people who will

be tuning in Feb. 2 to watch the NFL's two top teams go head-to-head on the world's biggest sports stage. And, of course, to watch all of the commercials.

"I love the commercials—I think they're fantastic and so creative with that little window of time," Bomer says. But as great as they are to watch, it's not always possible to actually hear them at his house. "We have three boys under the age of 15, so it's hard to get everybody to be quiet."

Bomer and his husband of eight years, Hollywood publicist Simon Halls, are dads to Kit, 14, and 11-year-old twin brothers Henry and Walker.

For Pullman, the most challenging part of the Big Game is, well, sitting there and watching it. "I need to flee sometimes," he admits. "The tension is too much; I can't take it! I gotta get some distance between me and the screen, like when you're watching a scary movie."

Pullman has three grown children with his wife, Tamara, to whom he's been married since 1987. Son Jack, 30, is a puppet maker; daughter Measa, 31, is a singer-songwriter; and son Lewis, 26, is an actor who appeared in the movie *Bad Times at the El Royale* and will star alongside Tom Cruise in June's *Top Gun: Maverick*.

IN THE BEGINNING: SPORTS

A love of football is in Matt Bomer's blood. His father, John, was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in 1971. Young Bomer played receiver and defensive back for his high school team in Spring, Texas, and though he never considered going pro like his dad, he's not entirely retired from football.

"When we go home to Texas for Thanksgiving," he says, "we have our family game of touch football." Does he feel his old competitive instincts kicking in? "No, we're really just trying to do *something* with the 9,000 calories we just ate!"

But wait, if his dad played for the Cowboys, what's with the San Francisco 49ers jersey Bomer's wearing today? "Our oldest son, Kit, is a football fanatic, and when he got to an age where he could choose a team, I said, 'We're in California, here's the list of teams you can choose from.' And he picked the 49ers. We've since gone to games. He's a real diehard fan, in good times and in bad."

And the Bills jersey for Pullman? "I grew up in western New York," he says proudly. "And the Buffalo Bills are the one New York football team that does play in New York! They've had somewhat of a tragic streak, a terrible winning drought, but I love that their fans have stayed so loyal and things are finally getting better for them."

Pullman—the son of a physician father and a nurse mom—grew up in Hornell, N.Y., and, like Bomer, played football in school, as did all of his brothers. His dad gave the Pullman boys a solid training plan. "My father put his four boys all to work on dairy farms in the summertime to make us stronger for football," he says. Early on, Pullman

came to the same conclusion as Bomer did: He wasn't going to become a gridiron star. "I had terrible eyesight," he says. "They had me on the defensive line and I could get through the line, but then I'd get out there and I couldn't see anything! So my sophomore year, I said, 'I can't do this.'"

Long after they hung up their uniforms, both say that their days playing sports made lasting impressions. Pullman remembers the talks one of his coaches would give the team. "He'd say maybe it's good if everybody born with a silver spoon in their mouth remembers that not everybody is as well off as they are," he says. "It was such a fascinating concept to me: You're lucky, probably luckier than somebody else who you should be helping out."

Bomer says he learned a lot about discipline and work ethic from his days playing ball, and shares a moment of unexpected support. "I was at the *Magic Mike* premiere and signing things for people. And I'm going from one person to the next, and there was one of my high school football coaches! He was there with his daughter, just supporting me. It was one of the more surreal experiences in my life, and meant a lot to me," he says.

GETTING INTO CHARACTER

Hard work, support and a bunch of people working together to achieve a common goal doesn't only apply to the world of sports—it takes all of those things and more to create a TV show. And to create one that is as popular with fans as it is with critics in this age of streaming TV is next to impossible. But *The Sinner*, with each season focusing on a new crime investigation that has more twists and turns than a Bill Belichick playbook, has done just that. It's amassed quite a list of Critics'

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MATT BOMER'S SUPER BOWL DO'S & DON'TS

DO eat junk "This is a time to eat stuff you normally wouldn't eat every day, so I have to have nachos. I'm from Texas, so I like layers—not just chips and cheese. You gotta have guacamole, sour cream, salsa, throw whatever you want on there!"

DON'T show up empty-handed "That's the worst. Unless the host has designated something for you, it's nice to bring something that shows your personal touch. I love to bring Korean chicken wings."

Bill Pullman's GREATEST HITS

His memorable first TV gig: playing Dr. Giordano on the show *Cagney & Lacey* in 1986. "My father was a doctor, and so I wore his shoes to play off of," he recalls. "And that was really helpful to me." Other roles we love:

1. Lone Starr in *Space Balls* (1987) is tasked with saving the universe in Mel Brooks' hilarious send-up of *Star Wars*.

Walter sneezes a lot and doesn't get the girl in *Sleepless in Seattle* (1993).



2. Jack wins the heart of Lucy (Sandra Bullock) in *While You Were Sleeping* (1995).

3. President Thomas J. Whitmore faces homicidal space aliens in *Independence Day* (1996). He comes back and (spoiler!) dies saving the day in the sequel (2016).

Fred Madison in David Lynch's *Lost Highway* (1997) is dragged through a warped reality of murder and altered identities.

Jack Wells is the local fish and game officer in the wild monster flick *Lake Placid* (1999), starring a giant crocodile that is lovingly fed a blindfolded cow by Betty White.

Jack Kramer in *Battle of the Sexes* (2017) is a sexist tennis exec trying to block Billie Jean King's fight for equal pay.



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Choice, Golden Globe, People's Choice, Screen Actors Guild and Emmy nominations as well.

In this new season, Bomer's character, Jamie, is a well-off expectant father who becomes involved in a fatal car crash. "On the

Matt Bomer's ROAD TO FAME

"My first credit was in 2000 playing Ian Kipling on *All My Children*," says Bomer. "It was a two-episode arc with Erica Kane and her daughter, Bianca. I was terrified, but I remember being really impressed with how well Susan Lucci knew her character and how she stood up for herself. I thought, *Oh, this is why you've had this beloved character for decades.*" Other key roles:



Ben Reade in *Guiding Light* (2002–03) is a trust-fund baby who loses all of his money, turns to male prostitution and then goes on a killing spree before kidnapping his girlfriend.

1. Eric in *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning* (2006) has several near escapes but, like most house guests of Leatherface, finds himself on the wrong end of a chainsaw.

2. Neal Caffrey in *White Collar* (2009–14) is a charming con artist helping the FBI.

3. Ken in *Magic Mike XXL* (2015) is an idealist with golden vocal cords and a six-pack that won't quit.

Felix Turner in *The Normal Heart* (2014) is a journalist who dies from AIDS in the early days of the epidemic.

4. McCoy Whitman in *Will & Grace* (2018–19) is "America's hottest gay news anchor," according to Jack (Sean Hayes).

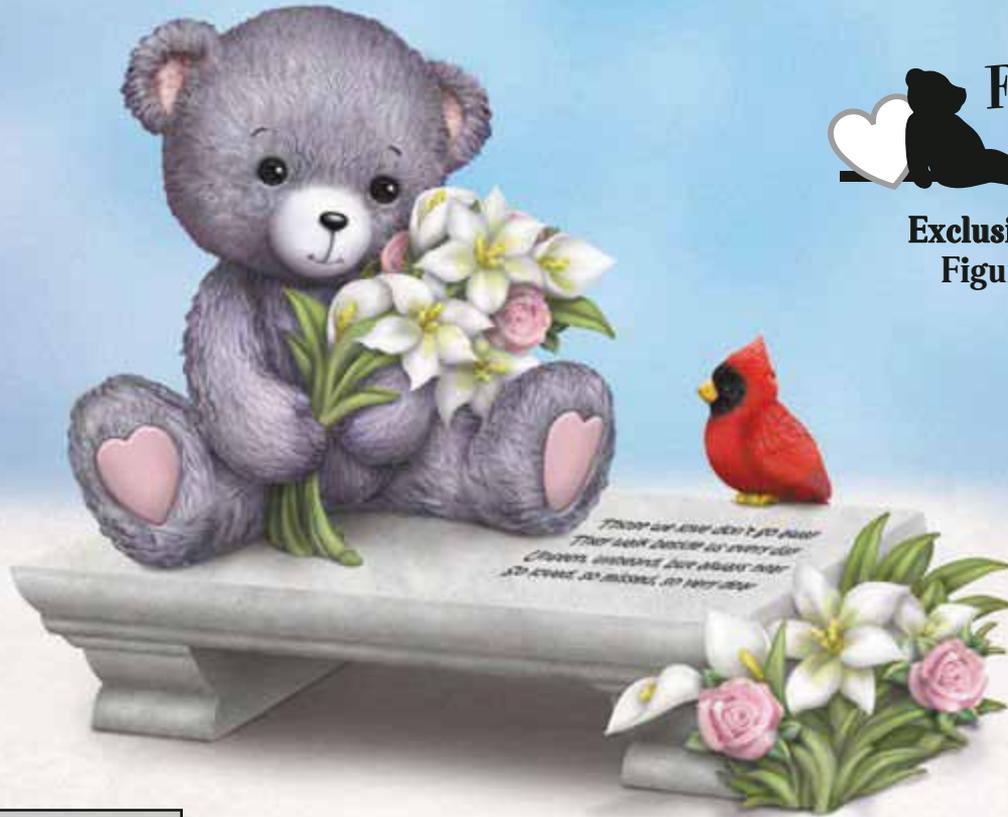
surface, it really seems like he has everything," Bomer says. "But inside, he's suffering from a really profound sense of loneliness and spiritual disconnection."

As for this season's plot? Pullman says he's requested not to know too much about how the story unfolds. "I like the idea of going at it in the present tense," he says. That unknown allows for spontaneity and the unexpected when the cameras start rolling. "Oh, yeah, we get outside the pocket and scramble!" agrees Bomer.

Spoilers for the new season are few and far between. While Bomer did tell us his calorie-restrictive diet has something to do with the plot, he refuses to say more. And when he reveals that he

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and a co-star put together a playlist to help him get in the mindset of his character, Jamie, he won’t share a single track. In fact, if you are a big fan of *The Sinner* and you’re desperate to learn some spoilers, your best bet may be to find a seat next to Bomer when he’s flying cross-country. “I’ve been commuting home to California from shooting in New York, and I try to use that six hours to really get the lines in my head. I’ll be sitting there talking to no one, and people around me must be like, ‘Can you scoot me away from this guy?’”

So what was it like for Bomer to be the new guy on the team of a show with such a winning track



MATT BOMER'S SUPER BOWL DO'S & DON'TS

DON'T double-dip Going back into the onion dip with a half-eaten chip? Not on Bomer's watch: “No one needs that!”

record and a wide following? “I’ve been a fan of the show, so it’s extra surreal to all of a sudden be in a scene across from a character you’ve enjoyed for two seasons,” he says of working alongside Pullman. “And for that character to be played by a great actor like Bill, who I’ve admired for so many years, my main M.O. is just, ‘Matt, don’t mess this up!’”

Pullman is quick to jump in. “Mess up? No, no, no. Matt is the running back who you can just hand the ball to to score all of the points for you.” Now *that’s* teamwork!

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