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Workers welcome tax-cut bonuses

But experts doubt lasting impact of one-time payments

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH, ROBERT CHANNICK AND ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

Paola Hinton's hands were shaking in December as she pulled out bundles of cash and gave each of her 20 employees a \$500 bonus. No one in the crowded back room at Five Senses Spa, Salon and Barbershop in Peoria had ever seen \$10,000 in cash, and Hinton had it all in a little briefcase.

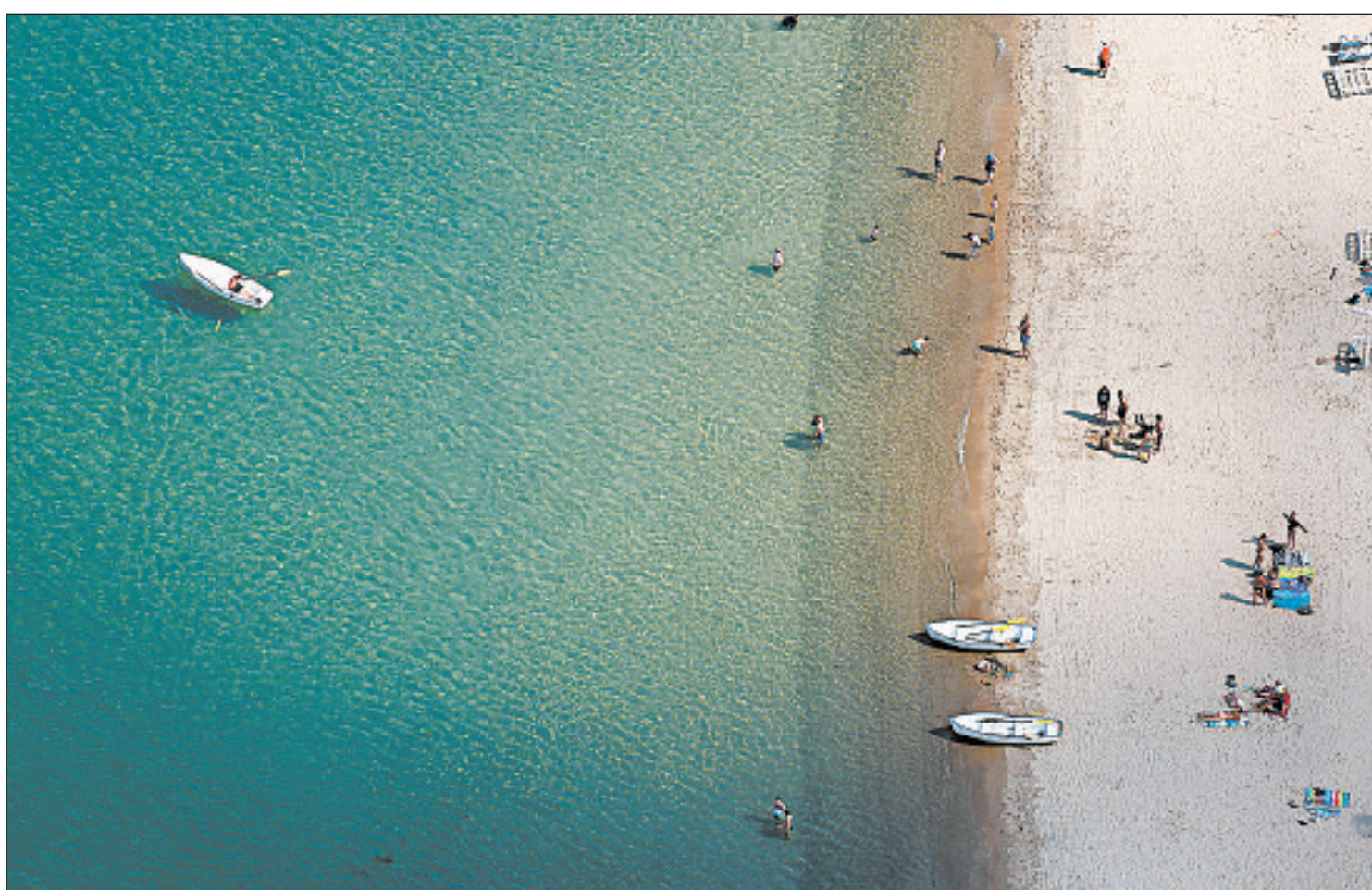
The employees' faces lit up, recalled Hinton, who launched the business almost 12 years ago. She has never been able to give bonuses like this before, but the new federal tax law passed late last year made it possible, she said.

"It's a direct impact," said Hinton, 41. "I know if I give them \$500, they're going to be able to go do whatever they need to do."

The sweeping tax overhaul, which President Donald Trump signed into law Dec. 22, permanently lowers the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent, among other changes. Republicans supporting the measure said the business tax cuts would benefit workers, as well as share-

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TAX TIME: A rundown of what to know this tax season, including what the new tax law will (and won't) mean for you. **Business**



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As shown in a July view of Oak Street Beach, Lake Michigan's water has become clearer — a change caused by invasive species, scientists say.

Lake Michigan is clearer, a bad sign for marine life

Invasive mussels rapidly filter the water, decimating algae and fish populations

BY TONY BRISCOE
Chicago Tribune

Decades ago, Lake Michigan teemed with nutrients and green algae, casting a brownish-green hue that resembled the mouth of an inland river rather than a vast, open-water lake.

Back then, the lake's swampy complexion was less than inviting to swimmers and kayakers,

but it supported a robust fishing industry as several commercial companies trawled for perch and sport fishermen cast their lines for trout.

But in the past 20 years, Lake Michigan has undergone a dramatic transformation. In analyzing satellite images between 1998 and 2012, researchers at the Michigan Tech Research Institute were surprised to find that

Lake Michigan and Lake Huron are now clearer than Lake Superior. In a study published late last year, the researchers say limiting the amount of agricultural and sewage runoff in the lake has had an immense impact. However, the emergence of invasive mussels, which number in the trillions and have the ability to filter the entire volume of Lake Michigan in four to six days, has had an even greater effect.

"When you look at the scientific terms, we are approaching some oceanic values," said

Michael Sayers, a research engineer at Michigan Tech and co-author of the study. "We have some ways to go, but we are getting a lot closer to Lake Tahoe. A lot of times, you'll hear from people that the water is so blue it compares to something in tropical areas."

While appealing, the clarity comes at a significant cost to wildlife. In filtering the lake, the mussels have decimated the phytoplankton, a single-celled,

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In wake of #MeToo movement, sex ed is evolving

Area center going mobile, adjusting focus of lessons

BY VIKKI ORTIZ HEALY
Chicago Tribune

For millions of people who grew up in the Chicago area, learning about their bodies from Valeda, the transparent, computerized talking woman at the Robert Crown Center for Health Education in Hinsdale was as much a part of puberty as shopping for their first bras or adjusting to voice changes.

On Friday, the Robert Crown center packed up Valeda and other exhibits, vacating the one-story building where the non-profit hosted field trips for

Chicago-area elementary and middle school students for more than 40 years. The center is transitioning to an all-mobile approach, bringing its sexual health programs directly into schools, where educators want to avoid costly bus rides and save precious classroom time in an age of high-stakes mandatory testing and budget shortfalls.

The move illustrates the evolution of sex education, which has received renewed focus from educators in the wake of the #MeToo movement.

As victim after victim has come forward to report decades of sexual misconduct, abuse of

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Scott Nitza, left, and Madeline Clay, from McMillen Health in Fort Wayne, Ind., dismantle the exhibits at the Robert Crown Center for Health Education in Hinsdale on Friday.

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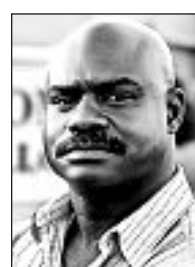
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Tregg Duerson, left, talks to Rep. Carol Sente after a Thursday news conference in support of a bill in his dad's name that would ban tackle football for kids under 12. His dad, Dave, above, was a Chicago Bears great who after his death was found to have had CTE, a brain disease linked to repeated head trauma.



JOHN KASS

Bears great's son a threat to NFL's grinder supply

This is Super Bowl week for the NFL, a time when the league promotes its multibillion-dollar gladiatorial spectacle by honoring great players of the past.

One is a great Chicago Bear who football killed, mercilessly, inexorably, painfully, by damaging the brain: Dave Duerson.

Duerson shot himself in the heart seven years ago and left a suicide note asking that his brain be saved for scientific research. Though his finger pulled the trigger, it was a football life that killed him.

So I wonder how the NFL, as it promotes this Roman circus, will react as the son of an honoree tries to ban tackle football for boys under age 12?

The NFL meat grinder needs a constant supply of flesh. And Tregg Duerson, a former scholarship football player at his father's alma mater, Notre Dame, threatens that supply.

"It should be interesting," Tregg Duerson told me as we recorded this week's episode of "The Chicago Way," my podcast on WGN radio.

"My father won the NFL Man of the Year award (1987) and now the NFL is celebrating all the individuals who won that award in the past. They've invited my family and other families and players who've won the award to be around the Super Bowl, attend some events and go to the game."

And when you show up, will reporters ask you about your dad and chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, and how you're trying to ban tackle football for children?

"Honestly," he laughed. "I really don't know what to expect."

The NFL doesn't want to talk about banning tackle football. And it doesn't want to talk about brain damage.

The NFL wants to talk about fantasy. It wants to sell cars and beer and have Americans babble idiotically about Super Bowl commercials and Justin Timberlake performing during the halftime show next Sunday.

The last thing the NFL wants to

talk about is Dave Duerson.

The NFL wants America to focus on the archetypal mom in their commercials, the mom in her NFL gear holding trays of snacks for her NFL-loving family, loving her kids so much that she wants them involved in a sport that damages the brain.

Football is a fantastic game, fantastic for the great athletes who play the game at its highest level, fantastic also because of the violence programmed into the sport.

But the NFL can't avoid the fact that the game America loves, the game America feels guilty about loving, destroys bodies and brains.

Tregg Duerson wants to do something about that, hoping to save the game, modify it at least on the youth level, for the safety of young athletes. That's why he's lobbying for proposed legislation that would ban tackle football for children in Illinois.

"To be clear, I'm not advocating for people not to play any form of football, but to play flag, or touch, and use that time to develop properly," Duerson said. "There are a lot of things children can do to learn the game without hitting."

But hitting is the heart of it. Violence is the heart of it. Without hitting it is not football. And without young flesh that is put into the youth football feeder system, and then into high school and college, the NFL will suffer.

He's conflicted, of course, about football. He knows what it did to his dad. He loved the game too, and bonded with his father by playing and studying it.

"With my father we never talked about hitting," Duerson said. "The game to us was about preparation, understanding a plan, using your instincts to put you in position to make a play on the field. That's what it is to me. That's what's great about football."

But the violence?
"Once you put that helmet on, you're no longer John Kass, and I'm no longer Tregg Duerson," he said.

"You turn to a different part of yourself. And this is another issue that is tied to concussions as well, because we can criticize players as to why they don't step off the field when they're concussed."

"You have to understand that personality. The elite competitiveness is not going to get someone off the field. They're truly in a different mindset, a zone we just won't understand unless we're out there."

Duerson grew up in the North Shore suburb of Highland Park, which once had a youth football program. That program was canceled last year due to lack of interest, more evidence that the middle class is abandoning football.

If Tregg Duerson has children, will he let them play football?

"No. Really it's an absolutely 'no' for me," he said.

So what do you tell that father out there who wants to pace the sidelines and celebrate his 10-year-old son's triumphs? Won't he feel you're taking something away from him?

"I'd tell him there are a lot of other ways to celebrate a child, and to celebrate their talent and what they're good at," he said. "Football is behind other major sports in terms of how we look at kids' health and protecting them and introducing modifications to the sport."

"In youth soccer, you can't head the ball until you're 11. In youth hockey, you can't body check until you're 13. Why do we let little children play NFL-caliber football?"

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EPA pick's roast intro baffles some

Incoming Midwest Environmental Protection Agency chief **Cathy Stepp** faced a skeptical audience when she addressed her staff in Chicago for the first time earlier this month.



Stepp

The Trump appointee's history of rolling back enforcement of antipollution laws, reducing funding for scientific research and scrubbing references to human-caused climate change from government websites during her time in Wisconsin state government had her new employees on edge.

So Stepp, 54, took the unusual step of drafting her daughter, **Hannah**, 23, to humanize her by introduc-

ing her at an "all hands" meeting of her 200-plus staff.

But Hannah Stepp's charm offensive, gently roasting her mother as a mom who would do anything

for her kids, didn't necessarily have the intended effect.

"I failed my first driving test," Hannah told Chicago Inc., repeating a story that she acknowledges she told the packed room of her mother's staff Jan. 11. "My mom said, 'You're not going to fail it again!'"

"She put on a disguise of a fake nose and sunglasses and went to the DMV and followed someone taking the driving portion of the test so that she could learn

the route, and then we practiced it," Hannah continued. "I didn't fail the second time!"

Stepp's daughter said she took the test when she was 16, about seven years ago, which would place it around the time Stepp was appointed to lead the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources by Gov. **Scott Walker**.

Though two EPA staffers Inc. spoke with both praised Hannah's "poise," they were taken aback by the story. "It was baffling," said one staffer who witnessed the speech but spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not permitted to talk to the media. "For a public official's daughter to admit that in

front of her entire staff? It's unethical ... and then, did she help put someone unsafe on the roads?"

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation said it won't require Hannah to take the test again. It "takes no opinion" on the ethics of following test takers to gain an advantage, which is not against the law, it said.

In a statement issued by her office Friday, Stepp said: "This was a lovely opportunity for my daughter to help me introduce myself to my new colleagues. She told an exaggerated, humorous story to poke a little fun at me. It surprises me that anyone would take it otherwise."

— Kim Janssen

Super Bowl ad for an audience of 1

When former "Friends" star **David Schwimmer** appears in a new Skittles commercial premiering on Super Bowl Sunday, he can pretty much forget about residuals.

That's because the "exclusive" Super Bowl spot will play only once, and for an audience of one — Los Angeles teenager **Marcos Menendez**, a Skittles fan who the company says was randomly chosen.

"I think he's going to really enjoy it," Schwimmer said Wednesday.

Chicago-based Skittles, which ran spots in the previous three Super Bowls, is sitting out the Super Bowl 52 telecast Feb. 4 on NBC, saving the \$5 million and creating a Facebook Live event during the game, where viewers can watch Menendez watching the commercial.

And that's it. Skittles says the 60-second Schwimmer spot will be locked away in a vault after that, never to be seen again.

"I just thought the idea itself was so subversive," Schwimmer said. "It just made me laugh that it was going to be so exclusive that only one teenager was going to see it."

Schwimmer, who rose to fame as **Ross Geller** on "Friends," has kept busy since the TV series ended its 10-season run in 2004, appearing in everything from "Curb Your Enthusiasm" to "30 Rock." More recently, he played **Robert Kardashian** on "The People v. O.J. Simpson," the first installment of the "American Crime Story" anthology.

He hasn't appeared in a TV commercial, however, for 23 years, a streak that technically will remain intact. The offbeat Skittles' commercial sensibility and the high-concept Super Bowl promo quickly won him over.

Created by ad agency DDB and shot over two days in California, four quirky 15-second teaser spots went online Wednesday, featuring Schwimmer in a variety of roles, including one as a **Willie Lomanesque** character feeding Skittles to a talking sandwich on a bench.

"I kind of gravitated to the four characters that I connected to the most as an actor, that I thought would be the most fun to play," he said.

A regular visitor to Chicago, Schwimmer is in town for the next six weeks to direct an upcoming play at **Lookingglass Theatre**, which he co-founded in 1988 after graduating from Northwestern University.

While Super Bowl commercials are seen by more than 100 million viewers and are ranked by a seemingly comparable number of postgame polls, Schwimmer has to impress only one person with his performance. He isn't worried about winning Menendez over.

"I've been onstage with Lookingglass in Chicago doing a four-hour production for an audience of four people before," Schwimmer said. "I think I've got a pretty thick skin, if he doesn't take to it!"

— Robert Channick



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9 things to like: Bright flowers, Divvy and Alexa



MARY SCHLICH

Here's the latest in my occasional list of nine things I've liked lately.

1. Yellow flowers in January By the time January rolls around, most people are ready for the holidays to be done. The day I got rid of my desiccated green wreath was

as joyous as the day I hung it. When my neighbors finally took down their outdoor holiday lights, I thought, "About time."

But suddenly the world was gray, day after day, and gray is not the right color to inspire action on all those New Year's resolutions.

A vase of yellow tulips on the windowsill changed everything.

2. Amazon Echo Here are some reasons you should not buy an Echo: It will make you lazy. It will spy on you. No one needs another gadget. Jeff Bezos is out to run the world and you're having none of it.

I felt all those ways before I visited a friend who had an Echo that she enjoyed bossing around. Now I love mine. Alexa, tell me the weather. Set a timer. Turn on WBEZ. Play "The Daily" podcast. Play Oscar Peterson, Stephane Grappelli, Lyle Lovett.

It's fun, it's convenient, it has made filling the room with music easy. And if Alexa is spying, let's face it: So are Google, Facebook and Siri.

3. New prices for Divvy bikes Chicago's shared bike system has been a great success, but the new pricing plan makes it better. Under the new plan, riders who buy annual memberships can keep a bike for 45 minutes, instead of 30, without an extra charge. An all-day pass now costs \$15 and allows for rides up to three hours.

4. "Godless" on Netflix This miniseries has everything: great writing, suspense, original characters, strong performances, flabbergasting New Mexico scenery. It turns the classic American Western on its head and in doing so feels more authentic than most of them.

It's the tale of an outlaw gang led by Frank Griffin (Jeff Daniels as you've never seen him) and his hunt for Roy Goode, a younger man who has abandoned the gang. When Roy winds up in the town of La Belle, which is run by women since most of its men died in the mine, Griffin vows vengeance on them all.

The opening scene was violent, which almost sent me back to re-watch "The Crown," but I was glad I stuck with it. And it was fun to see Michelle Dockery, who played Lady Mary Crawley in "Downton Abbey," in a role so different that I had to Google to make sure it was the same person.

5. Quote This warm, lively "modern Mexican" restaurant in the Logan Square neighborhood made it onto several "Best New 2017 Chicago Restaurant" lists.

It's a little loud, but it feels cozy. I asked the friend I went with how she'd describe it and she gave this review:

"The food was incredibly light and fresh-tasting. We ate plenty and I left feeling full but not overly full. Super good ingredients and it all looked tasty as well. Everything surpassed its description on the menu."

6. A quotation in Tribune Tower The Tower's high stone lobby walls are full of uplifting quotes on the value of a free press. This is one I've been thinking about. It's by the French writer Albert Camus:

"A free press can of course be good or bad but, most certainly, without freedom it will never be anything but bad."

7. A shingles shot There are a million cases of shingles in the U.S. every year and people who have endured this angry rash, which can do long-term nerve damage, will tell you it's worse than sleeping on a bed of nails.

Shingles is basically the resurrection of your childhood chickenpox, a common disease before the introduction of a vaccine in 1995 in the U.S. So anyone who had that dread affliction as a kid is vulnerable.

The new vaccine, Shingrix, released last fall, is reported to be far better than the previous one, and is approved and recommended for people over 50.

Don't put it off. Trust me on this.

8. "High-Risers: Cabrini-Green and the Fate of American Public Housing" by Ben Austen The life and demise of Cabrini-Green, once Chicago's most famous public housing development, is one of the most important Chicago stories of the past half-century. Little is left of it now, and as the buildings have vanished, so has much of the history.

In "High-Risers," due for release in February, Austen, a Chicago writer, pulls that complicated history together in book form and helps explain Cabrini's significance. He's making several appearances to discuss it.

I'll be interviewing him at a live event on Feb. 12 at Unabridged Bookstore. Having written about Cabrini for a couple of decades myself, I'm excited to hear what he has to say. Join us.

Details are here: <http://bit.ly/2ngJn1r>

9. "Season to Season" by Clive James I ran across this poem in The New Yorker recently (link here: <http://bit.ly/2D5HuiL>) and found it useful for any season. A few of its good lines:

*The trick, I'm learning, is to stay in doubt,
Season to season, of what time might bring,
And patiently await how things turn out.
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Paul Vallas, shown last year at Chicago State University, is the school's chief administrative officer. He says he'll resign in March.

Vallas mayoral bid would shine light on his record

Potential challenger to Emanuel has liabilities as well as experience

BY BILL RUTHHART, JOHN BYRNE AND PATRICK M. O'CONNELL
Chicago Tribune

Paul Vallas has spent the better part of the last two weeks fueling speculation that he might launch a bid to challenge Mayor Rahm Emanuel in the February 2019 city election.

The former Chicago Public Schools CEO, 2002 Democratic governor candidate and 2014 lieutenant governor candidate certainly possesses political experience. He's also built a career as an education expert who has revamped various school districts and retains a detailed knowledge of City Hall finances from a turn as budget director.

All those decades in and around government also mean Vallas has piled up his share of political liabilities — soft spots that a messaging master like Emanuel could try to exploit.

Vallas' recent move back into the city could open him up to attacks that he's a campaign carpetbagger. His role in an aggressive expansion of charter schools under former Mayor Richard M. Daley would all but guarantee opposition from the Chicago Teachers Union and grassroots education activists. And his time as budget director could leave an opening for Emanuel to paint Vallas as having a role in Daley's financial mismanagement of the city.

Plus, there is Vallas' history with an education consultant who later would end up at the center of a kickback scandal that landed former CPS CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett in federal prison. At a minimum, those ties would require some explaining from Vallas, which he's done little of publicly to date.

Vallas wasn't interested Friday in talking about why the mayor should be challenged, what skills he would bring to the table or the possible pitfalls ahead.

He's always had a knack for keeping his name in the news, a trait that's been on display recently.

First, Vallas made it known he was moving to Lincoln Park — just in time to be a Chicago resident a year out from the election, as required by law.

Next, he admitted he was "seriously considering" a run. Thursday's tea leaf: Vallas said he'd resign as chief administrative officer at Chicago State University in March.

In a brief interview Friday, Vallas moved the ball a tad more.

"I am very, very serious about running, and I'll make a determination if there's the support for it in the next 60 days," Vallas said. "And then I'll be more than prepared to be very specific about what I'd like to do and what I'd hope to accomplish as mayor."

Long track record

Vallas, 64, would bring a deep resume to the race.

In the early 1990s, he worked as Chicago's revenue director for three years and then spent another three as budget director. From 1995 to 2001, he worked as CPS CEO. Vallas left in 2001 to run for governor, losing a close race for the Democratic nomination to Rod Blagojevich, who would go on to be impeached and imprisoned.

Vallas left town for a series of jobs, running school districts in Philadelphia, Louisiana and Bridgeport, Conn. In between, he briefly flirted with a Republican run for Cook County Board presi-

dent and worked on education reform in Haiti following a devastating earthquake there.

By 2014, Vallas was back on a Democratic ticket as then-Gov. Pat Quinn's running mate, where he served as an attack dog on the campaign trail in an unsuccessful race against Bruce Rauner. That didn't stop the Republican governor from backing Vallas' move to Chicago State University, where he's been working to shore up the Far South Side college's finances.

While his LinkedIn profile is lengthy, Vallas is probably best known as a Daley troubleshooter. And that tenure in the City Hall budget office and at CPS could open the door for Emanuel to portray Vallas as being part of a city government that racked up loads of pension debt. That would require some gymnastics on Emanuel's part, given that he refuses to invoke his predecessor's name and some of Daley's most damaging fiscal moves occurred after Vallas left.

The would-be mayoral candidate also would have to navigate his recent address change. Despite having a job in the city, Vallas had been living in the southwest suburbs. While other potential candidates might be able to lob carpetbagger accusations, it would be difficult for Emanuel, who faced his own residency

bers. More students moved away from their neighborhood schools in what supporters of the programs hailed as greater school choice and accountability.

But critics, including the Chicago Teachers Union, have long contended those Vallas-era policies were aimed at weakening the union and helped prompt the decline of underfunded neighborhood schools that have continued to serve thousands of the city's poorest children.

The disdain runs so deep that some City Hall insiders already are musing that if the 2019 contest were to come down to Emanuel versus Vallas, the union might have to back Emanuel, who has drawn the union's ire since he took office.

After leaving CPS, Vallas developed ties with education consultant Gary Solomon during his tenure at the Philadelphia and Louisiana districts. Solomon is serving a seven-year sentence in federal prison after orchestrating a kickback scheme that aimed to send Byrd-Bennett, Emanuel's former CPS CEO, hundreds of thousands of dollars after she steered \$23 million in no-bid contracts to Solomon's principal training firm.

When Solomon worked as vice president of sales at The Princeton Review, the Philadelphia district Vallas ran was a client. Solomon later launched an educat-

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— Paul Vallas, on the possibility that he might run for Chicago mayor in 2019

questions when returning to Chicago from Washington in 2010 to run for mayor. Vallas also was born in Chicago and grew up in a cramped apartment above a grocery store in Roseland on the Far South Side, while Emanuel spent most of his childhood in Wilmette.

It's also unclear what political base Vallas could claim. He'd have to find his lane in a field that already includes Emanuel and Chicago principals association president Troy LaRaviere, a favorite of teachers and progressives. Former police Superintendent Garry McCarthy and Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer also continue to mull possible runs.

In his 2002 run for governor, Vallas performed well in the suburbs and was runner-up in the city. But he fell apart Downstate where he had campaigned less — perhaps in part due to a fear of flying — and Blagojevich racked up the win after outspending him 5-to-1.

Some of Vallas' allies on that campaign: future downtown Ald. Brendan Reilly, who was his campaign spokesman; state Rep. Lou Lang, D-Skokie; the late Illinois Comptroller Dawn Clark Netsch; former U.S. Rep. Glenn Poshard; and two-time Democratic presidential nominee and former U.S. Sen. Adlai Stevenson III.

Education issues

Vallas would also need to contend with his ties to Daley's 1995 CPS takeover. Vallas spearheaded myriad reforms that were far from universally popular, angering many of the union supporters and education advocates whose political support a challenger to Emanuel would need.

Student testing became much more prevalent under Vallas, and schools with perennially low scores were put on probation, under threat of closing. Selective-enrollment high schools were built on his watch, and magnet schools and charter schools opened in greater num-

ing consulting firm that touted itself as connected to the "Vallas model" of school reform. Vallas, who had no formal links to Solomon's firm, chastised the consultant for trying to capitalize on Vallas' reputation.

But Vallas got over his annoyance. He took Solomon with him as a consultant when Vallas moved to Louisiana to rebuild a school district battered in 2005 by Hurricane Katrina. A few years later, Vallas was recommending to Peoria that it hire another Solomon-run consulting firm, though no contract was signed. Vallas disputed the assertion that he had pitched work specifically for Solomon's firm.

Vallas previously has told the Tribune he stopped working with Solomon in 2010 but has declined to explain why.

As for his current job at Chicago State, Vallas confirmed Friday that he plans to step down in March, even though his contract does not run out until the end of June.

"I am planning on leaving earlier, because I may very well make the mayoral run," Vallas said. "I feel the university is on the right track."

Vallas said he committed to stay for the next 60 days to help with the transition — the same time frame he gave for deciding whether to run for mayor. Chicago State interim President Rachel Lindsey said Vallas would step down before March 30 and said Vallas had not spoken with her about any political ambitions.

Chicago State board member Nicholas Gowen said he was taken aback by Vallas' resignation.

"Quite frankly, I'm a little floored," Gowen said. "If he desires to run for mayor, then of course he can't keep this position, but that should have been made clear early on if that was his desire. I find it hard to believe this was a lark."

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Burke faces investigation by Chicago ethics board

Tribune article raised possibility of conflict of interest

By HAL DARDICK
Chicago Tribune

City ethics officials are looking into whether long-time Ald. Ed Burke, 14th, violated ethics rules when he sidelined an effort to increase the property taxes paid by the owners of two buildings his law firm represents, according to the alderman whose effort he blocked.

Ald. Ricardo Munoz, 22nd, said the Chicago Board of Ethics told him it would take up the issue as soon as next month.

"They're looking at it, and they will have a board action on the day of the next scheduled board meeting" in late February, Munoz said.

Ethics board Executive Director Steve Berlin and Chairman William Conlon neither confirmed nor denied the review, in keeping with city regulations. Neither Burke nor his spokesman responded to questions Friday.

The Burke probe comes after 32nd Ward Ald. Scott Waguespack filed a formal request for the ethics board to look into the matter on Thursday, a day after the Tribune published a story raising the question of whether Burke had violated city ethics rules at the Jan. 17 City Council meeting.

Joined by nearly two dozen aldermen, Munoz introduced a measure that would force Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration to take legal steps to try to increase the assessed property values of seven prime commercial buildings. Munoz contended the properties were sold for more than twice as much as Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios valued them.

The proposal was spurred by "The Tax Divide," an investigation pub-



Ald. Ed Burke, 14th, faces an investigation by the Chicago Board of Ethics, according to Ald. Ricardo Munoz, 22nd.

lished by the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois that found that many large commercial properties are underassessed, punishing small businesses and shifting more of the tax burden onto homeowners.

On Munoz's list are two properties owned by companies for which Burke's law firm has saved millions of dollars in property taxes by appealing to lower assessments used to determine tax bills. The lower the assessment, the less paid in taxes.

If Munoz's proposal passed and the city succeeded in increasing assessments, the owners of the seven buildings, including the two represented by Klafter & Burke, would pay more in property taxes.

Shortly after Munoz introduced his proposal, Burke put up a potential roadblock.

Munoz had asked that the measure be assigned to the Housing and Real Estate Committee, led by 49th Ward Ald. Joe Moore, who had planned to give it a hearing. Burke intervened, saying the measure instead should be sent to the Finance Committee.

That's where Burke holds great sway as chairman, in part by deciding whether a proposal ever gets a hearing. When there's

a dispute on which committee should consider a measure, the matter automatically goes to the Rules and Ethics Committee, where legislation often withers on the vine.

Munoz and outside ethics experts questioned whether Burke violated city ethics code by "calling Finance." The code states that "no official or employee shall make or participate in the making of any governmental decision with respect to any matter in which he has any financial interest," earned money from during the past year or expects to earn money from in the coming year.

"It's a violation," said Waguespack of Burke's action, adding that he also wants a broader interpretation from the ethics board on what actions violate conflict-of-interest rules. The earlier Tribune story noted that Burke often presides over Finance Committee meetings considering actions that could affect his law firm's clients, but then abstains from voting.

If the ethics board were to find Burke violated the city ethics rules, he could face a fine of between \$500 and \$1,000, according to the code.

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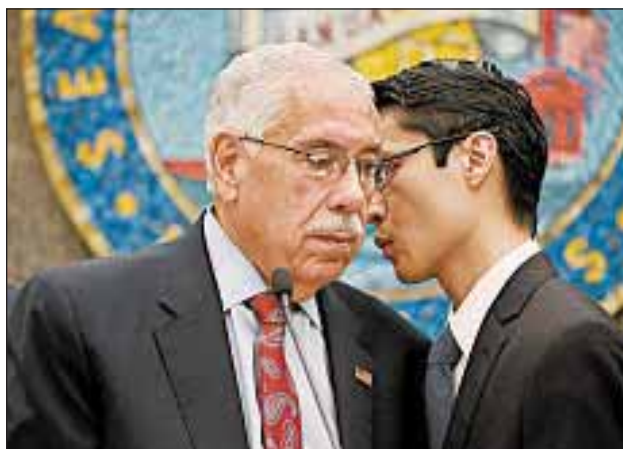
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County Assessor Joseph Berrios, left, was fined \$41,000 over political contributions that exceeded the county limit.

Berrios sues county over donation cap

Assessor asserts ordinance violates state constitution

By RAY LONG
Chicago Tribune

Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios filed a lawsuit Friday that challenges a county ordinance limiting campaign donations, saying it unconstitutionally restricts the free-speech rights of contributors. "I plan to make sure that

every resident in Cook County is afforded the opportunity to exercise their First Amendment right when it comes to contributing to their candidate of choice, whoever that may be," Berrios said in a statement.

Berrios also maintains that the Illinois Constitution gives governing authority over election issues to the state and that Cook County does not have the power to set its own limits. The lawsuit against the

Cook County Board of Commissioners and its Board of Ethics opens a new front in a battle over the contributions Berrios accepts, particularly from property tax appeals attorneys who seek to lower real estate assessments through his office.

Ethics officials this month fined Berrios \$41,000 for accepting donations from property tax lawyers to his political funds that exceeded the ordinance's \$750 limit on

contributors who do business with the county.

The suit comes as the assessor faces two challengers in the upcoming Democratic primary. Berrios has argued that he is not a wealthy candidate and needs, as a matter of fairness, to be able to even the playing field against challengers who pour big bucks into their own campaign funds.

Berrios, who is also chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party, had more than \$1 million in his political fund for the assessor's race at the end of last year.

One of his challengers, Fritz Kaegi, has raised more than \$1 million, aided by \$800,000 he gave himself through \$560,000 in loans and \$240,000 in direct contributions. That infusion from Kaegi automatically removed a separate donation limit set by the state at \$5,600. Andrea Raila is also running, though a hearing to consider a Kaegi challenge to Raila's nominating petitions continued into the weekend.

The Kaegi campaign laid into Berrios over the lawsuit, saying: "It's the height of hypocrisy for Joe Berrios to complain about campaign finance when he has drawn millions of dollars of contributions from the people directly benefiting from the corrupt assessment system over which he presides. Under Berrios, corrupt politicians and owners of billion-dollar downtown skyscrapers win, and Berrios rakes in the cash."

With the March 20 primary less than two months away, Berrios is expected to seek a temporary restraining order this week and request an expedited hear-

"There's no definition of seeking official action by the county."

— Berrios attorney Ellie Carey, on the county's \$750 limit on contributors who do business with the county

ing on the issue, said Ellie Carey, a Berrios attorney.

The ethics board's decision to fine Berrios is based on a 2016 county ordinance stating that donors who seek "official action" with the county may contribute no more than \$750 in non-election years.

Among other arguments, Berrios' lawyers say that standard is unconstitutionally vague, arguing that it is unclear whether the simple act of getting a marriage license at the county clerk's office could fall within the parameters of the county ordinance.

"There's no definition of seeking official action by the county," Carey said. "So it leaves the regulated community with no way to determine whether or not they are violating the ordinance because it is undefined."

Berrios also plans to file a motion with the county Board of Ethics to reconsider the \$41,000 in fines.

The ethics board cited 30 examples of property tax attorneys or firms whose donations to Berrios' main political fund in late 2016 or early 2017 exceeded the \$750 limit. It fined Berrios and the Committee to Elect Joseph Berrios Cook County Assessor \$1,000 for each violation, for a total of \$30,000. The \$1,000 fine per violation is the maximum allowed.

An additional \$11,000 in fines were imposed on Berrios and his 31st Ward Democratic Organization, his main power base.

The ethics board said the 41 donations to Berrios' political funds exceeded the limit by a total of \$62,250 — an excess of \$52,200 for the assessor's election fund and \$10,050 for the 31st Ward fund.

Ranjit Hakim, executive director of the county ethics board, had no comment about the lawsuit, saying he had not received or reviewed a copy of it. Frank Shuftan, a spokesman for Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, said legal counsel needs to review the lawsuit.

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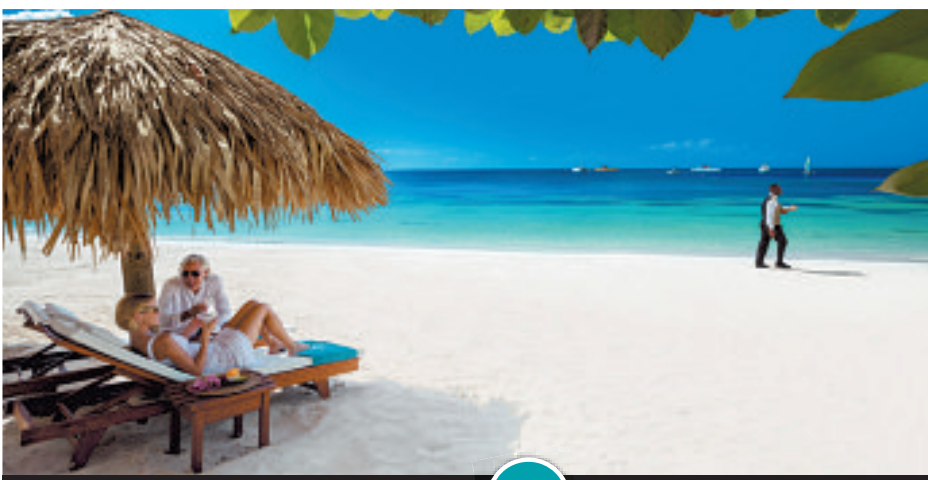
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Clear lake a bad sign for marine life

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green algae at the base of the food chain. For much of the past decade, prey fish, like alewives, have remained at historic lows, prompting state managers to scale back the annual stocks of prized predators, such as king salmon.

The startling evolution has called into question the future of Great Lakes marine life and the region's \$7 billion fishing industry.

"Clearer is not necessarily better," said Robert Shuchman, co-director of the Michigan Tech Research Institute. "Clearer water means less phytoplankton in the water column, and they're the basic building block in the food web. The idea is, the little fish eat algae, and the bigger fish eat the little fish."

"There are some folks out there now that think Lake Michigan and Huron could become ecological deserts from a fishing standpoint. The food web could totally collapse because you don't have the various organisms you need to sustain it."

For ages, the phytoplankton fed the zooplankton, which were eaten by small, foraging fish. As the fast-filtering mussels reduce the plankton populations, there isn't enough food to support the diet of many foraging fish. In addition, there's not enough plankton or nutrients clouding the water to hide these small prey fish from predator fish.

"It's a game of hide-and-seek in a brightly lit environment," said Henry Vanderploeg, a research ecologist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Fishing techniques

After years of working aboard a relative's charter boat, Rick Bentley was leaving the fishing industry in the early 1990s to pursue a career in finance when the mussels began arriving.

"A lot of people were sounding massive alarms about how the mussels could change everything," recalled Bentley, 46.

Their fears turned out to be prophetic. As the water cleared up, the fish cleared out. Since the introduction of the mussels, there's been a sharp decline in nearly all fish species in Lake Michigan, including king salmon, scientists say.

At the height of king salmon fishing in the mid-to late '80s, around 10 million pounds of the fish were harvested from the lake each year, according to research by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and agencies from four states. In recent years, fishermen are managing to nab only about 3 million pounds.

Bentley, who had fond memories of fishing's heyday, returned to the lake in 2007 with his own charter company, Windy City Salmon. The passion from his fishing days brought him back, but to survive, Bentley said, fishermen have to alter their age-old techniques.

"As a captain, fisherman and a businessman who wants to put out a good product, I know the lake is adapting, and we need to adapt with it," Bentley said. "When I came back 10 years ago, many of the captains I knew were winding down their careers, ready to hang it up. Some adapted. Some of them stayed in their old ways, and their catches tended to suffer."

King salmon are low-light feeding fish, so with sunlight reaching into lower depths, it's become increasingly difficult to catch them during midday hours, Bentley said. He's found fishing at dawn and sundown provides the best chance to catch salmon.

The clearer waters have made flashers and dodgers, devices that reflect light and attract fish, more effective tools, Bentley said. Still, remaining undetected is a challenge.

"Generally, fish are more likely to keep their distance because they can see the boat and gear now."

A history of change

Over the years, the Great Lakes have endured numerous encounters with inva-



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Lake Michigan's waves hit North Avenue Beach last July. The lake's water has become clearer over the past 20 years, partly because of invasive mussels.



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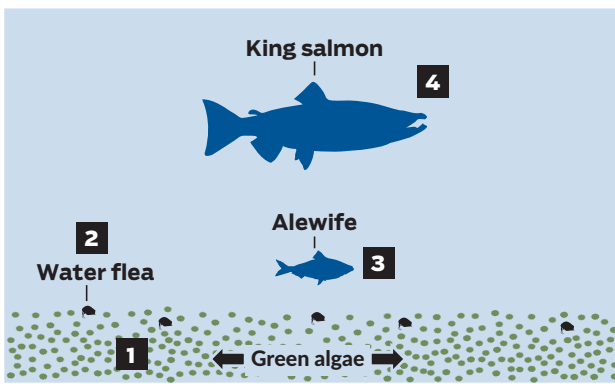
Brown trout from a state fish hatchery are dropped into Belmont Harbor last July. As Lake Michigan changes, state managers have adjusted how they stock it with fish.

Lake Michigan food chain

Over the past 20 years, Lake Michigan has undergone a dramatic transformation. The water is much clearer, but that clarity could come at a cost. Here's a look at how invasive mussels have changed the lake's landscape.

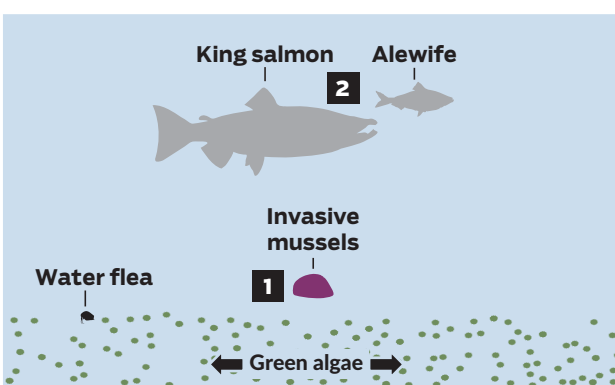
AN EXAMPLE OF HOW IT USED TO WORK

- 1 Microscopic algae flourished on the lake bed.
- 2 Water fleas grazed on the endless supply of algae.
- 3 Alewives, a small variety of fish, thrived by eating creatures like the water flea.
- 4 In turn, king salmon ate alewives, keeping the system in balance.



WHAT HAS CHANGED

- 1 In the mid-1990s, invasive mussels decimated the numbers of water fleas and algae.
- 2 As a result, the alewife and king salmon populations dropped dramatically.



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sive species. The mussels may be the worst Lake Michigan has seen since the sea lamprey, an eel-like parasitic fish that slithered into the Upper Great Lakes in the 1940s through the Erie and Welland canals, according to David "Bo" Bunnell, a research fishery biologist at the U.S. Geological Survey's Great Lakes Science Center. Sea lampreys latched onto large fish and drained their blood, leading to a collapse in populations of native predators like lake trout.

"They pretty much devastated native lake trout, lake whitefish and other native species that were already suffering from overfishing," Bunnell said. "That was the one-two death punch."

Without predators, the population of alewives, another nonnative species that came through the canals around the same time, went unchecked. Though they were abundant, the saltwater fish, already weakened from living in

freshwater, befouled local beaches in spring die-offs after being exposed to higher temperature fluctuations when they came close to shore to spawn.

In the 1960s, coastal managers introduced two species of Pacific salmon to contain the alewives and boost fishing: coho and king. The king salmon brought the alewives under control and quickly became a favorite of sport fishermen. "They get the biggest, they're a very strong fish and they offer a helluva fight. They're a 20-pound class fish, so they take 8 or 9 yards off the reel, and it might take 15 to 20 minutes to bring them in," Bentley said.

The arrival of zebra and quagga mussels led to the collapse of alewives and king salmon in Lake Huron in the early 2000s. Scientists say the crash in alewives stemmed from less food availability and more predation by the king salmon, which was stocked by the Michigan Department

of Natural Resources and naturally reproducing. The king salmon diet is made up almost exclusively of alewives.

The Lake Huron king salmon, emaciated as their favorite prey became harder to find, migrated to Lake Michigan in search of alewives.

Nearly two decades later, the same progression is underway in Lake Michigan.

"There's an old Chinese saying, 'When there is crystal-clear water, there is no fish,'" said Yu-Chun Kao, a postdoctoral scientist at Michigan State University.

For a doctoral dissertation at the University of Michigan, Kao examined Lake Huron's king salmon collapse, concluding the fishery that once existed likely won't ever return to its glory days because of the alewife shortage.

Last year, Kao ran hundreds of computer simulations to consider changes in mussels, nutrients and fish stocking in Lake Michigan.

His study suggested Lake Michigan might be better suited for lake trout and steelhead, given that the two species of trout can switch from eating alewives to bottom-dwelling round goby, an invasive prey fish that eats cladophora and tiny quagga mussels.

The king salmon, he found, is the most susceptible to changes driven by the mussels, meaning its numbers will likely continue to decline as the mussels continue to spread. But there's still a chance Lake Michigan could support a substantial salmon population if stocking is reduced to alleviate pressure on the struggling alewife population.

Lake Superior may have relinquished its title of clearest of the Great Lakes, but it also doesn't have the same vulnerabilities to some invasive species as the other lakes. It has staved off the mussel migration because it's colder and its water has less calcium, a mineral the mussels need to make their shells.

Stocking the Great Lakes

Since 1984, the state of Illinois has raised fish to stock Lake Michigan at Jake Wolf Memorial Hatchery in Topeka, Ill., where the staff oversees eggs until they grow into fingerlings. Built atop a massive aquifer, the facility draws water into its network of concrete raceways and plastic-lined ponds, where it has up to 15 species of cold-, cool- and warm-water fish.

Each year, the hatchery staff, which works with state biologists, rears millions of fish in hopes of supporting a stable ecosystem and decent season for anglers. The upheaval in the food chain has made it all the more challenging.

"It's a daunting task," hatchery manager Steve Krueger said. "Without stocking, I think the fishery in Lake Michigan would continue to falter."

Stocking has also become more calculated in recent years — for Illinois and the three other states, Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan, that border the lake.

In 2006, all of the alewives in Lake Michigan weighed nearly 10,000 metric tons, roughly the weight of the Eiffel Tower, according to U.S. Geological Survey estimates. By 2016, the entire prey fish population in Lake Michigan, including alewives and a half-dozen other species, weighed about 11,000 metric tons.

In response to the lack of alewives, fishery managers around Lake Michigan have called for reducing the number of king salmon at least twice in the past decade.

In 2013, they slashed the number by 50 percent, releasing 1.8 million into the lake, down from 3.3 million the previous year. Last year, managers proposed making even deeper cuts, stocking only 690,000 king salmon, a 62 percent reduction from 2016.

New threats loom

In addition to filtering the water, mussels have also altered the landscape of the lake bed. The voracious eaters are polluting the lake bottom with feces. As sunlight reaches greater depths, it converts nutrients from the mussels' excrement into nuisance algae known as *Cladophora*.

During storms, wave action rips up the carpet-like algae and washes them ashore, where they are known for their potent stench and propensity to kill birds.

The growth in *Cladophora* raises alarms, because the algae could help establish Lake Michigan's next potential invasive species: Asian carp.

The species has invaded the Mississippi River system and has been reported just 9 miles from Lake Michigan.

Asian carp rely on plankton, which they may not find if they reach the lake, but researchers say the fish also feed on *Cladophora*. Researchers say there may no longer be enough food for the Asian carp in open waters, but there is likely enough floating algae and *Cladophora* near shore to sustain them.

A sliver of hope

Scientists say the invasive mussels may have reached their limits. With less plankton, the concentration of mussels in Lake Michigan dropped 40 percent between 2010 and 2015, according to a yet-to-be published report by Buffalo State College's Great Lakes Center.

But the total weight of mussels in the lake has risen, suggesting the surviving mussels are growing larger, said Alexander Karatayev, the center's director. It's unclear what this might mean in the future.

"However, it is extremely important to keep monitoring the (quagga mussel) population to understand if this decline is a long-term trend and if the population eventually will stabilize or will fluctuate substantially," Karatayev said.

For now, better fisheries management has helped Lake Michigan see a return of lake trout.

The sport has changed for fishermen like Bentley, but he said there's always been something biting on the end of his line.

Last year was the best in several years, he said. Though king salmon catches remained low, many of the fish from yesterday, like lake trout, seem to be returning.

"We've seen Lake Michigan go through a lot of changes, but it all seems to work out and it always ends up being OK," Bentley said. "Last two years, I've been encouraged by the comeback. I don't think we'll ever see the heyday of king salmon, but I think they'll always be available."

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Teens on autism spectrum go for improv

Second City expands wellness initiative with classes in suburbs

BY KATE THAYER
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At the start of an improv class this month, some teens excitedly joined in while others sat off to the side. Others said they'd rather go home. But after a few games, some giggles and encouragement from teachers, all the students participated. Parents in the audience clutched their bellies with laughter and beamed with pride.

Trying improv comedy for the first time could be daunting for anyone, but for these teens — who all have autism spectrum disorder — the progress was even more meaningful.

The Second City, which offers improv classes specifically for people on the autism spectrum, this month expanded the program to teens in the suburbs, through a partnership with Lisle-based Giant Steps, which runs a private school for students with autism and offers therapy and other programming.

Leaders at both organizations say the fundamentals of improv comedy help improve communication skills, which are often a challenge for those with autism.

"We know (improv) changes people's lives," said Kelly Leonard, executive director of insights and applied improvisation at The Second City. "We've seen it over and over again."

Abby Wagner, The Second City's vice president of training centers and education programs, said Improv for Autism, which launched in 2013 for adults and teens, is just one of the comedy group's "wellness" initiatives. There also are classes for senior citizens, people with anxiety and Parkinson's patients.

Giant Steps founder Debra Nauman has two sons on the autism spectrum and enrolled her youngest, Christian, 14, in the class.

She said she told him, "You know those goofy things you do? Nobody's going to look at you funny. They're going to laugh."

All the students in the Giant Steps class on a recent weekend received laughs as they participated in several improv games. A crowd favorite was the "World's Worst" game, in which the stu-



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Molly Fisher, from left, leads Gabriel Parsi, Francesca Strawser-Miller, Archer Hoffman, Michael Sagrati and Joey Butcher in an improv class.

dents called out professions and others then had to act out the world's worst version of them.

One student mimicked unsuccessfully searching for a rabbit in a hat as his version of the world's worst magician; another suggested building "a wall," in response to the "world's worst president."

Some psychologists say they've seen therapeutic benefits of improv, not only for some of the challenges associated with autism, but also for people with anxiety and depression.

They continue to study the effects of improv on the brain and say the gains go beyond entertainment and could open a door to a new area of mental health treatment.

"This is my great hope," said Kristin Krueger, an Elmhurst neuropsychologist and researcher who studies the effects of improv on anxiety and depression. "What motivates me to do this work (is) ...

I would like to see a change in the way we provide mental health services."

Further study of improv is needed, Krueger said, but if the benefits she's seen are shown through more research, access could expand for those who might not be receiving adequate mental health treatment.

"Adding improv groups would be a wonderful thing," she said. "Instead of wait lists for therapists, what if we had small rooms filled with people doing improv? It's entirely possible, because this is not an expensive or mystical treatment."

For people with autism, experts say, improv offers an opportunity to practice communication skills — including talking to people and looking them in the eye, and listening and relating to others.

The possibility of improved communication is what attracted the Hoffman family to the Giant Steps improv class, said Adam

Hoffman, of Glen Ellyn, whose 14-year-old son, Archer, is on the spectrum.

"We were familiar with The Second City, so the opportunity to do something with them was a big draw," said Hoffman, explaining that Archer has trouble with language.

"We've tried to figure out how to help him communicate," he said. "So this was a really natural fit."

Archer was hesitant when the class began but soon participated on his own without prodding from the teachers or his dad. He said his favorite part was the World's Worst game.

Blythe Corbett, a pediatric neuropsychologist and associate professor at Vanderbilt University, studies how theater and improv can aid children with autism. Through her work, she runs the SENSE Theatre Research Program, which includes an improv component for children.

Her studies in the field show improvement in social cognition, communication and "the ability to look at the world from another person's perspective," she said. Corbett's research centers on how "to think more expansively of how we define treatment."

Corbett and the SENSE Theatre recently received a National Institute of Mental Health grant to expand the program and further study how the drama program, including improv, compares with other, more traditional treatments for autism.

"Improv teaches one to think more broadly about different situations," Corbett said.

"A lot of our children with autism have very rigid, concrete patterns of thinking. So, the idea of engaging in improvisational exercises allows a child to think more expansively."

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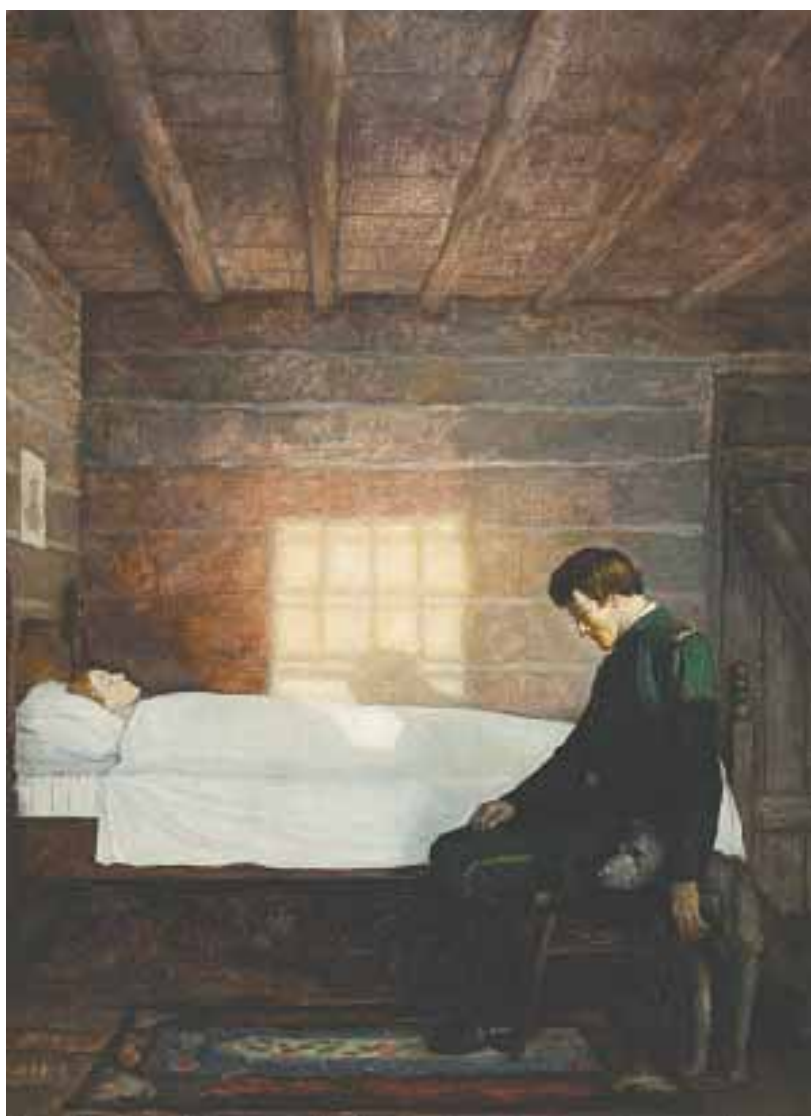
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King's dream is alive — but set up more chairs



RON GROSSMAN

As I was standing in front of an oversized photograph of Martin Luther King Jr. at a Chicago historic site recently, I had this feeling there was something he wanted to ask me.

Hallowed ground can play tricks on the mind. Or, maybe it was because of a question I'd just put to an old man shoveling snow across the street from where King lived when he brought his civil rights crusade to Chicago in 1966. As a conversation-starter, I'd said: "How are things going?"

"Well, they haven't worn me down yet," the man said.

So there I was on that street, looking at King's photo hanging on the building that replaced the brownstone where he stayed in Chicago, when I thought: Just suppose Dr. King could ask me that same question. "How are things going?"

I would sputter and stall. And then I'd have to say: "Our president is a racist." It would be like telling King that he'd lived and died in vain.

American history, it seems, has cycled back to its opening chapter: Our first president was a racist, an uncomfortable truth that is typically handled by the "yes, but" defense. Yes, George Washington owned slaves, but he won our nation's freedom. So did Thomas Jefferson, but he wrote the Declaration of Independence. That ethical sleight of hand has been employed for other presidents who were slaveholders as well.

But it won't work for Trump. Try saying: "Yes, Trump should not have called Puerto Ricans lazy, but he ..."

What word comes next? What worthy accomplishment or lofty ambition sets off his labeling of Mexican immigrants as "rapists"?

The only consistent policy objective I can discern is Trump's morbid determination to kill any federal program bearing his predecessor's name. It matters not if it's popular, like Obamacare. Frustrated that he couldn't get Congress to repeal it, Trump slipped a poison pill into the new tax legislation — essentially dropping the mandatory coverage that a health care insurance system depends on.

Trump's foul-mouthed put-down of African countries came at a bipartisan meeting about replacing the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which gave a pass to immigrants illegally brought here as youngsters. If DACA was a bad idea, why replace it? If it was a worthy idea, why did Trump kill it?

In that conundrum lies Trump's motivation. As Obama's brainchild, DACA had to go. As Trump's adoptive offspring, it could be resuscitated.

I hadn't come to visit King's photo at 1550 S. Hamlin Ave. so I could vent my anger that Trump could suggest a moral equivalency between neo-Nazi demonstrators and those protesting racism. It was King's birthday, and my wife and I wanted to thank him for liberating us from the "yes, but" mentality.

We're the offspring of Eastern Europeans who came here seeking freedom. But our school-teachers offered all sorts of rationalizations for the painfully obvious fact of segregation. That put a stain on the American Dream, of which we, but not our black school-mates, were heritors. "I still have a dream," King said in 1963. "It's a dream deeply rooted in the American Dream."

But can his dream of a colorblind society survive a president who said Haitian immigrants "all have AIDS"?

I was still in a funk, days after visiting King, when I attended Saturday's Women's March. We joined other early arrivals at the Federal Plaza. Their thin ranks seemed to verify predictions of a lower turnout than last year.

More tricked in, becoming a stream, then a torrent. Gays and lesbians flew the rainbow flag. There was a marching band of plumbers and carpenters, women wearing hard hats. Disabled demonstrators marched on crutches and pushed walkers. Biracial children perched on parents' shoulders. A dog wore a signboard proclaiming "Dogs for DACA," and an older woman carried a placard that said: "Look Mr. Trump. I've been carrying this sign since 1960."

I said softly: "Look, Martin. These are your children." Indeed, they were. Formerly marginalized, now empowered, they were the offspring of a movement born at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala., when King was its pastor.

In 1955, a meeting was held in the church basement after Rosa Parks was arrested for sitting in the white section of a city bus. The consensus was, enough is enough.

Fifty years later, my wife and I saw the chairs still there. They were arranged in a semicircle, just like when the group voted to boycott segregated buses. Perhaps someone said: "Leave them. We might need to call another meeting someday."

They sure got that right. But I've got to believe that this time, they'll have to set out a whole lot more chairs.

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CTA Red Line trains enter and exit the 95th Street station, the last stop of the line on the South Side.

Red Line extension plan: 5 takeaways

By MARY WISNIEWSKI AND LISA DONOVAN
Chicago Tribune

The CTA announced Friday where exactly it'll carve a path to extend the Red Line on the South Side and neighboring Riverdale. That doesn't mean it's ready to break ground on the project, which city officials have talked about for more than 40 years.

There's the issue of money (the city hasn't secured any) and bureaucracy (there's plenty) when any major public project is launched. Extending the Red Line south of the current 95th Street terminus will likely be no different. Some takeaways:

■ It's a \$2.3 billion project and city officials haven't secured the bulk of that. It's unlikely that President Donald Trump's infrastructure plan, expected to be rolled out in coming days, will offer much relief. His spending priorities suggest he's not high on public transportation. State and city coffers aren't exactly flush. And while there's much talk of involving the private sector, investors would be unlikely to see the CTA as offering a big return. ■ It doesn't hurt Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who was at a Friday news conference announcing the route, to make a big splash even as planning inches along. It's re-election time and he's trying to court the African-American vote.

■ If the CTA secured the money tomorrow, groundbreaking wouldn't begin until 2022 at the earliest because the city will need to do an environmental analysis and engineering work. The agency also must buy, and in some cases demolish, residential and retail buildings for the 5.3-mile elevated train extension.

■ There's the looming question of whether neighborhoods along the route will draw speculators and drive up real estate prices. Will this mirror what's happening along The 606?

■ With four new train stops along the extended route, planners expect 42,000 new passengers a day. Trains may be even more crowded than they are now, but the CTA says commuters traveling from 130th Street to downtown will save about 20 minutes. Now, it takes about 58 minutes to ride the bus to the 95th Street stop and take the train downtown.

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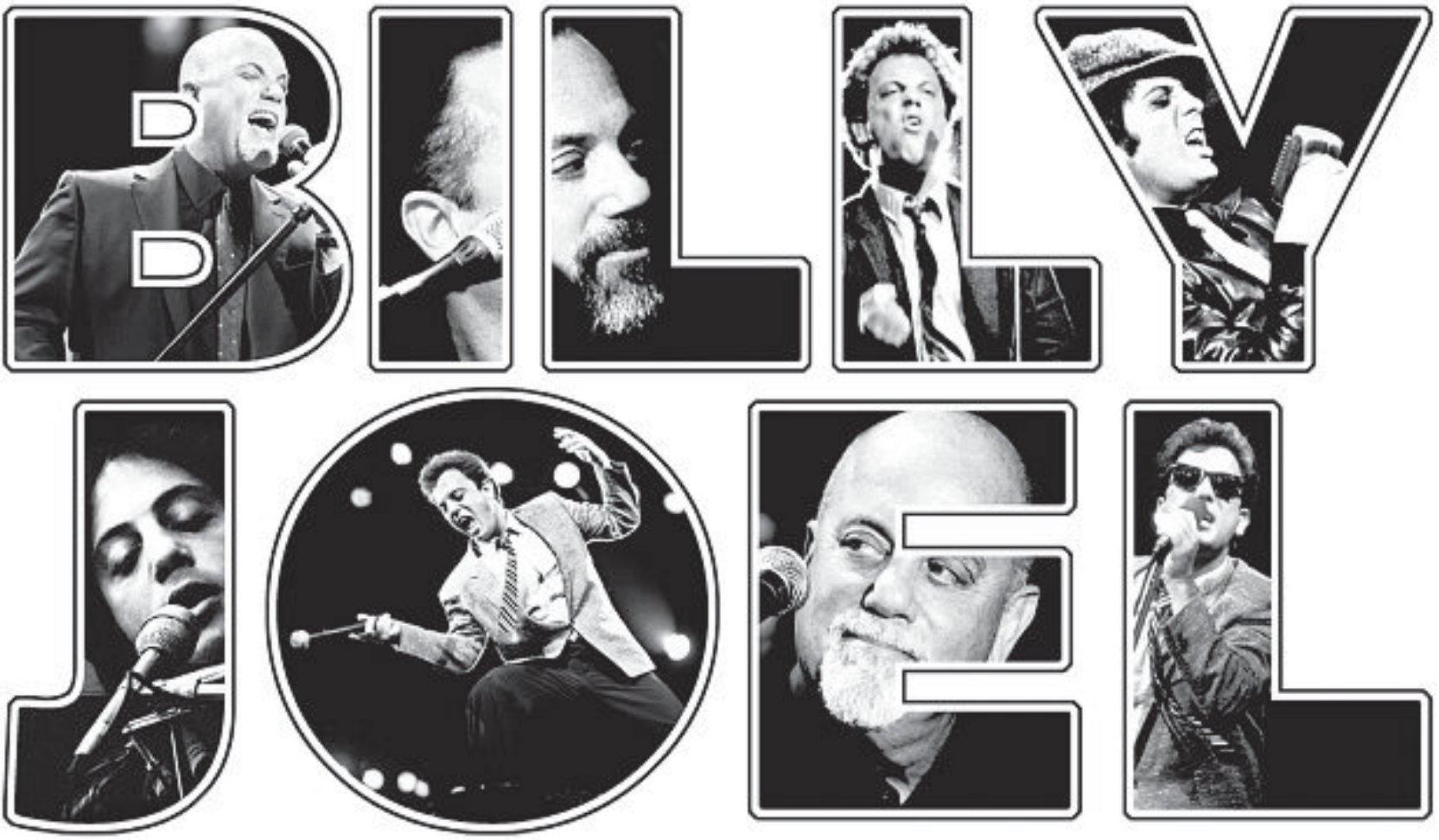
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A year later, parents await answers in son's slaying

Killing of professor in Naperville still under investigation

By DENISE CROSBY
The Beacon-News

David and Sandra Lange were living a quiet, ordinary life in Aurora's Orchard Valley subdivision when they found themselves at the center of what could well be a "Dateline" mystery.

The Langes describe their lives now as a "nightmare."

On Jan. 27, 2017, their 37-year-old son, Matthew, of Oswego, a popular associate professor of psychology at Lewis University, was shot and killed while waiting in his car to pick up his 4-year-old son from a Polish heritage class being held at Scullen Middle School in Naperville.

The moment they heard a news report about a shooting there, the Langes say they both knew immediately their son was the victim.

That knowledge was so overwhelming that Sandra Lange immediately got on the phone with the Naperville Police Department — hands trembling, voice barely audible —



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Aurora residents David and Sandra Lange talk about the slaying of their son, Matthew, a year ago.



Matthew Lange was an associate psychology professor at Lewis University.

get up in the morning and the last thing they think about before they fall to sleep — "we don't cry as often," said Sandra Lange, whose sorrow seems evident in every word she utters.

"In some ways it feels like 12 years ago. In some ways it was like it happened yesterday," she said. "The wounds are still there."

So also is their resolve to keep Matthew's life and unsolved shooting death relevant.

The couple planned to speak at a vigil put together by their son's friends on the first anniversary of his death Saturday at Scullen Middle School. The Langes, private people forced into a horrific public spotlight, gave the go-ahead with the blessings of police, who know the importance of keeping this slaying in the headlines.

"It is a case that is a mystery," Naperville police Cmdr. Lou Cammiso said of the still-active investigation, which includes a \$50,000 reward for information leading to an arrest. "We feel we can solve it, but we need help from citizens. We are hoping the attention

while her husband drove to the school, hoping for the best but fearing the worst.

Because police had already cordoned off the crime scene at 2815 Mistflower Lane, David Lange had no choice but to park on 103rd Street and try to get any information he could from the officer guarding the entrance to the school.

"It's got to be my son," he remembers uttering as he looked from that distance upon the gray Hyundai so hauntingly illuminated by law enforcement floodlights.

By that time, the man's body had been removed, David Lange said.

"But the more I saw, the more I knew" that his and his wife's fears had been confirmed, he said. Matthew Lange was declared dead upon arrival at Edward Hospital.

Police said he had been shot multiple times, execution style, through the closed window of his car as he sat in the driver's seat. The slaying, authorities noted soon after, did not appear to be a random act. They said the victim may have been targeted.

David Lange said his son's Polish ex-wife, Jalita Soliszko, had enrolled their child in the Helena Modjeska Polish School, which rented space at Scullen for the language classes. Matthew Lange picked up his son every other Friday at Scullen, according to his father.

David Lange, who taught for 30 years at Freeman Elementary School in Aurora, has kept a journal throughout the past year that chronicles his and his wife's grief, frustrations, angers and suspicions. They declined to discuss the investigation, but said they are pleased with how the Naperville Police Department is conducting it. They said that they, like authorities, are confident an arrest will be made at some point.

In addition to dealing with the unsolved killing of their only son, David and Sandra Lange have also been fighting another highly emotional battle. This one is in court with Matthew Lange's ex-wife — the couple divorced in 2015 after six years of marriage — in an attempt to get more visitation with their grandson.

The Langes say they cherish the little time they now get with the boy, who fortunately will have no memories of his dad's slaying. They talk about Matthew with his son, show pictures to the child, and smile when the little boy spontaneously recalls places and things associated with his daddy. But they can't help but recognize the void in their grandson's life, much like the "black hole" they both agree still dominates theirs.

"It used to be we would get up and count the hours until we could go to bed again," said David Lange, who believes he and his wife are struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder because of the death of their son, a 1997 West Aurora High School graduate who had worked for 20 years as a professional stagehand at the Paramount and Rialto theaters before receiving his doctorate in 2015.

While Matthew Lange's death is still the first thing they think about when they

"In some ways it feels like 12 years ago. In some ways it was like it happened yesterday. The wounds are still there."

— Sandra Lange, mother of Matthew Lange, who was shot to death on Jan. 27, 2017, in Naperville

will bring in additional tips and leads we need. We implore the public to come forward with any information they have."

According to the couple, Scullen officials at first refused to hold the vigil on school property, describing it as "inappropriate." It was a description, the couple said, that made them so angry they took it higher up the school district chain to eventually get permission for the gathering.

"That is where he was executed," said a resolute David Lange. "And this is where we will remember his life."

It was a life, by all accounts, that was full of accomplishment and promise, as well as with many people who remember Matthew Lange as a well-respected and caring teacher, a devoted friend, and a dedicated and loving father. He was also a son who is painfully missed.

Earlier last week, David Lange was working at the dining room table on a talk he said he hoped to deliver at the vigil "without breaking down."

And there was one student-written letter that was featured in a Lewis University publication after Matthew Lange's death, which he wanted to share at the Saturday gathering.

"I love that man for all the care and wisdom he gave even when I felt overwhelmed," the letter says, in part. "He spoke so calmly and diligently about the importance of standing out during times of strife. In time, I hope his family finds peace. Dr. Lange gave me hope that even when the world turns dark, the magic of belief in yourself can light your way."

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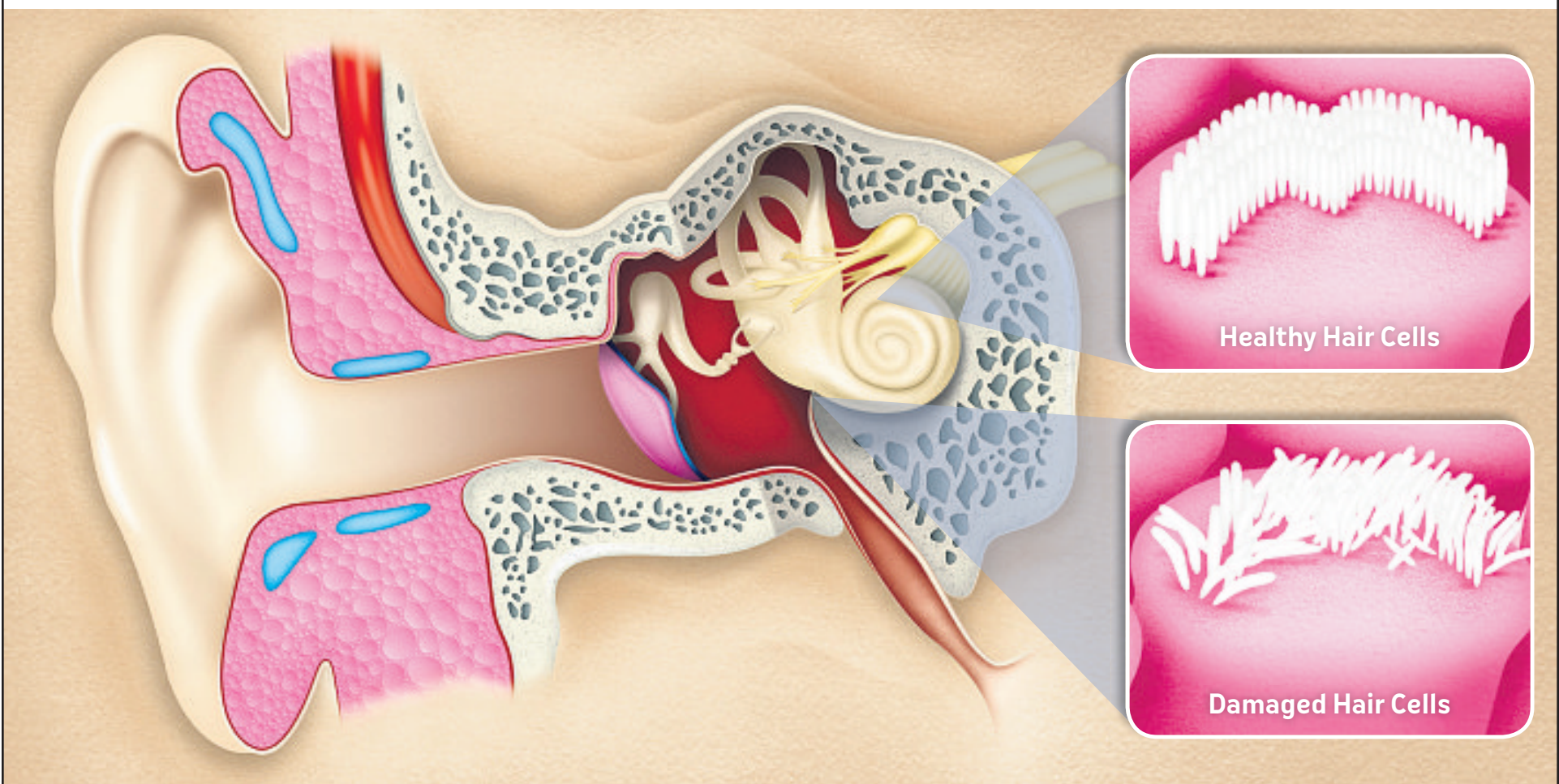


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Employees and volunteers dismantle and move out Valeda, the transparent, computerized talking woman that was a teaching fixture at the Robert Crown Center in Hinsdale, on Friday.

#MeToo pushes new focus to sex ed

Sex ed, from Page 1

power and outdated gender roles, advocates who develop and provide sex education resources for schools say many school districts are now embracing a philosophy their organizations have touted for years: Sex education in schools must be delivered through a more social-emotional approach, not merely a fifth-grade field trip to see a robotic woman with light-up fallopian tubes, or a one-time lecture from a gym teacher on “the birds and the bees.”

“There’s definitely a push that we’re already seeing in terms of what we hear from educators,” said Nicole Cushman, executive director of Answer, a national organization out of Rutgers University that provides and promotes sex education. “They’re looking for lesson plans, tools, things they can use to get the conversations started in the classroom.”

To meet the demand, organizations like Robert Crown and Answer are developing new curricula and resources to help school districts teach sex education on a continuum, starting with lessons on how to be a good friend in kindergarten, and working up to facts about sexually transmitted diseases in 12th grade.

But will this increased interest in sex education be enough for a cultural shift that prevents future #MeToo movements?

It’s complicated, advocates say.

School budget constraints and an emphasis on common core subjects and test scores persist. Meanwhile, because Illinois and several other states do not mandate sex education at public schools, disparity abounds. While some school districts embrace new social-emotional sex education offerings, others offer no sex education to students at all.

“That really is part of the challenge when we talk about what it would take to have the tools to have solutions for addressing the #MeToo issue,” said Chitra Panjabi, president and CEO of the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States, a Washington-based organization that offers fact-based sexual education resources. “This patchwork of laws and policies makes it really challenging to ensure that we have a consistent way of providing this education that young people need,” she said.

And as technology and culture evolve, so must education. When Kenneth Polin, a pediatrician at Town & Country Pediatrics in Chicago, had children in elementary school 20 years



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The Robert Crown Center’s exhibits will be stored at McMillen Health in Fort Wayne, Ind., for two years. Then they will be shipped as a donation to a new health center in India.



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Joe Chandler, a volunteer from the Hinsdale Rotary Club, helps to move out exhibits that were used to teach Chicago-area elementary and middle school students sex education.

ago, he volunteered to speak to the fifth-grade class members each year about their changing bodies. In his lessons to boys and girls, Polin, now 62, partnered with a school social worker to talk about male and female anatomy.

Polin then did his best to answer questions. “I tried to give them the straight story, not censored at all,” he recalled. “I wanted to give them information and not apply guilt.”

But that was before the internet was available to offer children access to information, images and discussions well beyond their years. Today, young people need much more than a one-time visit from a doctor to field their questions about sex, Polin said. “Kids know so much more than they did previously. It’s become critical that they are educated better.”

Illinois state law does not mandate sex education in public schools and offers only broad guidelines to those school districts that choose to include it.

Until 2013, a state statute required school districts



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Fifth-graders react during a presentation at the center in 2011. The programs will be taught at schools in the future.

that opted to teach sex education in grades six through 12 to emphasize abstinence as the expected norm, teaching that abstaining from sex is the only option that is 100 percent effective against unwanted pregnancies and disease, and that pupils should not engage in sexual intercourse until they are ready

for marriage.

But after pushback from legislators who pointed to studies that abstinence-only education was not effective, the law was changed in 2014 to state that sex education for grades six through 12 should include instruction on both abstinence and birth control for the prevention of preg-

nancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

To fill in the gaps, several nonprofit organizations have stepped in to develop sex education programs for school districts to use if they see fit.

At Advocates for Youth, a Washington-based organization that promotes policy and champions sexual health programs for youths, staff two years ago saw a shortage of curricula available to teach students in kindergarten through 12th grade about sexual health in a way that was continuous and inclusive of people of various sexual orientations and genders.

The organization developed a comprehensive new program, which comes with homework assignments for students and their families, and lessons at every grade level, ranging from identifying body parts, to how to have consent conversations about sex before, not during, the moment.

The program, called Rights, Respect and Responsibility, has been one of the most downloaded offerings on the organization’s website in recent months, said Debra Hauser, executive director for Advocates for Youth. “It’s not like you’re teaching sex in elementary school,” Hauser said. “If you’ve got a good, quality, comprehensive sex ed program, what you get is this scaffolding of topics that helps young people to identify things.”

Answer, the group out of Rutgers, released an animated video last year geared toward 10-to-14-year-olds about sexual assault. The video has been viewed more than 104,000 times — surpassing all other videos the organization released last year — and demonstrating educators’ need for teaching materials in the wake of #MeToo, Cushman said.

Carolyn Fitzpatrick, medical director of the Dr. A. L. Burdick Family Medicine Center in Oak Park, said each of her four children, ages 15, 12, 9 and 6, attended health education programs at the Robert Crown Center. She, too, saw a presentation that included Valeda when she was a teen growing up in the Chicago suburbs.

But the #MeToo movement has reminded us that in today’s world we must keep lines of communication open with children about their bodies, safety and sexual situations on many levels, she said. Parents have the first job of introducing concepts and beginning to teach empowerment and respect for themselves and others. But schools are also an ideal setting for some of the messages to sink in, Fitzpatrick added.

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— Debra Hauser, executive director for Advocates for Youth

“They can feel a little more comfortable knowing that there’s another child who has a similar thought or a similar question,” she said.

From Robert Crown’s new office-only space in Hinsdale, which will house employees, the 18 staff members are now redesigning their sex education program brought entirely to schools.

Although they are still in early discussions, education staff know the new curriculum will start young, teach students about healthy relationships and breaking gender silos, and aim to empower children to feel comfortable talking to each other and trusted adults about topics once considered uncomfortable.

“In the past our programs have been very science-based,” said Kris Adzia, director of education for the center. “We’re looking to expand to more social-emotional topics. Those conversations would be a good fit and help lay the foundation for healthy relationships.”

For now, Valeda and other exhibits from the old building will be stored at McMillen Health in Fort Wayne, Ind. In two years, the exhibits will be shipped as a donation to what is to be a new health center in Chandigarh, India, the first of its kind in the country. The old Robert Crown Center building was purchased for \$2.35 million by the Hinsdale Humane Society, which plans to use it to expand.

Robert Crown Center officials say even without their historic building, they plan to keep serving more than 80,000 students in the Chicago area each year.

“It’s the end of an era,” said Barb Thayer, the center’s executive director. “But we have to adapt to what the culture is in the world and in the school environment. The field trip model just doesn’t work the way it once did.”

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Illinois State Police are investigating after eight vehicles crashed in the Loop on Saturday.

1 dead, 11 hurt as 8 cars crash in Loop

One person is dead and 11 people were hospitalized after a multiple-vehicle crash Saturday near Congress Parkway and Wells Street in Chicago, officials said.

The accident, which happened around 4:30 p.m., involved eight vehicles, authorities said.

Citing preliminary information, Chicago Police De-

partment spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said a motorist appeared to have lost control of a vehicle before it crashed into others.

Chicago Fire Department officials said four adults were taken in critical to serious condition and three in good condition to Stroger Hospital. Three people in critical to serious condition were taken to

Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and two adults in fair to serious condition were taken to Rush University Hospital. Fire officials said others declined treatment at the scene.

Illinois State Police later said one person died of injuries from the crash. The gender was not provided.

—Deanese Williams-Harris

CHICAGO WEEK

Some public health experts say more than a dozen poor Chicago neighborhoods, most on the South and West sides, are becoming “pharmacy deserts” where it has become difficult for people to get the medicines they need.

Even though flights were slightly down, a record number of passengers traveled through Chicago’s two airports last year, with almost 80 million passengers using O’Hare International Airport and about 22 million passing through Midway.

An accused sex trafficker is arguing through his attorney that he can’t get a fair trial because of the amount of attention being paid to the #MeToo movement. Benjamin Biancofiore

is accused of using death threats, vicious beatings and other abuse to force women into sexual servitude. But his lawyer wrote in a motion that it will be difficult “to select a jury that is untainted by the veritable flood of reporting on the subject” of sexual harassment and abuse.

A Chicago police officer under scrutiny for fatally shooting two people in 2015 has been charged with two counts of battery and one count of theft in connection with a fight in December. Robert Rialmo allegedly knocked two men to the floor at a Far Northwest Side Italian restaurant and left with a jacket belonging to one of the victims. Rialmo could be fired for the fatal shooting of Quintonio LeGrier, 19, and bystander

Bettie Jones, 55, in December 2015.

Democratic state Sen. Ira Silverstein was not guilty of sexual harassment but “did behave in a manner unbecoming of a legislator” in his dealings with a victims rights advocate, a special legislative inspector general found. Silverstein, who is married to 50th Ward Ald. Debra Silverstein, said his “priorities are now my family and my re-election.”

Protests quickly followed a University of Chicago’s invitation to political strategist Steve Bannon to speak at the school. No date has been set, and representatives for Bannon, a former adviser to President Donald Trump who has pushed for a harder line on trade and immigration, could not be reached.

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Bonuses go toward bills, vacations

Bonuses, from Page 1

holders and company owners, in the form of more jobs and higher wages.

Since the law's passage, more than 250 companies have announced bonuses, affecting about 3 million employees, according to Americans for Tax Reform, the Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit started by anti-tax crusader Grover Norquist.

Despite the flurry of announcements, only 7 percent of 333 large and mid-size U.S. companies surveyed by human resources consulting firm Willis Towers Watson have increased wages for all employees or plan to this year. An additional 8 percent have increased or are planning to increase pay for lower-wage workers, and 11 percent have introduced or are planning to introduce profit-sharing payouts or one-time bonuses.

Economists question whether one-time bonuses — which aren't necessarily being handed out to all workers — will be more of a short-term shot for the economy, rather than the boost that wage increases could bring. Skeptics have said the programs are largely public relations moves or undertaken to curry favor with the Trump administration. Some companies have announced the cash disbursements as they were also laying off employees.

The list of Illinois-based companies that have announced bonuses for their employees is dominated by financial institutions, including Discover Financial Services, First Midwest Bancorp, MB Financial, Wintrust Bank, and American Community Bank & Trust in Woodstock.

Other Chicago-area residents are benefiting, too, as employees of major corporations who have announced the payouts. AT&T is distributing \$200 million, while American Airlines is handing out \$130 million and Comcast \$100 million.

But as Five Senses in Peoria shows, it's not just banks and Fortune 100 companies sending workers home with extra cash.

Hair stylist Breityana Williams spent part of her bonus fixing the taillights on her Buick Rendezvous — the only vehicle she and her husband own that will fit all four of their young children.

Another portion of Williams' extra money went toward subscribing to a workout program. "That's like my life-changing part," said Williams, 25. "I just had my fourth child in five years ... (and I'm) trying to make my family and myself healthier."

Williams' colleague Laura Naven also put her bonus toward her family. She paid down hospital bills left over from when she gave birth to her 4-month-old and put some money

into savings.

"I have two kids, so building up the savings is key right now," said Naven, 33, general manager at Five Senses.

A big tax cut like this one is rare, said Lawrence Officer, an economics professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. It happens maybe once or twice in a generation, and usually companies wouldn't pass it along to their employees so quickly, he said.

It will take the better part of a year to see what economic impact the tax changes will have, Officer said. That includes whether it leads to true wage increases, which consumers factor into their budgets and can lead to sustained higher spending.

A one-time infusion of extra cash isn't going to change the way people spend, Officer said.

The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008, signed by President George W. Bush, included individual income tax rebates. Most tax filers received a \$600 rebate, or \$1,200 for joint tax filers. Instead of spending it and jump-starting an economy trying to climb out of the Great Recession, most people used it to pay down debt. Tax credits were deployed in 2009 and 2010 as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, signed by President Barack Obama.

Now that the economy is better, people may not be paying down debt. But "if it's a bonus, a one-time thing ... you say, 'To hell with that, I'm going to take a vacation in the (Wisconsin) Dells or go to Jamaica,'" Officer said.

That's more or less what Kristin Moore, 41, is doing. A corporate culture administrator at MB Financial, Moore booked a weeklong trip to Iceland in April with her mom as soon as she was notified about her bonus.

About 75 percent of MB Financial employees received a bonus. Moore said she got a little less than \$600 after taxes.

"Nothing specific was planned, but definitely once I got notice about (the bonus) it was a quick phone call to my mom," she said. "She went online and had something booked that day."

Other employees receiving bonuses were grateful but said a one-time windfall didn't paper over larger financial concerns.

Dea Polchow, 57, who works at an AT&T wireless call center in Rantoul, in east-central Illinois, received her \$1,000 bonus check — minus about \$400 in taxes — just in time to pay off some holiday shopping bills.

While happy to lower her debt, there isn't money left for much else. "It's \$600," she said. "By the time you get a couple of bills caught up, it's not much."

After the announcement



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Part-time teller Gloria Torres and co-workers at Fifth Third Bank in Orland Park received a raise and a \$1,000 bonus.



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Paola Hinton, owner of Five Senses Spa, Salon and Barber-shop in Peoria, gave each of her employees a \$500 bonus.

Some companies, however, announced the cash disbursements as they were also laying off employees.

of the bonuses, AT&T sent layoff notices to 600 workers in Illinois and other Midwestern states.

At American Airlines, which also promised employees \$1,000 bonuses, Dennis Tajer, a captain based in Chicago, said he'd likely use his check to help his daughter with college expenses.

Tajer, a spokesman for the Allied Pilots Association, the union representing American's pilots, noted the money will have a greater impact for lower-wage airline workers. While pilots appreciated the extra cash, the bonuses don't address other concerns about compensation, he said.

"A thousand dollars is nice, but let's get at the

foundation of this," Tajer said.

Instead of one-time cash payments, some companies promised workers long-term improvements in wages or benefits.

In addition to handing out bonuses, MB Financial raised its minimum wage to \$15 beginning Jan. 1. The bank previously paid the legal minimum wage.

Walmart, meanwhile, said it would raise its starting wage for hourly associates to \$11 from \$9 and expand paid family leave benefits. That's in addition to giving out one-time bonuses to all employees who have worked for the retailer for at least two years or aren't benefiting from the starting wage increase.

In Illinois, more than 34,600 hourly Walmart and Sam's Club workers will receive a bonus, and about 20,000 will receive a pay increase, spokesman Blake Jackson said. After the raises take effect in February, the average wage for full-time workers in Illinois will be about \$14 per hour, up from \$13.61.

"Tax reform gives us the opportunity to be more competitive globally and to accelerate plans for the U.S.," Walmart CEO Doug McMillon said in a statement earlier this month announcing the changes.

However, on the same day Walmart announced the bonuses and raises, it also announced it was closing 63 Sam's Club stores, including six in the Chicago area. Meanwhile, 400 to 500 jobs at the company's Arkansas headquarters are being cut, though some employees will be rehired in different roles. More layoffs are expected next year when Walmart relocates facilities on the site of its new corporate headquarters.

Starbucks and JPMorgan Chase also credited the tax legislation for bumping up already-planned improvements to benefits and wages.

At JPMorgan Chase, nearly 20 percent of the bank's Chicago-area workforce, or 2,734 hourly employees, will see wages rise to \$16.50 per hour on Feb. 25, spokeswoman Christine Holevas said. Most currently earn \$12 per hour.

Chase had already planned to increase those workers' pay to \$15 per hour over a couple of years, but it moved up the timing as part of a plan to spend \$20 billion nationwide over five years on raises for 22,000 hourly workers, new branch openings, and increased lending and philanthropy.

Similarly, Starbucks was already working on plans to give retail employees sick time benefits, and the company raises wages annually. But it wouldn't have introduced paid sick time this soon, or made additional wage increase and stock grant bonuses, without the legislation, spokesman Reg-

gie Borges said. Wage increases, which take effect in April, will vary by region but total roughly \$120 million through the end of the fiscal year.

Corporations likely have another motive beyond sharing the benefits of the tax cut: finding and keeping workers in a tight labor market, said Ben Harris, a visiting professor at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

"Companies don't give bonuses out of the goodness of their heart; they give bonuses to attract workers or keep the workers they already have," Harris said. That said, "from a worker's perspective, \$1,000 is \$1,000. It doesn't matter why my company is paying it."

A bonus and raise helped retain at least one employee at Fifth Third Bank's south suburban Orland Park branch. The Cincinnati-based bank raised its minimum hourly wage to \$15 and distributed one-time \$1,000 bonuses to more than 13,500 employees, including Gloria Torres, 69, who started working part-time as a teller after "retiring" seven years ago, and had been planning to seek full-time employment elsewhere for financial reasons.

"But after (the bonus and raise), I figured, Why not stay with Fifth Third?" said Torres, who has worked at the bank for 13 years.

About 75 percent of the bank's employees received a pay increase or bonus during the holidays. All 14 Orland Park employees received the bonus, branch manager Reina Goodman said.

While Fifth Third points directly to Trump's Republican-backed tax cut as the catalyst for the bonuses, Torres is not particularly interested in the politics behind the decision.

"I guess I have to give (Trump) a little credit there," she said. "But I feel more gratitude towards the bank, the people I work with."

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Schakowsky to skip Trump's State of the Union address

BY KATHERINE SKIBA
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Democratic U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky announced Friday she's boycotting this week's State of the Union speech, saying the American people had been subjected to a year of "racist, erratic and divisive behavior" from the president.

"I refuse to normalize President Donald Trump and his loathsome language and actions," she said in a statement.

"With every day that passes, a new tweet, breaking news story, or leaked quote sheds new light on President Trump's twisted and prejudiced mind," she said. "I refuse to accept that as the new normal."

Schakowsky has snubbed Trump before, staying away from his inauguration last year. She said her constitu-



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Democratic U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky said the president has repeatedly "sown division and hatred."

ents had spoken loudly and clearly, asking her to "resist" and "boycott" Trump's first State of the Union speech on Tuesday.

"From calling for an illegal ban of Muslims during the first week of his presidency (and on Holocaust Remembrance Day) and refusing to condemn Nazis

and White Supremacists in Charlottesville, to referring to Haiti and African nations as 'sh*tholes', President Trump has completely disrespected millions of patriotic Americans and the office of the presidency," the 10-term lawmaker said.

"Time and time again he has sown division and hatred," she added. "We can't treat this as normal. I refuse to sit on the floor of the House of Representatives and politely clap for a man who has demonstrated such clear contempt for so many segments of the American population."

A handful of Democrats already have announced they're skipping Trump's speech. One of them is U.S. Rep. John Lewis, a Georgia Democrat and civil rights movement leader.

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Trader Gregory Rowe wears a hat highlighting the recent stock market surge for which the Trump administration has taken a few bows.

The Trump economy is no great success



STEVE CHAPMAN

Amid all the uncertainty about Donald Trump's presidency, his admirers are sure of one thing: The economy is booming, and it's because of him. We are riding a mighty wave of prosperity driven by his tax cuts, deregulation and business savvy.

The enthusiasm is contagious. "I've really liked what he's done for the economy," marveled Goldman Sachs CEO Lloyd Blankfein. "Year One has been nothing short of excellent," declared Fox Business Network's Maria Bartiromo. Blackstone Group Chairman Stephen Schwarzman said, "There are companies all around the world who are looking at the U.S. now and saying, 'This is the place to be in the developed world.'"

They have some evidence to brandish: Economic growth picked up last year. The unemployment rate fell to 4.1 percent. The stock market soared by 27 percent during Trump's first year.

So the bullish outlook is not entirely without basis. The economy is doing well in most respects, and

Trump's policies have contributed. Tax cuts are good for business, everything else being equal, and so is deregulation — though either may also have damaging consequences in the future.

But presidents don't have nearly as much to do with our economic fortunes as Trump's supporters believe. And if they do, those people owe Barack Obama a big fat groveling apology.

Trump is the classic example of a man born on third base who thinks he hit a triple. When he brags of low unemployment on his watch, he neglects to mention that under his predecessor, the rate fell from a peak of 10 percent in 2009 to 4.8 percent. When Republicans claim the Dow Jones industrial average as vindication, they forget that it tripled under Obama. Inflation, which they predicted would run out of control, was cut in half during his presidency.

The 2.3 percent real gross domestic product growth Trump can point to in 2017 was better than the 2016 rate but worse than what Obama recorded in 2014 and 2015. Last year, the economy added 2.1 million jobs — which sounds good until you consider that it added even more in each of Obama's last four years.

By two standards that Trump invoked on his way to the White

House, he's failing. The first is the trade deficit, which has grown since he took office. The second is the budget deficit, which fell from \$14 trillion in Obama's first fiscal year to \$666 billion in his final fiscal year — and is projected to rise from \$440 billion this year to \$1 trillion by 2020.

Trump boasted on Twitter Wednesday: "Tremendous investment by companies from all over the world being made in America. There has never been anything like it." Oh? From 2009 to 2016, new foreign direct investment more than doubled. Last year, it declined. Apparently, foreign investors are not feeling quite the same excitement they felt before Trump arrived.

If the standard GOP formula of tax cuts and deregulation is the key to economic progress, you have to wonder why it didn't work for George W. Bush.

Average annual GDP growth was higher during his tenure than during Obama's, but Bush had a weaker record on job growth. The unemployment rate, which was 4.2 percent when he arrived, was 7.8 percent when he left.

The stock market declined in Bush's first term and again in his second term, for a total loss of 25 percent. He also presided over a financial panic, a housing crash and

the Great Recession, all of which struck with devastating force in the final year of his presidency and left the economy in a deep hole.

Much of what happened under Bush was not his fault, and much of what happened under Obama was not his doing. Presidents have only modest control over the enormous, unpredictable beast we know as the economy. Often they are not driving the bus but riding the train, fated to go wherever it takes them.

The Federal Reserve, Congress, foreign economies, wars and assorted unforeseen events play a role in raising or slowing growth. Simple luck and factors that may be invisible to everyone also affect outcomes. If and when the economy stalls, Trump and his fan club will deny responsibility.

For now, though, they are claiming successes that are nonexistent or greatly exaggerated. A year into his presidency, Trump has yet to show he can produce any better results than Obama did. And unfortunately, the economy doesn't run on delusions.

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BY ERIC ZORN



Mixed verdict on Silverstein: A win for process

Denise Rotheimer wanted to be heard.

And, at last, she was. Nearly a year after the north suburban victims' rights advocate filed an ethics complaint against Democratic state Sen. Ira Silverstein of Chicago alleging that he had a "twisted agenda" and pursued her romantically "with the intent to degrade" her when they worked together on a bill, her allegations made a big splash in Springfield.

She testified in an open hearing at the Capitol that Silverstein played frightening and unconscionable "mind games" with her.

Her complaint, amplified by being in the first wave of what now seems like a never-ending flood of sexual harassment and abuse accusations against powerful men, was widely covered.

Rotheimer provided reporters with a 444-page PDF file of nearly 17 months of her Facebook message correspondence with Silverstein, and many media outlets, including the Tribune, published excerpts. I read the entire file and had extensive conversations with her.

Rotheimer wanted to be taken seriously.

And she was. Democrats stripped Silverstein of a nearly \$21,000-a-year leadership position, a raft of challengers filed petitions to run against him in the March 20 primary and Special Legislative Inspector General Julie Porter launched an extensive investigation into her claims, including the damning allegation that Silverstein slow-walked the progress of the bill he was sponsoring on Rotheimer's behalf in order to get more time to flirt with her.



Denise Rotheimer accused state Sen. Ira Silverstein of sexual harassment.

Porter interviewed 20 witnesses — including, at length, Rotheimer and Silverstein — and pored over the voluminous documentary record in the case.

Nearly 13 pages of Porter's 25-page report released to the public Thursday examine in granular detail the byzantine, fitful progress and ultimate failure of Senate Bill 2151, Rotheimer's attempt to amend the Crime Victims Compensation Act to allow for reimbursement of related attorneys' fees.

Much of the rest of the report applies scrutiny to the embarrassing but non-explicit electronic communications between the two.

Rotheimer wanted to be vindicated.

And she was not. Porter found that the repartee appeared mutually enjoyable, though it did show that Silverstein "did not maintain an appropriate professional distance from the proponent of a bill he was sponsoring" and thereby committed "conduct unbecoming of a legislator."

He was never accused of making or even attempting to initiate sexual contact,

and his actions did "not come close to meeting the standards that courts require to prove sexual harassment under Illinois and federal law," she wrote.

Porter also concluded that Silverstein "earnestly and aggressively" tried to advance SB2151 despite strong opposition from other victims' advocates, and that, if anything, "he kept going and going because he wanted to help, please and placate Rotheimer."

Porter wrote that, "far from coming off as intimidating to Rotheimer, Silverstein appears overly eager to please her."

That was my reading of the evidence when it first came to light late last year: A married lawmaker with a goofy, schoolboy crush on a single woman who needed his help, a woman who led him on by at least pretending to return his romantic interest.

Rotheimer angrily took issue with that assessment and told me many times that Silverstein disgusted her and that she only pretended to play along with him out of fear that he would abandon sponsor-

ship of her bill.

Porter, smartly, declined to referee that claim.

"I take Rotheimer's perspective on the Facebook exchanges seriously," she wrote in what I believe to be the most important passage of her report. "I do not suggest that she is lying about how she felt and I do not conclude that she subjectively welcomed the communications" from Silverstein.

"Although Rotheimer's subjective perspective is relevant, it is also critical to assess the evidence objectively," Porter wrote. "My objective assessment is that even if Rotheimer was internally cringing at the messages Silverstein sent her and did not welcome them, she gave no outward sign of that (at) all, and no one — including Silverstein — would have had any way of knowing that she was not a fully willing participant in the discussions."

This is fair. Subjective experiences matter in cases of alleged sexual harassment, but absent other evidence they can't be considered dispositive. Feelings are not facts. Intentions matter.

And although Silverstein's intentions were pretty clearly unwholesome — Porter scoffed in her report at his "denial of any sexual connotations at all to the messages" when she interviewed him — as well as unbecoming a legislator, they were not, by any objective standard, sinister or predatory.

Rotheimer ripped Porter's investigation as "pathetic" and "incomplete" in a conversation with me Friday morning. In short conversations with Silverstein on Thursday and Friday, he told me he was "not going to argue" with Porter's conclusions, which included the observation that "he does not appear fully to accept that the (Facebook) messages went beyond 'joking around.'"

Does he want to offer anyone an apology? "I don't want to answer that," he said. "I wouldn't do what I did again, but I'm moving on."

Rotheimer wanted Silverstein held accountable.

And he has been.

In her testimony in Springfield last fall, Rotheimer demanded Silverstein "answer for" his behavior with her, and although he has said precious little and will not be sanctioned, circumstances have punished him.

The investigatory findings cleared him of the most serious allegations, but Silverstein's early refusal to defend himself in public gave significant traction to those who are aiming to end his political career. One challenger in particular, Ram Villivalam, has racked up a gaudy list of endorsements from prominent Democrats and labor leaders who would

otherwise be expected to endorse the incumbent.

Further, Silverstein is awaiting a ruling on a challenge to his nominating petitions, which at last count were 45 signatures short of making him eligible to be on the ballot. He told me this problem was unrelated to his high-profile difficulties and that his campaign is going well.

Whether or not he's re-elected, his reputation has suffered a major blow. Those excruciating Facebook messages will never go away.

What has not been harmed here, however, is the idea that women who feel sexually harassed should get a fair hearing. The thoroughness of Porter's investigation should be a model for how all such complaints are handled in the future.

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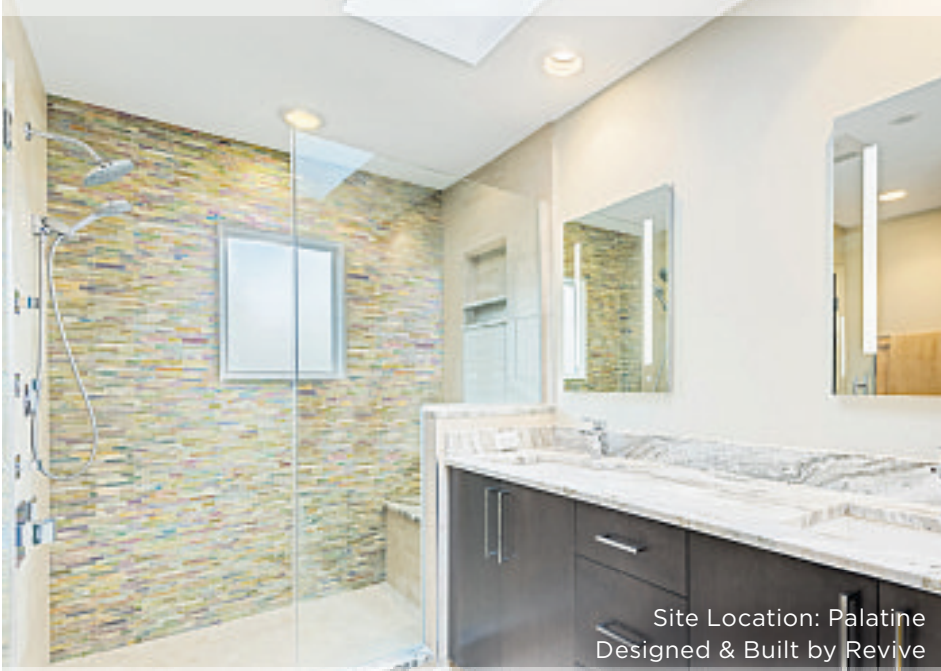
If it wouldn't have been a conflict of interest, I would have nominated my own offering — "Headline: 'The Senate has confirmed Alex Azar, a former pharmaceutical executive, to be the next HHS secretary.' Question for Trump supporters: How's that drainy-swampy stuff workin' out for ya?" for Tweet of the Week.

But I have no illusions that it would have beaten the reader favorite in our weekly poll, "Everyone said the hamster catapult wasn't appropriate for the science fair, but no one could stop watching," by @Smug.Lemur.

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10 things you might not know about
PRESIDENTIAL NICKNAMES

BY MARK JACOB AND STEPHAN BENZKOEFER

We've entered the second year of the presidency of Donald Trump, who may be the nation's most nickname-loving leader ever. Just ask Rocket Man, Crooked Hillary and Sloppy Steve. Or check out these facts, Dear Readers:

1 Trump has long been known as The Donald, a nickname that came from his ex-wife Ivana. "As most people know, English isn't my first language, in fact it's my fourth," the Czech native told *The Washington Post*. "... I started putting 'The' in front of most people's names. Yes, you know the outcome — 'The Donald' just slipped off the tongue. ..." For a time, Trump and his wife fought over the trademark of The Donald, but both backed off. Trump's opponents have invented hundreds of other nicknames for him, including Short-Fingered Vulgarian, Agent Orange and Twitler.

2 Franklin Roosevelt was known as New Deal Caesar, That Madman in the White House, the Raw Dealocrat and even Kangarooesevelt. That last nickname is a reference to his first bid for president in 1932, when his running mate was the more highly regarded House Speaker John Nance Garner. Political wags called it a "kangaroo ticket" — stronger in the rear than in the front.

3 George Washington has many grandiose nicknames, but long before he was the Father of Our Country or the American Fabius, he was Conotocariou. That's what Seneca leader Tanacharison called the young British officer when Washington negotiated with him in 1753 before the French and Indian War. Washington's great-grandfather, John, first earned that nickname decades before, and the Native Americans hadn't forgotten. For good reason: John massacred five Native American chiefs who had come to talk under a flag of truce. Somehow George chose to consider Conotocariou — Devourer of Villages — as a term of affection, and he embraced the nickname.

4 Lyndon B. Johnson was known as Light-Bulb Lyndon because he went around the White House turning out lights to save money.

5 Dwight Eisenhower and all five of his brothers were known by the nickname of Ike sometime in their lives, presumably as a shortening of their last name. As a child, Eisenhower was called Little Ike, Ugly Ike and even Big Ike when he got older. Dwight was the only sibling to keep the nickname for his whole life. It made for a memorable campaign slogan ("I like Ike") and was the nickname for the Army's waist-length jacket introduced during World War II. When he died in 1969, Eisenhower was buried in his "Ike jacket."

6 Richard Nixon's most famous nickname was, of course, Tricky Dick, which is traced to 1950, when he used underhanded tactics to win a Senate race against Helen Gahagan Douglas, whom Nixon backers called the Pink Lady, suggesting she was soft on communism. Nixon was also known as the Fighting Quaker, the Mad Monk and the Nation's No. 1 Football Fan. When he was a student, his classmates called him Iron Butt because he spent so much time studying at the library.

7 Benjamin Harrison had such a chilly personality that he was called the Human Iceberg.

8 A perk of being POTUS (president of the United States) is getting a Secret Service code name. Which sounds a lot cooler than getting a code name from the White House Communications Agency, which actually generates the names. Nevertheless, Trump is Mogul and Barack Obama was Renegade. The first president to get a code name was Harry Truman, who was General. Which must have irked Eisenhower, a bona fide five-star general who followed him in office and had to settle for Providence.



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9 Conferring nicknames on presidents is a tradition that goes well beyond the U.S. borders. Somalis, for example, love nicknames that in other cultures would be considered rude. An amputee might be called One Leg. A person with a large gap between their front teeth? Field Goal. So former Somali President Hassan Mohamud, who left office in 2017, likely thought he got off easy with Madaxweyne, literally Big Head.

10 Trump isn't the first president to like nicknames, and he isn't the first to see a lot to like in Russian President Vladimir Putin. George "Dubya" Bush had a nickname for nearly everybody he came in contact with, including his own wife (Bushie) and senior adviser Karl Rove (Turd Blossom). He called his Russian counterpart Pootie-Poot.

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EDITORIALS

Who failed the gymnasts? It wasn't 'the system.'

Serial predator Larry Nassar is headed to prison for the rest of his life, a fate he richly deserves. The Michigan State University doctor sexually abused scores of female gymnasts and other athletes under the guise of medical care.

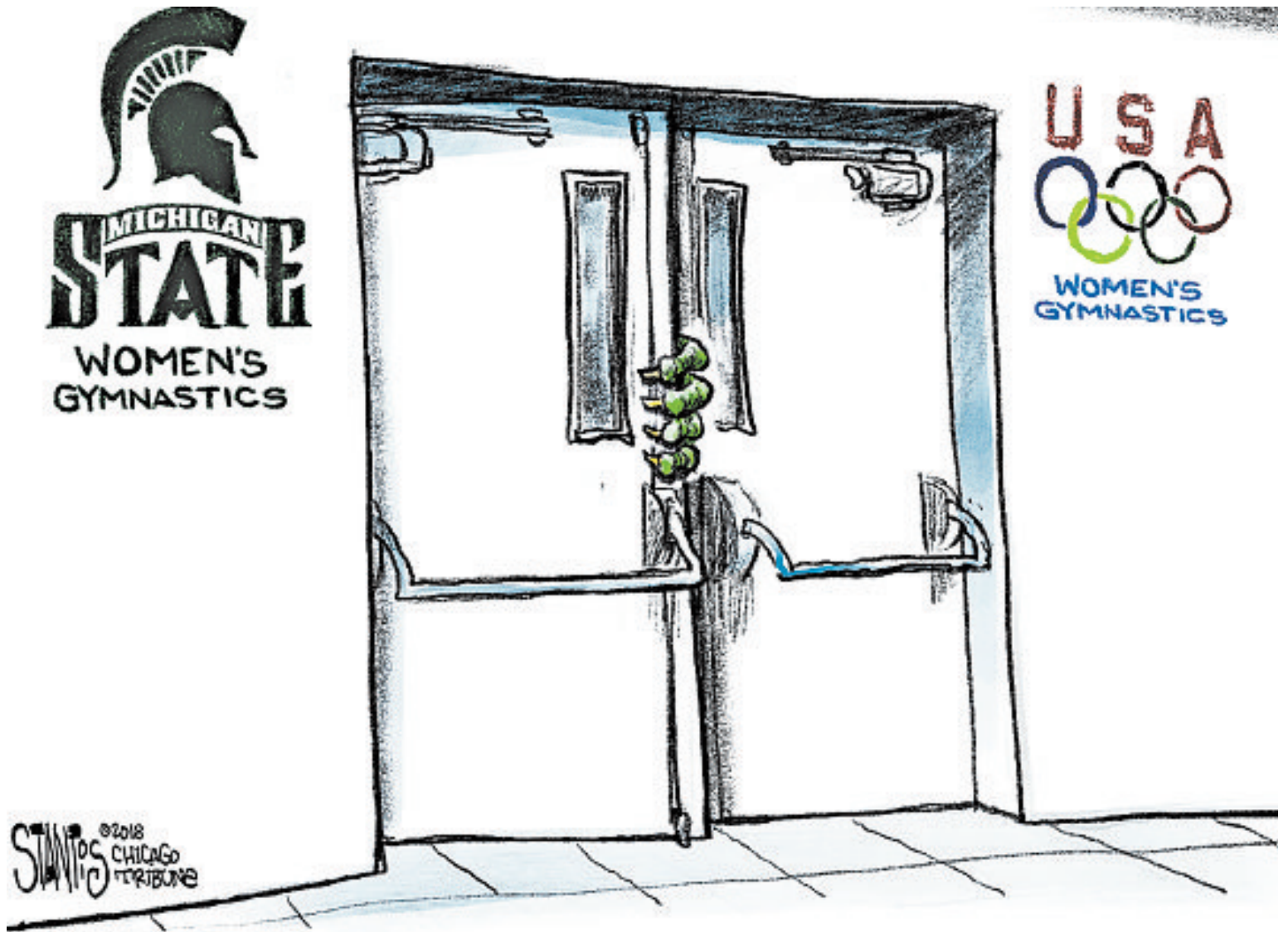
End of story? Not even close. The fallout from his case is spreading like a mushroom cloud. MSU's athletic director resigned on Friday. Earlier in the week, MSU President Lou Anna Simon stepped down for mishandling the scandal. The chairman and several board members of USA Gymnastics, the sport's governing body, also have resigned. USA Gymnastics said on Friday that the remaining board members also will resign. That move came under pressure from the United States Olympic Committee.

The political and legal heat is building. Among those investigating: the NCAA, the U.S. Department of Education and Michigan's attorney general. The speaker of Michigan's House wants the resignations of MSU's trustees, who are elected, not appointed. And U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, D-Mich., seeks congressional hearings "in order to make systemic changes in the way these cases are handled."

But we hope this mega-#Me-Too moment provides more than headlines for politicians and paydays for lawyers. These investigations and hearings should focus on the army of Nassar's enablers — and how to stop the next serial abuser. Wittingly or no, that army shielded Nassar for years. Finally, one courageous former gymnast, Rachael Denhollander, filed a criminal complaint. Eventually the world learned not only of Nassar, but of his enablers.

They're human beings. Yes, as a society we design systems and protocols to protect children — at home, at school and beyond. Whatever else comes from this scandal, all of us should demand better, stronger protocols to protect young people.

But changing rules, procedures, processes, isn't enough. Because "the system" isn't just, or even primarily, best practices.



SPARTAN PROTECTION

SCOTT STANTIS

The system works or fails because the authorities within it either meet their responsibilities or, as in this case, don't.

Who were Nassar's enablers? People who received reports of abuse committed by Nassar, a widely respected doctor, and did not energetically react.

People, including some parents, who wish they had pursued the claims of youngsters or were too quick to accept Nassar's reassurance that he'd done nothing wrong.

People in powerful positions at MSU and athletic organizations who blithely delegated oversight to their subordinates without routinely enforcing accountabil-

ity.

People who worked with young athletes and heard their reports but warned that they could be endangering their careers if they persisted.

So before a cluster of investigations leads to a pile of reports, let's focus on what really has to happen here.

Institutions are defined by their people, not their systems. Institutions are only as good as the way their people execute. And institutions can improve — provided they help their people adapt, learn, improve.

This may seem an odd place to

mention the Archdiocese of Chicago, with its dismal record in earlier decades of ignoring or brushing off child sexual abuse by clergy members. But here's the point: A new generation of archdiocesan officials changed protocols, yes. But they also mandated training, and tighter reporting responsibilities, for everyone who has contact with young people. The result is a culture of vigilance in which even suspicions of misconduct demand a chain of responses. The humans are still imperfect — but none of them wants to be the educator, coach or activities leader who hears something yet says nothing.

No matter where all of us live

and work, each of us who comes in contact with children during the day — at every school, every gym, every scout troop, every chess club — should ask: Do we have a culture of vigilance? Does every adult, every supervisor, know that it is his or her responsibility — his or her *overwhelming duty* — to swiftly report suspicions and follow up? Does every higher-up who receives an abuse report take prompt, aggressive action to learn if a claim is founded or not?

Those who fail in that duty deserve the same grave repercussions that now shake a community, a university, a state, a nation, an Olympic sport.

Bad boy, Ira

In November, the Illinois General Assembly hastily passed a law prohibiting sexual harassment by state lawmakers and hired a legislative inspector general to determine whether Sen. Ira Silverstein, D-Chicago, had violated that new law. The IG, Julie Porter, has concluded he did not.

Victims' advocate Denise Rotheimer said she endured unwanted sexual overtures from Silverstein because he was sponsoring a bill she badly wanted to pass. She filed an ethics complaint after it became clear the bill was going nowhere. But the IG's job was vacant, so her complaint languished for a year.

Porter's report concludes that the bill died because of opposition from other stakeholders, com-

bined with Rotheimer's refusal to compromise — not because Silverstein was using it as "leverage" to pursue a romantic relationship.

The IG found Silverstein engaged in conduct unbecoming a legislator, but not sexual harassment.

The trove of late-night messaging between Silverstein and Rotheimer isn't included in the report, but you can Google it if you haven't already. Suffice it to say, it goes way beyond harmless flirtation.

The report characterizes that correspondence as "personal" and not one-sided. The activist and the lawmaker complimented each other's appearance, "sought each other's approval and continued attention and developed a

more-than-just-professional relationship," the report says.

Porter did not conclude that Rotheimer welcomed the exchanges. But Silverstein could have gotten that message: "There are dozens of instances where Rotheimer initiates, prolongs and deepens the intimacy of the discussions," the report says.

Silverstein admitted to Porter that he "crossed a line," the report says, but denied the messages had any sexual connotation, saying he was "joking around."

But Porter concluded those messages "created at least the appearance that he had a romantic interest in Rotheimer," and that "has harmed the public's trust in the General Assembly."

In the end, Porter said Silverstein didn't commit sexual har-

assment, so he's not subject to the \$5,000 fine. He did violate the section of the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act known as the legislative code of conduct — a weak set of rules that comes with a lot of disclaimers and equivocations.

Specifically, Silverstein's conduct was "unbecoming of a legislator." The law provides no definition and no penalty. Bad boy, Ira.

Don't write this off as a minor indiscretion involving two adults. Silverstein is supposed to be working for the citizens of his district and of Illinois. His embarrassing exchanges with Rotheimer — sexual or not, mutual or not — raise questions about his handling of any legislation he sponsors and votes on. Whose

interests are being represented? The taxpayers? His bff's? His own?

The bigger picture here is that the General Assembly was doing zilch to police ethical misconduct of any stripe until the #MeToo movement forced it to take a brave stand against sexual harassment. Legislative leaders knowingly left the IG's office vacant for almost three years.

The even bigger picture is that most ethical breaches still carry no consequences. Passing a law to punish sexual harassers doesn't do anything to punish those who engage in other misconduct. Hiring someone to enforce a meaningless law doesn't fix it.

Luckily, there's an election coming up.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

While Amazon may have the deck stacked in picking its HQ2 location, the mayors and elected leaders of these cities owe it to their taxpayers and citizens to ensure they are not on the hook for hundreds of millions, and in some cases as much as \$7 billion, in incentives to one of the world's most valuable companies and richest men. Indeed, many of the leading shortlist cities are led by progressive mayors, including some with national political ambitions like Eric Garcetti in L.A. and Bill de Blasio in New York, as well as Bill Peduto in Pittsburgh, Muriel Bowser in D.C., Rahm Emanuel in Chicago and Ras Baraka in Newark.

The truly progressive thing to do is to forge a pact to not give Amazon a penny in tax incentives or other handouts, thereby forcing the company to make its decision based on merit. That would be something that would truly benefit the winning city — and the rest of us as well.

Richard Florida, CNN

Mike Pence's trip was less important for what it accomplished than what it reflected and represented: Under President Trump, the U.S.-Israel relationship has undergone a transition from a valued special relationship to one that's seemingly exclusive. ... Pence benefited from the revised timing of the trip. His visit came just days after Palestinian Authority chief Mahmoud Abbas, in an unhinged speech ripping Trump's decision on Jerusalem, veered into rank anti-Semitism and denied the Jewish people's historic connection to Israel. "This is a colonial enterprise that has nothing to do with Jewishness," Abbas said. "The Jews were used as a tool under the concept of the promised land — call it whatever you want. Everything has been made up." Those who have been arguing for years that Abbas is no partner for peace — Benjamin Netanyahu above all — hardly could have scripted it better. ...

What was once a thoroughly bipartisan issue has been increasingly harnessed in the service of partisan politics, as a recent Pew poll reflects: Currently, 79 percent of Republicans say they sympathize more with Israel than the Palestinians, compared with just 27 percent of Democrats — a gap wider than at any point since 1978.

Aaron David Miller, Politico

PERSPECTIVE

QUOTABLES

“Why do you think there haven’t been any other women? They already know. I was the one who was clueless.”

— Victims’ advocate Denise Rotheimer, on the finding from the General Assembly’s watchdog that Democratic state Sen. Ira Silverstein did not sexually harass her while the two worked on a bill. She described the investigation process as “rigged” to protect lawmakers.

“To call the world nuclear situation dire is to understate the danger — and its immediacy.”

— The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists’ science and security board, on the decision to move the Doomsday Clock 30 seconds ahead. The clock is now two minutes from midnight.

Why evangelicals made a deal with the devilish Donald Trump



CLARENCE PAGE

As president, Donald Trump has been the answer to conservative evangelical leaders’ prayers. But the partnership comes with a price.

Prominent evangelicals have been called hypocrites for sticking with Trump despite credible new allegations that he had an extramarital affair with a porn star in 2006 — only four months after his wife, Melania, gave birth to their son, Barron — then paid her to stay silent in the final weeks of his 2016 presidential campaign.

Can you imagine how many conservative heads would have exploded with outrage if President Barack Obama had been accused of anything like this bombshell?

Hold that thought while considering how evangelical activist Tony Perkins, president of the politically potent Family Research Council, used a popular term from golf to describe his response to the Trump allegations:

“We kind of gave him — ‘All right, you get a mulligan. You get a do-over here.’” Perkins said in an interview Tuesday for Politico’s “Off Message” podcast.

In golf, a mulligan is a second free chance to take a good shot after making an uncommonly bad first attempt.

Perkins tried to separate Trump the policymaker, which conservative evangelicals wholeheartedly embrace, from Trump the man. He may be a work in progress at best, say the faith leaders, but he’s “our” work in progress.

“Our country’s got a sin problem,” the Rev. Franklin Graham, son of the Rev. Billy Graham and current president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, told MSNBC host Alex Witt in an interview Jan. 20. “We certainly don’t hold him up as the pastor of this country, and he’s not. But I appreciate the fact that the president does have a concern for Christian values, he does have a concern to protect Christians — whether it’s here at home or around the



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Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, listens to White House counselor Kellyanne Conway during the council’s annual Values Voter Summit last fall in Washington. Perkins considers President Donald Trump a champion for evangelical Christians.

world — and I appreciate the fact that he protects religious liberty and freedom.”

Indeed, Trump and evangelicals looked like an odd match when Trump campaigned at Liberty University, the Values Voter Summit in Washington and other religious venues. Without awarding either a free pass or a scarlet letter to Trump’s controversial behavior, Perkins, Graham and numerous other evangelicals put up with Trump’s shortcomings to receive the benefits of his appreciation.

Who’s right? Evangelicals overwhelmingly supported Trump over Democrat Hillary Clinton. There has been some erosion since then, but most have remained loyal to him as he has delivered on some

major promises.

It’s not hypocrisy, conservative faith leaders say, but a question of different priorities. For example, they applaud Team Trump’s efforts to roll back abortion rights, the appointment of conservative Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch and Trump’s “religious freedom” executive orders — which critics denounce as a “freedom-to-discriminate against LGBTQ rights” order.

Interestingly, Perkins described the motivations of his fellow “values voters” in the stark terms of modern identity politics: He spoke of a ruthless “us” versus the ruthless, corrupt and vindictive “them,” who in his mind tend to be liberal Democrats.

Evangelical Christians, says Perkins, “were tired of being kicked around by Barack Obama and his leftists. And I think they are finally glad that there’s somebody on the playground that is willing to punch the bully.”

Hey, what happened to turning the other cheek? asked Politico reporter Edward-Isaac Dove.

“You know, you only have two cheeks,” Perkins said. “Look, Christianity is not all about being a welcome mat which people can just stomp their feet on.”

And the culture war wages on. If you, like I, do not think of Obama as a “bully,” you understand how conservative faith leaders are casting themselves and their flock as an identity

group in starkly political terms: victims besieged by a sense of victimization in a hostile world.

President Trump knows how to play that card. He won the presidency partly because of it. But, as much as evangelicals appreciate their alliance with Trump, the “mulligan” is good only once. In theological terms, Trump just go forth and sin no more. That’s a lot to ask of any politician. For Trump, it might take a miracle.

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Strict scrutiny

I am a proud graduate of the University of Chicago. I consider my time there as one of the most important developmental steps in my life. I continue my relationship with the U. of C. as the correspondent of my graduating class. It was there that I learned to examine unpopular ideas, conflicting ideas, new and strange ideas, with an unbiased bent to understand and learn.

I believe Nat Hentoff’s notion that the best response to speech we do not like is better speech. I despise Steve Bannon and find him and his ideas disgusting and contrary to all of the values and principles of our democracy. However, I applaud the School of Business’ decision to have him speak on campus. Subject his ideas to the usual scrutiny we have learned and practiced at the U. of C. for generations. Let him feel the sting of true academic examination.

Those who would bar him from campus seem cowardly and



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fearful that they do not have the intellectual ability to deal with his ideas. If his economic ideas parallel his social ideas, he will be exposed as an irrelevant scholar.

If not, who knows, we may even learn something from him.

— Robert B. Bloom, Highland Park

We need a win

I think it’s time to start quantifying how many young people across our nation are now the survivors of school shootings.

These are lasting scars.

We need to be bold, like Australia, and face the problem head on. Don’t we, as a nation, want to excel in all things? This would be a huge win. To those who say that criminals will still be criminals even if we pass stricter gun laws, I would ask if that keeps them from locking their doors at night.

We must do what we can to

prevent these homegrown crimes from continuing to proliferate. Eleven school shootings since the first of the year and, yes, Congress is at fault. Sorry friends, I know you are sympathetic, but you are not bold enough.

Do something big and brave — be leaders.

— Paula Getman, Chicago

Red tape

Republicans are used to criticizing government for stifling small business with bureaucratic red tape. But now in Kentucky officials are purposely adding red tape to Medicaid just to take away health care from the poor, making it complicated on purpose just so people miss one form and lose their coverage.

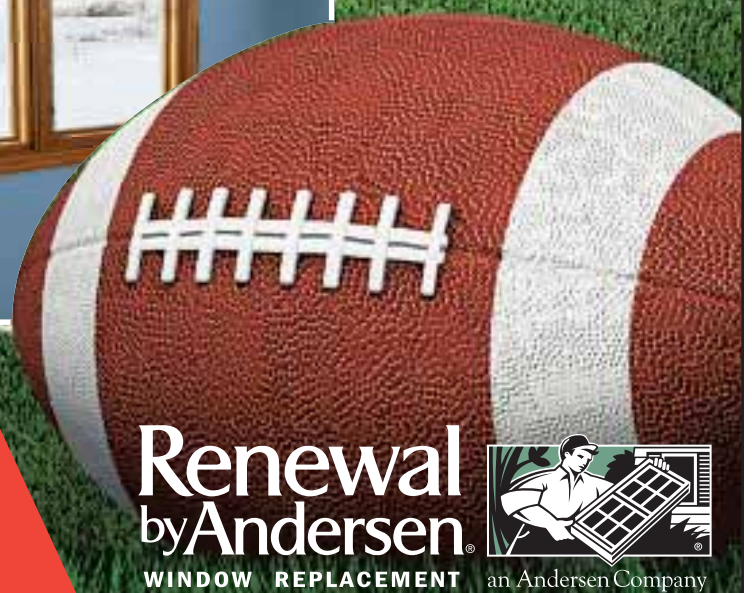
How many flu shots and check-ups and prescriptions could be paid for with the money that will now be spent paying bureaucrats to design and process new forms, send notices to patients kicking them off Medicaid, and administering all the new red tape? How many will miss out on potential jobs due to illnesses that could have been prevented? Intentional cruelty seems to have become part of the agenda.

— Tom Vega-Byrnes, Chicago

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NATION & WORLD

Kabul ambulance blast kills 95

More than 150 wounded in attack claimed by Taliban

BY RAHIM FAIEZ
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A suicide bomber drove an ambulance into a commercial area by pretending to be carrying a patient to a hospital and then detonated his explosives at a checkpoint near the European Union consulate, killing at least 95 people and wounding 158 more in an attack claimed by the Taliban, authorities said.

Saturday's powerful explosion, which came a week after Taliban militants killed 22 people at an international hotel in Afghanistan's capital, Kabul, was felt throughout the city and covered the blast area in smoke and dust. Dozens of vehicles were damaged or destroyed, and several shops were decimated.

Windows at the nearby Jamhuriat government hospital were shattered, and its walls were damaged. People ran out to help, and ambulances arrived to transport dozens of wounded people to hospitals.

The attacker used the ambulance to coast through one security checkpoint in central Kabul by telling police he was transporting a patient and then detonated his explosives at a second checkpoint, the Interior Ministry said. Four suspects in the deadly bombing, which occurred near the European Union and Indian consulates, had been arrested and were being questioned, the ministry said, but it didn't



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A wounded man is carried after a deadly suicide attack near a checkpoint in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Saturday.

elaborate.

"The majority of the dead in the attack are civilians, but of course we have military casualties as well," ministry spokesman Nasrat Rahimi said.

A Taliban spokesman, Zabiullah Mujahid, claimed responsibility for the bombing, which sent thick, black smoke into the sky from a site near the government's former Interior Ministry building.

It has been a month of relentless attacks across Afghanistan, with the Taliban and an Islamic State affiliate trading claims of responsibility. The brutality and frequency of the attacks,

including one in December at a Shiite cultural center, has shattered Afghanistan's usually quiet winter, when fighting normally slows down.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres quickly condemned Saturday's attack, saying through a spokesman that "Indiscriminate attacks against civilians ... can never be justified." U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan John Bass called the attack "senseless and cowardly."

And the International Committee of the Red Cross seethed that the ambulance attack was "unacceptable and unjustifiable," saying in

a tweet: "The use of an ambulance in today's attack in #Kabul is harrowing."

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said the Taliban's use of an ambulance as a weapon to target civilians "represents inhumane disregard for the people of Afghanistan and is a violation of the most basic international norms."

It was the second Taliban attack in a week on a high-security target in the city. Last weekend, six Taliban militants attacked Kabul's Intercontinental Hotel, leaving 22 people, including 14 foreigners, dead. About 150 guests fled the gunbattle and fire

sparked by the assault by climbing down bedsheets tied to balconies. The U.S. Department of State said American citizens were killed and injured in that attack.

The hotel attack prompted the United States to repeat its demand that Pakistan expel Taliban members who have found sanctuary on its soil, with particular reference to the Haqqani network.

On Wednesday a U.S. drone slammed into Pakistani tribal territory that borders Afghanistan, killing two Haqqani commanders, said Pakistani officials, who deny providing organized

camp for their safety. Pakistan says the Taliban cross the porous border that separates the countries along with the estimated 1.5 million Afghan refugees still living in Pakistan.

The recent attacks have infuriated Afghans, frustrated by the worsening security after 16 years of war. The Afghans have expressed their anger with neighbor Pakistan for harboring insurgents and with the U.S.-led coalition for its inability to suppress the insurgency.

They also have blamed the deteriorating security situation on a deeply divided government embroiled in political feuding that has paralyzed Parliament.

After Saturday's attacks, Pakistan issued a statement that condemned the bombing, saying, "No cause or ends justify acts of terrorism against innocent people."

Afghan security forces, whose competency has been uneven, have struggled to fight the Taliban since the U.S. and NATO formally ended their combat mission in 2014.

President Donald Trump has pursued a plan that involves sending thousands more troops to Afghanistan and envisions shifting away from a time-based approach to one that more explicitly links U.S. assistance to concrete results from the Afghan government.

The Republican president's U.N. envoy, Nikki Haley, said after a recent visit to Afghanistan that his policy was working and that peace talks between the government and the Taliban are closer than ever before.

Casino mogul quits RNC finance position

Close Trump ally denies allegations of sexual harassment

BY SEAN SULLIVAN
AND ROBERT COSTA
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Casino mogul Steve Wynn stepped down as finance chairman of the Republican National Committee on Saturday, becoming the latest powerful figure to surrender an influential post amid allegations of sexual misconduct.

In a statement, Wynn thanked President Donald Trump, a close ally, for the opportunity to serve.

"Effective today I'm resigning as finance chairman of the RNC," Wynn said. "The unbelievable success we have achieved must continue. The work we are doing to make America a better place is too important to be impaired by this distraction."

In her own statement, RNC Chair Ronna Romney McDaniel said: "Today I accepted Steve Wynn's resignation as Republican National Committee Finance Chair." She did not elaborate on the circumstances of his departure or mention the allegations against him. Wynn's resignation came

a day after a Wall Street Journal report that included interviews with dozens of people who have worked at his casinos or had been informed of his alleged misconduct, including accusations that he pressured some employees to perform sex acts. One case led to a \$7.5 million settlement with a manicurist, the newspaper reported.

Wynn denied the allegations.

"The idea that I ever assaulted any woman is preposterous," he said Friday. He said the accusations stem from an ongoing legal battle with his ex-wife, Elaine Wynn.

The allegations against Wynn have come during a wave of sexual misconduct claims against prominent media, entertainment and political figures that gained momentum last fall after the emergence of detailed allegations of rape and harassment involving movie producer Harvey Weinstein.

"They couldn't tolerate having him in that role, given what the party leadership had said about Democrats and Harvey Wein-

stein. And it'd be hard to go into the next RNC meeting with this hanging out there," former RNC chairman Michael Steele said.

The RNC is set to hold its winter meeting in Washington in the coming days, where the finance chairman position and fallout from the Wynn allegations are expected to be a topic of conversation.

Trump and McDaniel discussed the Wynn controversy by phone Saturday, according to two people briefed on the call.

Since 2013, Wynn has contributed nearly \$2.4 million to GOP candidates and party organizations around the country, including 2017 special election winners as well as dozens of state Republican Party committees.

On Friday, the Democratic National Committee criticized the RNC for its initial silence about Wynn. He also contributed to Democrats in 2000 and donated \$2,700 to Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign.

As RNC members learned of Wynn's resignation, which was first re-



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Casino mogul Steve Wynn and wife Andrea attend an event last year at the White House.

ported by Politico, they offered mixed opinions of how committee leaders handled the situation.

One RNC member voiced fury over the committee's "silence" since the Journal story was first published, and said McDaniel should have done more to provide information about the developments and Wynn's status.

"We were in the dark for 24 hours. No guidance, no decision, nothing," the RNC member said, requesting anonymity.

But a second RNC mem-

ber, a state party chair also not authorized to speak publicly, defended McDaniel and said she was doing her job by waiting until the White House and Trump made a decision before she took her own position. "The White House runs the RNC, not the other way around," the RNC member said.

A person with direct knowledge of the situation said Trump had signed off on the decision for Wynn to resign. The person spoke to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity. Wynn's replacement is

expected to be someone who has a strong relationship with Trump and deep ties in the financial community.

Steele predicted the RNC might install an interim finance chair, but, "it's a big job and they'll need the right person this year."

He added: "You're one of the lead dogs raising money in the party and you have to have street cred in the finance world so you can shake trees."

Associated Press contributed.



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Some ice racers compete for money, with first-prize purses of up to \$500 on a recent race day. But most are amateurs.

With cool factor, motorcyclists race on ice

BY MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press

NORTHVILLE, N.Y. — They kick-start their bikes during cold snaps, hit high-speed turns on ice and take tight turns on studded tires, leaving crystalline clouds in their wake.

Call them freezy riders, motorcycle racers who seem to defy physics — and maybe common sense — by buzzing around slick tracks plowed out atop frozen lakes and rivers each winter. "The adrenaline of going

70 mph and dragging across the ice is something you can't find anywhere else," Mike Parodi said after another run around Great Sacandaga Lake in the Adirondacks during a bitter cold weekend this month.

The riders on upstate New York ice this winter are butchers, contractors, maintenance workers, fathers and sons.

Some compete for money, with first-prize purses of up to \$500 on a recent race day. But most are amateurs, who put thrills and bravado

above the ever-present risk of spinning out and slipping sideways across the ice.

"It's a lot easier on your body when you fall. You just kind of slide out. On dirt, you tumble, cartwheel. You can really get hurt," said Johnny Gocha, among the more than 90 racers who competed recently on an oval track plowed atop the 14-inch-thick ice on Warner Lake near Albany.

Ice tracks might be gentler than dirt, but they're temperamental.

Warm spells the last two

winters sidelined racers.

This winter's big chill across the Northeast was great for ice formation — about 15 inches thick on Sacandaga on a recent weekend.

But those same frigid temps seemed to discourage riders on a day organizers had to cancel races.

"We got where it was negative 15 or something," Alex Quarterley said after taking some laps for fun.

"It's really all in the face. You got to watch for frostbite."

Scientists hunt super shot to stop flu

1918 pandemic still teaches researchers important lessons

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The descriptions are haunting.

Some victims felt fine in the morning and were dead by night. Faces turned blue as patients coughed up blood. Stacked bodies outnumbered coffins.

A century after one of history's most catastrophic disease outbreaks, scientists are rethinking how to guard against another super-flu like the 1918 influenza that killed tens of millions as it swept the globe.

There's no way to predict what strain of the shape-shifting flu virus could trigger another pandemic or, given modern medical tools, how bad it might be.

But researchers hope they're finally closing in on stronger flu shots, ways to boost much-needed protection against ordinary winter influenza and guard against future pandemics at the same time.

"We have to do better and by better, we mean a universal flu vaccine. A vaccine that is going to protect you against essentially all, or most, strains of flu," said Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health.

Labs around the country are hunting for a super-shot that could eliminate the annual fall vaccination in favor of one every five years or 10 years, or maybe, eventually, a childhood immunization that could last for life.

Fauci is designating a universal flu vaccine a top priority for NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Last summer, he brought together more than 150 leading researchers to map a path.

A few attempts are entering first-stage human safety testing.

Still, it's a tall order. Despite 100 years of science, the flu virus too often



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Volunteer nurses from the American Red Cross tend to 1918 influenza patients in the Oakland Municipal Auditorium.

beats our best defenses because it constantly mutates.

Researchers are dissecting the cloak that disguises influenza as it sneaks past the immune system, and finding some rare targets that stay the same from strain to strain, year to year.

"We've made some serious inroads into understanding how we can better protect ourselves. Now we have to put that into fruition," said flu biologist Ian Wilson of The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California.

The somber centennial highlights the need.

Back then, there was no flu vaccine — it wouldn't arrive for decades. Today, vaccination is the best protection, and Fauci never skips his.

But at best, the seasonal vaccine is 60 percent effective. Protection dropped to 19 percent a few years ago when the vaccine didn't match an evolving virus.

If a never-before-seen flu

strain erupts, it takes months to brew a new vaccine. Doses arrived too late for the last, fortunately mild, pandemic in 2009.

Lacking a better option, Fauci said the nation is "chasing" animal flu strains that might become the next human threat. Today's top concern is a lethal bird flu that jumped from poultry to more than 1,500 people in China since 2013.

Last year it mutated, meaning millions of just-in-case vaccine doses in a U.S. stockpile no longer match.

Three more flu pandemics have struck since 1918, in 1957, 1968 and 2009, spreading widely but nowhere near as deadly. The NIH's Dr. Jeffery Taubenberger's research shows the family tree, each subsequent pandemic a result of flu viruses carried by birds or pigs mixing with 1918 flu genes.

"This 100-year timeline of information about how the virus adapted to us and

how we adapt to the new viruses, it teaches us that we can't keep designing vaccines based on the past," said Dr. Barney Graham, deputy director of NIH's Vaccine Research Center.

The new vaccine quest starts with two proteins, hemagglutinin and neuraminidase, that coat flu's surface. The "H" allows flu to latch onto respiratory cells and infect them. Afterward, the "N" helps the virus spread.

They also form the names of influenza A viruses, the most dangerous flu family. With 18 hemagglutinin varieties and 11 types of neuraminidase — most carried by birds — there are lots of potential combinations. That virulent 1918 virus was the H1N1 subtype; milder H1N1 strains still circulate.

This winter H3N2, a descendant of the 1968 pandemic, is causing most of the misery.

Think of hemagglutinin

as a miniature broccoli stalk. Its flower-like head attracts the immune system, which produces infection-blocking antibodies if the top is similar enough to a previous infection or that year's vaccination.

But that head also is where mutations pile up.

A turning point toward better vaccines was a 2009 discovery that, sometimes, people make a small number of antibodies that instead target spots on the hemagglutinin stem that don't mutate.

Even better, "these antibodies were much broader than anything we've seen," capable of blocking multiple subtypes of flu, said Scripps' Wilson.

Scientists are trying different tricks to spur production of those antibodies.

In a lab at NIH's Vaccine Research Center, "we think taking the head off will solve the problem," Graham said. His team brews vaccine from the stems and

attaches them to ball-shaped nanoparticles easily spotted by the immune system.

In New York, pioneering flu microbiologist Peter Palese at Mount Sinai's Icahn School of Medicine uses "chimeric" viruses — the hemagglutinin head comes from bird flu, the stem from common human flu viruses — to redirect the immune system.

"We have made the head, so that the immune system really doesn't recognize it," Palese said.

GlaxoSmithKline and the Gates Foundation are funding initial safety tests.

In addition to working with Janssen Pharmaceuticals on a stem vaccine, Wilson's team also is exploring how to turn flu-fighting antibodies into an oral drug.

"Say a pandemic came along and you didn't have time to make vaccine. You'd want something to block infection if possible," he said.

NIH's Taubenberger is taking a completely different approach. He's brewing a vaccine cocktail that combines particles of four different hemagglutinins that in turn trigger protection against other related strains.

Yet lingering mysteries hamper the research.

Scientists now think people respond differently to vaccination based on their flu history.

"Perhaps we recognize best the first flu we ever see," said NIH immunologist Adrian McDermott.

The idea is that your immune system is imprinted with that first strain and may not respond as well to a vaccine against another.

Still, no one knows the ultimate origin of that terrifying 1918 flu. But key to its lethality was bird-like hemagglutinin.

That Chinese H7N9 bird flu "worries me a lot," Taubenberger said. "How does an avian virus become adapted to a mammal?"

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This year's flu shot targets the strains that are making Americans sick, mainly the H3N2 flu virus. But exactly how effectively it is working won't be known until next month.

Flu widespread across U.S., 39 states cite high volume

BY MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sick with the flu? You've got a lot of company.

In the week ending Jan. 20, the flu blanketed the U.S. again for the third straight week.

That same week, 1 in 15 doctor visits were for symptoms of the flu. That's the highest level since the swine flu pandemic in 2009.

The government doesn't track every flu case but comes up with estimates; one measure is how many people seek medical care for fever, cough, aches and other flu symptoms.

Flu is widespread in every state except Hawaii, and 39 states have high flu traffic for doctors in the week ending Jan. 20, up from 32. At this rate, by the end of the season somewhere around 34 million Americans will have gotten sick from the flu, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Friday.

Hospital stays and deaths from the flu among

the elderly so far haven't been as high as in some other recent flu seasons.

But hospitalization rates for people 50 to 64 — baby boomers, mostly — has been unusually high, CDC officials said in the report.

This year's flu shot targets the strains that are making Americans sick, mostly the H3N2 flu virus. But exactly how well it is working won't be known until next month.

It's the same main bug from last winter, when the flu season wasn't so bad. It's not clear why this season — with the same bug — is worse, some experts said.

"That's the kicker. This virus really doesn't look that different from what we saw last year," said Richard Webby, a flu researcher at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

It may be that many of the people getting sick this year managed to avoid infection last year. Or there may be some change in the virus that hasn't been detected yet, said the CDC's Dr. Dan Jernigan, in a call

with reporters Friday.

Based on patterns from past seasons, it's likely the flu season will start to wane soon, experts say. There are some places, like California, where the season already seems to be easing, CDC officials said.

"If I was a betting man, I'd put money on it going down," Webby said. "But I've lost money on bets before."

The season usually peaks in February, but this season started early and took off in December.

Flu is a contagious respiratory illness. It can cause a miserable but relatively mild illness in many people, but a more severe illness in others. Young children and the elderly are at greatest risk from flu and its complications.

In a bad season, there are as many as 56,000 deaths connected to the flu.

In the U.S., annual flu shots are recommended for everyone 6 months of age or older. Last season, about 47 percent of Americans got vaccinated, according to CDC figures.

Immigration activists 'can't stay silent'

They say roundups of people of Cambodian and Vietnamese descent spark anxiety

By ANH DO
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Every day, Victoria Martinez's 2-year-old son peppers her with questions about the disappearance of his father, a Cambodian immigrant.

"Where is Daddy?" Shawn Ly asks his mom. "When is Daddy coming home?"

She doesn't know how to answer. She sobs often.

Martinez's partner, Sreang Ly, was detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement in early October. Ly, who had a prior conviction for illegal possession of guns, was one of more than 200 people of Cambodian and Vietnamese descent detained this fall as the Trump administration stepped up efforts to deport immigrants with criminal records.

Most associate Trump's rhetoric about deportations with Latinos, given his vows to build a border wall, his assertions that Mexican immigrants are "rapists" and drug dealers, and his decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program for immigrants brought to this country illegally as children,

most of whom are Latino. But immigration activists say the roundups of people of Cambodian and Vietnamese descent are unprecedented and have sparked anxiety in Asian immigrant communities.

"People may think it's just Latinos being threatened when it comes to deportations. But there are all sorts of immigrants affected, and we can't stay silent," said Laboni Hoq, litigation director for the Los Angeles chapter of the civil rights organization Asian Americans Advancing Justice.

"This is a political issue. The administration is cracking down to deliver on campaign promises, and they are going community by community to make their actions known."

The San Francisco and Los Angeles chapters of Asian Americans Advancing Justice, and the law firm Sidley Austin LLP, filed suit in October against the federal government, alleging the Cambodian immigrants were illegally detained and should be released.

After the detainees learned the government would begin removal proceedings on Dec. 18, U.S.



POSDA TUOT

Kim Nak Chhoeun, 42, came to the U.S. as a refugee when he was 6 years old. Chhoeun was detained in October.

District Judge Cormac Carney issued a temporary restraining order halting deportations to give the court time to consider the "complex issues" in the lawsuit.

Brendan Raedy, an ICE spokesman, said the agency does not comment on pending litigation.

Family members whose loved ones are sitting in detention feel an urgency to speak up about their concerns and try to dispel preconceived notions about Asian immigrants.

"Sometimes Asian com-

munities are ignored because we don't think of Asians as getting deported," said Posda Tuot, whose cousin, Kim Nak Chhoeun, was detained in October. "They're the good ones, pursuing their own thing on the side. So when something bad comes up, we must lobby to create understanding for their situation."

Sean Commons, a partner at Sidley Austin, said he hears "multiple stories of people changing their lives, becoming pillars of their communities, and then sud-

denly they get picked up and they're gone. Why? They should give people notice. These folks are not a danger or a flight risk."

Cathee Khamvongsa of Modesto, Calif., said in October, ICE agents detained her 42-year-old husband, Mony Neth, who was convicted of possessing stolen guns when he was 20.

At the time he was arrested, Neth was active in church and did volunteer work, feeding the homeless, Khamvongsa said.

"Asians have to fight back loudly, not stay underground as we have done for many years," she said.

Many of the Cambodians represented in the class-action lawsuit fled Cambodia as children in the 1970s, when the Khmer Rouge launched a yearslong campaign of genocide that killed nearly 2 million people.

Although many of the detainees have prior convictions, years of living and working in the United States allowed them to establish roots and become lawful permanent residents, advocates say.

"What's so shocking here is many people who have been detained have been leading quiet lives, transforming their lives," said Jenny Zhao, an attorney with Asian Americans Advancing Justice's San Fran-

cisco-based Asian Law Caucus. "But this administration has been aggressive going after them. It's very much in line with their xenophobia."

More than 1,900 people of Cambodian descent are subject to immediate detention and deportation, according to ICE. Of those, about 1,400 have criminal convictions.

Cambodia has a history of not accepting deportees, and many Cambodian nationals who otherwise would have been deported have remained in this country legally on supervised release.

Zhao said she worries more Asians will be targeted for deportation as Trump settles into his second year of his presidency.

For families of the detained, the last few months have been agonizing.

Victoria Martinez, in Fontana, Calif., has been left to raise 2-year-old Shawn and his newborn brother, Benjamin, since Sreang Ly was detained.

"I am one person trying to handle two lonely children who really miss his touch and his voice," Martinez said, sobbing. "We kept hoping he would be home for the holidays or after the holidays. And now — will it ever happen?"

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Holocaust survivors attend a commemoration event in Auschwitz, Poland, on Saturday.

World remembers Holocaust amid signs of rising hatred

By VANESSA GERA AND MATTHEW LEE
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WARSAW, Poland — Elderly Holocaust survivors wearing striped scarves that recalled their uniforms as prisoners of Nazi Germany made a yearly pilgrimage to Auschwitz on Saturday, 73 years after the Soviet army liberated the death camp in occupied Poland.

On the date now commemorated as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, political leaders and Jewish officials warned that the Nazi genocide must never cease to be a reminder of the evil of which humans are capable.

In Warsaw, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson attended a solemn ceremony at a memorial to Jews who died fighting the German forces in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943.

Tillerson trailed two Polish military officers and readjusted a wreath underneath the monument, a hulking structure located in what was once the Warsaw Ghetto. The head of Warsaw's Jewish community read a prayer, and Tillerson made brief remarks about the importance of not forgetting the

horrors of the Holocaust. "On this occasion, it reminds us that we can never, we can never, be indifferent to the face of evil," he said.

"The Western alliance which emerged from World War II has committed itself to ensuring the security of all that this would never happen again," Tillerson said.

His words came amid signs in Europe and beyond that ultranationalism and extreme right-wing groups are on the rise.

In Germany and Austria, nations that perpetrated the killing of 6 million Jews and millions of others during World War II, far-right parties with their roots in the Nazi era are gaining strength. The anti-migrant, anti-Muslim Alternative for Germany party won seats in the German parliament for the first time last year, while the nationalist, anti-migrant Freedom Party is part of the coalition running the Austrian government. Both parties have members who have made anti-Semitic remarks.

Ultranationalists who espouse anti-Jewish and anti-Muslim views seem emboldened elsewhere as well. "Neo-Nazis and white supremacy groups are among the main purveyors

of extreme hatred," U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in a statement. "And too often, vile views are moving from the margins to the mainstream of societies and politics. We must stand together against the normalization of hate."

In Europe, the outspoken white nationalism is seen as partially a backlash to a large influx of mostly Muslim migrants that peaked in 2015. Some of those migrants have brought their own brand of anti-Semitism with them. In Germany, many Jews have reported feeling threatened by anti-Semitism — both from native far-right groups and from newcomers from Arab countries. Jewish institutions across the country have increased security.

Meanwhile, Muslim immigrants have been targets of German far-right attacks or threats.

Hanni Levy, a 93-year-old Holocaust survivor from Berlin, criticized anti-migrant hatred in a speech Saturday at a Greens party convention in Hannover. "In the past, the Jews were found guilty of everything. Today it's the refugees. One should never forget how difficult it is to leave behind everything just to survive."

British target modern public health scourge — loneliness

By MELISSA HEALY
Los Angeles Times

The country that put the starch in "stiff upper lip" has made companionship, conversation and human contact a national priority.

British Prime Minister Theresa May announced last week the creation of a new ministerial portfolio in her Cabinet— combating loneliness.

With more than 9 million British adults reportedly experiencing chronic loneliness — and a stack of studies documenting the corrosive health effects of such social isolation — May said it was time that a high-level government official coordinate a "first-ever strategy" to address the scourge.

May named the minister for sport and civil society, Tracey Crouch, to the role, and called on the Office for National Statistics to devise ways to better measure loneliness.

The newly created "ministerial lead on loneliness" was a tribute to Jo Cox, a Labor Party lawmaker who was killed in June 2016 by a white supremacist. Addressing loneliness was a cause championed by Cox, who represented a district in West Yorkshire.

"For far too many people, loneliness is the sad reality of modern life," May said in launching the government effort. "I want to confront this challenge for our society and for all of us to take action to address the loneliness endured by the elderly, by carers and by those who have lost loved ones — people who have no one to talk to or share their thoughts and experiences with."

The government campaign makes the United Kingdom a pioneer in tackling a public health challenge that has emerged in an age of transient families, growing social diversity and crumbling political consensus.



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Images of Jo Cox are held at a 2016 memorial event. Britain's war on loneliness is a tribute to the slain lawmaker.

The Campaign to End Loneliness, a British philanthropy, says more than half of Britons older than 75 live alone. About half a million older Britons can go a week without seeing or speaking to anyone.

Laura Alcock-Ferguson, executive director of the Campaign to End Loneliness, has called the condition an "epidemic" in Britain.

The U.K. is not alone. In 2016, then-U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy warned that Americans are "facing an epidemic of loneliness and social isolation." A long-running survey called the Health and Retirement Study suggests that about 28 percent of older Americans feel chronically lonely.

The result of loneliness goes beyond widespread emotional distress.

Research shows people who routinely feel lonely are more likely to suffer high blood pressure, develop heart disease and be diagnosed with dementia.

UCLA researchers have found that lonely people suffer higher levels of chronic inflammation, making them more vulnerable to a wide range of health conditions.

Compared with people who have strong social connections, those who acknowledge chronic feelings of loneliness are more likely to see their function

decline as they age, and are 50 percent more likely to die prematurely.

As a risk factor for early mortality, loneliness's impact is comparable to smoking 15 cigarettes a day, and greater than that of obesity, according to a review by experts from Brigham Young University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Social isolation increases the risk for depression and the poor self-care that typically accompanies it — a vicious cycle that makes loneliness a root cause of all manner of illness.

Psychologists have identified another vicious cycle: Lonely people experience brain changes that make it more difficult to form new social connections. They're more likely to view others' faces as threatening, making it harder for them to bond with others.

University of Chicago psychologist John Cacioppo, who has studied loneliness and its effects for decades, said the British initiative "constitutes an important recognition for the significance of loneliness in people's life."

Developing effective treatments to reduce loneliness "will not be achieved easily," he said. "Loneliness has been allowed to go unchecked for a significant period of time."

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Advocates petitioning to allow use of food stamps to feed pets

By CAITLIN DEWEY
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Edward Johnston Jr. would rather give his dinner to his dog than watch the dog go hungry. That is why the 59-year-old Mississippi man is petitioning the Department of Agriculture to let him use food stamps on kibble and pet treats.

Pets are part of the family, Johnston argued, and families should not have to break up when they hit what he calls a "financial rough patch." He is asking that the federal government

modify food-stamp rules to make it easier for low-income people like him to buy food for their pets.

The petition has little chance of succeeding, experts say, given the political and logistical challenges of changing food stamps, otherwise known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. But it has attracted the attention of nearly 80,000 signers on the popular petition site Care2, as well as a number of animal welfare organizations.

These groups say allow-

ing food stamps to be used for pet food could potentially keep tens of thousands of animals out of shelters and prevent low-income people from cutting their pets' meals.

"It's potentially game-changing," said Matt Bershadker, the president of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. "I think we should get behind this in a big way."

Advocates say a food-stamp program that includes pet food would address a little-discussed gap in the social safety net.

Currently, there is no federal program that helps low-income people care for their pets.

That population is a large one. According to the National Pet Owners Survey, a poll commissioned by the American Pet Products Association, an industry group, 14 percent of all pet-owning households make less than \$25,000 per year — which, for a family of four, is roughly the federal poverty limit.

These households sometimes struggle to cover their pet-related costs, advocates

say.

When families don't have enough money to buy pet food, they frequently do what Johnston does: Share the people food. But that can harm pets.

And that can cut into the pet owner's diet — a risk, given that many public health experts say food stamp allotments are already too small to provide adequate nutrition.

Food costs can also prompt low-income families to surrender or rehome a pet. In a 2015 study by the ASPCA, 30 percent of

low-income people who relinquished their pets said they would have kept them if they had a free or low-cost pet food option.

The problems are real, but food-stamp experts say it's unclear whether changing SNAP should be part of the solution. SNAP has explicitly excluded pet food since its earliest authorization in 1964, when the Food Stamp Act defined "food" to mean "any food or food product for human consumption." Changing that would require congressional action.

Wreck could be last U.S. slave ship

Clotilda was set on fire after delivering captive Africans

BY MATT PEARCE
Los Angeles Times

Daylight faded quickly as Ben Raines' 22-foot boat, the *Auriculatus*, slid through the chilly waters of the Mobile-Tensaw River Delta.

Normally, Jan. 2 would be a bad day for boating. It was 25 degrees in lower Alabama, thanks to the "bomb cyclone" weather system that sent temperatures plummeting across much of the country.

But the conditions were perfect for Raines, a reporter for AL.com and a local nature guide.

Water levels in the delta were more than 2 feet lower than normal, exposing the riverbanks "like peeling back a blanket over everything" — and revealing the wooden starboard of what appeared to be a 19th century ship sticking out of the mud, where Raines expected to find it.

Experts said the wreckage may be the *Clotilda*, the last known ship to bring slaves to the United States.

In 1860, long after Congress made it illegal to import slaves, a crew used the ship to haul 110 men, women and children from West Africa into Alabama. Then, after the human cargo was unloaded, they secretly set it on fire.

But the story of the lost *Clotilda* — sometimes spelled "Clotilde" — would only grow, giving scholars one of their most detailed looks into the lives of Africans who were brought to the U.S. to live in bondage.

"We know exactly who was on it. The names of all the slaves that were on it, the captives who were on it, were all recorded," Raines said in an interview last week after publishing news of his discovery at AL.com.

"It is the only group of people brought into the



Shown are the remains that could be the *Clotilda*, the last slave ship said to have delivered captive Africans to the U.S..

country through slavery where we know exactly where they were brought in, where they were taken from in Africa, and where they ended up in the United States."

The ban on importing slaves was passed by Congress in 1807.

But five decades later, some Southerners hoped for return of the international slave trade.

Historical accounts say an Alabama plantation owner named Timothy Meaher bet he could sneak a ship full of slaves into the United States and enlisted shipwright William Foster to help him. Foster had built the *Clotilda* as a cargo ship, then quietly refitted it as a jail for hauling slaves.

In 1860, the *Clotilda* and its crew traveled to what is now Benin, loaded 110 Africans and returned to Alabama in secrecy.

After the captives were unloaded from the ship, Foster set the *Clotilda* ablaze to cover his tracks, though the ship's remains

were reportedly visible for decades afterward.

The Africans were enslaved, then freed five years later at the end of the Civil War. They formed a community called Africatown on the outskirts of Mobile that still exists today.

The story of their journey spread over the decades, attracting the attention of luminaries like Booker T. Washington and Zora Neale Hurston, who interviewed the last survivor of the group of slaves, Cujdo Lewis, who would die in 1935.

The experience became a valuable piece of history.

"When people owned slaves, it's not like journalists were going around interviewing slaves," said historian Sylviane Diouf, who wrote a definitive account of the saga in her 2007 book, "Dreams of Africa in Alabama: The Slave Ship *Clotilda* and the Story of the Last Africans Brought to America."

"The fact they arrived so late, and they were free five years later — that was what

enabled them to be interviewed and for other people to go and see them."

As explorers failed to find the wreckage of the *Clotilda*, the tale of the ship became a local legend.

"Everybody knows the story around here," said 47-year-old Raines, who decided to start searching for the ship in September at the suggestion of a friend.

Raines, also a filmmaker whose work has appeared on Discovery Channel and National Geographic TV, has documented an ancient cypress forest 60 feet below water in the Gulf of Mexico, and he sometimes takes sightseers and fishermen into the river delta.

He gathered clues from Diouf's book and from historical records, but the definitive clue came from some old-fashioned shoe-leather reporting.

"I called around to old-timers and asked if they knew where the ship was," since it was supposedly visible in the early 1900s, Raines said. "One of them

gave me a location."

"My daddy and his friends would say, 'That's the *Clotilda*,'" he said the man told him.

Once the year's lowest tides came in January and the winds of the "bomb cyclone" blew more of the river's water out to sea, Raines boated out to the site with a friend — and there they found the wood of a schooner sticking out of the mud "like a dinosaur backbone."

Raines returned with a shipwright, and, later, with John Bratten and Greg Cook, professors in the anthropology department at the University of West Florida who have studied Southern shipwreck sites.

The experts cautioned the ship needs to be positively identified, but they said the features of the ship match the style of schooners from the *Clotilda*'s era — and the wreckage showed signs of being set on fire.

"There was evidence that the timbers had been burned in some areas that

we could see," Cook said.

"The location is in a very good spot for this wreck," Bratten said. "The dimensions are good."

The researchers must now get permission from the Alabama Historical Commission and possibly other agencies to excavate the site to see what's buried beneath the mud.

"However, such an endeavor requires both funding and planning so any question will take time to resolve," the commission said in a statement.

Raines' story excited one of the most famous descendants of the *Clotilda*'s captured passengers: Roots drummer Ahmir Thompson, best known to millions of fans as Questlove, who recently discovered his ties to the ship on PBS' "Finding Your Roots" with Henry Gates.

"My Great Great Grandfather was one of the 110!" Questlove tweeted at Raines.

Diouf, the scholar, was also intrigued.

"For me, it would be extremely moving to actually see this wreck — if it's that," Diouf said. "That would be really the only slave ship that would be related to the story of people. ... There were other slave ships that have been found, but we don't necessarily know the stories."

Raines, who was initially excited by the discovery, has grown more somber about the significance of the wreckage.

"The last time I went to the ship, I went alone, and I was just sort of sitting there next to it, and staring at it, and I had this profound feeling of 'wow,' what this means for so many people," Raines said, recalling the terror the passengers must have felt being taken from their home to slavery in Alabama in the belly of the ship. "What a harrowing thing, in every way, to think about."

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Key to bin Laden hunt still remains locked up

Doctor who helped find terrorist held captive by Pakistan

BY KATHY GANNON
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PESHAWAR, Pakistan — Shakil Afridi has languished in jail for years — since 2011, when the Pakistani doctor used a vaccination scam in an attempt to identify Osama bin Laden's home, aiding U.S. Navy SEALs who tracked and killed the al-Qaida leader.

Americans might wonder how Pakistan could imprison a man who helped track down the mastermind of the 9/11 attacks.

Pakistanis are apt to ask a different question: how could the United States betray its trust and cheapen its sovereignty with a secret nighttime raid that shamed the military and its intelligence agencies?

"The Shakil Afridi saga is the perfect metaphor for U.S.-Pakistan relations" — a tangle of mistrust and miscommunication that threatens to jeopardize key efforts against terrorism, said

Michael Kugelman, Asia program deputy director at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington.

The U.S. believes its financial support entitles it to Pakistan's backing in its efforts to defeat the Taliban — as a candidate, Donald Trump pledged to free Afridi, telling Fox News in April 2016 he would get him out of prison in "two minutes. Because we give a lot of aid to Pakistan."

But Pakistan is resentful of what it sees as U.S. interference in its affairs.

Mohammed Amir Rana, director of the independent Pakistan Institute of Peace Studies in Islamabad, said the trust deficit between the two countries is an old story that won't be rewritten until Pakistan and the U.S. revise their expectations of each other, recognize their divergent security concerns and plot an Afghan war strategy other than the current one which is to both kill and talk to the Taliban.

"Shakil Afridi (is) part of the larger puzzle," he said.

Afridi hasn't seen his lawyer since 2012 and his wife and children are his

only visitors.

For two years his file "disappeared," delaying a court appeal that still hasn't proceeded. The courts now say a prosecutor is unavailable, said his lawyer, Qamar Nadeem Afridi.

"Everyone is afraid to even talk about him, to mention his name," and not without reason, said Nadeem, also a cousin.

In Nadeem's office, the wind whistles through a clumsily covered window shattered by a bullet. On another window, clear tape covers a second bullet hole, both from a shooting incident several years ago in which no suspects have been named.

Another of Afridi's lawyers was gunned down outside his Peshawar home and a Peshawar jail deputy superintendent, who had advocated on Afridi's behalf, was killed, said Nadeem.

Afridi used a fake hepatitis vaccination program to try to get DNA samples from bin Laden's family as a means of pinpointing his location.

But he has not been charged in connection with the bin Laden operation.

He was accused under tribal law alleging he aided and facilitated militants in



Zain Muhammad, an ex-Osama bin Laden guard, shows what's left of bin Laden's house in Abbottabad. Pakistan says the U.S. raid that killed him infringed on its sovereignty.

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the nearby Khyber tribal region, said Nadeem.

Even the Taliban scoffed at the charge that was filed to make use of Pakistan's antiquated tribal system, which allows closed courts, does not require the defendant to be present in court, and limits the number of appeals, he said.

If charged with treason — which Pakistani authorities say he committed — Afridi would have the right to public hearings and numerous appeals all the way to the Supreme Court, where the details of the bin Laden raid could be laid bare, something neither the civilian nor military establishments want, his lawyer said. Tensions have grown be-

tween Pakistan and the U.S. since Trump's New Year's Day tweet in which he accused Pakistan of taking \$33 billion in aid and giving only "deceit and lies" in return while harboring Afghan insurgents who attack American soldiers in neighboring Afghanistan.

Days later, the U.S. suspended military aid to Pakistan, which could amount to \$2 billion.

Infuriated by Trump's tweet, Pakistan accused Washington of making it a scapegoat for its failure to bring peace to Afghanistan.

The Wilson Center's Kugelman advocated a "scaled-down relationship" between the two countries. He said both sides need to

agree to disagree on some issues and instead focus on those areas where they can agree to cooperate against terror groups that both regard as threats, including the Islamic State group and al-Qaida.

There was a no indication whether U.S. Acting Assistant Secretary of State Alice Wells brought Afridi's case up in recent meetings in Pakistan. But in a statement, the U.S. State Department said Afridi has not been forgotten.

"We believe Dr. Afridi has been unjustly imprisoned and have clearly communicated our position to Pakistan on Dr. Afridi's case, both in public and in private," it said.

Disco 'mirror ball' dances into Earth orbit

BY NICK PERRY
Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Look into the night sky at the right time and you might see what seems like a disco ball shimmering and glinting back.

The founder of the company that launched the first rocket into orbit from New Zealand last week said he deployed a satellite he thinks will be the brightest object in the night sky and which he hopes will remind people of their precarious

place in a vast universe.

Peter Beck, the New Zealander who founded California-based Rocket Lab, said he used most of the space aboard his test Electron rocket to house an object he has named the "Humanity Star." The rocket successfully reached orbit on Jan. 21.

The satellite, not much bigger than a beach ball, is a sphere made from carbon-fiber with 65 reflective panels.

It is designed to spin rapidly and reflect the sun's

light to Earth. It's expected to orbit the Earth every 90 minutes in an elliptical pattern, traveling at 27 times the speed of sound.

Beck has lofty ambitions for his experiment. He hopes the satellite will become a focal point for humanity, and will serve as a reminder for people to look past daily concerns and to face larger challenges like climate change and resource shortages.

That's why Beck said he resisted the comparison to a disco ball, because he wants

it to be about something more serious.

"But in all honesty, yes, it's a giant mirror ball," he said.

Beck said the object should be noticeable but will not be much brighter than satellites.

The Humanity Star is expected to orbit the Earth for nine months before it is pulled back into Earth's gravity and burned upon re-entry.

It can be tracked at www.thehumanitystar.com.



ROCKET LAB

Peter Beck, who founded Rocket Lab, says his "Humanity Star" will help remind mankind of its spot in the universe.

Meant to go boom, nukes went poof

After 4 devices were lost in '68, U.S. launched hunt

By **ROBERT MITCHELL**
The Washington Post

Nothing seemed out of the ordinary 50 years ago when Air Force Capt. John Haug and his crew took off in a B-52 carrying four hydrogen bombs.

It was the height of the Cold War, the era of "Dr. Strangelove."

The Stratofortress departed Plattsburgh Air Base in Upstate New York on Jan. 21, part of an ongoing airborne alert program under the Strategic Air Command and satirized by Stanley Kubrick's 1964 classic, subtitled "How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb."

The mission had a name the film's Gen. Buck Turgidson would have endorsed with a grin, "Operation Chrome Dome," but there was nothing humorous about the underlying rationale.

"The justification was the threat of a Soviet surprise attack," according to Hans Kristensen, director of the Nuclear Information Project at the Federation of American Scientists. The idea was to protect the Air Force's capacity to respond to a nuclear attack by keeping a certain number of nuclear-armed bombers in the air at all times.

As many as 12 planes loaded with nuclear weapons stayed in the air around the clock.

"They flew from their bases in the United States in formation via several routes that changed over the years into the Mediterranean, over Greenland and Canada, and into the Pacific," Kristensen wrote in an email.

Despite Haug's cataclysmic cargo — Kristensen estimates it packed a payload 293 times more powerful than the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima at the end of World War II — there appeared to be no reason for alarm.

Air Force bombers had been flying Chrome Dome missions since 1961. Haug's crew had trained together and included an extra pilot to allow the primary crew to get some sleep during the 24-hour mission, according to an account of the flight published by the Air Force in early 1970.

The flight started uneventfully.

An initial aerial refueling four hours into the mission went smoothly. An hour later, Haug ordered his copilot to get some shut-eye and brought the extra pilot into the now-vacant seat.

The trouble started a short time later.

Temperatures in the cabin grew uncomfortably cold. The airmen overcompensated by turning the heat up as high as it would go, leading to complaints that the plane was too hot, according to the Air Force.

After the climate controls were reset to a cooler temperature, someone reported the smell of burning rubber. Haug ordered crewmembers to don oxygen masks as they looked for the source of the odor.

They eventually found it — a fire under a metal box in the lower crew compartment.

Haug radioed the U.S. air base at Thule, Greenland, located on the far northwest of the gigantic ice-bound island, for permission to land. The Air Force told The New York Times' Neil Sheehan, that 14 minutes after the fire was detected, six of the crewmen successfully ejected from the plane. A seventh died.

The abandoned bomber continued on its way before slamming into the ice-covered waters of North Star Bay, less than 10 miles southwest of Thule.

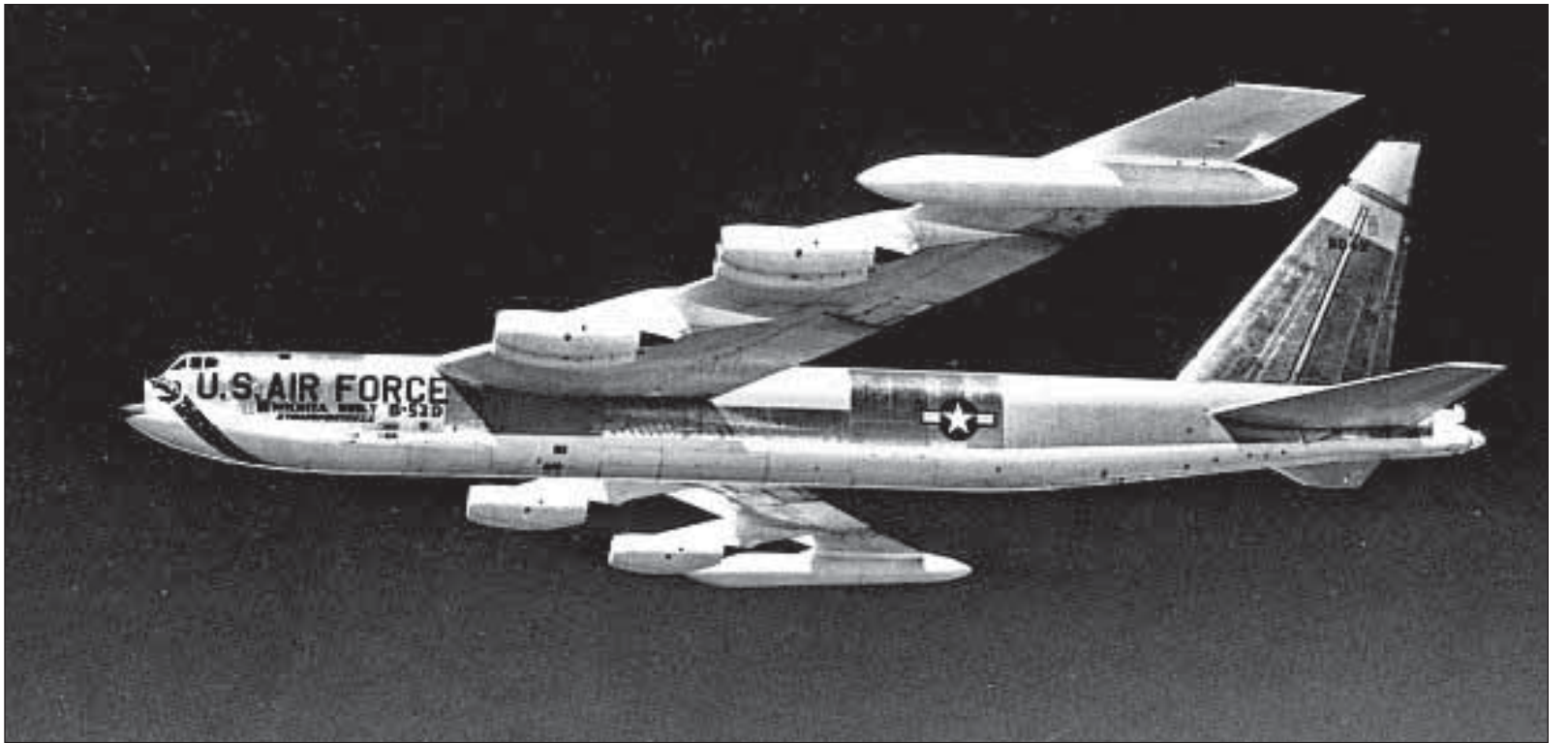
Search crews rescued the survivors from the winter cold that hovered between minus 18 and minus 25 degrees, but the bombs were nowhere to be seen.

"The condition or location of the weapons that were aboard the aircraft is still unknown," a National Military Command Center Memo noted Jan. 22.

"We used up all our firefighting equipment, and



Lt. D.J. Dahlen, left, a radiation specialist, and Maj. Gen. Richard Hunziker of the Strategic Air Command at Omaha, get a Geiger counter ready for inspection of the area where a B-52 bomber crashed in 1968 with four H-bombs near Thule Air Force Base, Greenland. Parts of the bombs were found.



As many as 12 planes loaded with nuclear weapons stayed in the air around the clock. The program was ended in 1968, a day after the Greenland crash.

we even tried to smother the fire, but the smoke got so bad that I had no choice but to bail out my crew," Haug said at an abbreviated news conference reported by the Times. Haug declined to answer when asked if he had ever flown over Greenland in a nuclear-armed B-52.

Long-standing Danish policy prohibited the presence of nuclear weapons anywhere on its territory — and the Danes were kept in the dark by the United States about the nuclear-armed flights over Greenland, Kristensen has written for the Nuclear Information Project.

Alarming as it was, the crash near Thule was not an isolated incident. By 1968, crashes of bombers carrying nuclear weapons had become old news.

Two years earlier, another B-52 carrying four hydrogen bombs crashed near the Spanish town of Palomares on Spain's southeast coast after colliding with a refueling tanker.

One of the four bombs was recovered virtually intact, according to The Washington Post, but two others released plutonium when their explosive triggers detonated. A fourth bomb fell into the sea, prompting a search that involved thousands of uniformed personnel, millions of dollars and 20 ships that ranged from submarines to minesweepers.

In the aftermath of the Thule crash, policymakers — preoccupied by Vietnam and the seizure of the USS Pueblo by North Korea — assured each other that everything was under con-

trol. When Defense Secretary Robert McNamara briefed President Lyndon Johnson by phone Jan. 22, his message was positive. "I am told by our people, inclusive of (Air Force Secretary) Harold Brown and others who are familiar in detail with nuclear technology, there's no danger from this," McNamara said.

Johnson acknowledged McNamara with a brief "good" and the conversation changed to the situation around Khe Sanh.

On the ice in Greenland, however, the situation seemed decidedly more serious. Air Force personnel battled subzero temperatures and the sunless Arctic winter to search for the wreckage and hunt for the bombs.

"Even if it had been decided to crash a Stratofortress and its thermonuclear weaponry deliberately, more rugged search and recovery conditions could hardly have been achieved," Sheehan wrote. "In this atmosphere, ears exposed for 10 minutes develop third-degree frostbite, and if left uncovered much longer, freeze entirely. 'Ballpoint pens do of paper become brittle and crumble, and instrument batteries go dead in a few minutes.'"

The Air Force dubbed the recovery effort "Operation Crested Ice," but ac-

ording to Sheehan, shivering cynics gave it another name — "Operation Dr. Freezelove." As the hunt for the bombs continued, searchers encountered radiation and located pieces of the weapons.

"The number of people involved" in the recovery effort, according to a short Air Force film, "grew from the original 68 to some 562 at the peak of operation." Trucks, bulldozers and other heavy equipment "plowed, piled up and loaded the contaminated crust and debris into large steel containers for storage, shipment and final disposition," according to the film's narrator.

The Danish government barred the local Inuit population from hunting within the crash zone or boiling meat with melted seawater. The Air Force eventually filled 67 25,000-gallon tanks with contaminated snow, according to Maj. Gen. Richard Hunziker, the Air Force commander who supervised the cleanup and recovery efforts.

On Jan. 28, the Air Force reported parts of all four bombs had been recovered as well as radiation levels that suggested the TNT components of the bombs had exploded during the crash, according to Sheehan. The cleanup continued — and the aftermath of the crash lingered for decades.

In the mid-1990s, as recounted by Kristensen, Denmark learned from declassified U.S. documents of the plane's real route and position at the time of the crash. Public outrage intensified when the Danish government discovered that, despite Danish policy, the United States had stored nuclear weapons in Greenland.

Events at Thule returned to the headlines in 2008 with a report by the BBC that — despite U.S. claims to the contrary — searchers were only able to locate three of the four bombs.

A Danish inquiry challenged the BBC's findings, but anxieties about potential nuclear contamination remained.

In 2010, the Guardian's Stephen Pax Leonard wrote that unresolved concerns of nuclear contamination from the Thule accident represented one of several threats to the way of life of native Eskimo hunters.

While the Thule crash left political problems and environmental concerns in its wake, it resulted in a significant policy shift that would have no doubt disappointed the bomb-happy general of Kubrick's dark comedic masterpiece.

"The day after the crash," according to Kristensen, "the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff ordered an end to the program of flying nukes."

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Israeli PM slams bill to outlaw blaming Poles for WWII crimes

JERUSALEM — Israeli leaders criticized pending legislation in Poland that would outlaw blaming Poles for the crimes of the Holocaust, with some accusing the Polish government of outright denial Saturday.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the proposed law “baseless” and ordered his country’s ambassador to Poland to meet with Polish leaders to express his strong opposition.

“One cannot change history, and the Holocaust cannot be denied,” Netanyahu said.

The lower house of the Polish parliament on Friday passed the bill, which prescribes prison time for using phrases such as “Polish death camps” to refer to the killing sites Nazi Germany operated in occupied Poland during World War II.

The bill still needs approval from Poland’s Senate and president.

Refrigerators on Air Force One to cost taxpayers \$23.6 million

WASHINGTON — Air Force One is upgrading its refrigerators, and the cost to taxpayers will be a cool \$24 million. Under a new government contract awarded to Boeing, the Air Force will pay \$23,657,671 to replace two of the five chiller units on the plane used by President Donald Trump.

Both of those units were installed when the plane was originally delivered in 1990, according to

the Air Force. Increasingly, however, the plane has needed additional cold food storage space “to support onboard personnel for an extended period of time, without having to restock while abroad,” Air Force spokeswoman Ann Stefanek said in an email.

The new units will have nearly 70 cubic feet of storage space, she said.

The work is expected to be done by the end of October 2019.

Militant attack kills 14 soldiers at army camp in northern Mali

BAMAKO, Mali — Islamic militants stormed an army camp in northern Mali early Saturday, killing at least 14 soldiers in the worst attack on security forces in the West African country in more than a year, the army said.

Army spokesman Col. Diarran Kone said the bodies of 17 assailants remained at the scene in the Timbuktu region. The base was again under the control of the Malian mili-

tary, he said.

Mali recently marked the five-year anniversary of a French military mission to oust Islamic extremists from power in major towns of the north. But the operation merely dispersed the jihadis into the surrounding desert.

In the years since they have launched attacks on the Malian military as well as U.N. peacekeeping forces trying to stabilize the country.



Honduran police and soldiers fire tear gas at demonstrators Saturday in Tegucigalpa.

EDUARDO VERDUGO/AP

Honduran president sworn in amid fiery protests in capital

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — President Juan Orlando Hernandez was sworn in for a new term Saturday in the Honduran capital, while across town tear gas drifted across flaming barricades in clashes between police and protesters angry over an election that was marred by allegations of fraud.

The head of Congress put the blue-and-white sash of office on Hernandez in the morning ceremony in Tegucigalpa, and the president promised in an address “to begin a process of reconciliation to unite the Honduran family.”



Hernandez

The inauguration came after soldiers and riot police fired tear gas to block thousands of demonstrators from marching to the National Stadium to protest. Masked protesters shot rocks from slingshots and kicked canisters back toward security forces as barricades burned and gas billowed on the streets.

“This is how the dictator oppresses his people,” said opposition presidential candidate Salvador Nasralla.

Hernandez, a 49-year-old lawyer, is Honduras’ first president to be re-elected — a key point in the

protests against him. The 1982 constitution bars presidents from seeking a new term and conservative politicians deposed a leftist president in 2009 for allegedly considering re-election. But Hernandez won a Supreme Court ruling in 2015 to get around that prohibition.

Pre-dawn election returns Nov. 26 showed Nasralla with 57 percent of the votes counted.

Then election authorities all but stopped giving public updates on the count. After days of delays and computer problems, the Supreme Electoral Tribunal reported that Hernandez had an edge of 1.5 percent in the final count.

At least 31 people have been killed in the unrest.

Venezuela opposition agrees to rejoin vote talks

CARACAS, Venezuela — Negotiators for Venezuela’s opposition say they will return to the negotiating table Monday as international pressure mounts on President Nicolas Maduro’s government over its decision to push up presidential elections.

The main opposition al-

liance said Saturday that it would rejoin talks even as it criticized the government for torpedoing prospects for a breakthrough by unilaterally setting a deadline by the end of April for elections and banning it from the ballot.

The decision ends days of speculation that the

Democratic Unity alliance could abandon the negotiations after one of its biggest parties announced it was boycotting the talks, which have been taking place in the Dominican Republic.

The alliance said it would renew its push for guarantees that voting will be free and fair.

4 dead, 42 hurt in bomb blast at Colombia police station

BOGOTA, Colombia — Four police officers were killed and another 42 injured when a homemade bomb exploded Saturday outside a police station in the Colombian city of Barranquilla hours after a car bomb gutted another police station near the border in Ecuador.

The attacks didn’t appear to be related, but they underscore the challenges that have emerged since a 2016 peace deal with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, which long played a dominant role in South America’s drug trade.

Colombia’s peace deal has emboldened new criminal groups.

The former rebels, whose new political party was kicking off its campaign for Colombia’s presidency on Saturday, expressed their “radical condemnation” of the attack against their former battlefield enemies.

The Italian coast guard

said Saturday that it has helped coordinate the rescue of 800 migrants in five boats, including two dinghies, on the Mediterranean Sea. It said seven children who had water in their lungs were taken by helicopter to a hospital in Sfax, Tunisia. The coast guard also said two bodies were recovered.

French climber

Elisabeth Revol has been found but is unable to walk on a Himalayan mountain, while rescuers were still trying to reach Polish climber Tomasz Mackiewicz, according to media reports. Two Pakistani helicopters began an operation Saturday to rescue the climbers after they got stuck on Nanga Parbat.

OBITUARIES

MORT WALKER 1923-2018

Cartoonist spoofed Army life with ‘Beetle Bailey’

By ALI BAHRAMPOUR
The Washington Post

Mort Walker, whose “Beetle Bailey” comic strip followed the exploits of a lazy G.I. and his inept cohorts at the dysfunctional Camp Swampy, died Saturday at his home in Stamford, Conn. He was 94.

Bill Morrison, president of the National Cartoonists Society, confirmed the death. The cause was pneumonia.

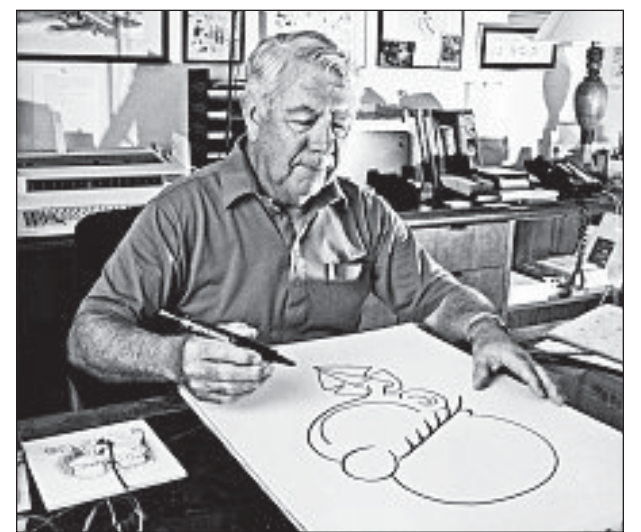
In contrast with the work-shirking soldier he immortalized, Walker was a man of considerable drive and ambition. He drew his daily comic strip for 68 years, longer than any other U.S. artist in the history of the medium.

Debuting in 1950, “Beetle Bailey” was distributed by King Features Syndicate. In 1953, the National Cartoonists Society named Walker cartoonist of the year. But it wasn’t until the next year, when the Pacific edition of the U.S. military newspaper Stars and Stripes banned “Beetle Bailey” for mocking the authority of officers and encouraging laziness in the ranks, that Beetle’s success was assured. The ban lasted 10 years, and the strip eventually reached 200 million readers in 1,800 newspapers in more than 50 countries.

Beetle and company were also featured in a musical with the book by Walker, as well as on a U.S. Postal Service stamp in 2010.

The characters never saw battle, and weapons and uniforms were not updated. Walker said that the military setting was simply a convenient stand-in for the pecking order of which everyone is a part.

Starting in 1954, Walker wrote another hit cartoon,



RAY FAIRALL/AP

Mort Walker, shown in his Boca Raton, Fla., office in 1993, created the comic strips “Beetle Bailey” and “Hi and Lois.”

the widely syndicated family strip “Hi and Lois,” originally illustrated by Dik Browne (later the creator of “Hagar the Horrible”). Walker said he wanted to depict a loving family “together against the world ... instead of against each other.”

In 1974, Walker opened the Museum of Cartoon Art in a mansion in Greenwich, Conn. The collection grew with donations of art from newspaper syndicates and the estates of cartoonists and is today worth an estimated \$20 million. In 2008, its more than 200,000 pieces became part of Ohio State University’s Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum, where a gallery is named after Walker.

Addison Morton Walker was born Sept. 3, 1923, in El Dorado, Kan., the third of four siblings. His father, Robin Walker, was an architect who moved the family from oil boom to oil boom, building houses, churches and schools. The family settled in Kansas City, Mo. Robin Walker’s poetry appeared in The

Kansas City Star with drawings by Walker’s mother, Carolyn, a staff illustrator for the newspaper.

Walker said he knew he wanted to be a cartoonist at the age of 3. By 12, he was regularly publishing his own cartoons in magazines such as Inside Detective and Flying Aces, and at 15, he had a comic strip in The Kansas City Star.

In 1942, Walker was drafted. “Little did I know,” he wrote decades later, “that I was going to get almost four years of free research.”

In 1949, Walker married Jean Suffill, with whom he had seven kids. The marriage ended in divorce. In 1985, he married Catherine Carty. Besides his wife, survivors include his kids and three stepchildren.

In 1990, the Pentagon recognized Walker with the Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service.

“As hard as it is to find anything at the Pentagon,” Walker quipped, “they finally found a sense of humor.”

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OBITUARIES

WILLIAM COUSINS JR. 1927-2018



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As 8th Ward alderman, William Cousins Jr. pushed for extending rapid transit farther south and adding schools and parks.

Alderman, judge remembered for respecting the opposition

By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**
Chicago Tribune

William Cousins Jr. was a Harvard-trained Chicago alderman who represented the 8th Ward on the South Side for nine years before taking seats on the circuit and appellate court benches.

Cousins later served on panels that investigated two deadly fire tragedies in Chicago and helped make important safety recommendations that were implemented.

“He was a tenacious fighter. What Bill believed in, Bill fought for,” said former U.S. Sen. Roland Burris, who managed Cousins’ first campaign for City Council in the mid-1960s and later managed Cousins’ unsuccessful campaign for the state Supreme Court. “He always respected the opposition and always was a gentleman.”

Cousins, 90, died Jan. 20 at the University of Chicago Medicine, said his daughter Cheryl Akiko Cousins. He had been a longtime resident of the South Side Avalon Park neighborhood.

Born in the tiny central Mississippi community of Swiftown, Cousins was the son of a longshoreman father. He moved with his family to Memphis, Tenn., in 1931, and then to Chicago in 1938. He attended Forrestville Elementary School and was president of the 1945 graduating class at DuSable High School.

Cousins received a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1948 and then a law degree from Harvard Law School in 1951. After law school, he was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Army and served in the Pacific theater during the Korean War. While in Japan, he met his future wife, Hiroko Ogawa. The couple married in Japan in 1953. She died in 2005.

Cousins began working as an examining attorney in 1953 for Chicago Title & Trust Co. He then served from 1957 until 1961 as an assistant state’s attorney. The young prosecutor’s role

included negotiating property settlements and filing condemnation proceedings to acquire land needed for Cook County’s network of expressways.

In 1961, Cousins and three other African-American attorneys and Harvard Law School graduates formed a law firm. Cousins also had his eye on politics and mulled a run for state representative in 1961. He also led the Chatham-Avalon Park Community Council, where he worked to oppose high-rise housing in the neighborhood.

Community leader Timuel Black, 99, recalled enthusiastically encouraging Cousins in 1967 to run for alderman of the 8th Ward, which was roughly bounded by 73rd Street, State Street, 107th Street and Yates Boulevard.

“The ward was predominantly Caucasian, but was turning African-American, and because he was such a universal person, he was elected,” Black said. “I was convinced that he would be a model in the City Council for bringing equality and justice, economically and socially, to all the people in Chicago, so I wanted him to be that kind of example that race does not necessarily affect a person who has a universal view of life like Bill Cousins.”

Cousins had been a Republican since 1956, but he left the party in 1963 amid the rise of Barry Goldwater. He ran for alderman in 1967 as an independent Democrat and defeated the Democratic organization’s candidate, Leslie Bland, using the slogan “Unbowed, Unbossed and Unbought.”

The outspoken Cousins was a frequent critic of Mayor Richard J. Daley. He pushed for an extension of rapid transit farther south, opposed the creation of the Crosstown Expressway, and sought to add new schools and parks to the ward. He also fought to keep open commuter rail stations on the Illinois Central at the 79th, 82nd and 87th Street stations, doing “what he needed to do to make the community viable,” his daughter said.

“He met with constituents regularly, he went to block club meetings in the 8th Ward and he was an effective communicator with the community and carrying their wishes and desires to the best he can,” Burris said.

In 1976, Cousins resigned from the City Council after he was elected to the Cook County Circuit Court. His departure as alderman was met with a mixture of faint praise and sarcasm from some colleagues, including then-Ald. Edward Vrdojak, who at Cousins’ final council meeting told him that seeing him exit the council was “like watching your mother-in-law go over a cliff in your new car.”

As a circuit judge, Cousins ruled in 1979 that the state’s death penalty statute was unconstitutional — a ruling that was reversed by the state Supreme Court in a 4-3 vote later that year.

“His work on the bench at 26th and California was eye-opening in terms of how he treated defendants before him,” Burris said. “He used that compassion and his desire for justice to be meted out in a just way.”

In 1990, Cousins ran unsuccessfully for state Supreme Court in the Democratic primary, losing to former Mayor Michael Bilandic. Then, in 1992, Cousins won the Democratic primary for a 10-year term as a justice on the Illinois Appellate Court. He went on to win the general election with no opposition.

In 2000, Cousins ran again for the state Supreme Court but lost in the Democratic primary to Thomas Fitzgerald.

Cousins chose not to seek re-election to the appellate court in 2002. In early 2003, he and attorney Andrea Zopp, who now is the CEO of World Business Chicago, were tapped by Mayor Richard M. Daley to co-chair a panel to investigate code enforcement policies and possible communication breakdowns among city agencies after the E2 nightclub disaster that killed 21 people. Cousins’ panel produced a report that concluded that the

city’s Building Department had suffered certain communication and staffing lapses.

“I had the privilege of working with him on the commission that reviewed the city’s practices around building code violations in the wake of the E2 tragedy, and his solid leadership and thoughtful insight on tough issues was invaluable,” Zopp said. “Judge Cousins was an outstanding leader in our city. In every one of his roles — prosecutor, independent alderman, and trial and appellate judge — he was relentless in striving for equity and justice. He also was a consummate professional and tireless worker.”

Later in 2003, after a deadly fire at the Cook County-owned administration building at 69 W. Washington St., Cousins was named to a panel, known as the Mikva commission, that had been named by Cook County Board President John Stroger to conduct an independent investigation into the fire. That panel harshly criticized the Chicago Fire Department for more than a dozen mistakes, prompting then-fire Commissioner Cortez Trotter to create his own panel to review and implement many of the changes recommended by the commission.

In retirement, Cousins remained active, his daughter said.

“People still called for his advice and guidance, and he still continued to work on different issues,” she said. “He always said that if you’ve been given a good brain and a good body, you have a responsibility to help those less fortunate than yourself. He never forgot his roots and never forgot where he came from.”

Cousins also is survived by another daughter, Gail Yoshiko Cousins; two sons, Yul and Noel; and four grandchildren.

A visitation will take place at 5 p.m. Feb. 2 in Trinity United Church of Christ, 400 95th St., Chicago. A funeral service will follow at 6 p.m.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

DEATHS IN THE NEWS

Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, 79, leader of the Indianapolis Roman Catholic Archdiocese for 19 years before a stroke forced his retirement in 2011; Jan. 25, in St. Meinrad, Ind.

Emmanuel “Manno” Charlemagne, 69, revolutionary protest singer and folk hero in Haiti who called himself an “anti-imperialist singer” and was credited with helping build popular resistance to the decadeslong Duvalier dictatorship and later military juntas; Dec. 10, in Miami Beach, Fla.

Olivia Cole, 75, first African-American to win in the Emmy category of best supporting actress in a miniseries for her portrayal of Matilda in the landmark 1977 drama “Roots” who also received a lead-actress Emmy nomination for the 1979 miniseries “Backstairs at the White House”; Jan. 19, in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, of a heart attack.

John Coleman, 83, Chicago TV weatherman with stints at WLS-Ch. 7 and WMAQ-Ch. 5 who co-founded The Weather Channel and was the original meteorologist on ABC’s “Good Morning America” during a six-decade broadcasting career that included the American Meteorological Society naming him its 1983 broadcast meteorologist of the year and who later drew people’s anger for his open skepticism about climate change being man-made; Jan. 20, in Las Vegas.

Jack Ketchum (real name Dallas Mayr), 71, prize-winning horror and screenplay writer known for fiction such as “The Box” and the controversial novel “Off Season,” who was once described by Stephen King as likely the scariest writer in America; Jan. 24.

Mathilde Krim, 91, geneticist and virologist who bridged the worlds of laboratory science and political activism to strip AIDS of stigma and turn its treatment into a national cause; Jan. 15, in Kings Point, NY.

Ursula K. Le Guin, 88, author who upended the male-dominated genres of fantasy and science fiction with novels such as “The Left Hand of Darkness” (1969), which won Nebula and Hugo awards and “The Farthest Shore,” which received the National Book Award for children’s literature (1973); became a Pulitzer Prize finalist with her 1996 collection “Unlocking the Air and Other Stories”; and received an honorary National Book Award for distinguished contribution to American letters (2014); Jan. 22, in Portland, Ore.

Hugh Masekela, 78, South African musician — trumpeter, singer and composer — who in the 1950s became an integral part of the jazz scene in Johannesburg; in the 1960s went into exile in the United Kingdom and the U.S. and used music to spread awareness about apartheid, scored an inter-



WBKB-TV
Weather reporter John Coleman circa 1968



HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT
Author Ursula K. Le Guin



CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2006
Mark E. Smith of The Fall

national hit in 1968 with “Grazing in the Grass and composed the upbeat 1987 song “Bring Him Back Home,” calling for Nelson Mandela’s release from prison; Jan. 23, in Johannesburg, of prostate cancer.

Robert Rosen, 74, industrial real estate specialist who with Ron Frain help build Chicago-based Frain Camins & Swartzchild and in 1999, two years after being diagnosed with polycythemia vera, co-founded the MPN Research Foundation to find new treatments and eventually a cure for a group of blood cancers; Jan. 4, in New York City, of complications following a bone marrow transplant to treat myelofibrosis.

Mark E. Smith, 60, lead singer and driving force of British post-punk band The Fall, formed in 1970s Manchester, England; Jan. 24, in London.

Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker, 88 or 89, civil rights movement leader who helped Martin Luther King Jr. assemble “Letter From Birmingham Jail,” was brought in by King to be executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, served as pastor of Harlem’s Canaan Baptist Church from 1968 until his retirement and was a longtime leader in the movement against South African apartheid; Jan. 23, in Chester, Va., after declining health following a stroke.

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ON JANUARY 28 ...

In A.D. 814, Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne died in Aachen in present-day Germany.

In 1547 England’s King Henry VIII died in London; he was 55. (He was succeeded by his 9-year-old son, Edward VI.)

In 1878 the first commercial telephone switchboard went into operation, in New Haven, Conn. **Also in 1878** the first daily college newspaper, the Yale News, began publication in New Haven.

In 1909 the United States ended direct control over Cuba.

In 1912 painter Jackson Pollock, one of the foremost exponents of abstract expressionism, was born Paul Jackson Pollock in Cody, Wyo.

In 1915 the Coast Guard was created by an act of Congress.

In 1922 the Decatur Staleys professional football franchise was renamed the Chicago Bears.

In 1956 Elvis Presley made his first national TV appearance on “Stage Show,” a CBS program hosted by Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey.

In 1973 a cease-fire officially went into effect in the

Vietnam War.

In 1980 six U.S. diplomats who had avoided being taken hostage at their embassy in Tehran were flown out of Iran with the help of Canadian diplomats.

In 1986 the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after blastoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven crew members, including schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

In 1991 football legend Harold “Red” Grange, who played for the University of Illinois and Chicago Bears in the 1920s and ’30s, died in Lake Wales, Fla.; he was 87.

In 2002 Hamid Karzai became the first Afghan leader to visit Washington in 39

years; President George W. Bush promised a “lasting partnership” with Afghanistan.

In 2003 President George W. Bush, girding the nation for war, said in his State of the Union address that Saddam Hussein had shown “utter contempt” for the world community and had to be held to account.

In 2014 a group of Northwestern University football players filed papers to create the first labor union for college athletes.

In 2017 a federal judge in New York issued an emergency order temporarily barring the U.S. from deporting people from nations subject to President Donald Trump’s travel ban.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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In Memoriam



Joseph G. DiLeonardi
3/31/1932-1/28/2017

You'll live forever in our hearts.
All our Love,
Carol, Joe, Andrea, Giada and Joey

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Death Notices

Abernethy, Joan

Joan (nee Leichtfuss) Abernethy, 87, died Wednesday, January 24th, 2018 in Hinsdale, IL in the presence of loving family and beloved Reverend Kate Spelman of All Saints Episcopal Church of Western Springs. Born January 25th, 1930 in Milwaukee, WI, to parents Margaret (nee O'Neill) Leichtfuss and Dr. Irvin W. Leichtfuss of Milwaukee, WI she married in 1954 James I. Abernethy and they raised their family in Crystal Lake, IL. She graduated from Northwestern University, Evanston, IL in 1952. While there, she was a Phi Beta Kappa scholar and proud member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She was a career editor of the Northwest Herald in CL, IL. Joan became an active member of All Saints Episcopal Church of Western Springs. Joan is survived by her five children and their spouses, Jill (Courtney) Thompson of Miami, FL; John (Maura) Abernethy of Western Springs; Joel Abernethy of Lakewood, CO; Julie Ernst of Aspen, CO; and Jed (Jane) Abernethy of Arlington Heights, IL, ten grandchildren Brian Daley; Kara (Geoff) Schuler; Jack and Meg Abernethy; Cory (Candice) Abernethy; Kelly, Cody, and Jackson Ernst; Conor and Shea Abernethy; and one great-granddaughter, Jade; Joan will be sadly missed by all. Visitation 10 a.m. Wed., Jan. 31, 2018 until time of Funeral Service 11:30 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, 4370 Woodland Ave., Western Springs, IL. Interment All Saints Episcopal Church. Memorials may be made to All Saints Episcopal Church. Arrangements Entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**: (708) 352-6500 or hjfnerals.com

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Ahrens, Janet G.

Janet G. Ahrens, age 88, of Woodridge. US Air Force Veteran / Korean War. Beloved wife of late William. Loving mother of Carleen (Jerry) Turner and Russell Ahrens. Devoted grandmother of Steven and Thomas Pinkerton. Dear sister of the late Jim Gilliland. Visitation 3-9 p.m. Friday Feb. 2nd at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 301 75th St., Downers Grove. Will lie in state 3 p.m. Saturday Feb. 3rd until time of funeral service 3:30 p.m. at Woodridge United Methodist Church, 2700 75th St, Woodridge. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Lung Assn. appreciated. Funeral info 630-964-6500

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Ambroz, Robert W.

Robert W. Ambroz, age 82 of North Riverside. U.S. Navy Korean War Veteran. Beloved wife of late Carol A. (nee Ule), loving father of Michael (late Michele) Ambroz and Sharon Ambroz, cherished grandfather of Michael and Madelyn Ambroz and dear friend to his extended family at Indian Creek Ranch in Morris, IL. Cremation Private. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, Joliet. Funeral arrangements by **Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home**, 2447 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.kuratkonosek.com. Info: (708) 447-2500



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Andracki, Rita

Rita Andracki, nee Lietza, 93, of Libertyville, formerly of River Grove, passed away Jan. 22, 2018. Rita is survived by her daughters Deborah (Robert) Padley, Janice (Patrick) Ryan and Kathleen Andracki; 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Edward. Funeral Mass will be 11:30am Monday Jan 29 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 121 E. Maple, Libertyville, IL 60048 with a visitation from 10:00 - 11:00 am at **McMurrough Funeral Chapel**, 101 Park Pl (Rt 176, 1 Blk E. of Rt 21) Libertyville. Private interment for family at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles. Memorial donations to St. Joseph Food Pantry, 121 E Maple, Libertyville, IL 60048 would be greatly appreciated. Info 847 362-2626 & libertyvillefuneralhome.com

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Armstrong, Patricia

Patricia A. Armstrong, 60, of Lombard, passed away suddenly on January 23, 2018 Beloved daughter of Lois (the late John W.) Armstrong; Loving sister of the late Susan Jean; Fond niece of Bill (Joyce) Kells; Cousin to Phillip (Laurie) and Dave (Lisa) Kells; She will be missed by her nieces and nephews Jonathan, Angelica and Nicole Vande-Kerkhoff; She was a court reporter for nearly 40 years; Visitation Tuesday January 30th from 4-8pm at **Williams-Kampp Funeral Home** 430 e. Roosevelt Rd. Wheaton IL. Funeral service will be Wednesday at 10 am at **Williams-Kampp Funeral Home**. Interment Assumption Cemetery.

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Baker, Janet Marie

Janet Marie Baker, age 66, passed in her home early Thursday morning, January 25, 2018. She was born April 12, 1951 to the late Mary and late Vito Fusco. She is survived by her husband of more than 30 years, Michael Baker (retired Chicago Police Detective); her daughters Michelle Nugent, Suzy Nugent-Shepard, Mary Blake and her husband Kevin Blake; her grandchildren Isabella, Sophia, Elliot, Oliver; and her brother Michael Fusco and his two children, Michael and Hannah; as well as many close cousins, relatives, lifelong friends and her Southwest Airlines family. Family welcomes those touched by Janet or her loved ones to join them Monday, January 29, 2018 at 10:30 AM at Most Holy Redeemer, 3650 W. 96th Street, Evergreen Park, IL 60805, to celebrate and honor her life.

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Barry, Stephen A.

Stephen A. Barry, devoted husband of Ellen Biebel Barry; loving father of Jennifer (Rick) Miller, Trish Barry Rizzio, Liz (Mike) Barry Chang and Steve (Michelle) Barry and step-father of the late Timothy Guth; adoring grandfather of Christopher Saldivar, Austin and Dylan Miller, Autumn Jordan and Hannah Rizzio, Olivia, Leah and Kam Chang, Harper and Jackson Barry and great granddaughter Ellie Saldivar. Steve touched the lives of so many with his upbeat view of life, his vast talents and his love of friends and family. He will be deeply missed. A memorial service will be held in Steve's honor on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 10 am at the Fourth Presbyterian Church 126 E. Chestnut Chicago followed by a Celebration of Steve at 11:30 am at the East Bank Club 500 N. Kingsbury Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations in Steve's name can be made to the American Lung Association 55 W. Wacker Dr. Ste. 800 Chicago, IL 60601.

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Bielski, Pauline

Bielski, Pauline Pauline passed away peacefully December 15, 2017 on her terms having faced her final battle enconced in her lovely Lakeview Avenue condo artfully hand making her final set of Christmas cards for her legion of lifelong friends near and far. Pauline, the first daughter of Polish immigrants, and just a high school graduate achieved almost un-

heard of success over 50 years ago as the Executive Art Director for Chicago's Arthur Wilk Advertising, and then Senior VP of NY based Young & Rubicam. Pauline's artistic talents were especially appreciated by Colgate Palmolive, one of her biggest Wilk accounts. In retirement and before, Pauline loved to travel, regularly attended the theater and opera, and enjoyed all that embodied the art of this world. Pauline was a longtime volunteer at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and The Art Institute of Chicago, where she added many colleagues to her long list of friends. Pauline is survived by her loving sister Helen Fauber, and her devoted friends, in addition to her condo building 'family' and those at NWMH. In lieu of a traditional funeral, Pauline requested that her sister and friends gather at her condo for her last cocktail party to celebrate life. If you have read this far, in Pauline fashion you too should have a party and celebrate the life you are living. In keeping with Pauline's request, any memorials should be made to the charity of your choice. Interment was private. Arrangements by Olson Burke/Sullivan Funeral and Cremation Center 773-774-3333.

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Bond, William Joseph

William Joseph Bond, 86, of Chicago, U.S. Marine Corp veteran, Korea. Beloved husband of the late Sarah Dolores, nee O'Toole; Loving father of William (Joan), Nancy, James (Olga), Mary Carol (Abby), Linda (Jackie); Loving Grandfather to Lisa (Michael Philpott), Michael, Sarah and Brendan Bond, step-grandfather to Zen and Drew, and proud great-grandfather to Audrey Jo. Son of the late William J. and Marion (Lyon) Bond; Dear brother of the late Kay and cherished nephew of the late Sr. Superior Irma Therese Lyon, S.P. Visitation Tuesday 8:00 a.m. until time of prayers, 9:00 a.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge, to St. Cajetan Church, 112th St. & Artesian Ave., Chicago, IL 60655; Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m.; Interment private at Sts Peter and Paul Cemetery, Institute, WI. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Mission Advancement, 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary of the Woods, IN., 47876; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Brennan, Jean T.

Jean T. Brennan-devoted daughter of the late Jane (nee McGlynn) and Thomas Brennan; loving sister of Jack (Sally) and the late Katherine (Stephen) Grace, the late Thomas (the late Patricia) the late Edward (the late Anita), the late Evelyn (the late Michael) Fitzgerald and the late Mary Brennan; cherished aunt of many nieces and nephews; dearest cousin of many and first cousin to Peggy and the late Thomas J. Cooney; dear friend of many. Long time member of the Francis O'Neil Club. Long time member and past president of the Ted Knusman Am Vet Auxillary Post 13. Employed for 33 years at GTE Sylvania Electric Co. In lieu of flowers donations to Misericordia in the name of Michael Brennan, patient # 1504 would be appreciated. Visitation will take place at St. Vincent Ferrer Church on Monday, lying in state from 9 a.m. to time of mass at 10 a.m. Interment private. Arrangements by **Cooney Funeral Home** 847-685-1002 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Brown, Raymond J.

Raymond J. Brown. Age 53. Loving son of Roy J. and the late Mary, nee Mast. Cherished brother of James (Rose), Michael (the late Caryn), Jean (Harold) Gierman, Thomas (Michele), Joseph, Mary (Raymond) Calvey and the late Anne Brown. Dear uncle of 26 and grand-uncle of 10. Visitation Monday, January 29, 3-9 p.m., at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Funeral Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. from funeral home, to St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 10 a.m. Private entombment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org, www.ryan-parke.com.

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Byrnes, Lillian

Lillian Byrnes, age 98, of Oak Park dear sister of the late Matt (Barbara) Krkac; loving aunt of Janet (Ron) Cody, Laura (Ron) Anderson, Nancy (Paul) Kost and the late Sharon (John) Petrocilli. Caring godmother of Lori Ledebach. Visitation Tuesday January 30, 10 a.m. until time of Mass 11 a.m. at St. Edmund Church, 188 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to: St. Edmund Church are appreciated. Funeral info: drechslerbrownwilliams.com or 708-383-3191.

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Cason, Maidel

Maidel Cason was a feminist, a librarian, a teacher, a missionary, a fierce seeker of justice who put on no airs and lived her values. She loved to learn and to teach, but mostly she loved to help others. She passed away on January 8 after a long journey with Alzheimer's.

Maidel was born in Houston. After graduating from Rice Institute in two years with a degree in biology, she and her husband became missionaries teaching at Cuttington College in Liberia in 1952. While living in Liberia, Maidel had five children.

Maidel later took a Post Graduate Diploma in Librarianship and an MA in African Bibliography at University College, London. When the family returned to the U.S. in 1971, Maidel worked in the library in Naperville and then joined the transportation and then African Studies library at Northwestern.

In 1986 she took a position at the University of Delaware Library, where she continued to experiment and learn about library services and management. She retired from Delaware in 1995 and returned to Evanston where she taught at the Library School at Dominican University and taught some of the first "distance-learning" courses.

She rejoined the Methodist Church and the Sisters and Brothers community (SisBros) that had been a key part of her life since the 1970s.

Throughout her life, Maidel worked hard for racial and economic justice. She greatly admired Eleanor Roosevelt and was a passionate supporter of Planned Parenthood. Maidel was also active with the Democratic Party and registered voters for the League of Women's Voters. After she retired from Dominican, she joined the board of the Evanston Library.

She moved to Three Crowns in 2008. She is survived by her brother Norman and sister Lida as well as four children: Jim (Lora) Cason of Washington, DC, John (Mary Sue) Cason of Schaumburg, IL, Alice (George) Sharrett of Olympia, WA and Ann (Mark) Cason-Snow of Cambridge, MA. She also has 7 grandchildren: Emily (Luke), Grace, Claire, Ella, Milo, Henry, and Lillian.

A celebration of her life will be held at the United Church of Rogers Park on Saturday, March 3 at 2pm followed by a reception. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the United Church's Community Feast. Remembrances of Maidel can also be posted at <https://maidelcason.wordpress.com/>

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Chakos, Joanne

Joanne Chakos. Beloved daughter of the late Thomas and Esther, nee Nicktopoulos; dear sister of the late Steve. All are asked to meet on Monday, January 29, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. until time of service at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Rd., Westchester. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Chris J. Balodimas Funeral Director. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L

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Cokinis, Blake A

Age 53. Beloved father of Tabitha and Sebastian. Loving step father of Samantha (Jerome) Coleman and Tristan (Heather) Mitchell. Loved son of Gilbert and the late Linda. Dearest brother of Bret (Brenda), Nicole and Derek (Debbie) Cross. Many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Visitation Saturday at 2 P.M. until time of service at 7 P.M. at the **Brust Funeral Home** 415 N Gary Ave. Carol Stream, IL 60188. Donations to gift of hope appreciated. 630-510-0044

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Connors, Thomas G.

Thomas G. Connors, age 33, loving fiance' of Lydia Moiras, Beloved son of the late Timothy P. and Helen nee Hayes Connors. Dear brother of Kathleen and Michael Connors and the late Claire (Walter) Neuberger. Dear uncle of Grant and Josie Connors. Dear friend of many. Visitation, Monday, Jan. 29 from 4 to 8 pm at the **John E. Maloney Funeral Home**, 1359 W. Devon Avenue. The family and friends will meet for funeral Mass on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 11:00 am at St. Hilary Church (California and Bryn Mawr) Chicago, interment Private at All Saints Cemetery. Flowers accepted or donations to Leaning Tower YMCA 6300 W. Touhy Ave., Niles, IL 60714 appreciated. Funeral info: 773-764-1617.

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Davison, Beverly A.

Loving wife of the late Edward. Funeral Service Tuesday, January 30, 2018 from 10am to 12pm at **Mount Auburn Funeral Home** 4101 S. Oak Park Ave, Stickney, IL 60402 (708) 749-2033.

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Dawson, Valerie Helen

Valerie Helen Dawson nee Povechiv of Schaumburg formerly of Arlington Heights, beloved wife of the late Francis "Frank" Dawson; loving mother of Steven (Patricia) Dawson, Susan Dawson-Tibbits, Jean Dawson, Janet (Chris) Baumann, Teresa Dawson, Patricia Dawson and the late John Dawson; dear grandmother of 6 and great-grandmother of 9;

fond sister of Delores (Late Lloyd) Daily, Dorothy (Anthony) Serio and the late Paul (late Marion) and Richard (late Dottie) Povechiv. Also survived by cousin Jim Brotts and sister-in law Loretta Connelly; and many nieces & nephews. Valerie will be sorely missed by her many friends including those at Friendship Village in Schaumburg. Visitation 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm, Monday at the Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Hts. Rd. (4 blocks south of Palatine Rd.) Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Prayers Tuesday 9 am from funeral home proceeding to St. Hubert Church 729 Grand Canyon St, Hoffman Estates, IL 60194 for 10 am Funeral Mass. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, BrightFocus Foundation or Visitation Catholic School Chicago. Funeral Information and condolences www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Divis, Agnes

Agnes Divis, nee Goulet, of Hillside, age 82. Beloved wife of the late Raymond Divis and Sam Pomaro; loving daughter of the late Edmond & Julia; dear sister of Cordelia Weber, the late Lillian Felkner and the late Rose Schoenhoff; proud aunt of many. Dedicated parishoner of St. Domitilla Church. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and neighbors. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Monday, January 29, 2018 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Domitilla Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L

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Garms, Shirley M.

Shirley M. Garms, nee Rudolph, 94, of Island Lake, IL. Beloved wife of the late Melvin Garms. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents, George and Grace Rudolph, her brothers George H. Rudolph and Billy Rudolph. Visitation Thursday, 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd. (at Northwest Highway) Mt. Prospect. Funeral Service Friday, 11:00 A.M. at the Funeral Home. Interment Ridgewood Memorial Park. Funeral information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Geier, Goldie

Goldie Geier, nee Glickstein, 94, beloved wife of late Bernard Geier. Loved by her family. Daughters Sharon (Art) Freedman & Debby Geier Brodie. Grandchildren Joshua Small, Tammy Bird, Jonathan (Megan) Freedman & Lisa (Josh) Bultz. Sister-in-law Elaine (Jerry) Baker. Gigi's great-grandchildren Isabella, Mackenzie, Ryder, Brady, Jacob, Jordyn & Noah. Sister to late siblings Morris (Ethe) Glickstein, Sidney (Esther) Glickstein & Sammy (Ida Mae) Glickstein. Born in Chicago, lived in Miami & in the end, Tucson. Graveside service Lakeside Memorial Park, Miami, FL. Thurs., Feb.1, 11:30am. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory to Peppi's House TMC Hospice, Tucson, AZ.

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Gnuechtel, John Herman

John Herman Gnuechtel passed away on Saturday, January 20, 2018, in Centennial City, CO. He was 40 years old.

John was born on March 19, 1977 in Chicago, IL. to Donna and Herman Charles Gnuechtel. He was the first child of five, and he grew up in Mount Prospect and Arlington Heights, IL. John attended Fairview Grammar School, St. Emily's Grammar School, Our Lady of the Wayside Grammar and Middle Schools, Rolling Meadows High School, Eastern Illinois University, and graduated from Full Sail University. His specialty was in digital media entertainment. After Full Sail University, John worked in the video game industry. He worked for Transcontinental Media, EA Tiburon, and Volition, which took him to Orlando, FL; New York City; and Champaign, IL. respectively. His work and the work of teams he led was featured in video games like EA Madden and Saints Row.

John's passions were music, weather, photography, cars, and grilling. His natural, musical talent led him to be a top performer in piano and trombone throughout high school and college. After school, he continued to play and joined the band Bughead, The Slowly Rubbings, and Bring Back Joel. Bughead's work was featured in video games and in network television shows. John also chased storms every May for over a decade. He enjoyed sharing his storm chasing adventures and weather knowledge on his blog and with his photography. John photographed thousands of incredible weather phenomenon, animals, and landscapes. He also used his photography skills to capture his passion for automobiles, motorcycles, and airplanes. John participated in autocross in Illinois where he got to enjoy competitive racing and spending time with other car enthusiasts. His love of grilling developed later in life. He enjoyed experimenting on the grill with all types of meats and then sharing his creations with friends and family.

John met his wife, Marissa N. Gnuechtel-Torrison, while working at Volition. They married on January 7, 2017. John became a stepfather to Riley and Avery Torrison. His compassion and humor fostered a loving and caring family. He loved to cook and provide for the family he had always wanted. John is survived by his wife, Marissa; their daughters, Riley and Avery; his parents, Donna and Herman Gnuechtel; his sisters, Julie Ballard (James), Theresa Robles (Fred), Anne Gnuechtel-Verdoorn (Chris); and brother, Michael Gnuechtel (Caroline). There will be a memorial remembrance service on Sunday, January 28, 2018, at The Stonegate Conference and Banquet Centre, 2401 West Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 (at Barrington Road I-90 interchange) from 1-5pm.

On Monday, January 29, 2018, a church service at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 297 E. Jefferson Street, Hampshire, IL 60140, starting at 10:30am. A private interment will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to Riley and Avery's future and education at www.you-caring.com/rileyandaverytorrison-1079204 The Fredrick Funeral Home in Hampshire is assisting the family. Info (847)683-2711,

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Goetz, Geoffrey Justin

Geoffrey Justin Goetz, age 52, died suddenly on January 24, 2018 in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. He is survived by his son, Justin Carl Goetz and daughter, Mackenzie Patricia Goetz; his father, Carl L. Goetz; his mother, Elissa Hayes; step-mother, Marilyn Goetz; step-brother, Ryon Hennessy; step-sisters, Carrie Pedote and Shannon Ebner; as well as 16 nieces and nephews and many beloved cousins. Geoffrey was born on March 30, 1965 in LaGrange, Illinois and was a longtime resident of Glen Ellyn, Illinois. A private gathering will be held to honor his life. Arrangements by **Ahgrim Funeral Home**. Info 630-834-3515 or www.ahgrim.com.



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Gordon, Helen Larkin

Helen Larkin Gordon, 64, of Prospect Heights, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on January 23, 2018. Devoted wife of Richard Gordon for 28 years; loving mother of Katie (Tim) Grafrath and Lauren (Pat) Mulkerrin; cherished daughter of Richard (Mary) Larkin and the late Stephanie Larkin; proud "Mimi" of Connor and Nina Grafrath and Patrick Mulkerrin; dear sister of Christopher S. Larkin, Susan H. Larkin and her twin brother, the late Richard W. Larkin, Jr. Helen was the beloved aunt and cousin to many, and was also an important part of the Gordon Family. Visitation will be held Sunday, January 28 from 4 to 7 pm at her daughter, Katie's residence (For additional information please contact the funeral home 847-998-1020). Visitation will also be held Monday, January 29, 2018 from 9:15 am until time of the mass 10 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St., (at Church St.) Glenview. Memorials may be made to National Centre for Padre Pio, PO Box 206, Barto, PA 19504 (www.padrepio.org). Funeral information 847-998-1020.



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Grimes, Ann

Ann Grimes, nee Berman, 102, passed away on January 17, 2018. Ann grew up in Evansville, IN, moved to Chicago after college, and lived in Oak Park before settling in River Forest. Her husband Roland's death preceded hers by many years. Ann worked in advertising until her retirement. Before and after her retirement, she touched and inspired many

who joined her in the pursuit of her interests in the arts and in nature. She was an active volunteer for the Women's Advertising Club of Chicago, the League of Women Voters, the Poetry Reading Group at the Oak Park Library, the Lyric Opera, the Morton Arboretum, and the Field Museum (where she led a tour on "the sex lives of plants"). Her interests took her touring to many places in North America and to Europe, South America, and Africa.

Ann is survived by her nieces, nephews, and their children and grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to any of the organizations listed above, or the Chicago Symphony, or Nature Conservancy. A celebration of Ann's life will be planned for the spring. For information 630-820-2828.



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Haddix, Kenneth Lance

Haddix, Kenneth Lance age 78, of Marina del Rey, California, born in Breathitt County, Kentucky, died January 13, 2018 in Syracuse, New York. He was the beloved, husband of Madelynn S. Haddix, Ph.D. (nee Schlutz). Lance was the loving father of Buck Nathan Haddix, Esq., of Marina del Rey, California, and Chase Haddix (Toni) of Raleigh, North Carolina, and dear grandfather of Sarah Barnes Haddix and Elizabeth Barnes Haddix. He was the devoted son of William Hobart Haddix (deceased) and Edna Mae (nee Moore) Haddix (deceased). Lance was the beloved son-in-law of Norman Schlutz (deceased) and Rella E. Schlutz (deceased), as well as a dear brother-in-law, uncle, cousin, and nephew. He was a cherished friend to many.

Lance attended Walnut Hills High School, Cincinnati, Ohio (1953-1956). As a high school student, he earned top prize in both piano and clarinet state-wide, juried performances. He participated as a clarinetist in the school marching band. Lance graduated from Flint Central High School, Flint, Michigan (1957). He served the band and orchestra as concert master and first chair clarinet. Lance was awarded the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, woodwind scholarship. He was accomplished as both a classical and jazz musician, in piano performance and on all reed instruments. Lance was the historically youngest to be elected to the American Academy of Poets. He attended the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (1957-1961), having received a full academic scholarship. Lance was Editor-in-Chief and staff writer for the Chicago Maroon, and served as President of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree, English (University of Chicago, 1961). Lance attended Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, Michigan (1961-1964). He was a University of Michigan Ford Foundation Fellow. As such, Lance was granted an internship with State Senate Majority Leader, Sen. Stanley G. Thayer, R-Michigan (1963-1964). He received an LLB (1964) from Wayne State University Law School and the JD (1968).

Lance served as Head Council and Trust Officer of Gary Wheaton Bank, Wheaton, Illinois (1965-1968). He was Attorney for the Real Estate Department and Secretary of the Loan Committee, American National Bank, Chicago, Illinois (1968-1970). Lance was appointed State Director of Mutuels (Illinois Racing Board), during the administration of Governor Dan Walker, D-Illinois (1973-1977). He served on the Board of Directors of the Illinois ACLU (1976-1981). He twice appeared as attorney of record for oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court, both cases won 9-0 (1979 and 2001). He was in private practice in both Chicago, Illinois and Los Angeles, California. In more recent years, Lance specialized in consultancy for business organizations, with regard to financial transactions.

A private service was attended by the immediate family of Kenneth Lance Haddix. A final blessing was given by the Reverend Charles Bratt, retired as Pastor of the Free Methodist Church, Syracuse, New York. The family will celebrate Lance's life at a private gathering to be held February 11, 2018, in Santa Monica, California.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Kenneth Lance Haddix to the Los Angeles Opera, 135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, California 90012 (213-972-7277; <https://www.laopera.org/>) or to a foundation or charity of your choice.

Online condolences can be expressed at CarterFuneralHome.com.

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Halverson, Isabel Ruth

Isabel Ruth Halverson, 89, of Palos Hills, a retired wildlife artist, died Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at Palos Hospital, Palos Heights, IL. She was born December 29, 1928 at Evangelical Deaconess Hospital, Chicago, to Alfred Thomas Macfarlane and Isabel Guyton. Isabel's father was a southwest side accountant and her mother was very active in Christian evangelism.

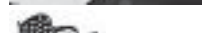
Mrs. Halverson grew up on Chicago's south side and graduated from Calumet High School, where she met two classmates whom she would later marry. She first married Robert Arthur in 1948. They lived in Chicago where they had three children: Wayne, Robyn and Robert. After they divorced, she married Eugene (Gene) John Halverson in 1957 and shortly thereafter they moved to Palos Hills. Mrs. Halverson and her husband had one child, Eugene John Halverson, Jr. She and her husband were heavily involved in the newly incorporated City of Palos Hills during its early years. They both were active members of the Palos Hills Civic Association and the Palos Hills Horseman's Association. She later served as a Palos Township School trustee and for decades served the Palos Township Republican Organization as precinct captain and election judge. Her husband owned Halverson Brothers Plumbing Company and he served the City of Palos Hills as a plumbing inspector for fifty years and died in 2014. Mrs. Halverson was a well-known Chicago area wildlife artist who participated in Sub-urban and Chicago art shows at venues as diverse as The Little Red School House in the Palos Forest Preserves and the Gold Coast Art Show in Chicago. She was a member of the Palos Fine Arts Association, LaGrange Art League and the Town and Coun-try Art League. Mrs. Halverson and her husband sang in area church choirs and were volunteer sing-ers in the traveling Benny Hinn Gospel Choir. In 1980, she and her husband pur-chased a cabin near Norway, Michigan. There, they spent many long weekends snowmobiling, skiing and enjoying the wildlife and woodlands. In their later years, she and her husband traveled to Australia, New Zealand, Alaska, Italy and Israel. Mrs. Halverson is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Eugene, her son, Eugene John Halverson and her brother, Robert William Macfarlane. She is survived by three children: Wayne (Denise) Arthur, Robyn Ronczkowski nee Arthur, Robert (An-nie) Arthur, eleven grandchildren, eight great-grand-children and one great-great-grandchild. Visitation Sunday, January 28, 2018, from 4 - 8 P.M at Lack & Sons Funeral Home, 9236 S. Roberts Rd. (8000 W.) Hickory Hills. Funeral Service Monday at 10:00 A.M at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, 11900 S. Kedzie, Chicago. For additional information please call 708-430-5700.



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Hoag Sr., Perry William

Perry William Hoag, Sr., born August 23, 1923, and died January 18, 2018. He was a WWII Veteran and a Bronze Star recipient for heroism. He was employed by Commonwealth Edison for 48 years. He was happily married for 69 years to his now deceased wife, Anne Hoag nee Sullivan. He is survived by his 6 children: Kathy MacKay, Margaret Hoag, Mary Jo Hoag, Jeanne Hoag, Emily Hoag, and Perry (Karen) Hoag, Jr.; 10 grandchildren: Gideon MacKay, Patrick MacKay, Clara Hoag, Tom Hoag, Margaret Cahill, Anna Hoag, Theresa Hill, Monica Hill, Katelyn Hoag, and Perry Hoag III; and 4 great grandchildren: Grace MacKay, Leila MacKay, Gabriella MacKay, and James MacKay. Memorial Mass will be held at Infant Jesus of Prague Church in Flossmoor, Illinois on February 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations can be made to South Suburban Senior Services of Catholic Charities, 15300 South Lexington, Harvey, Illinois, 60426, with acknowledgement of Perry Hoag, Sr. on your generous gift.



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Ives Iwaniukowicz Opychany, Lillian 'Lily of the Valley'

Loving mother of Michael, grandmother of Benjamin, Josie and Ian, GG of Amelie, James and Bravery passed away at the age of 94 on January 4, 2018. To receive more information call 480-854-6830.

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Johnson, Jr., Oury Lee

Oury Lee Johnson, age 86, a longtime resident of the Carillon of Plainfield, IL, and formerly of Chicago and Broadview, IL, passed away on Jan. 24, 2018 at St. Patrick's Residence in Naperville, IL. He was born on Sept. 17, 1931 in Chicago, IL. Oury is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Geraldine; his loving children, Dean (Kristine) Johnson and Beth (Marshall) Munson; his cherished grandchildren, Leif and Tor Munson; his siblings, Carol (the late Gene) Flak, Robert (Norma) Johnson and Roy (Sharon) Johnson; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oury Lee and Gladys Johnson and his brothers, Donald (the late Marilyn) and Richard Johnson and Frank Johnson. Oury grew up in Chicago and was a 1951 graduate of Harrison H.S. He proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was a 29-year employee of Vienna Beef Co., Chicago and retired in 1998. Oury was a member of the Carillon VFW #12059 and a longtime member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Chicago. He enjoyed spending time with his family, photography, fishing and acting in plays at Carillon. For those who would like to leave a lasting tribute to Oury's life, memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 3650 S. Honoré St., Chicago, IL 60609. Visitation Monday, Jan. 29, 4:00-8:00 PM at the Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Corner of Routes 30 & 59, Plainfield. Funeral Services Tuesday, Jan. 30, 10:30 AM, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 525 63rd St., Downers Grove, IL 60516, with visitation one hour prior at the church. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. For info call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com



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Kang, Robert Hyun-Man

Robert Hyun-Man Kang, known to the Japanese American community as Aoyama Hideo, passed away on January 24, 2018 at the age of 66. Robert was the co-founder of Dee's Restaurant, a Lincoln Park favorite that has been treasured by the Chicagoland community for 35 years. He will be lovingly remembered by his former wife and caretaker, Dee, and three children, Mari (Jonas), Eddie, and Mia, as well as his two grandchildren, Leah and Natalie.

A wake will be held in his memory at **Colonial Funeral Homes** at 8025 W. Golf Rd, Niles, IL 60714 on January 29, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm with a service at 8:00 pm. A funeral service will be held at **Colonial Funeral Homes** at 10:00 am on January 30, 2018. Interment will follow in the family plot at Memorial Park Cemetery at 9900 Gross Point Rd, Skokie, IL 60076.

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Kaplan, Laurence Selwyn

Laurence Selwyn Kaplan, born November 5, 1932, passed away on January 24, 2018. "Laurie" is survived by his children Joe (Cindy) and Wendy (Steve Haack), and his six grandchildren, Ben, Danny, Jacqueline, and Emily Kaplan, and Henry and Chloe Haack. Fond brother of Alan N. (Charlotte) Kaplan and the late Maxine S. Kaplan. He was the son of the late Harvey and Ruth (nee Goodman) Kaplan of Chicago, and grew up in Hyde Park. Laurie graduated with a mathematics degree from Purdue University and went to work for his family's business, M.S. Kaplan Co., a prominent scrap metal firm in Chicago. He became president in 1965 after his father's death, and remained in that position until the company was sold in the late 1990's. He was a patron of the arts, an aficionado of old movies, and traveled extensively in his younger years. He also loved to watch nighttime soap operas. His favorite was "Knot's Landing." Those who knew him best would describe Laurie as authentic and unconventional—a very memorable character indeed. Funeral services will be held Monday, January 29th at 1:30 PM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette, IL 60091. Burial will be directly after, at Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Gross Point Rd, Skokie, IL 60076. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to University of Michigan Depression Center, 4250 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48109 or handavis@umch.edu. Funeral information: 847-256-5700.



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Kill, Michael J.

Michael J. Kill, 76, US Army Veteran, Ret. CPD, beloved husband of Margaret A., nee True; devoted father of Mathias J. (Daniel) Kill, John M. Kill, and Michael D. (Corrin) Kill; dearest son of the late Mathias and Theresa (nee Sterzinger); loving brother of James, Susan (Phillip) Cunningham, Mary Therese (Edward) Lanuti, and Karen (Scott) Raske; also survived by many loving grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday, 10:00 AM at St. John Cantius Church, 825 N. Carpenter St., Chicago. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Visitation Monday and Tuesday 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials, in Michael's name, to the Wounded Warriors Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org) will be appreciated. Info. 708-636-1193 or www.blakelamboaklawn.com.



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Kilroy, Howard J.

Howard J. Kilroy, C.P.D. 1957- 2000, 86, of Edison Park. U.S. Air Force Veteran of Korean War from 1951-1955. Beloved husband of the late Mary Catherine Kilroy, nee Reines. Loving Daddy O of Toni S. Kilroy, retired CPD /OEMC 911 Dispatch. Howard will also be missed by his cherished companion "Schatzie Gretchen" his faithful pet/nurse. Visitation Monday, January 29, 2018, at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, IL from 4-9 PM. Funeral Tuesday, 9:15 AM prayers at funeral home to St. John Brebeuf Church, Niles, IL. Mass 10:00 AM. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst, IL. In lieu of flowers memorials to the American Cancer Society appreciated. For further information 877-631-1240 or www.suerth.com



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Krumsee, Russell P.

Russell P. Krumsee, age 89, US Army Veteran of Korean War. Beloved husband of Livia A., nee Bertolini, for 63 years. Loving father of Angela (Tom) Kwasinski, Michael (Diane) Krumsee, Christine (Michael) Scholl and John (Daryl) Krumsee; loving Papa of 8; Great-Papa of 3. Russell worked 28 years for the Chicago Tribune and 25 years for the Passionist Fathers. Visitation Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 3-8 pm at **Matz Funeral Home**, 410 E. Rand Rd., Mt. Prospect and also Monday 10 am until time of Funeral Mass 11 am at St. Alphonsus Church, 411 N. Wheeling Rd., Prospect Heights. Entombment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Russell's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908 appreciated. For info: (847) 394-2336

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Ladner, Mary Helen 'Babe'

Mary Helen Ladner (Michiels), a Chicago Native, passed away Monday, January 22, at the age of 92. She is survived by her husband of 73 years, the love of her life, Richard (Dick) Ladner, her children: Phillip (Mary Maes), Mark (Diane Di Girolamo), Madeleine (Steve) Garner, Barbara (Jim) Hoefft, Marie (Darryl) Syzdek, Paul (Sheri), and Karen (Ronald) Russ, 23 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, her sisters, Patricia Pavlik and Joan Hawkins, and her brother Joseph. She was preceded in death by her son Carl, her parents Pauline and Albert Michiels and her brother Thomas.

Known by friends as Babe, she completed her college degree in Education at Northeastern University and taught in a special education classroom for 14 years in the Schiller Park School District.

In retirement she split her time between Chicago and Ft Meyers, FL. She loved to walk the beach on Sanibel Island collecting shells and fishing in J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Family was very important to her and relished every opportunity to spend time with all her grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at St. Monica Church 5136 N Nottingham Ave, Chicago, IL 60656 on Saturday February 3rd at 9:30 am. Brunch to follow at Cucina Blagio 7319 Lawrence Avenue, Harwood Heights. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. <https://dingdarlingsociety.org/donation>
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Lampe, Michael S.

Proud U.S. Coast Guard Veteran of the Vietnam War Era. Beloved husband of Donna Lampe. Loving father of Bruce (Julie) Lampe. Adoring grandfather of Joshua (Kristina), Alexander & Abigail. Cherished great grandfather of Averie Mae. Devoted step-son of Ruth Lampe. Dear brother of Steven (Theresa), Christine (Jeremy) & Mark (Erin). Fond brother-in-law of Jean & Judy (Bill). Kind uncle of many nieces & nephews. Cherished friend of many. Visitation Monday, January 29th from 3:00 p.m. until time of chapel service 6:30 p.m. Family & Friends will gather Tuesday, January 30th, 11:00 a.m. at the **Kerry Funeral Home & Cremation Care Center**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights to proceed to Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery for Military Honors and Committal Prayers. In lieu of flowers, contributions to The Salvation Army, 615 Slaters Lane, Alexandria, Virginia 22313 would be appreciated. www.kerryfh.com ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral



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Landeck, Kathleen H.

Kathleen H. Landeck, passed away peacefully at her home January 24, 2018, surrounded by her loving family, her little dog Shane, and her best friend Susan. Beloved wife of the late Robert Charles Landeck. Loving mother of Sharon Kucia, Christina (Joseph) Flannigan, Robert (Mary) Landeck, Mary Lou (Jack) Viadero, Thomas Landeck, the late Kathleen (Robert) Storing. Fond grandmother of 14 grandchildren. Great grandmother to 20 great grandchildren. Great-great grandmother to one in the oven. Dear sister of Anne Ferguson, the late Frank McGuire, the late Josephine McGuire (Sister Mary of the Rosary). Fond aunt to many. She will be greatly missed by everyone and remembered as a prayer warrior, and for her kindness and wonderful sense of humor. Visitation will be Monday, January 29, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W Lawrence Ave, Norridge. Funeral will begin on Tuesday at the funeral home then proceed to St. Eugene Catholic Church, Chicago, for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Entombment All Saints Cemetery. info: 708-456-8300



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Lauer, Margaret 'Meg'

Margaret 'Meg' Lauer, age not enough, died on January 24th, 2018 after a long illness. Margaret was born to Bill and Harriet Kelly, the youngest of five. Peggy grew up in Michigan City, IN at Duneland Beach's Stop 35 on her beloved Lake Michigan. She moved to Chicago to attend Loyola, where she changed her name to Meg, and where her grandfather helped introduced her to the love of her life, Mark Lauer, whom she married in 1982. Meg and Mark had an incredible life together full of love and adventure-moving all over the country, raising their two daughters Erin and Maureen in Chicago, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Seattle, Omaha and Dobbs Ferry, NY before moving home to Chicago. She was blessed to make life-long friends in each place.

Meg was non stop. In her 59 years, she earned a BA and MBA from Loyola Chicago, worked in the insurance sector, and made the world a better place, volunteering with organizations like the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival, Washington Irving's Sunnyside, the Hudson River Museum, After School Matters, the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and the Dobbs Ferry PTSA, in addition to being elected twice to the Dobbs Ferry Board of Education. She worked as an election inspector in New York, and did we mention she was on Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?

Even with all of that, her greatest joy was being a mom. She raised two amazing daughters, Erin and Maureen, that she bragged about to everyone. Meg raised them to share in her passions: volunteering, Chicago Cubs baseball, reading by the pool, traveling the world, improving the education system, and when they were old enough, great drinks. Erin and Maureen couldn't have asked for a better mom.

Those that had the joy to know her miss her dearly. She is survived by her beloved family: Mark, Erin, and Maureen (Tom Chase). In addition, her brother Bill Kelly (Mary Gross) and sisters Kathy Kelly and Ilene Kelly (Randy Wendt) survive her; she was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Mary. She is also remembered fondly by her many brothers and sisters in law, nieces, nephews and friends the world over.

Help us to commemorate Meg's life by giving to two causes close to her heart: the Anthony Rizzo Family Foundation, <http://rizzo44.com/donate/>, and the Dobbs Ferry Food Pantry at South Presbyterian Church, <https://dobbsferrypantry.org/donations/>.

Visitation held Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Old St. Patrick's Church, 700 West Adams, Chicago, IL 60661. Memorial Mass Thursday, February 1st at 10:00 a.m. A Memorial Service & Reception will also follow in Dobbs Ferry, New York in February. Information: **ELEMENTS, the cremation company**, 855-550-5151, www.elementscremation.com.
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Lazzeroni, Robert G

Robert G. Lazzeroni, age 91, at rest January 24, 2018. Proud U.S. Army Veteran in WW II. Beloved husband of the late Lillian (nee Sedar); loving father of Denise (Mike) Kavanaugh and the late Robert M. (devoted grandfather of Misty (Tom) Cunningham, Kendal and Quinn Kavanaugh and Jerry Lazzeroni; dear great grandfather of Trinity; fond uncle of Linda and Barbara Jean. Family and friends are asked to meet Monday January 29 at 10 A.M. at St. Mary of Gostyn Church, Downers Grove. Visitation Monday at the Church from 9 A.M. till time of Mass. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum, Desplaines. Arrangements entrusted to **Anthony P. Cappetta & Son, Directors**. Info 630-707-0130 or www.westsuburbanfh.com
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Leahy, Marlene M 'Ollie'

Marlene M. Leahy (nee Bartling); age 81; Beloved wife of the late Thomas J. Leahy; loving mother of Darrell (Therese) Gray, Debra (Robert) Welsh, Tammy (Wayne) Leahy-Stronk and Michelle (James) Williams; devoted grandmother of Darrell Jr., Patricia, Julie, Jake, Thomas and Marnie; cherished great grandmother to 10; beloved sister of the late

Marvin Bartling. Memorial service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6850 W 159th St, Tinley Park, IL 60477 on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 10:00 AM. A Celebration of life will take place at Viking Lodge, 6730 175th St, Tinley Park, IL 60477 following the Memorial service at 11:00 AM.
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Liss CSFN, S. Mary Luke

Mary Ann, was called home to God on January 11, 2018 at the age 70
Member of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for the past 52 years.

Beloved daughter of the late Vincent and Clara Liss, (nee Rozmiarok) Dearest sister of Vincent Jr. (late Chieko) Liss, late Conrad (Karen) Liss, and Joanne (late Edward) Kengott. Many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews. Services were held on January 15, 2018 at the Provincialate 310 N. River Road, Des Plaines IL. Sr. Mary Luke, was interred at All Saints Cemetery on January 16, 2018. Memorials to the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth 310 N. River Rd. Des Plaines IL 60016, appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Cruz-Sojka Funeral Home. (312) 666-2673 Visit www.cruz-sojkafh.com for electronic register and condolences.
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Lullo, Peter D.

Peter D. Lullo of Hillside, age 69. Beloved husband of the late Joyce, nee Plachta; loving father of Gina (Jerry) Zmorzynski; proud grandfather of Vivian; cherished son of Rose, nee Cambiglio, and the late John Lullo; devoted son-in-law of the late Walter and the late Stella Plachta; caring son of the late Peter (Mary) Vidales; fond brother of Victoria Vidales-Lopez and Ricardo (Patricia) Vidales; uncle and great-uncle of many. Heartfelt gratitude is extended to Peter's many family members and friends for their compassion and support to him during his prolonged illness. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Monday, January 29, 2018 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Tuesday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Infant Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Riverside Funeral Directors - Brian D. Kuratko, Director. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.



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Luzwick, R.N., Rita M.

Rita M. Luzwick, R.N. of Lindenhurst formerly of Mt. Prospect. Beloved wife of the late Edward J. Luzwick, D.D.S.; loving mother of Michael (Aimee) Luzwick, Linda (Gregory) Fauser, Phillip (Donna Jackson) Luzwick and the late June Luzwick; cherished grandmother of Josh (Cheri) Fauser, Corey (Emily) Fauser, Nathan (Allison) Luzwick, Spencer Luzwick, Jordan (Justine) Luzwick, Jesse (Randi) Luzwick and Heather (Andy) Detwiler; dear grandmother of Jack, Charlie, Piper, Easton, Evelyn, John Michael, Elijah, Riley, Ryder, Lewis, Luke, Finley, Millie and Emmy Lou; dear sister of Dorothy (the late Arthur) Gasior; fond aunt of Kathy (the late Edward) Siarkiewicz and many other nieces and nephews; also survived by many friends at Village of Victory Lakes. Visitation Sunday January 28, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Friedrichs Funeral Home, 320 W. Central Rd., (at Northwest Highway) Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Visitation Monday January 29, 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. at St. Raymond Church, Elmhurst Rd., (Rt. 83) & Lincoln St., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com.
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Mahoney, June L.

(nee Olson). Beloved wife of John Mahoney for 58 years. Loving mother of Pamela (Ken) Latka, Patrice Mahoney, James "Stump" (Wes Walker) Mahoney and Karen (Thomas) Zobak. Proud grandmother of 7. Dear sister of Darlene (Rev. David) Holmes and the late Keith (the late Midge) Olson. Dearest aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday January 28th 3-8pm. Funeral Monday 10:00am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home** 5570 W. 95th St. Oak Lawn to St. Linus Church (10300 S. Lawler Oak Lawn) for Mass of the Resurrection at 11:00am. Interment private. In lieu of flowers donations to the C Diff Foundation (6931 Ian Ct #14 New Port Richey FL 34653 or cdiffoundation.org). For further information visit www.thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com or (708) 425-0500.
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Mark, Sr., Herbert A.

Herbert A. Mark Sr., 95, formerly of Northbrook, IL went peacefully to be with the Lord on January 21, 2018. Herbert, beloved husband of the late Lucille A. Mark for 68 years, is survived by daughter Karen (Clete) Fitzgerald, son Herbert Jr. (Lucy), son William (Carol), and son Gregory. A most loving father, grandfather and great grandfather he is also survived by 7 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by wife Lucille Mark, father Emanuel Mark, mother Rosa Hagele Mark and brother Adolph Mark. Service will be held to honor the life of Herbert on Friday, April 6, 2018 at St. Norbert Catholic Church, 1809 Walters Ave, Northbrook, IL 60062. Ph. 847-272-7090. Gathering for family and friends 10:00-11:00 am. Memorial Mass 11:00 am.
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Matz, Kathleen

Kathleen Matz, age 71, of Woodridge. Beloved wife of Richard. Loving mother of Donna (Nick) DePasquale and Shellie Matz. Devoted grandmother of Maggie, John and Joe. Dear sister of Judy, Wayne and the late Sharon. Proud aunt to many nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by her dog Cassie. Visitation 9am Tuesday Jan. 30th until time of funeral service 12noon at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 301 75th St., Downers Grove. Interment Oakridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Dementia Society of America appreciated. Funeral info 630-964-6500
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Mazzeffi, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Mazzeffi (nee Michela) - Born on April 6, 1924 in Chicago, IL. Beloved wife of 50 years to the late Joseph R., Sr.; loving mother of Joseph R., Jr. (James Compton), Lawrence (Charmaine), Kenneth (Patricia), Joan, William (Yvonne); adored grandmother of Carissa (Brian Alvers), Joseph W. (Erin), Thomas (Jennifer), Michael (Darcie), James (Sandra), Kathryn (Deraedt), Cynthia (Joseph Gunsteen), Vincent (Erica), Tiffany (James Shubalis), Matthew (Shiroma), Matthew (Deraedt); great grandmother of Brock (Alvers), Ellie, Mia, Parker (Shubalis), Nathan, Mary Ann, Siena, Brittany (Alvers), Amelia, Nora Galen, Evelyn, Piper (Shubalis); dear sister-in-law of Josephine Jablonski. Visitation Thursday 3-8 p.m. at Cooney Funeral Home 3918 W Irving Park Rd. Funeral Friday 10:00 a.m. to St. Andrew Church for 10:30 a.m. mass. Interment All Saints. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) would be appreciated. Info 773-588-5850 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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McKittrick, Jean M.

nee Reilly, late of Tamarac, FL at peace on October 22, 2017. Beloved wife of the late Kevin. Dear mom of Michael (the late Kim), Lynn, & Scott (Charmaine) McKittrick; proud grandma of Kevin (Christina), Kourtney, & Marcey; great-grandma of Mason; fond sister of Joyce (Sonny) Wheeler & the late Mickey (Alice) Reilly. Kind aunt of many. Retired employee with Sears. Family and friends are asked to gather on Saturday, February 3rd at Incarnation Catholic Church, 5757 W. 127th St., Palos Heights for a Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. Private interment was held at Our Lady, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, North Lauderdale, FL. For info. call **Parkside Chapels & Cremation Services** 773-767-9788.
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Middleton, O'Neal G.

O'Neal G. Middleton, age 85, of Evanston. Loving husband to the late Louise, nee Masters; beloved companion of Joyce Sherrill; dear father of Barbara (Mike) Brown, Lucy Hall, Reba (Brian) Gallagher, and Bobby (Gabby) Middleton; cherished grandfather of Mike, Marshall, Elayna, Zachary, Isabella, and Joshua; fond brother of Rose (the late Elmer) Smith and Paul (Ellen) Hayes; loving son of the late Rebecca (the late Edward) Hayes; dear uncle of George, Michael, and Wendy. Memorial Gathering, Monday, January 29, 2018, from 10 a.m. until time of Memorial Service, 11 a.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Urn Interment, St. Peter's United Church of Christ Cemetery, Skokie. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.



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Millikan, Diane Linda

Diane Linda Millikan, 63, of Elmhurst, IL, died in her sleep at Atria Park of Glen Ellyn on the evening of January 24, 2018, bringing to an end her 15-year struggle with early-onset Alzheimer's Disease. Diane was born on October 14, 1954 in Crystal Lake, IL to Ruth (Powell) Millikan and Allen F. Millikan. The family later relocated to Parkersburg, WV. She graduated from Oberlin College and earned an MBA from Harvard Business School. A successful career in the healthcare industry followed, culminating in 11 years as Chief Financial Officer at Celtic Life Insurance. She married CJ Heckman in 1980, and had two daughters: Heather (b. 1983) and Laurel (b. 1989) Millikan Heckman. In the early 2000s, her declining mental health forced her into early retirement. She found solace in a new friendship and painting. A proud Feminist, Democrat and working mother, she loved, among other things, the theater, the color yellow and children's books. She is survived by her husband CJ, her daughters Heather and Laurel, her granddaughter Josephine and her brother Allen. She has been and will be missed. Diane's brain has been donated to scientific research through the Brain Support Network. Memorials may be made to Oberlin College, the Democratic National Committee and Planned Parenthood. A celebration of life ceremony will be held at a future date; visit dianemillikan.com for details.
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Miyata, Misu

Misu Miyata, nee Kushi, passed away peacefully on January 18, 2018, four days after her 101st birthday. Beloved wife of the late Shigeo Miyata. Dear sister of the late Lily Kushi and the late Tommy (Frances) Kushi. Loving mother of Joy Okayama and Victor (Sandy) Miyata. Devoted grandmother of Brent (Chona) Okayama, Jay (Karen) Okayama, Dawn Okayama, Tait Okayama, Amanda (Billy) Marcus. Also survived by great-grandchildren Brittany (Dustin) Stewart, Clayton Doyle, Brianne, Louis, Robert, Michael, Jason, Andrew, and Ryan Okayama; and Dylan, Ava, Cory, and Henry Marcus; and great-great granddaughter, Charlotte Stewart; many nieces and nephews.

A memorial visitation will be held at the Midwest Buddhist Temple, 435 W Menomonee, Chicago, IL 60614, on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 1:00 pm, followed by a memorial service at 2:00 pm. Interment will take place in Sacramento, CA. Info - **Lakeview Funeral Home**, 773-472-6300 or www.LakeviewFuneralHome.com.



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Moore, Joan

Joan Moore passed away peacefully at Belmont Village Assisted Living Facility in Oak Park, IL on January 26. Beloved wife of the late James V. Moore; loving mother of Denise (Bruce) Hartney, Jane (Richard) Greiff, James F. Moore, Ellen (Tony) Lee and Margaret (Mike) Kolkler; cherished grandmother of 24 and great-grandmother 19; dear sister of Holly DeGreef and Noel (Peggy) Marsh. Visitation Sunday 3 to 7 p.m. at Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Prayers Monday 9:15 a.m. to St. Giles Church for Mass at 10 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Info: drechslerbrownwilliams.com or 708-383-3191
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Munic, Herman 'Mr. Ronny'

Herman Munic aka "Mr. Ronny", Ronny's Steak House, Chicago. The true embodiment of the American dream. Herman Munic immigrated to the United States in 1952 from Europe. A U.S. army veteran, he was proud to serve his country. In 1961 he met the love of his life, Barbara Aronesti, they wed in 1964, and by 1970 they had three children, Staci, Robby, and Kenny. During this journey, he founded one of Chicago's premier landmark restaurants, Ronny's Original Steak House. Over the decades, Ronny's became iconic for its vibrant cast of customers and employees who made Ronny's their second home. Abundant portions and unbelievable prices, Herman always put his customers first and continues to pack 'em in today. Whether you are a politician, business person, police officer, student, or a tourist, Herman treated you like family at Ronny's. A patriarch who started not only an immediate family that was the core of his world, he is survived by his wife Barbara, children Staci Munic, Robert (Ingrid) Munic, Kenny Munic. 6 grandchildren, Jake Munic, Bailee Munic, Charlie Mintz, Claudia Mintz, Ajna Revelle, and Perri Munic. Brother John (Georgann) Munic, Sister and Brother in laws, Stuart and Ida Aronesti, Vivian and Larry Maroff, and enough nephews, and nieces to field four football teams. He was a mentor and a guide to all. A man of valor and high character, generous in spirit and love, and a legend in his own time. Funeral Monday January 29, 2018, 11:30 am. Weinstein and Piser Funeral Home, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 West Montrose Avenue, Norridge, IL 60706. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to HIAS (www.hias.org), Jewish Children's Bureau of Chicago (www.JCBChicago.org), or the American Heart Association, (www.heart.org). For Info 847-256-5700



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Murray, Rosanne 'Roxe'

Peacefully, on 3 January 2018 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, at age 61 after a long illness borne with her characteristic equanimity and humour. Genealogist, musician, sympathetic teacher, project manager extraordinaire, protector of animals and young children, and protective of just about anyone she met. Survived by her heart-broken sister and best friend

Terry Murray (Toronto) and sister Margaret Murray (Kathryn Moon, both of Iowa City). Predeceased by her mother, Magdalene Kalodimos Murray (1991), and father, Jerome T. Murray (2006). A memorial service is being planned in Ottawa for late spring. Memorial donations can be made to OVC Pet Trust (www.pettrust.ca) or Hospice Care Ottawa (www.hospicecareottawa.ca).
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Niehaus, Gary

Gary D. Niehaus, Army Vietnam War Veteran, Retired Police Commissioner of Lockport, Legislative Lobbyist for State of Illinois Police and Fire Commissions, Chairman of Lockport Veterans Commission. Beloved husband of the late Diane Drozd. Loving father of Daniel (Kristen), Tracy (Joseph) Settanni and Tina Niehaus. Grandfather of Alyssa. Cherished son of the late Donald and Linda Niehaus and the late LaVon and Paul Crumbaugh. Son-in-law of Kay and the late Fred Drozd. Dear brother of Judy (Gerard) Pacini. Devoted friend of Janet Almen. Also brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. Funeral Monday 9am from **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen to St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mass 10am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Director of The Orland Youth Association (7 years), Person You Should Know Award (2012) presented by Mayor Dev Trivedi, Volunteer of the Year (2012) presented by Mayor Dev Trivedi, Senior Citizen Award (2012) presented by Congressman Daniel Lipinski, Person You Should Know Award (2014) presented by Mayor Steven Streit, Leader and committee member of many community organizations in the Chicago suburbs of Homer Glen, Lockport, and Orland Park. In lieu of flowers donations to O.Y.A. appreciated. Visitation Sunday 2pm to 8pm. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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Nigro, David A.

David A. Nigro, age 62. CPD. Beloved son of Lois and the late Emil Nigro. Loving brother of Susan (the late Jack) Gelsomino and Nanci (Rick) Rogers. Loving uncle of Kerry Rogers and Brett (Allison) Rogers. Dear cousin to many. Visitation Tuesday, January 30th from 3-8pm at Ridge Funeral Home (6620 W. Archer Ave Corner of Natoma) with a 7pm St. Jude Police Chapel Service. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers donations to The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation www.cpdmemorial.org in David's name would be appreciated. For more info call 773-586-7900 or visit www.ridgefh.com



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chicagotribune.com/deathnotice**O'Malley, Donald P.**

Donald P. O'Malley, age 63. Beloved husband and best friend for 43 years to **Debbie**. Loving father of Paul (Kate) O'Malley, Sarah (Adrian) Galvan and Jill (Marek) Boehning. Proud grandpa of Tom, Emma, Abby, Nathan, Lilybeth, Madyjane and new baby Galvan due in September. Olivia, Connor, Danny and Amelia. Cherished son of **Barbro** and the late Chuck O'Malley. Devoted brother of Robert (Joyce) O'Malley, Michael (Mary) O'Malley and Julia O'Malley. Also loved by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 3-9pm at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home, 16600 S. Oak Park Ave. Tinley Park. Services and interment will be private. (708) 614-9900 or www.bradygill.com

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Eileen Owen, nee Howard. Native of Portlaoise, Ireland. Beloved wife of the late Jack Owen. Loving mother of Jacqueline (Jay) Quinn. Dear sister of the late Billy, Jackie, Terry, Myra, George, Martin, Kathleen, Michael and Vera. Fond aunt of many. Funeral Wednesday January 31, 9:30 am from Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago to St. Hilary Church for Mass at 10:00 am. Entombment Maryhill Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 3-9 pm. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Eileen's memorial at smithcorcoran.com

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of streamwood, was born in Chicago to Ignatius and Albertina (Lisowski) Jarzembowski on December 31, 1931. Pat died January 25, 2018 at age 86. Loving wife of the late, Donald F. Peters; mother of Ray (Jody), Russell (Kelly), and Roger (Connie); grandmother of Courtney, Allison, Shannon (Matt) Schear, Brett, Lauren, Jacob, and Jeremy; great-grandmother of Nasir and Micah; sister of Roberta (the late Honorable Thomas A.) Hett; and aunt to numerous nieces and nephews. Pat was preceded in death by her siblings, Helen (Arthur) Kroepff, Rita (Roy) Arpin, Dan (Antoinette "Toni" DeCarlo), and Robert (Shirley Gromala). Visitation will be Thursday, February 1 from 4 pm until 8 pm at **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, 149 W. Main St., Barrington. Visitation will continue Friday, February 2 from 9:30 am until the service at 10:30 am at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery. Please honor Terese with a memorial to The Buddy Foundation, 65 W. Seegers Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005 (info@thebuddyfoundation.org) or to a no-kill animal shelter of your choice. For online condolences, visit DavenportFamily.com

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Richard Petrenko passed away January 22nd, 2018. He was a five year veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Richard was predeceased by his parents Daniel Sr. and Joan, nee Lamberty, Petrenko, sister Donna, and father-in-law Franciscus Egberts. He is survived by his wife Susanne Petrenko, and his cherished son Adam Petrenko. He is dearly missed by his brothers Daniel Jr., Joseph, and Thomas Petrenko, his in-laws Margarete Egberts, Caroline and Elliot Shelton, his niece and nephew Callie and Craig Shelton, and Dale the dog. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Anti-Cruelty Society 157 W. Grand Ave. Chicago, IL 60654 are appreciated. Memorial visitation Friday, February 2nd from 4-9 PM with a prayer service at 6 PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home** 185 E. Northwest Hwy. Palatine. Info 847-359-8020 or visit Richard's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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Lawrence Edward Pezen Sr. age 90 of Hoffman Estates, He lived his life and died peacefully in his home surrounded by his family, as he would have wanted. He was the Beloved husband of the late Dolores C. (nee Dailitto). Devoted father of Laura (Steven) Novick, Lawrence Jr. (Patricia), Loretta (Kevin) O'Halloren, Stanley (Amy), Steven (Eileen) and Dominic Pezen; Loving grandfather of Nathaniel (Gina) and Zachary (Kathryn) Novick, Heather (John) Cresswell, Lawrence, Justin (Lindsay) Skisak, Jordan (Jessica), Adam, Sydney and Sloane Pezen, and Kevin (Jane) and Brian O'Halloren; great grandfather of Ethan and Olivia Cresswell, Mia & Giulianna Novick, Maureen and James O'Halloren, Gabriel and Frank Novick; Dear brother of Theresa (the late Robert) Bertka, Richard (Arlene) Pezen and Rosemary (John) Thomas. His family would like to thank the staff of JourneyCare Hospice and a special thanks to his caregivers Jennifer and Patricia for their care and support they have shown the last several months. Larry was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving during WWII and the Korean Conflict. Funeral Tuesday, family and friends are asked to gather 9:30 a.m. at Salerno's Rosedale Chapels 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL. 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.). Funeral Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Entombment Mt. Emblem Cemetery. Visitation Monday 3:00-9:00 p.m. For info 630-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to JourneyCare Hospice at www.journeycare.org.

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William A. Pollak, 99 Beloved husband of the late Charlotte nee Horwitz. Loving father of Steven (Brittge Bientef) Pollak, Barbara Pollak, Richard (Patricia) Pollak and Donald (Martha) Pollak. Cherished grandfather of Glenn, Karen, Scott (Julie McCartan), Brian (Amanda), David and Becca. Great-grandfather of Levi and Bennett. A Memorial Service will be held Sunday, February 4, 2:00 PM at Lakeview Center at Gillson Park, 800 Gillson Park Drive, Wilmette, IL Interment is private. In lieu of flowers memorials to Chicago Symphony Orchestra www.cso.org or The Lyric Opera of Chicago www.lyricopera.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Pauline Ricci nee: Palermo; Loving wife of Armando; Dearest mother of Julie (Jon) Vacko; Dear grandmother of Madeline, Francesca and Sawyer; Loving sister of Mary Frances (the late Scott) Rogers, Helen Severino, Nancy (Glenn) Compton, Phyllis (Lenny) Zullo, Louise Marinaro and the Ross Palermo, the late Josephine Gianni and the late Roseann Palermo. Funeral Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. from **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels**, 450 W. Lake St, Roselle, 60172 (3/4 miles west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd) Ralph Massey Funeral Director to Mary Queen of Heaven Church, Elmhurst, Mass 10:00a.m. Visitation Monday, January 29, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For info 630-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com

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Joseph F. Roy, USMC Veteran; Son of the late Joseph Roy and the late Louise Propst; beloved husband of Mari-Donna, nee Lowy; dearest father of Joseph Roy, Kristen (Virgil) Allen, Jocelyn Roy and Kathryn (Thomas) Dykas; cherished grandfather of Elizabeth, Henry, Anthony and Riley; fond brother-in-law of Ileene (William III) Mooney, Donna (David) Smith; thoughtful uncle of Jennifer (Charles) Haynes, Joseph M. Roy, William IV (Leah) Mooney and Patrick Mooney, and many more nieces and nephews; great-uncle of William V and Lillian; also, cousin and friend of many. Lying in State, Monday, January 29, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass at 11:00 A.M. at St. Hilary Church, 5601 N. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60659. Cremation will take place privately following services. Please omit flowers. Arrangements entrusted to **Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home** for info (773) 774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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Myron Rush passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 8th, a week after his 96th birthday. A professor of Russian government at Cornell University for twenty-five years, his retirement coincided with the collapse of the Soviet regime. He was a thorough, incisive, and independent-minded researcher, who developed his own methods for carefully examining, weighing, and quantifying text. He was, perhaps, best known for having discovered that patterns of seating arrangement in the Politburo revealed the path to Soviet succession. His chosen field of Kremlinology evolved from a deep-seated appreciation for individualism. He did not blindly accept any set ideology, and fought against a system of government that suppressed information and human rights.

Myron was born in the Hyde Park section of Chicago on January 1, 1922, the adored youngest of five and only son of Louis and Anna Rush, nee Chase. His mother died when he was seven and he was raised by his sisters, Minnie, Bella, Mildred, and Charlotte, who, along with their father, doted on him. From a young age, he played violin and read voraciously. He graduated from the University of Chicago and went on to complete his doctorate there with the Committee on Social Thought. After serving as an Army encryption specialist, he worked for the CIA and the Rand Corporation before joining the Cornell faculty.

He was his own person-genuine, honest, and a man of great integrity. He loved playing with his children and grandchildren. He was humble and believed that "the best in life is free". A connoisseur of art and music, he also enjoyed the clever lyrics of Gilbert and Sullivan and the musicals of Rodgers and Hammerstein. But most of all Myron loved Mozart.

A devoted husband, he cared for his wife as her health declined in later years. He was a loving and inspirational uncle, father, and grandfather, and even as his health failed, he invented games to play with his toddler-aged great-granddaughter. His children and grandchildren will remember him for his probing intellect and encyclopedic knowledge. He listened carefully and patiently shared his wisdom with them, his students and his niece in thoughtful, animated and lengthy discussions.

He is predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Theresa Sally Neumann, and his sisters. He is survived by his daughter, Anita Solan (Lawrence), his sons, Kenneth and Victor (Alicia Rudin); his four grandchildren, Renata Solan (Douglas Haynes), David Solan, Izzy Rudin-Rush, and Samantha Rudin-Rush; his great-granddaughter Iris Haynes, and his nieces, Norma Goodman and Barbara Ann Reinhardt.

In lieu of flowers please send donations in memory of Myron Rush to Thresholds at www.thresholds.org or via mail to Thresholds, Attn: Dennis; 4101 North Ravenswood, Chicago, Illinois 60617; or to the University of Chicago Division of Social Sciences

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Cynthia M. Ryan (nee Churchill), age 63, a resident of Naperville, IL since 2012, formerly of Woodridge, IL, died Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at her home surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born May 15, 1954 in Chicago. Loving wife of Stephen Ryan, adored mother of Patrick Ryan, Sarah (Tim) Nelson and Becky Ryan, adored grandmother of Tyler, Charlie and Jack Nelson, devoted daughter of late Henry and Dolores Churchill, dear sister of Celeste (Sudhakar) Nair, loving cousin of Dave (Jayne) Bendy, fond cousin, niece, aunt, great aunt and friend of many. Visitation Monday, January 29, 2018, 4:00-8:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, January 30, 9:30 AM at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville with Rev. Bob Duda officiating. Interment: Holy Family Cemetery, Downers Grove, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to: The Joseph C. Monastra (JCM) Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, <http://jcmfoundation.org> For more information, please call (630) 355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com

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Connie Salomon (née Alferts), of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, passed away January 25, 2018.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church, Glen Ellyn, on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at 10 a.m.

Connie was born in Chicago to Joseph "J.P." Alferts and Amelia Milos Alferts and graduated from Calumet High School. She later studied at the University of Illinois and the University of Washington. After raising five children, Connie worked in sales at MoodMakers Lighting in Lisle and then went on to become the Public Relations Director of Neiman-Marcus's Oakbrook Center store. Connie also served as President of the Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital's Auxiliary League in the 1980s.

Connie is preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Donald William Salomon; her parents, Joseph and Amelia Alferts; her brother Jean (Kathleen) Alferts, her sister June (the late Victor) Markov; her parents-in-law Dolly and Mike Lyons and her sister-in-law Grace Anne Salomon.

Connie is survived by her sister Joan (the late Ralph) Gabric; brother-in-law General Leon E. Salomon (US Army, Retired) and sister-in-law Shirley Fredberg Salomon; five children: Robin (Michael) Dye; Curtis (Kelly); Andrée (John) McArthur, Alexa, and Adam (JoAnne); nine grandchildren: Geordie, Ivy and Liam Dye; Grace Fergus; Leigh McArthur; Carley, Jillian, Dean and Kara Salomon; great-granddaughter Tallula Salomon; and many adored cousins, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Marianjoy Foundation at the following website www.marianjoyfoundation.org or phone 630-909-7504; or to the Alzheimer's Association at the following website: www.alz.org. Arrangements by Chatham Funeral Services, Bolingbrook IL. 630-783-0900

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Dr. Angelo M. Scanu, age 93, passed away January 12, 2018 at his home. He was born on December 16, 1924 in Bonnanaro, Sardinia, to Giovanni and Maria (Mele) Scanu. As a Fulbright scholar, Dr. Scanu joined the Cleveland Clinic in 1955, where he met Ann Wahl, whom he married on June 7, 1958. A Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus at the U of C Departments of Medicine and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, he retired in 2011 after a 50 year career. He authored hundreds of articles in notable scientific journals, lectured at prestigious symposiums and conferences worldwide and received many honors and rewards for his research. In addition to his devotion to scientific research, Dr. Scanu was an accomplished guitarist and enjoyed an active lifestyle that included traveling, tennis and dining out. Dr. Scanu is survived by a daughter, Gabriella (Warren), a son, Marco (Rosie), two grandsons, Niccolo and Matteo and his companion and partner, Celina Edelstein. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann and his brother, Tonino. A memorial service will be scheduled for a later date. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

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Michael B. Schneider, Sr., Age 89, Born into Eternal Life on January 25, 2018. Most loving husband of the late Leonora J. (nee Fryer). Devoted father of Michael (Barbara), Marci Schneider Batsakis, Patricia (William) Tyse, Peter, and Jean (Timothy) O'Keefe. Proud "Papa" of Carly, Kiersten (Sam), Lee, Jesse, Adam, Ben (Kristy), Carolyn, Kate, Eric, Tim (Carrie), Kelly (Joe), Danny, and Emily. Dear great-grandfather of Benjamin and Henry Tyse; and T.J. and Bobby O'Keefe. Retired Executive Vice-President of Carson Pirie Scott, Served as Treasurer on Board of Directors for Little Company of Mary Hospital, Proud Alumnum of St. Rita H.S. (Class of 1946), Chairman Emeritus of the St. Rita H.S. Board of Directors and Man of the Year 2004, and founding member of Beverly Ridge Lions Club. Visitation Monday 3-8pm at **Curley Funeral Home (Heene-Laughlin Directors)** 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Family and friends will meet at St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60620 on Tuesday morning for Mass of Christian Burial at 10am. Entombment St. Mary Cemetery. Memorials to Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation, 2800 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park, Illinois 60805 or St. Rita H.S. are most appreciated. Funeral Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors 708-636-5500 or www.heeneyflh.com

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Gladys E. Schroer (nee Steltenpohl), age 90, beloved wife of the late James "Don" Schroer; loving mother of Steve Schroer, Nancy Schroer, Dave (Debbie) Schroer; Sue (Matt) Abraham, Julie Taylor and Mike Schroer; dearest grandmother of David, Adam, Alyssa, Scott, Michael, Sam, Halley, Lindsay and Maggie; dear sister of Vivian Beck, Jerry Steltenpohl, Roger Steltenpohl, the late Edith Rigney and the late Jack Steltenpohl. Visitation Monday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Tuesday 9:30 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park to St. Julie Billiard Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Private. Funeral Info: 708 429-3200

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Ida Scott fond sister of the late Carolyn (the late Rev. Junius Jr.) Austin. Ida, who retired from IBM, was a graduate of Northwestern University a world traveler & is survived by her many dear friends. Funeral Monday, lying in state 10:00 a.m. until time of service 10:45 a.m. at The Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist 2640 Park Dr. Flossmor, IL Interment Mt. Glenwood Memory Gardens. Arrangements by **Giancola Funeral & Cremation** 800.975.4321

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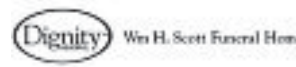
Charles "Charlie" Seitz, Jr., 74 died in his home in Cape Coral, Florida January 25, 2018. His devoted family and friends, as well as, his firm belief in God supported him through his battle with cancer. Charlie was born in Chicago, Il June 18, 1943 to Loretta and Charles Seitz, Sr. He is survived by sisters, Joanne (Bruno) Dobrilla, Eileen (Bob) Tanner, Mary Seitz, brother Robert Seitz. Nieces, Lisa Seitz, Jennifer Rohrer, Laura Kaehn, Karla Michanowski. Nephews, Mike Dobrilla, Dave Dobrilla, Bobby Seitz, Jr., Glenn Seitz, Brett Tanner, Anthony Kaehn, and Danny Seitz. He was preceded in death by Father, Charles Seitz, Sr., Mother, Loretta (Powers) Seitz, his brothers James Seitz and Richard Seitz and niece Cali Tanner. Visitation will be held at **Cooney Funeral Home** 3918 W Irving Park Rd Chicago on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. 3 pm to 9 pm. Friends and family are asked to meet at St. Andrew Church on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 for a 10:30 am funeral. Burial at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Disabled Veterans of America or St.Judes. For information, 773-588-5850 or www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Sally J. Sergey, age 71, passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer. Sally is survived by her sister, Susan Bishop (Gary Bouton), her niece, Julie Lantman, two very special grand nieces, Claire and Anna, and her goddaughter, Heather Shotwell. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edwin and Lorraine Sergey. Sally grew up in Westchester, IL and graduated from Proviso West High School in Hillside, IL. She was a Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society graduate of the University of Illinois (Champaign). She retired from Underwriters Laboratories in Northbrook, IL after an impressive career of 40 plus years. She will be greatly missed by all whom had the privilege of knowing her. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. For information 1-800-622-8358

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Mary T. Sheehan, 71, a lifelong Chicago Area resident, passed away peacefully in her sleep. She was the adored daughter of the late Francis and Helen Sheehan and beloved sister of Lawrence J. (Marty J. James) Sheehan of Australia, Veronica (Christopher) West of Wilmette, and the late Francis Sheehan, Jr. Mary had a long and distinguished nursing and administrative career at the University of Illinois Hospital at Chicago (UIC) followed by 20 years of dedicated service as an early childhood educator and volunteer at St Vincent de Paul Center. Most cherished to her were her family and friends. Mary's family thanks all of her friends through the years for all their kindnesses and support, especially the Spierling and Watkins clan, Clark (Carlin) family, Escobar family, Miller / Marek family, as well as Mary's dedicated health team. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, www.chicagosfoodbank.org, or Marillac St Vincent Family Services, www.marillacstvincent.org. For information, please call **Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home**, 847-251-8200.

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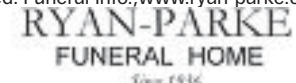
Paul Singer, 86, passed away Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at his home. He was surrounded by his wife Rosetta (Genson) Singer of 66 years and children. Paul was born August 28, 1931 to Joseph & Alice Singer in Chicago, Illinois. Paul is survived by numerous children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Charles A. Smith, of Western Springs, IL; a WWII and Korean War Veteran - Rank of Major and a Bronze Star recipient; beloved husband of the late H. Eloise; loving father of Denis (Beth), Rick (Laura), Jeanine (Rod) McInerney, and the late C. Thomas (Mary) Smith; dear grandfather of Sean (Tonya) & Brian (Kelli) Smith, Kaitlyn (Matt) Belcher, Colleen (Peter) Yoo, Brian (Megan), Patrick & Matthew McGrath, Jack & Erin McInerney, and the late Peter Smith; fond great-grandfather of nine; friend of many. Visitation 3 to 8pm Wednesday, Jan. 31 (Charlie's 102nd Birthday) at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral prayers 9am Thursday, Feb. 01 from the funeral home to St. John of the Cross Church, Western Springs. Mass 9:45am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to The Peter Michael Smith Music Fund, 7647 Forest Hill Rd., Burr Ridge, IL 60527 or to St. John of the Cross Church. Funeral Info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Anita M. Smolka. Age 95, formerly of Chicago. Born in Hamburg, Germany in 1922 to the late Wilhelm and Mary Adermann. Beloved wife of 62 years to the late Horst Smolka. Loving mother of Ronald Smolka. Dear sister of the late Karl Adermann. World War II survivor of countless Allied bombing raids over Hamburg from 1941 through 1945. Cremation and interment are private. Memorials to the Disabled American Veterans, www.dav.org/donate, are appreciated. Funeral Info, www.ryan-parke.com.

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Eleanor C. Sobotkiewicz (nee Kapusciaz), 91, of Lake Zurich, formerly of Woodstock, a current resident of Addolorata Villa in Wheeling. Eleanor was born on March 21, 1926 in Midland, MI and died Tuesday, January 23, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Edmund J.; loving mother of Stephanie (Michael) Ganshert, Suzanne (the late Dr. J. Daniel) Hoochchaak and Stasia (Dr. Michael) O'Neill; dear grandmother of Kyna and Tonina Ganshert, Evan (Elizabeth) Hoochchaak, Natalya (Chad) Bright, Bridget (Anthony) Zand, Elizabeth (Garrett) Busch and James O'Neill; great-grandmother of 10. Services and interment private. Arrangements by Ahlgrim Family Funeral Home, Lake Zurich. For info 847-540-8871 or www.ahlgrimffs.com.

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Song, Peter

Peter Song, 92, WWII Navy Veteran, at rest January 26, 2018. Beloved husband of Valerie, nee Weber. Loving father of Cindy (Randy) Edwards and Brent (Betty) Song. Cherished grandfather of Mandy Edwards, Megan Edwards, Kelly (Jay) Huber, and Brion Song. Great Grandfather of William Huber. Mr. Song was an accomplished microbiologist for Nalco Chemical for 38 1/2 years. Visitation Saturday February 3, 2018 from 11 AM until time of chapel service 1 PM at **Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home** 11333 S. Central Ave., Oak Lawn. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery. Info. (708) 636-1200 or www.chapelhillgardensouth.com.
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Stephan, Frank

Frank Stephan, age 87, January 23, 2018. Devoted husband for 64 years to Charlene (nee Harris) Stephan. Loved father of Mark (Laura), Michael and Marci (George) Burns; fond grandfather of eleven and great grandfather of five. Preceded in death by eleven siblings. Retired switchman for the Soo Line railroad. Services and interment private. Arrangements by the **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 516 S. Washington St. Naperville. 630 355 0264. www.beidelmankunschfh.com.



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Strauss, Elsie F.

Elsie F. Strauss, Born Elsie Elizabeth Frapolly, passed peacefully on January 23, 2018. She was born on February 10, 1923 to Ortensia "Mary" and Louis Frapolly. She was the fifth of seven children. Elsie grew up in Chicago and eventually moved to Des Plaines after her marriage to Lyle Herbert Strauss in 1947. Elsie and Lyle loved to travel, and they hosted lively parties for friends and family often. Their son, Richard Lyle, was born on January 16, 1952. Elsie doted on Rick, and she even served as a troop mom for Rick during his Boy Scouts years. Elsie also worked at Skokie Tool for a number of years. She was an extremely dedicated member of her church, St. Martin's, and enjoyed volunteering her time for many church functions. She was a strong, caring, independent woman who loved to help anyone she could. Elsie is predeceased by her son Rick, husband Lyle, brothers and sisters Enes, Louis, Mary, Ines, Lillian and Bill. She leaves behind her beloved granddaughters Erika Strauss and Leslie (David) Lee, daughter-in-law Jan Strauss, adored great granddaughters Addison and Lennon Lee, many loved nieces and nephews, and her church family. Visitation for Elsie will be taking place on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 12:00 Noon at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 1095 E. Thacker Street, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016. Entombment will be taking place at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Arlington Heights, IL. Memorials can be made in the name of the family at this time. An organization will be determined at a later date. Funeral care provided by **G.L. Hills Funeral Home**. For info please call (847) 699-9003 or glhillsfuneralhome.com.
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Stuart, Matilda Tillie

Matilda A. "Tillie" Stuart, nee Leiser, 90, of Northbrook, passed away January 21, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Ronald; loving mother of Marie Ellen and Barbara (John) Nicholson; cherished grandmother of Sean Falls, Michelle (Michael) Nielson, Kelly (Sean) Daley, and Kristen Nicholson; proud great grandmother of Colin Falls, Owen and Charles Daley; dear sister of the late Charles Leiser and Theresa Schranz. Mrs. Stuart was an executive secretary for 37 years with Walgreens. Tillie was also a devoted parishioner at St. Norbert Parish in Northbrook, very active at Covenant Village of Northbrook, and was a longtime volunteer at Glenbrook Hospital. A visitation will be held Thursday, February 1, 2018 from 9:30 am until time of the mass 10:30am at St. Norbert Church, 1809 Walters Ave., Northbrook. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Walgreens Benefit Fund, 102 Wilmot Road, MS1237, Deerfield, IL 60015 or JourneyCare Foundation, 2050 Claire Ct., Glenview, IL 60025. (www.journeycare.org/donate). Funeral information 847-998-1020.



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Suarez, Elizabeth

Elizabeth Suarez, nee Cruz, age 88, passed away on January 25th after a brief illness. Elizabeth was the beloved wife of the late Juan F.; loving mother of William, Carmelo and Patrick (Dawn) Loubriel, Ruben Rios, Elizabeth Cruz, Juan "Tito" Suarez and the late Edward (Ramona) Estrada; dearest daughter of the late Justina and Thomas Cruz; cherished grandmother of Seve, Sergio, Ruby, Elizabeth, Edward, Patrick, Kimberly, William, Gloria, Yvette and Carmelo; great grandmother of many; dear sister of the late Cecil Cruz and Sylvia Rudolfo; fond aunt of many. Visitation Sunday January 28th from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, at the funeral home, and will then proceed to Our Lady, Mother of the Church for mass at 9:30 a.m. Entombment to follow at Acacia Park Mausoleum. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.



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Svirnickas, Algirdas 'Al'

Algirdas "Al" Svirnickas, age 88. Dear cousin of Emma Petraitis. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Many years of service with Argonne National Laboratory and member of Knights of Lithuania, Council #112. Visitation Sunday, Jan. 28th, 3-9 PM at Palos Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral visitation Monday, Jan. 29th at Nativity BVM Church, 69th & Washtenaw-Chicago, 9 AM until time of mass, 10 AM. Interment St. Casimir Lithuanian Cemetery. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidasfh.com (708) 974 4410



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Tietje, Mark W.

Mark W. Tietje, Jan. 24, 2018. Age 64. Devoted husband of Jina Margaret Tietje, nee Pierr. Loving father of Jeremy(Kim) Tietje, Marcus(Melissa) Tietje, Marcus Stephens, Monica Stephens, Peggy Bozzano, and Nikki Bozzano. Cherished grandfather of Landon and Reagan. Beloved son of Robert and the late Geraldine, Edwards Tietje. Mark is also survived by three sisters, four brothers, cousins and many dear friends. Visitation Sunday 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Petkus Lemont Funeral Home, 12401 S. Archer Ave. (at Derby Rd.), Lemont. Religious service at 3:00 P.M. Funeral Mass and Committal services will take place in Elton, LA. at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Offerings in Mark's name may be made to the Salvation Army or St. Jude Children's Hospital and will be deeply appreciated. 800-994-7600 or www.petkusfuneralhomes.com
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Troken, Eugene B

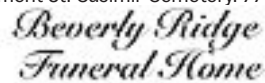
Eugene B. Troken, 75, of Niles, IL, retired CPD Sergeant, passed away peacefully at home on January 25, 2018 surrounded by his family. He was the son of the late Eugene H. and Helen Troken, nee Szevs. He is survived by his beloved wife of over 45 years, Mary, nee Chan. Loving father of Eric, CFD, (Mary Margaret Dempsey, CFD), Jessica (James) Lane, Kimberly (Angelo) Cutro, Dr. Alexander (Suzanne) and Major Christopher, USMC (Kristine) Troken. Cherished grandfather of Evan, Macy, Jack, Cecilia, Christopher, Francesca, Vincent and Clemens. Dear brother of James Troken, retired CPD Detective. Brother-in-law to David Chan, Dr. Gabriel Chan, Lucas, MBE (Connie) Chan, Jane Chan and Dr. Patrick (Christine) Chan. Fond cousin and uncle of many. Eugene always stressed to his children to love family above all. His efforts to help others changed the course of many lives for which he will always be remembered. Eugene's love of travel and history brought him to many exciting and exotic places in Asia and Europe. Visitation Thursday, February 1, 2018 from 3 pm until 9 pm at **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, Peter Heneghan, Director, 6754 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. Funeral prayers Friday 9:45 am at the funeral home to Saint Mary of the Woods Church, 6955 N. Hiawatha, Chicago, 60646. Funeral Mass 10:30 am. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a blood donation to Life Source, Inc. Interment Saint Adalbert Cemetery. For further information 877-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.



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Valentinas, Marie

Marie Valentinas nee, Gorun, age 93. Beloved wife of the late Victor. Dear mother of Nancy Joseph and Dr. Mark (Lori). Loving grandmother of Jason Joseph, Victoria and Alexandra Valentinas. Dear sister of the late Ann Klotz, George, Michael, Alex and John Gorun. Visitation Monday 9:00 a.m. until time of prayers 10:15 a.m. at **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie to St. Christina Church Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery. 773-779-4411



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Vana, Theresa B.

Theresa B. Vana (nee Platek) age 83, of LaGrange, a former longtime resident of Cicero. Loving mother of Debbie (Dave) Kozerski, Phil (Sharon) Vana, Glenn (Janet) Vana and Laura (Hal) Shapiro; cherished grandmother of Will, Tim and Rob Kozerski, Tracy and Chris Vana, Valerie and Kim Vana and Jake Shapiro; proud great-grandmother of Trevor Vana; dear sister of Joseph (the late Arlene) and Arthur Platek. Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 1, from 3pm until 9pm at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Visitation will continue on Friday morning February 2, from 8:45am until time of a 9:15am prayer service from the chapel and then proceed to St. John of the Cross Church in Western Springs for a Funeral Mass at 9:45am. Entombment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery. Service Info: (708) 352-6500 or please visit www.hjfunerals.com
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Ward Jr., Elijah Glenn

93, beloved husband of the late Adelaide Frances James Ward; devoted father of Nancy (Joe) Wysinger, Elaine Ward (Floyd) Hardwick, Elijah Ward III, Revella (Bene) M'Poko and Angela (Derrick) Watkins. World War II Veteran, Chairman of the E. Glenn Ward Family Foundation, member of Messiah-St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, retired from Prudential Insurance Company of America, Illinois National Guard, Captain (Retired), Volunteer at Museum of Science and Industry, member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Visitation: Friday, February 2, 2018, 1-6pm: Unity Funeral Parlors, Inc., 4114 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago IL. Funeral Saturday, February 3, 2018: St. Paul and the Redeemer Episcopal Church, 4945 S. Dorchester Ave, Chicago, IL. Visitation: 10am, Service: 11:30am. Memorials may be sent to Ward Foundation, 2150 S. Canalport Ave, Chicago IL 60608. www.unityfuneralparlors.com
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Wencel, Michael Joseph

Michael Joseph Wencel, age 71; beloved husband of Jane Wencel, nee Udziela; loving father of Michael Joseph (Ania) Wencel II and Jason John Wencel; cherished grandfather of Konrad, Sienna, Marcel, Jason Jr., Leo and Oliver; dear cousin and friend of many. Visitation Sunday 3:00PM to 8:00PM. Funeral Monday 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 Resurrection Cemetery, Justice. 630/968-1000 or www.adamswinterfield-sullivan.com



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ZAWACKI, JACOB J

Jacob J. Zawacki, 65, at rest January 20, 2018, devoted husband of Emily; loving father of Augusta, Zoe and Mike; dear brother of Marjorie Noga, Andrew Zawacki, Alice Banks and Patrick Stevens; fond uncle to many. Jacob worked for the U.S. Peace Corps in the Fiji Islands during the 70's, he was a member of International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees, Local 476, working as a carpenter, set designer and builder and pyro technician for the T.V. and movie industry for Universal Films, 20th Century Fox, MGM, Wildwood Enterprises, Plum Tree Productions, Lukas Films, Sedelmaier Films, Studio Seven, Film Fair, Fred Niles Communications and Sarra, Inc. working on the movies i.e. The Duke, The Fury, Uncle Buck and Backdraft.



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Ziomek, Henry A.

Henry A. Ziomek, age 95, of South Holland, IL, joined his Heavenly Father on Wednesday, January 24, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Shirley J. Ziomek, nee Mares. Loving father of Thomas (Sandra Mattison) Ziomek, Peter (Melanie) Ziomek, and Gregory (Nicole) Ziomek. Attentive grandfather of Matthew J. Ziomek and Sophia M. Ziomek. Dear brother of the late Benjamin (late Gloria), late Albert J. (late Bernice), late Matthew J. (late Julie), late Joseph (late Lillian), late Anthony, late Michael C. (Mary) Ziomek, and the late Alberta A. (late Robert) Wolf. Uncle of 20 nieces and nephews with two deceased; great-uncle of 20 with one deceased and great-great uncle of five. Preceded in death by his parents Michael and Anna, nee Jemiolo, Ziomek. Visitation Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. at **Smits, DeYoung-Vroegh Funeral Home** 649 E. 162nd St. (Rt.6/159th St.) South Holland, IL. Prayer service, Monday, January 29, 2018 at 9:15 A.M. at the funeral home leaving for a 10:00 A.M. funeral mass at Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 700 E. 170th St., South Holland, IL with Rev. Dennis Ziomek officiating. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery - Hillside, IL. Memorial contributions may be given to The Salvation Army. For further info, please contact 708-333-7000 or visit our online obituary and guest book at www.SMITSFH.com.
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Yandel, Clare J.

Clare J. Yandel, nee Nugent; Beloved wife of George for 58 years; Loving mother of Edward, Mary Jo, John (Pattie), Therese (Larry) Zaker, and Rosemary (John) Shea; Dear grandmother to her Rascals, Matthew, Brendan, Emma Rose, and Liam; Caring sister of Rosellen "Jel", the late William J. Weick, Ethel, the late James Monson, Colette Nugent, the late Audrie, and the late Robert Leen; Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; Visitation Tuesday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Wednesday 9:30 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111TH Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Michael's Church, 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park; Mass 10:45 a.m.; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; For Funeral Info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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SUNDAY, JAN. 28

NORMAL HIGH: 31°

NORMAL LOW: 17°

RECORD HIGH: 60° (1914)

RECORD LOW: -13° (1977)

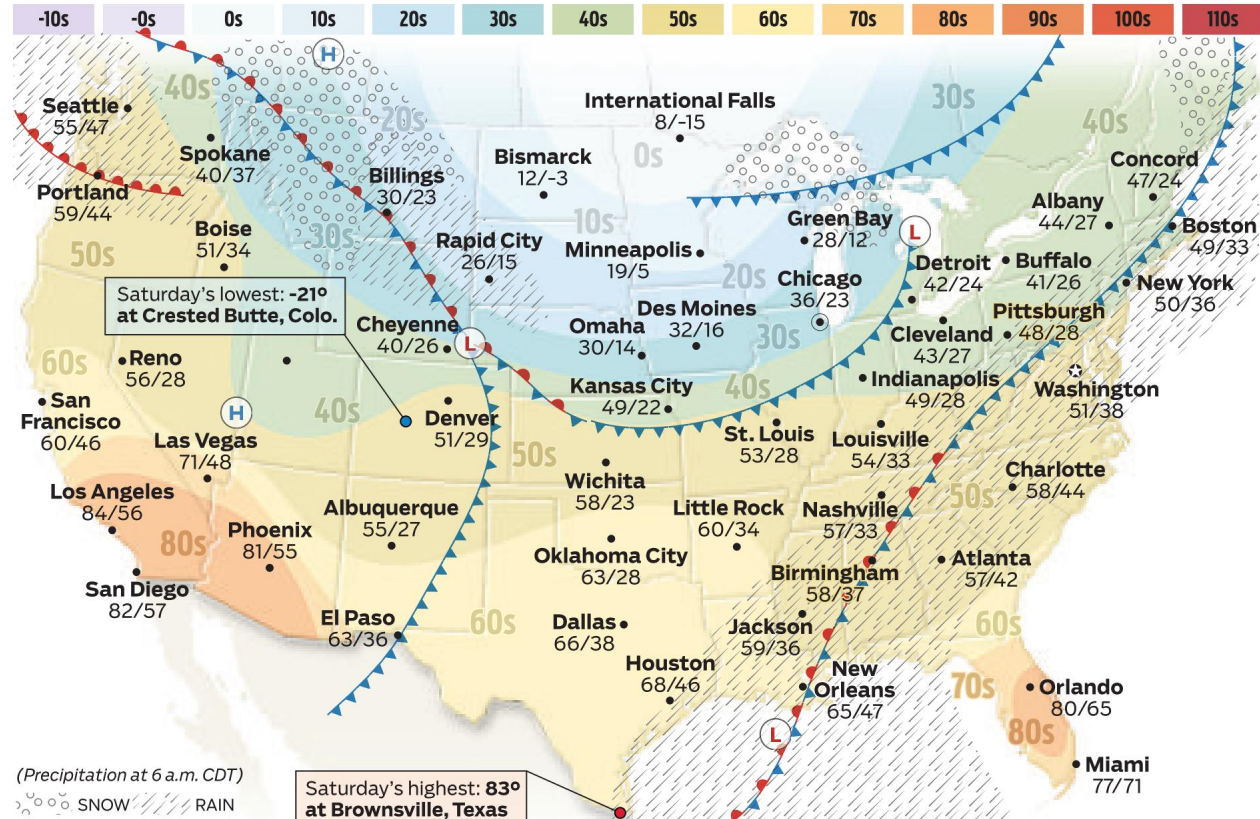
Season's snow deficit to continue into February

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 36 **LOW** 23

- Colder air arrives as north winds lock in.
- Morning sunshine fades as lake-induced clouds thicken during the afternoon. Snow showers possible late in the day.
- Colder, but readings still run a few degrees above normal. Temps hover just below freezing at daybreak, slowly rising to highs in the mid-30s.
- North winds at 10-15 mph turn NE and increase to 15-20 mph. Snow showers become likely during the evening.
- Snow showers continue overnight. Some accumulation possible, especially along lake Michigan.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Despite periodic intrusions of arctic air, the winter of 2017-18 remains below normal in snowfall. Through Jan. 27, O'Hare has tallied slightly more than 50 percent of the 19.3 inches of accumulation that is typical at this point in the season.

History has shown that major snowstorms have occurred this time of year, capable of erasing such snowfall deficits in one or two days. On Jan. 26-27, 1967, 23 inches of snow blanketed the city. Again, on Jan. 25-27, 1978, a severe blizzard dumped as much as 2 1/2 feet of snow on portions of Indiana and Michigan.

No such storms appear headed our way, and precipitation amounts through next Saturday are expected to be meager. However, forecast consensus does suggest a colder pattern is to evolve following a mild end to January.

MONDAY, JAN. 29

HIGH 27 **LOW** 17

Brisk N-NE winds bring polar air across the Great lakes. Snow showers may hamper the morning rush, mainly from the city, south. Lake snow shifts to NW Indiana during the afternoon.



TUESDAY, JAN. 30

HIGH 30 **LOW** 26

High pressure passes, bringing sun. NW Indiana lake snow ends as winds turn SW. Temps rebound to near 30 degrees. Not as cold overnight. Temps dip to mid-20s, then slowly rise.



WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

HIGH 45 **LOW** 26

Pacific air surges across the Midwest on gusty SW winds. Temps climb to the mid-40s despite clouds and a threat of sprinkles. SW winds at 20-30 mph shift N late as a cold front passes.



THURSDAY, FEB. 1

HIGH 27 **LOW** 12

Sun filters through high clouds as a weather system passes south of the region. Turning colder. Steady or slowly falling temps. Lake snow develops NW Indiana. North winds at 15-20 mph.



FRIDAY, FEB. 2

HIGH 20 **LOW** 8

Partly cloudy and colder. Lake snow continues across the Michiana snow belt. Temps struggle to reach 20 degrees. NW winds at 15-25 mph lower chill readings to near zero.



SATURDAY, FEB. 3

HIGH 21 **LOW** 16

Continued cold. Sun filters through patchy mid- to high-level clouds. Temps peak in the low 20s. Light west winds. Clouds increase at night, holding temps in the mid-upper teens.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 What's the lowest temperature at which a tornado has formed?
 — Jakob Kilmer

Dear Jakob,
 The vast majority of tornadoes occur with temperatures and dew points in at least the 50s, but there are always exceptions.

Dr. Harold Brooks of the National Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman, Okla., tells of a twister that struck at Altus, Okla., on Feb. 22, 1975, with the temperatures near freezing. The F2 storm killed two and injured 12.

Tornadoes have also been reported in areas with snow cover nearby. On April 10, 2011, an EF3 twister hit near Merrill, Wis., while area lakes were still frozen, and on Jan. 7, 2008, two twisters struck in southeast Wisconsin along the south edge of the snowpack.

Tornadoes occasionally occur in the warm sector of winter snowstorms.

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WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koeman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

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A look back at the Great Blizzard of Jan. 25-27, 1978

40 YEARS AGO 'SUPERBOMB' CYCLONE PARALYZED PARTS OF MIDWEST

THE SETUP: Weather conditions 6 am Wed., Jan. 25, 1978
 A low pressure system moved from the Gulf of Mexico northward, with a cold front extending from the Midwest southward. A jet stream of 130 MPH jet and 170 MPH jet were present.

RAPID INTENSIFICATION: Weather conditions at 6 pm Wed., Jan. 25, 1978
 Air rapidly rising in response to intensifying low pressure over northern Alabama led to an outbreak of thundersnow along and south of the Ohio River. Tornadoes erupted overnight in the cyclone's warm sector. Most notable, an EF-3 twister near Quantico, Va.

PEAK INTENSITY: Weather conditions at 6 am Thursday, Jan. 26, 1978
 The cyclone reached peak intensity early on Jan. 26, with a central pressure of 28.2" observed at Sarnia, Ontario. Unofficial barometer readings as low as 28.17" were observed just north of Detroit. The massive circulation covered nearly half of North America. 82 mph winds raked the Cleveland area.

Impact on Chicago—Observations at Midway Airport
 Jan. 25 Snow began at 6:05 pm, accumulating 4 inches by midnight.
 Jan. 26 Steady snow the entire day totaled another 8.1". Minimum pressure 29.09" at 3 am. Height of the blizzard was from 10:30 am to 6:40 pm, with the visibility 1/4 mile or less for over 5 straight hours. Winds peaked at 54 mph.
 Jan. 27 Snow ended 2:15 am. Storm total snow 12.4". Min. temp 4°. Wind chill -10°

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

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MIDWEST CITIES				OTHER U.S. CITIES				WORLD CITIES								
SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	SUNDAY	FC	HI	LO	
Illinois	su	53	30	37	22	31	13	Palms Beach	ts	77	70	57	Acapulco	pc	84	79
Carbondale	su	46	26	31	Albany	cl	44	27	Flagstaff	su	47	23	Amsterdam	cl	51	47
Champaign	pc	47	27	32	Amarillo	su	60	24	Fort Myers	ts	79	68	Ankara	pc	43	26
Decatur	pc	47	27	32	Anchorage	su	17	16	Fort Smith	su	61	33	Athens	su	60	38
Moline	pc	49	28	33	Asheville	rn	52	39	Fresno	pc	62	42	Auckland	pc	80	68
Peoria	cl	45	26	32	Aspen	pc	37	15	Grand Junc.	su	43	22	Baghdad	su	61	36
Quincy	cl	47	24	32	Atlanta	rn	57	42	Great Falls	ss	26	24	Bangkok	pc	89	77
Rockford	cl	49	27	34	Atlantic City	rn	49	38	Harrisburg	sh	48	29	Barbados	sh	82	75
Springfield	pc	49	27	34	Austin	pc	68	43	Hartford	sh	49	30	Barcelona	pc	59	43
Sterling	cl	41	21	31	Baltimore	pc	50	38	Havana	su	56	28	Beijing	su	57	41
Indiana	pc	50	29	34	Billings	cl	30	23	Honolulu	pc	82	70	Beirut	pc	60	51
Bloomington	su	53	32	37	Birmingham	sh	58	37	Houston	pc	66	46	Berlin	sh	49	47
Evansville	su	53	32	37	Bismarck	pc	12	-3	Int'l Falls	pc	8	15	Bermuda	sh	66	63
Fort Wayne	pc	46	26	30	Boise	pc	51	34	Jackson	sh	59	36	Bogota	pc	70	47
Indianapolis	pc	49	28	33	Boston	sh	49	33	Jacksonville	rn	73	59	Brussels	sh	54	48
Lafayette	cl	44	25	31	Brownsville	sh	67	53	Janeau	cl	25	18	Bucharest	pc	42	28
South Bend	pc	39	21	28	Buffalo	cl	41	26	Kansas City	cl	49	22	Budapest	cl	48	40
Wisconsin	pc	44	25	31	Burlington	pc	41	20	Las Vegas	su	71	48	Buenos Aires	su	91	61
Green Bay	pc	28	12	23	Charlotte	rn	58	44	Lexington	pc	55	31	Cairo	pc	68	51
Kenosha	cl	35	20	26	Charltn SC	rn	65	54	Lincoln	sh	29	14	Cancun	ts	81	69
La Crosse	cl	26	15	22	Charltn WV	sh	49	30	Little Rock	su	60	34	Caracas	sh	75	62
Madison	cl	29	16	23	Chattanooga	rn	53	37	Los Angeles	su	84	56	Casablanca	pc	59	45
Milwaukee	cl	32	18	26	Cheyenne	pc	40	26	Louisville	pc	54	33	Copenhagen	pc	45	40
Wausau	cl	24	6	19	Cincinnati	pc	51	29	Macon	pc	62	48	Dublin	pc	56	46
Michigan	pc	42	24	30	Cleveland	pc	43	27	Memphis	su	58	34	Edmonton	cl	2	-1
Detroit	pc	42	24	30	Colorado Spgs	su	51	24	Miami	ts	77	71	Frankfurt	sh	48	46
Grand Rapids	pc	38	19	27	Colorado MO	pc	52	23	Minneapolis	cl	19	5	Geneva	pc	51	38
Marquette	sh	20	13	17	Columbia SC	rn	62	49	Mobile	pc	65	45	Guadalajara	ts	77	49
St. Ste. Marie	pc	22	1	13	Columbus	pc	49	29	Montgomery	rn	63	45	Havana	ts	84	65
Traverse City	sh	29	16	20	Concord	pc	47	24	Nashville	sh	57	37	Heilsinki	sn	35	30
Iowa	cl	29	13	26	Corps Christi	pc	69	47	New Orleans	sh	59	39	Hong Kong	sh	70	50
Ames	cl	29	13	26	Dallas	pc	66	38	New York	su	56	36	Istanbul	sh	46	40
Cedar Rapids	sh	33	17	23	Daytona Bch.	sh	72	62	Norfolk	rn	59	41	Jerusalem	cl	51	41
Des Moines	cl	32	16	28	Denver	pc	51	29	Oklahoma City	su	62	38	Johannesburg	ts	79	57
Dubuque	cl	34	20	27	Duluth	pc	19	1	Orlando	sh	30	14	Kabul	cl	43	23
El Paso	su	63	36	46	El Paso	su	63	36	Portland	ts	80	65	Kiev	su	58	46

FORECAST (FC) ABBREVIATIONS: su-sunny pc-partly cloudy cl-cloudy rn-rain ts-thunderstorm sn-snow fl-furries fr-freezing rain sl-sleet sh-showers rs-rain/snow ss-snow showers w-windy na-unavailable

CHICAGO DIGEST

SATURDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	48	35	Midway	51	42
Gary	52	44	O'Hare	50	40
Kankakee	46	34	Romeoville	49	35
Lakefront	51	42	Valparaiso	53	41
Lansing	51	41	Waukegan	49	37

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Sat. (through 6 p.m.)	0.00"	0.05"
January to date	1.53"	1.53"
Year to date	1.53"	1.53"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sat. (through 6 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	9.9"	10.9"
Normal to date	19.3"	20.1"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Wind	N 10-20 kts.	N 15-25 kts.
Waves	2-4 feet	4-6 feet
Sat. shore/crib water temps	34°/34°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

JAN. 27	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	28.8%	46.1%
Average snow depth	3.1"	6.7"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	26 days	25 days
Subzero lows	8 days	5 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Saturday's reading: **Good**
 Sunday's forecast: **Good**
 Critical pollutant: **Particulates**

SUNDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:07 a.m.	5:01 p.m.
Moon	2:08 p.m.	4:09 a.m.

SUNDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:33 a.m.	3:47 p.m.
Venus	7:28 a.m.	5:20 p.m.
Mars	2:28 a.m.	12:04 p.m.
Jupiter	1:35 a.m.	11:34 p.m.
Saturn	5:03 a.m.	2:14 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME

PLANET	DIRECTION
Mercury	Not visible
Venus	Not visible
Mars	5:45 a.m., 25° SSE
Jupiter	5:45 a.m., 30° SSE
Saturn	6:00 a.m., 8.5° SE

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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ROBERT REED

Will United Airlines' plans spark a fare war?

United Airlines wants to grow its business at O'Hare International Airport while also beating back any ultralow-cost competitors that get in its way. This is a tricky plan, one passengers will like — if it results in lower fares — and investors fear.

The company's brain trust last week mapped out plans to boost the number of its passengers traveling through and making connections to other United flights at its three major domestic hubs, including O'Hare.

This is occurring while no-frills domestic carriers like Spirit and Frontier airlines expand operations. United is also wary of emerging low-cost trans-Atlantic rival airlines including Norwegian Air and Iceland's WOW, which fly from O'Hare. More overseas discounters could follow.

United is in for a rough passage. The ticket-buying public will likely see lower fares to major domestic destinations and a few overseas spots, such as London. But cutting some fares while boosting operations by 4 to 6 percent annually will inevitably pressure profitability. Such concerns have already hurt United's stock price.

The airline's stock was trading at \$77 during Tuesday's investors conference call. By the end of the week, it was \$66.56 per share. Other airline stocks dropped too.

A few investment gurus are already blaming United for egging on an industry fare war. That strikes me as an extreme opinion, and I'm not the only one.

"(I'm) not sure it's going to spark a traditional fare war," said Brian Karimzad of Milecards.com, which tracks airline passenger mileage programs. "That said, United and other major airlines will fight vigorously when an ultralow-cost carrier enters their hubs or expands."

During the conference call, United President Scott Kirby stressed that the airline has to rebuild its passenger levels at its Chicago, Denver and Houston hubs, which previous management had reduced.

That downsizing allowed competitors, mainly American Airlines and Delta Air Lines, to grow passenger traffic by 22 percent in United's hub airports.

Funneling more passengers through its large domestic hubs will increase United's chances that long-haul flyers, coming from small or midsize markets, will make connections with United's flights bound for U.S. or global destinations — which means higher revenues and better earnings for the company.

Throwing a monkey wrench in this revived "hub-and-spoke" system are those pesky ultralow-cost carriers.

Highly competitive and very protective of its airport strongholds, United will go toe-to-toe with no-frills opponents as it is in Denver, where Frontier is expanding. Still, low-cost carriers are a hit with leisure and occasional air travelers.

They are also winning over more business travelers, an important segment of United's customer base, air travel experts say.

United intends to push back on Spirit, Frontier and other ultralow-cost airlines by stepping up its no-frills basic economy fares wherever and whenever needed. On the investor call, Kirby said his airline will "continue to have an aggressive competitive posture."

To ensure business road warriors keep coming back, United will tweak and improve its loyalty and credit card programs.

Maybe it'll throw in a couple more bags of peanuts too. Some extra legroom and more comfortable airline seats would be nice, but I digress.

United and Wall Street have long had a tempestuous relationship, so the strong investor reaction to this plan was not totally unexpected.

The airline's relationship with the flying public has had ups and downs too.

United's new course is set. But it's going to be a very bumpy ride.

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Amazon's sellout is bookstores' gain

Shops come to rescue after online giant runs out of 'Obama' book

By ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

For a brief period this winter, local bookstores gained a small piece of ground in their ongoing turf war with Amazon.

The online retailer, which has pulled customers away from bricks-and-mortar shops, sold out of "Obama: An Intimate Portrait," a book of photos by former White House photographer Pete Souza, before Christmas. Customers in search of the hot gift item flocked to Chicago-area bookstores.

"We had what Amazon didn't," said Portia Turner, a



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After Amazon sold out of "Obama: An Intimate Portrait," shoppers turned to Chicago-area bookstores like The Book Cellar.

bookseller at The Book Cellar in Chicago's Lincoln Square neighborhood. "I would put one on the front table and walk away and come back a minute

later and it was gone."

It didn't take long for bookstores across the city to sell out as well. Most customers have waited for the books to come in

rather than abandoning their now month-late Christmas presents. Some are still waiting.

The book's sudden scarcity highlights a process independent bookstores are familiar with: determining months in advance which books will be popular, then hustling to restock titles when their predictions weren't spot-on or a title's popularity unexpectedly skyrockets. It can be stressful, especially during the holidays, and some shoppers aren't patient enough to wait for their orders to come in. But shop operators said the furor around certain books — such as this year's "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House" — can also bring in new customers.

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Monte Wiederhold stops Thursday in South Holland. He says paper logs let drivers use their best judgment without endangering safety.

New trucking regulation drives up cost of produce

Foes say electronic logs deny flexibility; backers say devices boost safety

By GREG TROTTER
Chicago Tribune

Shoppers could see grocery prices rise because of a new federal mandate requiring most long-distance truckers to use electronic logging devices to keep track of their time spent driving.

Some truckers are experiencing difficulties and delays as they switch from paper logbooks to the devices, which plug into a truck's engine. Proponents argue the devices, which have been required for most truckers since Dec. 18, keep drivers more honest about their driving time and therefore make the highways safer.



Wiederhold, who owns a six-truck Ohio company, shows his logbook. His company is exempt from electronic logging rules because its trucks' engines are too old.

But those delays mean truckers aren't covering as much distance or making the same number of runs as before, driving up the cost of produce coming from California, Arizona and Florida, according to longtime Chicago produce wholesalers like Anthony

Marano Co. and Testa Produce. And those price hikes eventually will be passed on to consumers, they say.

"You've created this whole logistical nightmare and for what? Why?" said Peter Testa, president of Testa Produce.

Prior to electronic logging devices, truckers recorded their hours manually in a paper logbook. Although they were still bound by federal limits on the number of hours they could drive, the paper logs gave truckers more flexibility in how they recorded hours.

For example, a driver stuck in a traffic jam or otherwise delayed might not have recorded that as driving time. Or a trucker close to the 11-hour driving limit allowed under federal law might have gone a little farther to find a safe place to park. Though such practices weren't technically legal, the

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6 tax facts you should know before you file

Changes mostly affect 2018 returns, but your refund may be slower

By SAMANTHA BOMKAMP
Chicago Tribune

Confused about how the new tax law will affect you? You're not alone.

With the ink barely dry on a new tax law, uncertainty abounds on what moves to make or even what to ask a tax preparer. So what do you need to know before you collect that box of receipts and make the trip to see your accountant?

Here's a rundown of the important things to note this tax season, including what the new tax law will (and will not) mean for you:

Change has not come quite yet. Many people may assume that with the December passage of the tax overhaul bill, the changes are taking effect with the forms they're filling out over the next few months, said David Marzahl, president of the Center for Economic Progress, a Chicago nonprofit that provides free tax services for low-income individuals and families.

But the 500-page law mostly affects taxes starting in 2018, not what's owed for 2017.

"People need to move very cautiously as they prepare their 2017 tax returns and not be swayed by all the messaging," Marzahl said.

Marzahl recommends that filers think about their 2017 returns and the tax overhaul changes in two separate steps:



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Jerome Artis gets tax help from Donna Tuke of the Center for Economic Progress on Thursday at the Evanston Public Library.

First, file your taxes with deductions you took last year, as long as nothing major has changed, like a marriage or a new baby. Once that's done, he said, ask your tax preparer about what you can adjust to be fully prepared for the changes to come.

While there were a few

things that taxpayers could do before 2017 ended to maximize deductions, like pay estimated property taxes for 2018 and increase charitable donations, there is one adjustment that some people can still take advantage of: a retroactive lower-

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WEEK IN REVIEW

Summing up the Tribune's business coverage

Lunchmeat company Buddig to open in former Butterball plant

Carl Buddig & Co., a Homewood-based manufacturer of lunchmeat, has acquired Butterball's former Gusto meatpacking plant in Montgomery and will begin operations there this spring, the company announced. Butterball announced the closing of its 600-employee facility last May. Buddig plans to create 250 jobs in the first two years with operations beginning this spring and ramp up to 350 jobs by year five.

Amazon briefing Chicago, other suitors: Amazon has begun briefing officials in Chicago and 19 other cities in the running for the company's HQ2 second headquarters on the next phase of the process, after announcing the 20 contenders earlier this month. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and other local leaders had a conference call with Amazon real estate executives to map out how the e-commerce giant will evaluate Chicago, according to someone familiar with the process.



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Stainless steel panels on Morton Salt's former headquarters to remain: A 51-story office tower will replace Morton Salt's former headquarters on Wacker Drive, but the squat structure's stainless steel panels — a key feature of the five-story building's Mid-Century Modern architecture — will live on after demolition. Preservation of the exterior steel panels is part of an unusual compromise the skyscraper's developers, Chicago-based Riverside Investment & Development and Houston's Howard Hughes Corp., reached with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Bank of America ends free checking option: Bank of America has eliminated its only free checking account that doesn't require a minimum balance, causing an uproar from customers on social media and spurring a petition to reverse the decision. The Charlotte, N.C.-based bank said it moved eBanking customers into accounts that require them to keep a minimum daily balance of \$1,500 or set up a monthly direct deposit of \$250 or more in order to avoid a maintenance fee of \$12 a month.

Credit card defaults on the rise: Americans are defaulting on their credit cards at the highest rate in nearly a year, and Chicagoans are leading the pack. Chicago residents are now more likely to miss a credit card payment than residents of any other major city, including New York, Los Angeles, Dallas or Miami, according to the S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices. Chicago also holds the title for highest combined default rates across car, home and credit card loans, S&P and Experian said.

Former Roseland hospital exec files suit to recover funds: Roseland Community Hospital's former chief financial officer filed a lawsuit accusing the cash-strapped institution of failing to repay him \$100,000 he lent it to cover operating expenses, allegations the hospital denies as "categorically false." Marlo Kemp, who left his position at the Far South Side hospital in December, had on multiple occasions advanced the hospital money from his personal accounts to help pay vendors and cover shortfalls in pension funds, but had always been reimbursed until his most recent loan in November, the suit alleges.

What else happened last week? Catch up on all the news at www.chicagotribune.com/business.

Amazon's spheres bring tropics to Seattle

Employees can hang out inside company's new rainforest bubbles

BY SPENCER SOPER
Bloomberg News

Three years ago, Amazon.com's horticulturalist was giving Jeff Bezos a preview of what the company's three plant-filled spheres — the centerpiece of its \$4 billion downtown Seattle office project — would look like on opening day.

One rendering showed the view from a 30-foot-high suspension bridge looking down on a tree. The next showed the same tree as it would look five years later, branches stretching high above the bridge to form a canopy, giving Amazonians the feeling of walking through a rainforest.

Bezos didn't want to wait for the little tree to grow.

"The question I got back was, 'Well, can we have year five on day one?'" says Ron Gagliardo, the project's lead horticulturalist. "And that's kind of been our motto ever since."

The online retailer is scheduled to unveil the spheres Monday morning following seven years of planning and construction. The glass orbs were built to let Amazon workers escape from emails, meetings, reports and deadlines to walk along stone paths beside waterfalls, let ferns from South America brush their shoulders and the moist, tropical air fill their lungs.

"It's Always Day One" has been Bezos' mantra since he founded his company 24 years ago, and that startup ethos has remained intact even as Amazon swelled to more than 540,000 employees worldwide and annual revenue of almost \$180 billion. "Day One" is so integral to Amazon culture that it is the name of the new Seattle tower where Bezos spends most of his working hours.

But when you're building a conservatory with 40,000 plants from around the world, Day One would resemble a barren wasteland recovering from a forest fire. So the team of plant specialists, architects and construction workers had to put their own twist on the boss's catchphrase to create a mature, living environment: "Day One is Year Five."

The trickiest part of the project was transporting a 55-foot-tall tree nicknamed Rubi (short for *Ficus rubiginosa*) from a Southern California farm to downtown Seattle, where it was hoisted by crane last summer and dropped through a hole in the roof. Finding and cultivating plants from around the world while simultaneously building their new home



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John Schoettler, left, who runs Amazon's global real estate division, discusses plants with Ron Gagliardo, senior manager of horticultural services.



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A suspension bridge stands near a tree nicknamed Rubi in one of Amazon's spheres in Seattle. A "bird's nest" meeting space is nearby.



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Three spheres, to be filled with plants from around the world, take shape last fall in Amazon's \$4 billion downtown Seattle office project.

wasn't easy. The project created 600 full-time jobs from design through construction.

"Accomplishing year five on day one presented a really big challenge for us," says M. David Sadinsky, an architect with the firm NBBJ that designed the spheres. "We realized we had to finish the sphere, take part of it back apart, drop the tree in and then put it back together again."

From the outside, the three connected spheres resemble a glass-and-steel sculpture of a triple-scoop sundae. The biggest

sphere is 90 feet high and 130 feet wide. Inside, visitors first notice the warm, moist air, about 72 degrees and 60 percent humidity, compared with the 30 percent humidity in a typical office. Eyeglasses fog over and sweat beads on foreheads while bodies adjust. Just inside the doors is a five-story "living wall" cascading with greenery. The climate varies throughout so visitors can find a "micro-climate" to their liking. The temperature swings as much as 5 degrees, a big difference in the humid environment, and ventila-

tion systems simulate an outdoor breeze.

Wi-Fi is available for those looking to work, as well as small meeting spaces like the "bird's nest," perched along the suspension bridge beneath Rubi that resembles a tree fort swaying in the branches. The spheres can accommodate 800 people at a time, and Amazon will use employee badges to monitor time spent inside and make sure no one hogs the tree fort. Management wants employees to relax, just not too much.

Besides creating a parklike setting where workers can recharge, the spheres will serve as a recruiting tool, says John Schoettler, who runs Amazon's global real estate division and oversaw the project. Candidates interviewed in the spheres will leave with the impression that Amazon is a forward-thinking company, he says.

"From the moment we started construction, people would stand on the street corners taking photographs," Schoettler said. "This structure is about thinking big and thinking long term."

Bank of America CEO sees 50-50 odds of a female successor

BY ERIK SCHATZKER
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Bloomberg News

Bank of America Corp. CEO Brian Moynihan said when he's ready to give up the job, the odds are split on whether his successor will be a woman.

"Absolutely, there's a 50-50 chance," he said Friday in an interview on Bloomberg Television at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. "We've been after diversity and inclusion in our company for a long time. Our management team is basically half women — 40 or 45 percent of the people in our company are managed directly by a woman."

Moynihan, 58, noted that he's "pretty young" and has "some room to run" as CEO.



MARKUS SCHREIBER/AP

Brian Moynihan expects to remain Bank of America CEO for a while, but he says the next chief could be a woman.

While men oversee all of the bank's biggest businesses, Moynihan said he's working to ensure that his board has a "very broad" set of candidates to choose from when the moment comes to pick the next chief.

Whichever firm does it first, putting a woman in charge of a Wall Street firm will be historic. Banking has been a male bastion for

decades, and it remains one of the last industries — not only in the U.S. but across the globe — in which all the biggest companies are still run by men.

Only in recent years have women started to appear in more than token numbers on management committees and in the boardroom. At Bank of America Corp., five of the top 13 executives

on Moynihan's leadership team are women: Chief Operations and Technology Officer Catherine Bessant, human resources executive Sheri Bronstein, Vice Chairman Anne Finucane, corporate general auditor Christine Katzoff and Chief Administrative Officer Andrea Smith.

Bank of America's revenue-producing operations are broken up into four main divisions, all run by men. The consumer business is co-headed by Dean Athanasia and Thong Nguyen, and wealth management is overseen by Terry Laughlin. Chief Operating Officer Tom Montag controls the investment and corporate banks.

Moynihan had presided over a revenue-producing division before he rose to

the top job eight years ago, when the tumultuous takeover of Merrill Lynch & Co. prodded Kenneth Lewis to step down. Moynihan was head of the consumer bank when he was named to the CEO role in December 2009.

Moelis & Co. Chairman and CEO Ken Moelis said Wednesday he too might be succeeded by a woman.

"We have a substantial number of women in the leadership of our firm and some of them are responsible, I think, for the success of our firm," Moelis, 59, told Bloomberg Television.

Yet gender equality at the highest ranks of the industry is rare enough that publications such as Forbes and American Banker still compile "Most Powerful Women in Finance" lists

annually.

Questions about the treatment of women in the workplace persist, and because of the #MeToo movement they've taken on a new sense of urgency.

Earlier this month, a senior executive in BofA's Merrill Lynch unit, Omeed Malik, left the firm after a female co-worker accused him of inappropriate sexual conduct. Moynihan said he's aware of the circumstances and is satisfied the company "handled it the right way."

The CEO also said he isn't surprised Wall Street hasn't been roiled by more accusations of harassment. "Everybody has cases," he said. "It's just a question of: Do you take care of it at the time, or do you let it fester and build up?"



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Janet Yellen's four-year term as Federal Reserve chair ends Feb. 3, when she'll be succeeded by Jerome Powell.

YELLEN'S LEGACY

After an unusually short 4-year stint as leader of the world's most influential central bank, the exiting Fed chief leaves behind essentially full employment but unfinished business

By **DON LEE**
AND **JIM PUZZANGHERA**
Los Angeles Times

Even during her final news conference as chairwoman of the Federal Reserve, Janet Yellen last month stuck to the careful approach that helped her guide the central bank through a pivotal period.

Asked if she was disappointed that her historic tenure as the first woman to lead the Fed was ending after just one term, she demurred. She brushed off a query about whether the Republican tax cuts were ill-timed. She wouldn't even bite on a lighthearted question about which black dot was hers on the quarterly chart of Fed policymakers' interest rate forecasts.

"I've never been willing to reveal which dot is mine," she said, smiling, "and I'm not going to change that now."

When Yellen steps down next month, she'll depart with the economy in strong shape and monetary policymakers armed with more options than they've had in years, should it falter.

But the soft-spoken former University of California at Berkeley economist also leaves some important unfinished business after an unusually short four-year stint as leader of the world's most influential central bank.

While the nation has essentially returned to full employment under her watch, inflation remains stubbornly below the Fed's annual 2 percent target. That's helped prevent faster wage growth and caused policymakers to fret about the longer-term consequences for the economy.

Also, although Yellen shepherded the effort to begin unwinding the extraordinary and controversial steps the Fed took to fight the financial crisis and Great Recession a decade ago, she won't be around to complete the complicated task. And she won't be presiding over the institution as it begins weighing potentially far-reaching changes in how it handles monetary policy in an era of slower growth.

Despite widespread praise for her performance, President Donald Trump decided last fall not to renominate Yellen, a Democrat, for a second four-year term as chairwoman. Instead he chose Fed governor Jerome Powell, a Republican who has been a loyal supporter of Yellen's agenda.

The decision broke with the recent precedent of presidents extending the terms of Fed chiefs originally nominated by predecessors from the other political party. For Yellen, 71, that means she'll have had the shortest tenure for a Fed leader in nearly four decades.

"She wanted to continue," said Princeton economist Alan Blinder, a former Fed vice chairman and good friend of Yellen's. "I think she always knew it was an uphill battle once Donald Trump got elected."

With her term ending Feb. 3 — three days after leading her last monetary policy meeting, in which no new action is expected — Yellen won't have the chance to leave the kind of mark left by her recent predecessors.

Paul Volcker is known for taming

high inflation in the 1980s. Alan Greenspan oversaw the longest U.S. economic expansion on record while chairman for almost two decades, although the Fed under him also was blamed for the housing bubble that burst into the Great Recession. Ben Bernanke engineered the Fed's aggressive response to the financial crisis and is credited with saving the nation from a depression.

"On the one hand, she didn't have to deal with anything as difficult as Ben Bernanke did, not even close," Blinder said. "But on the other hand, she handled the situation she got superbly."

Donald Kohn, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution think tank who was Fed vice chairman from 2006 to 2010, said: "She's been able to lead the committee in a way that's avoided major financial disruption while beginning the rollback of unconventional monetary policy. I think that's quite an accomplishment."

Yellen had a 2½-year stint as a Fed governor in the 1990s, then returned to Washington in 2010 to be Bernanke's vice chairwoman before succeeding him. In between, Yellen taught at Berkeley's Haas School of Business, chaired the White House Council of Economic Advisers under President Bill Clinton and served from 2004 to 2010 as president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, where she was involved in the Fed's response to the financial crisis.

"I feel very positive about what we've been able to accomplish and feel tremendous ... loyalty to the institution," Yellen said in December at her last news conference as Fed chief.

She plans to continue living in the Washington area, where her husband, Nobel Memorial Prize-winning economist George Akerlof, is a professor at Georgetown University. Like Bernanke, she's likely to join a think tank, and she could also write a book. The couple also will keep their home in Berkeley, she said.

When Yellen replaced Bernanke in early 2014, the economy was nearly five years into a recovery. But growth remained slow, and the Fed's monetary policy was still very much focused on stimulating growth. Bernanke had pushed the central bank to drop its key short-term interest rate to near zero and purchased trillions of dollars of government bonds to lower long-term rates.

It fell to Yellen to determine when the economy was strong enough to begin inching up the interest rate and start reducing the bonds on the Fed's balance sheet.

Despite critics warning that the Fed's policies to keep interest rates low would stoke asset bubbles and inflation, Yellen took a cautious and data-driven approach to withdrawing the stimulus. With Fed policymakers expecting continued low inflation, Yellen put greater weight on the second part of the Fed's dual mandate — maximizing employment. She viewed the unemployment rate as understating the hardships in the labor market, even though the rate had dropped to 5 percent by fall 2015.

Her efforts to focus on the difficulties of Americans in finding

work was part of the reason liberal Democrats had urged President Barack Obama to nominate her to succeed Bernanke instead of the other leading candidate, Lawrence Summers, the former Treasury secretary who had been Obama's top economic adviser. As chairwoman, Yellen made a point of visiting job training centers around the country and meeting with blue-collar workers to get a better sense of how the Fed's policies were playing out for average people.

"She wasn't an ivory-tower Fed chair, even though she had all the credentials to be one," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at accounting and advisory firm Grant Thornton. "She brought that humanity of talking about individuals."

During the 2016 presidential campaign, Trump pointedly accused Yellen of politicizing the traditionally apolitical institution by keeping interest rates artificially low to help fellow Democrats Obama and Hillary Clinton. Most analysts rejected those criticisms, and Trump appeared to change his views after he became president. When announcing his choice to go with Powell, Trump said he respected Yellen and that he thought "she's done a good job."

Though Yellen's tenure was calm, it wasn't without bumps. Yellen came in as an articulate central banker — she had crafted the Fed's more open communications policy for Bernanke — but in her first news conference in March 2014, she inadvertently suggested that the first interest rate hike since 2006 was coming sooner than expected. Her comment rattled financial markets.

When the Fed finally began increasing its key interest rate in December 2015, it went off without a hitch, as have successive rate hikes since then. It was the same when Fed policymakers announced in September that they would begin gradually reducing the central bank's \$4.5 trillion balance sheet, as Yellen had meticulously prepared financial markets with a clear timetable and road map for the reduction.

The Fed's benchmark short-term interest rate now is between 1.25 and 1.5 percent — still low by historical standards. But Fed policymakers once again have the ability to lower the rate to stimulate growth if the economy slows.

"An underappreciated aspect of the Yellen Fed is how smoothly the transition from extraordinary monetary stimulus to policy normalization has proceeded," John Williams, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, said in an email. "This was not a foregone conclusion and it's a testament to her leadership and preparation."

By the measuring stick of the labor market, Yellen has been one of the most successful Fed chairs. She leaves with the unemployment rate at 4.1 percent, the lowest since 2000.

"She got us back to full employment in a very graceful way," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, referring to a state in which nearly everyone able and willing to work has a job.

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Outcome Health reaches settlement

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Outcome Health struck a deal with its investors to settle allegations of fraud and end a months-long and very public legal battle.

CEO Rishi Shah and President Shradha Agarwal have stepped down from day-to-day management of the company to become chairman and vice chair of the board of directors, which will search for a new CEO, according to a news release from the company. The newly expanded board will also include three new independent directors and two investor representatives.

The agreement settles all litigation between the company and its investors, according to the news release.

Shah and Agarwal also plan to join investors and lenders in investing an additional \$159 million into the business, \$77 million of which will be used to pay down debt, according to the news release.

"Shradha and I look forward to inviting in an operating leader who has the experience and skills required for the future success of Outcome Health," Shah said in a statement. "We're enthusiastic to move into this new chapter of growth with our customers and partners to transform the health care industry and fulfill our mission to acti-

vate the best health outcomes possible for every person in the world."

Founded in 2006 as ContextMedia, the company places screens in doctor's offices that run educational content about health topics and advertisements from drug companies. It had not raised outside money until last year, when it secured \$487.5 million in funding from big-name investors and rose to a valuation of about \$5.5 billion.

In November, those investors — including units of Goldman Sachs and Google, and a fund co-founded by Illinois gubernatorial candidate J.B. Pritzker — sued the company, Shah and Agarwal, alleging Outcome Health misled advertisers and investors about the company's performance.

The investors filed court documents indicating they received subpoenas from the Justice Department.

In recent months, pharmaceutical advertisers have pulled tens of millions of dollars in ads from the fast-growing company, and hospitals have backed away. More than one-third of Outcome Health's 535 employees took a voluntary buyout, and it called off a headquarters move.

Earlier this month, Illinois suspended two tax credit agreements with the company.

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BACK STORY

Steven Lee moved eye exams online

Opternative caught flak for upending industry procedures

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Optometrist Steven Lee has ruffled some feathers in his industry. His Chicago-based startup, Opternative, saves people a trip to the eye doctor by administering vision tests online, the results of which are reviewed by local ophthalmologists who issue digital prescriptions for eyeglasses and contacts. It costs users \$50 to \$60.

The idea has not gone over well with the American Optometric Association, which has questioned the accuracy of the online tests and warned that patients might substitute them for comprehensive eye exams that screen for serious health conditions.

Meantime, Opternative, which started offering the tests in 2015, has filled prescriptions in 39 states and partnered with online and in-store contact lens retailers. It raised \$6 million in a series A funding round led by Jump Capital.

Lee, 38, is co-founder and chief science officer at Opternative.

Q: Did it feel strange to get so much backlash from your industry?

A: Definitely the push-back from the industry was a bit shocking at first. But our whole premise in creating this company was really to work with all the eye care professionals within this industry rather than against them. I think sometimes there is a little loss of understanding when new technology comes about. People are really wondering, How does that work with my current status quo?

Q: What sparked the idea for Opternative?

A: Back when I was in practice in 2009, I had this very interesting patient. She was a single mother, two kids, and had a lot of vision fluctuations, where her vision would get a little worse one month and better the next, and so she had to come into the office multiple times to get a refraction,



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Steven Lee said he was surprised by backlash from the eye care industry when he started Opternative in 2015.

or a measure of her prescription. She finally makes it in and sits down in the exam chair asks me, "Why can't we do this at home?" That sparked my lightbulb moment.

Q: Why did you want to be an optometrist?

A: I'm very inquisitive. My background stems in engineering, biology and optics, and I'm kind of that nerdy person who likes to take things apart and put them back together. The eyes are a really fascinating organ. Not only do you (acquire) about 80 percent of all learning through your eyes, but the eyes are so essential to productivity and to working well throughout your environment. So my nerdy self really encouraged me to go down that path because not only can you take care of a person, but you get to play with really cool gadgets.

Q: What was your first job?

A: My very first job was when I was 5 or 6. I always had this entrepreneurial bug inside of me. Instead of creating a lemonade stand, I created a stand that sold origami. I created paper cranes, little paper frogs and little paper bowls. People were fascinated by it.

Q: What book is on your nightstand?

A: "Zero to One" by Peter Thiel. He talks about going from zero to one in that you create an idea or product that's never been done before.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

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Socially responsible investing gets a boost

In Trump's 1st year, 39 funds and ETFs launched, a record

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NEW YORK — Decades after she began investing, Diana Casey for the first time put money in mutual funds that favor companies with women in corner offices and otherwise aim to invest in a socially responsible way. Her inspiration? President Donald Trump.

A 49-year-old lawyer, she was turned off when then-candidate Trump insinuated the judge overseeing a lawsuit against Trump University may be biased because of his Mexican heritage. Judge Gonzalo Curiel is based in San Diego, Casey's hometown, and the legal community there is close. She also was saddened by comments Trump made about women, the disabled and other groups of people. After Trump captured the

White House, Casey was feeling disgusted.

"It really flicked a switch that I need to be more involved and do more to get our country back on track," Casey said. "To me, that meant paying attention to where I put my money."

Using cash that was sitting in the bank, and shifting some funds in her individual retirement account, Casey reconfigured her portfolio so that she now has about a third of her investments in socially responsible funds, up from zero before Trump was elected. Those investments include a fund that holds stocks in companies where women are well-represented on the board and in executive offices.

Others have made a similar move, defying predictions that a Trump White House would have a chilling effect on the socially responsible investing industry. Last year, investors plugged \$6.4 billion into socially responsible mutual

funds and exchange-traded funds, according to Jon Hale, head of sustainable investing research at Morningstar. That's up 10 percent from 2016, and more than triple the rate of 2015.

The industry was enjoying accelerating growth before Trump, and investment companies were rushing to open new funds that consider "environmental, social and governance" issues to tap into the demand. The term has become so widespread that many funds simply put "ESG" in their names for shorthand.

After Trump's election, the expectation was that a Republican-led Washington would enact policies at odds with ESG funds. It would favor the coal and oil industries, for example, which would undercut profits for the renewable energy companies at the heart of many environmentally focused funds.

Instead, dollars continued to flow into socially responsible investments,

and the industry launched 39 mutual funds and ETFs last year, a record, said Hale. "More and more products are out there now, and everything is poised to see ongoing growth," he said.

Because much of the industry is so young, many funds have limited track records for measuring performance. One stereotype says that socially responsible investors need to sacrifice returns, but studies by Morningstar, Morgan Stanley and others in recent years have disputed that.

Researchers say that stocks of companies that score well on gender diversity have historically generated slightly better returns, for example. And companies with strong environmental, social and corporate-governance policies can have fewer incidents that can lead to sharp drops in stock price, such as an environmental disaster or business-practice scandal.

"I do think we're at a moment where the whole

notion of the corporation is changing," said Joe Keefe, chief executive of Pax World Funds, which launched the country's first socially responsible mutual fund in 1971 and now manages about \$4.7 billion. "I think companies understand that customers have the expectation that the company stand for something, has values."

Companies are increasingly taking their customers, employees and communities into consideration when making their decisions, not just their shareholders and the next quarter's results. And Wall Street is pushing them further along that path.

The CEO of BlackRock, the world's largest investment firm, sent a letter this month to his counterparts at the largest publicly traded companies telling them that "to prosper over time, every company must not only deliver financial performance, but also show how it makes a positive

contribution to society."

That's what Judie Lincer, a 55-year-old naturalist educator, wanted to see when she moved about 40 percent of her investments into socially responsible funds following the election. She said she wanted her investments to be true to her goals for the environment, particularly when the White House is rolling back environmental regulations.

Lincer would have preferred to move 100 percent, but her husband, an environmental scientist, wanted to keep some money with their longtime financial adviser, who had them in traditional investments.

A year in, does she feel like it's had any effect?

"I would say yes," she said. "Of course, I'm still plagued by the really negative things that are happening, but this is one thing I feel like I have control over, and that buys some peace of mind. And I'm walking the walk: I'm doing what I can to help."

Smaller carriers oppose new rule

Trucking, from Page 1

paper logs allowed drivers to use their own judgment to balance the interests of safety and business.

But the electronic devices hold drivers to a more rigid compliance with hours-of-service regulations, which federal regulators and law enforcement officials say is needed to prevent fatigued driving. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration estimates the devices will eliminate 1,844 crashes, prevent 562 injuries and save 26 lives annually. Time will tell whether those numbers prove true, but the mandate's already affecting local businesses.

Both Testa and Jason Nitti, transportation manager of Anthony Marano, said they've had to pay significantly more for produce, though factors like a holiday surge in demand and high diesel prices also likely contributed.

For Pete's Fresh Market, a 12-store grocery chain in the Chicago area, truckloads of produce from Mexico have roughly doubled in cost since the new devices were mandated — from about \$2,400 for 40,000 pounds of produce to more than \$5,000, said produce buyer Kenneth Moore. Pete's has been able to absorb much of



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Monte Wiederhold says logging devices are so inflexible, "if you're one minute over — that's a violation. I'd rather a guy get to a safe place to park."

those costs, but the company's had to mark up items like bananas and lettuce, for example, by 20 cents, Moore said.

"When you're talking \$3 to \$4 more a box (of produce), that really has an impact on retailers," Moore said.

Spokeswomen for Jewel-Osco and Mariano's, larger Chicago-area retailers, declined to comment.

Some in the trucking industry have concerns that drivers who are delayed by the devices may end up driving faster — even if they're not speeding — in order to make up lost ground and find safe parking before the end of their

allotted driving time under federal hours-of-service rules.

"Once you start the clock, it doesn't stop," said Fred Plotsky, president of Cool Runnings, a Kenosha, Wis.-based trucking firm.

The American Trucking Associations, which represents some of the largest trucking firms in the country, has little sympathy for the flexibility argument.

The underlying rules for driving time haven't changed — just the tool for measuring compliance, said Sean McNally, spokesman for the trucking group.

Truckers may drive no more than 11 hours in a 14-hour period of time, followed by at least 10 hours of mandatory rest, according to federal regulations. The electronic device mandate was part of a transportation reauthorization bill signed into law by President Barack Obama in 2012.

If drivers properly recorded their driving time using paper logs before the mandate, they shouldn't be experiencing delays now,

McNally said.

"This is a safety measure, first and foremost," he said.

That in itself is a topic of some debate.

A 2014 study commissioned by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the agency that oversees commercial driving regulations, found that trucks equipped with electronic monitoring saw a 12 percent reduction in total crash rate and a 5 percent reduction in preventable crash rate. The study, based on data from 11 carriers, also found a 53 percent reduction in violations of the hours-of-service rules.

But those data are disputed by the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, a smaller trucking trade group that's opposed to the devices.

The group concluded that the study's sample skewed toward larger carriers and therefore wasn't representative of most truckers. The study also established no link between fatigue-related

crashes and the use of the electronic devices, the group said.

The mandate is more about larger carriers improving their bottom lines and exploiting a competitive advantage over smaller trucking firms, said Todd Spencer, acting president of the owner-operator group. The cost of the devices are disproportionately burdensome for smaller companies and don't make the roads any safer, Spencer said.

His group is seeking an exemption from the rule for small trucking businesses with good safety records.

Already, some specific exemptions for other entities, like United Parcel Service, have been granted. Truckers hauling livestock received a 90-day waiver and many livestock producers hope to see that extended. Other exemptions include drivers of vehicles manufactured before 2000, because the devices aren't compatible with older engines.

So far, the Illinois Trucking Association has re-

mained neutral on the issue because its members are divided, said Matt Hart, the group's executive director. More than half of members surveyed were already using the devices before the mandate, Hart said.

Controversy over the devices is bringing to light needed changes in the underlying hours-of-service regulations to allow drivers more flexibility in determining when they rest, Hart said.

"At the end of the day, drivers know best when to get some rest — not some bureaucrat in D.C.," Hart said.

B.L. Reeve Transport, a six-truck company based in Ohio that mostly hauls steel throughout the Midwest, is exempt because its trucks' engines were built before 2000. Nevertheless, owner Monte Wiederhold decried the perception of widespread cheating on paper logbooks, which have to be verified with receipts and time stamps throughout the day's journey.

Unlike electronic logging devices, paper logs allow drivers to use their best judgment without endangering their own safety, he said.

"The problem with ELDs is if you're one minute over — that's a violation. I'd rather a guy get to a safe place to park," said Wiederhold, while taking a break at a South Holland truck stop.

Truckers need to plan ahead to avoid those situations, said Illinois State Police Master Sgt. Todd Armstrong. Currently, troopers are mostly just issuing warnings and trying to educate drivers during a period of "soft compliance" for the new mandate, Armstrong said. Stricter enforcement begins April 1.

He acknowledged there have been some technical problems in the early going with the logging devices not working as intended, but he said he believes they will ultimately make roads safer.

Drivers "don't have the ability to fudge their logbooks anymore," Armstrong said. "It is what it is."

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Book shops come to rescue

Bookstores, from Page 1

"There will always be that book that we can't get," said Teresa Kirschbraun, owner of City Lit Books in the Logan Square neighborhood. "You know you could sell so many more if you just had them and you kind of have to just let it go."

In 2014, for example, it was the World War II novel "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr.

This year, it was the "Obama" book, Kirschbraun said.

Little, Brown and Co., the publisher of Souza's book, said reader demand has been unprecedented. The book went on sale in early November and spurred the largest single-day sales ever on Amazon for any title from parent company Hachette Book Group. Amazon is still sold out. The publisher has said it is printing more, but that takes extra time for the oversize book with high-quality images.

Little, Brown still tells customers that bookstores are their best bet for finding an in-stock copy of the book.

As of Friday, the Book Cellar had sold 53 copies since "Obama: An Intimate Portrait" was released and had one copy available. Many who ordered the book waited for it, Turner said, even as their intended Christmas gifts grew later. That could partially be because they had few alternatives for getting the book.

Typically, when a book sells out, there's a similar title the employees can recommend, Turner said. They were able to do that with "The Power" by Naomi Alderman. The science-fiction novel — in which women discover the power to release jolts of electricity from their hands and become the dominant



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Portia Turner, right, a bookseller at The Book Cellar in Chicago, said copies of the "Obama" book flew off the shelf.



Like the "Obama" book, "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House" has proved to be a hot commodity that has drawn customers to local bookstores.

gender — sold steadily after it was released in the U.S. this fall, but sales took off suddenly during the holidays, Turner said. A salesperson might instead direct a shopper to anything by Margaret Atwood.

But there's not really anything similar to Souza's book that she could point them toward. Some customers turned to former

Vice President Joe Biden's "Promise Me Dad: A Year of Hope, Hardship and Purpose," but that didn't share the visual aspect.

City Lit's customers have also been waiting for "Fire and Fury" to come in, another book that has no substitute. Even if they don't pick up a placed order, someone else will quickly buy the copy,

Kirschbraun said. The book, in which author Michael Wolff details behind-the-scenes aspects of the Trump presidency, has brought new customers into the store.

After excerpts of the book were released in early January, the public swarmed and the White House fumed. A lawyer for President Donald Trump

attempted to stop its publication, and publisher Henry Holt & Co. moved up the release date, citing strong demand.

No one predicted the magnitude of "Fire and Fury," said Shane Khosropour, manager at Unabridged Bookstore in Chicago's Lakeview East neighborhood. Usually, they buy books six to eight months before they're released and are often able to predict what will sell well with their customers.

The Muhammad Ali biography, "Ali: A Life," has sold well in part because the author, Jonathan Eig, is a local, Khosropour said. A coffee-table book about New York nightclub Studio 54 has also been hugely popular at the shop, which sits just next to the Boyztown area, Khosropour said.

But if there are highly read reviews of a title or it takes off on social media, bookstores can be caught off guard.

"Word-of-mouth can travel very fast," he said.

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Wellness programs ineffective, study says

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Workplace wellness programs have two main goals: improve employees' health and lower their employers' health care costs. They're not very good at either, new research finds.

For the study, 3,300 employees of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign were given a year of access to iThrive, a workplace wellness program similar to what many companies offer workers. A control group of 1,534 didn't get access to it at all.

Those offered the program were randomly split into six groups. All were offered a biometric screening, a health assessment and various services and classes, such as chronic disease management, tai chi and a fitness challenge. But the six groups were paid different incentives for completing each step of the program—anywhere from \$50 to \$350.

The researchers wanted to answer three questions: Do wellness programs have any effects on health outcomes, medical spending and other measures including productivity? (The jury has been out on that.) Can money spur more people to participate? (Many programs have trouble with enrollment.) And finally, who's most likely to participate? (If only healthy people do, the programs won't achieve much.)

Their study found that wellness programs — even those with incentives — don't change employees' behavior much. The findings were published as a working paper at the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Over the years, hundreds of studies have examined the efficacy of wellness programs with mixed results; a study from the RAND Corp. found most programs don't reduce companies' health costs, while a 2010 review found they do.

Much of that research has calculated savings by looking at the difference in health care spending between employees who opt in to such programs and those who don't. But the new study, as a randomized control trial, measured differences by randomly creating a control group with no access to the wellness program at all. With that method, the researchers found that medical spending disparities pre-existed the wellness program.

"Our results are significantly different," said Damon Jones, an associate professor at the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy who conducted the study along with two UIUC researchers. "They rule out the kind of effects you find in nearly 80 percent of those prior studies. We don't see anything trending toward savings."

First, money isn't much of an incentive. Without any cash offered, a little under half of employees completed the assessment and screening. A \$100 reward for completing the screening only boosted that rate to 59 percent.

Not that it may have mattered much to their employer. Looking at health insurance claims throughout the year, the researchers found participation in the wellness program didn't result in better health outcomes or lower health care costs. The medical spending habits of the employees who didn't have access to the program were "almost identical" to those workers who did, Jones said.

It turns out that those most likely to take advantage of their employer's wellness offerings are healthy people who don't spend a lot on health care, and employees with the highest health care costs are the least likely to participate.

Despite questions as to whether wellness programs actually work, companies are still pouring money into them. The industry ballooned from a \$1 billion one in 2011 to \$6.8 billion five years later, according to an IBIS World analysis.

Tax law to boost paycheck for most

Taxes, from Page 1

ing of the threshold for medical bill deductions. For 2017, if you paid more than 7.5 percent of your income in medical bills, you can deduct those from your taxes. That's down from a previous threshold of 10 percent.

For most individuals, the most important thing will be to ensure your withholding is correct.

"For your general W-2 wage earner, your world hasn't changed a whole lot," said Mitchell Goldberg, a partner and tax attorney at the Florida-based law firm Berger Singerman.

For small-business owners, preparation for the changes will be more complicated and will depend on some information that has yet to be clearly defined.

For example, the Treasury Department has said that some service companies, like law offices and accounting firms, won't be able to take advantage of sizable tax-rate reductions for so-called pass-through businesses like limited liability companies, where individual owners pay taxes for the business on their personal tax returns. But the definition of a service business hasn't been clearly spelled out — something that's expected to come later this year.

"Unfortunately, there are a lot of question marks as far as what qualifies and how to qualify for it," Goldberg said. "There are a lot of folks who are going to try to shoehorn themselves into that category."

You'll (probably) get a bigger paycheck. Here's a bright spot coming soon: Most Americans — about 90 percent — will see a little



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Tax preparers Donna Tuke and Larry Shavitz, right, assist Jerome Artis on Thursday at the Evanston Public Library.

bump in their paychecks starting next month, according to the U.S. Treasury. And more money is always good, right? Maybe not for long.

The increases will be the result of adjustments in the IRS withholding table, which is what employers use to determine how much to take out of employees' paychecks.

Many employers will adjust their employees' withholding automatically under the new law, experts say. But Manuel Pravia, a principal at the Florida accounting firm MBEAF, recommends that taxpayers ensure their withholding is correct so they don't get a shock come tax time next year.

If you are put into a withholding category that leaves you with extra money in your paycheck, it could mean that you'll wind up owing the IRS. The withholding table for 2018 is not yet available but will be posted on www.irs.gov.

"Everybody has to be

mindful — it's a change, and somebody's going to be caught unaware," Pravia said. "If you get less withheld for the next 11 months, you may have an unpleasant surprise in 2019. That's the No. 1 thing that's going to impact a big portion of the population."

Refunds will be slower. Expect a refund this year? You'll need an extra dose of patience. All the changes in tax law — combined with a short-staffed Internal Revenue Service — have the government running a bit slower this year, Marzahl said. That may delay many federal refunds filed via standard mail this year.

The delay won't rise past a minor annoyance for most Americans, but it could be a significant burden for low-wage earners who count on federal refunds to cover rent and other critical bills, Marzahl said.

Electronic filers should not be affected by the delay.

Watch out for "speedy"

refunds and other scams. Because of the slowdown in refund distributions this year, the Center for Economic Progress expects there may be more demand for short-term refund anticipation loans.

But Marzahl calls those loans "fairly predatory and high-cost," and he recommends that taxpayers avoid them. Also, if an outside company claims it can get your refund faster, it's likely a scam, he said.

And don't trust anyone who calls claiming to be with the IRS; the federal government doesn't reach out to taxpayers by phone. The only way the IRS will reach out is through traditional mail, Marzahl said, so don't fall for someone claiming to be legitimate who uses phone or email to reach you.

Some mandates and credits are unchanged for now. The tax reform law also repealed the Affordable Care Act mandate that required all Americans to have health insurance or

pay a penalty. But it didn't go away immediately. If you didn't have health insurance last year, and you don't claim a waiver or exemption, you'll still need to pay a penalty. The individual mandate doesn't get phased out until Dec. 31 2018, so the same rules will be in place when you file next year too.

It's a similar situation for the child tax credit. New rules about requiring Social Security numbers do not take effect on 2017 returns.

Changes may be temporary. Many of the benefits for individual taxpayers under the new law have an expiration date. Unless Congress acts to extend them, some of the tax cuts for individuals will expire in 2026.

"Everybody's scrambling to understand, and then in eight years we'll try to remember what we did before," Pravia said.

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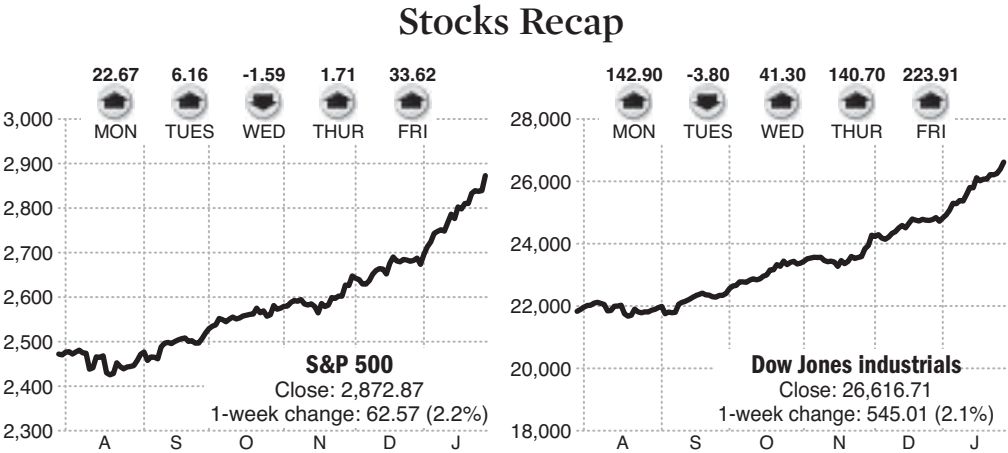


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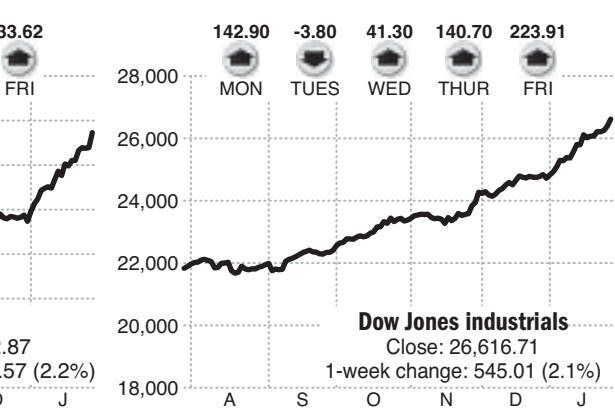


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PHILIP MORRIS The FDA recently rejected Philip Morris' proposal to sell its iQOS device as a lower-risk alternative to cigarettes.

Big Tobacco is aiming billions at new products

Regulators wary as industry tries move beyond cigarettes

By SAM CHAMBERS Bloomberg News

Big Tobacco is spending billions of dollars to develop products that could move the industry beyond cigarettes. The problem is that health experts and regulators aren't buying it.

The latest setback came Thursday, when a U.S. Food and Drug Administration advisory panel said Philip Morris failed to show that its iQOS device, which heats tobacco to a lower temperature than a lit cigarette, cuts the risk of tobacco-related ailments.

Even with smoking in decline and FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb proposing restrictions on nicotine levels, lingering concerns over the health effects of vaping and Big Tobacco's toxic reputation threaten the transition to alternatives like e-cigarettes and iQOS.

Outside the U.S., iQOS is already available in more than two dozen countries. The FDA's final verdict will be closely watched by executives at British American Tobacco, which is conducting clinical trials in preparation for a U.S. application to sell a rival product, Glo.

"We are confident in our ability to address the valid questions raised by the committee with the FDA as the review process for our application continues," Philip Morris spokesman Corey Henry said in an emailed statement after the FDA panel's decision was released.

The FDA hasn't approved any of the dozens of

so-called "modified risk tobacco product" applications it has received. Its most notable rejection came in 2015, when it turned down Swedish Match AB's application to be allowed to advertise snus, little pouches of moist tobacco that are placed beneath the user's upper lip, as less harmful than smoking.

Almost half of 31,269 U.S. adult smokers surveyed last year by the University of Pittsburgh said they believed vapor products are at least as risky as cigarettes.

U.K. regulators have embraced e-cigarettes more fervently than any other national authority and are reviewing whether to lift a prohibition on e-cigarette manufacturers claiming their products are safer than cigarettes.

Yet at least 27 countries, from Brazil to the United Arab Emirates, have heeded a World Health Organization recommendation to prohibit the sale of e-cigarettes, which the Geneva-based agency has said could be a gateway to conventional tobacco use.

Many public health professionals abhor the prospect that the tobacco industry — after years of concealing smoking's harms — might profit from its demise, according to Derek Yach, head of the Foundation for a Smoke-Free World, which is part-funded by Philip Morris.

"We have every reason to want this transition to happen as soon as possible," Kingsley Wheaton, BAT's head of the Americas and Sub-Saharan Africa, said in a phone interview. "But our voice is only credible to a point."

Sports gear sales dip: 'Good enough' is hip

By DAN ELLIOTT Associated Press

DENVER — Sales of outdoor equipment are slipping as millennials drive changes in U.S. consumer habits by favoring clothes and sporting goods that are less specialized and more versatile, analysts say.

Industry retail sales totaled \$18.9 billion from December 2016 through November 2017, down 6 percent from the previous 12 months, according to NPD Group, a market research company that tracks trends in two dozen industries.

NPD announced the numbers last week as manufacturers and buyers gathered in Denver for the Outdoor Retailer and Snow Show, the industry's biggest winter marketplace.

Millennials — sometimes defined as people born from 1982 to 2004 — are less likely than the previous generation to demand outdoor gear that stands up to extreme conditions, said Matt Powell, NPD's senior adviser for the sports industry. He used boots as an example. "The hardest, the

AP's James Anderson contributed.

Largest mutual funds

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b - Fee covering market costs is paid from fund assets. d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee. m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee. s - fund split shares during the week. x - fund paid a distribution during the week. Source: Morningstar.



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4 big mistakes on your resume

Resume gaffes are such a pervasive problem that Laszlo Bock, former Senior Vice President of People Operations at Google, wrote a LinkedIn article about it, entitled "The Biggest Mistakes I see on Resumes and How to Correct Them." Bock estimates that he's personally reviewed over 20,000 resumes, so he certainly knows what he's talking about.

Let's look at what he says are four of the biggest mistakes that he's seen on resumes so you can avoid them on your job hunt.

1. **Bad formatting.** When it comes to foolish resume formatting Bock has seen it all, from wildly "creative" designs and outlandish fonts to splashes of color and crazy margins, all done in an effort to try and stand out. Unfortunately — what you may earn in attention grabbing could cost you in another key area — effectively, clearly, and professionally conveying your background, experience, and skill set. Artistic bells and whistles simply don't work on resumes. A clean, legible, and professional looking document is what works best.

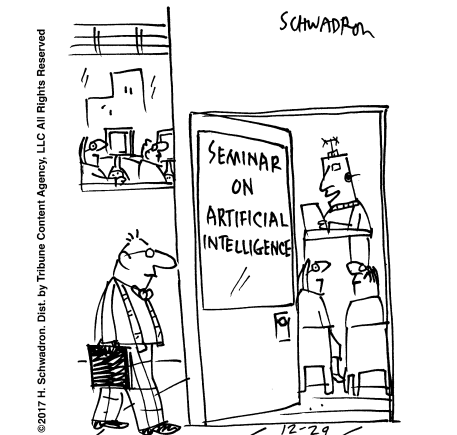
2. **Careless typos.** Bock reports that a surprisingly high percentage of the resumes he's reviewed, for positions at all levels, contain pesky typos. Typos are absolute resume killers, so be completely sure that yours is error-free.

3. **Excessive length.** If it reads more like a novel then a resume, chances are it'll either get ignored or glossed over and key parts will get overlooked. Bock has a great rule of thumb for resume length — one page for every 10 years of experience.

4. **Lies.** Hopefully this one's obvious! Despite what you may have heard, there are no such things as "good lies" when it comes to your resume. If you get caught making something up on your resume, there's just no way to explain it away or cover up for it. Your chances of getting a job with a resume built on lies — no matter how small or insignificant — are effectively obliterated. Even if you wind up getting the job, if your lie is figured out sometime later you could even lose your job. Lying is just not a good way to search for your next job.

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Patricia Byrne says if you're looking for a job, you need to imagine yourself as a box of cereal. "Or a bottle of soda or a tube of toothpaste, whatever imagery works for you," says the New York-based career consultant. "And imagine yourself on a shelf at the store. And imagine the people who will walk right past you because nothing about you is impulse-buy appealing."

Byrne says it's all about the brand, whether it's bright, sturdy, creative, compelling or intelligent, find an overall description that sums up your potential and build your brand based on that definition.

"I have clients who want to be hired as creative directors, and they have an incredible body of work, but their presentation is lacking, to say the least," Byrne says. "Everything is black and white, linear, uninteresting — their resumes, their LinkedIn profiles and their websites. They look like they're trying to be hired as a staff accountant, not a person who will help guide a company's creative message."

Lawrence Biaggia understands. For years, the musician had a website that touted his piano-playing abilities and musical credentials, but in a format that he says "might as well have been AOL 1.0." To change that, Biaggia, 39, hired a designer to help create a logo and website, one much more pleasing to the eye. "I had the 'pleasing to the ear' thing but the site was nothing to look at," says Biaggia, who lives in Las Vegas. "Then I relaunched my site and I started to get more gigs — small stuff and big stuff — but more gigs. I'd ask people how they found me and they told me 'your website was different. It was cool.'"

Be cool

Byrne says she thinks "cool" is underused these days. "I don't even know what term people use because now, everything is 'amazing' and 'awesome,'" she says. "How about a little hip factor? How about someone who just exudes 'cool'? That should still be a thing."

Easy to say, harder to do, says Nathan Wendt, an attorney-turned-teacher who struggled with branding himself his entire legal career. "I wanted to represent younger clients in real

estate deals so I tried to look the part," says the 47-year-old resident of Shaker Heights, Ohio. "I took out ads with a line drawing of myself that I thought looked cool but in reality, looked like the work of a 5-year-old kid."

While trying to figure out why he wasn't growing his client base, Wendt says he asked his then 14-year-old niece what she thought of his ad. "She asked 'is this supposed to be Beavis?' I took a look and I saw it — I was freakin' Beavis. The drawing I was using looked like Beavis from 'Beavis and Butthead,'" he says. "How do you recover from that?"

In Wendt's case, you don't even try. "I realize law wasn't for me so I went back to school and became a teacher," he says. "Best move I ever made, not only because the stress is different — a better stress, I guess — but because I had to live and die on who I was in the classroom, not in some ad. I took a lot of comfort in that."

Little things count

Byrne says it's easy to rebrand yourself. "Take a look at things you like — sites that impress you, resumes that stand out — and imitate them," she says. "It's like anything else — shoes, purses, hats. People see something they like and they imitate it."

Still, Byrne warns that you shouldn't be imitating to the point of fraud. "People will read right through it," she says. "If you're the candidate with the crazy, creative portfolio or resume, but then show up looking like Mr. Rogers, your interviewer is going to know that one of the two personas is false. You have to pay attention to everything."

Biaggia agrees. After giving up the piano a few years ago after developing severe arthritis, Biaggia reinvented himself as a pharmaceutical sales representative. "I was the piano guy," Biaggia says. "I didn't do the keyboard tie or anything but I played up my previous career on my business card, with my sales materials, with whatever I could use to my advantage. I'd play parties, lunches, whatever. I'd leave little jingles on my docs' voicemails. They ate it up."

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There's no such thing as a can't-miss prospect — even if your name is **Yoan Moncada**. So what separates the **Trouts** and the **Harpers** and the **Bryants** from the **Ankiels** ... and the **Pattersons** ... and the **Priors**. Yes, sometimes injuries. But other times what?

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Coach with one arm shows players the way

Johnson inspires Bowen girls hoops team



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

The one-armed man raised his right fist in the middle of the Bowen High School gymnasium on the South Side, a universal gesture of strength and unity the girls basketball players gathered around coach Kennard Johnson know is more than symbolic. "WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK!" the team shouted before breaking. Their experience playing for

Johnson tells them that goes both ways.

"He takes care of us like we are his own children," junior Hadi Ndiaye said.

When senior captain Kayla Hearon lost her 19-year-old brother, Joseph, in a senseless shooting death, Johnson spent nearly two hours on the phone talking her through the pain.

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LARRY NASSAR SCANDAL

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TOP OF THE SECOND



BERNIE LINCICOME

Truth is, it's too much hype

I see that it is time again for the Hyper Bowl.

This is the week that precedes the Super Bowl. It is a week of elaborations, exaggerations, outright lies, video clips and media pundits yelling at each other.

In other words, it's like any other day in cable TV news.

Still, offered here is a guide to help separate the hype from the truth.

■ **Hype:** With 14 playoffs in 16 years and five Super Bowl victories in seven appearances, the Patriots are the greatest dynasty ever.

■ **Truth:** Not as long as Bond, James Bond, is still shaken, not stirred.

■ **Hype:** It is possible to have as much fun in Minneapolis in January as it is in Miami or New Orleans.

■ **Truth:** The NFL misplaced its copy of "Idiots Guide to Hypothermia."

■ **Hype:** Tom Brady is the only current player who appeared in Super Bowl XXXIX on Feb. 6, 2005, which also pitted the Patriots against the Eagles.

■ **Truth:** Brady is the only player left from when Lance Armstrong was still a hero, Facebook was a notion, the iPhone was a design and newspapers still mattered.

■ **Hype:** The Eagles' Nick Foles is the most underrated quarterback to start a Super Bowl since ... well, since Tom Brady for the Patriots all those years ago.

■ **Truth:** And Rex Grossman is ticked.

■ **Hype:** For Super Bowl LII, the Patriots are favored by five points and the over/under is 48.

■ **Truth:** V and XLVIII.

■ **Hype:** The ex-Bear Factor favors the Eagles because they have only two old Bears and the Patriots are stuck with three.

■ **Truth:** That's why the point spread is not greater.

■ **Hype:** The Eagles insist they belong in the Super Bowl because they have worked very hard and are, in the words of one defensive tackle, coming after "pretty boy Tom Brady."

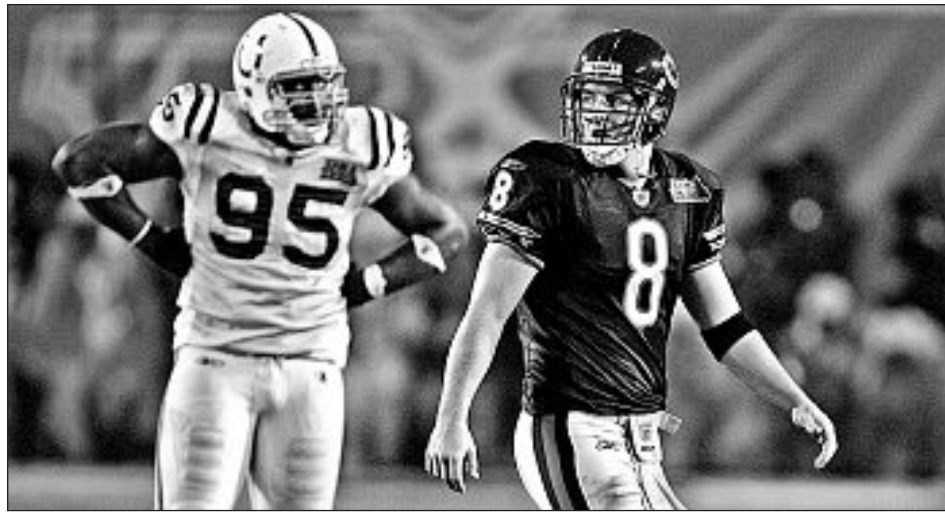
■ **Truth:** Philadelphia thinks pretzels need mustard.

■ **Hype:** Coach Bill Belichick's hoodie hides many secrets.

■ **Truth:** The biggest of which is Belichick really loves to giggle.

■ **Hype:** Justin Timberlake has become the halftime house guest of the Super Bowl.

■ **Truth:** He got toe-jam football, he got monkey finger.



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Hype: The Eagles' Nick Foles is the most underrated quarterback to start a Super Bowl since ... well, since Tom Brady for the Patriots all those years ago. Truth: And Rex Grossman is ticked.

■ **Hype:** The fact Bill Belichick went to the same prep school as both presidents Bush and that Doug Pederson once backed up both Dan Marino and Brett Favre will directly influence each team's game plan.

■ **Truth:** The plan is to dress in layers between the team bus and the hotel door.

■ **Hype:** The Patriots' nit-picking spread offense will disrupt the Eagles' deliberate, situational defense.

■ **Truth:** Or vice versa.

■ **Hype:** Fans of both the Patriots and Eagles are arrogant, insufferable and hostile. Plus they are very poor dressers.

■ **Truth:** And they think deodorant is a garnish.

■ **Hype:** The AFC is the gravel-gutted, nail-chewing, head-breaking, take-no-prisoners conference and the NFC hangs out at craft shows.

■ **Truth:** All absolutely true.

■ **Hype:** As long as there are Super Bowls there will be instant replay.

■ **Truth:** Because instant replay almost never has reversed a play in a Super Bowl, the obvious answer is not more cameras but better officials.

■ **Hype:** Injured Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski will play even if his concussion is ignored.

■ **Truth:** And every bit as well.

■ **Hype:** Pink will sing the national anthem.

■ **Truth:** Well ... her lips will move.

■ **Hype:** The Eagles have a special after-touchdown end-zone celebration planned.

■ **Truth:** It is called the "Patriotgate," in which the players pretend to spy on the other team and let air out of the football.

■ **Hype:** New England has more Revolutionary War monuments, but Philadelphia has better ones.

■ **Truth:** Not to mention the Midnight Ride of Rocky Balboa.

■ **Hype:** The Super Bowl is far more than a football game. It is a touchstone event in American society, practically a national holiday.

■ **Truth:** Bigger than Arbor Day, smaller than Thanksgiving.

■ **Hype:** The Eagles are upset because all the pundits, critics, columnists and talk show tongue-waggers think they do not stand a chance against the Patriots.

■ **Truth:** They are upset because we are right.

Bernie Lincicome is a special contributor to the Chicago Tribune.

THE LINEUP

Back where it all began



Bastian Schweinsteiger is returning to Bayern Munich — for a half.

The Fire on Saturday announced they will travel to Germany to take on the reigning Bundesliga champions Aug. 28 in a tribute match to Schweinsteiger.

"I'm really looking forward to walking back out at the Allianz Arena and hopefully meeting lots of fans who've been there since the start of my career," Schweinsteiger, 33, said in a statement.

The German midfielder, who joined the Bayern academy at 13 and won eight Bundesliga titles and the Champions League with the storied club, will play one half for each team in the exhibition.

"It is a great honor to have been invited to participate in a match with a legendary club ... and in honoring one of the game's great champions," Fire general manager Nelson Rodriguez said in a statement. "Bastian is deserving of this recognition." *Jeremy Mikula*

Big news: He's a Baller



Make that another ex-Bull to join the Big3 league this month.

Carlos Boozer has signed with Ice Cube's year-old 3-on-3 basketball league — a week after Nate Robinson joined.

The former Bulls power forward will team with Mike Bibby and Larry Hughes, who played half a season with the Bulls in 2008-09, as a co-captain on the Ghost Ballers squad.

Earlier this week, Boozer posted a photo of himself working out in Miami. "Preparing My Mind, Body, And Spirit For What Lies Ahead.... #HOLDAT"

Boozer played 13 seasons in the NBA, four with the Bulls, starting his stint in Chicago in 2010-11. He averaged 16.2 points and 9.5 rebounds for his career. *Phil Thompson*

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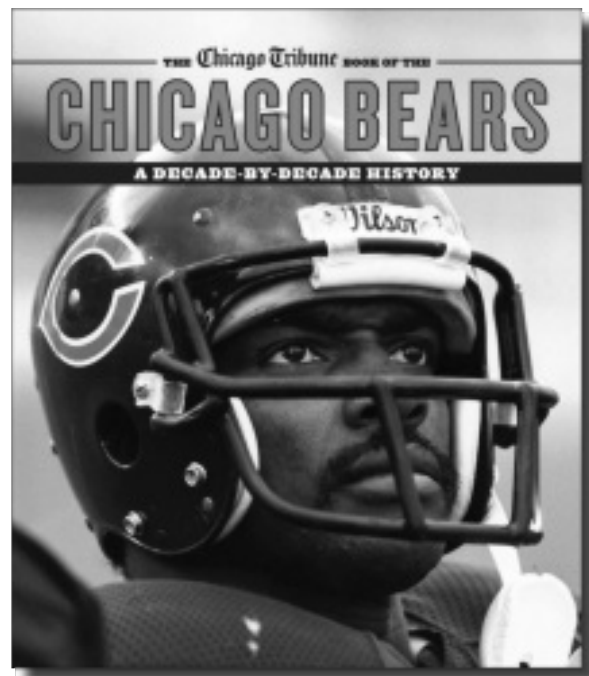
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Is Bobby Massie worth a roster bonus?

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Will Josh Sitton be a Bear?

Charles Leno Jr. He's set in place.

BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Let's get up front about it

Expect Bears' offseason plans first to revolve around who will stay, who will go on the offensive line



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

MOBILE, Ala. — During a three-block walk late Tuesday night, a college scout who has studied Alabama extensively discussed the pluses of Crimson Tide wide receiver Calvin Ridley.

He compared Ridley favorably to the Raiders' Amari Cooper, a former Alabama star, and reminded me the program hasn't had a quarterback

who is an asset for wide receivers. He essentially said there's nothing to not like about Ridley.

The scout stopped in front of his hotel and said, "I get why you're asking me about Calvin, but I think the Bears will draft a lineman."

Chat up 10 scouts and you're liable to get that many different opinions on what direction the Bears will go with the No. 8 pick in the draft. But the first major dominoes that could fall in roster reshaping this offseason could be on the offensive line.

One of the first things general manager Ryan Pace must do is decide on the future of left guard Josh Sitton, who was a team captain in 2017. Sitton has a team option for 2018 that must be exercised between Feb. 9, five days after Super Bowl LII, and March 9, five days before the start of the new league year. He is due to earn \$8 million with a \$74 million base salary, \$500,000 in per-game roster bonuses and a \$100,000 workout bonus — but only if the team picks up the option.

Next, the Bears will need to determine if they want to

pay a \$1 million roster bonus to right tackle Bobby Massie on March 16, when they will be three days into free agency.

How the Bears navigate these decisions will provide clues as to how they will proceed in free agency and later in the draft, when they may consider Notre Dame guard Quenton Nelson with the eighth pick or perhaps an offensive tackle. They also could consider a guard in later rounds.

Teams often find high-quality starting interior linemen in the middle rounds. The Packers, for instance, made Sitton a fourth-round pick and also selected T.J. Lang in Round 4. But mid-round picks often need a year to develop as backups, which could be a reason to retain Sitton.

Sitton fell into the Bears' lap when the Packers released him in 2016. He turns 32 in June, and teams often shed players on the wrong side of 30 who are making big money when a new coach comes in.

Sitton has missed three games each of the last two seasons after missing a total of two over a seven-year stretch for the Packers, but he remains a skilled pass blocker. Sitton is considered a bit of a curmudgeon, but that should not be an obstacle for new line coach Harry Hiestand.

There are plenty of reasons to keep Sitton. For starters, the Bears have an abundance of salary-cap space with \$141 million committed to 51 players and plenty of other veterans they can cut loose to add extra room.

The Bears need multiple wide receivers, outside linebackers and two starting cornerbacks, and that's just a partial list of offseason needs, so it would seem problematic to create another hole. That's important to consider because of the health of right guard Kyle Long, who will have multiple surgeries this offseason. The Bears haven't shared any timeline for Long's availability

for training camp.

The Bears wouldn't necessarily need to replace Sitton with a guard if they choose to move on. There's an internal debate over whether Cody Whitehair is better at center or guard, and that could play a factor. The team could slide Whitehair to left guard and fill the vacancy at center by signing or drafting one.

Some have tried to draw parallels to the turnaround the Rams made under first-year coach Sean McVay with a second-year quarterback in Jared Goff when projecting the Bears under new coach Matt Nagy. The Rams had a dire need for wide receivers, much like the Bears, but made a big splash in free agency by signing left tackle Andrew Whitworth, then 35, to a three-year, \$33.75 million contract with \$15 million guaranteed and adding veteran center John Sullivan.

Those are moves to consider when putting into perspective the Rams becoming the NFL's top-scoring offense. The Rams felt they had a young nucleus on the line that was ascending but needed some veteran additions to stabilize protection for Goff and open holes for running back Todd Gurley.

The Bears are committed to left tackle Charles Leno after signing him to an extension in August and six-year veteran Massie remains a relative bargain at \$5.84 million in the final year of his contract.

The moves made to add playmakers for quarterback Mitch Trubisky should create the biggest headlines this offseason, but before the Bears get to that they need to make decisions on the offensive line, important moves that will shape what unfolds in the coming months.

Perhaps the scout is right and the Bears wind up going with a lineman in the first round. That seems more likely if they move on from Sitton.

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For Patriots' Amendola, playoffs his playground

Veteran WR's top plays, performances seem to come in postseason

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Danny Amendola is Bill Belichick's kind of player.

After battling injuries throughout the 2016 season, the 5-foot-11, 180-pound receiver has had some of the best moments of his five-year Patriots' tenure during their last two playoff runs.

It started last year with his touchdown catch and game-tying 2-point conversion during a comeback victory over the Falcons in the Super Bowl.

Amendola has been just as dependable this postseason. He caught 11 passes for a play-career-high 112 yards in the Patriots' divisional-round win over the Titans.

He then hauled in two touchdown catches, including the winner, in the Patriots' AFC championship game win over the Jaguars. He enters his third Super Bowl as the Patriots' leader in receptions, yards and touchdowns this postseason.

"When you look up 'good football player' in the dictionary his picture is right there beside it," Belichick said of the 32-year-old. "It doesn't matter what it is. Fielding punts, third down, big



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Patriots WR Danny Amendola hauls in a touchdown catch during the AFC championship game last Sunday.

play, red area, onside kick recovery — whatever we need him to do."

Often Tom Brady's third option behind Rob Gronkowski and Julian Edelman, Amendola reworked his contract last offseason just to stay in New England.

"I have a lot of great memories here," he said. "Any negative thing or anything that's tried to hinder me, I try to ignore and focus on the positive things that have been going on in this building for the last five years for me."

Belichick credits Patriots offen-

sive coordinator Josh McDaniels, then the St. Louis Rams offensive coordinator when Amendola was there in 2011, with recognizing his potential.

The Cowboys originally signed Amendola as an undrafted free agent out of Texas Tech in 2008. Following stints on the practice squads for the Cowboys and Eagles, he was in his third season with the Rams when he caught McDaniels' eye.

"You saw a good player in St. Louis, but you didn't see all the

things behind the scenes that you kind of can see when you actually have the player on your team," Belichick said. "Josh saw that and he made us aware of all the things that Danny does and how well he does them."

When McDaniels came back to the Patriots in 2012, he pushed Belichick to sign Amendola when he became a free agent in spring 2013.

Amendola's role increased this season after Edelman tore the ACL in his right knee during the



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preseason and Malcolm Mitchell went on injured reserve for a knee injury. Amendola found himself in the game plan even more when Chris Hogan had a shoulder injury in Week 10.

Whether it was those injuries or Gronkowski leaving the AFC championship game with a concussion, Amendola said he has tried to adapt.

"I don't feel any added pressure," he said. "Every play I'm competing my tail off to try to win the route, the block or whatever my job is."

That trust has morphed into what Amendola describes as an unspoken language on the field with Brady. Now, a simple glance from his quarterback can lead to an adjustment that can be the difference between an incompletion or a touchdown.

"He's made so many big catches," Brady said. "I'm always looking for him at some point. He's a big part of what we do."

Injury update: Brady gripped the ball without a glove on his throwing hand at practice Saturday. Gronkowski also returned to workouts after starting the week in the NFL's concussion protocol.

LARRY NASSAR: A TIMELINE

As Larissa Boyce watched the last week unfold — the growing number of news trucks parked outside the courthouse, the surging public interest in disgraced gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar and his sex abuse victims and the calls from lawmakers for resignations and investigations — one word repeated through her mind, encapsulating both relief and frustration.

“Finally,” Boyce said Thursday. “Finally, somebody is listening to our cries for help.”

Boyce, a 37-year-old mother of four, is one of the 156 women and girls whose testimony over the course of seven days, coupled with a review of documents produced in litigation, offered the most complete picture to date of how a man a prosecutor called “possibly the most prolific serial child sex abuser in history” avoided the inside of a jail cell for so long.

Between 1995 and 2015, according to testimony and court filings, 13 girls and women claim they raised complaints about Nassar, who continued to treat — and assault — his patients until the 14th went to law enforcement and then the Indianapolis Star in August 2016.

It’s a timeline of people and organizations accused of failure to aggressively respond to suspicions of abuse that includes institutions under fire this week: Michigan State University, USA Gymnastics and the United States Olympic Committee, but also the FBI, a local police force, a local gymnastics center and the parents of several victims, along with others they say they consulted before deciding not to contact law enforcement.

“It was the perfect storm of sorts, of ineptitude, inaction and willful neglect,” said John Manly, a California attorney representing more than 100 victims.

For victims such as Boyce, however, the timeline extends past fall 2016 — when Nassar was arrested — and runs until this month, when the first few days of tearful testimony triggered the national outpouring that she and others expected a year earlier.

“We’ve felt like we’ve been fighting this battle for the last 14 or 15 months, just to try to get somebody to listen to us,” she said. “Why did it have to take that long for people to understand what happened here?”

A review of the timeline of accusations doesn’t answer that question but does show the many people and organizations who might have had a chance to stop Nassar earlier but didn’t.

1995: Donna Markham claims her 10-year-old daughter, Chelsea, told her, after visiting Nassar for treatment for back pain, that “he put his fingers in me, and they weren’t gloved.” Markham was ready “to drive across the median” to turn around and confront Nassar, she said in court last week, but her daughter begged her not to tell anyone out of fear it would negatively impact her gymnastics career. She said she mentioned the incident to a gymnastics coach who expressed doubt it had happened.

Chelsea Markham committed suicide in 2009, at age 23.

1997: Boyce, then a 16-year-old in a Michigan State youth gymnastics program, claims she told Kathie Klages, the university’s longtime gymnastics coach, that Nassar digitally penetrated her during medical treatment. Klages expressed doubt and called in other young gymnasts, Boyce said, asking if anyone else had experienced similar conduct by Nassar. The coach also brought in collegiate gymnasts, Boyce said, who suggested she was misinterpreting a procedure Nassar performed on nerve endings in the pelvic area.

One other girl, who was 14 at the time and wishes to remain anonymous, also came forward that night with concerns about Nassar’s treatment, according to Boyce and her attorney, who also represents the other accuser.

At one point, Boyce said, Klages discouraged them from filing a report.

“Instead of being protected, I was humiliated,” Boyce said. “I was brainwashed into believing that I was the problem.”

The other girl that day testified in court as Victim 55. Nassar nodded in recognition when she addressed him.

“I never questioned why he always asked the nurses and residents to leave the room, even though he was a teaching doctor,” she said. “We grew up watching MSU promote and glorify a pedophile.”

In court filings, Michigan State’s attorney has said the school has been unable to prove or disprove these claims.

1998: The anonymous mother of a young gymnast at Twisters, a Lansing, Mich.-area gym run by 2012 Olympic gymnastics coach John Geddert, claims she was told by her daughter that Nassar had touched her in the vaginal area. The mother informed Geddert, she said, that she would no longer permit Nassar to treat her child.

The same year, a 12-year-old girl identified in a lawsuit against Twisters as Jane A71 Doe alleges she complained vaguely to an unnamed coach that Nassar was doing “inappropriate things.”

In court filings, Twisters has denied these claims, and Geddert has denied any knowledge of Nassar’s abuse. This week, USA Gymnastics announced it had suspended Geddert’s membership, pending a disciplinary investigation. A day later, Geddert, 60, announced through a letter to gym members he was retiring while denouncing USA Gymnastics’ decision.

1999: Lindsey Schuett said she was 16 when she sought treatment from Nassar and she “knew immediately that it was abuse.” She told her mother, she said, and a school counselor, but Nassar convinced them she misunderstood a legitimate



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20 years of failure

Many groups missed chances to stop Larry Nassar

By WILL HOBSON | Washington Post

treatment. Her mother sent her back to Nassar for more treatment.

“I felt like I was trapped in some hellish situation that only a movie could dream up,” said Schuett, now 34, in her videotaped impact statement that she sent from South Korea, where she now lives.

“I told myself to forget. I told myself that I had to be the only one.”

The same year, former Michigan State cross-country runner Christie Achenbach claims she complained about Nassar’s treatment to her track coach and parents. They concluded she must have misinterpreted valid treatment, Achenbach said in a phone interview Thursday. Achenbach’s former coach sent her a Facebook message recently, she said, apologizing but stating she did not recall this conversation.

2000: Tiffany Thomas-Lopez, a Michigan State softball player, claims she complained about Nassar digitally penetrating her to two trainers, one of whom discouraged her from filing a formal report.

“I imagined hitting you if I ever got the chance to see you again,” Thomas-Lopez told Nassar in court last week.

In court filings, Michigan State’s attorney has said the trainers have denied these allegations and that the school can neither prove nor disprove Thomas-Lopez’s claims.

Sometime between 2000 and 2002: Michigan State volleyball player Jennifer Rood-Bedford said she made a vague complaint to a trainer about Nassar and ultimately decided not to file an official complaint. Nassar’s unusual treatments were apparently well-known to her teammates, however, as Rood-Bedford said they jokingly referred to him as “the crotch doc.”

“I remember laying there wondering, ‘Is this OK? This doesn’t seem right,’” she said in court of her treatment by Nassar. “Everyone trusted him. I told myself I needed to trust him too.”

Rood-Bedford decided not to file a complaint, she said.

2004: Kyle Stephens, a 12-year-old family friend of Nassar, told her parents about abuse he had been subjecting her to since she was 6. Nassar denied the girl’s allegations, and Stephens’ parents believed him. Stephens’ father committed suicide in 2016, an act she believes was partly because of the realization she had been telling the truth.

“Parents need to learn the warning signs,” Stephens said in an interview outside the courtroom last week. “And they need to believe their kids.”

Stephens’ parents consulted a retired Michigan State professor and psychologist, Gary Stollak, about their daughter’s allegation before they decided to believe Nassar, Stephens has said. In a court hearing last year, Stollak testified he had a stroke in 2010, and doesn’t recall any of this.

The same year, 17-year-old Brianne Randall told her mother and police in Meridian Township, near Lansing, that Nassar sexually assaulted her.

“The police questioned you and you had the audacity to tell them I misunderstood

the treatment because I was not comfortable with my body,” Randall said, addressing Nassar during her impact statement.

When she saw the first Star article about Nassar in September 2016, Randall said, she immediately called her mother and said, “He’s abused other people, I knew this was going to happen.”

Meridian Township paid for Randall’s flight from Seattle, where she now lives, to Michigan to confront Nassar.

2014: Recent Michigan State graduate Amanda Thomashow filed complaints with university police and the school’s Title IX office after, she claimed, Nassar cupped her buttocks, massaged her breast and vaginal area during treatment and was visibly aroused. Michigan State’s Title IX office concluded she had misinterpreted medical treatment. The police investigation did not result in a criminal charge.

After the Title IX investigation concluded, Nassar and his boss — William Strampel, then the dean of Michigan State’s college of osteopathic medicine — agreed to conditions to prevent another “misinterpretation.” Nassar was never to perform this type of treatment again without a chaperone in the room and would modify it, he agreed, to minimize skin-to-skin contact.

After Nassar’s arrest, Michigan State police and the FBI jointly interviewed several of Nassar’s supervisors and colleagues. According to the police report, released late last year, Strampel conceded he never intended to ensure Nassar was following these conditions because the Title IX inquiry cleared him and these were “common sense” measures.

Michigan State sports physician Douglas Dietzel told police that, in 2016, after Nassar was fired, Strampel told several doctors that “Larry didn’t follow the guidelines” that were put in place after the 2014 investigation, the report states.

Dietzel said when he heard that he thought, “How do we enforce those things when we didn’t even know about them?”

2015: In June, former Team USA gymnast Maggie Nichols contacted USA Gymnastics leadership about Nassar, who assaulted Nichols, she alleges, at the Karolyi Ranch. USA Gymnastics conducted its own investigation for five weeks and decided to report Nassar to the Indianapolis office of the FBI in July. An agent told the organization’s CEO, Steve Penny, not to do anything that would interfere with the investigation, USA Gymnastics has said, which Penny interpreted as a directive not to inform anyone else. While USA Gymnastics quietly parted ways with Nassar and informed the USOC of the allegations, no one contacted Michigan State.

2016: In April, Penny and then-USA Gymnastics board Chair Paul Parilla, concerned about an apparent lack of progress by the FBI investigation out of Indianapolis, met with an agent in the bureau’s Los Angeles office.

In July, Nichols received her first call from an FBI agent, based in Los Angeles. A spokeswoman for the FBI’s Indianapolis office deferred questions to the FBI’s national press office, which declined to comment. A spokeswoman for the Los

Angeles office confirmed that office opened an investigation in the spring of 2016.

In August, Rachael Denhollander, a Louisville, Ky., woman assaulted by Nassar in 2000 as a 15-year-old gymnast, contacted the Indianapolis Star and filed a report with Michigan State police. Days before, Nassar treated Emma Ann Miller, now 15, who believes she is his last known victim.

In September, the Star published its first story on the allegations against Nassar, and Michigan State fired him. On Sept. 20, Michigan State police executed a search warrant at Nassar’s home and discovered an external hard drive containing 37,000 images of child pornography in the trash can at the curb.

One enduring question to Manly, the victim’s attorney, is why no one from any of the FBI field offices investigating Nassar bothered to execute a search warrant earlier.

“The first thing you do in a child molestation investigation is you try to get access to his computers because there’s usually child pornography there,” he said.

In December, Nassar was indicted on child pornography charges. Thomas-Lopez went public in a lawsuit with allegations her complaints were ignored in 2000. The Lansing State Journal reported that a university Title IX investigation of Nassar in 2014 cleared him.

2017: In February, Michigan State announced the hiring of attorney Patrick Fitzgerald, a former federal prosecutor, to conduct an internal review related to Nassar. Victims soon began calling for a public release of Fitzgerald’s report.

In March, Penny resigned from USA Gymnastics. The Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on sex abuse in Olympic sports, called by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. USOC executive Rick Adams, under questioning from Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., said someone at USA Gymnastics likely knew or should have known about Nassar’s abuse, given the number of accusers. In Michigan, Boyce publicly alleged she tried to complain about Nassar in 1997.

In May, the Senate Commerce Committee held its own hearing, called by Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., discussing sex abuse in Olympic sports.

In June, USA Gymnastics released a report by a former federal prosecutor that recommended policy improvements but avoided addressing potential failures to stop Nassar earlier. Manly called the report “a public relations facade” and began calling for independent investigations of USA Gymnastics and the USOC.

In July, Nassar pleaded guilty to federal child porn crimes.

In November, Nassar pleaded guilty to 10 sexual assault counts in two counties in Michigan.

In December, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette acceded to victim’s demands and asked Michigan State to make its internal report public. The attorney Fitzgerald stated there was no report; he had been conducting fact-finding in preparation for defending the school in lawsuits and found no evidence of criminal wrongdoing. Victims renewed calls for an independent investigation of Michigan State’s role in Nassar’s crimes. A federal judge sentenced Nassar to serve 60 years for his child porn crimes.

2018: On Jan. 16, Nassar’s sentencing hearing began. In the middle of the fourth day of victims’ statements, Michigan State’s board acquiesced to demands for an independent investigation and asked the state attorney general’s office to conduct it.

On Wednesday, minutes after a judge sentenced Nassar to 40 to 175 years in prison, USOC chief executive Scott Blackmun announced plans for an independent investigation of USA Gymnastics and the USOC’s role in Nassar’s crimes. Hours later, Michigan State president Lou Anna Simon resigned.

Late Wednesday and Thursday, multiple members of Congress, for the first time, issued calls for independent investigations of Michigan State, USA Gymnastics and the USOC.

On Friday, Michigan State athletic director Mark Hollis, who had been in the job for 10 years, retired.

Also Friday, USA Gymnastics confirmed that its entire board of directors would resign as requested by the U.S. Olympic Committee. The USOC had threatened to decertify the organization, which besides picking U.S. national teams is the umbrella organization for hundreds of clubs across the country.

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder said Friday he is mulling an inquiry into the university, depending on whether it would interfere with other investigations such as the attorney general’s. Under the state constitution, the governor can remove or suspend public officers for “gross neglect of duty,” corruption or “other misfeasance or malfeasance.”

U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos confirmed Friday that her agency is also investigating the Nassar scandal. She said in a statement that what happened at the school is “abhorrent” and “cannot happen ever again — there or anywhere.”

On Saturday, Schuette lashed out at Michigan State officials for allowing Nassar to sexually abuse girls and women for years. “I don’t need advice from the board of trustees,” Schuette said about his investigation into the school’s handling of sexual assault claims against Nassar. “Frankly, they should be the last ones providing advice because of their conduct.” Schuette said retired prosecutor William Forsyth, who has 40-plus years of experience, will work full time on the independent probe. Forsyth will lead a team that includes top investigators from the state attorney general’s office and the state police.

COLLEGES



MSU students Carter Oselett, back left, and Matthew Skimin raise their fists and chant "no more shadows" Friday in East Lansing, Mich. JAKE MAY/AP

The difficult truth

Michigan State case proves it's hard to tell perception from reality



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On colleges

These were the good guys, the ones you could root for from two states away.

The little brother, the Little Engine that Could, Michigan State went up against the state school with the superior history, famous helmets and

bigger stadium. And yet which team couldn't execute a simple punt on the last play of the game? Which had its basketball banners taken down?

If the athletes in green and white weren't your thing, the people in charge had to be.

Mark Hollis? Intelligent, sensitive and open, once revealing his struggles with depression. Never ducked a question. Knew everyone's name. Accomplished enough to be viewed as a potential successor to Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany.

Tom Izzo? Ask people in the industry, and they'd reply with two words: "The best." That covered his personality and his coaching.

Mark Dantonio? Known as much for his decency as his perma-scowl. His team beat its pretty-boy neighbors with grit. And after his program was rocked in 2016 by accusations of sexual assault, he called it "a tragedy," kicked numerous players off the team and pledged to "reform the culture."

The exception was Lou Anna Simon, as arrogant as she was deceitful. She once tried to lecture the media about how we were underrating the role that academics would play in Big Ten expansion. She did everything but wag her Rafael Palmeiro finger at us. The Big Ten added Nebraska — not exactly Harvard — and Nebraska lost its status in the prestigious AAU (Association of American Universities) shortly after becoming Big Ten member No. 12.

She's out as president after doing nothing — or at least not enough — to stop Dr. Larry Nassar, the scumbag straight out of central casting who sexually abused more than 150 gymnasts. On top of that, she took no accountability.

"As tragedies are politicized," she wrote, "blame is inevitable."

Hollis also stepped down, at least indicating a desire to help: "I'm not running



Michigan State basketball coach Tom Izzo, left, and football coach Mark Dantonio, before a Jan. 13 basketball game against Michigan. Both are successful coaches. REY DEL RIO/GETTY

away from anything. I'm running toward something. Comfort, compassion and understanding for the survivors in our community."

So what is perception and what is real? Think back to Penn State. I once asked BTN analyst Gerry DiNardo: When Jerry Sandusky left coaching at age 55, what was the buzz in the industry?

Answer: That Sandusky was so selfless, he chose his charity, The Second Mile, over football.

Turned out Sandusky was a sexual predator protected by meek administrators operating in a sheltered, small-city atmosphere. They cared more about protecting the Penn State brand than protecting children.

The head coach was doddering and out of touch. Which is to say that as sick as that scandal was, you could see the components of a cover-up.

The Michigan State scandal widened Friday as ESPN's "Outside the Lines" accused the school of fostering a culture of "denial, inaction and information suppression" that resulted in criminal sexual behavior that went unpunished.

Dantonio said Friday evening that the allegations are "absolutely false ... every incident reported in that article was documented either by police or the Michigan State Title IX office. I've always worked with the proper authorities (when) dealing with cases of sexual assault."

He took two questions, saying: "I thought it was important to address this and look people in the eye."

Like Dantonio, Izzo said he would not resign: "I'm gonna worry about my team and I'm gonna worry about the survivors. ... I'm gonna try to do my part in helping them heal."

So what's perception and what is real? Off the floor, big man Adreian Payne was known for his bond with a young girl named Lacey Holsworth, whom he met while she was being treated for cancer. After she died in 2014, he said: "She's smiling and dancing in heaven right now."

Now the Payne we see is on police video, discussing sexual assault charges brought against him and a teammate.

Nassar fooled everyone. Columnist Joe Rexrode of the Nashville Tennessean recalled writing about him during his time at the Lansing State Journal, quoting Olympic gymnast Jordyn Wieber: "It's definitely great to have what I think is the best doctor in the country for gymnastics right in my hometown. ... He's just so knowledgeable. He basically fixes you and it's almost like magic."

What is real? What is perception?

That's what I'm asking myself about the people I know — or thought I knew — at Michigan State.

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VIRGINIA 65, DUKE 63

No. 2 Virginia ends 23-year hex at Duke

By NORM WOOD | Daily Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Virginia freshman Ty Jerome got a history lesson from assistant coach Jason Williford, who wanted to make sure Jerome knew how long the Cavaliers had suffered at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

"He said, 'We haven't won here since I was playing,'" said Jerome after Williford referenced Virginia's 1995 win at Duke.

With its 65-63 victory Saturday, No. 2 Virginia not only exorcised 23 years of demons on the No. 4 Blue Devils' home floor, the Cavaliers also claimed their first road win over an AP Top 5 team since 1993, when the Cavs won 77-69 at No. 3 Duke.

"It's a good sign, for sure, but as everyone will tell you, it's one conference game in the middle part of the year," said Virginia coach Tony Bennett, whose program's losing streak at Cameron ended at 17.

"You don't want to make too much of it, but this is a special environment, and you do have to have some poise and toughness in this setting."

"I don't think our players sometimes get enough credit for their talent, but there is a synergy or chemistry that when they're right is making them better."

Kyle Guy scored 17 points to lead the Cavaliers (20-1, 9-0 ACC), who forced 16 turnovers while committing just five.

"As long as I've been on the team, this is probably the biggest win that I've been a part of," Guy said.

Devon Hall added 14 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

"It's a huge stage, and I embraced it," said Jerome, who had 13 points and seven assists. "I enjoyed it. I looked around, and then when it was time to play, I got locked in, but definitely, it's a big stage."

Marvin Bagley III had 30 points and 14 rebounds for Duke (18-3, 6-3). Wendell Carter added 14 points and 15 rebounds.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Ottey guides UIC to 3rd win in row

Tribune news services

Marcus Ottey scored 13 of his 18 points in the second half to help Illinois-Chicago beat IUPUI 71-62 on Saturday at the UIC Pavilion for its third straight victory.

Dikembe Dixson added 15 points and Jordan Blount had seven points, a career-high 14 rebounds and a career-best five steals for the Flames (11-11, 6-3 Horizon League). Tai Odiase finished with 11 points, nine rebounds and four blocks.

UIC made 13 of its last 17 shots against the Jaguars (7-14, 4-6).

Virginia Tech 80, Notre Dame 75: Behind T.J. Gibbs' career-high 27 points, the Irish (13-8, 3-5 ACC) cut a 15-point second-half deficit to two before losing a fifth straight game for the first time in nine years.

John Mooney added a career-high 15 points and 11 rebounds. Rex Pflueger also scored 15. The visiting Hokies improved to 15-6 and 4-4.

Kentucky 83, West Virginia 76: Freshman Kevin Knox scored a season-high 34 points and the Wildcats (16-5) overcame a 17-point deficit in Morgantown, W. Va.

The No. 7 Mountaineers (16-5), who have lost two straight, got 26 points from Jevon Carter. Kentucky beat a ranked team for the first time this season.

N.C. State 95, North Carolina 91: Allerik Freeman scored a career-high 29 points and sank seven of the Wolfpack's 15 3-pointers in the overtime victory.

Omer Yurtseven added 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Wolfpack (15-7, 5-4 ACC). Luke Maye had 31 points and 12 rebounds for the No. 10 Tar Heels (16-6, 5-4). Theo Pinson had career highs of 22 points and 15 rebounds for UNC.

Alabama 80, Oklahoma 73: Freshman Collin Sexton scored 18 points and the host Crimson Tide (14-7) pulled the upset.

Alabama stymied freshman Trae Young, who scored just 17 points on 6-of-17 shooting. It was only the second time Young had been held under 20 points. Khadeem Lattin led No. 12 Oklahoma (15-5) with 18.

Big Ten: James Palmer Jr. scored 28 points and Isaac Copeland had 23 points and 11 rebounds in Nebraska's 98-84 win over Iowa (11-12, 2-8). ... The Cornhuskers (16-8, 7-4) shot 58 percent. ... Mike Watkins had 15 points and a career-high 19 rebounds as host Penn State (15-8, 5-5) posted a 60-43 win over Rutgers (12-11, 2-8).

State: Phil Fayne's game-high totals of 24 points and nine rebounds led Illinois State (11-11, 5-5 Missouri Valley) to a 76-65 victory over visiting Valparaiso (11-12, 2-8). ... Armon Fletcher scored 18 points, including a layup with 6.7 seconds left, to lift Southern Illinois (14-9, 6-4 MVC) to a 79-77 victory at Missouri State. The Salukis shot 64 percent. ... Glen Burns scored 21 points and Fred Sims Jr. added 20, but Chicago State (2-21, 0-6 WAC) lost its 17th in a row 87-81 to visiting UT Rio Grande Valley. ... Eugene German scored 21 points and Northern Illinois (10-11, 3-5 MAC) shot 61.5 percent in the second half but still fell to host Western Michigan 79-72.

NCAA's Emmert defends efforts on protecting athletes

By RALPH D. RUSSO | Associated Press

A day after a report raised the possibility that the NCAA could have done more long ago about problems at Michigan State, President Mark Emmert said Saturday in an email that sexual assault allegations against Spartans athletes in 2010 were "widely reported" and already being investigated by law enforcement and the school.

Emmert made the comments in an email to the NCAA Board of Governors and other university presidents. Spokeswoman Stacey Osborn provided Emmert's email to the Associated Press in response to a request for comment about a report by The Athletic that cited a letter sent in 2010 to NCAA leadership by the National Coalition Against Violent Athletes.

The coalition letter, also provided to the AP, detailed what the group described as a "growing epidemic" of sexual assaults by male athletes against women and used "recent reports" of sexual violence involving two Michigan State basketball players as an example. The letter also referenced

an "earlier report of similar violence" involving Michigan State basketball players and "37 reports of sexual assault by MSU athletes" that had been reported in the past two years. It did not say from where that figure came.

Michigan State's handling of sexual misconduct allegations has come under increasing scrutiny since former university sports doctor Larry Nassar was charged with assaulting scores of girls and young women for years. Nassar, who has been sentenced to decades in prison, also worked for USA Gymnastics, where some of the top gymnasts in the sport have accused him of molesting them.

MSU President Lou Anna Simon and athletic director Mark Hollis stepped down last week, and the university is facing investigations from the state attorney general as well as the NCAA and others.

Emmert noted that he met with the coalition's Katherine Redmond and legal



Emmert

expert Wendy Parker in November 2010. A letter sent by Emmert, dated Dec. 6 and addressed to Redmond and Parker, also was provided to AP. It detailed programs the NCAA was helping to implement on campuses to address sexual violence and student behavior, though it made no specific reference to Michigan State.

As for his role, Emmert told the NCAA board in his email: "The MSU cases were widely reported in the press and already being investigated by law enforcement and university officials. Kathy did not imply that these were unreported cases or that she was acting as a whistleblower to report unknown information to the letter's recipients."

Emmert's email to the board also laid out numerous steps the NCAA has taken to address sexual violence in recent years, including the 2014 publication of the Handbook on Addressing Sexual Assault and Interpersonal Violence.

SOXFEST

THE PROSPECTS OF THE CENTURY

Phenoms and phantoms

White Sox slugger Yoan Moncada had the future in front of him when Baseball America rated him the No. 2 prospect in 2017. But the future is here now, and with only 62 major-league games under his belt, nobody knows just how good he will be. We do, however, know how good some others are. Around this page, we look at every prospect who was rated No. 1 or No. 2 on Baseball America's preseason list from 2000-16. Some hit the top two spots multiple times, leaving us with 30 players.

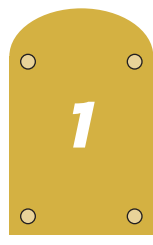
'00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Mike Trout







#2 in 2011 | CF | LAA

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
7/8/11	19-335	6.070	201	.976	55.2

2012 AL rookie of year, two-time MVP (2014, 2016), six-time All-Star. Led AL in WAR in each of his first five seasons.



KEY | The numbers 1-30 are not rankings. Players are listed in order of career WAR (wins above replacement). The icons represent the level we feel each player is/has performed at compared to the great expectations. Of course, the younger a player is, the more in flux that icon is.

 **Hall path** |
  **Star** |
  **Plus player** |
  **Not so great** |
  **Curses!** |
  **Bust**

Color bars represent years in MLB. Color changes represent team changes, in the order listed. Bars split over one year represent a midseason trade.

■ **Age:** "XX-xxx" represents "Years-days" when debuted.
 ■ **Service:** "X.XXX" represents "Years.Days" active.
 ■ **WAR:** According to baseball-reference.com

'00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Jurickson Profar

#1 in 2013 | INF | TEX

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
9/2/12	19-195	3.165	12	.638	0.0

Homer in his first at-bat in '12. Missed 2014 and '15 seasons because of shoulder surgery. Played in only 22 games last year.



Delmon Young

#1 in 2006 | OF | TB, MIN, DET, PHI, TB, BAL

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
8/29/06	20-349	Ret.	109	.737	2.5

First pick in 2003 draft lasted 10 years, playing for five teams. Finished second in AL rookie of year voting in '07.



Dylan Bundy

#2 in 2013 | RHP | BAL

Debut	Age	Service	W-L	ERA	WAR
9/23/12	19-313	2.026	23-15	4.13	4.4

Fourth pick in 2011 draft by Orioles has 42 starts in two-plus seasons. Threw one-hit shutout against Mariners on Aug. 29.



Matt Moore

#2 in 2012 | LHP | TB, SF

Debut	Age	Service	W-L	ERA	WAR
9/14/11	22-088	6.000	51-48	4.27	5.7

Other than All-Star season with Rays in 2013 — 17-4 with 3.29 ERA and 2.6 WAR — has had mediocre career.



Byron Buxton

#1 in 2014, #2 in 2015 and 2016 | CF | MIN

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
6/14/15	21-178	2.064	28	.701	7.2

Stellar last two months of 2017 — plus stellar defense — helped him register 5.1 WAR. Had fastest inside-the-park HR ever.



Rick Ankiel

#1 in 2000

Debut	Age	Service	W-L	OPS	WAR
8/23/99	20-035	Ret.	13-10	.724	8.7

Finished second in NL rookie of year voting, but fell apart in the playoffs with the yips. Resurrected his career as an outfielder.



Daisuke Matsuzaka

#1 in 2007 | RHP | BOS, NYM

Debut	Age	Service	W-L	ERA	WAR
4/5/07	26-204	Ret.	56-43	4.45	9.5

Helped Red Sox win World Series in first season in 2007 and posted 9.1 WAR over first two years. But injuries derailed him.



Corey Patterson

#2 in 2001

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
9/18/00	21-036	Ret.	118	.691	9.6

Another prized prospect fizzled out after parts of six seasons with Cubs. Managed to last 12 seasons with seven teams.



Rocco Baldelli

#2 in 2003 | CF | TB, BOS, TB

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
3/31/03	21-187	Ret.	60	.766	10.2

After promising start with Rays, missed 1½ seasons to injury. Rebounded in '06 (.302, 16 HRs), but injuries ended his career.



Xander Bogaerts

#2 in 2014 | SS | BOS

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
8/20/13	20-323	4.042	51	.748	11.1

Played 18 games down stretch in '13, then helped Red Sox win World Series. WAR has regressed: 4.6 to 3.7 to 2.2 from 2015-17.



'00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Corey Seager

#1 in 2016 | SS | LAD

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
9/3/15	21-129	2.032	52	.876	13.5

Set Dodgers record by reaching base safely in first 16 MLB starts on way to NL rookie of year. Finished third in MVP voting in 2016.



'00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Matt Wieters

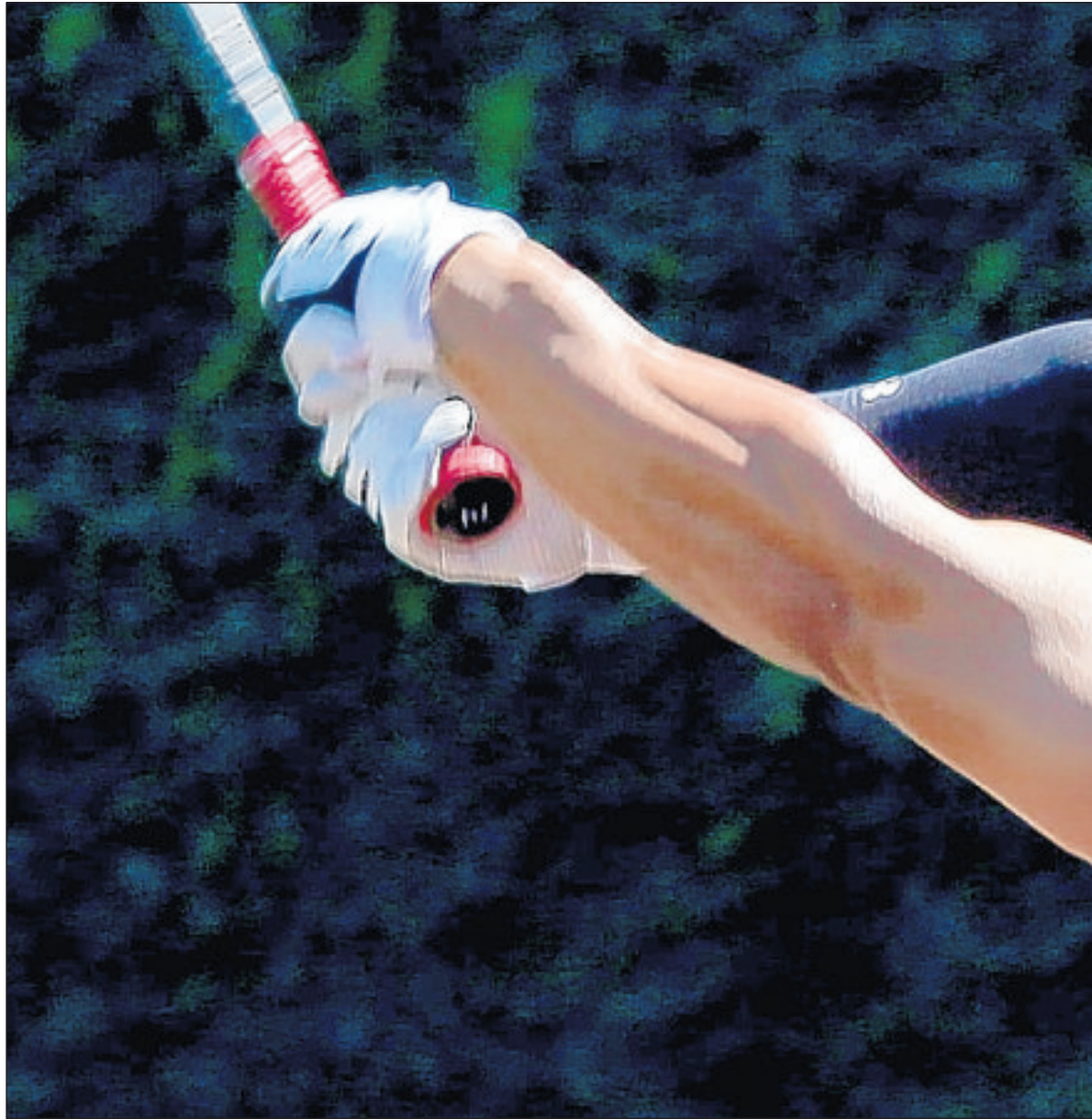
#1 in 2009 | C | BAL, WAS

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
5/29/09	23-008	8.129	127	.726	15.7

Hit .256 with 117 HRs and 437 RBIs in eight seasons with Orioles, earning four All-Star nods, before signing with Nationals.



'00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17



Trying to cash

White Sox prospect Moncada has talent, tools — but must produce under microscope



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

Yoan Moncada has no specific goals in mind as he heads into the 2018 season.

And if he did, he probably wouldn't share them.

After arriving from the Red Sox last winter in the Chris Sale deal that began the White Sox's rebuild, Moncada says he's simply looking to improve in his first full season.

"Just to play baseball, have fun and try to get better numbers than I had last year," the 22-year-old Cuban star said Friday during a break from SoxFest at the Hilton Chicago. "And, of course, to try to help this team win. At this point we have to be ready to win."

Moncada might be a kid, but he's smart enough to realize it's crazy to speculate on your future when everyone else is willing to do it for you. Having fun definitely is a possibility. And trying to put up better numbers is an objective he's capable of achieving.

As the No. 2 prospect in Baseball America's Top 100 rankings in 2017, expectations are exceedingly high for Moncada, the second baseman at the center of Rick Hahn's rebuild. Fair or not, Moncada eventually will be compared with the rest of the top-ranked prospects of the last decade, meaning he can become the next Mike Trout (No. 2 in 2011), the next Jurickson Profar (No. 1 in 2013) or likely someone in between.

Not everyone lives up to the hype, but no one in the Sox organization doubts Moncada is on his way to bigger and better things.

A strong finish helped salvage an otherwise low-impact 2017 in which he hit .231 with eight homers, 22 RBIs, 31 runs and a .750 OPS in 54 games. Over his final 27 games, Moncada hit .278 with five homers, 12 RBIs, 20 runs and an .831 OPS.

"At first I was a little anxious," Moncada admitted. "But when I got into my rhythm, I started feeling better and more confident at the end of the season. That was the difference."

Hitting coach Todd Steverson said it wasn't a matter of making mechanical adjustments. At some point in late August, Steverson said he simply told Moncada to "be freer in terms of mindset."

Remember, Moncada's first at-bat at home after being called up on July 19 was treated like a World Series moment. In an otherwise meaningless game, thousands of Sox fans stood with their smartphones pointed toward the plate, waiting for Moncada to do something heroic. Even a long foul ball drew wild applause before he eventually walked, leading to a third ovation in three minutes.

"You come up to the big leagues with that much fanfare, a standing ovation his first at-bat, that's a lot of pressure," Steverson said. "That was probably the loudest walk I'd ever heard in my life."

"But there comes a point where you (realize) you came to the big leagues and had an idea of what you wanted to do, not what everybody else wanted you to do. That's what I was trying to get across to him. 'We got you because you're good. And you are good. Go be good. If you go be you, everybody will be happy.' With (Jose) Abreu helping him along and he and Timmy (Anderson) getting tighter, it gave him a sense of clarity — 'I belong here.'"

Moncada obviously belongs. Now the question is: How high is his ceiling?

The Yoan Moncada of September was a vast improvement from his first month, but can that be projected to a 25-homer, 70-RBI season with an OPS around .900?

"You certainly have to be careful evaluating in September with anyone," said Sox director of player development Chris Getz, referring to the dilution of pitching in September due to expanded rosters. "But he was getting more comfortable. ... You've got to remember he's new to professional baseball, to Major League Baseball, and he's still transitioning from a cultural standpoint."

"Once he's comfortable with all these different places ... who knows (his ceiling)? I can see that once he became a White Sox, he became so much better in certain areas, where it's like, 'Man, who knows how far this can go?'"

The Baseball America rankings are subjective, of course. And mistakes over the years are easy to locate. Sox first base prospect Frank Thomas was ranked 29th on the 1990 list, seven spots behind Cubs second base prospect Ty Griffin. Thomas wound up in the Hall of Fame. Griffin never made it to the majors.

Still, BA is the gold standard of rankings, which have proliferated over the years to include Baseball Prospectus, ESPN and MLB Pipeline, an MLB.com production that was scheduled to be revealed Saturday night.

Baseball America's Top 100, announced Mon-

'00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Joe Mauer

#2 in 2004 and 2005 | C | MIN

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
4/5/04	20-352	14.000	137	.834	53.4

2009 AL MVP is only catcher to win three batting titles (2006, '08, '09). Entering final season of eight-year, \$184M deal.

2

Felix Hernandez

#2 in 2005 | RHP | SEA

Debut	Age	Service	W-L	ERA	WAR
8/4/05	19-118	12.060	160-114	3.20	52.4

2010 AL Cy Young Award winner threw first perfect game in Mariners history. Holds franchise records for wins, strikeouts (2,342).

3

Mark Teixeira

#1 in 2003 | 3B | TEX, ATL, LAA, NYY

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
4/1/03	22-355	Ret.	409	.869	51.8

Three-time All-Star in 14 MLB seasons with four teams. Holds record for most games with HR from both sides of plate with 14.

4

Evan Longoria

#2 in 2008 | 3B | TB

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
4/12/08	22-188	9.170	261	.823	50.0

2008 AL Rookie of Year was an All-Star in first three seasons. Hit walk-off HR in last game of 2011, giving Rays wild-card spot.

5

Josh Beckett

#1 in 2002 | RHP | MIA, BOS, LAD

Debut	Age	Service	W-L	ERA	WAR
9/4/01	21-112	Ret.	138-106	3.88	35.9

Named 2003 World Series MVP, throwing shutout against Yankees in Game 6 to give Marlins their second title.

6

Jason Heyward

#1 in 2010 | RHP | ATL, STL, CHC

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
4/5/10	20-239	8.000	115	.756	34.9

Hit 27 HRs in 2012 but hasn't hit more than 18 in any other season. Has hit .243 with .669 OPS over two seasons with Cubs.

7

David Price

#2 in 2009 | LHP | TB, DET, TOR, BOS

Debut	Age	Service	W-L	ERA	WAR
9/14/08	23-019	8.164	127-68	3.22	33.7

2012 AL Cy Young winner and five-time All-Star is just 2-8 with 5.03 ERA in 17 postseason games (nine starts).

8

Alex Gordon

#2 in 2007 | 3B | KC

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
4/2/07	23-051	10.092	160	.759	32.7

Five-time Gold Glove winner in 11 seasons with Royals, helped them win 2015 World Series, their first title since 1985.

9

Justin Upton

#2 in 2006 | OF | ARI, ATL, SD, DET, LAA

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
8/2/07	19-342	10.060	256	.828	32.4

Four-time All-Star in 11 seasons set career highs with 35 HRs, 44 doubles and 109 RBIs last season with Tigers and Angels.

10

Josh Hamilton

#1 in 2001 | 3B | CIN, TEX, LAA, TEX

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
4/2/07	25-316	9.144	200	.865	28.1

First pick in '99 draft by Rays had early part of career derailed by drug addiction. 2010 AL MVP and five-time All-Star.

11

Bryce Harper

#1 in 2011 and 2012 | OF | WAS

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
4/28/12	19-195	5.159	150	.902	26.1

2015 MVP (42 HRs, 99 RBIs, 1.109 OPS) was youngest position player in All-Star Game history at 19 years, 268 days (2012).

12

Stephen Strasburg

#2 in 2010 | RHP | WAS

Debut	Age	Service	W-L	ERA	WAR
6/8/10	21-323	7.118	84-45	3.07	24.9

Made only 12 starts before needing Tommy John surgery. Has averaged 195.3 strikeouts over last six seasons.

13

Kris Bryant

#1 in 2015 | 3B | CHC

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
4/17/15	23-103	2.171	94	.915	19.7

2015 NL rookie of year (26 HRs, 99 RBIs). 2016 MVP led NL in WAR (7.7) and had 39 HRs and 102 RBIs for World Series champs.

14

Jay Bruce

#1 in 2008 | RF | CIN, NYM, CLE

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
5/27/08	21-054	9.125	277	.790	18.9

Three-time All-Star has averaged 27.7 HRs in 10 seasons. Signed three-year, \$39M free agent deal to return to Mets.

15

Pat Burrell

#2 in 2000 | LF | PHI, TB, SF

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
5/24/00	23-227	Ret.	292	.834	18.8

Had eight straight seasons of 21-plus HRs from 2001-08, including 37 in '02. Won rings with Phillies ('08) and Giants ('10).

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in on cachet

day, featured Braves outfielder Ronald Acuna and Angels pitcher-DH Shohei Ohtani as Nos. 1 and 2, respectively. With Moncada in the majors, the Sox's top prospect is outfielder Eloy Jimenez, acquired from the Cubs in July in the Jose Quintana deal, at No. 4. The other four Sox in the top 100 are pitchers Michael Kopech (No. 11), Alec Hansen (57) and Dane Dunning (82) and outfielder Luis Robert (58).

Players know where they rank, whether they care to admit it or not. It's human nature.

"I respect it and appreciate it from Baseball America or MLB Pipeline or whatever," Kopech said. "But I can't put too much thought into that. It'll change in the next week or so anyway."

By amassing so many quality prospects in the last year, the Sox are destined to be ranked among the top farm systems, though some scouts don't put much stock into those lists.

"It's a cliché every year, teams saying, 'Yeah, we have great pitching in A ball,'" a veteran scout once told me. "The rankings of organizations don't have much credence at all."

After a year of hoarding prospects, Hahn opted to keep veterans Abreu and Avisail Garcia this offseason instead of adding to his collection. Hahn said Friday the Sox now have "championship-caliber players" at every position and on the pitching staff, if all the kids max out their talent.

"Unfortunately, player development is not always linear," he said. "And cruel things happen and the baseball gods likely have some hiccups in store for us. So ultimately not everyone is going to hit those ceilings, in all probability."

But Moncada is one prospect the Sox can't afford to miss on. After leaving Cuba in 2014, he signed a three-year deal with the Red Sox in '15 for a record \$31.5 million international signing bonus, only to be featured in the Sale deal one year later along with Kopech and two other prospects.

Having to deal with the media hype was difficult for the then-20-year-old Moncada, who conceded at SoxFest the pressure of living up to expectations factored into his slow start.

"Maybe a little bit," he said. "At first I didn't know how to handle all that attention. But I had the help of my teammates and was able to do it at the end."

Getz was skeptical when asked if the ranking was in Moncada's head.

"I don't know how much he pays attention to it," he said. "I hope he doesn't. ... Certainly he's in a position now for (2018) to really turn the corner at that level, and I think he's going to take off. There's



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Whether taking practice cuts or signing autographs at SoxFest, Yohan Moncada knows he'll be the center of attention on the South Side this season.

nothing that tells us he won't."

Some top-ranked prospects, such as the Cubs' Kris Bryant, were immediate hits. Ranked No. 1 by BA in 2015, he went on to win National League Rookie of the Year that season and NL Most Valuable Player the next.

But many experience the same bumps and bruises as their less heralded peers.

"Mike Trout got sent down after he got called up," Steverson said. "One of the best players in baseball got sent back. So let's not waver on how difficult this game is."

Trout, called up by the Angels in 2011 at age 19, hit .163 with one home run in 12 starts before getting sent back to the minors. He has since won two MVPs, finished second three times and last year posted a career-high 1.071 OPS.

The Sox aren't expecting those kind of numbers from Moncada. For now, Steverson wants to see "competitive at-bats" on a consistent basis.

Moncada's defense at second also improved with experience, and the Sox plan to keep him there, believing it will aid his offensive progression if he doesn't move around the field. Some who watched him in the Red Sox system speculated his ultimate landing spot will be in center field.

"You could put him out there, and I think he could do a great job, just based on the way his body works," Getz said. "He's got defensive skills. He can play second base, and you put that with his offensive ability and you've got a pretty good player."

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Melvin Upton

#2 in 2004 | OF | TB, ATL, SD, TOR

Debut	Age	Service	HR	OPS	WAR
8/2/04	19-347	10.126	164	.723	16.2

First full season was his best: Hit .300 with 24 HRs, 82 RBIs and an .894 OPS in 129 games with Rays in '07.

'00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Mark Prior

#2 in 2002 | RHP | CHC

Debut	Age	Service	W-L	ERA	WAR
5/22/02	21-257	Ret.	42-29	3.51	16.6

Finished third in 2003 NL Cy Young voting (18-6, 2.43 ERA, 7.4 WAR). Went 2-1 in three playoff starts — then injuries hit him hard.

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SOXFEST

NOTES

Pitching prospect practices patience

By CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

Eloy Jimenez was considered the big prize in the White Sox's trade of Jose Quintana to the Cubs last summer, but the slugging outfielder isn't the only prospect acquired in the deal who could soon make his way to the South Side.



Cease

Dylan Cease, a sixth-round pick by the Cubs in 2014 who underwent Tommy John surgery after he signed, has worked

his way into the picture for the Sox. The 22-year-old, ranked No. 10 among Sox prospects by Baseball America, has been mentioned frequently when the team's hierarchy has talked about the future during this weekend's SoxFest at the Hilton Chicago.

After joining the Sox organization, Cease was 0-8 in nine starts at Class A Kannapolis but posted a 3.89 earned-run average with 52 strikeouts in 41⅓ innings. The fireballing right-hander likely will begin the 2018 season at Class A Winston-Salem.

As far as a timetable to reach the majors, Cease isn't rushing things.

"Honestly, I don't really have expectations like that," Cease said. "If I just go out and play wherever I'm supposed to be, it will take care of itself. I'm just worried about doing what I have to do to prepare myself to perform and execute. I'm pretty low maintenance."

Cease said his goals are to be more consistent with his pitches and "throwing my curveball for a strike, mixing in the changeup and then locating my fastball."

Draft talk: During a Q&A session with fans Saturday, general manager **Rick Hahn** was asked about the Sox's plans for the No. 4 pick in June's amateur draft.

"We've actually got our organization into a position where we conceivably have answers at just about every position," Hahn said. "There's absolutely no incentive to draft for positional need or timeline, so it will truly be the best guy (available) at No. 4. But I'll tell you as we sit here today, so many months out, it is a draft that is deep in college pitching and high school infielders. So you can maybe guess which ... type of player we'll get?"

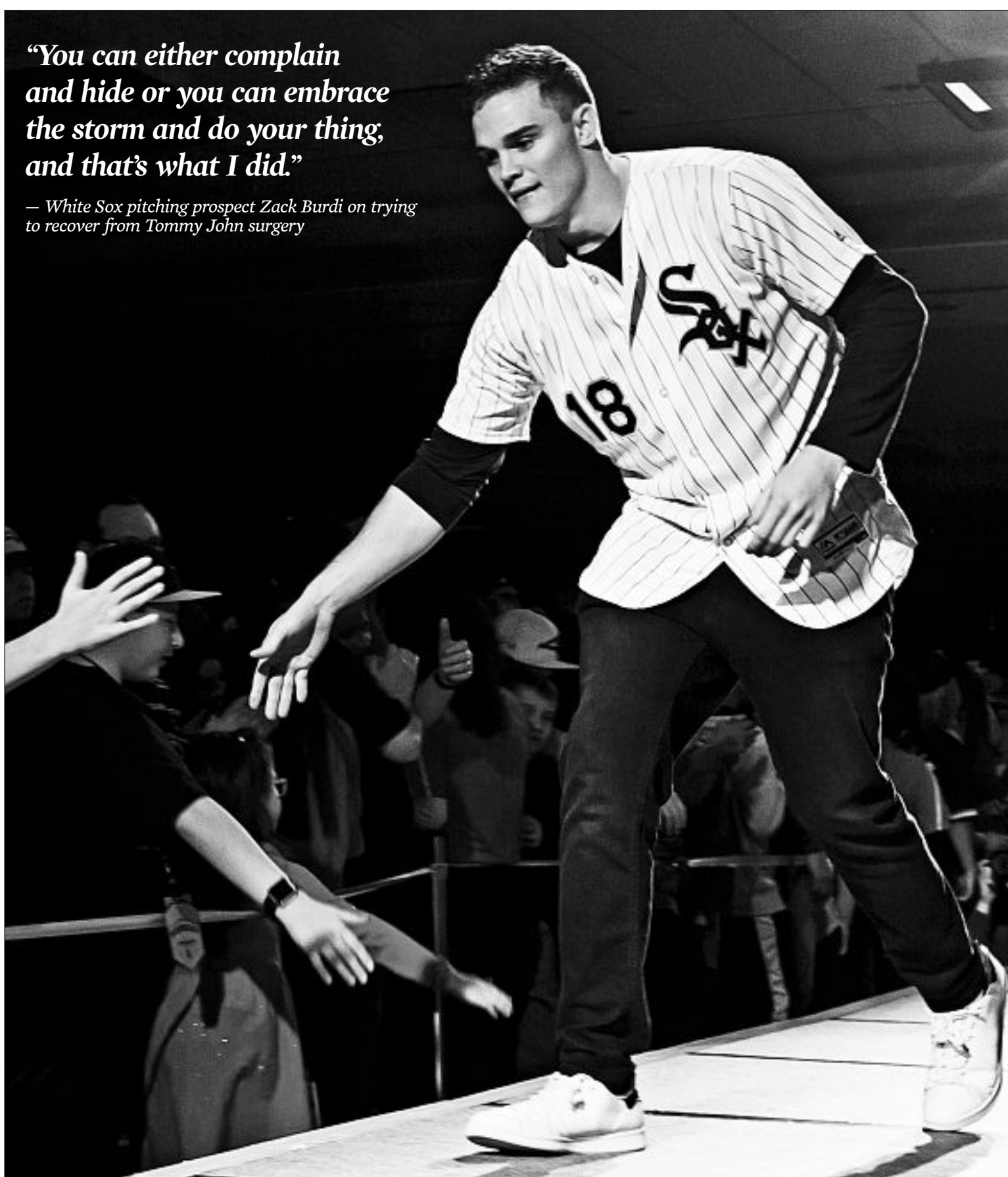
New guy: A source confirmed reports that the Sox signed veteran relief pitcher **Xavier Cedeno** to a one-year contract that will pay the left-hander \$1.05 million if he makes the big-league club.

The 31-year-old Cedeno has spent parts of the last seven seasons in the majors. He was non-tendered by the Rays after a left forearm strain limited him to three innings in nine appearances last year, when he allowed four earned runs.

In 2016, also with the Rays, Cedeno had a 3.70 ERA over 41⅓ innings in 54 games. In 201 career games, Cedeno is 8-7 with a 3.98 ERA and two saves in 142⅓ innings.

"You can either complain and hide or you can embrace the storm and do your thing, and that's what I did."

— White Sox pitching prospect Zack Burdi on trying to recover from Tommy John surgery



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Burdi stays strong

Surgery delays his Sox debut, but local product still upbeat

By CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

Zack Burdi will move back 15 feet Monday, marking another step forward in his rehabilitation from the Tommy John surgery that derailed his fast track to the White Sox.

The Downers Grove native with a howitzer for a right arm has been tossing a baseball from 30 feet the last two weeks, and Monday he is scheduled to advance to throwing from 45 feet.

That is significant progress for Burdi, the 26th overall pick in the 2016 draft mainly due to a fastball that reached 100 mph. He was en route to being the Sox's closer of the future when disaster struck.

Delivering a pitch for Triple-A Charlotte last July 9, Burdi felt a twinge in his elbow. He threw one more pitch before deciding not to risk further damage.

But it had already been done. An MRI revealed Burdi had suffered a tear in his ulnar collateral ligament. A short time later, he underwent surgery that is expected to sideline him at least until late in the 2018 season.

While the news — which came not long after his brother Nick, a hard-throwing prospect now in



BIRMINGHAM BARONS

Birmingham was one of several minor-league stops for Sox pitching prospect Zack Burdi in 2016. Burdi, a Downers Grove native seen above greeting fans Friday at SoxFest, is recovering from Tommy John surgery.

the Pirates organization, had suffered the same injury — rocked Burdi's world, it didn't define him.

"It's tough, but the injury has given me a lot of time to take a step back from the game and grow the other parts of it with the rehab, the recovery, the lifting and the diet part of the game," he said during SoxFest 2018, which will conclude Sunday at the Hilton Chicago.

"The injury side of the game happens to everyone at some point. ... You're either going to let it make you or let it define the breaking point in your career."

That is pretty heady stuff from the 22-year-old Downers Grove South graduate, who is continuing his studies at Louisville while rehabbing his elbow. Burdi said he followed his faith — he and Nick are members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes — to maintain a positive mental outlook.

"There's a phrase that we go by at Louisville: 'You're either going into a storm, you're in a storm or you're going out of a storm,'" Zack Burdi said. "I'm in a storm right now and I just have to make the best of it. You can either complain

and hide or you can embrace the storm and do your thing, and that's what I did."

Burdi believes his dream of pitching for his hometown team hasn't ended but has merely been delayed.

"It sucks (because) everyone in my hometown was really excited to see me on the Sox ... but if that time is going to come, it's going to come and I can't push it," Burdi said. "There are tons of guys here who are also in that position. They want to be a part of this, part of a big-league team, and for me to think my impatience ... is going to get me there instead of hard work or anything like that is an arrogant way to go about it."

The rebuilding Sox are prepared to let Burdi's situation play out and won't rush his return to the mound. Pitching coach Don Cooper acknowledged earlier this week that "the timeline might be sometime late in 2018 — we'll see how it goes for him."

Not surprisingly, Burdi isn't stressing about it.

"I would love to be back as soon as I possibly can, but it's the Sox's call," he said. "I trust what they have in store for me."

"As of right now, there's no set timetable. But whatever it is, I'm sure it's in my best interests and their best interests and it will all work out."

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BASEBALL NOTES

With Cain, Yelich in fold, Brewers set sights on Cubs

Associated Press

Lorenzo Cain said Milwaukee "was the spot I wanted to be in" as he returned to the organization that drafted him.

The Brewers dramatically remade their outfield as they seek to dethrone the Cubs in the NL Central. Cain and the Brewers finalized a five-year, \$80 million contract Friday after the franchise acquired center fielder **Christian Yelich** from the Marlins for four prospects.

Yelich and Cain will report to a team that fell one game short of making the playoffs last year. The Brewers went 86-76 in the second

full year of a rebuild, and the timeline for a return to pennant contention has accelerated.

Drafted by the Brewers in the 17th round in 2004, Cain was traded to the Royals as part of a deal that netted **Zack Greinke** before the 2011 season.

The career .290 hitter is also known for his defense, as is Yelich. The timing of the big back-to-back acquisitions was coincidental, Stearns said.

General manager **David Stearns** called Cain "one of the rare, true five-tool players in



Cain

baseball right now." Manager **Craig Counsell** echoed that enthusiasm.

"There's not a place I don't think it doesn't make us better offensively and defensively," he said. "Lineup, in the clubhouse, experience — there (are) a lot of places

that we feel like we got better." While Yelich and Cain each played center last season, Counsell said Cain will be the regular center fielder. Yelich won a Gold Glove in left with the Marlins in 2014, though his exact role has yet to be determined.

The Brewers have approached left fielder **Ryan Braun** about playing some first base, which was manned capably last season by **Eric Thames** and **Jesus Aguilar**.

Last year's right fielder, **Domingo Santana**, could be an attractive trade possibility after the 25-year-old hit .278 with 30 homers. **Keon Broxton** and **Brett Phillips**, two other outfielders known for defense, could also be trading commodities.

Machado's wish granted: **Manny Machado** will start at shortstop for the Orioles this season.

A two-time Gold Glove winner

at third base, Machado will move to short, manager **Buck Showalter** said. With the retirement of **J.J. Hardy**, Showalter believes the Orioles will be better defensively if the slick-fielding Machado plays in the middle of the infield.

Tim Beckham, who came over from the Rays in July and took over at shortstop, will move to third base.

Extra bases: Pirates LHP **Nik Turley** was suspended for 80 games after testing positive for a PED. ... Former Rockies and Marlins pitcher **Marcos Carvajal**, 34, died of pneumonia in his native Venezuela.

BULLS

NBA mourns death of agent based in Chicago

Wade thanks Thomas in heartfelt tribute

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

For a couple of days in July 2010, before the focus shifted to LeBron James taking meetings at a downtown Cleveland hotel, Henry Thomas' Chicago office served as the epicenter of free agent madness.

Thomas represented Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh at the time. And when Thomas and Wade hosted a surprise second meeting with the Bulls on July 2, TV trucks descended and hysteria reigned.

"Hank was the calmest guy in the room," Wade said in a casual conversation with the Tribune at a party Wade hosted in October 2016 that Thomas attended.

That trait, not to mention his genuine decency in a cutthroat business, is what Thomas was known for over a 30-year career as an agent representing some of the NBA's biggest names.

Thomas, 64, died Saturday morning after he had suffered from a neuromuscular disease. Wade, now with the Cavaliers, and Heat forward Udonis Haslem were excused from their teams to travel to Chicago and be with Thomas. Wade then posted a heartfelt tribute on his Instagram page, including a photo from the June 2003 night when the Heat drafted Wade.

"I can't thank you enough for these last 15 years," Wade posted. "You should be so proud of the job you did on this young, misguided kid from Chicago. I was a young 21 when we met and I needed a Man's love. My dad and I had things to work out and I was leaving my father figure Coach (Tom) Crean — so you stepped in right away and became that MAN I desperately needed. I hate saying my 'agent,' because you have always been way more than that to me.

"I cry these tears because selfishly I wanted you to be there when I got my jersey retired or when I gave my Hall of Fame speech or when I had a daughter. ... I love you Henry (Hank) Thomas — THANK YOU for loving me right back. Be at peace — we (your family) got this!!! Your son Dwyane!"

Thomas helped lead Harlan to the 1970 Public League championship and played at Bradley, where he earned an accounting degree. He worked as a tax specialist at what is now Price-waterhouseCoopers and, with his two law degrees from DePaul, eventually became a partner at a Chicago-based firm. Thomas also served as an adjunct professor teaching sports law at DePaul.

But with a client list that included Chicago products Tim Hardaway Sr., Michael Finley and Bobby Simmons as well as former Bulls Ronnie Brewer and Marcus Fizer, Thomas made his biggest mark in the NBA. The Heat held a moment of silence before Saturday's game for Thomas. Peoria's Shaun Livingston, another client, also offered a tribute on social media, as did Tom Crean, Wade's coach at Marquette, and the NBA.

"He was an excellent agent but even a better person," said general manager Gar Forman, who negotiated Wade's homecoming to the Bulls with Thomas.

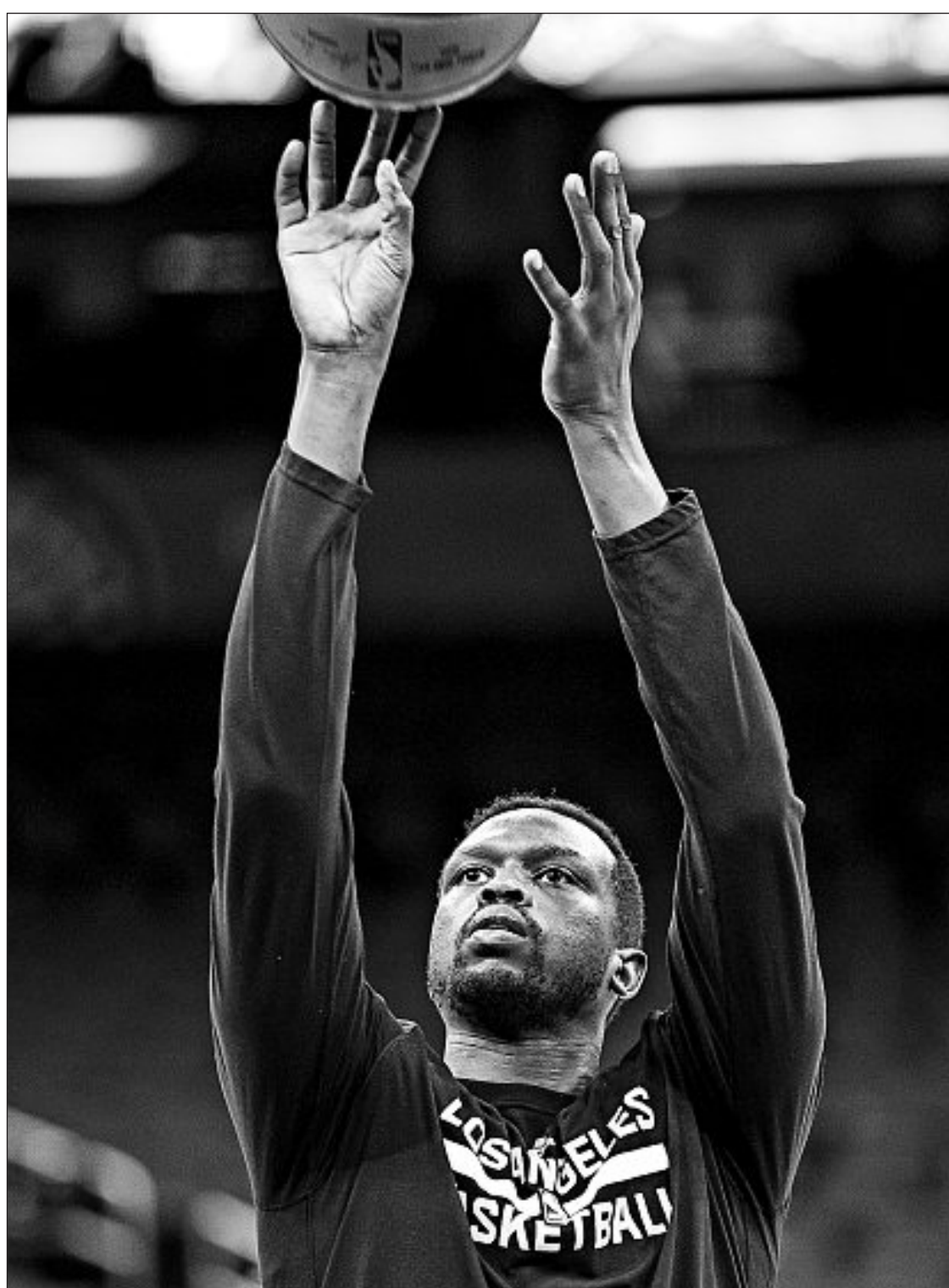
Layups: Kris Dunn will miss his fifth consecutive game Sunday after his Jan. 17 concussion. Coach Fred Hoiberg said there's no timetable for his return. ... Lauri Markkanen rarely shows emotion, but his anger over not getting a call on his putback dunk attempt in the final minute of Friday's loss to the Lakers proved justified. The NBA's Last Two Minute Report said he was fouled, as was Zach LaVine on the missed drive that created Markkanen's chance.

BUCKS AT BULLS

TV/radio: 2:30 p.m., NBCSCH, WLS-AM 890.

Storylines: The Bulls won the first two meetings, both in Milwaukee. This is the first time they'll face Joe Prunty, who is coaching the rest of the season after the Bucks fired Jason Kidd.

Trending: Giannis Antetokounmpo averaged 28.5 points and 11.5 rebounds in the first two meetings. Lauri Markkanen ranks second among rookies with 11 double-doubles.



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"Honestly, just how fast those 10 years went playing here," Luol Deng said of memories of his Bulls tenure.

Fast forward

Time has passed quickly for former Bulls All-Star Deng

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Four years. Six years. Ten. Fourteen. It all goes by so quickly. That's Luol Deng's most prominent thought when he re-enters the United Center, the building he called home for close to a decade.

It has been four years since the Bulls stunningly traded Deng to the Cavaliers, coming up on six since Derrick Rose tore his left ACL and sent that era's championship chances into uncertainty and almost 14 since the Bulls acquired Deng in a draft-day trade with the Suns.

"Honestly, just how fast those 10 years went playing here," Deng said after the Lakers' morning shootaround Friday at the United Center. "You think back to the teams we had and how much fun it was. And just the city, going out to eat and seeing people appreciate what you did here. That was always nice.

"That still happens for me when I visit. It's pretty amazing."

You could say the same for how a team grabs hold of a city's fan base, creating moments of pride and pain.

Deng made two All-Star Games as Tom Thibodeau's indispensable and indefatigable two-way piece. Deng's role, along with the meteoric rise of Rose and the irrepressible passion of Joakim Noah, seared into a fan base's collective hearts.

Like the Dick Motta-led teams featuring Chet Walker, Bob Love, Jerry Sloan and Norm Van Lier, that era produced zero championships but countless you-remember-it-still moments.

"We're still very close," Deng said. "I talk to Jo. I talk to Derrick. All those guys on those teams, we're still a part of those days."

Deng isn't a part of much of anything these days with the Lakers. Management sat the proud veteran down at the start of the season and said it wanted to feature the young players as part of a full rebuild.

Deng, who signed a four-year, \$72 million deal in 2016 and averaged a career-low 7.6 points in 56 games last season, has played a grand total of 13 minutes in one meager appearance.

"It's definitely frustrating, but I'm OK," Deng said. "I just work on my game and wait for the next chapter."

"For me, the players are always going to be not only teammates but also friends. So I try to help them as much as I can and leave



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my frustrations on the side. Being in the league for so long, whatever I see with guys' tendencies and stuff like that, I try to help my teammates."

One thing Deng tries to help the young Lakers with is just how quickly the time passes.

"Really enjoy what you're doing today," he said. "It's not going to last and for every locker room, there's always going to be a new story."

Indeed, every other week or so, it seems like a faded star from those near-miss Bulls blows through town.

Noah, who just left the Knicks for personal reasons amid reports he yelled at coach Jeff Hornacek out of frustration, sat inactive for all three Bulls-Knicks meetings. That included two at a United Center he used to rouse with his primal screams.

Rose also left the Cavaliers this season for personal reasons amid reports he was contemplating his future in basketball. With his body betraying him yet again this season, this time a bone spur in his ankle, who knows what his future holds.

"It's so different because I signed and I've been healthy. For them, they had a lot of time off," Deng said. "Jo had that shoulder surgery and then he had that suspension (for PEDs). Derrick, new team and new beginning, so it's a different situation.

"For me, I'm healthy. I've just been sitting there. I don't know how to explain it. I've been practicing. I still go to the gym and shoot. I've never had this feeling. You feel great but you're not going to play."

On Feb. 9, the still-vibrant Jimmy Butler and Thibodeau come to town with the Timberwolves. Deng once mentored Butler, who just earned his fourth straight All-Star Game berth.

Such days are likely gone for Deng. He will turn 33 in April. He's in his 14th season. But surely, there's a role for a rotation guy somewhere.

Just ask Deng.

"I just work on my game and wait for the next chapter."

— Luol Deng, who has played 13 minutes all season

"That's no question," Deng said without hesitation when asked if he still can contribute. "I'm not playing because I can't play. If we're going to go there, it is what it is. But I know I can play."

In a reflective mood, Deng credited veterans like Malik Allen, Antonio Davis, Adrian Griffin, Ben Wallace and Kurt Thomas for helping him early in his career. He still talks to Thomas and Griffin and is proud he played on those "Baby Bulls" teams that returned to the playoffs for the first time since the dynasty.

"For my career, I was really lucky," Deng said. "I had a lot of ups and downs with Scott Skiles. As I think back, I really appreciate everything he put me through and so did (assistant coach) Ron Adams. There were games when Scott Skiles didn't play me the whole second half and there were games where he didn't run a single play for me. Later on, when I look at those things, those were the things that kept me in the league because coming in, he wanted me to play better defense, I didn't play defense in the beginning. Later on, I became known as a guy who plays defense. So who you come under coaching-wise really matters.

"For me, Thibs was finally the coach that had a system I really wanted to play, where I actually could play almost the whole game and focus on my defense and offensively I did what I could because I was on the floor. That was the most fun times of my career because I played with no pressure. I played hard and because of the minutes I was playing, my numbers spoke for themselves."

Deng even had kind words for former coach Vinny Del Negro, with whom he didn't always see eye-to-eye.

"I didn't like the style we played. I really didn't. And maybe I could have dealt with it better at the time," Deng said. "But Vinny is one of the guys that throughout my career, since I left here, would always call and check on me. At the time basketball was everything. But the guys that actually care about other things besides basketball, those are the guys I seem to get along well with longer."

After all, time passes quickly.

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INTERIM COACHES

Fill-ins not always blanks

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

The Bulls on Sunday face the Bucks, who have interim coach Joe Prunty coaching his third game for the recently fired Jason Kidd.

It's not an easy job.

Just ask former Bulls interim coach Jim Boylan, now with the Cavaliers, who took over for the fired Scott Skiles in the 2008-09 season.

Interim coaches typically take over underachieving teams for management types who may have designs on "their own guy" in the offseason. Nevertheless, there are some who have succeeded.

Here's a look at some recent memorable interim-coaching stints with the Bulls and around the league:

NBA

■ Luke Walton:

With Steve Kerr sidelined by complications after back surgery, the current Lakers coach in 2015 took the keys to the high-powered engine that is the Warriors offense. All Walton did was lead the Warriors to a 24-0 start in their record-breaking 73-9 season and also win Western Conference Coach of the Month honors for November. The praise he drew from around the league and from players belied the perception he merely brought basketballs out for practice.

■ Jeff Van Gundy: A relatively anonymous assistant who did have the blessing of Pat Riley, Van Gundy took over the Knicks for Don Nelson in March 1996 and two days later handed the Bulls just their seventh loss in their then-NBA record 72-10 season. Van Gundy, then 34, had only been a head coach in high school previously, but he amassed a 248-172 mark over six seasons, including a trip to the 1999 NBA Finals as an eighth seed. Many Knicks fans might say the franchise hasn't gotten his replacement right since he resigned in December 2001.

■ Lawrence Frank: An assistant to Byron Scott as the Nets made the NBA Finals in 2002 and 2003, Frank replaced Scott in January 2004 and promptly won 13 straight games. That led to him getting the job in June 2004, and Frank guided the Nets to four straight playoff appearances.

Bulls

■ Rod Thorn:

The longtime executive made the difficult decision to fire franchise legend Jerry Sloan, who went on to have a decent little coaching career with the Jazz. But the 1981-82 Bulls were 19-32 when Thorn fired his friend. After Phil Johnson, Sloan's top assistant, coached one game, Thorn took over and went 15-15. A little more than two years later, Thorn made a more significant impact when he drafted Michael Jordan.

■ Pete Myers: The current assistant for Fred Hoiberg, Myers actually has had two interim stints. He took over when John Paxson fired Bill Cartwright in November 2003 and lost brutally tough road games to the Mavericks and Spurs. And two days after Paxson fired Scott Skiles on Christmas Eve 2007, Myers was sacrificed to guide the Bulls during a blowout loss at the Spurs as Paxson talked to Jim Boylan about taking over.

■ Jim Boylan: Not to be confused with current associate head coach Jim Boylan, with whom he once worked at Michigan State, Skiles' long-time right-hand man went 24-32 down the stretch of the 2007-08 season. His stint produced memorable moments. The basketball lifer signed off when Ben Wallace and Adrian Griffin, in an almost unprecedented move, led a players' vote to extend Boylan's one-game suspension for insubordinate rookie Joakim Noah. Boylan almost fared well enough to keep the job, but as the Bulls lucked into drafting Derrick Rose that offseason, Paxson began a coaching search that eventually netted Vinny Del Negro.



HIGH SCHOOLS



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Coach Kennard Johnson does not let the loss of his left arm prevent him from being a role model at Bowen.

At Bowen, coach a true inspiration

Haugh, from Page 1

When a starter forgot her shoes before a game this season, Johnson gave the girl his to wear. When a player needs anything from breakfast to a new duffel bag, Johnson reaches into his pocket once every two weeks after payday.

"These kids basically have nothing, and sports keeps them active and away from the corner store or (gang) bangers at the park, so they come here and I give them all I can," said Johnson, 57, whose left arm was amputated after he was shot as a teenager. "Practice is at 2:30. If they're hungry, I tell them to text me and I'll bring food. Whatever. All they need is a little help and some motivation."

Providing some often takes Johnson back to June 16, 1978.

The memory remains vivid, almost 40 years later. Johnson was a senior at Hirsch High School, and his father, Emmett, owned the Parks Hotel at 7454 S. Cottage Grove. On that day, Johnson's dad had a toothache and asked his son to make up three of the hotel's rooms. As Johnson headed down a staircase after watching the soap opera "All My Children," a man who believed he had been robbed by a prostitute fired a shotgun in his direction. The bullet tore through Johnson's left arm just above the elbow.

"It was a seven-shooter pump, and I was in the right place at the wrong time," Johnson recalled. "I didn't see it coming. I heard a loud noise and echo. I hit the ground, and where your arm closes, I saw a hole."

In the chaotic scene that followed, Johnson recalled immediately being placed in the back of a Chicago Police van because officers mistakenly suspected he was a villain. Three weeks in Jackson Park Hospital left Johnson with gangrene. When his fingertips turned black, they transferred him to St. Luke's Hospital, where he remembers being prepared for surgery to remove his hand.

"I went under thinking I was only going to lose my hand but woke up and they had amputated above the elbow," Johnson said.

A six-month hospital stay followed. For almost a year, Johnson says he barely left his house. The kid who used to play hoops at Nat King Cole Park against Mark Aguirre and Terry Cummings became depressed. His parents bought him a Trans Am to cheer him up. Instead of attending Kentucky State University on a band scholarship, Johnson enrolled at Kennedy-King College while he redirected his life.

"I had no money, so I started working for my dad at the hotel," Johnson said.



"I can do more with one arm than some people can do with two."

— Bowen girls basketball coach Kennard Johnson

A van replaced the Trans Am as Johnson started his own family, which included two sons and a daughter with cerebral palsy. A job as a special-needs assistant at Henderson Elementary came courtesy of a recommendation from his mentor, Dr. John West, a longtime Chicago Public Schools administrator. In the hallways, kids said the damndest things.

"Students would look at me like I was a freak," Johnson said. "They thought I was in the army or a police officer who lost his arm."

Eventually, Johnson moved to Brooks College Prep when it opened in 1998, and he still works at the school as a security supervisor. Coaching the Brooks girls basketball team for 16 years provided an outlet for the athlete trapped inside a body that no longer did everything Johnson wanted. Scrimmaging against players, a practice Johnson continued when he came to Bowen four years ago, produced a sense of normalcy.

"Brooks kids accepted me after they saw I could play ball, so I started shooting and the ball kept going in, so I played full-court and jelled from there," Johnson said. "People say I'm handicapped. I don't consider myself handicapped. I can do more with one arm than some people can do

with two."

Somewhere in Johnson's house sits a prosthetic arm his father, who won \$4.6 million in the Illinois Lottery in 1985, bought for him. Johnson never used it because "the hand weighs about 30 pounds and has a hook, so I didn't like it," he said. After a recent appearance on WCUI-26's "The Jam," a doctor offered to build him a robotic arm. That intrigues Johnson, who wants to coach until he is 60 and then pursue a degree in photography.

"I might wear a prosthetic when I put a suit on, who knows?" Johnson said.

For now, he focuses on preparing his 11-4 Bowen girls basketball team for the playoffs next month before coaching the Simeon softball team in the spring. Bowen athletic director Clare McCauley marveled at Johnson's knack for making each of his players feel unique, the point of the individualized homemade photo displays he hands out every senior night.

"He's always willing to give student-athletes a second chance if something negative happens," McCauley said, "because he doesn't want to give up on a student and is willing to work in a sort of mentor role to develop their social and emotional skills in addition to their athletic abilities."

The coach with one arm is always the first to lend a hand.

"I can't fit in anywhere else and don't feel right except here, in the gym, so Coach Johnson gets that and makes us all feel like we belong," Hearon said. "He understands that basketball is our escape."

His too.

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Wozniacki nets 1st Slam crown

In 3rd career major final, she tops Halep for title, No. 1 ranking

BY JOHN PYE
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — For all her success in tennis, from holding the No. 1 ranking for more than a year to winning 27 titles, one question had plagued Caroline Wozniacki's career:

Did she have what it takes to win a major?

It took 43 Grand Slam tournaments and two failed attempts in finals before Wozniacki ended her drought with a 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-4 win over top-seeded Simona Halep in the Australian Open final on Saturday night.

Only three women have taken longer to achieve their major breakthrough, a list topped by 2015 U.S. Open winner Flavia Pennetta (49).

"One of the most positive things about all of this (is) I'm never going to get that question again," the 27-year-old Wozniacki said as she clung to the Daphne Akhurst Memorial Cup.

"I'm just waiting for the question, 'When are you going to win the second one?'"

So more than eight years after appearing in her first Grand Slam final at the 2009 U.S. Open — a straight-sets loss to Kim Clijsters — Wozniacki has finally erased the "but never won a major" footnote on her resume.

"Adding a Grand Slam is what caps off my career as a whole," Wozniacki said.

She'll also regain the top ranking next week for the first time in six years — beating Serena Williams' record of 5 years, 29 days between stints at No. 1 on the women's tour.

Williams, the 2017 Australian Open champion who chose not to defend the title after the birth of



QUINN ROONEY/GETTY

Caroline Wozniacki celebrates Saturday after defeating Simona Halep 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-4.

MEN'S FINAL

Roger Federer, seeking his 20th Grand Slam title, took on Marin Cilic in the match that began at 2:30 a.m. Chicago time. For the result and coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

her first child in September, tweeted congratulations to Wozniacki, calling her feat "so awesome."

Halep was playing with an injured left ankle, needed treatment for dizziness in the second set and had rallied from a break down in the third set to lead 4-3 when Wozniacki took a medical timeout to have her left knee taped. In the end, Halep just ran out of steam.

"It's not easy to talk now," she said. "It's been a great tournament for me. I can still smile. I cried, but now I'm smiling."

This was the first major final in the Open era that featured players ranked Nos. 1 and 2 who had never won a Grand Slam championship.

WINTER OLYMPICS

Biggest U.S. team a mix of 1st-timers, veterans

BY RICK MAESE
Washington Post

The American contingent heading to South Korea for next month's Pyeongchang Olympics will feature seasoned veterans and past champions, familiar names such as snowboarder Shaun White, skier Lindsey Vonn and speedskater Shani Davis. The U.S. team also will include promising young talent, phenoms such as 17-year-old snowboarder Chloe Kim, 17-year-old short-track speedskater Maame Biney and 18-year-old figure skater Nathan Chen.

And somewhere in the middle is an Alpine skier who might prove to be Team USA's brightest star of all, Mikaela Shiffrin, entering the prime of her career with an Olympic title already in her trophy case and space in her carry-on luggage to bring back a couple more medals.

The U.S. Olympic Committee announced its full roster of Olympians headed to Pyeongchang, 242 athletes, the largest team that any nation has ever sent to a Winter Games. The previous mark was set by the U.S. squad four years ago, a 230-person Olympic roster.

The Americans will be trying to top their 2014 medal haul, which included nine gold medals and 28 overall — though that number will increase to 29 when American Katie Uhlaender's fourth-place skeleton finish is upgraded after Russia forfeited a gold due to doping. Four years earlier, the Americans won a record 37 medals in Vancouver, including nine gold.

The opening ceremony is Feb. 9.

This year's American squad ranges in age from 17 to 39. The average age is 26 1/2, a half-year older than 2014, but the group also includes six 17-year-olds.

A total of 103 athletes are veteran Olympians, including 37 returning medalists. Davis, snowboarder Kelly Clark and cross-country skier Kikkan Randall will all be competing at their fifth Winter Games.

Vonn, the most decorated female Alpine skier of all time, is headed to her fourth Olympics, having missed the Sochi Games because of a knee injury. "It's been pretty brutal to wait for another Olympics," she said Friday.

Vonn will be racing the downhill, super-G and combined in Pyeongchang and hopes to improve on her Vancouver medal

ON THE CLOCK

12 Days until the opening ceremony for the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

haul, which included a gold and a bronze.

"I feel like in Vancouver, I finally figured out how to approach the Olympics, how to deal with pressure, how to perform under the highest amount of pressure possible. And I want another chance," she said during an online event announcing the team Friday. "I think my accomplishments on the World Cup have been more than I ever could have hoped for. But I think the exclamation point on my career — getting another Olympic medal — would be icing on the cake."

Vonn made her Olympic debut at the 2002 Games. Chen was 3 then and just learning how to skate. He's now a two-time U.S. men's figure skating champion and is considered a serious medal threat.

"When I was 10 years old, I knew exactly that's where my goal was at, that's where my dream was at. It's crazy to think that eight years later, here I am," he said. "I made that dream happen."

The U.S. Olympic Committee says this year's squad is also its most diverse for a Winter Games. It includes the first two African-American Olympic female speedskaters — Biney and Erin Jackson — the first African-American hockey player — Jordan Greenway — and the first two openly gay male athletes — freeskier Gus Kenworthy and figure skater Adam Rippon.

The United States will be sending teams to compete in both the men's and women's Olympic hockey tournaments, albeit very different squads. The women's team is a largely veteran group that has won the last three world championships and has been training together since August. Without the benefit of having NHL players, the men's team is a ragtag bunch of minor-leaguers, college players and Americans from leagues overseas. They won't skate as a group until they land in Pyeongchang, practicing together all of four days before games begin.

As usual, the bulk of Team USA comes from the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association: 22 Alpine skiers, 29 freestyle skiers and 26 snowboarders.

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
MIL 2:30 NBCSCH AM-890				@POR 9 NBCSCH AM-890			@LAC 2:30 NBCSCH AM-890
@NAS 7 NBCSCH AM-720					@VAN 9 WGN-9 AM-720		@CAL 9 NBCSCH AM-720

SUNDAY ON TV/RADIO

2:30 p.m. Bucks at Bulls	NBCSCH, WLS-AM 890
2:30 p.m. Suns at Rockets	NBA TV
5 p.m. 76ers at Thunder	ESPN
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
11 a.m. George Washington at St. Bonaventure	NBCSN
11 a.m. Bucknell at Boston U.	CBSSN
Noon Michigan State at Maryland	CBS-2
Noon Villanova at Marquette	FOX-32
1 p.m. Richmond at Davidson	NBCSN
1 p.m. East Carolina at SMU	CBSSN
2:30 p.m. Purdue at Indiana	FOX-32
3 p.m. Northern Iowa at Loyola	ESPNU
3 p.m. Seton Hall at DePaul	CBSSN, WSCR-AM 670
5 p.m. Clemson at Georgia Tech	ESPNU
5 p.m. Tulsa at Wichita State	CBSSN
7 p.m. Connecticut at Temple	ESPN2
7 p.m. Washington State at Washington	ESPNU

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

11 a.m. Penn State at Purdue	BTN
11 a.m. Temple at South Florida	ESPNU
1 p.m. Mississippi State at Mississippi	ESPNU
1 p.m. Georgetown at Xavier	FS2
2 p.m. Baylor at West Virginia	FS1
3 p.m. Wisconsin at Illinois	BTN
3 p.m. Notre Dame at Florida State	ESPN2
3 p.m. St. Bonaventure at Duquesne	NBCSN
4 p.m. Kansas State at Kansas	FS1
5 p.m. Missouri at South Carolina	ESPN2

NFL

1:50 p.m. Pro Bowl	ABC-7, ESPN
GOLF	
9 a.m. Dubai Desert Classic	Golf Channel
Noon PGA Farmers Open	Golf (more, 2 p.m., CBS-2)
2 p.m. LPGA Bahamas Classic	Golf Channel

NHL

2:30 p.m. All-Star Game	NBC-5
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MOTORSPORTS

7 a.m. Rolex 24 at Daytona	FS2 (more, 9:30 a.m., FS1)
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SKIING

5 a.m. FIS World Cup at Lenzerheide, Switz.	NBCSN
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10 a.m.

Cross Country, Viessmann World Cup	NBCSN
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MEN'S SOCCER

8:30 p.m. Bosnia and Herzegovina at U.S.	FS1
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FA CUP SOCCER

7:30 a.m. Newcastle United at Chelsea	FS1
9:50 a.m. Manchester City at Cardiff City	FS2

WINTER SPORTS

1 p.m. Winter X Games	ESPN2 (more, 7:30 p.m., ESPN)
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NFL

POSTSEASON GLANCE
PRO BOWL
Sunday in Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 2 (ESPN/ABC-7)

AFC PRO BOWL ROSTER

WR Antonio Brown*, Pitt; DeAndre Hopkins*, Hou; A.J. Green, Cin; Keenan Allen, LAC; O Alejandro Villanueva*, Pitt; Taylor Lewan*, Ten; Donald Penn, Oak; OG Kelechi Osemele*, Oak; David DeCastro*, Pitt; Richie Incognito, Buf; C Maurice Pouncey*, Pit; Rodney Hudson, Oak
TE: Travis Kelce*, KC; Rob Gronkowski, NE; QB Tom Brady*, NE; Phillip Rivers, KC; Ben Roethlisberger, Pit; RB: Le'Veon Bell*, Pit; Kareem Hunt, KC; LeSean McCoy, Buf; FB James Conner*, NE
DE: Joey Bosa*, LAC; Calais Campbell*, Jax; Khalil Mack, Oak; DT: Gene Atkinson*, Cin; Jurrell Casey*, Den; Malik Jackson, Jax
LB: Von Miller*, Den; Jadeveon Clowney*, Hou; Terrell Suggs, Bal
ILB/MLB: C.J. Mosley*, Bal; Ryan Shazier, Pitt; CB: A.J. Bouye*, Jax; Jalen Ramsey*, Jax; Aqib Talib, Den; Casey Hayward, LAC
FS: Eric Wedder*, Bal
SS: Reshad Jones*, Mia; Micah Hyde, Buf; P: Brett Kern*, Ten
PK: Chris Boswell*, Pit
Return specialist: Tyreek Hill*, KC
Special teamer: Matthew Slater*, NE

NFL PRO BOWL ROSTER
WR: Julio Jones*, Atl; Adam Thielen*, Min; Michael Thomas, NO; Larry Fitzgerald*, Ari
QB: Aaron Rodgers*, Green Bay
OT: Tyrion Smith*, Dal; Trent Williams*, Was; Lane Johnson, Phi
OG: Zack Martin*, Dal; Brandon Brooks*, Pitt; Brandon Scherff, Was
CB: Alex Mack*, Atl; Travis Frederick, Dal; TE: Zach Ertz*, Phi; Jimmy Graham, Sea
QB: Carson Wentz*, Phi
DE: Jason Peters*, Den; Drew Brees, No
RB: Todd Gurley*, LAR; Alvin Kamara, No; Mark Ingram, No
FB: Kyle Juszczyk*, SF
DE: Everson Griffen*, Min; Demarcus Lawrence*, Dal; Cameron Jordan, NO
DT: Fletcher Cox*, Phi; Aaron Donald*, LAR; Gerald McCoy, TB
CB: Chandler Jones*, Ari; Ryan Kerrigan*, Was; Anthony Barr, Min
ILB/MLB: Luke Kuechly*, Car; Bobby Wagner, Sea
CB: Xavier Rhodes*, Min; Patrick Peterson*, Ari; Marston Lattimore, No; Dariusz Staley, Det
FS: Earl Thomas*, Sea
SS: Landon Collins*, NYG; Malcolm Jenkins, Phi
P: Johnny Hekker*, LAR
PK: Greg Zuerlein*, LAR

GOLF

PGA - FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN	210 (-6)	201(-15)
3rd of 4 rds at Torrey Pines; G-Course; s-South Course; North Course; 205 (-11)	J.J. Spaun 70n-71s-69s-72s-68n-70s B. Harkins 70n-70s-68s-70s-72s-68s K. Bradley 70s-69n-71s K. Streelman 71s-68n-71s Martin Flores 70s-67-70 R. Goosen 70n-68s-72s	David Horsey 63-70-68 David Lipsky 69-66-67 Sergio Garcia 67-69-69
Alex Noren 70s-66n-69s-70s (-9)	Tiger Woods 72s-71n-70s P. Mickelson 70n-68s-76s OMEGA DUBAI DESERT CLASSIC	
3rd of 4 rds at Emirates GC, Dubai, U.A.E. Yardsage: 7,238; Par: 72	196 (-20)	145 (-3)
Justin Rose 69n-70s-69s-70s (-9)	Tommy Fleetwood 74-71 Tony Finau 65n-70s-73s Luke List 69n-66s-73s N. Leishman 71s-69n-69s Lanto Griffin 72s-68n-69s Taylor Gooch 71s-68n-70s E. Rahmo 70s-72n-67s Jon Rahm 68s-66n-75s	Brooke Henderson 68-73 143 (-3) Ryan O'Toole 74-69 Danielle Kang 70-73 Caroline Masson 74-71 Azahara Munoz 74-71 Lizette Salas 73-72 146 (E) Charley Hull 74-72 Paula Reto 73-73

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Office of The Commissioner of Baseball: Suspended Pittsburgh LHP Nick Swisher 80 games after testing positive for marijuana, a performance-enhancing substance, in violation of Major League Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Tampa Bay: Reassigned G Louis Domingue to Syracuse AHL.
AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
Hartford: Loaned F Dan DeSalvo to Greenville (ECHL).

ECHL
ECHL: Suspended Greenville's Caleb Herbert one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a Jan. 26 game at Jacksonville. Suspended Orlando's Kristian Posselt three games and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a Jan. 26 game at South Carolina. Suspended Idaho's Corbin Blundin and Jefferson Dahl two games and fined them undisclosed amounts for their actions and fined Idaho's Brady Brassart and Colorado's Joey Rattlea undisclosed amounts as a result of their major penalties and game misconducts for cross checking in a Jan. 26 game.

AHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE	CENTRAL	W	L	OL	SF	GF	GA
Manitoba 29 10 3 2 63 161 105	Rockford 24 17 2 3 53 145 139	WOLVES 21 15 2 3 50 135 126	Milwaukee 21 17 4 0 46 119 133	Gr. Rapids 22 18 4 4 49 143 137	Cleveland 13 22 4 3 33 97 131		

SATURDAY'S RESULTS	Wolves 4, Tucson 3	Bridgport 3, Hershey 1	Rochester 4, Belleville 3 (OT)	Toronto 4, Syracuse 2	Manitoba 5, Laval 2	Grand Rapids 4, Rockford 1	Iowa 3, Cleveland 1	Springfield 5, Providence 2	Utica 3, Lehigh Valley 2 (OT)	Wb/Scranton 3, Binghamton 3 (OT)	Hartford 4, Charlotte 9	San Jose 5, San Antonio 1	Texas 4, Stockton 3	Ontario 4, Milwaukee 3	San Diego at Bakersfield, late
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE	No games scheduled														

NHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Winnipeg	29	13	8	66	164	136	17-3-1	12-10-7	7-5-2
Nashville	29	11	7	65	145	123	16-4-3	13-7-4	10-3-2
St. Louis	30	18	3	63	148	130	17-10-0	13-8-3	7-4-1
Dallas	28	18	4	60	155	134	17-7-1	11-11-3	7-10-0
Colorado	27	18	3	57	157	139	18-7-1	9-11-2	7-6-1
Minnesota	26	18	5	57	144	140	17-4-4	9-14-1	8-8-0
BLACKHAWKS	23	19	7	53	146	136	12-10-3	11-9-1	5-7-2

PACIFIC	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Vegas	32	12	4	68	164	128	19-3-2	13-9-2	11-1-1
San Jose	25	15	7	59	143	133	14-7-3	12-8-4	12-2-3
Calgary	26	16	8	58	137	135	12-11-3	13-5-5	8-5-3
Nashville	26	18	5	57	139	121	12-9-3	14-9-2	6-9-3
Anaheim	24	17	9	57	141	141	14-9-3	10-8-6	8-5-5
Edmonton	22	24	3	47	135	157	11-13-1	11-2-2	10-2-0
Vancouver	19	24	4	44	129	183	11-11-2	11-1-1	9-9-1
Arizona	12	29	9	33	118	172	6-15-3	6-14-6	1-7-5

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Tampa Bay	34	12	3	71	175	125	17-5-1	17-7-2	9-3-1
Boston	29	10	8	66	156	116	16-5-4	13-5-4	10-1-2
Toronto	28	18	5	61	162	146	13-8-2	15-10-3	6-4-1
Detroit	19	21	8	46	126	146	10-10-7	9-11-1	6-9-2
Florida	20	23	6	48	156	120-10	10-14-2	9-6-2	9-6-2
Florida	19	22	6	44	132	158	8-13-3	8-14-3	6-4-1
Ottawa	15	23	9	39	124	166	9-11-5	6-12-4	5-8-3
Buffalo	14	26	9	37	114	163	6-12-3	8-14-6	3-5-2

METROPOLITAN	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Washington	29	15	5	63	150	138	18-7-1	11-8-4	8-4-3
Columbus	27	19	3	57	137	137	16-8-0	11-11-3	8-5-2
Pittsburgh	27	21	3	57	151	153	17-7-1	10-14-2	10-4-0
New Jersey	24	16	8	56	144	146	13-9-3	11-8-5	5-6-1
Philadelphia	24	17	8	56	141	141	13-9-4	11-8-4	5-2-4
N.Y. Rangers	25	20	5	55	153	151	17-8-3	8-12-2	7-6-3
N.Y. Islanders	25	20	5	52	172	180	13-7-3	12-13-2	7-7-1
Carolina	22	19	8	52	137	154	10-7-4	12-12-4	6-5-3

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE	Ottawa at Carolina, 6	Minnesota at Columbus, 6	Montreal at St. Louis, 7	Philadelphia at Winnipeg, 7	Los Angeles at Dallas, 7:30	Vegas at Calgary, 8	Colorado at Vancouver, 9	N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 6:30	San Jose at Detroit, 7	Philadelphia at Washington, 7
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TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE	Blackhawks at Buffalo, 6	New Jersey at Boston, 6	Florida at Pittsburgh, 6	San Jose at Pittsburgh, 6	Ottawa at Carolina, 6	Minnesota at Columbus, 6	Montreal at St. Louis, 7	Philadelphia at Winnipeg, 7	Los Angeles at Dallas, 7:30	Vegas at Calgary, 8	Colorado at Vancouver, 9	N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 6:30	San Jose at Detroit, 7	Philadelphia at Washington, 7
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63RD ALL-STAR GAME ROSTERS	Sunday at Amalie Arena, Tampa, Fla.	CENTRAL DIVISION	AS	F Patrick Kane, Blackhawks	2nd	F Nathan MacKinnon, Colorado	2nd	F Bryan Broussard, St. Louis	1st	F Tyler Seguin, Dallas	5th	F Eric Staal, Minnesota	5th	F Blake Wheeler, Winnipeg	6th	D John Klingberg, Dallas	1st	D Alex Pietrangolo, St. Louis	1st	D P.K. Subban, Nashville	3rd	D Connor Roughton, Winnipeg	1st	G Pekka Rinne, Nashville	2nd	Coach: Peter Laviolette, Nashville	3rd	PACIFIC DIVISION	AS	G Brock Boeser, Vancouver	1st	F Johnny Gaudreau, Calgary	2nd	F Anze Kopitar, Los Angeles	4th	F x-Connor McDavid, Edmonton	2nd	F James Neal, Vegas	3rd	D Brent Burns, San Jose	5th	D Drew Doughty, Los Angeles	4th	D Oliver Ekman-Larsson, Arizona	2nd	G Marc-Andre Fleury, Vegas	3rd	G Jonathan Quick, Los Angeles	3rd	Coach: Gerard Gallant, Vegas	2nd	ATLANTIC DIVISION	AS	F Aleksander Barkov, Florida	1st	F Jack Eichel, Buffalo	1st	F Nikita Kucherov, Tampa Bay	2nd	F Brad Marchand, Boston	2nd	F Auston Matthews, Toronto	2nd	F Steven Stamkos, Tampa Bay	2nd	D Mike Green, Detroit	5th	D Victor Hedman, Tampa Bay	2nd	D Erik Karlsson, Ottawa	5th	F Carey Price, Montreal	6th	G Andrei Vasilevski, Tampa Bay	1st	Coach: Jon Cooper, Tampa Bay	1st	METROPOLITAN DIVISION	AS	F Josh Bailey, N.Y. Islanders	1st	F Sidney Crosby, Pittsburgh	1st	F Claude Giroux, Philadelphia	5th	F Taylor Hall, New Jersey	3rd	F x-Alex Ovechkin, Washington	7th	F John Tavares, N.Y. Islanders	8th	D Noah Hanifin, Carolina	1st	D Seth Jones, Columbus	2nd	D Kris Letang, Pittsburgh	4th	G Braden Holtby, Washington	3rd	G Henrik Lundqvist, N.Y. Rangers	4th	Coach: Barry Trotz, Washington	3rd
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SKILLS COMPETITIONS	FASTEST SKATER	Participants	seconds	Puck Control Relay	Participants	Time	Time	Participants (mph)	Rd.1	Rd.2
1. Brayden Point, Tampa Bay	13.579	1. Nikita Kucherov, Tampa Bay	1:39.562	1. Brian Boyle, New Jersey	15.626					
2. Zach Werenski, Columbus	14.250	2. Philadelphia	1:37.419	2. Blake Wheeler, Winnipeg	22.531					
3. Rickard Rakell, Anaheim	14.313	3. Braden Schenn, St. Louis	1:05.951	3. James Neal, Vegas	14.262					
4. Noah Hanifin, Carolina	14.317	4. Oliver Ekman-Larsson, Arizona	1:04.530	4. Brock Boeser, Vancouver	41.836					
5. John Bailey, N.Y. Islanders	14.413	5. Eric Staal, Minnesota	1:04.679	5. Alex Ovechkin, Washington	98.8					
6. Nathan MacKinnon, Colorado	14.056	6. Alex Pietrangolo, St. Louis	1:00.015	6. Steven Stamkos, Tampa Bay	95.9					
7. Jack Eichel, Buffalo	13.828	7. Kris Letang, Pittsburgh	1:00.015	SHOOTING	Participants	seconds				
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BLACKHAWKS



The card

Considered a common card worth about a dime for its first 13 years of existence, one sold for more than \$70 soon after Kane established himself as one of the game's best players.

"That's some pretty good value," Turgeon said with a laugh. "There must be some reason behind it. It's because he's sitting in the stands."

"He has a smirk on his face, like he's laughing because Haverchuk is tripping me. ... He still has that smirk when he's playing."

The scene

The photo used on the card was taken at Buffalo Memorial Auditorium, where Kane and his father spent many a winter night, where the younger Kane often sneaked into hallways during intermissions to play hockey with his friends.

"The Aud," as it was known to locals, was demolished in 2009. But it did not take with it the memories born there with the Kanes.

The family had four season tickets near the visitors bench, where Kane often would listen in on the opposing team's chatter during games while wearing an away Sabres jersey.

"I'd sit there and see all the sticks and see all the players up close and personal, put my head up to the glass and hear what the coaches were saying," Kane said.

But on March 20, 1994, when the photo was taken, Kane's father had purchased tickets for the "Gold" section, against the glass, from a fellow businessman, as he sometimes did.

The elder Kane carried Patrick into the arena, which allowed Patrick to sit on his lap — and let another guest to accompany the Kanes.

"I wish we saw who was next to me," Kane's father said. "(I) and the family loved hockey so much. They were allowing me to carry Patrick in there till he was 7 or 8. Right before we went in the gate I would pick him up just to get another person in, whether it was my brother, my wife, two of the other kids or a friend."

"Like any kid, you thought it was the coolest thing in the world. You find out it's almost like, for a little moment in time, you're part of the NHL."

— Patrick Kane

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Card game

(and the picture of Kane is wild)

Before he was a \$10 million-a-year player, the Blackhawks All-Star was just a kid on a 10-cent piece of memorabilia

BY PAUL SKRBINA | Chicago Tribune

The picture card was worth a thousand words.

And about 10 cents.

Patrick Kane's name is nowhere to be found on Sylvain Turgeon's trading card from the 1994-95 Pinnacle hockey set. But when his 6-year-old face was spotted on it a couple of years later, the card became priceless to the Blackhawks All-Star forward and his family.

"You could look at that picture and I'm just a young kid looking up at some hockey players, like any young kid would," Kane said.

After Kane became a star in the

NHL many years later, the monetary value of the card went up as well.

The fact such a card exists is improbable. That Kane happens to be sitting on his father's lap, staring wide-eyed at Hall of Famer Dale Haverchuk, seems almost impossible.

Sandwiched between two Sabres players, Haverchuk (No. 10) and defenseman Doug Bodger (No. 8), Turgeon is shown sailing through the air. A photographer captured the moment, Pinnacle used it as Turgeon's card and the unofficial Patrick Kane rookie card was born.

Only nobody knew it at the time. Here are the stories of this card.



Sylvain Turgeon

The second overall pick of the 1983 NHL draft for the Whalers was a one-time All-Star who had 269 goals and 226 assists while playing for four teams during his 12-year career. He scored 40 goals as a rookie and a career-high 45 two years later.

Turgeon was drafted again in 1992, this time going to the Senators in the expansion draft. Turgeon, who was teammates with Hawks coach Joel Quenneville and assistant Kevin Dineen with the Whalers, was just 30 when he played his last NHL season.

Turgeon said he was made aware of Kane's photobomb many years ago.

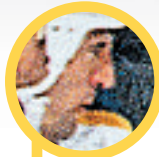
Like Kane, he has signed his fair share of copies. He also has kept a few for himself.

"You wouldn't believe how many people talk to me about the card," Turgeon said. "Do you know Patrick Kane is on your card?"

"I'm (heading) flat on the ice. It's an interesting picture."

Turgeon said he didn't recall how or when he found out Kane and his father were on one of the last cards ever produced of him. But he shares in their enthusiasm all these years later.

"He must be like, 'What a dream,' right?" Turgeon said. "How do I feel about (it)? I feel great for him. I get a good laugh."



Doug Bodger

Bodger, a member of the British Columbia Hockey Hall of Fame, played with the Sabres for seven-plus seasons during his 16-year career. The ninth overall pick of the Penguins in 1984 had 106 goals and 422 assists.

Bodger found out about the card about 1½ years ago while reading an article in The Hockey News.

His brother, a collector, dug through his stash of cards and gave one to Bodger.

"It's quite the shot — sitting on his dad's lap, laughing, with a (Pat) LaFontaine jersey on. It's special, a kid watching you one day hoping to be where you are. You can see it in his eyes, 'I want to be out there.'"

"At the time I had a hockey store in town. We pulled it out and showed everyone in the store."



Dale Haverchuk

The Jets made him the first overall pick of the draft, ahead of three other Hall of Famers, including Chris Chelios. And he went on to become the rookie of the year in 1981-82.

The five-time All-Star had 518 goals and 891 assists during his 16-year career.

Patrick Kane

The Blackhawks selected Kane first overall in the 2007 draft. He was rookie of the year in 2007-08, playoff MVP in 2013 and league MVP and scoring champion in 2015-16, becoming the first American-born player to earn such distinctions in league history.

He has helped the Hawks to three Stanley Cups and is fifth in franchise history in goals and points.

The only copy of the card the younger Kane owns was placed in a red frame and hung above the light switch in the bedroom of his childhood home, where it still is today.

"Like any kid, you thought it was the coolest thing in the world," Kane said.

"You find out it's almost like, for a little moment in time, you're part of the NHL."



Patrick Kane Sr.

As he did every Saturday, Kane's father was sorting through the mail a couple of years after that game at his Jeep dealership in suburban Buffalo when he opened an envelope from a customer.

He thought his eyes were lying to him.

There was the first of the many thousands of trading cards on which his son would appear.

"Open it up and it says, 'Mr. Kane, you probably already have a hundred of these, but I figured you'd like one more,'" Kane said. "We had no idea it existed. I couldn't believe it. I was jittery and excited."

He called his son and soon sent one of his salesmen, who knew a bit about trading cards, to a hobby shop two blocks away to pick up some more.

"He bought 10 for a dollar," Kane said.

The game

Neither Kane remembers much from the game.

The Senators were visiting the Sabres for the second and final time that year, and it was the only game Turgeon played there that season, meaning the photo had to be taken that day.

Haverchuk recorded a pair of power-play goals to go with an assist. Bodger also had an assist in what was a 6-2 victory for the Sabres.

The game was rough, with 132 minutes of penalties.

Blackhawks radio analyst Troy Murray had an assist in the game for the Senators, while Turgeon was held without a point.

The aftermath

Before Kane reached the NHL, his father visited a card shop in suburban Buffalo.

He was there to secure some more copies of the card. It was his first time visiting and the owner of the shop, unaware of who Kane was, gave him one.

"I said, 'How much do I owe you?'" Kane said. "He said, 'You don't owe me anything.' I said, 'Why not?' He said, 'It's not really worth much.'"

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Time for the 60th Grammy Awards

The songs have been played, the votes cast — the awards will be presented by the Recording Academy in a ceremony Sunday at Madison Square Garden in New York, hosted by James Corden and televised live at 6:30 p.m. CST on CBS. We have your guide to music's biggest night.

Jay-Z vs. Kendrick Lamar: In a year when hip-hop might finally rule the Grammys, it's a clash of music titans. Jay-Z leads the field with eight nominations, with upstart Kendrick Lamar bringing in seven. **PAGE 4**

Greg Kot's full-page who's who: Who will win, who should win and who got shafted. **PAGE 5**



CHRIS JONES

Oscar rivals illuminate how WWII shaped us

In Dee Rees' superb movie "Mudbound," which scored four Academy Award nominations on Tuesday but not its deserved best picture berth, there is a flashback sequence wherein a young United States Army Air Forces veteran of World War II tells his friend that he was saved from certain death by a black fighter pilot with exquisite timing.

The veteran is white. His friend, a fellow vet, is African-American. The two are living outside Marietta, Miss., in the mid-1940s. The armed forces are still segregated. Rosa Parks has not yet refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Ala. The civil rights movement has yet to ignite. In Marietta, Miss., Jim Crow still has years to go. For one of the parties, this friendship will prove very dangerous.

But Rees' Netflix-distributed film — which is based on the novel of the same name by Hillary Jordan and does not shy away from the graphic depiction of racist atrocities — still leaves the viewer with the sense that the old ways are numbered, that the racists will eventually breathe their last and be vanquished, that there is hope for America, that the war has not just been an upending of normalcy but a catalyst for positive change.

There are at least three movies dealing explicitly with the legacy of World War II in this year's Oscar crop, and all three



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Gary Oldman plays Winston Churchill in "Darkest Hour."

of them make a version of that point. Pondered together, they make a very different statement from the traditional war films of the 1940s and 1950s, usually peddling inspiration within existing social and authoritarian codes, and from the group of subsequent films that emphasized the pain of the war, as seen, for example, in "Saving Private Ryan," a film made in 1998.

Both Christopher Nolan's "Dunkirk" and Joe Wright's "Darkest Hour" preach the moral authority of ordinary people and, as a corollary, the obligation of democratically elected officials not to lie. Even in times of war. "Darkest Hour" is the gripping story of how British wartime Prime Minister Winston Churchill marshaled his country to fight Hitler to the death, not to appease him by making a deal through his fellow fascist Benito Mussolini. The primary impact of the film is to remind us all how resistance was, in fact, just one possible political choice for the British in the early 1940s. And a tough one. Which is very easy to forget.

In the film's most important, and moving, scene, Churchill abandons his official car and takes a trip on the London Underground, where he encounters a car full of diverse but steely British citizens, all ready to give their all in resistance against Hitler. These ordinary folks buck up the dithering P.M., who otherwise has to deal with the mealy-mouthed likes of Neville Chamberlain (Mr.

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blind spots

Everyone is missing a piece of the larger cultural puzzle — they never read “Moby Dick,” saw “The Sound of Music,” heard Bob Dylan, whatever — but our Blind Spots series sets out to rectify that. Our writers dig into the thing they have avoided, until now.

‘Horses’ stamped its mark on culture

BY JANINE SCHAULTS
Chicago Tribune

Patti Smith is a VIA — a very important artist. Everybody seems to agree on this. Music critics championed her from the beginning, landing her debut album, “Horses,” in the No. 2 spot in the 1975 edition of the annual Pazz & Jop poll, published by the Village Voice. With little support from radio, the album even reached 47 on the Billboard 200 chart that year. Rolling

Stone ranked it 44 on its “500 Greatest Albums of all Time” list in 2006.

Despite the album being released five years before my birth, its cover — Smith photographed in black and white by Robert Mapplethorpe, leaning coolly against a blank backdrop with a jacket effortlessly draped over her bony shoulder, chin protruding up just a smidge with an unmistakable air of defiance — is instantly recognizable and iconic. I could



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The cover of Patti Smith's album “Horses” features a Robert Mapplethorpe portrait.

pick the album out of a lineup if \$100,000 was on the line in a game show contest, but, until now, I've never heard a note of its 43-minute running time.

Why? It's hard to say. I've spent a lifetime with her on the periphery. Genuflecting at her title as the “god-

mother of punk,” despite her ambivalence toward the role. Relishing her ability to capture the way lust is both ecstasy and a prison in “Because the Night,” even though Natalie Merchant's quaking vocals hit my ears long before co-writer Bruce Springsteen's version did. And understanding that, like the Velvet Underground, the bands she influenced probably outnumber the people who own a copy of “Horses.” I could feel her fury in PJ Harvey and romance in Jeff Buckley almost by osmosis. She also hung out

with the coolest dudes: Bob Dylan, Sam Shepard, Allen Ginsberg, producer John Cale.

But scraping together the money (relatives always needed a lawn mowed or a jewelry box organized) and persuading someone to carpool to the record store (that's how we did it in the not-so-distant past) to purchase “Horses”? That was a tough sell.

The rise of streaming services, which put almost every piece of music ever recorded at our fingertips, also didn't help. Too many choices!

After diving in, Smith's

boldness is the first thing that jumps out. Using a cover song to open a debut takes guts, but Smith greases up Van Morrison's “Gloria” like it was born in New York City instead of Belfast. And that added-on opening line: “Jesus died for somebody's sins, but not mine” — what a doozy. Album closer “Elegie” creaks with ghosts both living and dead, while the bouncy “Redondo Beach” should make any Blondie fan discard its discography. “Birdland,” on the other hand, is a nine-minute-plus exercise in saintly patience.

“Horses” lives up to the legacy, but it's like that dress that sits in the back of your closet. The one that looks killer — guaranteed to score a date, yet worn with extreme prudence. You can pretend it's to save it from ruin, but really it's the boning digging into your ribs, preventing you from taking adequate breaths, that keeps it tucked away. On a day that truly requires solace, “Horses” — like that frock — is all angles, poking uncomfortably into your psyche.

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‘Fever’ lingers after lights dim

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI
Chicago Tribune

The first time around I was too young to see “Saturday Night Fever,” and definitely too young to appreciate it. That now-iconic poster, the one with John Travolta thrusting a finger in the air and cocking a hip in mid-Hustle, had been as ubiquitous in my childhood as the Bee Gees hits on its soundtrack. But in 1977 the first blush of “Star Wars” was ripening, and by the time I was old enough to duck into R-rated movies — or sneak R-rated cable TV



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John Travolta lit up the dance floor playing Tony Manero in the 1977 film “Saturday Night Fever.”

and VHS tapes — disco was the enemy, dancing was not cool and Travolta had squandered his luster. Frankly, among a snarling, free-range pack of adolescent wolves roving a decaying Italian-American neighborhood on the East Coast? It didn't get much girlier than declaring you wanted to see “Saturday Night Fever.”

I did, and I didn't. This is the problem with iconic culture: Whether or not you experience the thing, you bear witness to it; you are bombarded by a narrow set of images providing the thing you avoided with a shape in your head. By 1980, you could think that you had seen “Saturday Night Fever” even if you hadn't. And yet now that I am in my 40s and have finally seen “Saturday Night Fever” — as of last week — I feel like a cultural MIA who just wandered out of a pop jungle. I am in awe of this artifact that I missed, *in love with its freshness*, and unable to think of much else. And forget girly: This is a rough, lacerating and undeniably charming indictment of male cruelty and privilege. It's hard to deny the electricity of Travolta's Tony, yet the character is a casually racist, misogynistic predator who sexually assaults a dance partner. (Changing attitudes aside, I know that this somewhat shocked plenty of moviegoers in 1977 too.)

Having been alive in the

I feel like a cultural MIA who just wandered out of a pop jungle.

world, I anticipated some of that. What I should have predicted — this was, after all, the edgy, second Golden Age of Hollywood — was the way the movie would wield its harshness, allowing Travolta a moment of decency only to make him an even bigger creep in the next scene. (Whenever anyone explains the way Hollywood allowed difficult, irreconcilably contradictory mainstream characters in the '70s, this should be Exhibit A.) Also, what I didn't expect was how much of “Saturday Night Fever” is a sweetly naive bright-eyed 1930s RKO musical encased in the trash-strewn malaise of early '70s Al Pacino flicks. Or how closely the picture captures the explosive-ness, the rhythms, even the doily-covered arm-chairs of a certain kind of Italian-American family in a certain type of East Coast community — I have heard almost my whole life that because I was Italian, I needed to see “Saturday Night Fever,” and now that I have, I think I'm afraid to ask why.

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Green Mill is deserving of its legendary reputation

By LOUISA CHU
Chicago Tribune

When Marian McPartland died, I raised a glass in her honor.

She became best known as the elegantly mid-Atlantic-accented, badass female host of "Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz" on NPR. But when she and husband Jimmy McPartland moved to Chicago after World War II, the British-born performer had yet to make her American debut. I wish I could say it was at the Green Mill, one of the few and most legendary historic jazz clubs left in the city.

I'm literally a card-carrying jazz fan, by no means an expert but a supporter of WDCB-FM, our local jazz station, but I can't explain why I've never walked under the iconic green neon sign of the Mill.

What makes it worse? I've seen countless shows at the Riv across the street and the Aragon just up Lawrence. Plus I'm a history buff,



CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTO ILLUSTRATION; TRIBUNE PHOTO
The Green Mill in Uptown belongs on every jazz aficionado's bucket list.

vintage cocktail aficionado and someone who's eaten at every Asian restaurant around Argyle a few blocks north on Broadway.

So on a relatively recent Friday night, I set out to correct my

shameful cultural blind spot.

Opened in 1907 as Pop Morse's Roadhouse, by 1910 new owners reinvented the place as the Green Mill Gardens, a nod to the Moulin Rouge ("red mill") in Paris and

actual gardens where the Uptown Theatre now sadly stands.

Al Capone was famously a regular during his 1920s Prohibition reign. He and his henchmen sat at the booth on the right between the bar and the stage. From there, if they saw trouble come in the front door, they could slip out the side.

After decades of decline at the club, in 1986 Dave Jemilo bought and restored the Mill to its current patina.

Jemilo is still a hands-on owner who said he'd move me from a side booth to a floor table with a better view if one became available. It never did because the house was packed. First for the weekly Friday "Flipside" show with Chris Foreman on the Hammond B-3 organ behind the bar. I was reminded of the studies on the positive effect of seeing live music, compared with just listening. This music, I felt too.

Then the main event: a masterful and passionate "Battle of the

Saxes" show with Ed Petersen and Eric Schneider each on sax, John Campbell on piano, Brian Sandstrom on bass and a young Kyle Swan on drums.

The crowd — young, old, couples, singles and adults of all genders and colors — listened transfixed. As someone who dines out constantly, I could barely believe almost nobody stared down at their phones.

The Mill has a great FAQ page, but here's a few first-timer tips. If a show has a cover, arrive about an hour early. That's when you need to drink up or pay up, and how you snag a great seat. There's no food, but you can bring your own, or even have it delivered.

Next time, I might order a box from Pastoral or Chiu Quon bakery to nosh on through the sets. That sounds like a perfectly elegant thing to do.

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'Dawson's Creek' tops 'The O.C.,' but neither holds up

By JESSI ROTI
Chicago Tribune

I was in high school not too long ago, from 2006 to 2010, years that aligned with plenty of pop culture offerings targeted at my demographic (young, female, home weeknights between 7 and 9 p.m., household with one or more TVs). But there were two phenomena I missed, supposedly amazing works of televised teen fiction: "Dawson's Creek" and "The O.C." So recently I watched the first five episodes of both, for the first time.

Comfortably removed from my teen years, as well as the fanfare that once surrounded the show, "The O.C." is hard to digest in 2018. It's set in affluent Newport Beach, Calif.; the characters get drunk on cheap vodka (and far more) at charity fashion shows and in their friends' parents' beach houses (where toxic masculinity runs rampant), before jumping into luxe SUVs and driving home without police inter-



CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTO ILLUSTRATION; WB PHOTO
James Van Der Beek and Michelle Williams starred in "Dawson's Creek."

ference. That this scenario was sold as a better-but-still-faulty-alternative-to-reality is ridiculous. The most "teen" thing about "The O.C.," which ran on Fox from 2003 to 2007, is the endless video game playing (which these

days extends well into your 30s and beyond anyway).

As for "Dawson's Creek" (1998-2003) — I immediately understood why this show left its mark. It gave us Katie Holmes, Michelle Williams, that ugly picture of

James Van Der Beek crying that became a meme. What it also did, unlike "The O.C.," was treat its characters — and audience — as though their experiences and feelings mattered. Even if it does all happen in pretty adult conversations supposedly being had by 15-year-olds.

Thirty minutes into the first episode, it's explicitly clear everyone's still a virgin. Sex and partying exist, but as a lot of talking, fantasizing and being embarrassed. Plus, its cast members were actually roughly high school-age. Yes, it's full of equally horrible things that would not fly in 2018: trans- and homophobic conversations, Dawson's complete lack of checking his own privilege (except when he apologizes to Holmes' Joey for being "a male"). But at least the show acknowledged a world beyond its fictional New England town, as well as what that world would expect of its characters.

Considering what's currently offered on TV to teenagers, par-

ents would probably welcome an angsty (albeit sanitized) teen-lite drama like this. Kids here find the words they're supposed to say, and immature antics get resolved through rational, intelligent discussion. You might even say — compared with the nightmare of excess that is "The O.C." — "Dawson's Creek" is more of a parental than a teen fantasy.

The truth is, in the real world, both those realities coexist, overlapping more than these shows care to admit. In a perfect world, every character would be afforded the same definition of what it means to be young — whether that's living in the moment or being allowed to grow from mistakes. What bothered me is how these shows force you to choose only one reality. To be honest, I don't care enough to return to Newport Beach, or to Capeside, Mass. Maybe I've "come of age," but give me "My So-Called Life" any day.

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60TH GRAMMY AWARDS

A mighty clash of kings

Veteran Jay-Z, upstart Lamar lead in Grammy nominations as hip-hop seizes center stage

BY MIKAEL WOOD | Los Angeles Times

Both men have sold millions of albums. Both have headlined the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival. And both made former President Barack Obama's list of his favorite songs from 2017 — an especially meaningful achievement, perhaps, for two African-American artists eager to share their political views (not to mention their scorn for the guy who now holds Obama's old job).

So in a year when hip-hop might finally rule the Grammy Awards, it makes sense that Jay-Z and Kendrick Lamar would be the rap kings closest to victory come Sunday night.

With eight nominations, Jay-Z, the assured veteran, leads contenders for music's most prestigious prize, followed closely by Lamar, the upstart phenom, who has seven.

All of Lamar's nods put him in competition with Jay-Z in categories including album of the year, where his anthemic "DAMN." is up against Jay-Z's more intimate "4:44." (They'll also vie for record of the year, rap album, rap song, rap performance, rap/sung performance and music video.)

And Jay-Z's eighth nomination? It's for song of the year, for his album's confessional title track, which marks only the second time in Grammys history — following Eminem in 2011 — that an MC has been nominated for the three biggest awards on one night.

If the overlap between Lamar and Jay-Z suggests that the two are cut from the same cloth, though, the work they're being recognized for presents a different picture.

Both have undeniably changed the game, moving hip-hop into the mainstream (or keeping it there) as they've raised the bar for the kind of personal success available to a rapper. But each man followed a separate path to superstardom — and is using that platform in his own way.

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hometown roots matter supremely, and for Jay-Z and Lamar that amounts to the latest iteration of a classic hip-hop rivalry between East Coast and West Coast.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Jay-Z, 48, has long drawn on New York's popular mythology as a place for hustlers and brag-garts; not for nothing did he conjure echoes of Frank Sinatra by having Alicia Keys sing the city's name over and over in "Empire State of Mind," his 2009 tribute to that "concrete jungle where dreams are made of."

And that idea of the town is still alive in his music (even if he and his wife, Beyonce, seem to spend most of their time these days in Los Angeles). In "Marcy Me," a slow-rolling cut from "4:44," Jay-Z vividly describes the housing projects where he grew up — part of the grimy "old Brooklyn," as he puts it, not the developer's haven that now "feel(s) like a spoof."

Thirty-year-old Lamar, a proud Compton, Calif., native, fills his songs with just as many references to his specific surroundings, as in his song "Element," from "DAMN." in which he mentions Tam's Burgers and Stockton Street, where he once danced on the roof of the now-shuttered Compton Swap Meet in the music video for his song "King Kunta."

With early endorsements by Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg, Lamar emerged around the time of his major-label debut, 2012's "good kid, m.A.A.d city," as an heir to the gangsta-rap legacy that began in the 1980s with Dr. Dre's Compton-based N.W.A.

Yet Lamar's modification was to present himself as a conflicted observer of gang violence rather than an active participant — a shift in perspective from N.W.A. and also from Jay-Z, who's never shielded from his past as a drug dealer. That's a crucial distinction: For Lamar, as for others in

his generation, drugs and gangs aren't sources of pride or community; they're reasons to question authority.

Sonically too Lamar has worked to advance the West Coast's signature sound. Though it still features the Dr. Dre formula of heavy beats and funky bass, "DAMN." expands gangsta rap's palette with slick synths and psychedelic guitar.

Jay-Z, for his part, isn't uninterested in daring production. His work in the early 2000s with Timbaland and the Neptunes — classics like "Big Pimpin'" and "I Just Wanna Love U (Give It 2 Me)" — still carry a whiff of adventure.

But with "4:44" the rapper took a determinedly old-school approach, working with the producer No I.D. to build the tracks around dusty samples of tunes by Nina Simone, Donny Hathaway and the Clark Sisters; his rapping too is some of the plainest, albeit most effective, he's ever done, with a clear emphasis on being understood on a word-for-word basis.

The tension between tradition and innovation is a familiar storyline at the Grammys, as we saw in 2017 when Adele went up against Beyonce in the major categories.

And it's in play elsewhere among this year's nominations. Lamar and Jay-Z's competition for album of the year, for instance, includes Lorde, the youthful New Zealand singer and songwriter, and a pair of clever R&B revivalists in Bruno Mars and Childish Gambino.

Yet it's not right to conclude simply that Lamar is disrupting the established order embodied by Jay-Z.

Sure, the latter has won 21 Grammys, whereas Lamar lost album of the year both times he was previously nominated for it — one indication of the Recording Academy's tendency to reward proven winners.

In a sense, though, it's actually Jay-Z's maturity, and the way he addresses it on "4:44," that makes him an outlier. With deeply felt songs about his troubled marriage and his failings as a father, the album represents Jay-Z's risky (if successful) attempt to remake hip-hop as a vehicle for middle-aged concerns, as opposed to the challenges and paranoia that preoccupy Lamar on "DAMN."

In his hit single "Humble," nominated for record of the year against Jay-Z's "The Story of O.J.," Lamar isn't stressing his own humility; he's warning away folks who might wrongly assume they can step to him.

Where the two come together is in their thinking about race and about the value — as well as the cost — of black achievement in Donald Trump's America.

In his song "Yah," Lamar raps about being targeted by the conservative pundits at Fox News who "wanna use my name for percentage." Jay-Z, meanwhile, lays out his plans to pass on his wealth to his children as a means of combating the institutional bigotry he's certain they'll encounter as they grow up.

That both rappers are in contention for the music industry's crowning accolade — and with no fear of being pushed aside by Steely Dan or Robert Plant or some other past-it Grammy fave — is proof of progress in that fight, at least for anyone who wants awards shows to properly reflect what matters in culture.

With that in mind, maybe who wins Sunday is beside the point. The real triumph was the space hip-hop gave these diverse voices to flourish.



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JAY-Z



KENDRICK LAMAR

60TH GRAMMY AWARDS

Who will win, who should win and who got shafted

BY GREG KOT | Chicago Tribune

At the Grammy Awards on Sunday night, there will likely be more performances than actual award presentations (most of the 84 winners will be announced before the broadcast). Here are a few predictions in key categories, with a shoutout to worthy artists bypassed in the Recording Academy voting. Please note that only recordings released from Oct. 1, 2016, to Sept. 30, 2017, were eligible:



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Clockwise from top left: Khalid, Chris Stapleton, Julia Michaels, Ed Sheeran and Metallica are among the Grammy nominees.

ALBUM OF THE YEAR	WHO WILL WIN	WHO SHOULD WIN	WHO GOT SHAFTED
"Awaken, My Love!" Childish Gambino; "4:44," Jay-Z; "DAMN.," Kendrick Lamar; "Melodrama," Lorde; "24K Magic," Bruno Mars	"24K Magic," Bruno Mars	"DAMN.," Kendrick Lamar	"3," Run the Jewels
RECORD OF THE YEAR	<i>(Award to the artist and the producer, recording engineer and/or mixer)</i>		
"Redbone," Childish Gambino; "Despacito," Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee; "The Story Of O.J.," Jay-Z; "HUMBLE.," Kendrick Lamar; "24K Magic," Bruno Mars	"Despacito," Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee	"HUMBLE.," Kendrick Lamar	"A Wall," Downtown Boys
SONG OF THE YEAR	<i>(A songwriters award)</i>		
"Despacito," Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee; "4:44," Jay-Z; "Issues," Julia Michaels; "1-800-273-8255," Logic; "That's What I Like," Bruno Mars	"Issues," Julia Michaels	"4:44," Jay-Z	"Continental Breakfast," Courtney Barnett and Kurt Vile
BEST NEW ARTIST	<i>(An artist who releases the first recording that establishes the artist's public identity)</i>		
Alessia Cara, Khalid, Lil Uzi Vert, Julia Michaels, SZA	Khalid	SZA	Sir the Baptist
BEST POP VOCAL ALBUM			
"Kaleidoscope EP," Coldplay; "Lust For Life," Lana Del Rey; "Evolve," Imagine Dragons; "Rainbow," Kesha; "Joanne," Lady Gaga; "÷ (Divide)," Ed Sheeran	"÷ (Divide)," Ed Sheeran	"Rainbow," Kesha	"Mental Illness," Aimee Mann
BEST ROCK ALBUM			
"Emperor of Sand," Mastodon; "Hardwired...To Self-Destruct," Metallica; "The Stories We Tell Ourselves," Nothing More; "Villains," Queens of the Stone Age; "A Deeper Understanding," the War on Drugs	"Hardwired...To Self-Destruct," Metallica	"Villains," Queens of the Stone Age	"Relatives in Descent," Protomartyr
BEST RAP ALBUM			
"4:44," Jay-Z; "DAMN.," Kendrick Lamar; "Culture," Migos; "Laila's Wisdom," Rapsody; "Flower Boy," Tyler the Creator	"DAMN.," Kendrick Lamar	"DAMN.," Kendrick Lamar	"3," Run the Jewels
BEST COUNTRY ALBUM			
"Cosmic Hallelujah," Kenny Chesney; "Heart Break," Lady Antebellum; "The Breaker," Little Big Town; "Life Changes," Thomas Rhett; "From A Room: Volume 1," Chris Stapleton	"From A Room: Volume 1," Chris Stapleton	"From A Room: Volume 1," Chris Stapleton	"Way out West," Marty Stuart and his Fabulous Superlatives
BEST ALTERNATIVE ALBUM			
"Everything Now," Arcade Fire; "Humanz," Gorillaz; "American Dream," LCD Soundsystem; "Pure Comedy," Father John Misty; "Sleep Well Beast," The National	"Everything Now," Arcade Fire	"American Dream," LCD Soundsystem	"Cost of Living," Downtown Boys
BEST URBAN CONTEMPORARY ALBUM			
"Free 6LACK," 6LACK; "Awaken, My Love!" Childish Gambino; "American Teen," Khalid; "Ctrl," SZA; "Starboy," The Weeknd	"American Teen," Khalid	"Ctrl," SZA	"Process," Sampha
BEST AMERICANA ALBUM			
"Southern Blood," Gregg Allman; "Shine on Rainy Day," Brent Cobb; "Beast Epic," Iron & Wine; "The Nashville Sound," Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit; "Brand New Day," the Mavericks	"The Nashville Sound," Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit	"The Nashville Sound," Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit	"Freedom Highway," Rhiannon Giddens

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"The 60th Annual Grammy Awards" (6:30 p.m., CBS): For the first time since 2003, this year's ceremony honoring the best artists, recordings and compositions of the year does so in a New York state of mind, as the show is held someplace other than its longtime home at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. From Madison Square Garden in New York, CBS late-night host James Corden returns to host for the second consecutive year. Reflecting the shift in venue, the show includes a Broadway tribute by Tony Award winners Patti LuPone and Ben Platt.

"Ghosted" (7:30 p.m., FOX): Halloween is here again, at least in this episode: "Bee-Mo" is set on the night of trick-or-treating, as Jermaine (guest star Ethan Drake Davis) would prefer to attend a party than go trick-or-treating with Leroy and Max (Craig Robinson, Adam Scott). Things take a big turn when an otherworldly cat gives Jermaine a virus that does, indeed, make him a zombie.

"Shark Tank" (8 p.m., ABC): In the first of two new back-to-back episodes airing tonight, former baseball star Alex Rodriguez, who's also the founder and CEO of A-ROD Corp, joins the Tank as two health-conscious entrepreneurs from Redwood City, Calif., pitch a guilt-free sweet treat. Then three athletes from Berkeley say they have a solution for times when you need a shower but one isn't available. In an update segment, entrepreneur John Tabis from Marina Del Rey, Calif., brings investor Robert Herjavec up to speed on his farm-to-table flower business.

"Shameless" (8 p.m., Showtime): In "Sleepwalking," the Season 8 finale, Fiona (Emmy Rossum) has to fall back on years of Gallagher cunning if she's going to get that homeless family to leave her apartment and drop their lawsuit. Meanwhile, Ian (Cameron Monaghan) and some of his followers lay low after a literally explosive incident, and Lip (Jeremy Allen White) must confront a painful decision to secure the kind of life he really wants. William H. Macy also stars.

"Divorce" (9 p.m., 10:02 p.m., HBO): Drawing inspiration from helping her new friend Andrew (guest star Steven Pasquale), Frances (Sarah Jessica Parker) embarks on a quest to track down an unknown painter in the new episode "Worth It." Diane (Molly Shannon) uses her work at the gallery to escape worrying about her issues with Nick (Tracy Letts). Robert (Thomas Haden Church) feels an immediate electricity with a beautiful real-estate agent to whom he is showing his house.

"The Chi" (9 p.m., 10 p.m., Showtime): Brandon (Jason Mitchell) is forced to find a new place to stay after Jerrika (Tiffany Boone) throws him out for his misbehavior in the new episode "Quaking Grass." Ronnie (Ntare Guma Mbaho Mwine) feels both physically and mentally exhausted, while Quentin (Steven Williams) takes a prized possession from Trice (Tosin Morohunfolu). Kevin's (Alex R. Hibbert) quest to recover a lost item ends with Brandon making a bad deal with Reg (Barton Fitzpatrick).

"Crashing" (9:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m., HBO): Finally yet inevitably cast adrift by Artie Lange, Pete (Pete Holmes) catches a very lucky break when comic Bill Burr takes pity on him and offers to let Pete use his guest role in the new episode "Bill Burr." After they become fast if unlikely friends, Bill offers Pete some advice: Grow a thicker skin and embrace your masculine side.

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SUNDAY EVENING, JAN. 28

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	CBS	2	*(6:30) The 60th Annual Grammy Awards (N) (Live) ©					News (N) ♦	
	NBC	5	*(6) Dateline NBC: "Over the Edge." ©		Neighbors (R,'14) *** Seth Rogen. New parents go to war with a noisy fraternity next door. ©		NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)		
	ABC	7	America's Funniest Home Videos ©		Shark Tank (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦		
	WGN	9	Friends ©	Friends ©	The Goldbergs ©	The Goldbergs ©	Weekend News (N)	Instant Replay (N) ©	Chicago's Best
	Antenna	9.2	3's a Crowd	The Ropers	3's Comp.	B. Miller	Mork/Mindy	Alice ©	Benson ©
	This TV	9.3	In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		Heat/Night ♦
	PBS	11	*(6) Victoria on Masterpiece ©		Victoria on Masterpiece: "Entente Cordiale." (N) ©		Queen Elizabeth's Secret Agents (Series Premiere) (N) ©		The Interview Show
	The U	26.1	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	How I Met	How I Met	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV	26.3	Columbo: "Uneasy Lies the Crown." ©		Columbo: "Uneasy Lies the Crown." ©		Touched by an Angel ©		Honeymoon.
	H&I	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce	26.5	*(5:30) The Siege ('98) **		Annapolis (PG-13,'06) ** James Franco.				Baby Boy ♦
	FOX	32	The Simpsons	Ghosted: "Bee-Mo."	Family Guy ©	LA to Vegas: "Pilot."	Fox 32 News at Nine Sunday		Fox Chicago Final Word ♦
	Ion	38	NCIS: Los Angeles		Criminal Minds: Suspect		Criminal Minds: Suspect		Suspect ♦
	TeleM	44	MasterChef Latino (N) ©				Don Francisco (N)		Noticiero
CW	50	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Anger Mgt	
UniMas	60	*(6) The Last Stand (R) **		Fútbol		Partido Amistoso (N) (Live) ©			
WJYS	62	Ever Increasing Faith		Truth of God		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	
Univ	66	La gran sorpresa		Descontrol		Crónicas		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	The First 48 (N)		Waco: Madman or Messiah: "Part 1." (Premiere) (N) ©		First 48 ♦			
	AMC	*(5) Armageddon (PG-13,'98) **		Armageddon (PG-13,'98) ** Bruce Willis. ©		♦			
	ANIM	North Woods Law (N)		North Woods Law (N) ©		(9:01) Lone Star Law (N)		North-Law ♦	
	BBCA	Braveheart (R,'95) *** Mel Gibson. A Scottish rebel rallies his countrymen against England. ©		♦					
	BET	*(6:30) First Sunday (PG-13,'08) ** Ice Cube. ©				Kevin Hart: Little Man		Martin ©	
	BIGTEN	BIG	First Dance ©			B1G		Journey	
	BRAVO	Housewives/Atl. (N)		To Rome for Love (N) ©		Married to Medicine ©		Watch (N)	
	CLTV	News at 7		News (N)		News at 8		News (N)	
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©				Undercover Boss ©		Boss ♦	
	CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)		Anthony Bourdain Parts		Anthony Bourdain Parts		Anthony ♦	
	COM	*(6:25) Meet the Parents (PG-13,'00) *** ©				Meet the Fockers (PG-13,'04) *** ©		♦	
	DISC	Alaska (N)		Last Frontier (N)		Home (N)		Alaska ♦	
	DISN	Good Dino		Stuck		Andi Mack		Andi Mack	
	E!	*(6:30) Couples Retreat (PG-13,'09) ** Vince Vaughn.				The Kardashians		After (N) ♦	
	ESPN	Basketball		Winter X Games: Aspen. From Aspen, Colo. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)	
	ESPN2	College Basketball: Connecticut at Temple. (N) (Live)				Skills Show.		E:60 (N) ♦	
	FNC	Scandalous ©		The Next Revolution (N)		Fox News Sunday (N)		Scandal ♦	
	FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Worst Cooks (N)		Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby	
	FREE	700 Club: "The Hope." ©				700 Club (N) ©		700 Club (N)	
	FX	*(6) Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials (PG-13,'15) **				Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials ***		♦	
	HALL	*(6) Winter's Dream ('18)		A Country Wedding (NR,'15) Jesse Metcalfe. ©				Golden Girls	
	HGTV	Beach (N)		Bahamas (N)		Bahamas (N)		Paradise	
	HIST	American Pickers: Bonus Buys (N) ©				Days-Shaped America (N)		Pickers ♦	
	HLN	Crimes of the Century		Forensic		Forensic		Forensic	
	IFC	Unstoppable (PG-13,'10) *** Denzel Washington. ©				A Bronx Tale (R,'93) *** ©		♦	
	LIFE	Faith Under Fire: Antoinette Tuff				(9:07) Twist of Faith (NR,'13) ©		♦	
	MSNBC	Kasie DC (N) ©		Dateline Extra ©		Lockup Indiana		Indiana ♦	
	MTV	*(6) Rush Hour ('98) ***		Rush Hour 3 (PG-13,'07) * Jackie Chan. ©				Wild 'n Out	
	NBCSCH	Bensinger		Poker (N)		Heartland Poker Tour (N)		World Poker Tour (N)	
	NICK	Full House		Full House		Full House		Two Men	
	OVIATION	*(5) Cinderella Man (PG-13,'05) ***				Outbreak (R,'95) ** Dustin Hoffman, Rene Russo. ♦			
	OWN	227 ©		227 ©		227 ©		227 ©	
	OXY	*(6) Final Appeal (N) ©		Snapped: "Sonia Mitchell."		Snapped: "Valerie Pape."		Snapped ♦	
SPIKE	*(6:30) National Treasure (PG,'04) ** Nicolas Cage. ©				Limitless (PG-13,'11) ***		♦		
SYFY	Spider-Man 3 (PG-13,'07) ** Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst. ©						Conan ♦		
TBS	Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		
TCM	The Cheyenne Social Club (GP,'70) ** ©				Firecreek (NR,'68) ** James Stewart. ♦				
TLC	Sister Wives: "Meri's Crazy Idea." (N)				Seeking Sister Wife (N)		Sister ♦		
TLN	Living-Edge		Manna Fest		In Grace		Turning Point		
TNT	*(6:30) The Blind Side (PG-13,'09) *** ©				The Alienist ©		Girl ♦		
TOON	King of Hill		King of Hill		Burgers		Amer. Dad		
TRAV	Food Paradise (N) ©		Food Paradise (N) ©		Roadside Eats: Top 20 (N)		Gre. Pizza ♦		
TVL	Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		Mom ©		
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Mod Fam		
VH1	*(6) 8 Mile (R,'02) *** Eminem. ©				Baby Boy (R,'01) *** Tyrese Gibson. ©		♦		
WE	Monk ©		Monk ©		Monk ©		Monk ©		
WGN America	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods: "Dedication."		Bellevue: "Pilot." ©		Bones ©		
PREMIUM	HBO	*(6:35) All Eyez on Me (R,'17) *** ©				Divorce (N)		Crashing (N)	
	HBO2	Real Time With Bill Maher		Divorce ©		Divorce ©		Split (PG-13,'16) *** James McAvoy. ♦	
	MAX	Murder by Numbers (R,'02) ** Sandra Bullock.						The Dark Knight (PG-13,'08) *****	
	SHO	The Chi: "Ghosts." ©		Shameless (Season Finale) (N) ©		The Chi (N) ©		The Chi ♦	
	STARZ	Counterpart (N) ©		(8:03) Counterpart ©		(9:05) Counterpart ©		Rules ♦	
	STZENC	*(6:09) La Bamba ***		Overboard (PG,'87) ** Goldie Hawn. ©				My Best ♦	



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The curious case of the monkey selfie



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

We had been talking about the ever intriguing goings-on at the White House, the health troubles of various mutual friends and the death of Hugh Hefner when the luncheon conversation turned to the curious case of the monkey who took a selfie.

E. Leonard Rubin is a lawyer and he began telling the story about a monkey named Naruto.

"It's one of the many things that grabbed my interest," said Rubin.

He is a fascinating guy, ever curious. He has had a lengthy and distinguished career, focusing on legal matters involving copyrights, trademarks, defamation, entertainment and data protection. He has served as president of the Midwest Chapter of the Copyright Society of the United States and as president and board member of the Lawyers for the Creative Arts, an organization that offers free help to needy writers, artists and composers. For more than a decade, he served as Playboy Enterprises Inc.'s general counsel and for more than three decades, mostly in collaboration with the noted attorney/judge Julian Frazin, he directed and wrote "Christmas Spirits," the annual social/political musical satire show produced by the Chicago Bar Association.

He also writes for the Chicago Law Bulletin where there appeared his story titled "ENOUGH MONKEYING AROUND" in which he details the monkey-selfie case.

It all started when in 2011 a macaque monkey came upon a camera set up in the Tangkoko Batuangus Dua Saudara Nature Reserve in Indonesia by British nature photographer David Slater and started snapping away, taking selfies. Seeing the shots and liking what he saw, Slater published them in a book titled "Wildlife Personalities."

The crux of Rubin's article was this question: Does the monkey own the photo, and if so, if you or I want to use it do we have to get



DAVID J SLATER PHOTO

A self-portrait taken by a macaque, who picked up photographer David Slater's camera in Indonesia, led to lengthy legal proceedings initiated by PETA, which sued Slater for copyright infringement.

permission from the monkey?

Yes, we live in an increasingly litigious society, but c'mon.

Nevertheless People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), which named the theretofore nameless monkey Naruto (a city in Japan and a Japanese comic book and video series), sued Slater for copyright infringement. The case made its way to the U.S. District Court for Northern California, where it was dismissed in 2015.

Rubin wrote his story for the Chicago Law Bulletin in February 2016 and acknowledged that it was "entirely possible that PETA

will appeal this decision ... and the case will continue." But he optimistically concluded that, "for now, at least, we can all surrender our cellphones to our pets, secure in the knowledge that we can use any selfies or pictures they take without fear."

The case did continue, working its way to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, where it ended last September when a settlement was reached between PETA and Slater, who agreed to donate 25 percent of any future revenue from Naruto photos to groups that protect crested macaques and their habitat in Indonesia.

Hearing and then reading Rubin's story brought to mind Bushman, the famous Lincoln Park Zoo gorilla and the rocky relationship he had with photographers.

Arriving here in 1930 from West Africa as a little thing — 2 years old and 38 pounds — Bushman would eventually reach 6 feet, 2 inches tall and 550 pounds and become a beloved local resident, perhaps because he allowed visitors to forget for a few minutes their Depression-era troubles. He understandably attracted the attention of newspaper photographers but he did not seem to

care much for them, throwing his food and its byproducts at them.

He died Jan. 1, 1951 — people came in large numbers to the zoo after hearing the news, leaving flowers and shedding tears — and was stuffed and put on display at the Field Museum, where many visitors take selfies in his glass-encased company.

Full disclosure here: I have never taken a selfie. Why? No good reason, I suppose, but for being a really lousy photographer, with camera or phone.

That's puts me in a minority for, as Rubin writes, "The sight of people taking 'selfies' is ubiquitous. Selfies are fun! Everywhere one goes, there are people extending their cellphones with their arms or using a specially built stick that holds those cell-phones to take pictures of themselves, usually because of a picturesque background or a special person or group they want to picture themselves with."

There is a recently published book titled "The Selfie Generation: How Our Self-Images Are Changing Our Notions of Privacy, Sex, Consent, and Culture" (Skyhorse). It is the fine and thought-provoking work by Alicia Eler, who was raised in Skokie and once wrote for the local publications, including Newcity and this newspaper, before becoming the art critic of the Star-Tribune newspaper in Minneapolis.

The book, which she calls a "combined memoir and analysis," does contain, as one would expect, a mention of Naruto's legal mess. But it also includes interviews with smart academics and scientists, and it poses many intriguing questions, among them: Why do people selfie?

There are a number of answers to that including, as Eler writes, "It can feel empowering to take selfies, however, because it is a photo that offers an element of self-control."

As for Naruto, well, the life span of a macaque monkey is roughly 20 years and, since he was 6 when he first touched Slater's camera, it is likely that he is blissfully unaware of the legal tussle he initiated or even that he has a name, happily doing the things he likes to do in the jungles of Indonesia.

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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (January 28): Professional accomplishments add up this year. Shoot for the moon, and exceed expectations. Strategize and plan. Navigate new circumstances with a partner for a boost in self-confidence. Breakthroughs with your health, fitness and work this summer lead to a hot romance. Love feeds your spirit.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Household issues need attention. Make repairs and upgrades. Find creative ways to repurpose resources you already have. Handle practicalities first, and then beautify.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. You can learn whatever necessary. Sift data and organize for clarity. Write your findings and share them as a public service. Study and practice.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Get into a profitable groove. Pick up the pace to earn more. Self-discipline pays extra now. Defer gratification and stick to the budget.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. You're strong and

growing stronger. Stick to basic priorities and practical plans. Self-discipline allows for a greater advance. Push now for benefit later.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 6. Peace and quiet soothe and settle you to take care of practical matters. Avoid controversy or drama. Focus on what's important, including health and well-being.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Schedule social and team gatherings. Carefully plan moves before making them. Follow rules and protocol for quickest advance. Group collaboration can get far-reaching results.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. You're attracting the attention of someone respected in your industry. Dress for success, and put on your best performance. Get support if needed.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Focus on travel and studies. Don't test limits now. Avoid conflict with authority figures. Follow rules closely. Stay calm and carry on. Mind the gap.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Financial

roadblocks could frustrate your plans. Step up actions to increase cash flow into family accounts. Prioritize practical expenses, and postpone the rest.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Compromise with your partner to navigate an obstacle. Put in the extra work. Research alternatives and compare cost and benefits. Resolve changes together.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Demand for your attention is high. Guard time for fitness and health rituals. Nurture yourself to maintain energy to take care of business.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Choose in favor of family fun and romance. To win the game, follow rules rigorously. Anticipate resistance. Melt an authority's chill with charm.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

Word Game

This game challenges you to find as many words as you can, as quickly as you can, in one master word.

MAXIMIZED (MAX-ih-mized): Increased or made as great as possible.

Can you find 24 or more words in MAXIMIZED?

Average mark: 18 words
Time limit: 30 minutes

Here are the rules:
1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of an "s," such as "bats" and "cats," are not used. 3. Use only one form of a verb — either "pose" or "posed," not both. 4. Proper nouns and slang terms are not used.

Answers to the word game:
əwɪp :əzɛp :əwɛp :wɛxə
:eəpɪ :pɛxə :pɪwɛ :pɛmɪtɪ
:əpɪt :əzɛp :xɪwɛp :pɛxɪm
:əwɪm :mɪd :ɛsə :mɛdɪə :
:pɛw :ɛzəw :wɪxɪwɛ :xɛw
:əzɪz :wɪwɪ :mɪd :ɛpɛw

— Kathleen Saxe, distributed by Andrews McMeel Syndication for UFS

Oscar contenders show how WWII shaped us

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"Peace for Our Time") and Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax, who views making a deal as essential to the survival of the island. Only after his Tube ride can Churchill summon his courage to make his famously Shakespearean "We shall fight on the beaches" speech in the House of Commons. The film suggests it was co-written by people on a subway train.

It's a fictional scene, of course, and it has irritated the more conservative wing of the British Churchillians, many of whom dislike how "Darkest Hour" dispenses with the usual Churchillian swagger and imagines a doubting, alcoholic, eccentric and far-from-decisive leader, a "puppet of the people" who needs to be buoyed by a trip on the District Line among those who actually were looking to him for leadership. But that's the point of the film: Authoritarianism, it is saying, had morphed into fascism, and it cannot properly be vanquished merely by titled, white, male elites. In other words, Churchill had to learn to be other than himself in order to lead. It's a very 2018 point of view, of course, but that does not make it less convincing.

"Dunkirk" is not that different — inevitably, since Nolan's film is all about the one incident in World War II when the citizenry — the citizenry of a certain age, to boot — bailed out the military strategists.

Nolan, who understands complexity, hardly is a triumphalist storyteller, but the takeaway of the movie still is that the war had undermined the class system, reminded the elite of their dependency on ordinary people, their surrogate parents, really. In so doing, it reminds all of us of



MELINDA SUE GORDON/WARNER BROS.

The takeaway of "Dunkirk" is that World War II reminded the elite of their dependency on ordinary people.

how much the war reduced previous prejudices to rubble and put in place so much of what we now think of as social progress.

In his 1947 play "All My Sons," now in hugely compelling and award-worthy revival at Court Theatre on the campus of the University of Chicago, Arthur Miller imagined a scenario wherein a pressured businessman, whom he named Joe Keller, would send the Air Force cracked cylinder heads and then lie and blame an underling, rather than risk a loss of production, revenue and reputation. Servicemen had died as a result.

In the play — one of the greatest American works of the century — Keller finds himself having to justify his acts to a succeeding generation, including his own beloved son.

His argument is, in essence, the war made him do it: "Listen, you gotta appreciate what was doing in that shop in the war. The both of you! It is a madhouse. Every half hour, the major calling for cylinder heads. They were whippin' us with the telephone. The trucks were hauling them

away hot, damn near. I mean, just try to see it human, see it human."

Miller gave Joe his argument but then hung him by his own words. The playwright's point was that the war — only just over — hadn't merely upended and destabilized American society but fundamentally changed it for good. The war had made paying attention to the common good, to the rights of one's fellow free American, a moral imperative. Why else had people given their lives? The old ways of doing business were over. A different kind of hero had come home. The future meant attention to inclusivity and fairness. Anyone who did not learn that fast was going down like Joe.

There are fascinating echoes with the current moment, and of course with these 2017 films. If Miller were a living member of the Academy with a ballot in his hand, he'd have a bunch of very appealing options.

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Bridge

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q 9 7 ♥ A 10 ♦ K 8 4 3 ♣ Q 5 3 2
Partner opens one club and right-hand opponent bids two spades, weak. What call do you make?

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ J ♥ K 4 3 ♦ 8 7 5 4 2 ♣ K Q 6 5
Partner opens one no trump, 15-17, and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Void ♥ A J 7 6 4 ♦ A J 7 3 ♣ K J 9 2
South **West** **North** **East**
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
?

What call would you make?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q 9 8 ♥ A J 9 2 ♦ K 8 ♣ A 8 6 4
West **North** **East** **South**
1♠ Pass 2♠ ?

What call would you make?

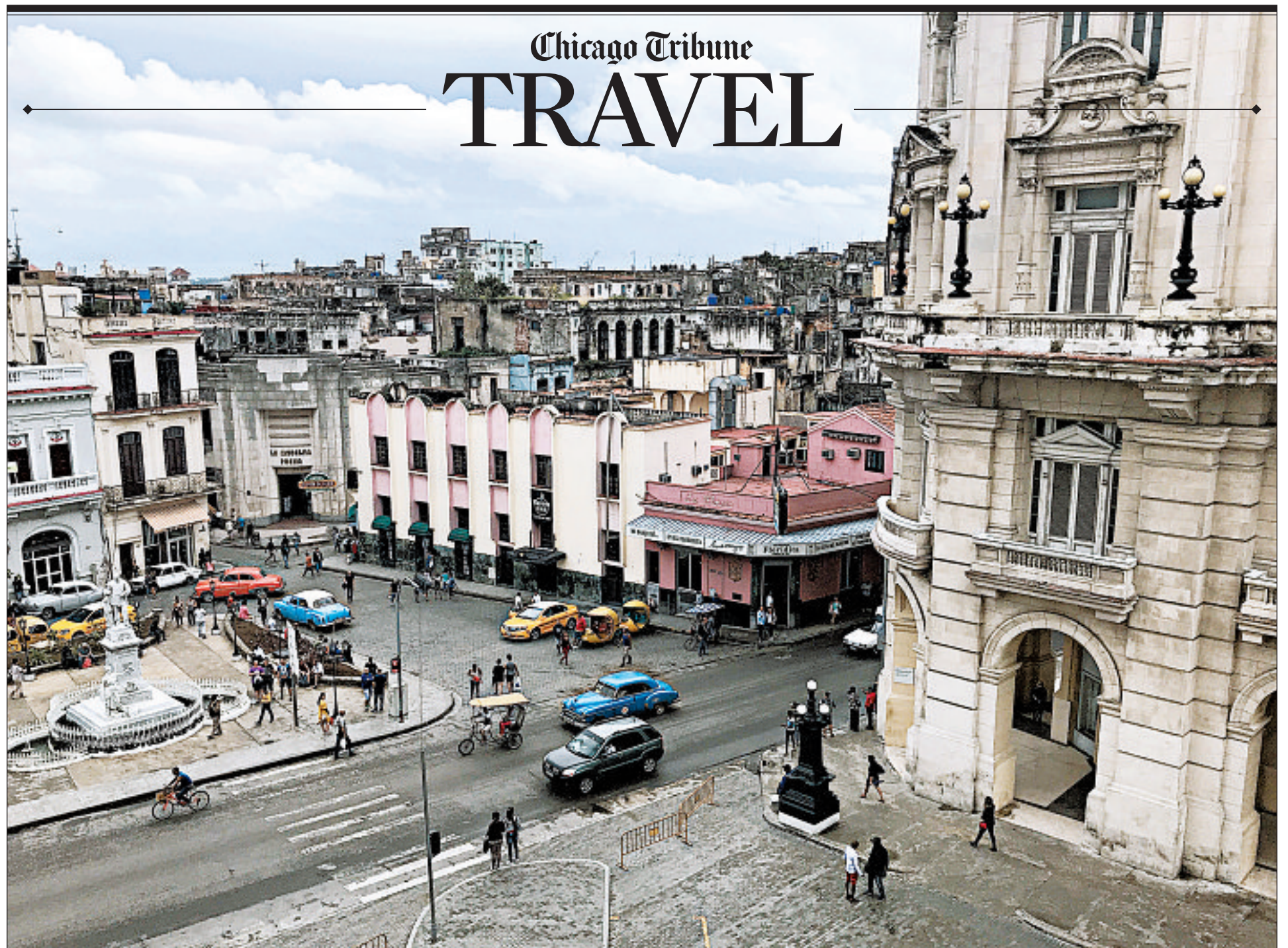
Answers in Monday's comics pages.

— Bob Jones
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Get caught up in Florida's shellfish trail

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What is the capital of Saskatchewan?
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The Gran Hotel Manzana Kempinski in Havana overlooks the famous Floridita, where Ernest Hemingway was known to down a daiquiri or two back in the day.

Chicago Tribune TRAVEL

CUBAN REVOLUTIONS

Biking back roads of island's western corner like a trip through time

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LORI RACKL | Chicago Tribune

VINALES, Cuba – *In Cuba, the plan is that few things will go according to plan.*

It's essential that you arrive with an open heart, a curious mind and a supreme level of flexibility.

Expect the unexpected ... it's all part of the adventure!

These nuggets of wisdom — skeptics might call them warnings — were in the pre-departure packet that arrived in the mail a few weeks before my December bike trip in Cuba.

My husband and I, both avid fans of two-wheel travel, had signed up for our cycling vacation before the Cuba situation started taking telenovela-like twists involving so-called sonic attacks, a State Department warning, confusing new travel restrictions and a hurricane named Irma.

“Are you sure you want to go?” my mom asked on more than one occasion. The answer: absolutely.

Like many Americans, I'd long been fascinated by this forbidden tourist fruit, the largest of the Caribbean islands in both size and population. Isolated and enigmatic, Cuba had always commanded an air of being disproportionately foreign for a place so close to Florida, about as far away from Key West as Chicago is to Milwaukee. I wanted to see it for myself, to make sense of a hodgepodge of nouns I'd tacked on to Cuba like sticky notes over the course of a lifetime, from Castro, communism and Elian Gonzalez to cigars, mojitos and old American cars.

An opportunity to scratch this itch came when California-based active travel company Backroads expanded its Cuban offerings to include a new bike trip.

My imaginary tattoo says cycling is the best way to see a place. For a full-blown sensory experience, a bike saddle always beats a bus seat. The relaxed pace forces you to slow down and savor the moment. And you can cover a lot more ground cycling than walking.

So, with an open heart, curious mind, supreme level of flexibility — not to mention a fair bit of cash, since U.S.-issued credit and ATM cards are basically useless — we landed in Havana in early December, ready to expect the unexpected.

Time to roll

Our Backroads group, all 13 of us, rendezvoused as instructed outside the Gran Hotel Manzana Kempinski, a swanky, five-star property within stumbling distance of Hemingway's favorite daiquiri joint, the Floridita.

The hotel opened to quite a bit of fanfare last summer in Old Havana, which isn't exactly flush with luxury lodging.

Backroads had us staying at the Kempinski the last night of our six-day trip, but I wondered if this was going to be one of those plans that wouldn't go



In the parking lot of the Hotel Moka in Las Terrazas, Backroads guide Lara Petinal Coll, right, gives her group of cyclists the lowdown on the day's ride.

according to plan. Citing the hotel's ties to the Cuban military, the Trump administration had recently put it on a lengthy list of banned businesses off-limits to Americans.

Maybe we wouldn't be able to cap off our vacation with a dip in the Kempinski's rooftop pool after all.

I'd have time to contemplate this First World problem during our 2½-hour motor coach ride from Havana toward the western tip of this narrow, tiger tail of an island. The lush countryside of the Pinar del Rio and Artemisa provinces is where we'd spend the bulk of the week, biking an

average of 40 miles a day around the tobacco farms of the Vinales valley (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and the forested hills of the environmentally minded commune Las Terrazas (part of a UNESCO biosphere reserve).

On the outskirts of the town of Vinales, our bus pulled up to an adorable thatched-roof restaurant, El Cua-jani. The whitewashed building with bright blue trim looked especially diminutive in the shadow of the area's famed *mogotes*, limestone monoliths covered in scrubby vegetation, like

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JANET MCCONNAUGHEY/AP 2017

Hank Willis Thomas' sculpture of a boy on a snail is one of the works in the New Orleans art festival Prospect.4.

Art abounds in celebratory New Orleans

By MARY ROMANO
Bloomberg

On the ferry across the Mississippi to the Algiers neighborhood in New Orleans, the abstract painter Odili Donald Odita has installed a colorful flag with a wavy pattern. It's one of 18 flags planted around the city, in 16 places that have historical significance for black struggles. (Algiers was the parish where African slaves were held before being sold.)

“The city itself is the

artwork, and the flags are just markers,” said the Nigeria-born artist, who is known for his kaleidoscopic-colored paintings. “The struggle is the fight for freedom. It's something people died for and continue to fight for. But I wanted to underscore the act of celebration of what has been accomplished.”

Celebration springing from the roots of hardship is the theme of a citywide contemporary art festival, Prospect.4, taking over New Orleans through Feb.

25. It's the fourth installment of a tradition that began in 2008 as a response to the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, and should be particularly exciting this year, as it overlaps with a monthslong celebration of the 300th anniversary of the city's founding.

The motto of Prospect.4 is “The Lotus in Spite of the Swamp,” and the featured artists examine issues of identity, displacement, ecology, and racial and economic inequity.

Seventy-three artists are

featured from the U.S., Europe, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. Thirty-two works were commissioned specifically for the event, and all told they spread across 17 city venues.

Prospect.4's \$3.8 million budget comes mainly from local and national foundations, with about 100,000 visitors expected.

Outdoor exhibits are free, while the museums have admission fees and varying hours; www.prospectneworleans.org.

Britain, Ireland investing to boost tourism



RICK STEVES
Tribune Content Agency

England, Scotland and Ireland are earnestly improving tourism infrastructures, adding worthwhile exhibits to well-known sights and investing in new experiences for travelers.

Major changes are taking place at some of London's most visited sights. At Westminster Abbey, a medieval balcony that's been closed off for 700 years will open this summer as the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Galleries, featuring a collection of artifacts from the Abbey's rich history, as well as breathtaking views of the Abbey interior (expect timed-entry tickets).

In the Mayfair neighborhood of London's West End, the museum formerly called the Handel House — where composer George Frideric Handel lived for decades — has been re-named "Handel & Hendrix in London," as the museum now includes the recently restored former apartments of rocker Jimi Hendrix, who once lived next door to Handel's old digs. The exhibit juxtaposes the lives and lifestyles of these two long-haired musicians with a flair for decadence.

London's Courtauld Gallery, renowned for its Impressionist paintings, will close this summer for renovation until 2020. The Tate Modern's new Switch House (a 10-story brick twisted-pyramid annex) is in full swing with rotating exhibitions, performance art, cafes and a terrace with stunning views. Across town, the Victoria and Albert Museum has added 11,840 square feet of gallery space, along with a new entrance and welcoming courtyard.

Outside of the city center at Queen Elizabeth



DOMINIC ARIZONA BONUCCELLI/RICK STEVES' EUROPE

Get your ticket to cross Northern Ireland's ramshackle Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge along the Antrim Coast first thing in the morning, before the cruise groups — and the wind — take over. Tickets are only sold in person, on the same day.



GENNIE JOY/RICK STEVES' EUROPE

At London's Handel & Hendrix museum, step into Jimi Hendrix's former bedroom — restored to its late-'60s glory — next door to Handel's dwellings from the 1700s.

Olympic Park, visitors can descend the futuristic Orbit tower via a thrill added in 2016: the world's longest and tallest tunnel slide, a tube measuring 580 feet with corkscrew turns.

London's transportation scene continues to change. Uber is in the midst of a legal challenge after Transport for London decided

not to renew the ride-sharing service's license; it could cease operation at any time. Meanwhile, starting in December, a new train line, the Elizabeth line, will run right through the city center — with stops at several Tube stations — and zip travelers from Heathrow Airport to Paddington Station in just

25 minutes.

Across Britain, new museums highlight the diversity of its history. In Stratford-upon-Avon, Shakespeare's Schoolroom and Guildhall showcases a circa-1420 guild headquarters and the very classroom where Shakespeare was a student, where visitors can try a quill pen. Liverpool's British Music Experience tells an immersive story of British music from 1945 until today. And at Durham's impressive cathedral, the new Open Treasure exhibit displays rare artifacts from the cathedral treasury and monks' library.

In Portsmouth, on England's south coast, the 16th-century warship Mary Rose is completely dried out, preserved and on display after 35 years of conservation work. The town's D-Day Museum is slated to reopen this spring with exhibits incorporating first-person stories from

D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. The museum also plans to restore the last surviving D-Day landing craft in time for the 75th anniversary in 2019.

In Scotland, Edinburgh's Scottish National Gallery is undergoing a major renovation, with plans for expanded gallery space and a grand entrance from Princes Street Gardens. Certain exhibits and paintings may be out of view.

In Glasgow, the original Willow Tea Rooms on Sauchiehall Street — the only surviving tearooms designed inside and out by art nouveau architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh — will reopen this year with a new visitors center, a restored interior based on Mackintosh's original design and exhibits marking the 150th anniversary of his birthdate. Across town, however, the star attraction at Glasgow's Kelvingrove Museum, Salvador Dalí's Christ of St. John of the

Cross, is on the road until 2020.

The Isle of Skye, just off Scotland's west coast, is bursting with tourism, which means hotel rooms are booking up six or more months in advance, and restaurants are turning away diners without reservations. Travelers should book early.

In Ireland, Dublin is sprucing up its museum lineup with new high-tech sights. Epic: The Irish Emigration Museum tells the story of the Irish diaspora using interactive displays. The museum also houses the Irish Family History Centre, which helps visitors research their Irish roots. The new exhibit at GPO Witness History offers an immersive look at the 1916 Easter Uprising from underneath the General Post Office, which served as the rebel headquarters.

Travelers heading up to Northern Ireland should note that along the Antrim Coast, timed tickets are now required to cross the rickety Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge. But they're only available in person on the same day, so arrive early before they sell out. Nearby, at the striking basalt columns of the Giant's Causeway, the new Clifftop Experience is a three-hour guided trek exploring 5 miles of the Causeway coast. And in Belfast, the Titanic museum now offers a half-price ticket sold one hour before closing. But at such an impressive attraction, it's worth the full-price ticket (about \$25) to spend more time here.

Britain and Ireland are a work in progress for travelers, and those equipped with the latest information enjoy a better experience.

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NEWS TO USE

BY PHIL MARTY
Chicago Tribune

Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

■ The long-running St. Paul Winter Carnival, now in its 132nd year, runs through Feb. 10 in St. Paul, Minn. The shindig includes roughly 50 events, most of which are free. There will be an ice palace, snow sculptures, giant snow slide, ice-carving competition, parades and more. www.wintercarnival.com

■ The 23rd annual Apostle Islands Sled Dog Race will run Feb. 3-4 in the Bayfield, Wis., area. The two main events are a 10-dog, 80-mile race and a six-dog, 60-mile race, with half the distance being completed each day. Spectator locations with warming tents and concessions are located



KELLY K. PHOTOGRAPHY

Rice Park is the setting for ice carvings like this during the St. Paul Winter Carnival, running through Feb. 10 in St. Paul, Minn. The carnival is in its 132nd year.

along the route. tinyurl.com/ybyf4b5o

■ “Dueling Pianos,” a music and comedy show, will be performed at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 5-6 at Starved Rock Lodge in Starved Rock State Park, Oglesby, Ill. Tickets include the show and lunch. Call 815-220-

7386 to reserve seats. tinyurl.com/y996ma3c

■ Snowmobile fans will want to be in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Feb. 3 for the 50th annual International 500 Snowmobile Race. Racers will do 500 laps on the milelong oval. There will also be a vintage

snowmobile show. www.i-500.com

■ The Kickapoo Valley Reserve in La Farge, Wis., will have guided hikes Feb. 3 and 10 to explore the area’s ice caves. tinyurl.com/y94dg2o3

■ Feb. 15 to March 15 is Beer Month GR in Grand

Rapids, Mich. Among special events are the 13th annual Winter Beer Festival, Feb. 23-24, for which tickets sell out early. tinyurl.com/y782qrbm

■ The 2018 Visitor Guide for the Rockford, Ill., area can be ordered at tinyurl.com/y8f6atu5, or you can download the PDF version.

■ Koteewi Run Seasonal Slopes is a new snow-tubing hill in Noblesville, Ind., northeast of Indianapolis. tinyurl.com/ybe4y47u

■ Dream Vacations offers an LGBT Getaways Group Cruise departing April 8 from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., aboard the Celebrity Silhouette. The seven-night cruise will visit Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and St. Maarten and will include group shore excursions, theme parties, wine tasting and a beverage package. Pricing is from \$1,149 per person, double occupancy. The ship will not be limited to LGBT passengers. 888-410-8358, tinyurl.com/ybjkj7ha

■ If you’re heading to New Zealand and looking to get active, the tourism folks

have a list of short walks on both the North and South islands for all levels of fitness. tinyurl.com/y8upws66

■ The Vancouver (British Columbia) International Wine Festival will be Feb. 24 to March 4, with more than 170 wineries from 16 countries on hand. www.vanwinefest.ca

■ The 2018 California Visitor’s Guide and Road Trips Guide can be ordered at www.visitcalifornia.com/cvg, or you can view the online versions.

Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time. Listings are not endorsements. Send tips at least a month in advance to ChicagoTribTravel@gmail.com.

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

Regina. Though Saskatoon is better known and larger, Regina was named the capital in 1905, when the province was formed.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Seeking refund after hurricane closes hotel

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT
King Features

I booked my Thanksgiving vacation from Chicago to San Juan, Puerto Rico, through American Airlines Vacations. I had reservations at the Caribe Hilton San Juan Hotel.

Immediately after the hurricane, I called Hilton corporate. A representative told me the hotel would be closed through Dec. 31 and that any paid reservations would be refunded in full by Hilton.

Over the next few weeks, I spoke with several American Airlines agents, who told me that until Hilton officially notified American Airlines Vacations, American would not discuss any options with me. I finally spoke with an agent who gave me options for other vacations but would not book anything, as American Airlines Vacations still had not received official notification from Hilton.

Finally, I received a voicemail from an American Airlines Vacations representative, who said I was not eligible for any refunds. He informed me that my only option was to accept credit with a one-year expiration date. I also had to make an immediate decision, even though American Airlines Vacations had refused many requests from me to resolve the situation for weeks.

When I tried to rebook, an agent told me there were no options in the Caribbean for the same dates. So I am now in the position of having no Thanksgiving vacation while American Airlines Vacations holds all my money.

Now, thanks to American Airlines Vacations, I will be using my vacation sitting at home. I’m very disappointed. Can you help me?

— Nona Novak, Lincolnshire, Ill.

A: I can’t believe that happened to you. How hard would it be to find out if the Caribe Hilton San Juan is open? Why would American Airlines Vacations have to wait until it gets “official” word, leaving a valued customer waiting?

With package vacations, the operator — in this case, American Airlines Vacations — accepts responsibility for all components of the trip. If the flight is canceled or the hotel shuts down, it’s up to the reseller to replace the missing item.

American Airlines Vacations had something else going in its favor. It bills itself as the “official” vacations site for the airline, implying that at the very least, if something goes

wrong with your airfare, you’ll be covered. So it only had to worry about your hotel, which was already being refunded.

Interestingly, the terms to which you agreed suggest American Airlines Vacations’ actions are acceptable: www.aavacations.com/terms.asp. The company, it notes, “will not be liable to pay any compensation or damages if it cancels or in any way changes a trip or package as a result of unusual or unforeseeable circumstances beyond its control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even with all due care.” Those include a weather event like a hurricane.

Still, something didn’t feel right to me. You might have contacted a customer service manager at American. I list their names, numbers and email addresses on my consumer-advocacy site: www.elliott.org/company-contacts/american-airlines/.

I contacted the airline on your behalf. American Airlines Vacations offered you a full refund.

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VAGABOND TOURS OF IRELAND

The upper reaches of the Emerald Isle can be seen through Vagabond Tours of Ireland.

TIPS, TRIPS & DEALS

Tour out-of-the-way Ireland

BY PHIL MARTY | Chicago Tribune

A lot of Ireland tours visit the same places: Dublin, Cork, Galway, the Cliffs of Moher, Ring of Kerry, et al. Vagabond Tours specializes in small-group explorations of the island and some more out-of-the-way sites. An example is the seven-day Magnetic North Adventure Tour, which visits Northern Ireland, the northern parts of the Republic of Ireland and the Wild Atlantic Way. Travel is by 4x4 tour vehicles, so it’s possible to get into locations not accessible by your typical minibus. Hiking opportunities abound in areas such as the Mourne Mountains, the Glens of Antrim and the Causeway Coast, as well as the moorlands and mountains of counties Donegal and Mayo and Slieve League. Optional activities offered at a modest cost include horse riding on the beach, sea or river kayaking, bicycling and surfing. Another interesting aspect of this seven-day/six-night tour is that the seventh day is actually a full day, unlike most tours where the final day consists of going to the airport in the morning. The trip is priced from about \$1,953 per person, double occupancy. International air is extra. Vagabond also offers Driftwood Tours, which are for travelers looking for a less-active experience. Info: 833-230-0288, tinyurl.com/ybd4bg6a

Happy travels

A National Geographic author teamed up with the Gallup folks to design a study measuring happiness and applied it to come up with a list of the 25 happiest cities in the U.S. Boulder, Colo., came out No. 1, and the state had two other cities on the list: Fort Collins, fourth, and Colorado Springs, 18th. Rounding out the Top 10 were Santa Cruz-Watsonville, Calif., second; Charlottesville, Va., third; San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles-Arroyo Grande, Calif., fifth; San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, Calif., sixth; Provo-Orem, Utah, seventh; Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, Conn., eighth; Barnstable Town, Mass., ninth; and Anchorage, Alaska, 10th. See all 25 at tinyurl.com/yaewuh35.

Your own Winter Games

With the 2018 Winter Olympics kicking off Feb. 9 in South Korea, the all-suite Whiteface Lodge is offering a couple of Olympics-related packages tied to the lodge’s location in Lake Placid, N.Y., site of the 1932 and 1980 Winter Games. The Winter Games Experience includes Olympic Site Passports that give admission to the Olympic Center. Guests can skate on the Olympic Speed Skating Oval, visit the Olympic Museum and ride the elevator to the skydeck atop the 120-meter ski jump tower. There’s also a 20 percent discount on extreme winter activities such as bobsledding and snow tubing down a 700-foot chute. Spa treatments and other amenities round out the package, priced from \$535 per night, per couple with a three-night minimum stay. See details on both packages at tinyurl.com/y93sg2gt.

Phil Marty is a freelance reporter.

GEAR BOX

Warm up before dozing off

BY JUDI DASH | Los Angeles Times

Take the chill off indoors wherever you roam by sliding your pajamas or sleep socks into Hammacher Schlemmer’s electric Pajamas Warming Pouch.

Plug the cord into a standard wall outlet, and in about 10 minutes the integrated heating elements will warm up whatever you have stashed in the 20-by-16-by-2-inch-deep red fleece-covered sack.

The thermal satin interior retains the heat after shut-off. The 5-ounce pouch folds in half for storage.

Pajamas Warming Pouch costs \$39.95 at lat.ms/warmups.

Judi Dash is a freelancer.



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NEED TO KNOW

Hit China for world’s largest ice festival

Associated Press

HARBIN, China — The Harbin International Ice and Snow Festival in the frigid northeastern Chinese city is known for massive, elaborate and colorfully lit ice sculptures.

Main activities started this month and the festival runs through late February, with heavy crowds expected during Lunar New Year celebrations, Feb. 15-23. Temperatures at this time of the year can dip below zero Fahrenheit.

Last year’s festival drew 18 million visitors, data from the city’s tourism bureau showed.



WU HONG/EPA-EFE

Colorful illuminated ice sculptures are a big draw during the 34th Harbin International Ice and Snow Festival.

One park, the Harbin Ice-Snow World, features more than 2,000 ice sculptures made from 240,000 cubic yards of ice collected from the Songhua River by nearly a thousand workers.

In the evening, sculptures are lit with colorful lights.

In addition to ice sculpture competitions, the festival includes winter swimming, ice hockey, skiing and snow biking.



LORI RACKL/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

A cyclist on a Backroads trip in Cuba passes a horse, a common mode of transportation in rural parts of the Caribbean island. Cyclists had to avoid cows, goats, chickens and dogs too.

Rural bike ride in Cuba like trip through time

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protruding chins sprouting 5 o'clock shadows.

Our bikes were waiting for us near rows of neatly planted beans. So was El Cuajani's chef-owner, Jose, who greeted us with glasses of fresh-pressed sugar-cane juice.

While chickens roamed around the garden, Jose fed sugar-cane stalks through a contraption that squeezed the sweet syrup out of this key Cuban crop — one that resulted in countless slaves being brought here from west Africa.

Spanish colonists dubbed the area Vinales, thinking the terrain looked great for growing grape vines. Wrong. But the rich, rust-red soil proved ideal for tobacco. The plants' fat, floppy leaves still carpet much of the region.

We biked from Jose's restaurant down lightly trafficked streets flanked every now and then by concrete, pastel houses, where thin towels and T-shirts dried on laundry lines. The rare roadside billboard gave a shoutout to socialism or Cuba, as opposed to car dealerships and KFC. We maneuvered our wheels around rim-bending potholes and what felt like a veritable petting zoo. Cows, goats, horses, chickens, dogs — random animals were just part of the scenery, much like the omnipresent turkey vultures soaring low overhead.

I had the sensation of pedaling through a living history museum as we passed farmers tending to tobacco fields with ox-driven plows, as they've done for centuries. We shared the streets with clip-clopping horses pulling wagons of hay and exchanged *holas* and mutually curious glances with men in straw hats whacking tall grass with machetes.

We witnessed a lot of this type of timelessness in Cuba, a country simultaneously suspended in amber yet in the midst of unprecedented change. Only in the last decade have Cubans been allowed to own cellphones, buy and sell real estate, and travel abroad more freely. Later this year will be the first time someone not named Castro has led the nation since 1959, when the revolution swept Fidel, and eventually his brother, Raul, to long-lasting power.

In Mark Kurlansky's riveting new book, "Havana: A Subtropical Delirium," he notes a popular Cuban joke about the revolution, whose three great success stories are said to be health care, education and sports. Its three great failures? Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

I don't think anybody goes to Cuba strictly for the cuisine, a fire hose of black beans, rice, plantains, poultry and pork. These staples surfaced on the menu every day, along with some variation of fish and the potato-like root vegetable malanga. Dessert was either flan or flan. It's a culinary routine that could soon get old. But as a visitor here for a week of calorie-rich cycling, the protein-rich, starchy smorgasbord hit the spot.

Welcome home

Some of the best things we ate were at Cubans' homes, where



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Backroads arranged for us to take periodic breaks from biking for a little rest and refueling.

I loved rolling up to these houses to find pitchers of fresh-squeezed juice that would fetch \$8 a glass back home in Chicago. Our smiling hosts invariably would be waiting for us with big platters of ripe tropical fruit — mango, pineapple, papaya. (Learned the hard way: Papaya means something very different in Cuba. Call it *fruta bomba* to avoid embarrassment all around.)

Our two Backroads guides, Lara and Pablo, were from Spain, but they've lived and worked in Cuba long enough to map out an impressive network of fixers and families willing to open their homes to hungry, sweaty foreigners. This meant a memorable lunch on the sunny patio of a fisherman's humble, oceanfront abode, feasting on grilled red snapper he'd caught that morning. At another house, we snacked on wood-fired pizza as good as any I've had in Italy. Or maybe I just really missed pizza.

Another perk of stopping at these homes was the chance to get a behind-the-scenes peek at domestic Cuban life. Glamour shots of sons and daughters hung on brightly painted walls. Thrift-shop-type furniture was arranged around boxy TVs. Vases sprouted plastic roses and lilies, despite a bounty of flowers blooming outside. Tidy, tiny kitchens often had the barest of necessities: a few coffee cups, plates, some pans, a slow cooker. In bathrooms, a toilet seat and lid weren't necessarily a given.

Even many of the hotels — very good hotels by Cuban standards — aren't comparable to the modern conveniences we take for granted in the States. After our first night at Los Jazmines, a pink, colonial-style property with stunning vistas of the emerald green Vinales valley, we woke to discover there was no water — and I'm not talking about an over-priced bottle of Evian on the minibar. I'm talking nothing coming out of the sink. No way to flush the toilet. Nada.

Hotel staff assured us the problem would be fixed by the time we got back from that day's ride. It wasn't.

Our guide Lara went into troubleshooting mode to find a solution for 13 cyclists in desperate need of showers before our fast-approaching dinner reservation. Talking a million miles a minute in a way that only Spanish speakers can, Lara negotiated our move to one of the hotel's other buildings. The views weren't quite as spectacular from our new rooms, but the bathroom scenery included running water.



Restaurant El Cuajani is framed by tall mogotes, limestone pillars that rise from the floor of the Vinales valley.



Vegetables, fish and beans await those eating at a home that doubles as a restaurant in Cabanas.



El Cuajani chef-owner Jose greets his visitors with glasses of fresh-pressed sugar-cane juice.



You couldn't always count on running water at Hotel Los Jazmines, but it consistently delivered sweet views.

Prepare to pivot

Over the week, Lara and Pablo had to do plenty of adjusting on the fly. Running a cycling trip in Cuba — or just about any trip — isn't easy. That's probably why they're not cheap, either. Backroads' five-night Cuba bike trips in 2018 start at \$4,998 a person. This covers just about everything except airfare, alcohol and gratu-

ities for Backroads guides.

It's challenging to navigate the island's infrastructure, from spotty cell and Wi-Fi service to chewed-up streets that can make for a teeth-chattering ride. Government rules are often fickle and in a state of flux, resulting in Lara and Pablo having to make some last-minute tweaks to our bike route in Vinales. Restaurants and other businesses aren't always

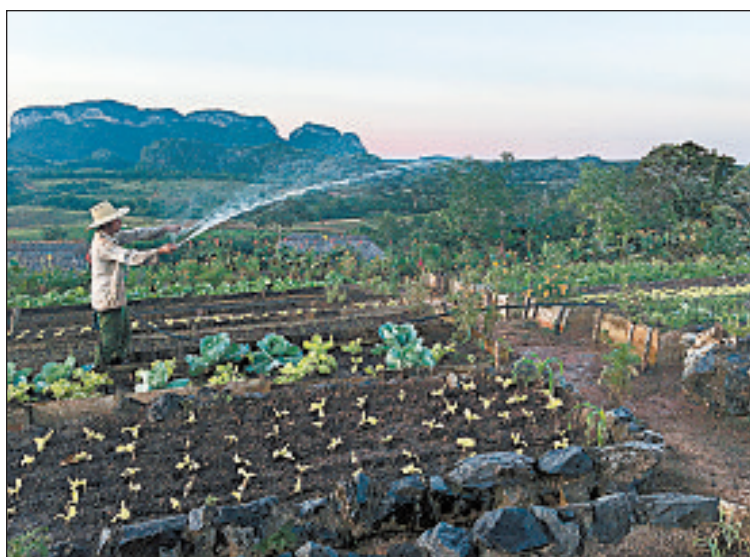
reliable partners.

In Cuba, the plan is that few things will go according to plan.

As true as that statement was proving to be, we also got a stark reminder that life's unpredictability doesn't abide by geographical boundaries. Another couple on the trip had to leave early because their apartment had burned to the ground in the California wildfires. They lost everything. Lara



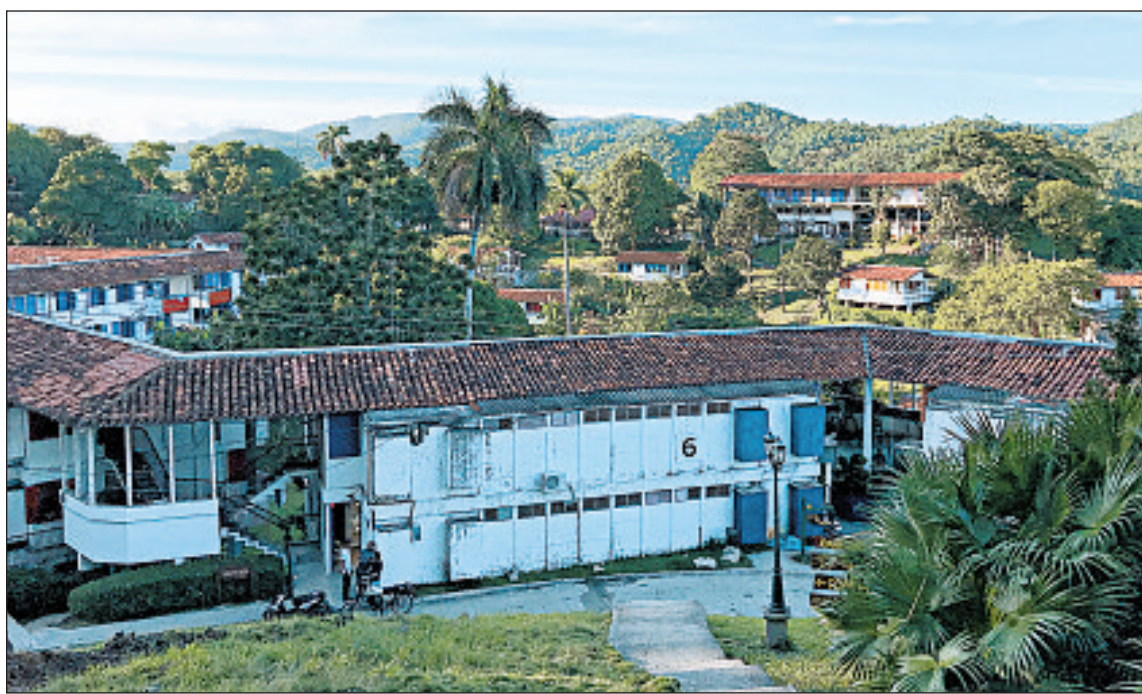
A home across the street from artist Jose Fuster's studio is decked out in his vibrant tiles. Fuster is known as the Picasso of the Caribbean.



A worker waters vegetables at an organic farm in Vinales.



Girls stop for ice cream cones in the Pinar del Rio province.



Small homes and apartments dot the hillsides of Las Terrazas, a self-contained eco-village.



The rooftop pool of the new Gran Hotel Manzana Kempinski, which opened last summer, overlooks Havana.

and Pablo arranged to get them from Vinales back to the airport in Havana, where they flew home — to no home — suddenly owning fewer material possessions than most Cubans.

We got an idea of just how little some Cubans have when we biked to the village of San Blas and went inside one of the bare-bones shops where locals redeem coupons for monthly rations of rice, coffee, beans and the like.

"This is a controversial topic in Cuba: Should we eliminate rations or not?" said Oscar, a Cuban tour guide Backroads hired to join us on the trip. "What about the families who don't have family in Miami wiring them money? Or families who don't have private businesses to make money? We have to think of them too. Without rations, they could starve."

Like most Cubans we met, Oscar didn't shy away from talking politics or candidly answering any question we threw at him.

He took us across the street for a peek inside a school classroom, where uniformed girls sitting at

their desks lit up when a woman in our group passed out free pens.

At the town's unassuming medical clinic, a young doctor explained how Cuba's health system works. To sum up: not at all like ours.

We met another physician — also a woman in her 20s — in Las Terrazas, a self-contained eco-village in the Sierra del Rosario biosphere reserve. She's one of about 1,000 people who live in the small homes and apartments peppered throughout the commune's steep terraces, an area deforested by Europeans to make way for coffee plantations way back when. A few years after the revolution, Fidel Castro set out to return the destitute region to its former arboreal glory, offering people housing and other perks in exchange for planting millions of trees.

Now brimming with flora and fauna, Las Terrazas is a popular tourist draw, home to several restaurants, art studios, a zip-line canopy tour and the Spanish-style Hotel Moka, where we spent two

nights.

We dropped by the doctor's unassuming house for another Q&A session. How much do you make? (The equivalent of \$44 a month.) Since there's no nearby hospital, what happens when a villager is pregnant? (The woman spends her last several weeks in what amounts to a mommy-to-be hotel outside of town.)

Our trip included face time with a lot of different Cubans — doctors, musicians, artists and organic farmers, who found they had little choice but to go green after access to pesticides and fertilizers disappeared in the wake of the Soviet Union's collapse. We also rubbed elbows, quite literally, with four members of the Cuban Masters Cycling Club; they pedaled alongside us on several rides.

This kind of personal interaction and cultural exchange is required by the U.S. government for Americans going to Cuba on "people-to-people" trips, one of several categories of authorized travel. The revised rules mean independent travelers can no

longer visit under the people-to-people category, but it's still allowable on trips organized by group tour operators like Backroads. (Contrary to popular belief, individuals can travel to Cuba without a group; it's just more complicated now.)

Turns out another thing allowable via Backroads was a stay at the banned Kempinski hotel. Through at least 2019, Backroads says its customers will be grandfathered into the lap of luxury because the company reserved blocks of rooms in the Havana hotel before the blacklisted businesses were announced in November.

Before we could stay at the Kempinski, we had to get to the Kempinski. Our last bike ride out of pastoral Las Terrazas ended several miles away from our final hotel, depositing us in a far northwest corner of Havana called Jaimanitas. This must-see neighborhood is home to fishermen and artists, namely Jose Fuster, known as the Picasso of the Caribbean.

For more than two decades, Fuster has been plastering his house, gallery and surrounding buildings with whimsical tile mosaics and bright murals for an effect that's more Gaudi than Picasso.

After snapping a ridiculous number of photos and poking around this surreal enclave known as Fusterlandia, it was time to get on our bus for the drive into Old Havana.

In Cuba, the plan is that few things will go according to plan.

"Guys, I have something to tell you," Lara said to our group, gathered outside the gates of Fuster's studio. Still dressed in our colorful cycling gear, we looked like a human version of one of his mosaics.

"There is something wrong with the bus; we will not be able to take it back to our hotel," Lara said, watching the smiles on our faces dissolve like a sugar cube in a *cafe cubano*.

She paused, letting us sit with our confusion.

"But don't worry," she said, breaking into a mischievous grin. "Pablo and I have arranged alternate transportation."

Lara pointed down the block to a fleet of American convertibles from the '50s, waiting at the ready. Among them: a two-toned Ford Fairlane Sunliner, a beautiful Chevrolet Bel Air with glistening chrome, and another Chevy, this one as blue as the sky above, with white leather seats as big as a sofa.

I still maintain that the best way to see a place is by bike. But at this moment, in this setting, four wheels trumped two.

We hopped into our candy-colored chariots for one last wild — and unexpected — ride.

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The U.S. travel industry hopes to spur vacation planning.

Don't forget to schedule time off

Book a trip; Jan. 30 is Plan for Vacation Day

By BETH J. HARPAZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stop making excuses. Start making plans.

That's the message behind the second annual National Plan for Vacation Day. It's an effort by the travel industry to persuade Americans to use Jan. 30 as a day to schedule their vacations for the year and take advantage of any paid time off they are entitled to from their jobs.

Destinations, tourism agencies and others in the travel industry are expected to offer promotions in conjunction with the effort. It will be promoted on social media with a #PlanForVacation hashtag.

Alamo, for example, will publicize vacation-planning tips and offer a 10 percent discount on base rates for weekly car rentals (bookable through Feb. 6, for travel March 1 to Aug. 30).

Las Vegas also is taking part in the campaign, planning a video showing entertainers taking over jobs of bartender and card dealer. A couple of visitors to the city will get a surprise trip as part of the promotion, including airfare to Las Vegas from Allegiant, two hotel nights and show tickets.

Last year, more than 600 organizations from all 50 states participated in National Plan for Vacation Day. Among them was Visit California, which used the campaign to publicize its annual California visitors guide.

"Our social media posts were liked and shared 29,000 times, all driving traffic to VisitCalifornia.com to get a guide and plan your trip," said Visit California spokesman Ryan Becker. "The payoff was immediate. Our website traffic spiked to nearly 200,000 page views on Jan. 31, about double its normal traffic for January."

Plan for Vacation Day is part of Project: Time Off, an effort by the U.S. Travel Association to get Americans to use up their paid vacation days.

"We as Americans do not take enough time off," said TV travel show host Samantha Brown, a spokeswoman for the effort. "Unfortunately we do need a project to tell people to take time off. Americans leave on the table over 659 million paid vacation days. They let them go unused every year."

Research for Project: Time Off, conducted online by GfK, found just 49 percent of workers with paid time off plan their vacations out for the year.

The top three impediments to planning ahead cited by respondents were uncertainty with personal schedules (64 percent), work schedules (57 percent) and kids' schedules (50 percent).

Brown, who just launched a new travel series on PBS called "Places to Love," is promoting Project: Time Off in four videos in which she chides viewers for putting off vacations because they think they're too busy at work.

"There's no perfect time," she says in the videos. "Work will always be busy."

Brown also talked about the campaign in a recent AP Travel podcast, noting that travel has an economic impact as well: "You are supporting an incredible industry of hotel workers and restaurant workers and bell people. So to not take your time off is psychologically not the best approach to your professional and personal life, but it also has an effect on our economy."

Project: Time Off estimates the lost spending from unused vacation days cost the U.S. economy \$236 billion in 2016, money that would have supported 1.8 million jobs.

FORK IN THE ROAD



UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

Chef Peter Stefani raises clams for his Island Room Restaurant, which is reopening Feb. 2 after hurricane damage. "It's important to know the quality of the food I'm serving," he said.

BIG BEND CLAMS

Florida fishing village of Cedar Key is a worthwhile stop on new shellfish trail

BY NANCY MORELAND
Chicago Tribune

CEDAR KEY, Fla. — The dull brown shell of a hard clam may not rival that of a sunset-colored conch, but to the people of Cedar Key, the bivalve is just as beautiful.

To understand why, it helps to visit this tiny fishing village. Be prepared to take your time. Like a sailor fleeing landlocked life, you travel west toward the Gulf of Mexico until you run out of road. Gradually, the pine flatlands lining State Road 24 yield to marshes and mud flats punctuated by oyster beds. As a salty scent fills the moist air, the mainland fades from memory. If you look into the sky at night, the seafaring sensation continues, so close and clear are the stars.

Situated on one of 13 offshore islands in the Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge, the town lies within northwest Florida's Big Bend, a region with far more trees than traffic lights. Cedar Key's 702 residents live lightly atop a lacework of limestone and sand dunes, with many timing their work schedule around the tides. They have little use for lawns, using yards for drying crab traps and clam bags instead. A life-size fiberglass shark mascot looms at the entrance of the island school. Crosses, anchors, and ship's wheels appear in stained glass church windows. High water markers stand at street corners, silent reminders of storms past and the solidarity that followed.

Perched by the water's edge, the island might have easily succumbed to hurricanes or developers. That it remains a viable fishing village after 175 years makes it one of the greatest success stories on the Big Bend Shellfish Trail. Launched last year, the trail guides tourists to coastal communities where they can buy, eat and, in some places, harvest fresh seafood. It's a new tourism initiative, but shellfish are nothing new to the locals. Just outside town, in a place so quiet you can hear mullet jump, an aboriginal shell mound rises above the flat terrain.

Six species of shellfish thrive in the Big Bend's warm, shallow waters, much of which are protected by conservation areas. For seafood purists seeking local catch served within hours of harvest, that's good news. For the multigenerational fishing families rooted in this rural region, it's even better.

Cedar Key takes pride in its working waterfront, but that identity nearly became a footnote in Florida history. When the state passed a controversial conservation measure banning gill-entanglement nets in 1994, many commercial fishermen lost their livelihood.

Enter the clam. If the Florida Railroad put Cedar Key on the map in 1861, in modern times, clams were the little engine that could sustain a way of life.

After the net ban, a retraining program helped fishermen transi-



GETTY

The sun dips into the Gulf of Mexico behind a pier at Cedar Key, Fla., a fishing village with about 700 people.



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Capt. Bobby Witt operates the Original Cedar Key Clam Tour, a two-hour excursion that travels into the Gulf of Mexico.



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The lobby of the Island Hotel, a building once used as a general store and speak-easy. Rates start at \$90 a night.

tion into clam farming. Though more regulated than their forefathers' fishing careers, clamming kept them on the water, since farmers raise their product on underwater acreage leased from the state.

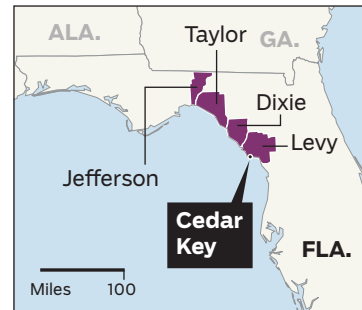
"Clams revitalized this coastal community by allowing fishing families to remain connected to the sea," says Leslie Sturmer, a shellfish aquaculture specialist with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Sturmer, who sports the telltale tan of one who works on the water, managed the retraining effort. Weekends, she tends her own clam leases.

Situated at the confluence of the Suwannee River and the Gulf, Cedar Key's brackish, nutrient-rich water is ideal for clam farming. Within a decade, the community became one of America's top clam producers.

In the process of reinventing itself, Cedar Key redefined seafood farming.

"We don't use antibiotics, feed, fertilizers or pesticides, and we raise clams in some of Florida's cleanest waters," Sturmer says. "It's an environmentally sustainable product consumers can feel good about."

Local chefs feel good about the homegrown product too. Peter



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Stefani, whose Italian grandmother taught him to cook using fresh ingredients, raises clams for chowders and pasta dishes at his Island Room Restaurant at Cedar Cove. "It's important to know the quality of the food I'm serving," Stefani said.

Unlike Stefani, few people bridge the knowledge gap between seafood harvesting and what ends up on their plate. In Cedar Key, two tours demystify the process. At Southern Cross Sea Farms, co-owner Jon Gill walks tourists through the commercial clam's life cycle — from seed to shipping weight. The hatchery sells baby clams to farmers who grow them to market size on the sea floor. It also processes and ships clams as far away as Hawaii.

On a recent tour, Gill described offshore working conditions. Like other clambers, he dons a wet suit and drops into the Gulf. With visibility extending "about 4 inches in front of my face," he tends his clam leases, hoping that whatever nudged his thigh wasn't a bull shark.

To fully appreciate the harvest, nothing beats a boat tour. Unique to this coast, the bird dog boat is popular among clam farmers, including Capt. Bobby Witt, who operates the Original Cedar Key Clam Tour. Originally designed for fishing, the boat was reconfigured for clamming. Ideally suited for the shallow Gulf, it can haul over a ton of weight in 6 to 8 inches of water. Like a bird dog, the boat goes in the direction you point it, unlike small sailboats,

If you go

Big Bend Shellfish Trail:

A map and three itineraries highlight dock-to-table destinations in northwest Florida where clams, scallops, shrimp, oysters, stone and blue crabs abound. 877-387-5673, www.visitnaturecoast.com/big-bend.php.

Southern Cross Sea Farms:

Free tours Fridays at 1 p.m., May to November. An onsite market sells and ships local seafood. 12170 State Road 24, 352-543-5980, www.clambiz.com.

Original Cedar Key Clam Tour:

The two-hour tour costs \$50 a person and travels into the Gulf of Mexico. Tours are by appointment: 352-212-2555.

Where to eat:

At the Island Hotel Restaurant, chef Kim Cash serves Floridian fare, from hearts of palm salad to smoked mullet dip and catch of the day. 373 Second St., 800-432-4640, www.islandhotel-cedarkey.com/restaurant. After a renovation brought on by 2016's Hurricane Hermine, Island Room Restaurant at Cedar Cove is set to reopen Feb. 2. 192 E. Second St., 352-543-6520, www.islandroom.com.

Where to stay:

With a past as interesting as the tales told in its Neptune Bar, the Island Hotel presides over a walkable downtown. Lacking phones and TVs, the 10 rooms possess a rustic appeal. Rates start at \$90 a night and include breakfast. 373 Second St., 800-432-4640, www.islandhotel-cedarkey.com.

Getting there: From Tampa International Airport, it's a little over a two-hour drive north to Cedar Key.

More: For tourist information, go to www.visitlevy.com or call 877-387-5673.

which turn in the opposite direction of the tiller.

Motoring out to his leases, Witt drops anchor and raises a bag of clams from the murky depths with a motorized winch. A breeze cuts cleanly through the scent of seaweed and salt, black skimmers fly overhead and sunlight dances off the waves.

"This is my office," Witt says with a broad grin, gesturing to the expanse of sea and sky.

One can't imagine Witt or his fellow fishers gathering anywhere else. The clams they gather from the Gulf today will appear in markets throughout the U.S. tomorrow. If diners don't know the bivalves' back story, that doesn't diminish their role in saving a way of life. For the clambers of Cedar Key, navigating bull sharks, bureaucracies, weather and tides is all in a day's work.

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Raising boys who respect girls

How parents can teach their sons about boundaries and empowerment at different ages

Holly Daly with sons, from left, Malachi, Kingston and Lincoln

Balancing Act

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BY AMY DICKINSON

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She wants musician beau to 'grow up'

Dear Amy: I have been with my boyfriend for more than six months now. He is the sweetest and greatest man I have ever dated, and I want to spend my life with him.

I make more money, have a home and am an extremely independent person. Because I followed this path and am a few years older (29 versus 26), I am concerned he won't ever "grow up." I feel he is still chasing this childlike fantasy of being in a band and going on short tours.

He has never asked for money and does odd jobs, so I am never paying for all of our expenses. I do probably spend more on us, but I make more, so I'm totally OK with that. However, once upon a time, I would not have tolerated dating someone with ambitions that didn't follow a "normal" path.

We've talked about taking the next steps, including marriage, but I'm not sure how he can expect those things without getting a full-time job and letting go of the music fantasy life. While I've seen a little progress, things aren't going quickly in the direction I want.

Am I settling on him because he is an awesome person and treats me like a queen? Or am I being a brat by wanting more stability and growth from him?

— *Worried Girlfriend*

Dear Girlfriend: What you seem to be doing is looking at your adult partner and branding him as a child because he doesn't want what you want. He wants to be a musician, and the life you describe — working temporary jobs and gigging when you can — is the musician's life.

You should proceed in this relationship with a clear objective for each of you to get what you want in life.

If nothing in his life changes, would you still want to be with him? Are you willing to be the steady financial backbone while he continues pursuing the life of an artist?

As long as you see being with someone who treats you like a queen as "settling" and wanting to be a musician as a childish fantasy, you won't be able to accept his life choices, and this doesn't bode well for your long-term future.

Both of your paths are legitimate, and all that's left is a question of basic compatibility.

Dear Amy: Recently, my husband came down with the flu. During his illness, he moved into our guest bedroom so that I could sleep without being awakened by his coughing.

My husband has always seemed to need less sleep than I and has always gotten up at least two hours before I do (we are both retired).

His sleep time may be shortened due to me: I have bouts of insomnia, I get up two or three times a night, and even in my sleep I do a lot of tossing and turning. I've often said that sleeping with me must be like sleeping with a cricket.

Amy, we love each other dearly. But since he's been sleeping in the guest bedroom, he is getting more and better sleep, even while ill, and so have I.

I am torn. I love sleeping in the same bed with my husband, but it doesn't seem to work. Sleeping in separate rooms doesn't feel right emotionally, but I'll admit I love getting a good night's sleep.

What should we do?

— *Insomniac*

Dear Insomniac: Several recent studies show how vital sleep is for a person's health. Of course, emotional closeness is also very important to your marriage.

One solution might be for you to start out together and then for you to change beds and retire to the guest room after the first time you awaken at night. I'd welcome hearing from readers who have faced this challenge.

Dear Amy: "Active Traveler" was upset because her obese traveling companion couldn't partake of the full experiences during their international travel. And now Active was concerned because another obese friend wanted to join them. She should bring both friends along on her next trip. Then the two obese women can entertain each other and Active can enjoy her own, more active choices.

— *Reader*

Dear Reader: "Active Traveler" was trying to maximize her own traveling experiences. Doubling down on this problem hardly seems like a solution.

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balancing act

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Vacations don't have to go right to be fun

With kids, it helps to accept mishaps, ignore complaints

Traveling with kids is 90 percent reminding yourself to live in the moment and 10 percent vowing to never again leave your house.

I have an uncanny ability to forget this as soon as we return home from a trip and I've finished washing our 74 loads of laundry (*Guys, did we bring home other people's suitcases too?*) and we've settled back into a routine and looked through our vacation photos and started feeling nostalgic for the place we just left.

Family travel is like childbirth, I suppose. Painful, loud, messy, sort of awful, actually, but also spectacular. And you recall only the spectacular.

Until you're back on a plane bound for someplace new and your kids are fighting over who gets the aisle seat while irate passengers bore actual holes in your clothing with their eyes, which is fine because you could use the ventilation since you're sweating from shouldering all six carry-ons and the white-hot hatred of your plane-mates. Then you remember the bad stuff.

Or maybe that's just me?

It was me last weekend anyway. My kids and I flew to Texas for my daughter's trampoline and tumbling competition, plus a couple of side trips. We would tour the Dallas Cowboys stadium. We would visit Waco's Magnolia Market, made famous by HGTV's "Fixer Upper." We would play outdoor minigolf in January.



TOOGA/GETTY

A Texas weekend filled with missteps and cancellations can teach a family how to find joy.

We would have nothing to complain about! We would be leaving behind school and work and arctic temperatures for a hotel pool and Texas-shaped waffles and wall-to-wall fun! We would fall asleep smiling, probably, from all the joy!

We found things to complain about. And by we, I mean two of us. And by two of us, I mean the other two.

The pool was bigger in that other hotel! That's not how you play Uno! Why do you get to shower first? They call this coffee?!

(That last one may have been me.)

Luckily, I'd packed my metaphorical coat of armor. I've learned to put it on as soon as we land somewhere, and it forces complaints to bounce off me

and land in a pile at my feet. I shrug. I grin. I'm like the shruggie emoji.

Whatever, you guys. Who wants to play minigolf?

Whatever, you guys. Who wants to find a Starbucks?

And so it went. For three days. Genuine fun was had, frivolous complaints were lodged and ignored, more genuine fun was had. Until it was time to return the car, hop a plane and fly home.

Except our flight was canceled. And so was the flight after that. (Fog in Chicago.) And once that airline resumed flying, there would be no room on any of its flights for another 21 hours.

We spent the next couple of hours securing seats for the next evening, tracking down our already-checked

bags and finding a hotel room.

Once we settled into our room, I commenced sending a flurry of emails to cancel various Monday commitments, including a TV interview on MSNBC about the Women's March.

But wait, the producer emailed. We tape in Dallas! We'll send a car to retrieve you at your hotel! My children's eyes lit up. Suddenly this dumb delay had the makings of an adventure.

We hit the hotel pool before bed. We swam well into the night, my kids making up songs and singing and jumping and gasping for air from giggling so hard at their own goofy lyrics and their crazy good fortune to be swimming at 10:30 on a school night.

And that's when it hit me

grabbed a necklace ("You need a spot of color," she told me) and we ran, again, back to our hotel.

After a final dip in the pool, we got ready in our room, and my daughter discovered she'd left her phone at Target. We called. They couldn't find it. We gave it up for lost.

The driver arrived. I asked him, if he wouldn't mind, could he please swing us by Target to check for a lost phone. He obliged. I ran in. The phone was at customer service.

He drove us to the TV studio. We watched and waited, watched and waited, as Chris Matthews and his MSNBC pals breathlessly reported the latest on the government shutdown.

I don't think I'm going on, I told my kids.

I don't think I'm going on, I told the woman connecting my mic.

She's not going on, a man from some office finally declared.

We found our waiting driver and asked him to drop us at a Jimmy John's. He obliged.

At the end of our fruitless adventure, we returned to our hotel, rolled up our pants legs and soaked our six feet in the hotel hot tub until it was time to board the shuttle to the airport.

One long weekend. Several canceled flights. A misplaced phone. A blazer and necklace I didn't need for an interview that never transpired. The whole thing was goofy.

And wonderful. And exactly the reminder I needed that joy is almost always an option, if you just open your eyes and look for it.



Holly Daly, of Chicago, home-schools her sons, from left: Kingston, 6, 9-year-old twins Malachi and Lincoln, and Thaddeus, 2. She enrolled them in a women's studies class through their home-school co-op, and she and her husband, Ethan, are mindful of teaching them about gender equality.

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Teaching respect for women

It's never too early to start, experts say

BY ALISON BOWEN
Chicago Tribune

On a recent afternoon, Holly Daly's twin boys were debating whether there were enough female superheroes.

The twins disagreed. One pointed out that he could list multiple — She-Hulk, Black Widow, Captain Marvel. The other countered that compared

with the male superheroes, that didn't seem like many.

For Daly, the conversation was a good sign. As a mother of four boys — 9-year-old twins, a 6-year-old and a 2-year-old — she was glad to see them thinking through how they saw women represented.

"It was interesting how they're learning and letting that be a process for them," she said.

Parenting boys who grow up to respect women is something many parents might be thinking about after a year with so many allegations of sexual harassment and abuse.

But how can parents impart respectful teachings and behavior to boys at different ages?

Experts agree it is never too early to think about parenting children who

understand boundaries and respect.

"The roots of things like sexual harassment and sexual violence against women start so early," said Dr. Laurie Berdahl, based in Denver and co-author of "Warning Signs: How to Protect Your Kids From Becoming Victims or Perpetrators of Violence and Aggression."

The conversations happening right now, from boardrooms to bedrooms, may ultimately result in

something positive. Jeffrey B. Rubin, a New York psychotherapist who also teaches meditation, said the string of revelations can be a chance to create conversation and, hopefully, change.

"Let's use the opportunity," Rubin said.

Talk about boundaries

That conversation is never too early. Even with young children, parents can

emphasize that people have a right to say no to someone else touching their body.

These are the building blocks of how boys consider personal space and boundaries later, said Ted Bunch, chief development officer of A Call To Men, which educates men on healthy, respectful manhood and aims to prevent violence against women.

"We have to have conversations much earlier about respectful boundaries about girls, about valuing

girls,” Bunch said. “We’re talking about respecting your body and the bodies of others, being able to say no and understanding that someone is not supposed to touch me in certain ways.”

For example, he said, you can say to a child, “If somebody wants to give you a hug, it’s OK to say, ‘I don’t want a hug.’”

For older boys, this might mean cultivating a clear conversation about consent. A recent study showed college men often conflated their perception of a woman’s sexual desire with her consent for intimacy with them personally.

As a mother of four boys, consent is a topic Daly sees on the horizon.

“We’re going to have to have those conversations,” she said.

Model good behavior

Children learn mostly by seeing their parents’ examples, experts noted. Respect can be construed through behavior or lack of it — spouses sharing chores, or silence after someone denigrates a woman.

“This starts at home,” Berdahl said. “Boys watch how their mothers, their sisters, other women are treated and talked about by men.”

Think not only of a husband being kind to his wife, but also the reaction after someone insults a woman.

“This can look like watching a TV show where someone isn’t talked to well and remarking on it,” Berdahl said.

Not everyone has a male role model at home. Coaches and mentors can also model good behavior, she noted.

Make it clear that emotions are OK

Parents should strive not to reinforce stereotypes that indicate boys

are weak if they cry or feel emotions. “I think that we have to be careful in how we talk to our boys and be more sensitive in how we talk to our boys, similarly to how we may talk to our girls,” Bunch said.

“We want to teach boys to have the full range of emotions, let them cry, let them experience their feelings,” he added.

Rubin encountered this recently, when someone told his grandson, “Boys don’t cry.” Rubin told the boy, 8, “You know what? Real boys and real girls, they feel a range of feelings. It’s OK to feel happy, it’s OK to feel sad.” Construe to children that “we’re made up of a million emotions, and it’s OK to feel the range of them.”

Pair this with teaching empathy. This can be done in different ways for different ages.

For his grandson who just hit someone with a rock, for example, Rubin might say, “Feel the edge of that rock. Imagine that goes against the skin.” Talk out how things feel and how other people are affected by their actions.

“Try to get them to empathize with the consequences of their behavior,” Rubin said. “What that leads to is greater moral imagination.”

Assign chores in equal way

Berdahl remembers the moment when, as a kid, she realized she was doing much more housework than her three brothers. “I had a conversation with my parents, and I said, ‘You know, it seems I’m doing most of the housework, and the boys have to mow the lawn during the summer.’”

She said parents can support gender equality not only by sharing responsibilities themselves but also by rotating chores among children.

Build up boys

Finally, boys themselves should feel empowered. Boys who have a good sense of self are less likely to seek fulfillment in unhealthy ways, Rubin said.

“We have to raise them to like themselves, and to do that, we have to treat them with love and respect,” he said. “We have to appreciate their uniqueness. We need to validate their feelings; we need to empathize with their pain.”

He emphasized that raising boys who like themselves benefits them and others. “When there’s less wounding, there’s less need for compensatory building up of themselves,” he said, whether acting out or acting against others.

As a parent, Daly encounters gender stereotypes in ways big and small. Recently, her husband, Ethan, was cooking dinner, and one of their twins said, “I think in most houses, the mom wants to be the best cook.” Her husband responded, “What makes you say that?” which led to a conversation about how the parents share chores.

For Christmas, they bought their toddler a Baby Alive doll to take care of, realizing he wouldn’t get as much experience nurturing as his older brothers had, having younger siblings.

Recently, they enrolled the family in a women’s studies class, for ages 6 to 12, through their home school co-op. That’s where the superhero conversation came up and where parents were learning some things too.

Whether about superheroes or sexual consent, Daly knows the future will include many conversations. She wants her sons to know she and her husband are listening.

She tells them, “I want you to always think you can talk to us.”

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What is it like to be in TV commercial with Oprah?

BY ALISON BOWEN
Chicago Tribune

Tony Williams was excited. Weight Watchers was flying him to California to shoot a commercial.

He was going to be on TV! They gave him an outfit to wear and everything. The entire experience felt so rewarding after losing more than 100 pounds on the program.

But the reveal was yet to come.

He entered a sun-drenched home in California, walking through a hallway and into a kitchen.

And there she was. Oprah. Oprah!

“Steps from behind the wall, Miss Oprah Winfrey,” he said. “She almost killed me. I may have had a heart attack.”

Greeting him, in a ruffly off-the-shoulder red blouse and sunny smile, was the talk-show magnate, a company spokeswoman. The group of Weight Watchers members was shocked to find out their commercial co-star was Oprah herself.

Williams, 44, is a locomotive engineer who lives on Chicago’s South Side.

“I was always a chubby kid, which led to being a chubby adult,” he said. Add in a mostly sedentary career and long hours where he “ate out of boredom, ate out of loneliness,” and, he summarized, “I got big.” To 295 pounds, to be exact.

During a doctor’s visit while in his 30s, a doctor told him, “You’re not going to make it to see 50.” That night, Williams said, “I was kind of staring down the barrel of my own mortality.”

He and his wife joined Weight Watchers together in 2009, attending meetings and recalibrating their diet.

Nine years later, he said, he’s lost more than 100 pounds — and kept it off.



WEIGHT WATCHERS

Weight Watchers flew Tony Williams, right, and others to California to shoot a commercial with Oprah Winfrey.

He likes the program because he doesn’t feel restricted. “I still have pizza,” he said. “I still have tacos. I just learn to indulge responsibly.”

Williams goes to the gym. He runs. He does strength training. He’s training for a half-marathon. And he leads three meetings a week, encouraging others.

But back to the commercial.

What’s it like to party on camera with Oprah?

First, the food. A counter was stacked with fixings for a taco fiesta — tomatoes, shrimp, beans, rice, tomatoes, guacamole.

When he saw Winfrey, he admits, “I was not looking cool.”

Video shows him exclaiming, “Oh, my God!” upon spotting the empress of “Aha!” moments.

He wondered, how does one greet Oprah? “Do I curtsy? Do I bow? There has to be something to do when you meet Oprah.”

Winfrey greeted Williams, “Look at you!” and noted his triple-digit weight loss. “You’re like a different person!”

It was surreal. “I’ve watched this lady my whole life,” he said.

“She glows, if you didn’t know,” he added. “I’ve seen her in person, and she glows.”

In the commercial,

Oprah welcomes them to a “freestyle taco fiesta,” referencing the new program offering 200 zero-points foods. The group toasts with tacos and boogies.

“When Oprah says dance, you dance,” Williams said. “I have some really good wedding moves. I think I did all right.”

The filming was in November, and the commercial debuted in December.

After the commercial, he said, Winfrey offered them a tour of the home and margaritas.

And, of course, a side of advice.

“She gave us some words of wisdom,” he said. “She said, ‘You have achieved great things,’ and she was like, ‘Now I want you to dream bigger.’ And I’m like, ‘Wow, that was kind of mind-blowing,’ those two words, ‘dream bigger.’”

Months later, still sounding awestruck by the experience, he described it in true Oprah style — with a litany of superlatives. Her house was “beautiful, amazing, incredibly lovely, gorgeous. It’s paradise, it really is.”

The tacos, he said, “were the best tacos I’ve ever had.”

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A week of things to do with the kids

Monday

MEET BABY LAMBS

Here's something you don't get to do often. It's lambing season at DuPage County's 1890s-era farm; by early February, you can expect to find at least a dozen ewes. Beyond the "aww" factor of this outing, families can learn about raising sheep. Drop in anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday, then again Thursday through Feb. 5, at Kline Creek Farm, 1N600 County Farm Road, West Chicago. Free. tinyurl.com/yal7drn2

'DREAM BIG'

Discover the engineering secrets behind structures both ancient (the Great Wall of China) and modern (the Golden Gate Bridge), all filmed with stunning cinematography for this all-ages documentary. The 30-minute film screens inside the Giant Dome Theater. At 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. daily through Feb. 15 at the Museum of Science and Industry, 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive. General museum admission for Illinois residents is free Mondays to Thursdays through Feb. 15; movie admission is \$12, \$9 for kids 3-11. tinyurl.com/y7kgfme9

Tuesday

'MARY AND THE WITCH'S FLOWER'

What happens when a girl finds a magical flower that only blooms once every seven years? She gets swept off to a college of magic, of course. The debut film from Studio Ponoc (a new Japanese house comprising Studio Ghibli veterans) is directed by Hiromasa Yonebayashi. "The Witch's Flower" adapts "The Little Broomstick," published a generation before "Harry Potter." See link for local venues and showtimes. tinyurl.com/ycr8wv7z

Wednesday

'DISNEY ON ICE: DARE TO DREAM'

This year's touring edition of "Disney on Ice" focuses, naturally, on Disney princesses, including the latest (and arguably best) addition: Moana. She joins Belle, Cinderella, Rapunzel, Anna and Elsa, who glide into the rink to delight the young crowd with stunts and spectacle. Catch one of 10 performances over five days, Wednesday through Sunday, at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., and again Feb. 7-11 at Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont; \$20-\$150. tinyurl.com/ybjr3z5k

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Theatreworks USA brings its musical adaptation of the hilarious best-selling picture book "Dragons Love Tacos" to Glen Ellyn, part of the McAninch Arts Center's family series. Other tales in this nearly hourlong revue, geared for kids as young as 3, include "Interrupting Chicken" and "Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: School Days." (For details about other shows in the family series and ticket discounts, check out our list of 25 winter things to do with kids at tinyurl.com/y8kjmxfj) 7 p.m. Friday at McAninch Arts Center, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn (on the College of DuPage campus). \$14-\$20. tinyurl.com/ydbpjjd3

Thursday

SUE THE T. REX

Say "sayonara" to the Field's iconic *T. rex*, Sue, who will begin to disappear from the museum's Stanley Field Hall beginning Feb. 5. She'll be out of sight until sometime next year, when she returns in a dedicated space within the great "Evolving Planet" exhibit. (Meanwhile, her former spot will be assumed this spring by an enormous new dinosaur cast: the 122-foot titanosaur. Good news: Illinois residents visit for free throughout February, so you can witness the approximately monthlong process of Sue's dismantling. The Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive. Tickets to one upgraded attraction cost \$14, \$10 for kids 3-11. tinyurl.com/ycw8s6mr

MEET 'FANCY NANCY' AUTHOR JANE O'CONNOR

Get your tiaras and boas ready. Fancy duds are the preferred style of the day at this party, which celebrates the final entry in the beloved picture book series.

Meet author Jane O'Connor and hear highlights of "Fancy Nancy: Oodles of Kittens," in which our sassy protagonist acquires a new pet and wonders whether dogs and cats can get along. 4:30 p.m. at The Book Stall, 811 Elm St., Winnetka. Free to attend; \$18 for "Oodles of Kittens." tinyurl.com/y7jr4unp

Friday

WOODSTOCK GROUNDHOG DAYS

Is there a place more perfect to host Groundhog Days festivities than Woodstock, the Illinois hamlet 80 or so minutes northwest of the Loop? (OK, Punxsutawney, the Pennsylvania home of Groundhog Day, just might be No. 1.) Hundreds of folks will gather early Friday in Woodstock Square, where the classic comedy "Groundhog Day" was filmed, to see whether Woodstock Willie sees his shadow. The outdoor event is free; a ticketed breakfast follows where you can snag a photo op with a human-size plushy Willie. Festivities continue all weekend. 7 a.m. Friday prognostication

in Woodstock Square, immediately followed by breakfast at Woodstock Moose Lodge, 406 Clay St., Woodstock (\$15). tinyurl.com/yblm3g9l

JUICEBOX: YIN HE DANCE

This winter, the city's Juicebox series for little ones (big siblings welcome) shines a spotlight on movement and choreography. First up in this category is the Bridgeport-based Yin He Dance (which means "milky way" in Chinese). As with all Juicebox events, the Yin He showcase takes place twice: 11 a.m. Friday at the Chicago Cultural Center (Preston Bradley Hall), 78 E. Washington St., and 11 a.m. Saturday at Garfield Park Conservatory (Horticulture Hall), 300 N. Central Park Ave. Free. tinyurl.com/ybsgnrl9

Saturday

DOG ADMISSION DAY

Enjoy a winter hike along Morton Arboretum's miles of trails with the whole family — Rover too. This is the first of five Tails on the Trails dates in 2018 when dogs are invited (on leashes, of course). The welcome for both two- and four-legged visitors begins at 7 a.m. and lasts till sunset at Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle. \$14, \$9 for kids 2-17, \$5 per dog (includes free bandanna). Free parking. Repeats March 3. tinyurl.com/jqvsusp

'ONCE UPON A SYMPHONY: STONE SOUP'

Geared for pre-K kids, the "Once Upon a Symphony" program is held in an intimate space with seating on benches, cushions and the floor, and parents and children get an hourlong concert (a Chicago Symphony Orchestra collaboration with Chicago Children's Theatre) where it's OK for kids to wiggle, sing along and dance. 10 and 11:45 a.m. at Buntrock Hall (inside the Symphony Center), 220 S. Michigan Ave. \$17. tinyurl.com/yadjlbn6

WONDERS OF WINTER

At this 20th-century Tudor revival mansion, hitch a ride on a horse-drawn wagon, then try your hand at ice fishing and snowshoeing. Indoor activities provide a warm break from the cold. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook. Free admission, but some activities require a fee. tinyurl.com/zhcs3ub

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Documentary asks how we define values

Filmmakers want Americans to break out of their bubbles

BY DARCEL ROCKETT
Chicago Tribune

If someone queried you about truths and values that you hold to be self-evident, would you and your neighbors see eye to eye? That's the question "The American Question" (produced by Guy Seemann and directed by James Kicklighter) is intended to answer when it hits the festival circuit this year.

The documentary film challenges Americans to stop blaming others about the current social and political climate and to question how their own decisions and actions shape the country. The film has taken Seemann and Kicklighter around the nation to ask questions about family, money and civics with the objective of getting viewers to consider whether divisions in our society stem from group dynamics or if we're all part of the problem as individuals.

In a series of interviews, the film features dozens of Americans from across political, economic and social spectrums. A teaser for the production was released in November.

"American values are written down in the founding documents: the Constitution, Declaration of Independence," Seemann said. "Those values — concepts of opportunity and equality, different types of freedoms, concepts of hard work and the American Dream ... those are concepts they defined then and we still talk about today. Now, the real question is how are people defining those values for themselves today? Are they defining them in the context that the Founders had, or are people re-defining them to the point where they see someone else as an enemy of those values?"



GUY SEEMAN PHOTO

Documentary producer Guy Seeman, center, interviews Americans in "The American Question" to get viewers to question whether the divisions in our society truly stem from group dynamics, or if we're all part of the problem as individuals. The film is expected to be released this year.

People exist now in their own bubbles of isolation, where it's much easier for folks to peg others as enemies because "we're only listening to things, finding things and sharing things that only substantiate what we already believe," Kicklighter said.

To break out of these bubbles, the duo believe, the majority of Americans need to agree and adhere to a baseline of values they think are the same as those of their neighbors.

"The American Question" is that wake-up call to the country, said Seemann — a "cautionary tale" to the

masses to not regress, but to progress. Kicklighter and Seemann use values as the foundation that joins individuals and community together. Less individual mindset, more connection. Less division, more community.

"Once you agree that you share the same value system with your neighbor, that's when you actually see progress, that's when you have mutual respect, and the community comes back together," Seemann said. "If you can convince people this is a national concept, that everyone is pretty much in the same

boat — that's when you won't want to be in your own bubble. You will challenge your own perspective and negative viewpoints."

The documentary team doesn't consider its film revolutionary. Seemann and Kicklighter said academics like Robert Putnam, author of "Bowling Alone," and Charles Murray, author of "Coming Apart," have been foreshadowing the current political and social climate for years, but Kicklighter and Seemann are making a film with the hope that it will reach more eyes.

After the film is completed this year, the pair

would like a theatrical release in smaller locales as well as larger ones. The goal is to have enough of an impact, by melding data and emotion, to start a national conversation, Seemann and Kicklighter said.

"It is really tough to get more than 300 million people pointed in one direction and on the same page, but the value system continues to push us in the right direction," Seemann said. "We want people to recognize (what needs to be done): Secure the founding values, execute them more properly. We all need

to believe in this concept of freedom and equality for everyone, to move forward — we've been doing it incrementally for hundreds of years, so let's keep pushing."

Kicklighter agrees. "If you push the needle a little bit, that can make a positive impact on society," he said. "My hope with this film is to give the audience an opportunity to maybe change the way their thought process is (just an inch), so they can hear someone else."

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New insight on spy Edward Lansdale

Max Boot tracks trajectory of figure who loomed over decades of U.S. foreign policy

BY JAMES G. HERSHBERG
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One day in early 1950, as Washington reeled from the twin blows of the communist triumph in China and the Soviet Union's first atomic blast — and as a junior senator from Wisconsin named Joe McCarthy blamed it all on treason — an influential State Department consultant advised that the “threat of international communism” could be countered by employing a comparative U.S. advantage: advertising.

“If we can sell every useless article known to man in large quantities,” reasoned banker Robert A. Lovett, one of the original “Wise Men” of postwar foreign policy, “we should be able to sell our very fine story in larger quantities.”

As it happened, a former ad man who fully shared Lovett's faith in the superiority of American capitalism and democracy, and who had plied his trade not on Madison Avenue but in California, was about to make his mark selling America's brand in the Cold War.

Over the coming decade, creating, with his own distinctive blend of hard and soft power, two (apparent) foreign policy victories in Southeast Asia — in the Philippines and Vietnam — Edward G. Lansdale would become an espionage icon and a guru of the emerging strategy of counter-insurgency; he was even seen as the inspiration for two major novels (and ensuing films).

But in the 1960s, his fortunes, and those of the U.S. aims he promoted, would nose-dive — in Cuba and then Vietnam.

As a final indignity, in the mid-1970s, he would be hauled before the congressional Church Committee investigating CIA excesses, especially its role in assassination plotting against Fidel Castro; and in a nasty posthumous coda, Oliver Stone's 1991 movie, “JFK,” would implausibly implicate a sinister Lansdalian stand-in (“General Y”) in the murder of his own president.

In “The Road Not Taken: Ed-



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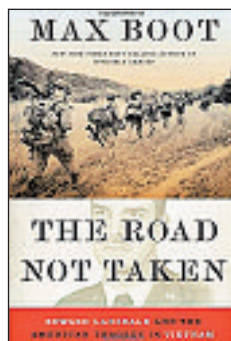
CIA operative Edward Lansdale in Hanoi, Vietnam, in the 1950s, from “The Road Not Taken” by Max Boot.

“The Road Not Taken”

By Max Boot, Liveright, 715 pages, \$35
Boot will appear March 15 at the Pritzker Military Museum and Library.
Go to www.pritzkermilitary.org for details.

ward Lansdale and the American Tragedy in Vietnam,” Max Boot capably and readably tracks the fascinating but ultimately depressing trajectory of this shadowy figure, who, as a murky undercover operative and a literary and cinematic avatar, looms over or lurks behind some of the crucial moments in U.S. foreign policy in the decades following World War II, culminating in its greatest disaster.

Boot's is not the first biography of this controversial man. Cecil B. Currey's “The Unquiet American” (1989) provided a fine rendering of the basic life story given the record then available, and



Jonathan Nashel's “Edward Lansdale's Cold War” (2005) probed its “cultural mythology,” examining popular as well as policy reverberations.

Nearly three decades after Currey, Boot taps more recently opened government files and draws on additional family

correspondence and interviews that illuminate Lansdale's career, especially his Philippines and Vietnam missions.

Lansdale, who began his intelligence career during World War II with the Office of Strategic Services (the CIA's forerunner), went to the Philippines after the Pacific war ended. There he fell in

to consolidate control of South Vietnam against sectarian and communist rivals.

By the decade's end, Lansdale had accrued even more mystique from his apparent fictional appearances in two major novels: “The Quiet American” (1955), Graham Greene's eerily prophetic tale of well-intentioned American moral and political missteps in Vietnam, trapped between communism and colonialism, and “The Ugly American” (1958), by Eugene Burdick and William J. Lederer, a scathing critique of U.S. foreign policy whose thinly disguised Lansdalian hero struggles to promote American ideals and interests in Southeast Asia against nationalist revolutionaries and diplomatic bunglers.

While Currey comments that Greene was “the first author to caricature Lansdale's real-life exploits,” Boot echoes more recent scholars, such as Nashel and Fredrik Logevall in his Pulitzer Prize-winning “Embers of War,” in agreeing that Greene mostly modeled his ill-fated protagonist, CIA officer Alden Pyle, on other Americans in Saigon. (However, Boot shows, Lansdale did prod writer-director Joseph L. Mankiewicz to give the Hollywood version of Greene's novel a pro-American, anti-communist spin.) Lansdale's experience clearly spurred Burdick and Lederer's novel, as well as (more loosely) Marlon Brando's role in the 1963 film.

Impressed by “The Ugly American” and intrigued by rumors of an American James Bond, John F. Kennedy hoped Lansdale could repeat his magic and solve one of his most vexing foreign policy woes — not in Southeast Asia (though JFK flirted with naming him ambassador to Saigon) but Cuba, after the April 1961 Bay of Pigs debacle. He put Lansdale in charge of the Operation Mongoose covert ops program against Havana, but it flopped. Nothing worked, including various far-fetched assassination schemes, of which Lansdale later denied awareness (Currey thought he must have known

love with both the newly independent country and, as Boot recounts, a Filipina woman, while his wife waited behind in Washington. (Their decadeslong, on-again-off-again romance, which, after Lansdale's first wife died, produced a late second marriage, yielded a vast intimate correspondence that enriches Boot's narrative.)

In the early 1950s, Lansdale helped Philippines leader Ramon Magsaysay crush the communist-inclined Hukbalahap rebellion with a combination of sometimes folksy, personalized psychological warfare, well-aimed propaganda and selective brutality.

Hoping for an encore, CIA Director Allen Dulles in 1954 sent Lansdale to Saigon, hoping to prop up a pro-American, anti-communist regime as the United States supplanted the French after their defeat at the hands of Ho Chi Minh's Viet Minh.

To the surprise of many, including bureaucratic doubters, Lansdale was able to bolster Ngo Dinh Diem's effective campaign



CIA Director Allen Dulles, from left, Edward Lansdale, CIA Deputy Director Lt. Gen. Charles Cabell and Gen. Nathan Twining, Air Force vice chief of staff, from the book, "The Road Not Taken" by Max Boot.

more, but Boot credulously accepts his denials).

All this was prelude to Lansdale's second major Vietnam mission, at the war's height in 1965-68, after Diem's overthrow in late 1963 (when Lansdale was largely sidelined).

With a team of advisers, he pressed for political, social and economic reforms to complement anti-communist military operations, but he remained frustrated by the South Vietnamese regime's inability or unwillingness to effectively pursue those goals, and his own government's clear priority, embodied by Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, on killing the enemy by using overwhelming and sometimes indiscriminate force, rather than winning the sympathies of ordinary Vietnamese.

Unable to replicate the results or insider influence he had won with Magsaysay in the Philippines, Lansdale became marginalized and left Saigon for the last time in June 1968 "a beaten man," Boot recounts.

A senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, Boot has written several books on military strategy, focusing on guerrilla or small wars and blending history with policy prescriptions.

Lately, however, he has been better known for his political persona, proffering foreign policy advice to Republican presidential candidates John McCain, Mitt Romney and Marco Rubio, and popping up frequently on cable news as a "never-Trumper" talking head.

Boot's long history of right-leaning politics and his book's

title aroused apprehension, in this reviewer at least, that "The Road Not Taken" might be less a work of historical scholarship than a partisan polemic arguing that the U.S. military plunge into Vietnam was proper, necessary and/or winnable, and could have preserved an anti-communist bastion in Saigon were it not for nefarious Democrats (and inept military commanders) who botched and ultimately sabotaged the American effort.

Such arguments have infused some Vietnam tomes popular on the right, from Michael Lind's "Vietnam: The Necessary War" (1999) to Lewis Sorley's "A Better War" (1999) to Mark Moyar's "Triumph Forsaken" (2006).

Boot clearly admires Lansdale, both his idealism and his strategy, and believes, not unreasonably, that the United States and Vietnam might have been better off and that the death tolls from the war — more than 58,000 Americans and 3 million Vietnamese — would have been far lower had Washington chosen his approach over McNamara's, which relied on heavy firepower and advanced weaponry to produce the highest possible body count and kill ratio statistics.

However, Boot judiciously refrains from contending that Lansdale's route would have yielded a materially different outcome.

James G. Hershberg is a professor of history and international affairs at George Washington University and the author of "Marigold: The Lost Chance for Peace in Vietnam."

Book critics name 30 finalists, award Tribune contributor

BY KT HAWBAKER | Chicago Tribune



TIMOTHY GREENFIELD-SANDERS PHOTO

Charles Finch is this year's winner of the National Book Critics Circle's Nona Balakian Citation for Excellence in Reviewing.

The National Book Critics Circle announced 30 finalists for its annual book awards and named Tribune contributor Charles Finch the 2017 winner of the Nona Balakian Citation for Excellence in Reviewing.

The Balakian prize recognizes Finch's reviews and essays published in the Tribune, The New York Times and elsewhere. Finch, author of the Charles Lenox mystery series, lives in Chicago.

The NBCC Awards, which were established in 1975, will be presented March 15

at the New School in New York City.

John McPhee will receive the Ivan Sandrof Lifetime Achievement Award. Carmen Maria Machado's story collection, "Her Body and Other Parties," will take the John Leonard Prize, which celebrates outstanding first books in any genre.

The following is a full list of finalists for book awards in fiction, nonfiction, biography, autobiography, poetry and criticism.

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Fiction

- "Exit West" by Mohsin Hamid (Riverhead)
- "The Ninth Hour" by Alice McDermott (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
- "The Ministry of Utmost Happiness" by Arundhati Roy (Knopf)
- "Improvement" by Joan Silber (Counterpoint)
- "Sing, Unburied, Sing" by Jesmyn Ward (Scribner)

Nonfiction

- "Gulf: The Making of an American Sea" by Jack Davis (Liveright)
- "The Evangelicals: The Struggle to Shape America" by Frances FitzGerald (Scribner)
- "The Future is History: How Totalitarianism Reclaimed Russia" by Masha Gessen (Riverhead)
- "Border: A Journey to the Edge of Europe" by Kapka Kassabova (Graywolf)
- "A Brief History of Everyone Who Ever Lived: The Human Story Retold Through Our Genes" by Adam Rutherford (The Experiment)

Biography

- "Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder" by Caroline Fraser (Metropolitan)
- "The Invention of Angela Carter: A Biography" by Edmund Gordon (Oxford University)
- "The Kelloggs: The Battling Brothers of Battle Creek" by Howard Markel (Pantheon)
- "Gorbachev: His Life and Times" by William Taubman (W.W. Norton)
- "Hoover: An Extraordinary Life in Extraordinary Times" by Kenneth Whyte (Knopf)

Autobiography

- "The Best We Could Do: An Illustrated Memoir" by Thi Bui (Abrams)
- "Hunger: A Memoir of (My) Body" by Roxane Gay (Harper)
- "Admissions: A Life in Brain Surgery" by Henry Marsh (St. Martin's)
- "The Girl From the Metropol Hotel: Growing Up in Communist Russia" by Ludmilla Petrushevskaya (Penguin)
- "Nine Continents: A Memoir In and Out of China" by Xioulu Guo (Grove)

Poetry

- "Fourth Person Singular" by Nuar Alsadir (Oxford University)
- "Earthling" by James Longenbach (Norton)
- "Whereas" by Layli Long Soldier (Graywolf)
- "The Darkness of Snow" by Frank Ormsby (Wake Forest University)
- "Directions for Use" by Ana Ristovic (Zephyr)

Criticism

- "You Play the Girl: On Playboy Bunnies, Stepford Wives, Train Wrecks, & Other Mixed Messages" by Carina Chocano (Mariner)
- "The Art of Death: Writing the Final Story" by Edwidge Danticat (Graywolf)
- "Guidebook to Relative Strangers: Journeys into Race, Motherhood and History" by Camille Dungy (Norton)
- "Tell Me How It Ends: An Essay in Forty Questions" by Valeria Luiselli (Coffee House)
- "Bunk: The Rise of Hoaxes, Humbug, Plagiarists, Phonies, Post-Facts and Fake News" by Kevin Young (Graywolf)

Authors who take their time

Klam, Packer, Tower are worth the wait

BY JOHN WARNER
Chicago Tribune

For 17 years, I waited and wondered when Matthew Klam would publish another book.

"Sam the Cat," a collection of stories from 2000, had followed Klam's selection as part of The New Yorker's "20 Under 40" in 1999, a list that also included Michael Chabon, Jhumpa Lahiri, David Foster Wallace and Jonathan Franzen (before "The Corrections" was published).

"Sam the Cat" showcased the sort of fiction I aspired to write at the time: funny, daring, transgressive, but not cruel or thoughtless. It was like John Cheever, updated for my era.

But it wasn't until last year with the publication of his novel "Who Is Rich?" that Klam, now 53, fulfilled my wish.

This got me thinking about youth, promise and success. The burden of expectations and the reality that you never know how long it will take for a story to arrive.

Some of the "20 Under 40" recipients from 1999 have reliably churned out a book every few years or less, and William T. Vollmann has published more than 20 books, including the better-than-3,000-page "Rising Up and Rising Down," a seven-volume treatise on the nature of American violence.

Junot Diaz has won a Pulitzer Prize (for "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao") and received a so-called genius grant from the MacArthur Foundation, but has also published only three books over an almost 22-year span.

Writers who can support themselves through teaching and grants — as Diaz and Klam have done — are fortunate to have steady funding to fuel their work, so nothing is rushed out before its time.

But the reader in me wants more. In my ideal world, my favorite writers have all the time and space and resources necessary to work on their books as they see fit. I don't think this ideal world exists, or ever existed, but I don't know — maybe it's Sweden?

I'm thinking here of two writers from the 2010 installment of The New Yorker's "20 Under 40" who have written two of my favorite short story collections of all time but have published no books since.

The title story of Wells Tower's "Everything Ravaged, Everything



MAXWELL MACKENZIE PHOTO

Matthew Klam's recent novel "Who Is Rich?" is his first book since his debut collection of stories, "Sam the Cat," was published some 17 years ago.



GARY FRIEDMAN/LOS ANGELES TIMES 2003

ZZ Packer, who hasn't a book since her 2003 debut, "Drinking Coffee Elsewhere," is said to be writing a novel.

"Burned" (published in 2009) is one of the funniest stories I've ever read. A mashup of Viking folklore told in modern vernacular, it is a brilliant skewering of many things at once. The entire book is inventive and surprising, a mix of George Saunders and Karen Russell.

While Tower is a frequent contributor to The New York Times Magazine, there is no news of another work of fiction.

"Brownies" by ZZ Packer is at or near the top of my list of greatest contemporary short stories. It starts, "By our second day at Camp Crescendo, the girls in my Brownie troop had decided to kick the (expletive) of each and every girl in Brownie Troop 909," and contains a twist so natural and yet completely surprising. Even though I've taught the



ULF ANDERSEN/GETTY 2012

There's no word of new fiction by Wells Tower since "Everything Ravaged, Everything Burned" was published in 2009.

story a dozen times, it still amazes me.

"Brownies" was collected in Packer's 2003 collection, "Drinking Coffee Elsewhere," which had me and others eagerly anticipating all of her future publishing efforts. Packer has been living life, moving through a series of teaching appointments and, according to The Harvard Gazette, is working on a "sweeping novel" set in the years after the Civil War. I have little doubt it will be worth the wait.

I will continue to be as patient, as I must.

John Warner is the author of "Tough Day for the Army."

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read next based on the last five books you've read.

1. "The Twenty-Three" by Linwood Barclay
 2. "Autumn" by Ali Smith
 3. "The House of Stairs" by Barbara Vine
 4. "IQ" by Joe Ide
 5. "To End All Wars: A Story of Loyalty and Rebellion, 1914-1918" by Adam Hochschild
— David B., Chicago
- We know Don Winslow now for books like "Savages" and "The Force," but he started with some straight-up P.I. mysteries featuring grad student Neal Carey. The first one is "A Cool Breeze on the Underground."

1. "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles
 2. "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance
 3. "The Trust" by Ronald Balson
 4. "The Paris Spy" by Susan Elia MacNeal
 5. "The Mistresses of Cliveden: Three Centuries of Scandal, Power, and Intrigue in an English Stately Home" by Natalie Livingstone
— Katrina S., Chicago
- It's a TV series now, but in almost every case, the book is better: "The Alienist" by Caleb Carr.

1. "House" by Tracy Kidder
 2. "Spencerville" by Nelson DeMille
 3. "Where Is Joe Merchant?" by Jimmy Buffett
 4. "The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend" by Katarina Bivald
 5. "The Evening News" by Arthur Hailey
— John H., Northbrook
- "Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore" by Robin Sloan should be the right kind of read for John.

Get a reading from the Biblioracle

To get a reading from the Biblioracle, send a list of the last five books you've read to books@chicagotribune.com.

NATIONAL BEST-SELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION



1. **"The Woman in the Window: A Novel"** by A. J. Finn (William Morrow, \$26.99) *Last week: 1*

2. **"City of Endless Night: An Agent Pendergast Novel"** by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child (Grand Central, \$28) *Last week: —*

3. **"Iron Gold: A Red Rising Novel"** by Pierce Brown (Del Rey, \$28) *Last week: —*

4. **"Origin: A Novel"** by Dan Brown (Doubleday, \$29.95) *Last week: 2*

5. **"The Rooster Bar: A Novel"** by John Grisham (Doubleday, \$28.95) *Last week: 3*

6. **"Little Fires Everywhere"** by Celeste Ng (Penguin, \$27) *Last week: 4*

7. **"The Immortalists"** by Chloe Benjamin (Putnam, \$26) *Last week: 5*

8. **"Before We Were Yours: A Novel"** by Lisa Wingate (Ballantine, \$26) *Last week: 7*

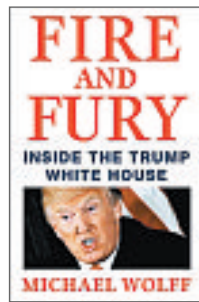
9. **"The Wife Between Us: A Novel"** by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen (St. Martin's, \$26.99) *Last week: 8*

10. **"Sing, Unburied, Sing: A Novel"** by Jesmyn Ward (Scribner, \$26) *Last week: 6*

For the week ended Jan. 21, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

— Publishers Weekly

HARDCOVER NONFICTION



1. **"Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House"** by Michael Wolff (Henry Holt, \$30) *Last week: 1*

2. **"It's Even Worse Than You Think: What the Trump Administration Is Doing to America"** by David Cay Johnston (Simon & Schuster, \$28) *Last week: —*

3. **"Together We Rise: Behind the Scenes at the Protest Heard Around the World" by The Women's March Organizers and Conde Nast** (Dey Street, \$30) *Last week: —*

4. **"Astrophysics for People in a Hurry"** by Neil deGrasse Tyson (Norton, \$18.95) *Last week: 4*

5. **"Leonardo da Vinci"** by Walter Isaacson (Simon & Schuster, \$35) *Last week: 7*

6. **"Trumpocracy: The Corruption of the American Republic"** by David Frum (Harper, \$25.99) *Last week: —*

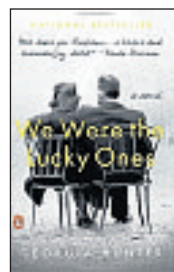
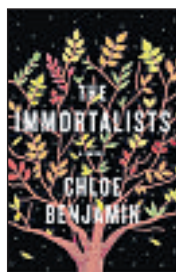
7. **"The Whole30 Fast & Easy Cookbook: 150 Simply Delicious Everyday Recipes for Your Whole30"** by Melissa Hartwig (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$30) *Last week: 3*

8. **"Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life ... And Maybe the World"** by William H. McRaven (Grand Central, \$18) *Last week: —*

9. **"The Wisdom of Sundays: Life-Changing Insights From Super Soul Conversations"** by Oprah Winfrey (Flatiron, \$27.99) *Last week: 6*

10. **"Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World"** by Max Lucado (Thomas Nelson, \$22.99) *Last week: —*

CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS



1. **"Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House"** by Michael Wolff (Holt, \$30)
2. **"The Immortalists"** by Chloe Benjamin (Putnam, \$26)
3. **"Little Fires Everywhere"** by Celeste Ng (Penguin, \$27)
4. **"Pachinko"** by Min Jin Lee (Grand Central, \$15.99)
5. **"We Were the Lucky Ones: A Novel"** by Georgia Hunter (Penguin Books, \$16)

Participating bookstores: Barbara's Bookstores (Chicago), The Book Cellar (Chicago), Seminary Co-op Bookstore and 57th Street Books (Chicago), Women & Children First Bookstore (Chicago), The Book Table (Oak Park), The Book Bin (Northbrook), Lake Forest Book Store (Lake Forest), The Bookstore (Glen Ellyn), Anderson's Bookshop (Naperville), The Book Stall (Winnetka).



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TUESDAY EVENTS



PETER HELLER

Celine
Tuesday, January 30 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
630-355-2665
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Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville presents gifted writer Peter Heller with the new paperback release of his national bestseller, *Celine*. This event is free and open to the public. Please purchase the author's featured book to join the booksigning line.



KAMILLA BENKO

The Unicorn Quest
Tuesday, January 30 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
5112 Main St. Downers Grove
630-963-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in Downers Grove hosts middle grade author Kamilla Benko with her new book, *The Unicorn Quest*, *The Whisper in the Stone*. This event is free and open to the public. Please purchase the author's featured book to join the booksigning line.



SHERRI DUSKEY RINKER

Tiny and the Big Dig
Tuesday, January 30 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
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708-582-6353
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in La Grange welcomes back Sherri Duskey Rinker with her new picture book, *Tiny and the Big Dig*. This event is free and open to the public. Please purchase the author's featured book to join the booksigning line.

WEDNESDAY EVENTS



MARLEY DIAS

Marley Dias Gets It Done and So Can You
Wednesday, January 31 at 6 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
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Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville presents teen activist and author Marley Dias sharing her first book, *Marley Dias Gets it Done and So Can You*. In conversation with Luvvie Ajayi. This event is free and open to the public. Please purchase the Dias' featured book to join the booksigning line.

THURSDAY EVENTS



PETER REYNOLDS

The Word Collector
Thursday, February 1 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
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Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville welcomes back Peter Reynolds sharing his new picture book, *The Word Collector*. This event is free and open to the public. Please purchase the author's featured book to join the booksigning line.

THURSDAY EVENTS



MARLEY DIAS

Marley Dias Gets It Done (and So Can You)
Thurs., Feb. 1, Two Events
11:30 am, The Union League Club
6 pm, Evanston Township HS,
1600 Dodge Ave.
familyactionnetwork.net

The Book Stall presents 13-year-old social activist MARLEY DIAS at a luncheon and an evening appearance in Evanston. Marley's new book is "*Marley Dias Gets It Done (and So Can You)*," a keep-it-real guide for kids exploring activism, social justice, volunteerism, equity and inclusion, and using social media for good. For reservations (required) for the Union League Club luncheon, go to eventbrite.com. The Family Action Network (FAN)-sponsored evening event is open to the public.



JANE O'CONNOR

Fancy Nancy Party!
Thursday, Feb. 1, 4:30 - 5:30 pm
The Book Stall
811 Elm St., Winnetka
847 446-8880
www.thebookstall.com

Come party with JANE O'CONNOR, the author of the picture book phenomenon "Fancy Nancy," as she celebrates the final book in the series, "Fancy Nancy: Oodles of Kittens." Fancy wear encouraged but not required. We'll have fab giveaways! Purchase of a Fancy Nancy book from **The Book Stall** is required in order to enter the signing line at this free event.

FRIDAY EVENTS



JANE O'CONNOR

Fancy Nancy: Oodles of Kittens
Friday, February 2 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
5112 Main St. Downers Grove
630-963-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in Downers Grove hosts a Fancy Nancy celebration with author Jane O'Connor with her new book *Fancy Nancy: Oodles of Kittens*. Event dress code? Fancy! This event is free and open to the public. Please purchase the author's featured book to join the booksigning line.

SATURDAY EVENTS



MELANIE BENJAMIN

The Girls in the Picture
Saturday, Feb. 3 at 2 pm
The Book Stall
811 Elm St., Winnetka
847 446-8880
www.thebookstall.com

The Book Stall welcomes bestselling Chicago author MELANIE BENJAMIN for a signing and discussion of her new novel, "*The Girls in the Picture*," about the friendship and creative partnership between two of Hollywood's earliest female legends—screenwriter Frances Marion and superstar Mary Pickford.

UPCOMING EVENTS



CARRIE LA SEUR

The Weight of an Infinite Sky
Sunday, February 4 at 2 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
630-355-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville welcomes author Carrie La Seur discussing her new novel, *The Weight of an Infinite Sky*. This event is free and open to the public. Please purchase the author's featured book to join the booksigning line.

UPCOMING EVENTS



JUDD WINICK

HILO 4: Waking the Monsters
Monday, February 5 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
630-355-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville hosts author Judd Winick with *HILO 4: Waking the Monsters*. This event is free and open to the public. Please purchase the author's featured book to join the booksigning line.



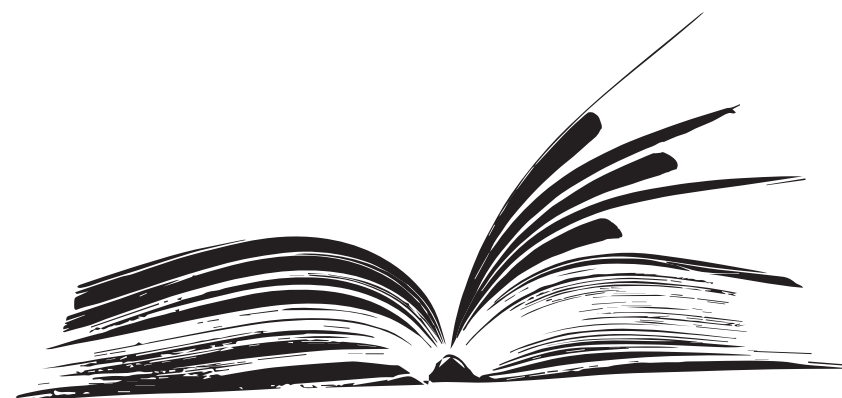
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LEAH ESKIN

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The pair could retreat to separate homes. But a little counseling, some willingness to change can help. If cake can focus on its best features — chocolate, sugar and eggs — and forgo its old habits, like butter and flour, it can live in pliant, delicious comfort alongside ice cream.

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Ice cubes

Prep: 20 minutes plus time to freeze

Bake: 13 minutes **Makes:** 9 squares

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter, softened, for pan
- 9 tablespoons sugar
- 2 eggs, separated
- 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate
- 2 tablespoons brewed coffee
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup ground almonds (sold as meal or flour)
- 2 quarts coffee chip ice cream
- Whipped cream, to serve, optional
- Chocolate sauce, to serve, optional

1 Prep: Butter an 8-by-8-by-2-inch baking pan. Line the bottom with parchment paper, leaving some overhang. Butter parchment and sprinkle with 1 tablespoon sugar.

2 Whip: Whip egg whites and 2 tablespoons sugar to glossy peaks with an electric mixer.

3 Mix: In a large bowl set over simmering water, melt chocolate with coffee into a paste. Still working over simmering water, stir in yolks, vanilla, salt and remaining 6 tablespoons sugar. Remove bowl from heat. Stir in one-third of the egg whites. Fold in remaining whites, then the ground almonds.

4 Bake: Scrape batter into prepared pan. Bake at 350 degrees until just set, about 15 minutes. Cool. Grasp parchment overhang and lift out the cake.

5 Pack: Line the same pan with plastic wrap, with several inches of overhang. Scoop in slightly softened ice cream, pressing firmly and smoothing the top. Set cooled cake on top, sugar-side up. Cover with overhanging plastic wrap. Freeze firm, at least 8 hours.

6 Stack: Unmold and unwrap frozen cake-and-ice-cream square. Set cake-side down on a cutting board. Dip a heavy knife into hot water, wipe dry and slice into 9 squares. Serve with whipped cream and/or chocolate sauce.

Food scraps to some, cocktail boost to others

BY JENN HARRIS

Los Angeles Times

Sustainability and eliminating food waste are commitments that have provided the through-line for much of the cuisine at Providence, chef Michael Cimarusti's seafood-focused restaurant, since it opened more than a decade ago in Los Angeles. But lead bartender Kim Stodel is attempting to take those concepts even further behind the bar. In the fall, the restaurant launched a zero-waste cocktail program that turns kitchen scraps and fruit and vegetable peels into liquor infusions and cocktail garnishes.

"I forage in the kitchen," Stodel said. "I'm always bugging the kitchen, saying: 'Hey, what are you using and what are you throwing away?'"

This past summer, Stodel took the pulp of a cocktail sauce consomme served with oysters to make a bloody mary, mixing it with tequila he infused with roasted corn. In another cocktail, he took leftover orange peels and soaked them in water for 24 hours to make something he calls "astronaut juice." He uses that juice in a vodka drink called the Clever Hippy, made with passion fruit, velvet falernum (a spiced, sweet syrup) and sparkling wine.

Stodel shared his recipe for his drink Mano de Chango, a tequila cocktail that incorporates house-made guava syrup, dry curacao, lime and grapefruit. Stodel repurposes the guava pulp from the syrup, turning it into a fruit leather garnish for the drink.

It tastes like a torqued-up combination of a Paloma and a Sunrise, with a



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Kim Stodel, bartender at Providence in LA, uses a house-made guava syrup in the tequila cocktail Mano de Chango.

Mano de Chango

Prep: 5 minutes

Makes: 1 cocktail

- 3/4 ounce guava syrup
- 1/2 ounce lime juice
- 1 ounce grapefruit juice
- 1/2 ounce dry curacao
- 1 1/2 ounces blanco tequila
- Fresh guava slices

In a cocktail shaker, combine the syrup, lime and grapefruit juices, curacao and tequila with ice. Shake well. Double-strain into a martini glass. Garnish with guava slice and serve.

Guava syrup

Peel and slice 14 ounces fresh guava, about 10 fruit. Place in a glass bowl with 2 cups sugar and 3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons water, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Cover and refrigerate overnight. The next day, strain the syrup from the fruit pulp. Makes a generous 2 cups syrup, which keeps, covered and refrigerated, about 1 week.

hit of citrus juice and sweet guava. You can feel good about the no-waste element, but it's also a great tequila cocktail.

The name translates to "monkey hand" in Spanish, which is the nickname a former co-worker gave Stodel during his time working at Bar Chloe in Santa Monica. "I was tall, and he was short," Stodel said. "I'd reach for things for him."

The Mano de Chango

might not be on the menu for long. Since the aim is to create zero waste, Stodel changes the menu often to reflect what's in season, and what's leftover in the kitchen.

"I basically figured out a way to hack the kitchen," Stodel said.

If you're looking for a way to hack your own kitchen, maybe start with the Mano de Chango.

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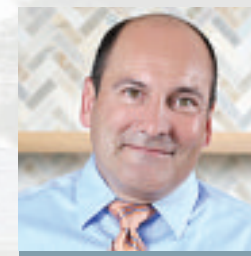



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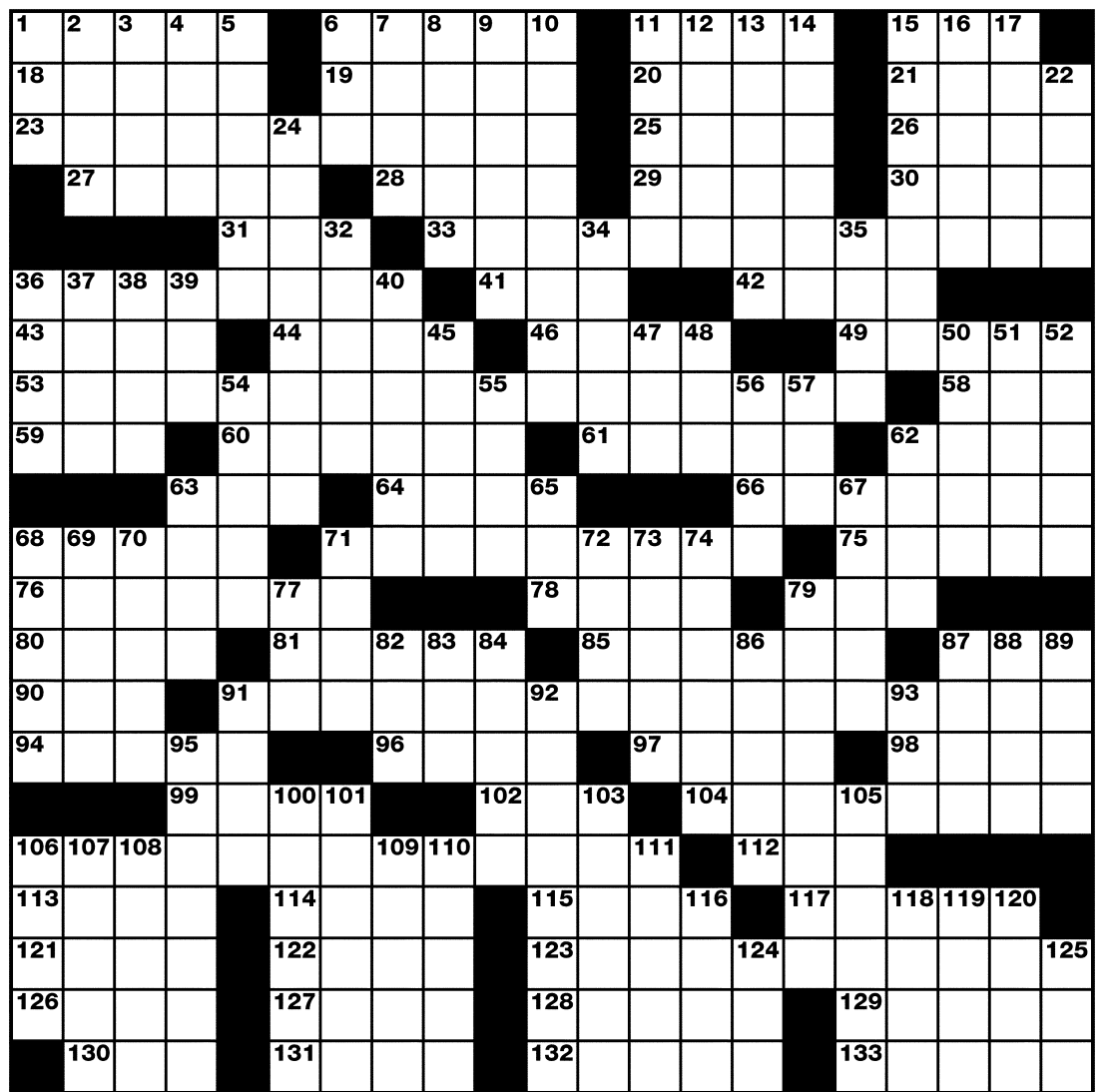
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| 59 David Cameron successor | 131 Revise and improve | 48 Uno less than quattro |
| 60 Attracted, as a magnet | 132 Wipe clean | 50 Bulky grazer |
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| 64 Queen of Olympus | | 55 Amos of songdom |
| 66 Found out about | | 56 Friendly nation |
| 68 Last part of <i>Aida</i> | | 57 So-so mark |
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| 76 "I'm OK with it" | | |
| 78 Stadium section | | |
| 79 Went first | | |
| 80 Rug rats | | |

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| 1 Curved path | 55 Amos of songdom |
| 2 Promote with gusto | 56 Friendly nation |
| 3 Roseanne's last name | 57 So-so mark |



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| 67 Weather advisory | 79 Ballet garb | 93 Dismissive shout | 116 Pupil surrounder |
| 68 Late-blooming flower | 82 Small, in rapper names | 95 Pretend to be | 118 Family reunion attendee |
| 69 New York governor | 83 Had something | 100 Well in the past | 119 SAT section |
| 70 — <i>Andronicus</i> (Shakespearean play) | 84 Soprano note | 101 Far from fearless | 120 Home to 4+ billion |
| 71 Steeple fixture | 86 Aspirations | 103 Game-show prize | 124 GPS reading |
| 72 — monster (large lizard) | 87 Cockatoo's container | 105 Twisting force perhaps | 125 Female lobster |
| | 88 Make fuzzy | 106 Basement buildup, perhaps | |
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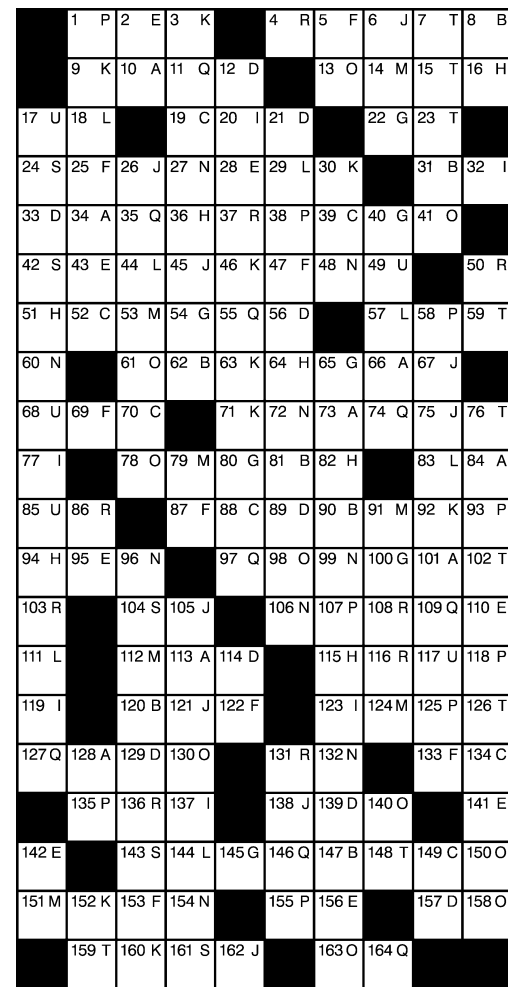
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1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues

Clues	Words
A. Unruly	<u>84</u> <u>66</u> <u>10</u> <u>128</u> <u>101</u> <u>113</u> <u>73</u> <u>34</u>
B. Disorderly	<u>147</u> <u>90</u> <u>120</u> <u>81</u> <u>62</u> <u>8</u> <u>31</u>
C. Regard with devotion	<u>39</u> <u>70</u> <u>52</u> <u>19</u> <u>88</u> <u>149</u> <u>134</u>
D. Made more pleasant	<u>89</u> <u>157</u> <u>129</u> <u>12</u> <u>56</u> <u>33</u> <u>139</u> <u>114</u> <u>21</u>
E. It goes without saying: 2 wds.	<u>141</u> <u>142</u> <u>28</u> <u>43</u> <u>95</u> <u>110</u> <u>156</u> <u>2</u>
F. Halfway decent: 3 wds.	<u>69</u> <u>5</u> <u>47</u> <u>122</u> <u>153</u> <u>133</u> <u>25</u> <u>87</u>
G. Become exhausted: 2 wds.	<u>54</u> <u>65</u> <u>145</u> <u>100</u> <u>40</u> <u>80</u> <u>22</u>
H. Veteran: 2 wds.	<u>94</u> <u>36</u> <u>82</u> <u>51</u> <u>16</u> <u>115</u> <u>64</u>
I. Donor's promise	<u>32</u> <u>119</u> <u>137</u> <u>123</u> <u>77</u> <u>20</u>

J. From Trondheim	<u>26</u> <u>6</u> <u>45</u> <u>162</u> <u>138</u> <u>67</u> <u>75</u> <u>121</u> <u>105</u>
K. How?: 3 wds.	<u>152</u> <u>160</u> <u>3</u> <u>9</u> <u>63</u> <u>92</u> <u>71</u> <u>46</u> <u>30</u>
L. Tawdry; shallow in taste	<u>29</u> <u>144</u> <u>57</u> <u>18</u> <u>44</u> <u>83</u> <u>111</u>
M. Releases: 2 wds.	<u>14</u> <u>124</u> <u>151</u> <u>91</u> <u>79</u> <u>53</u> <u>112</u>
N. With regard to: 3 wds.	<u>27</u> <u>154</u> <u>60</u> <u>48</u> <u>72</u> <u>106</u> <u>96</u> <u>132</u> <u>99</u>
O. To great lengths: 3 wds.	<u>98</u> <u>150</u> <u>61</u> <u>13</u> <u>41</u> <u>130</u> <u>78</u> <u>163</u> <u>140</u> <u>158</u>
P. Ballet leap	<u>118</u> <u>1</u> <u>135</u> <u>93</u> <u>107</u> <u>125</u> <u>58</u> <u>155</u> <u>38</u>
Q. Settle an issue: 3 wds.	<u>55</u> <u>127</u> <u>11</u> <u>97</u> <u>146</u> <u>164</u> <u>109</u> <u>35</u> <u>74</u>
R. Maximally: 3 wds.	<u>37</u> <u>131</u> <u>4</u> <u>136</u> <u>86</u> <u>108</u> <u>116</u> <u>103</u> <u>50</u>
S. Confined spaces	<u>143</u> <u>104</u> <u>161</u> <u>24</u> <u>42</u>
T. Smarty-pants: hyph.	<u>159</u> <u>76</u> <u>23</u> <u>15</u> <u>148</u> <u>102</u> <u>59</u> <u>126</u> <u>7</u>
U. Know-how	<u>49</u> <u>68</u> <u>117</u> <u>85</u> <u>17</u>



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It's De-Lovely

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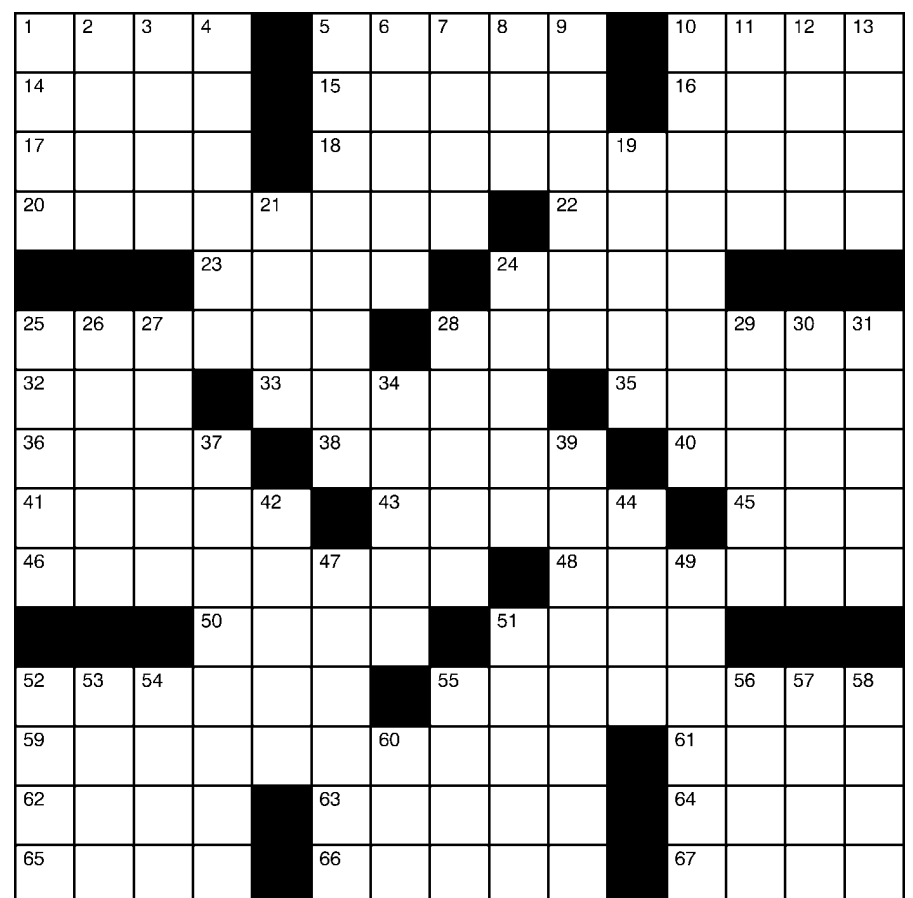
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- 5 The ___ Plan of 1924
- 10 Previous
- 14 Disconcert
- 15 Cream
- 16 Spread
- 17 Footless animal
- 18 Late composer
- 20 Disclosed
- 22 A powerful Mark
- 23 Epochs
- 24 Turkish regiment
- 25 Gets on a bum rap
- 28 18 Across was noted for these
- 32 Puerto Rican liquor
- 33 ___ flu
- 35 Lover
- 36 Tentmaker
- 38 Prepares for print
- 40 Grit
- 41 Memos
- 43 Assault
- 45 Female relative: Sp.
- 46 Plot of many a drama
- 48 Napery
- 50 Monkeys

- 51 Unaspirated, as a consonant
- 52 Welt
- 55 Discourses
- 59 Promoter
- 61 Ripped
- 62 That ___ hay!
- 63 See 45 Across: Fr.
- 64 Heroic
- 65 Grows drowsy
- 66 Ran for office
- 67 Item in the high cost of living

Down

- 1 At a distance
- 2 Yawn
- 3 Russian sea
- 4 Buy back
- 5 Stripped of social position
- 6 Medicinal plants
- 7 Untamed
- 8 Summer: Fr.
- 9 Flower parts
- 10 Stoas
- 11 Kind of horn
- 12 Observed

- 13 Reactionary
- 19 Walking ___
- 21 District
- 24 45 and 63 Across, e.g.
- 25 Van
- 26 Scuttlebutt
- 27 Violin maker
- 28 Historic battleship
- 29 Daunt: archaic
- 30 Russian leader
- 31 Fountain beverages
- 34 Admired public figures
- 37 Hardheaded persons
- 39 Chosen
- 42 Easy tasks
- 44 Pastel shade
- 47 Heroes
- 49 Genderless
- 51 Slow: mus.
- 52 Bridge
- 53 Singing group
- 54 Split
- 55 Cotton fabric
- 56 Hawser
- 57 Emerald Isle: poet.
- 58 Denomination
- 60 Channel



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On the Road

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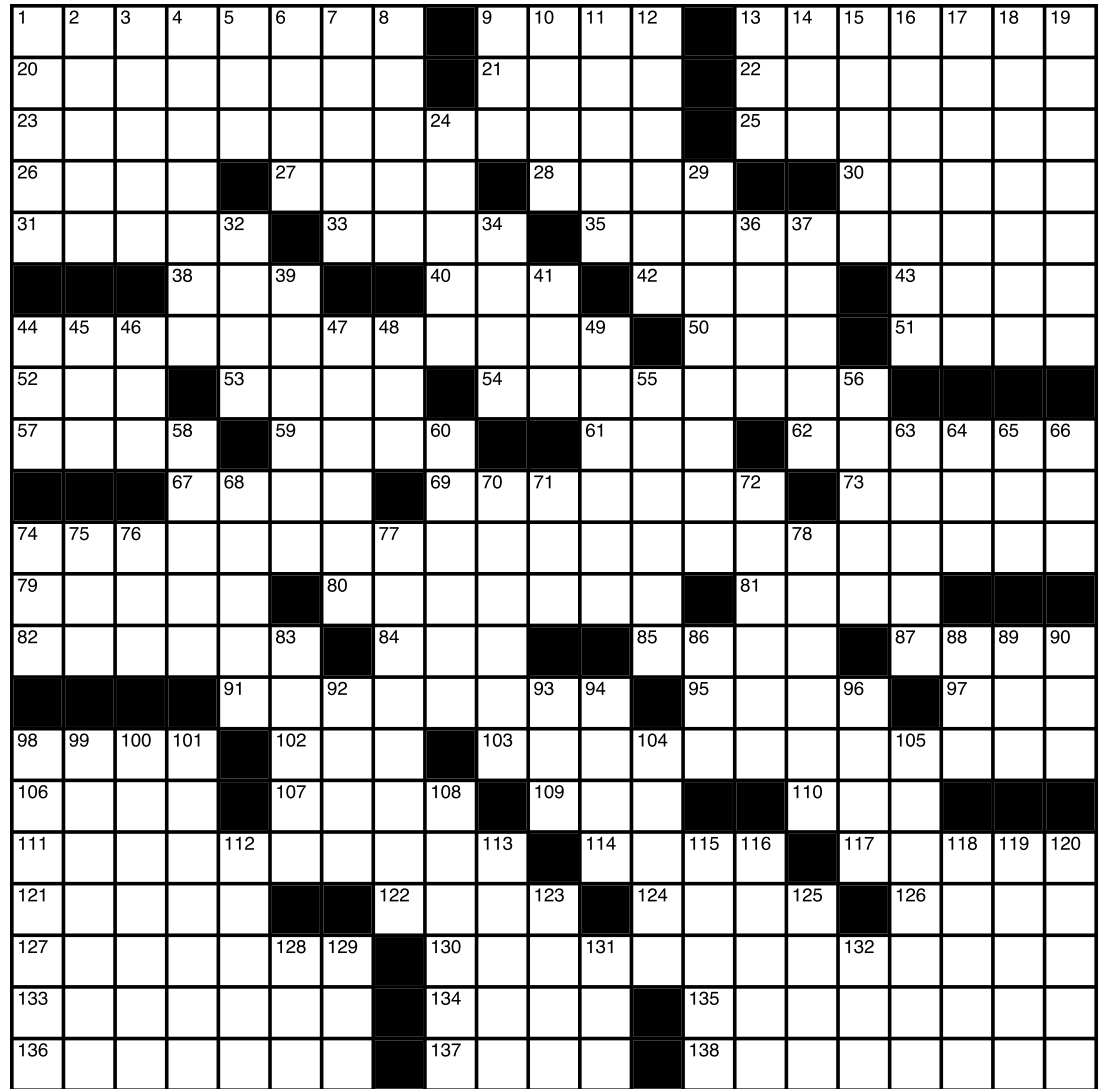
- 1 Distinguished
- 9 One in on the deal?
- 13 1984 Martin/Tomlin film
- 20 Wetsuit substance
- 21 Feng —
- 22 Causes of tots' tears
- 23 One of three presidents who served in 1881
- 25 Dignitaries working abroad
- 26 Wife of Wang Lung in "The Good Earth"
- 27 Joke closing?
- 28 A fancy one may not include prices
- 30 Surprise from a lamp
- 31 1983 Streisand film
- 33 Scratches (out)
- 35 It's just outside the Oval Office
- 38 Caveman Alley
- 40 Mich. NBA team
- 42 Word on a fast food sign
- 43 "Billy Budd" captain
- 44 Kitchen gadget
- 50 Subj. for some newcomers
- 51 "— to you, matey!"
- 52 Thumbs-up cry
- 53 Biblical name meaning "hairy"
- 54 Cone filler
- 57 Discipline with poses
- 59 Sagan's sci.
- 61 21st of 24
- 62 Fired up
- 67 It measures rpm
- 69 Pennsylvania railroad town
- 73 More achy
- 74 Private company paperwork
- 79 Some bar food
- 80 USA Today owner
- 81 Somme spouses: Abbr.
- 82 Move, as artwork
- 84 Thumbs-up cry
- 85 "Ozark" actor Morales
- 87 Cartagena cat
- 91 Stop one's horse, in England
- 95 Envelope-pushing
- 97 Half a dance
- 98 Passion-ate composer?
- 102 — trip
- 103 Certain sci-fi superfan
- 106 Dos cubed
- 107 Pinup's asset
- 109 Sold-out letters
- 110 79-Across fish

- 111 "Awesome!"
- 114 Suffix from the Greek for "world"
- 117 Role for Dustin
- 121 King or queen
- 122 Taunting word usually repeated
- 124 Persian for "king"
- 126 Ostrich cousin
- 127 The Beatles' last studio album
- 130 Unexpectedly changing one's attitude ... and what's literally hidden in six long puzzle answers
- 133 50-50 shot
- 134 Hendryx who was part of the "Lady Marmalade" trio
- 135 Alienate
- 136 Allergy symptom
- 137 Big refs.
- 138 Aficionados

Down

- 1 Fancy
- 2 Author Zora — Hurston
- 3 "— is an island": Donne
- 4 Sandal feature
- 5 Abbr. in home sale ads
- 6 Staying power
- 7 Related on mom's side
- 8 Literature Nobel
- 9 "—: Cyber": 2015 spin-off
- 10 "May I speak?"
- 11 King or queen
- 12 Quick denial
- 13 Pie equivalent, in a simile
- 14 Canterbury commode
- 15 Half a strait-laced pair?
- 16 Witness
- 17 Stumble, as a horse
- 18 "Lecole des femmes" playwright
- 19 Reputed Dead Sea Scrolls transcribers
- 24 "Band of Gold" singer Payne
- 29 Theater work
- 32 Be outscored
- 34 Alien-seeking gp.
- 36 Highland tongue
- 37 Solzhenitsyn subject
- 39 Passover
- 41 Sam Spade type
- 44 Great Barrier Reef feature

- 45 Boo mate?
- 46 Heart doc's readout
- 47 Guzzler on the road
- 48 Hard thing to get out of
- 49 Share on Facebook, as a picture
- 55 Complete, in law
- 56 Paris's — Rodin
- 58 "Right back —"
- 60 Curtin castmate
- 63 Asian menu assurance
- 64 Masters prog. entrance criterion
- 65 Female lobster
- 66 Uneaten bit
- 68 "There's — of Hush": Herman's Hermits hit
- 70 They can make things clearer
- 71 Uno e due
- 72 Philip II's fleet
- 74 Bygone cartography initials
- 75 Third col., usually
- 76 —Kosh B'gosh
- 77 Female nonclericals
- 78 Asylum seeker
- 83 Shorthand pioneer
- 86 Stitch
- 88 One may be high or low
- 89 With 104-Down, what bosses rule
- 90 Wood used to age spirits
- 92 Preserves thickener
- 93 "— a date!"
- 94 Buster?
- 96 1914 battle river
- 98 Soft drink manufacturer, e.g.
- 99 Get by effort
- 100 Exchanged texts, say
- 101 Emergency phone link
- 104 See 89-Down
- 105 Quietly show anger toward
- 108 Disagrees
- 112 Put on ice
- 113 Sierra Nevada resort
- 115 Backed (away)
- 116 Parson's place
- 118 — of Glamis: Macbeth
- 119 Worsted variety
- 120 Resting places
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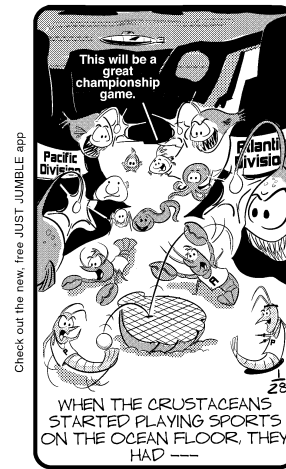
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Jumble

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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Sudoku

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

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Keep the jewelry? Then keep the gentleman too.



JUDITH MARTIN
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: I was dating a gentleman for a short time. Four dates, and then I decided that I did not care to see him anymore. I met him through my work, and I see him briefly every morning, because he has a daily pick-up at my office.

One day, as he left the office, he handed me a beautiful piece of jewelry without any comment. I was taken off guard.

He has not asked me out or given me any indication that he wants to see me. The next day when I saw him, I asked him why he gave it to me, and he said he wanted me to have it.

I said that we were hardly talking to each other. He responded, "We are now."

Gentle reader: You mean that you kept the jewelry? Then you get to keep the gentleman who gave it to you.

That is the reasoning behind a rule that probably no one except Miss Manners remembers: that a lady does not accept jewelry from any gentleman, whether she likes him or not, if she is not related to him or engaged to become so.

Dear Miss Manners: Where is the correct place for one or two egg cups for soft-boiled eggs in a breakfast place setting? Where is the egg spoon placed? And once the egg has been eaten, where should one leave the spoon?

So far, I have always placed the egg cup(s) to the upper left side of the

plate and the spoon to the right of the knife and, once the egg was eaten, laid the spoon on my plate.

Gentle reader: Do you mind moving that egg cup to the center of the plate beneath it, where it should have been in the first place? Miss Manners is a bit nervous about making soft-boiled eggs, which tend to be slippery, take a longer trip than necessary.

Thank you. She feels better.

Being small, the egg spoon can arrive on the right side of the plate as well as leave on it, but it can also be placed to the right of the knife — if you even need a full-sized knife at breakfast, rather than a butter knife, which would arrive on the butter plate.

Dear Miss Manners: My friend was supposed to get married six years ago, but the wedding was canceled. I still have the bridesmaid's dress I was supposed to wear (something I would never wear post-wedding — a satin, strapless, dark purple, floor-length gown).

She is no longer with the former groom, and has been in a relationship for three years with a divorced man who says he will never marry again. How long must I keep this gown? Or may I go ahead and sell it to a future prom queen?

Gentle reader: Your friend changed her mind about whom she wanted to live with, and you expect her to be loyal to a dress?

But you are certainly faithful. Miss Manners is astonished that you let it take up space in your closet for six years, and not only condones your getting rid of it, but urges you to do so.

Dear Miss Manners: I am

a 30-year-old woman who has been dealing with debilitating skin issues, the one most hindering being a severe sensitivity to scent — specifically, excessive cologne and perfume, to the point where I will break out in a rash and asthma symptoms. This has led me to leave a job I love, and my apartment.

I avoid the big department stores when out, but occasionally when out in public, if someone is drenched in scent (not just a spritz), I have a bad reaction. I try to just take myself out of the situation. On occasion, those individuals have made rude remarks about my quick exit and take it personally when I about-face.

I am wondering what is a polite way to handle the situation. (I also believed it was not polite to drench oneself in perfume or cologne, even before I had these issues.)

Should I explain their own lack of respect for others in general, or just keep walking away and take my licks?

Gentle reader: Unless you are making faces at the fragrant offenders, Miss Manners wonders that they take a stranger's departure personally. But as any explanation would require remaining in range, she prefers that your quick exit remain unexplained.

You might, however, attempt to disguise it better, perhaps by seeing someone in the distance or looking as if you just realized you left the gas on at home.

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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Last week's crosswords

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Last week's Sudoku

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This week's Jumble

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The "Access and Ability" exhibit includes items designed to improve the lives of people with all kinds of disabilities — and even those without.

Deft designs for those with disabilities

Exhibit's items can make tasks easier for anyone

BY KATHERINE ROTH | Associated Press

From snazzy canes to tremor-proof spoons to a racing wheelchair, a new exhibit at the Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum in New York

highlights a surge in designs for and by those with a wide range of disabilities. "The show really celebrates this proliferation of designing today for people

with physical, cognitive and sensory disabilities. More than that, it's about attitudes toward designing for a wider group of users so you don't have to have so



CHRIS J. GAUTHIER/COOPER HEWITT, SMITHSONIAN DESIGN MUSEUM

“Access and Ability,” an exhibit of designs for and by people with disabilities, is on display through Sept. 3 at the Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum in New York.

many separate objects. It’s a new spirit of inclusiveness in design,” says Cara McCarty, director of curatorial at Cooper Hewitt.

McCarty co-curated the “Access and Ability” exhibit, on view through Sept. 3, with Rochelle Steiner, curator and professor of critical studies at the Roski School of Art and Design at the University of Southern California.

“The emphasis is on what people can do, not on what they can’t,” McCarty says.

There’s a shower safety bar that also serves as an eye-catching shower caddy; pill containers with a light-up reminder feature; and Velcro wallpaper where the memory-challenged can park their phones and remotes.

The show focuses on designs of the last decade

that are both fashionable and functional.

“It’s important to realize that most people have some kind of disability at some point in their life, whether it’s hearing or eyesight or memory, and the majority of disabilities are invisible to others, so it’s much more common than you might think,” McCarty says.

The goal of the more than 70 designs featured is to expand people’s ability to lead independent and dignified lives, engaging more fully with the world.

McCarty points out that many designs meant to help those with disabilities, such as OXO Good Grips products, which were originally designed to help people with arthritis, can turn out to make common household tasks easier for everyone. Like OXO prod-

“The emphasis is on what people can do, not on what they can’t.”

— Cara McCarty, director of curatorial at the Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum in New York

ucts, a number of these designs are easily available and affordable. A children’s winter jacket featured in the show, with zip-off sleeves and Velcro sides, is available at Target stores.

Other items on display, such as compression socks in an array of attractive patterns, are for sale in the museum shop.

The exhibit is organized into three sections: Moving, Connecting and Living.

The Moving section includes the racing wheelchair designed by Designworks and made by BMW, and a colorful array of canes. A prototype of a

“Walking Stick System” designed by Michael Graves Architecture and Design is lightweight, eye-catching and can stand up on its own. The “Chatfield Walking Cane,” designed by Matthew Kroeker, is made of cast aluminum and walnut, with bright silicone handles made to be grippy and not slide as easily when leaned against a wall. One walking stick includes a built-in flashlight.

The Connecting gallery features a voting booth designed for use in Los Angeles County starting in 2020. Designed by IDEO, a firm in Palo Alto, Calif., the

yellow booth is wheelchair-height, and features headphones in addition to a large touch screen with instructions in many languages.

In the final gallery, devoted to everyday life, a colorful square prototype of a “Shower Trellis Grab Bar With Shelf, Sprayer Holder and Hook,” designed by Michael Graves Architecture and Design, is multifunctional and meant to replace standard bathroom safety rails that can make home bathrooms resemble those in hospitals.

The AdhereTech Smart Pill Bottle lights up — and will signal a caregiver’s phone — when it’s time to take a medication, and the Liftware Level spoon is designed to stay steady even if the hand of the person holding it isn’t.

A gallery adjacent to the

exhibition is devoted to new designs as well as crowdsourced suggestions for design ideas of the future. The works stem from a partnership between the museum and Pratt Institute, in collaboration with CaringKind, a nonprofit dedicated to Alzheimer’s caregiving.

Here, velvety-looking floral wallpaper made of Velcro provides a home for easy-to-misplace items like remote controls. A standard walker has been outfitted with a sort of window box for small herb plants, and numerous family photos hung on the inside of a front door are meant to distract Alzheimer’s sufferers from leaving the house.

McCarty says the show will likely travel beyond New York, although future venues and dates have not been confirmed.

How to stop winter burn in evergreens

Anti-transpirants can prevent overdrying, but use caution with sprays

BY LEE REICH
Associated Press

Did you notice browned areas on your evergreens at the end of last winter? You may still be able to do something to prevent a repeat performance of this condition, winter burn, which happens when evergreen leaves lose too much water in winter.

No need to worry about deciduous trees and shrubs in winter because, without leaves, they lose little moisture.

Anti-transpirants, also called anti-desiccants, are materials that slow water loss from plant leaves. (Wilt-Pruf is a common brand, and there are others.) Sprayed on leaves, these materials help plants when their roots can't take up enough water to replace that lost from leaves.

Evergreens sometimes find themselves in this thirsty predicament in winter, especially when bright sun, wind and temperatures above freezing suck water out of the leaves yet the soil remains so deeply frozen that roots can't absorb sufficient moisture.

To protect a plant in winter with an anti-transpirant, spray the leaves in late fall and then again toward the end of winter. Spray only when temperatures are above freezing, and wash out the sprayer with warm, soapy water immediately after application.

Anti-transpirants can also help preserve the foliage on evergreen branches cut for vases and on Christmas trees. Because they actually coat leaves, anti-transpirants have also reduced the incidence of certain diseases, such as downy mildew on zinnias, and black spot and powdery mildew on roses.

I'm not recommending dousing your winter landscape in anti-transpirant sprays. Some cautions are in order. Those same pores through which leaves lose water also draw in carbon dioxide for photosynthesis. Plants get their energy from the sun with photosynthesis, so they could be



LEE REICH/AP

Winter burn is evident here on arborvitae leaves. Anti-transpirants can lessen the chance of brown spots on evergreens in winter.

weakened by these sprays.

Unfortunately, anti-transpirants are generally more hazardous to evergreens, which need them more, than to deciduous plants.

Never apply anti-transpirants to blue spruces or other plants with bluish, waxy coatings on their leaves. That waxy coating is the plant's own, natural anti-transpirant. Spraying an anti-transpirant washes away the wax and the blueness.

Minimize toxic effects from anti-transpirants by reading the label carefully, noting cautions with respect to certain plants, and following directions as to dilution and timing.

A few other measures besides or in addition to spraying an anti-transpirant can help your evergreens avoid winter burn. If the

soil is very dry in autumn, water. Stationing yourself in front of your evergreen spraying the ground with a hose-end sprayer won't do it; the plants will need about 2 gallons for every square foot of estimated spread of their roots.

Mulching the ground in autumn also helps by conserving moisture in the soil and maintaining a warmer soil temperature to a greater depth. Roots are more active in warmer soil, and less frozen water means more water available to roots.

When planting an evergreen, site it to lessen chances of winter burn. Drying winter sunlight will beat down on evergreen leaves backed by a south-facing wall or reflected off concrete or other paving.

But also keep that anti-transpirant handy.



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Signs of winter burn include needles or leaves that have turned golden or brown. But it's only a problem with evergreens.



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When pruning a tree branch, be sure to cut just outside the branch collar, the swollen area that surrounds the base of the branch.

3 steps to safely prune a tree

BY BETH BOTTS
Chicago Tribune

Winter is a good time to prune cracked or damaged branches from trees. Before you decide to tackle the task, make sure you can do it safely, for you and the tree.

You'll want to hire a trained, certified arborist for major branches of large trees. "Homeowners should stick to branches they can prune while standing on the ground," said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. Even so, a tree branch can be surprisingly heavy. If it falls the wrong way, it can be dangerous. It also can rip off bark and wood from the trunk and create a wound that a tree won't be able to seal.

To protect yourself, wear safety glasses and gloves and use a sharp pruning saw. Follow this three-step procedure.

Step 1: Cut from underneath. About a foot out from the trunk, make a cut upward from the underside of the branch. Saw about a third of the way through. This notch protects the tree trunk from

damage: If the branch starts to break off, the cut will keep it from ripping bark and wood from the trunk as it falls. Instead, the branch will break off at the notch.

Step 2: Remove the branch. Right above the first cut, saw through the branch from the top. "Be careful to think about where the branch will fall so you're not in the way," Yiesla said. If it's a large branch, take the time to remove it in two or three sections, starting at the tip. That way, none of the individual sections will be too heavy.

Step 3: Remove the stub. "This is the most critical step for the health of the tree," Yiesla says. You will have a stub about a foot long protruding from the trunk. Examine it to find the branch collar — a visible ridge or swollen area surrounding the base of the branch. Make your last cut just outside the collar.

Be sure not to cut into the collar itself. The area where the branch and trunk meet can send out chemical defenses that prevent decay while the

tree seals over the wound, according to Jake Miesbauer, arboriculture scientist at the Arboretum. Although the collar may look like part of the branch, it also includes wood from the tree's trunk, so damaging the collar harms the trunk.

It's also important not to cut too far outside the collar, leaving a prominent stub. The wound will not actually heal, filling in with new tissue the way our skin heals a cut. Instead, the tree will slowly grow "woundwood" to cover over the base of the stump.

If you leave a large stub, the woundwood will take longer to encase it, and the stub may start to rot before the wound is covered. That decaying wood can be sealed inside the woundwood and continue to rot, Miesbauer said.

To learn more about pruning, see www.mortonarb.org/plantadvice. For tree and plant advice, contact the plant clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

Beth Botts is a staff writer at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle (www.mortonarb.org).

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Winter claims that insurance may not cover

BY DEBBIE CARLSON
Chicago Tribune

Winter storms can bring havoc to homes, with heavy snows or deep freezes causing roof damage, furnace malfunctions or burst water pipes.

These mishaps should be covered by your homeowners insurance, right? Maybe — or maybe not. It depends on two factors: your individual policy and your responsibility to keep your house in good shape.

Before the depths of winter settle in, homeowners should check with their insurance agent about what will be covered, said Fran O'Brien, division president of Chubb Personal Risk Services.

"They will help address your exposure to these different types of (winter-weather) events and make sure you have the appropriate information," she said.

Hugo Alvarez, an attorney who works on real estate and insurance-related claims at law firm Becker & Poliakoff, said some policies limit what damages they will cover.

"The reason for that is it's cheaper for the homeowner to purchase," Alvarez said.

A less-expensive policy may have been tailored to keep premiums down by limiting what the insurance company will pay for, known as covered perils, he said. Homeowners may not realize their bare-bones policy won't cover certain incidents.

"That matters because when the winter season rolls around ... those very specific, narrow policies may not afford any insurance coverage," he said.

Once homeowners understand their policy, they also need to realize there are some steps they may need to take to mitigate potential damage, said Carl Gross, vice president and chief administrative



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If you don't maintain heat in your home and there's a broken pipe, the insurance company might not cover the claim.

officer at Globe Midwest Adjusters International.

We looked at three common household accidents during winter and how insurance might treat coverage.

Frozen or burst water pipes. Homeowners are 40 percent more likely to experience a water leak due to cold weather, O'Brien said. Pipes near the exterior of the home can become much colder than those in the interior. During extended cold snaps, these pipes can burst, causing water to gush out. If the homeowner is at home and quickly shuts off the water and the house temperatures are warm, this claim should be covered, O'Brien,

Alvarez and Gross said.

The problem comes if you don't maintain high enough heat in the property. People who go away for the winter, whether on a short trip or an extended vacation, and turn down the home's thermostat significantly to save on heating bills, may come home to busted pipes and water damage.

"There's responsibility on part of the homeowner. If you don't maintain heat in your home and there's a broken pipe, the insurance company might not cover the claim," Gross said.

Even temperatures as high as 50 degrees might not be warm enough to keep those pipes closest to outside walls from freezing

during prolonged cold spells. O'Brien said it's recommended that temperatures be maintained around 65 to keep the whole house warm enough to prevent freezing.

Ice dams. Ice can build up on sloped roofs at the eaves and prevent meltwater drainage, which can cause roof and gutter damage. Damage from these events is generally covered, but there may be times when insurance companies will try to fight the claim, such as if the roof is old or of low quality.

"In all insurance policies, we see exclusions such as not covering poor workmanship, or if the roof was not properly installed. That

can increase the chance of an ice dam, and then the exclusion is triggered. If the roof is old, there might be exclusion with long-term wear and tear. That might be basis for a denial, in respect to coverage," Alvarez said.

Especially with roofs that are 20 or 30 years old, depending on the policy, it's possible the insurer might say wear and tear ultimately caused the roof to fail. If the roof is old and an ice dam occurred, Gross said, it's possible the insurer may only pay a depreciated value, if it does pay.

Dead furnace. A lot of furnaces fail during deep freezes, as the HVAC system has to work harder to

keep the house warm. But don't expect your homeowners policy to cover a broken furnace, they said.

"Maintenance of home systems is generally not covered under a homeowners policy," O'Brien said.

What if the furnace dies while you're gone and causes damage in the house? Some of the ensuing damage that might occur could be covered, she said.

"For example, if your HVAC system conks out and causes your pipes to freeze, the pipes might be covered, but the (heating) system might not be," O'Brien said.

Debbie Carlson is a freelance writer.

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BY SARI ANNE TUSCHMAN | Los Angeles Times

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Sari Anne Tuschman is a freelancer.



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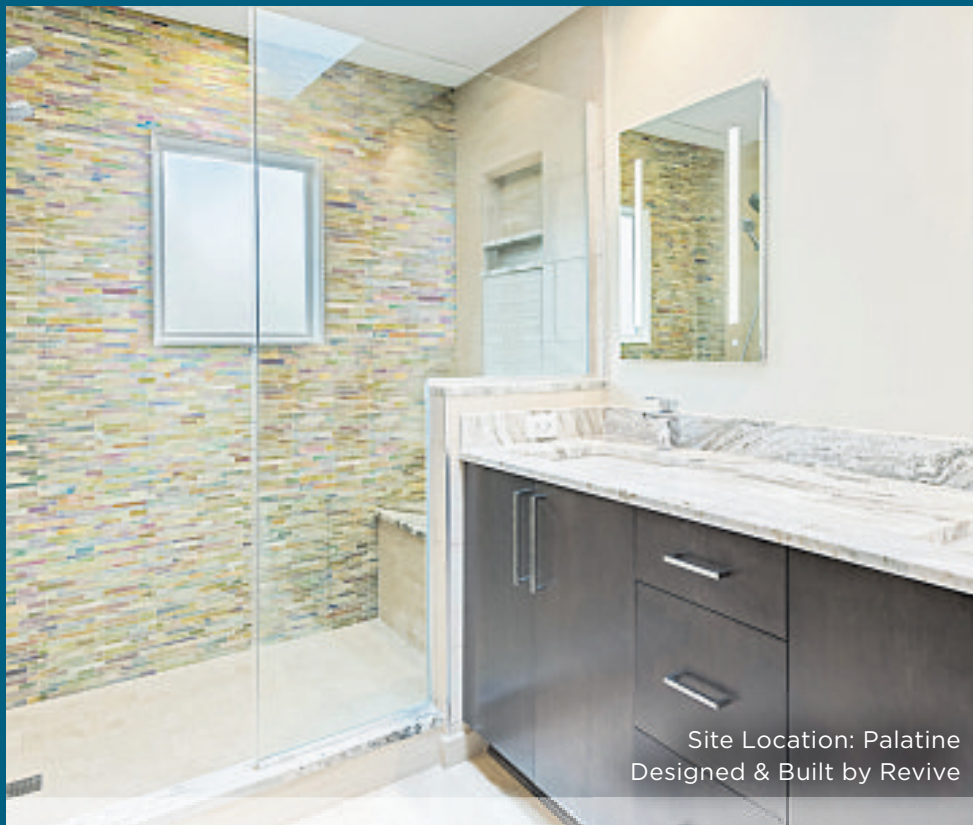
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Coping with curls? You're not alone



ELLEN WARREN
Shopping

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I'm looking to change things up a bit. My lifestyle is very casual — jeans and T-shirts — as I spend much of my time outdoors. I work hard and don't like to fuss over my hair or makeup. But I'm about to take on a new role and will be making speeches and presentations, and I need to renew or refine my look.

I've been working with my hairdresser. She's good at cutting curly hair. Her styles look good at the salon, but after the first shower, it's a mess, and I'm back to pulling it back with clips.

Any suggestions on a stylist I could see that cuts curls (not super-curly, more of crazy Medusa-like tresses), but for women who like minimal fuss? Any suggestion will be greatly appreciated.

— Debbie C. Z.

Dear Debbie: You have definitely come to the right place with your questions about curly hair. I've been trying to cope with my curls my entire life. And I do mean cope. I'll bet that people always come up to you (they sure do that to me) and say, "I wish I had your curls." They seem to think that we hop out of bed, shake our hair a bit, and that's it. We both know that is so far from the truth.

The best curly-hair stylists I've found were at www.devacurl.com. DevaCurl makes many products for curly hair, but it also trains stylists around the country, and the web-



IMAGE SOURCE

Curly hair needs special products and even stylists. DevaCurl trains stylists and lists them on its website.

site has a "Find a Stylist" tab that lists the Deva-trained stylists within 10 to 250 miles of your address. That's how I found Maritza in Fort Myers, Fla., and Kristy Kladzyk at Chicago's Studio Within, both of whom are great.

To get a good cut, you need a stylist who listens to you and who cuts your hair dry, not wet. Yes, you read that right. Only when a curly girl's hair is cut dry can the stylist treat the individual curls properly because wet curly hair looks completely different when it dries. Since curly hair needs vastly more moisture than straight hair, you will need to try many, many products until you find what's right for you. I use only products by DevaCurl, but there are

plenty of others — conditioners, gels, mousses, etc. — in drugstores and salons with devoted followings.

If you are willing to add just a bit of makeup to your beauty routine before those public presentations, try a BB cream (tinted moisturizer), a little blush, mascara and eyeliner. Three minutes of effort, max. My current favorite eyeliner is drugstore brand Maybelline's Unstoppable, which is simple to apply and stays put.

You didn't ask for wardrobe suggestions, but you can't go wrong with a crisp white shirt, dark trousers, and a slightly fitted jacket or cardigan in a flattering color, which will give you a polished look.

Another hair question ...

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: My hairdresser and I are at our wits' end. There is a section of hair on the top of my head (on the part line, unfortunately) that just won't retain color. After I get my hair done, it sometimes appears that the dye covered the gray. But the white patch reappears the next day. Now even the free redo by my hairdresser isn't working.

My hairdresser is a knowledgeable person. He just finished all the classes needed to teach at a beauty school. He has spoken to the company that manufactures the dye and played around with various formulas. Nothing has helped. Any ideas?

— Judith A.

Dear Judith: I am sure

what you want, but at least it covers the gray).

Readers out there, ever hear of this problem? I hadn't. Do you have suggestions for Judith? Going gray, by the way, is not an option.

And one more ...

Dear Answer Angel:

What is the etiquette today for tipping your hair stylist if he or she owns the salon? In my case, the owner charges a higher rate for hair coloring, haircuts, etc., than the stylists that work for her. Also, with the popularity of hair stylists "renting" salon space in suites, what is the proper tipping etiquette? It seems as if these stylists are "owners." In either case, I tip 15 percent to 20 percent but find myself wondering if I am overtipping. I welcome your thoughts and advice. Thank you!

— Pat S.

Dear Pat: The idea that you're not supposed to tip the salon owner never made much sense to me. And apparently, I was not alone. It's now commonplace for customers to tip whoever does the hair, including the owner. You're doing the right thing tipping in the 15 to 20 percent range. At your salon, if the owner charges more than the other stylists, I'd probably stick with 15 percent. And don't forget the person who shampoos your hair. I always give mine \$5 because she truly can use the cash.

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangelellen@gmail.com.

Ellen Warren is a freelancer.

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BY KT HAWBAKER | Chicago Tribune

Well, here we are again.

The holidays are over, the relatives have gone home and the glitz of New Year's Eve has been traded in for puffy coats. The practical — but a bit dull — winter clothes from the back of the closet are now up front.

It might be a while before spring blooms, but that's no reason to give into the gray of January and February. Yes, it's freezing outside. Yes, the snow is no longer white. Fashion doesn't care.

"I am a huge believer in flowers during the winter. I never leave the house without a flowery Liberty print shirt," says Simon Doonan, creative ambassador for Barney's New York. "This season, I bought an insanely colorful Loewe striped sweater. It cheers me up, to mention nothing of those who encounter me."

Adding a few bold statement pieces to your wardrobe is the perfect way to stay stylish and summon warmer days in spite of the ho-hum weather. Put down the chunky camel sweater — just for a second — and check out our picks for mood-boosting winter wear.

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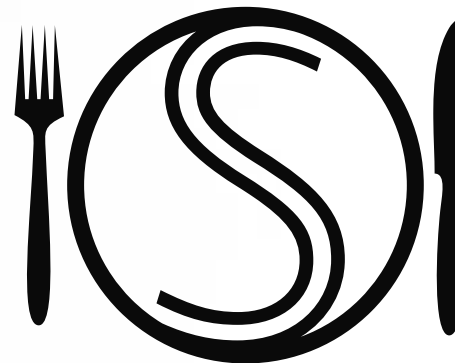
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Candid Candace

BY CANDACE JORDAN
Chicago Tribune



Eisenopoly games help fund cancer research

It was all fun and games at the ninth annual Eisenopoly fundraiser hosted by the Associate Board of The Harold E. Eisenberg Foundation. Revel Fulton Market in the West Loop was filled Jan. 19 with 600 guests who came out to support the nonprofit's mission to fund gastrointestinal cancer research and advance real estate education. Partygoers played Monopoly board games for high-stakes prizes and enjoyed tastings from some of Chicago's top restaurants, including Formento's, Gene & Georgetti, Capital Grille Rosemont, Bar Lupo, Aloha Poke Co., Nando's Peri-Peri, Wow Bao and Ronero.

A popular element of the event is the "jail and bail" game in which high-profile attendees are "arrested" and then "freed on bail" by friends with proceeds benefiting the foundation. The evening's "most wanted" guests helped raise \$6,500.

Katie Wales, Eisenberg Foundation executive director, shared details of the nonprofit's recent \$1.5 million gift to the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. "This is the largest single gift in our foundation's history. It will fully fund the Harold E. Eisenberg Foundation GI Cancer Onco-SET program, an initiative to deliver personalized cancer treatments to patients with very limited options," she said.

The nonprofit was founded in 1999 by the family and friends of Harold "Hal" Eisenberg, a leader in the world of real estate, after he died of liver cancer. His daughter, Lesley Kiferbaum, said, "It is incredibly rewarding to know that people are not only remembering my dad, but working towards a unified goal of making the world a better place."

Co-chaired by Julia Klairmont and Michael Mintz, the event raised \$200,000 for innovative research programs at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center, where the foundation funds a GI Cancer Tissue Bank.

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved with many local groups, including some whose events she covers.

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If Amazon picks Chicago, gentrification might be a concern. DePaul University professor John Joe Schlichtman said a community benefits agreement could help a disinvested area.

A market primed for HQ2?

Experts weigh in on what an Amazon arrival would mean for area housing



MARK LENNIHAN/AP

Amazon would bring an economic windfall to any metro area it chooses for its second headquarters. The company's HQ2 could take up to 8 million-plus square feet of office space and spawn as many as 50,000 well-paying jobs.

By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**
Chicago Tribune

With Chicago now one of 20 major metro areas making the first cut for Amazon's second headquarters, area homeowners might wonder if landing Amazon would be simultaneously a blessing and a curse.

The online retailing behemoth would bring an economic windfall to any metro area it chooses with its second headquarters, dubbed HQ2, which could span as much as 8 million-plus square feet of office space and spawn as many as 50,000 well-paying jobs along with \$5 billion in investment over the next decade and a half.

But would such a rapid influx of professionals also price scores of Chicagoans out of their neighborhoods? Experts say no.

With all the usual caveats applying — even if Amazon chooses Chicago for HQ2, no one yet knows which part of the city or suburbs the company would select — economists were quick to acknowledge that while Amazon's arrival would be a nice stimulant for Chicago's housing market, it would hardly turn the region, or even parts of it, into a place where soaring rents and stratospheric home prices are the norm.

Aaron Terrazas, a senior economist for Zillow, observed that the Chicago area's real estate market likely would be able to adjust fairly quickly to the demand shock that would accompany winning HQ2.

Although the national housing market has rebounded strongly since the Great Recession, with prices about 5 percent above the pre-crisis peak, Chicago's prices remain below their pre-crisis peak, he said.

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'Rapid rescoring' can provide a quick credit fix



KENNETH R. HARNEY
The Nation's Housing

Many mortgage applicants have never heard of "rapid rescoring" or CreditXpert score simulations — in part because some lenders choose not to educate them.

That's unfortunate, because anyone who's looking for the

most favorable interest rates and terms in 2018's rising interest rate environment ought to know at least the basics about them — especially if their current score puts them near a break point between getting a better deal or qualifying for a loan altogether.

Here's a quick primer. Say you spot one or more errors in your credit reports — maybe there's an account you've paid off in full but it's still being reported as open and delinquent, or perhaps there's a collection-account issue you've settled with a creditor but it's still reported as ongoing. Both are potentially significant nega-

tives for your credit score, but if you have documentation, you can show they're out of date.

What to do? You could begin the standard process of getting them corrected by asking the creditors involved to request the national credit bureaus to amend your files. But here's the problem: You're under contract to buy a house and you need the errors corrected immediately — or you risk not qualifying for the mortgage or interest rate you need.

Fixing the errors directly with the credit bureaus could take weeks. Enter rapid rescoring — a process that frequently can get

the erroneous information corrected in as little as two to three days. It works like this: You provide the documentation about the accounts to your loan officer, then request a rapid rescore using the loan officer's mortgage credit-report vendor. The vendor's staff will then verify your documentation with the creditor(s) involved and provide the corrected information directly to the credit bureaus.

The updates should show up quickly on your credit files, allowing the vendor to supply a new and more accurate credit report to your lender along with a new

— and typically higher — credit score.

Paul Wohkittel of CIS, a national credit-reporting company, says that although the improvements in scores vary with the severity of the erroneous credit-file information being corrected, he's "seen scores that go up by 50 to 60 points," saving applicants thousands of dollars in higher mortgage payments over time.

Terry Clemans, executive director of the National Consumer Reporting Association, a credit-industry trade group based

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Chicago's real estate market has recovered slowly. HQ2 would be a lift, economists said.

Experts: City has room for HQ2

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"Chicago has lagged the housing recovery," Terrazas said.

In addition, those worried about being priced out of Chicago can take comfort in the fact that the city isn't especially limited by space constraints. Plenty of land in the city and suburbs is ripe for residential development.

"A lot of this depends on where the headquarters would go," Terrazas noted, but the question is "how quickly can supply respond?"

In tech hubs including Seattle, the San Francisco Bay Area and even New York City, it has been almost impossible for supply to keep up with a tremendous pace of growth, Terrazas said.

Seattle, where Amazon is currently headquartered, "is a very supply-constrained environment, and has very restrictive building codes and is surrounded by water on multiple sides. So it's difficult and costly to add housing," Terrazas said. "And, Seattle has an underdeveloped public transit system. None of that is the case in Chicago. Chicago has a well-developed transit network and is not nearly as supply-restrictive as Seattle."

Ralph McLaughlin, chief economist at Trulia, tends to agree. Because Chicago's real estate market has lagged those in other major metro areas, HQ2 would be a terrific lift but would hardly overheat

the area's housing market, he said.

"I actually think the Chicago housing market, which has been doing OK but has suffered from broad population loss in the region, actually could (enjoy) a nice shot in the arm from Amazon, a nice boost to Chicago real estate," he said.

"The real estate market in Chicago hasn't been floundering by any means, but compared to other markets, it has been a bit anemic, and a boost of 50,000 new jobs could certainly buoy up the market a bit."

McLaughlin conceded that if HQ2 is awarded to Chicago and then a site is selected near the downtown area, "demand could outstrip supply" for a time, given how long it could take for added multifamily housing to be constructed. But it's also possible that the opposite would be the case — that Amazon's HQ2 would take longer to build than the time to erect new residential housing nearby.

In Seattle, where Amazon has become frustrated with its own current office space limitations, residents in inner Seattle have become similarly annoyed by spiking housing prices and rents.

Amazon "really pushed up the (housing) market" in Seattle, McLaughlin said. "It was hard to expand supply in that market."

The dynamic in Seattle was different when Microsoft came of age, Terrazas

said. The software giant, which has been headquartered in the Seattle suburb of Redmond since 1986, built its campus at a time when the suburban office market was far more common.

Aside from questions of supply, some experts caution that placing HQ2 in Chicago is fraught with peril for those concerned about gentrification. John Joe Schlichtman, an associate professor of sociology at DePaul University and co-author of the book "Gentrifier," noted that if HQ2 is placed in a thriving area, other struggling neighborhoods could see a muted impact at best. But, if HQ2 is situated in an area that has been down on its luck, it could significantly alter that area and hasten gentrification.

"If HQ2 goes to a disinvested neighborhood, every effort must be made to not merely displace what is currently there — through mechanisms such as a community benefits agreement," he said.

"Chicago has a clear divide between neighborhoods trending toward disinvestment and those trending toward hyperinvestment. This is a community fabric that only government can balance. If HQ2 goes to an already burgeoning site, the issue will be the furthering of this divide."

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If renovations lack permit, insurance, liability affected



BENNY L. KASS
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Q: A dear friend of mine has made significant changes to her home: She knocked down a wall, vaulted the ceiling of the resulting larger room, wired lights into the new ceiling and installed a hardwood floor. All this was done without pulling local building permits. When, if ever, might she experience repercussions from not pulling permits, and what might those repercussions be? What advice would you offer her at this point (with all the renovations completed)?

A: There are several repercussions. First, if there is a fire from the electrical work, and if the insurance company learns that no permits were pulled, your friend may not get any insurance money. Second, if the house is on the market for sale, potential buyers may be turned off when they learn the facts. More significantly, if someone buys, and then has a problem, your friend can be sued for failure to disclose there were no permits.

To my knowledge, it is easy for anyone with a computer to learn whether permits have in fact been pulled. For example, here in the District of Columbia, where I practice law, all I have to do is type in "PIVS" (property information verification system) and I can learn more than I really need to know about a particular property.

What should your friend do? She should hire an experienced contractor who can inspect the work (be aware, this may require



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There are several potential repercussions to completing major home renovations without a permit, but there also are steps you can take to get a backdated permit.

some destructive testing) and then arrange for the local government agency to review the situation. To my knowledge, it is possible to backdate the permits once everyone has inspected and is satisfied that the work was done properly.

Q: In our area there are several four-flats that are condo buildings. It appears they are managed by one or two management companies. Here's my question. Let's consider one four-flat building. If I bought one condo, then another, then another, then the last one — buying all four condos as they came on the market — would I own the entire building or just the four condos? I'd like to own the entire building, but I have to wait for each of the condos to come on the market.

A: If there are four units in the condominium association, once you own all four, you can rent or sell them individually or collectively. Or you can rent or sell unit by unit. Alternatively, once you

own all units, you have the right to terminate the condominium association and sell the entire property. Or you can sell off two or three and rent one.

In other words, once you own all four units in that four-unit building, you have right to do whatever you believe is reasonable.

Of interest: Over the years, many readers have asked me if I have some good suggestions for real estate movies. Here are some of my favorites: "Field of Dreams," "Inherent Vice," "Money Pit" and, of course, "Gone with the Wind." One movie often recommend to clients planning to rent their property is "Pacific Heights" — not my favorite, but good for educating potential landlords.

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Rapid rescoring can help homebuyers-to-be fix errors on their credit report in as little as two to three days, which is fast enough that it can help even buyers facing tight deadlines qualify for a mortgage or secure a better interest rate.

Rescoring, 'what if' test are useful tools

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in Roselle, calls rapid rescoring "a great tool anytime consumers find something in error but need to expedite the (correction) process."

But rapid rescoring is not for everyone who seeks a quick score boost. For example, if the negative information depressing your score is accurate, it won't help. Then there's the expense. Rescoring can cost \$30 or more per updated account per credit bureau. So if you've got multiple accounts to correct in all three major national bureaus, the total cost can be significant. Plus, there's another wrinkle: You as a consumer are not permitted to pay directly for rescoring. Your lender is required to foot the bill, though that might find its way into your total loan fees at settlement.

The expense of rapid rescoring is why some lenders are reluctant to raise the subject with certain applicants. Paul Skeens, president of Colonial Mortgage Group in Waldorf, Md., said that "a lot of people who have problems on their credit reports simply don't have a lot of money to spare." But for those who can afford it, "it really does

work." One applicant who had a good income but a 680 FICO credit score — too low for the best available mortgage rate — zoomed to a much better 740 after a rapid rescoring, Skeens said.

There's another valuable mortgage credit tool you should know about. If your score isn't quite what you need but the information in your files is accurate, your lender should be able to obtain a "what if" simulation through its credit vendor. Using a proprietary model marketed by Baltimore-based CreditXpert, the simulation can estimate the credit score changes available to you by taking certain actions. For instance, the simulation might reveal that by paying down a specific credit card balance or by lowering your currently maxed-out "utilization ratio" on another account, you could improve your score by enough points to get you approved for a better deal.

Bottom line: Be aware of these options. When you apply for a mortgage, you're not necessarily locked into your score. You just might be able to do better.

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SAVINGS UPDATE

Your smartest move when a CD is maturing

When you have a certificate of deposit approaching its maturity date, your bank or credit union can make things very easy on you. Do nothing and they'll conveniently roll your funds into a new CD. But for the savvy saver, it's usually a mistake to let them do this.

The CD marketplace is chock full of options from hundreds of institutions, in a wide variety of term lengths, interest rates and special features. And because investing in a new CD requires committing those funds for usually at least a year, and often several years, it's wise to lock into a good deal.

In contrast, letting a CD mature without any instructions on how to handle the proceeds typically results in the bank rolling the funds into a new CD that's as similar in length as possible to the maturing CD. So if your original certificate was a 21-month special, they'll likely move your money into their current 24-month standard CD.

While it's theoretically possible the standard CD offers a good return, chances are exceptionally high you'll find a better yield by shopping around. That's because many top-earning CDs are special odd-month terms or limited-time promotions, not standard issue certificates.

Fortunately, it's easy to have your CD liquidated instead of auto-renewed. In the weeks before expiration, your financial institution will notify you of the impending maturity date, with instructions for informing them what to do with the funds. Generally, they provide the option to transfer the proceeds to a linked savings account, and from there, you can do what you like with the funds.

The important thing is to submit your liquidation request in time for their deadline, as the grace period is slight. You'll then have whatever time you need to figure out the next best step for your funds.

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VHT STUDIOS PHOTOS*



HOME OF THE WEEK

New home near Southport Corridor: \$2.4 million

ADDRESS: 3750 N. Greenview Ave. in Chicago
ASKING PRICE: \$2,395,000
 Listed on Sept. 27

Jean Stoffer-designed custom kitchen with white cabinets, double Sub-Zero, Wolf and Asko appliances, opens to a bright dining area and wide comfortable great room. Double doors lead to a raised outdoor patio with wood-burning fireplace. Four large bedrooms on the second floor with three full baths. The spacious master suite has a luxurious master bath and walk-in closet. Top floor has a powder room and full wet bar, with double sliding doors leading to a roof deck. Spacious lower level offers family room with wet bar, refrigerator and ice maker, as well as an en-suite bedroom, additional swing room and half-bath. Heated front steps and attached, radiant-heated two-car garage. Agent: Richard Kasper of Conlon: A Real Estate Company, 773-919-4333



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At press time, this home was still for sale.

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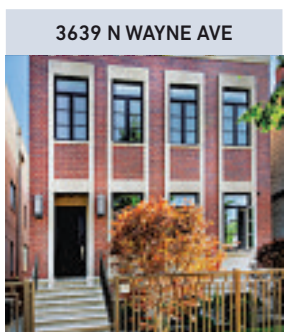
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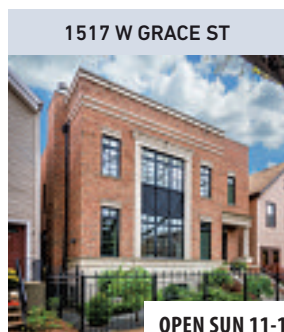
Highly upgraded, modern home on an extra-wide 33' lot in a fab Southport Corridor location!
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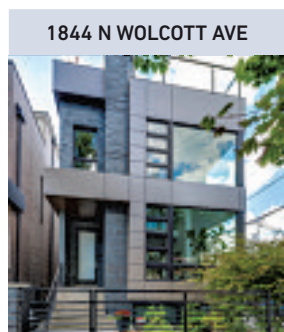
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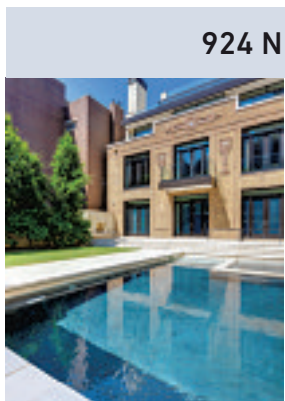
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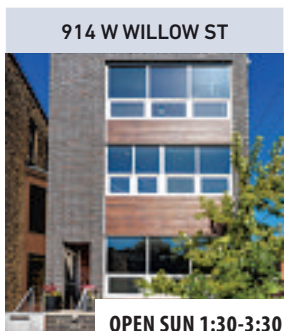


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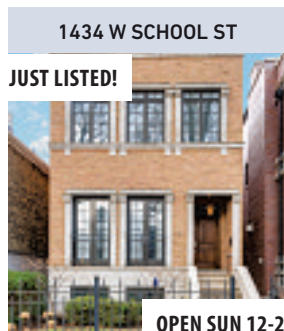
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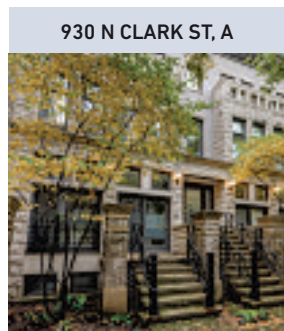
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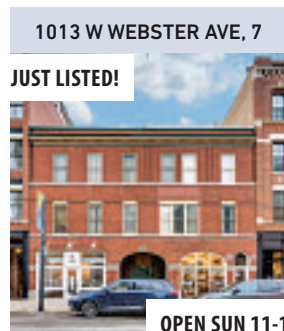
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5 first-time homebuyer mistakes to avoid

Big financial move calls for caution, expert assistance

BY POLYANA DA COSTA
Bankrate.com

From finding the perfect location to financing your purchase, shopping for your first home has challenges that go beyond curb appeal and interior features.

Here are five common mistakes first-time homebuyers should avoid.

1. Solely focusing on mortgage payments.

Many first-time homebuyers decide to buy when they feel ready for a mortgage. But just because they can afford the mortgage payment doesn't mean they can afford to own a home, says New York attorney Rafael Castellanos, president of Expert Title Insurance Agency.

"They have an idea of what their mortgage payment is going to be, but they don't realize there's much more to it," he says.

Know you can afford a house payment? Start shopping today for a mortgage.

Property insurance, taxes, homeowners association dues, maintenance and higher electric and water bills are some of the costs that first-time homebuyers tend to overlook when shopping for a place.

"Keep in mind, property taxes and insurance have a tendency of going up every year," Castellanos says. "Even if you can afford it now, ask yourself if you'll be able to afford the increased costs later."

2. Looking for a home first and a loan later.

Homebuying doesn't begin with home searching. It begins with a mortgage prequalification — unless you're so lucky as to have enough money to pay cash for your first house.

Often, first-time homebuyers "are afraid to get



DREAMSTIME

Resist the urge to look for a home first and find a loan later. The process should begin with a mortgage prequalification, which gives homebuyers an idea of what price range they can afford and helps keep finances, not emotions, in charge.

prequalified," says Steve Anderson, a broker and owner at Re/Max Benchmark Realty in Las Vegas. They fear the lender may tell them they don't qualify for a mortgage or they qualify for a loan smaller than expected. "So they pick a price range out of the sky and say, 'Let's go look for a house,'" Anderson says.

And that's not how it should be done. Yes, it's more fun to go look at houses than to sit in a lender's office where you have to expose your financial situation. But that's a backward approach, says Ed Conarchy, a mortgage planner and investment adviser at Cherry Creek Mortgage Co. in Gurnee, Ill.

"You get preapproved, and then you find a home," he says. "That way, you'll make a financial decision

versus an emotional decision."

3. Not getting professional help.

New to the homebuying game? You'll need a reputable real estate agent, a good loan officer or broker, and perhaps a lawyer.

Venturing into this process alone, without professional help, is not a good idea. While every rule has its exception, generally, first-time homebuyers should not try to deal directly with the listing agent, Anderson says.

"If you are getting divorced, are you going to go to your husband's attorney for help? Of course not," he says. "Same here. If you go to a listing agent, they are only going to show you their listings. You must find a buyer's agent to help you."

If you hire an agent without a referral from

friends or family, ask the agent to provide references from previous buyers. The same goes for loan officers or mortgage brokers.

"It's very hard for first-time homebuyers because they don't know who they are dealing with," Anderson says.

It's crucial to find a professional who will give you "truly independent advice," Conarchy says. Sometimes that means hiring a lawyer.

4. Using up savings on the down payment.

Spending all or most of their savings on the down payment and closing costs is one of the biggest mistakes first-time homebuyers make, Conarchy says.

"Some people scrape all their money together to make the 20 percent down payment so they don't have to pay for mortgage insur-

ance, but they are picking the wrong poison because they are left with no savings at all," he says.

Homebuyers who put 20 percent or more down don't have to pay for mortgage insurance when getting a conventional mortgage. That usually translates to substantial savings on the monthly mortgage payment. But it's not worth the risk of living on the edge, Conarchy says.

"I'd take paying for mortgage insurance any day over not having money for rainy days," he says. "Everyone — especially homeowners — needs to have a rainy day fund."

5. Getting new loans before the deal is closed.

You have prequalified for a loan. You found the house you wanted. The contract is signed and the closing is in 30 days. Don't celebrate by

financing another big purchase.

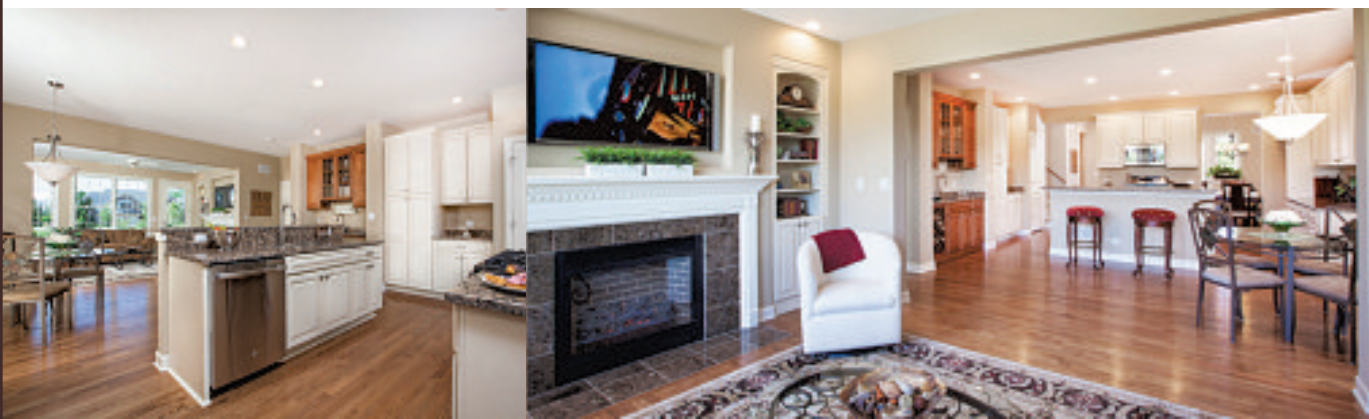
Lenders pull credit reports before the closing to make sure the borrower's financial situation has not changed since the loan was approved. Any new loans on your credit report can jeopardize the closing.

Buyers, especially first-timers, often learn this lesson the hard way.

"They sign the contract and they want to go buy new furniture for the house or a new car," Anderson says. "I remember one case where, just before closing, the buyer drove to the office and said, 'Look at my brand-new car.' I told them, 'You'd better go back to that dealership.'"

Luckily, the dealership agreed to wait a couple of days to report the loan to the credit bureaus, he says. Otherwise, it could have killed the deal.

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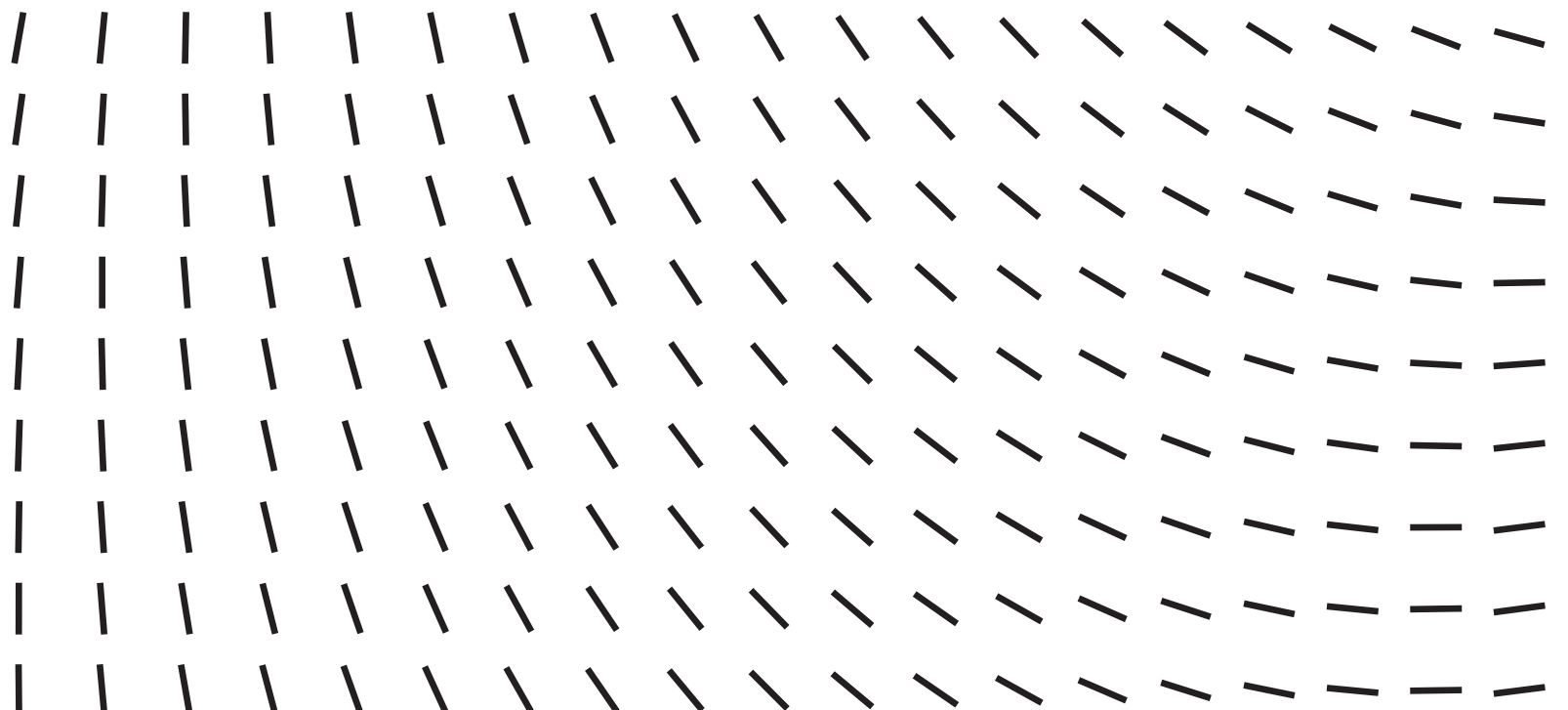
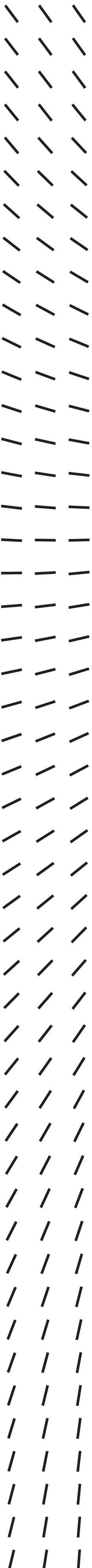


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ELITE STREET

Winnetka mansion may be \$10M teardown

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

A seven-bedroom, 6,888-square-foot British Colonial-style mansion that sits on more than 2½ lakefront acres on Sheridan Road in Winnetka sold in early January for \$10 million — and it's facing the wrecking ball.

Sellers Leonard and Gaye Wislow, who paid \$3.175 million through a bank trust for the mansion in 1996, sold it to noted lawyer Philip Beck and his wife, Janice, who live elsewhere in Winnetka.

According to village documents, the Becks have applied to demolish the mansion, which was built in 1903 and designed by architect Joseph C. Llewellyn.

The mansion had been publicly listed since last February for \$12.9 million and previously had been a pocket listing at \$15.9 million, dating back to mid-2016.

Jena Radnay of @properties, who represented both the Wislows and the Becks, said in a text message that despite the Becks' pending demolition application, "they have many different ideas. Have no idea what they will do."

"The property is a finite piece of property. The beach is the best on the North Shore. The views, the grounds, the pool and bluff... one of a kind. So the land to me is what could never be replicated," she wrote.

As it stands now, the mansion has five full baths, three half-baths and four fireplaces. Outside on the property are a pool, four cabanas, a coach house, expansive views of Lake Michigan and a private sandy beach.

"I already have people calling me asking me if I have any more listings like (this one)," Radnay wrote. "There is some huge underground wealth that



BOB GOLDSBOROUGH/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

This seven-bedroom, 6,888-square-foot British Colonial-style mansion sits on more than 2½ lakefront acres on Sheridan Road in Winnetka. The 1903 home sold in early January for \$10 million — and the buyers are seeking to demolish it.

comes to the lake. And all I can say is people are out looking."

The Becks could not be reached for comment.

This represents the highest-priced sale of a suburban home since August 2015, when former Goldman Sachs and Grosvenor Capital Management executive Joe Gutman and his wife, Sheila, sold their 11,275-square-foot mansion on 4 acres on Lake Michigan to biopharmaceutical executive Jeff Aronin and his wife, Lisa, for \$10.875 million.

NBC-5 news anchor Rob Stafford buys condo near West Loop for \$1.095 million: WMAQ-Ch. 5 weekday evening news co-anchor Rob Stafford and his wife, Lisa, paid \$1.095 million in October for a condominium unit atop a newly built, six-story building in the Near West Side neighborhood, near the West Loop.

Stafford, 59, has been with NBC-5 since joining the station in 2007 as a weekend news anchor. He has been battling amyloidosis, a rare blood disorder, which now is in remission.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

NBC-5 anchor Rob Stafford and his wife, Lisa, paid \$1.095 million for a condo unit in this building, shown under construction in August, in the Near West Side neighborhood.

Last summer, Stafford and his wife sold their five-bedroom, 3,640-square-foot house in Hinsdale for \$1.25 million. They have paid a little less than that for their new condo, which was developed by Belgravia Group and is in a newly constructed, 70-unit building. The Staffords'

unit includes a private roof terrace. "We love living in the West Loop," Stafford said. "It's 10 minutes from work, and two of our children live and work in the city, so we see them all the time. The restaurants (in the area) are fabulous. And I'm in remission now from

amyloidosis, and my doctors are right around the corner, which is a huge convenience for me." The move to the city has been a long time coming — Stafford signed a contract for the unit pre-construction in 2015. Stafford is the second 10 p.m. news anchor in recent

times to pay more than \$1 million for a condo. Through a trust, WLS-Ch. 7 10 p.m. anchor Alan Krashesky and his wife, Colleen, paid \$1.1 million in late 2016 for a three-bedroom, 2,900-square-foot penthouse condo on the fourth floor of a building in downtown Naperville.

Mystery buyer spends \$12.1 million on condo in Chicago area's priciest sale so far in 2018: A full-floor condominium unit on the 21st floor of the recently completed Near North condominium building at 9 W. Walton St. — the same building where billionaire Ken Griffin purchased the top four floors in November in four separate transactions totaling \$58.75 million — sold Jan. 8 for \$12.1 million.

The deal is easily the Chicago area's highest-priced sale in 2018. The 21st floor was sold as raw space, and the buyer is a land trust whose beneficiary could not yet be determined, according to public records.

Jim Letchinger, the president of 9 W. Walton St.'s developer, JDL Development, confirmed the \$12.1 million sale of the 21st floor but declined to specify the unit's square footage. "These are private transactions," he said. "You'll be able to see the square footage when the assessor releases it."

The 38-story luxury condominium tower, known as No. 9 Walton, has 70 units. Residents will start moving in March 1. The vast majority of buyers remain under signed contracts for finished space. They will close on those units as they take delivery of them in the coming weeks.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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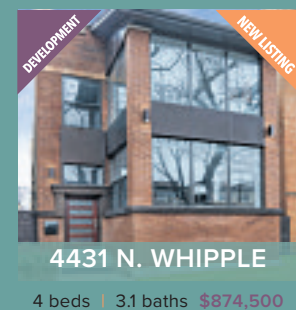
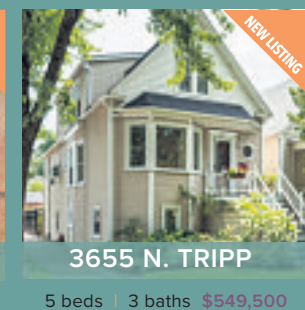
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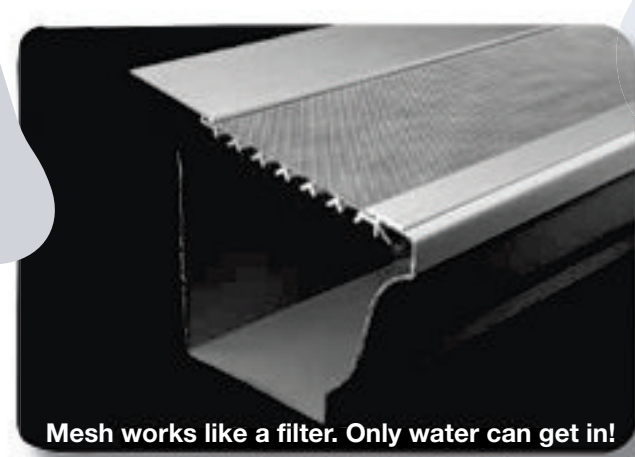
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The Chrysler 300 sedan is among the cars that look vulnerable. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles already has discontinued the Chrysler 200, as well as the Dodge Dart.

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Is this goodbye?

With big profits in bigger vehicles, U.S. automakers are scrapping cars, ceding market to Asian makes

With lucrative sales of sport utility vehicles and trucks on the ascent, Detroit automakers are racing to ditch slow-selling cars in favor of the big rigs that mint money.

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles CEO Sergio Marchionne started it off by killing the Dodge Dart and Chrysler 200 to reorient FCA around Jeep SUVs and Ram pickups. The profit boom that's followed has emboldened Detroit's other CEOs to consider snuffing out sedans such as the Ford Fusion and Chevrolet Impala.

"The industry thought Sergio was a madman when he did that, and now he looks like a genius," said Jeff Schuster, an analyst with LMC Automotive. "He paved the way for everyone. Now, with the Detroit brands, virtually every car is under review."

A slew of sedans on the floor of this month's North American International Auto Show may well be missing or on death row by this time next year. U.S. automakers would effectively be waving the white flag after decades of ceding share in these segments to Japanese and Korean car brands. President Donald Trump's vow to relax fuel economy rules could add momentum to

the SUV and truck boom and invite General Motors and Ford to pull the plug on some passenger cars.

Ford, already moving production of its Focus compact from Michigan to China, is considering euthanizing the Fusion family car, according to people familiar with the deliberations. The automaker has already notified suppliers it plans to stop building the Fusion in Mexico. The debate among CEO Jim Hackett and his top lieutenants is whether the sedan is worth saving as a more upscale ride sold in low numbers at a higher price, said one of the people who asked not to be identified revealing internal discussions.

GM is weighing the fate of increasingly irrelevant Buicks, Chevys and Cadillac cars while boosting its offerings of SUVs and rolling out a big new pickup truck this week in Detroit. And FCA may not be done, with models like the big Chrysler 300 sedan looking vulnerable.

"Being accused of madness for the right reason is

not a bad thing," Marchionne said in an interview ahead of the Detroit show in early January. "Even if we become the best operator of the passenger-car business, we will never even remotely get close to what we are making out of a big truck. So the question is do I shrink volume in favor of profitability? The answer is yes."

Asked whether he has more models to ditch, Marchionne answered, "No, we are done." The Dodge brand has whittled down its lineup to Charger and Challenger muscle cars. When asked about the Chrysler 300, he noted it has "very small volume" but stopped short of calling it a goner.

Cars that probably won't survive are large sedans like Ford's Taurus and its competitors, said Stephanie Brinley, an analyst with researcher IHS Markit. Midsize sedans like the Chevrolet Malibu and Ford Fusion have gotten bigger, making the Taurus or Chevy Impala less necessary, she said. A consumer who needs more space will

just buy an SUV.

"In another couple of years, you just won't see these cars being developed for another generation," Brinley said. "There's a good chance that in eight years, this segment of the market doesn't even exist."

Other GM models with uncertain futures in the U.S. include the Buick LaCrosse, while Cadillac plans to whittle down its sedan lineup to just three nameplates. But Detroit's passenger cars won't completely die off, said Alan Batey, president of GM's North American business. "You've got to look at compact cars and midsize cars still being very large volume," Batey said in an interview.

Going all-in on SUVs and trucks got Detroit in trouble at the turn of the century, contributing to the 2009 government-backed bankruptcies of GM and Chrysler. Back then, choosing an SUV over a sedan meant significant compromise on fuel mileage. When gas prices soared above \$4 a gallon, Detroit's shortsighted strategy was ex-

posed, and the American auto industry imploded.

These days, pump prices average about \$2.50 a gallon. But cheap gas isn't the only driver of the SUV boom: Today's models bear little resemblance to the hulks of yore. Built on smooth-riding, lightweight car frames, many crossovers get mileage close to the equivalent cars.

"The fuel economy trade-off is not nearly as much of a trade-off as it used to be," Raj Nair, head of Ford's North American operations, said in an interview. "We anticipate SUVs becoming more and more popular, which is why we are focusing a lot of our investment in that segment."

Ford is moving \$7 billion in engineering funding away from cars and into developing SUVs. Nair declined to say whether that will result in the Fusion going away.

Even if gas prices soar, consumers are more likely to switch to a smaller, more fuel-efficient SUV than abandon their beloved bigger rigs, Schuster said.

"This market is going SUV and not looking back," Schuster said.

American auto executives might be happy to see passenger cars go. For decades, they've struggled to make money selling sedans while raking in profits from SUVs and trucks. They're rapidly rewriting business plans to shift production of traditional cars offshore. China, the world's largest auto market and home to low labor rates, is poised to become the place where American sedans are built.

"Car companies will make a business case based on producing and selling cars in China alone," said Karl Brauer, executive publisher of Cox Automotive. "Then they'll throw a few our way just for our increasingly dwindling car market."

Asian automakers that have come to dominate U.S. sedan segments over the past three decades aren't going anywhere. The Toyota Camry remained the top-selling car in America last year, though it was outsold by the RAV4 crossover for the first time. Toyota recently revamped the Camry and debuted a redesigned Avalon sedan in Detroit, while Honda kicked off the show by accepting the North American Car of the Year award for its Accord. Nissan is expected to roll out a refreshed Altima sedan soon.

John Lippert contributed.

Accord, XC60, Navigator win top auto honors

BY PHOEBE WALL
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Lincoln, Volvo and Honda won the Oscars of the auto industry for 2018.

The 2018 Honda Accord was named North American Car of the Year. The Lincoln Navigator was named Truck of the Year. The announcements helped kick off the North American International Auto Show in Detroit this month.

Kumar Galhotra, group vice president, Lincoln, and chief marketing officer for Ford, said winning the award, chosen by a media jury, fuels pride in the brand, which is working to revitalize its image.

The Navigator, with a base price of \$72,055 excluding destination, features 30-way adjustable seats and laser-etched wood trim. The Lincoln badge on the grille lights up a soft blue-white.

Runners-up in the

truck category were the Chevrolet Colorado ZR2 and the Ford Expedition.

In the SUV category, Volvo XC60 prevailed with its Swedish design and loads of safety and driver-assistance features with a base price of \$41,500.

Runners-up in the utility category were the Alfa Romeo Stelvio and Lincoln Odyssey.

The Honda Accord, a consumer favorite for over 40 years, won Car of the Year. The 10th-generation

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Runners-up were the Toyota Camry and Kia Stinger.



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Henio Arcangeli Jr., senior vice president of American Honda Motor Co.'s automobile division, accepts the Car of the Year award for the 2018 Accord this month in Detroit. The Accord has been a consumer favorite for decades.

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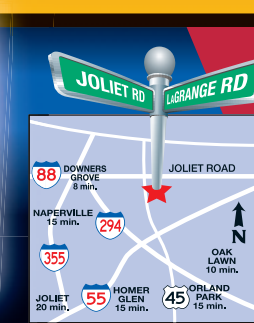
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The redesigned 2018 Honda Accord in Touring trim could compete with premium brands.

Believe the hype: Honda's 2018 Accord is that good

BY ROBERT DUFFER
Chicago Tribune

The redesigned 2018 Honda Accord has won a slew of awards, including the 2018 North American Car of the Year, the industry's most impartial acknowledgment. Awards are like opinions, sure, and the 10th-generation Accord may not be good enough to stop the sales slide of midsize sedans to crossovers, but it should once again overtake the Toyota Camry as the best-selling car in America.

It's lower, leaner, sharper, better equipped, quicker, more fuel efficient, more powerful, more spacious than the outgoing model and pretty much anything else in its class. The top of the line Touring trim could compete with premium brands such as Buick, Infiniti and Honda's own Acura TLX. Sound crazy? For \$36,000, it's a deal.

And it looks good. The coupelike design keeps headroom tight for taller riders, and with the seat at its lowest position it feels as if you're getting in and out of a sport sedan.

Accord is no longer offered with a 278-horsepower V-6 engine because the 252-horsepower 2-liter turbo four — nearly the same engine as the Honda Civic Type R — offered in Touring trim does more better. It's all about the

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As tested:

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Base price: \$35,800

Mpg: 22 city, 32 highway

Engine: 2-liter turbo four-cylinder

Transmission: 10-speed automatic

Parting shot: Camry doesn't come close.

torque, which, grossly simplified, gets you going, while horsepower keeps you going faster. The outgoing V-6 Accord made 258 pound-feet, while the 2T4 with a 10-speed automatic pumps out 273 pound-feet of torque, most ever for an Accord.

It pops from a stop, and drivers might notice a slight pull one way or another from the front-wheel drive system. Torque steer is nearly unavoidable with a car this potent. All that torque is available at just 1,500 rpm, so this Accord is ready for far more pressing challenges than just passing moves.

Combine its punch with a lower center of gravity and sharp handling, and

the new Accord is downright fun. Yup, way more fun than the old V-6, and more fun than Camry's new V-6 in the XSE.

It gets better on the inside. The touch screen, flanked with a tuning AND volume knob, is mounted high in the dash, which takes away from the overall neat design. Chrome strips and soft-touch materials balance the woodlike trim to keep it classy, though.

The customizable instrument cluster — inch for inch the most valuable real estate in the cabin — is what other automakers should emulate. Audi sets the bar, but Honda has leapfrogged GM in setting the pace for mainstream makes. With a toggle of the steering wheel control, the tachometer becomes a 7-inch space to roll through audio or phone commands, view nav directions, or check active fuel economy or trip meters. Nothing revolutionary here, but it's safe, smart, and easy, relegating the touch screen to a map display or device for the passenger to play with. The excellent head-up display furthers the premium-car feel.

Auto awards are a dime a dozen. But the 2018 Honda Accord is the best midsize sedan on the market.

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Most SUVs are built like cars — but not 4Runner



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: I always enjoy reading the Rides section of the paper and particularly your Motormouth part. I noticed a question from P.O., Montgomery, Ill., asking if there are any truck-framed SUVs left in the market. I think the Toyota 4Runner is one. I have owned 4Runners for many years now and I believe they are still built on a truck-based frame. I am from Scottsdale, Ariz., and I am in the desert off-road almost once a week. I would destroy most other SUVs with where I go with my 4Runner.

— L.Y., Scottsdale, Ariz.

A: The 4Runner, as several alert readers pointed out, does have a body-on-frame, but it does not share the same platform as the Tacoma. The frame comes instead from the Land Cruiser Prado, which is not sold in the North American market. Jeeps are in a league of their own. And crossover vehicles are just that, a crossover from a car

to a utility vehicle with a unibody construction.

Q: I received a 12-volt, plug-in heated seat pad for Christmas. I seem to remember something from 40 years ago in driver's education classes that you shouldn't have anything plugged in while starting the car. It was something to do with the extra drain on the battery, especially in these subzero days. I try to remember to unplug it before starting the car but often forget. Does it matter if that is plugged in or not when starting the car in winter?

— J.B., Chicago

A: If your battery has not already gone dead overnight, the accessory socket you are using is probably on a switched circuit. In other words, the accessories do not continue drawing any current when the ignition key is turned off. When that is the case, the accessory circuits are also bypassed during cranking, so you should not have any problems.

Q: I thought that on newer cars pumping the gas did nothing in regards to helping the car start.

— J.T., Chicago

A: Jamming the gas pedal to the floor usually prevents the fuel injectors from spraying during start-up. You can do this if the engine is flooded so as to not worsen the problem by introducing even more fuel and increasing the flooding problem.

But you should never pump the pedal on fuel-injected engines.

Q: I have a 2007 Chevy Cobalt. A while back, the electric door locks stopped working.

I changed the battery in the key fob, but it still only works every now and then. Once in a while the locks click on and off, but not too often. What can I do?

— G.R., Pompano Beach, Fla.

A: We have a hunch the key fob is OK, since it opens the locks sometimes. Verify it by remotely opening the trunk.

We suspect the problem is in the car, probably the lock actuators, but maybe the switches. Time to see a pro.

Send questions along with name and town to Motormouth, Rides, Chicago Tribune, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Fourth Floor, Chicago, IL 60611 or motormouth.tribune@gmail.com.



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The 2013 Toyota 4Runner is an SUV that uses body-on-frame construction, like a pickup truck. Most crossovers and SUVs use a unibody or monocoque platform like that of a car.

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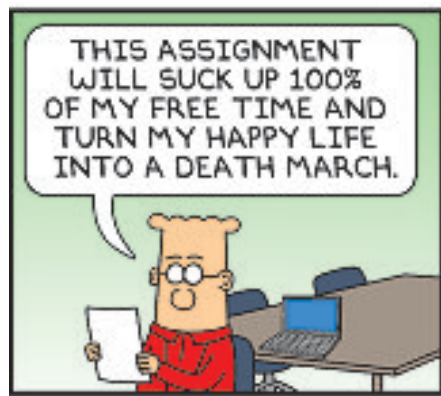
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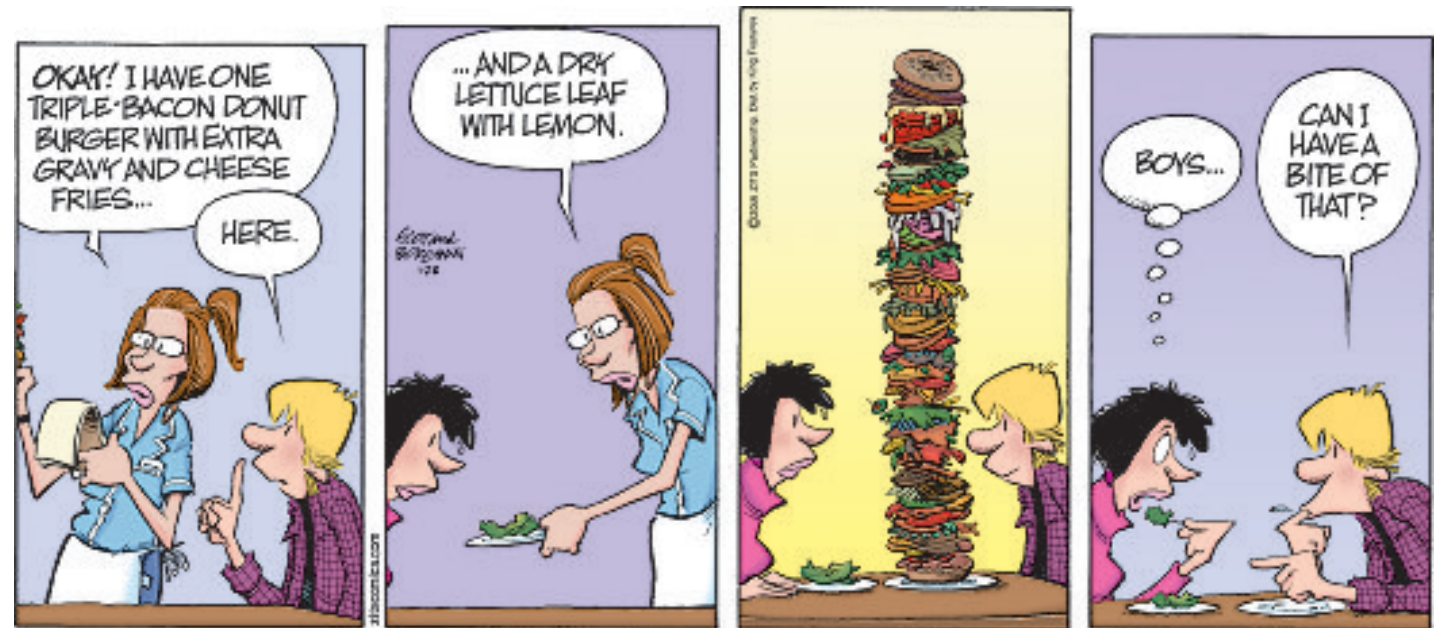
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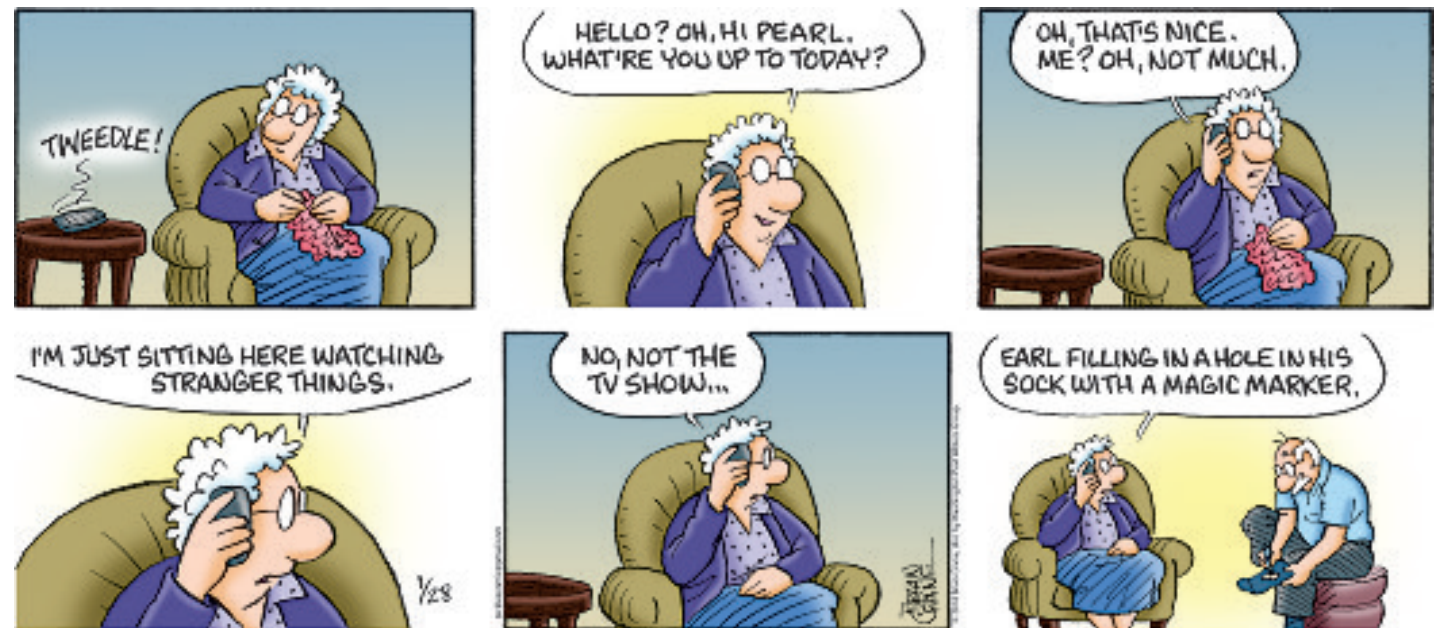
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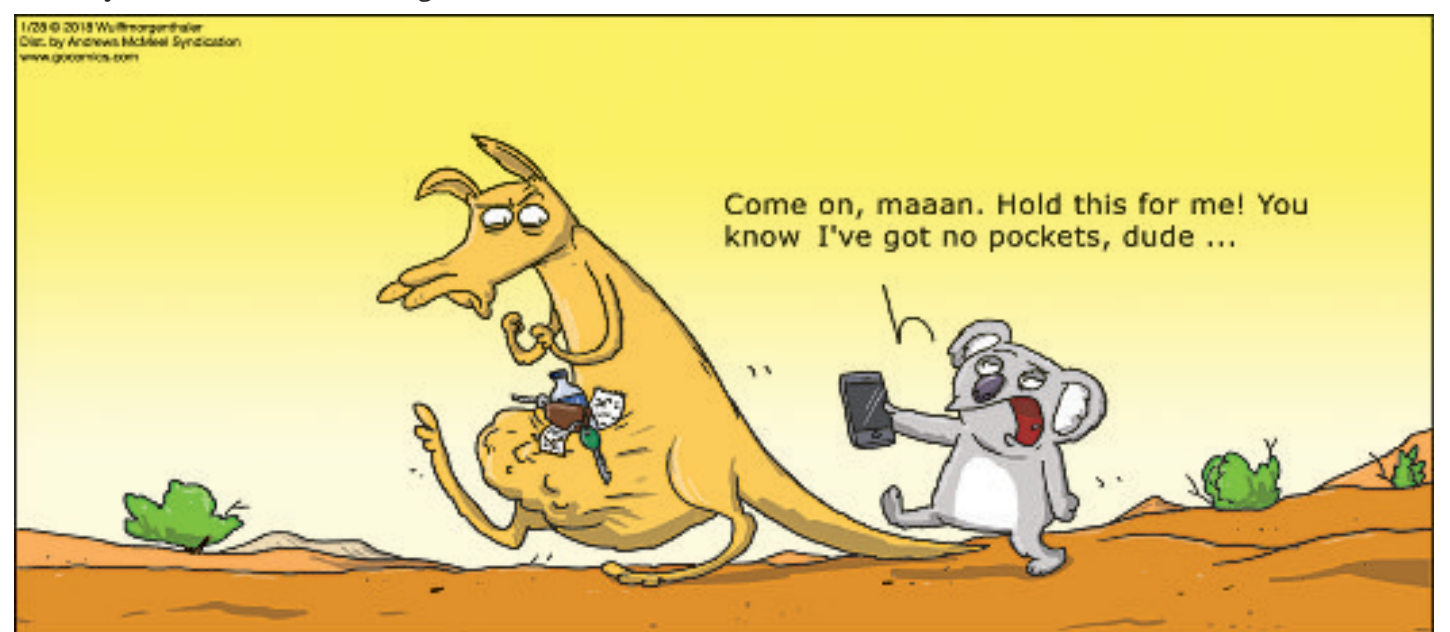
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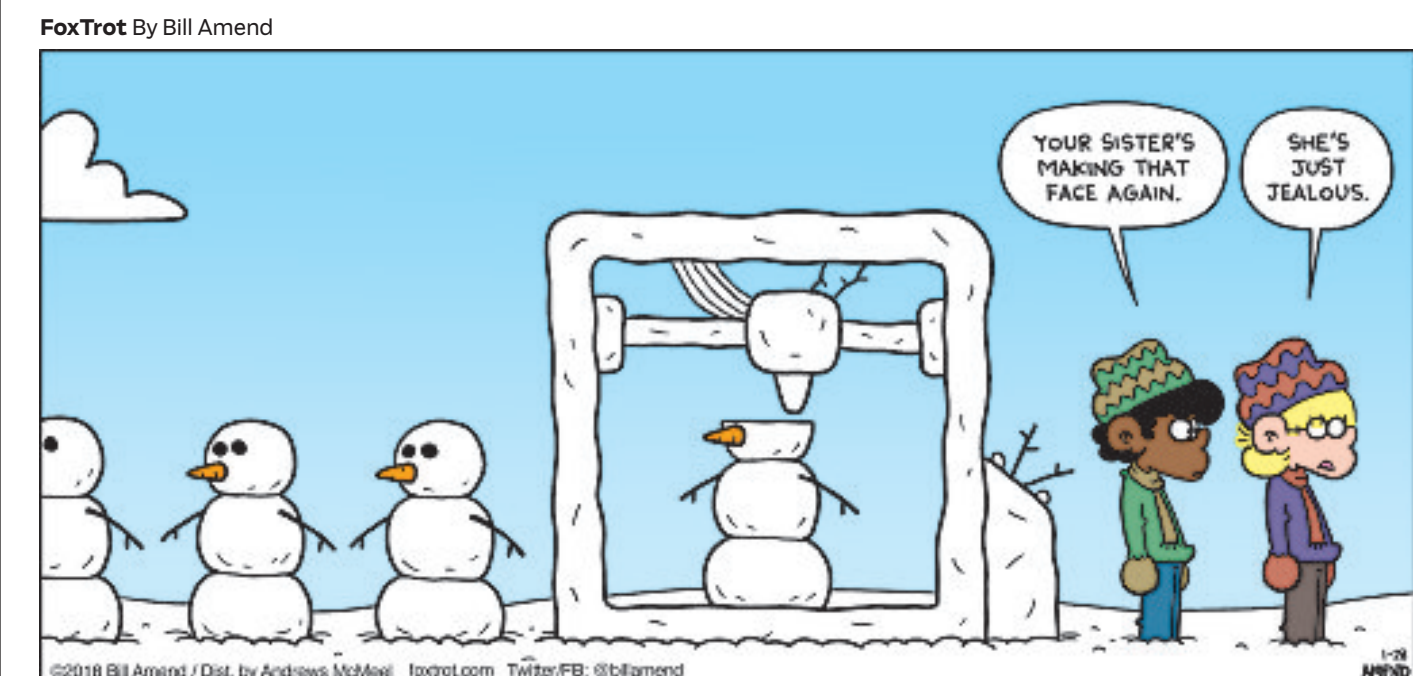
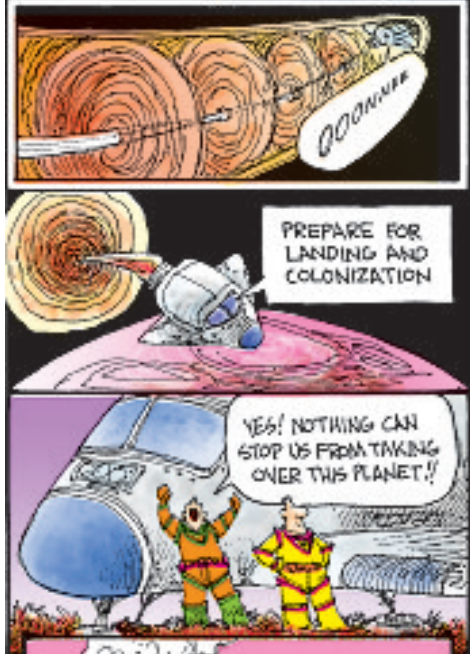
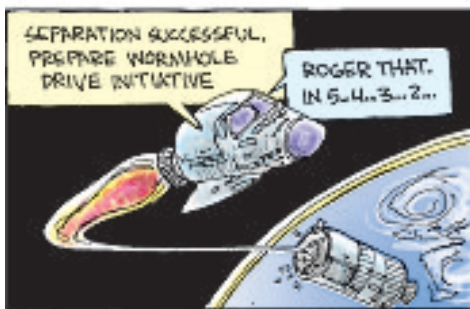
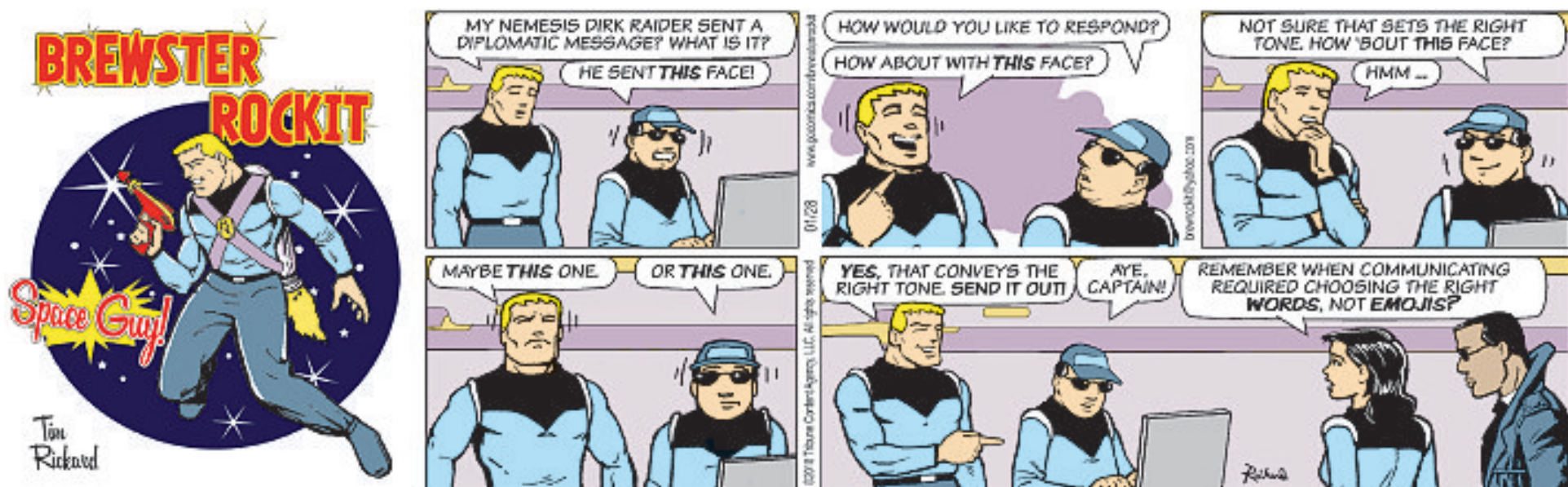
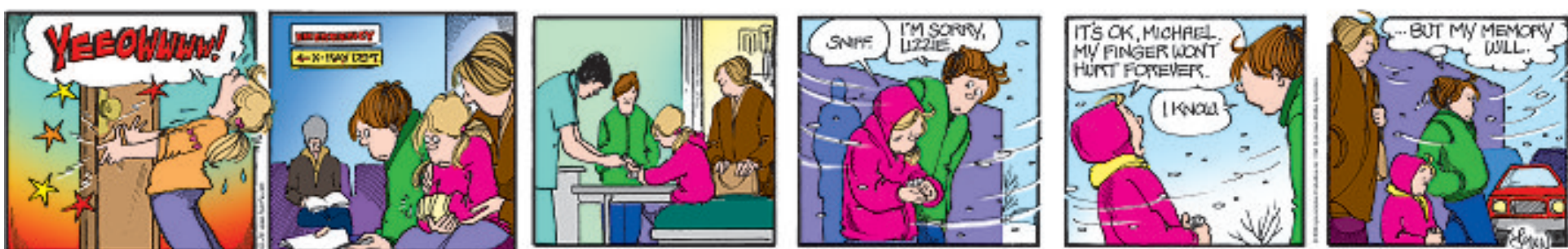


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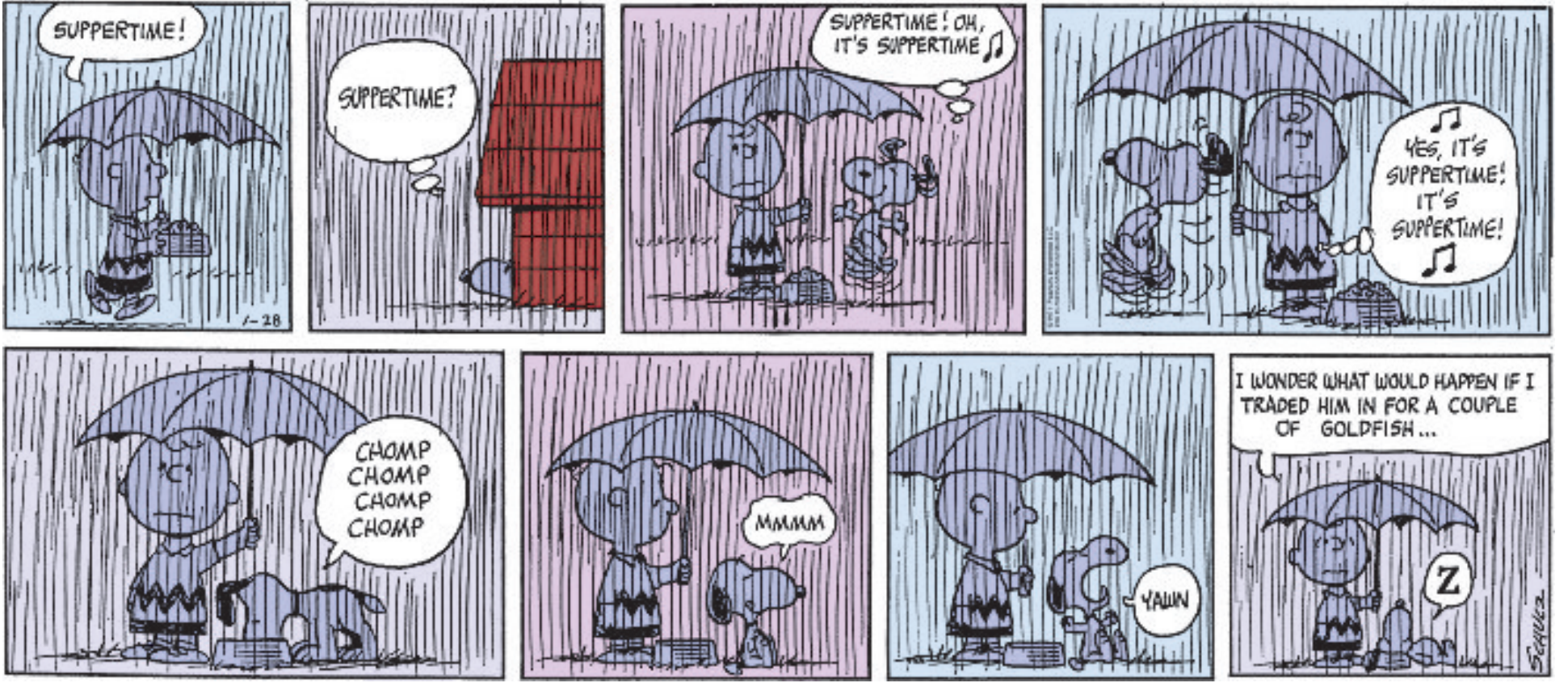
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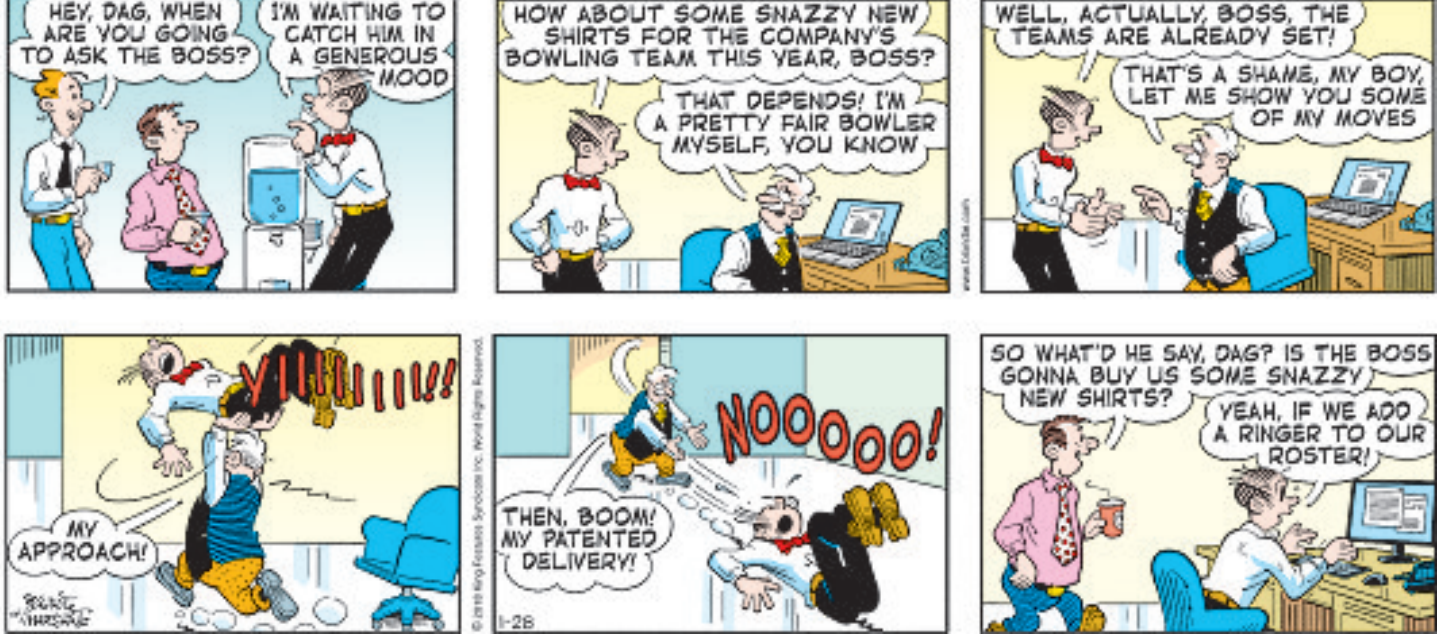
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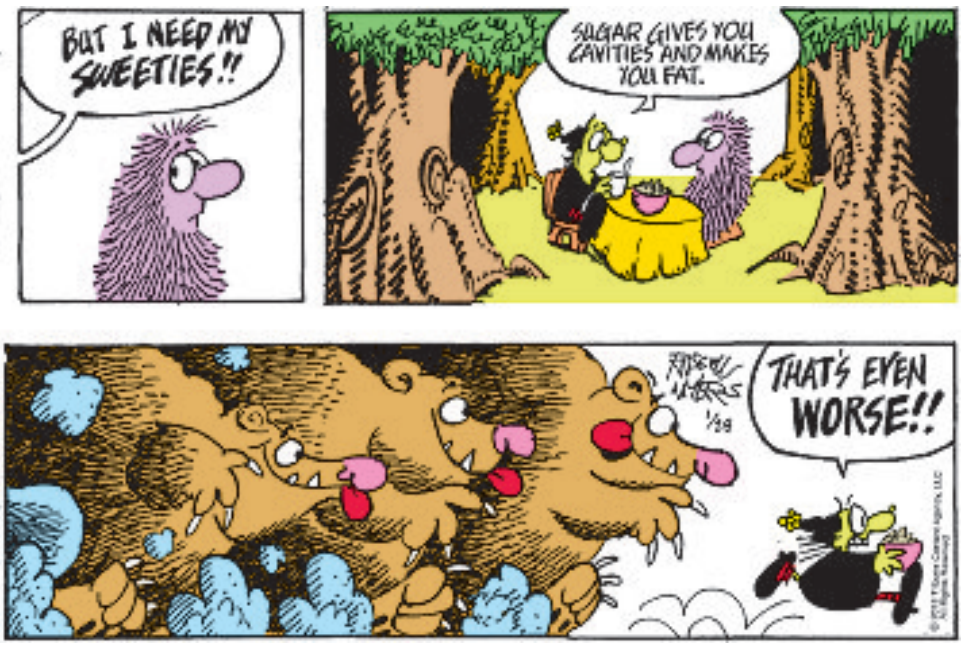
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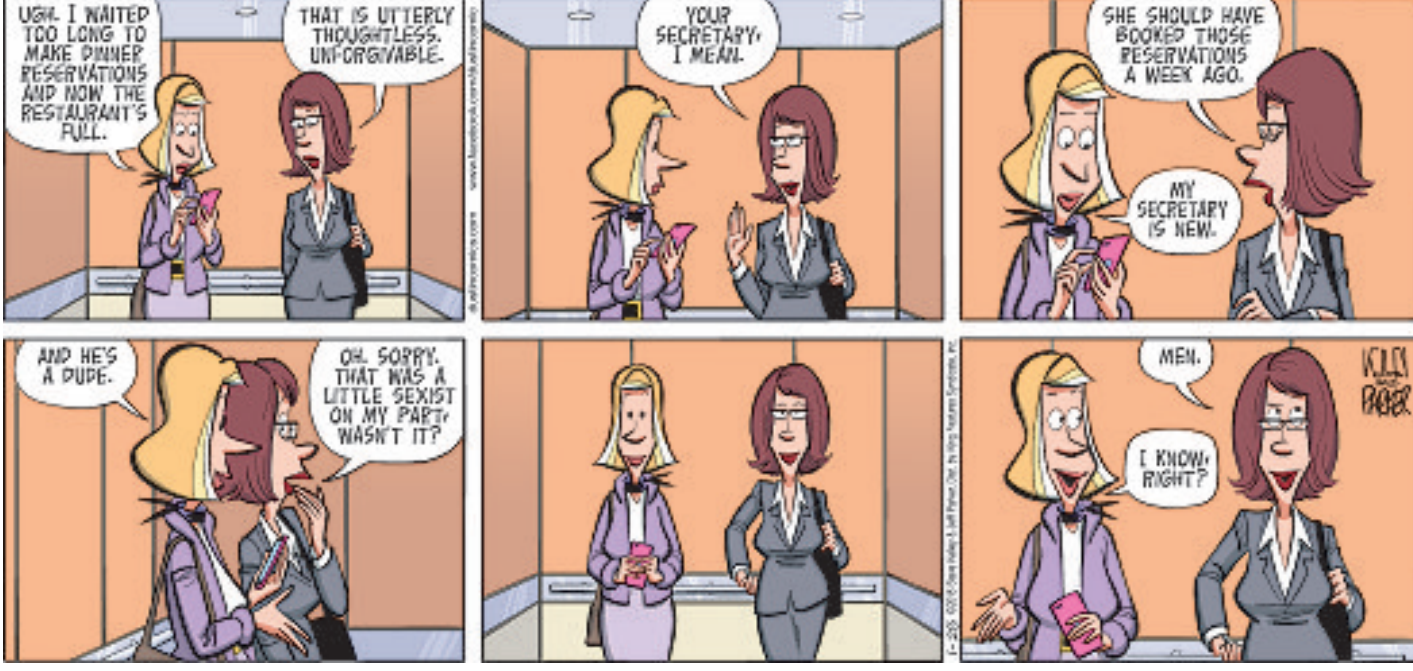
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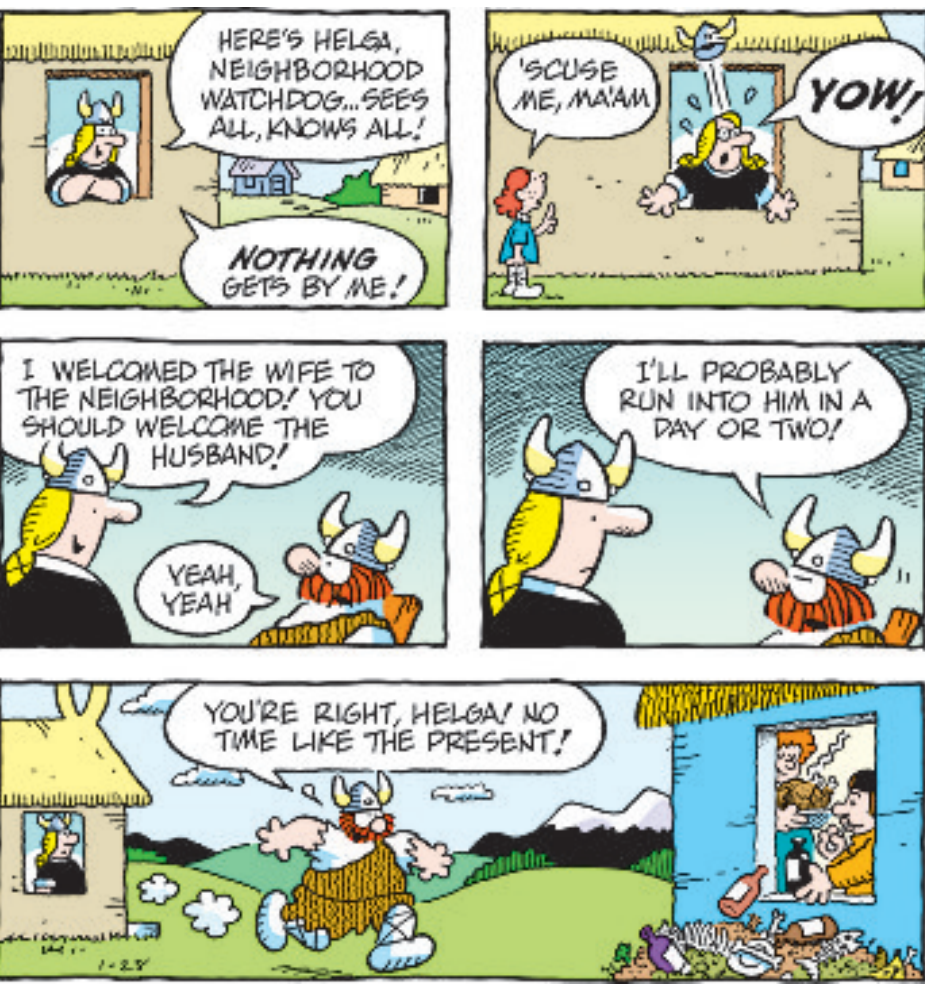
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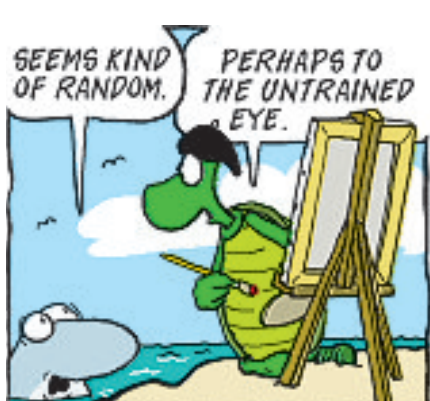
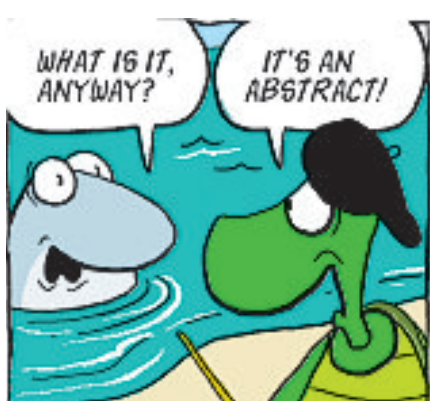
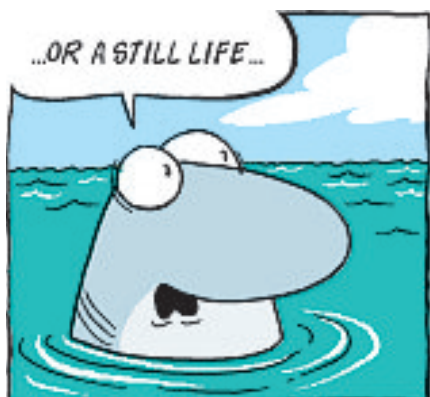
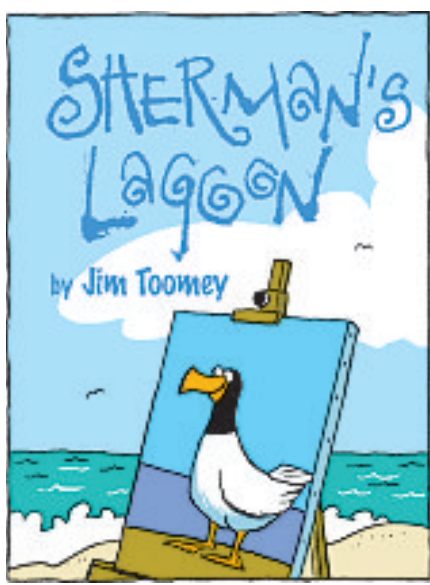


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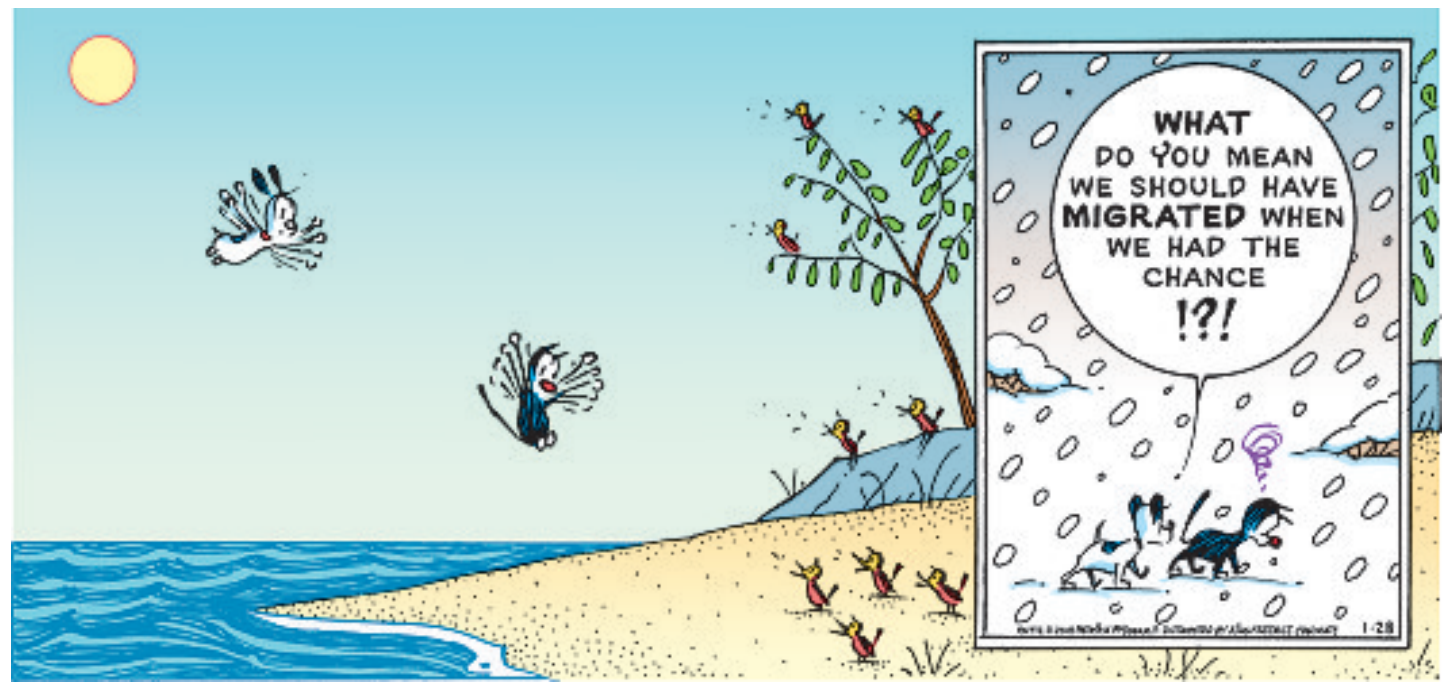


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WALTER SCOTT ASKS

KELLY CLARKSON

The three-time Grammy winner will be going for her fourth win—Best Pop Solo Performance for her single “Love So Soft”—when the 60th Annual Grammy Awards show airs Jan. 28 on CBS. Clarkson, 35, will then join Blake Shelton, Alicia Keys and Adam Levine as a coach for season 14 of *The Voice*, premiering Feb. 26.

Is this Grammy nomination just as special as the first one in 2003?

It only gets more exciting. When you're nominated, it's amazing. But when you're nominated with people you really dig and you listen to, you're like, “Oh, man—OK, I'm doing something right.”

Do you get nervous when you perform? Only on rare occasions. I sang for the pope and they [said], “Don't turn your back to him.” But then you can't turn your back to the bishops or the crowd either, and I was like, “How many fronts do you think I have?” I was nervous the whole time, not so much for singing, but that I was going to insult an entire religion.

What kind of *Voice* coach do you think you're going to be?

I'm pretty hands-on. I want to pull out the “real” factor with my contestants. You might as well be yourself and lay it all out there. It makes for a better artist.

Best advice you've ever received? Never take advice from someone you wouldn't want to switch places with. There are not a lot of people on that list for me. So, take advice from someone whose path you would want to be on, someone you would be proud to walk in their footsteps.

Why did she fight with Blake Shelton during *The Voice*'s prerecorded blind auditions? Go to Parade.com/clarkson to find out.

Jason Clarke's Haunted House

In the film *Winchester* (Feb. 2), inspired by true events, Clarke, 48, plays a psychologist called to assess the mental state of Sarah Winchester (Helen Mirren), heiress to the Winchester rifle fortune. She believes her California house is haunted by vengeful spirits with scores to settle with her family, whose guns have taken so many lives. Clarke doesn't believe in ghosts. But “if somebody wants to see and believe, I don't discount that either,” he says.

Miranda Richardson Has Girlfriends

Richardson plays “a woman of a certain age” in *Girlfriends*, premiering Jan. 29 on the streaming service Acorn TV. The British actress, 59, says that in the past, roles for women over 50 were either “a sexually voracious cougar or a mother. Things are much more mixed up now, and I like that.”



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Corden Does the Grammys

The creator of “Carpool Karaoke” and host of *The Late Late Show*, **James Corden**, 39, returns as host of the Grammy awards festivities on Jan. 28 beginning at 7:30 p.m. ET on CBS. Here are five fun facts about the British-born Emmy winner.

- 1 His middle name, Kimberley, is a tradition for the men in his family.
- 2 While in high school in Buckinghamshire, he sang in a boy band called Insatiable.
- 3 On his “Carpool Karaoke” wish list: Beyoncé.
- 4 Corden's next film appearance will be in this summer's *Ocean's 8* with Cate Blanchett, Sandra Bullock and Rihanna.
- 5 A huge soccer fan, he cheers for West Ham United.



Who does the voiceover narration for grown-up Adam on *The Goldbergs*?
—Rita R., Fresno, Calif.

A: That's **Patton Oswalt**, 49, who also does the voice of the blue-winged horse on the Syfy series *Happy!* He'll be seen as well as heard on the new NBC series *A.P. Bio*, premiering Feb. 1. The sitcom stars Glenn Howerton as disgraced Harvard philosophy scholar Jack Griffin, who takes a job as an advanced-placement biology teacher at an Ohio high school where Oswalt's character is the chief administrator. “I play the principal no one listens to,” says Oswalt. “I'm lovable but very easy to manipulate.”



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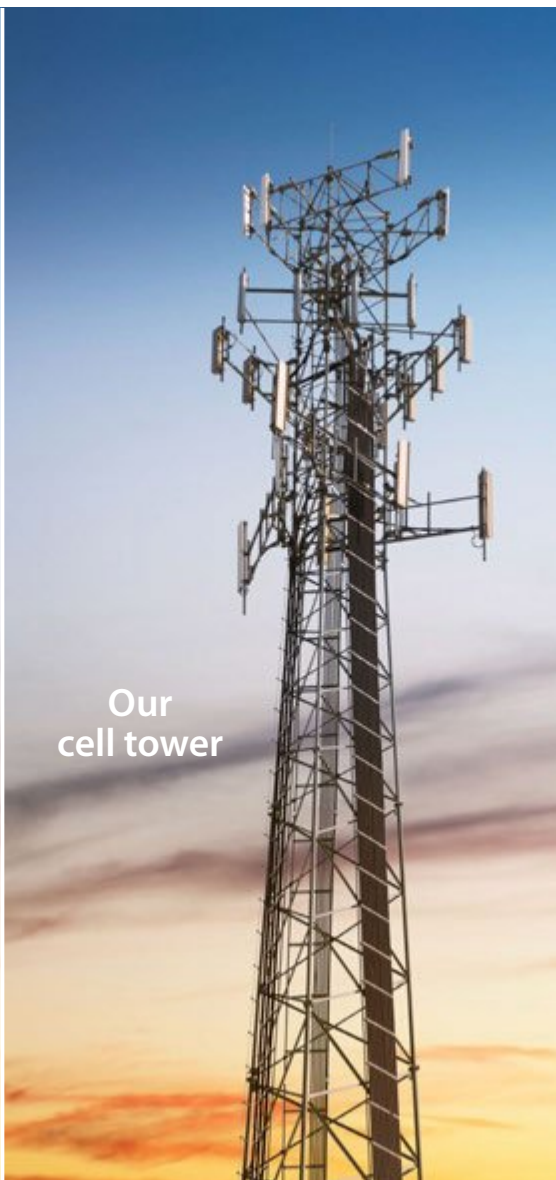
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KNOW YOUR GENES

Tracking your family health history can help you develop a more effective cancer prevention plan. "We always suggest talking about your history when your family gathers," says Charis Eng, M.D., chair of Cleveland Clinic's Genomic Medicine Institute and director of the Center for Personalized Genetic Healthcare. "You can write it down or draw a picture of the family tree, and if a relative isn't sure about a particular relative, you can follow up.

"The most important things are what's the diagnosis, age when diagnosed, family history and familial clustering of a disease," she says. "Or sometimes it's the way in which the cancer presents. For example, if a family member has been diagnosed with triple-negative breast cancer, we think there might be BRCA1 or BRCA2 in the family." The more you and your doctor know, the better equipped you will be to live a healthy preventive lifestyle and to decide if further gene testing is needed.

THE PEOPLE vs. CANCER

How smarter prevention is helping more Americans beat the odds

By Marygrace Taylor

And now for some *good* news about cancer: Just-released statistics show that the death rate from the disease in the U.S. dropped 26 percent since 1991. Better still? Improved prevention and screening tactics could help bring those numbers down even more. Here's what's making a difference—and what you can do to protect your health.



EAT MEDITERRANEAN

There's one more reason to load up on whole grains, fruits and vegetables, nuts and beans, olive oil and lean protein like fish. A Mediterranean-style eating plan has been shown to protect against several types of cancer, including colon, prostate, stomach, esophageal, liver and endometrial cancers, according to a recent *Current Nutrition Reports* review.

And in postmenopausal women, a Dutch study found that it could slash the risk for certain breast cancers by up to 40 percent.

The cancer-fighting effect might be thanks to what's *not* on the diet as well as what's on it, says Jennifer McDaniel, RD, co-author of *Prevention Mediterranean Table*. Eating fewer processed grains, like white bread and rice, and less red meat and full-fat dairy could support a healthy body weight and lower inflammation levels, which can also help prevent some cancers, she says.



SMARTER SCREENING

Screenings have long been a routine part of prevention for many types of cancer. But evidence is showing that across-the-board testing might not be beneficial.

"It's a balance of benefits and harms," says Cleveland Clinic pulmonologist Peter Mazzone, M.D., who co-authored new lung cancer screening guidelines with the American College of Chest Physicians for low-

dose chest CT scans. The new recommendation saves screening for those most at risk.

"The goal is to find ways—other than age and smoking history—to identify high-risk patients," says Mazzone. By developing new tests to predict a patient's likelihood for getting cancer (like breath or blood tests that look for certain biomarkers), experts can expand the pool of people who are eligible for screening—while minimizing the harms (such as unnecessary biopsies) that can come with it.



THE FACEBOOK EFFECT

Can social media be a tool for fighting cancer? What happened after 27-year-old Tawny Dzierzek's Facebook post went viral in 2015 suggests so. The Kentucky nurse, a frequent tanning bed user, was diagnosed with skin cancer six times. The gruesome selfie she posted after one of her treatments racked up more than 50,000 shares in a month and was picked up by such news outlets as CNN.

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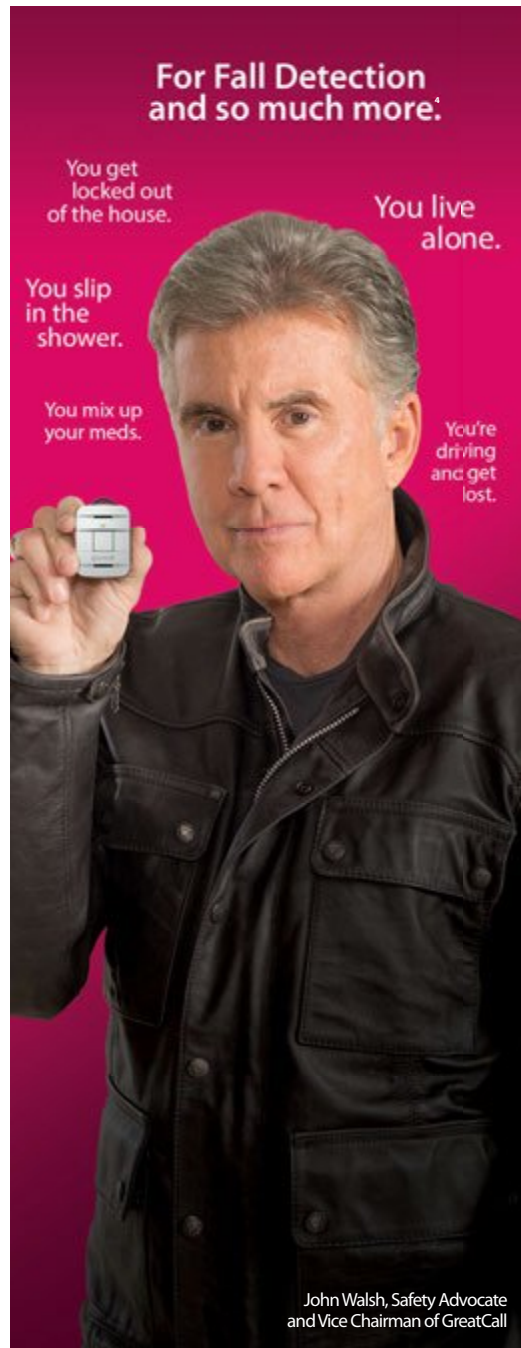
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KEYTRUDA is used to treat a kind of lung cancer called NSCLC. KEYTRUDA may be used alone as your first treatment option when your lung cancer has spread (advanced NSCLC) **and** tests positive for “PD-L1” **and** your tumor does not have an abnormal “EGFR” or “ALK” gene.

PD-L1 = programmed death ligand 1; EGFR = epidermal growth factor receptor; ALK = anaplastic lymphoma kinase.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Call or see your doctor right away if you develop any symptoms of the following problems or these symptoms get worse:

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- **Hormone gland problems (especially the thyroid, pituitary, adrenal glands, and pancreas).** Signs and symptoms that your hormone glands are not working properly may include rapid heartbeat, weight loss or weight gain, increased sweating, feeling more hungry or thirsty, urinating more often than usual, hair loss, feeling cold, constipation, your voice gets deeper, muscle aches, dizziness or fainting, or headaches that will not go away or unusual headache.
- **Kidney problems, including nephritis and kidney failure.** Signs of kidney problems may include change in the amount or color of your urine.
- **Skin problems.** Signs of skin problems may include rash, itching, blisters, peeling or skin sores, or painful sores or ulcers in your mouth or in your nose, throat, or genital area.
- **Problems in other organs.** Signs of these problems may include changes in eyesight, severe or persistent muscle or joint pains, severe muscle weakness, low red blood cells (anemia), shortness of breath, irregular heartbeat, feeling tired, or chest pain (myocarditis).
- **Infusion (IV) reactions that can sometimes be severe and life-threatening.** Signs and symptoms of infusion reactions may include chills or shaking, shortness of breath or wheezing, itching or rash, flushing, dizziness, fever, or feeling like passing out.

Rejection of a transplanted organ. People who have had an organ transplant may have an increased risk of organ transplant rejection if they are treated with KEYTRUDA.

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (*continued*)

with corticosteroid or hormone replacement medicines. Your doctor may also need to delay or completely stop treatment with KEYTRUDA if you have severe side effects.

Before you receive KEYTRUDA, tell your doctor if you have immune system problems such as Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, or lupus; have had an organ transplant; have lung or breathing problems; have liver problems; or have any other medical problems.

If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, tell your doctor. KEYTRUDA can harm your unborn baby. Females who are able to become pregnant should use an effective method of birth control during treatment and for at least 4 months after the final dose of KEYTRUDA. Tell your doctor right away if you become pregnant during treatment with KEYTRUDA.

If you are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed, tell your doctor. It is not known if KEYTRUDA passes into your breast milk. Do not breastfeed during treatment with KEYTRUDA and for 4 months after your final dose of KEYTRUDA.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Common side effects of KEYTRUDA include feeling tired; pain in muscles, bones, or joints; decreased appetite; itching; diarrhea; nausea; rash; fever; cough; shortness of breath; and constipation.

These are not all the possible side effects of KEYTRUDA. Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Please read the adjacent Medication Guide for KEYTRUDA and discuss it with your doctor.

Ask your doctor if KEYTRUDA could be your first treatment option.

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What is the most important information I should know about KEYTRUDA?

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- feeling more hungry or thirsty
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- constipation
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Rejection of a transplanted organ. People who have had an organ transplant may have an increased risk of organ transplant rejection if they are treated with KEYTRUDA. Your doctor should tell you what signs and symptoms you should report and monitor you, depending on the type of organ transplant that you have had.

Complications of stem cell transplantation that uses donor stem cells (allogeneic) after treatment with KEYTRUDA. These complications can be severe and can lead to death. Your doctor will monitor you for signs of complications if you are an allogeneic stem cell transplant recipient.

Getting medical treatment right away may help keep these problems from becoming more serious. Your doctor will check you for these problems during treatment with KEYTRUDA. Your doctor may treat you with corticosteroid or hormone replacement medicines. Your doctor may also need to delay or completely stop treatment with KEYTRUDA, if you have severe side effects.

What is KEYTRUDA?

KEYTRUDA is a prescription medicine used to treat:

- a kind of skin cancer called melanoma that has spread or cannot be removed by surgery (advanced melanoma).
- a kind of lung cancer called non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).
 - KEYTRUDA may be used alone when your lung cancer:
 - has spread (advanced NSCLC) **and**,
 - tests positive for “PD-L1” **and**,
 - as your first treatment if you have not received chemotherapy to treat your advanced NSCLC and your tumor does not have an abnormal “EGFR” or “ALK” gene, **or**
 - you have received chemotherapy that contains platinum to treat your advanced NSCLC, and it did not work or it is no longer working, **and**
 - if your tumor has an abnormal “EGFR” or “ALK” gene, you have also received an EGFR or ALK inhibitor medicine and it did not work or is no longer working.
 - KEYTRUDA may be used with the chemotherapy medicines pemetrexed and carboplatin as your first treatment when your lung cancer:
 - has spread (advanced NSCLC) **and**
 - is a type of lung cancer called “nonsquamous”.
- a kind of cancer called head and neck squamous cell cancer (HNSCC) that:
 - has returned or spread **and**
 - you have received chemotherapy that contains platinum and it did not work or is no longer working.
- a kind of cancer called classical Hodgkin lymphoma (cHL) in adults and children when:
 - you have tried a treatment and it did not work **or**
 - your cHL has returned after you received 3 or more types of treatment.
- a kind of bladder and urinary tract cancer called urothelial carcinoma. KEYTRUDA may be used when your bladder or urinary tract cancer:
 - has spread or cannot be removed by surgery (advanced urothelial cancer) **and**,

PD-L1 = programmed death ligand 1; EGFR = epidermal growth factor receptor; ALK = anaplastic lymphoma kinase; HER2/neu = human epidermal growth factor receptor 2.

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- you are not able to receive chemotherapy that contains a medicine called cisplatin, **or**
- you have received chemotherapy that contains platinum, and it did not work or is no longer working.
- a kind of cancer that is shown by a laboratory test to be a microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or a mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) solid tumor. KEYTRUDA may be used in adults and children to treat:
 - cancer that has spread or cannot be removed by surgery (advanced cancer), **and**
 - has progressed following treatment, and you have no satisfactory treatment options, **or**
 - you have colon or rectal cancer, and you have received chemotherapy with fluoropyrimidine, oxaliplatin, and irinotecan but it did not work or is no longer working.
 It is not known if KEYTRUDA is safe and effective in children with MSI-H cancers of the brain or spinal cord (central nervous system cancers).
- a kind of stomach cancer called gastric or gastroesophageal junction (GEJ) adenocarcinoma that tests positive for “PD-L1.” KEYTRUDA may be used when your stomach cancer:
 - has returned or spread (advanced gastric cancer), **and**
 - you have received 2 or more types of chemotherapy including fluoropyrimidine and chemotherapy that contains platinum, and it did not work or is no longer working, **and**
 - if your tumor has an abnormal “HER2/neu” gene, you also received a HER2/neu-targeted medicine and it did not work or is no longer working.

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Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them to show your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How will I receive KEYTRUDA?

- Your doctor will give you KEYTRUDA into your vein through an intravenous (IV) line over 30 minutes.
- KEYTRUDA is usually given every 3 weeks.
- Your doctor will decide how many treatments you need.
- Your doctor will do blood tests to check you for side effects.
- If you miss any appointments, call your doctor as soon as possible to reschedule your appointment.

What are the possible side effects of KEYTRUDA?

KEYTRUDA can cause serious side effects. See “What is the most important information I should know about KEYTRUDA?”

Common side effects of KEYTRUDA when used alone include: feeling tired, pain in muscles, bones or joints, decreased appetite, itching, diarrhea, nausea, rash, fever, cough, shortness of breath, and constipation.

In children, feeling tired, vomiting and stomach-area (abdominal) pain, and increased levels of liver enzymes and decreased levels of salt (sodium) in the blood are more common than in adults.

These are not all the possible side effects of KEYTRUDA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

General information about the safe and effective use of KEYTRUDA

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SUPER **BIG** FLAVORS FOR THE SUPER BOWL

By Alison Ashton • Recipes by Andrew Zimmern • Photography by Mark Boughton • Styling by Teresa Blackburn



When it comes to game-day entertaining, celeb chef and TV personality Andrew Zimmern, of the Travel Channel's *Bizarre Foods* fame, doesn't kid around. The hardcore Minnesota Vikings fan will be curating the food for next week's Super Bowl festivities in Minneapolis, but the rest of the season he loves hosting football parties at his home in Edina, Minn. Here, he shares a few of his favorite gridiron dishes to help you win the Super Bowl food game.

FOR
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BACON 'DOG' WITH JALAPEÑO JELLY

Zimmern has been serving this pork-belly version of a hot dog for 15 years at his AZ Canteen locations in Minneapolis. "It's probably one of our best-selling dishes in our stadium concessions," he says. "The vinegar slaw, bacon and jalapeño jelly is such an awesome trio of elements." To make this at home, you'll need a large chunk of slab bacon that you can cut into hefty strips. Order it ahead of time from your butcher or online (smokehouse.com).

To make jelly: Stem and seed 3 oz **jalapeño peppers** and 1 oz **serrano peppers**. Combine ¼ cup **apple cider vinegar** and peppers in a blender; puree. In a medium saucepan, combine puree with ¼ cup apple cider vinegar and 1½ cups **sugar**. Bring to a boil; cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Gradually whisk in 1 Tbsp **pectin powder**. Cook 1 minute; remove from heat. Skim off any foam. Cool; refrigerate.

To make slaw: In a saucepan over medium, combine ¾ cup apple cider vinegar, 6 Tbsp **safflower oil**, 2 Tbsp sugar, 2 Tbsp **maple syrup**, 2 tsp toasted and ground **fennel seeds**, ½ tsp **salt**, 1 tsp **dry mustard** and ½ tsp **celery seed** for the dressing; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring, until sugar is dissolved. Cool and refrigerate. In a large serving bowl, combine 1 lb finely shredded **green cabbage**, ¾ cup grated **carrot**, 2 Tbsp minced **parsley** and 1½ tsp salt. Add ½ cup dressing; toss to combine. Add more dressing, if needed, but slaw shouldn't be soggy.

Preheat oven to 275°F. Cut 42 oz **slab bacon** into 6 (7-oz) strips. Place bacon on a rimmed baking sheet; bake 45 minutes. Heat a large cast-iron skillet over high heat; sear bacon 1–2 minutes on each side.

Split 6 **hot dog buns**, leaving them hinged on 1 side. Brush on all sides with **melted butter**. Toast buns. Divide bacon among buns. Spread each with jalapeño jelly and top each with slaw. **Serves 6.**

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FOR CHILI LOVERS

GAME-DAY POSOLE

Posole (*poh-soh-lay*) is a thick Mexican soup featuring hominy (dried corn) and chile powder. “It’s such a wonderful, filling dish and great game-day food,” says Zimmern. Look for dried hominy in Mexican or Central American markets and in many supermarkets (with other grains or in the Latin foods aisle; Zimmern recommends Rancho Gordo). The full cup of ground red chile powder gives this posole a vivid red hue and zippy flavor. You can find ground New Mexico chile, a mild variety, in many supermarkets and Latin markets, and Zimmern says ancho chile also works well. He recommends citrusy Mexican oregano (McCormick offers a variety), which is less sweet than the more common European variety.

Place 3 cups dried **hominy** in a large container; cover with cold water. Refrigerate 24 hours. Drain; reserve.

Trim a 3 lb **pork shoulder**; cut into 1½-inch cubes. Season with **salt** and freshly ground **black pepper**. Heat 3 Tbsp **canola oil** in a large (8-quart) pot over medium until smoking. Working in batches to avoid overcrowding pan, brown pork on all sides 5–7 minutes. Transfer pork to a plate. Add 2 large minced **yellow onions** to pot; sauté 3–5 minutes or until golden. Add 1 diced **fennel bulb** and 1 minced **serrano chile**; sauté 3 minutes. Stir in 6 halved **garlic cloves**; sauté 3 minutes. Stir in 1 cup **mild red chile powder** (or a mix of mild and hot), 3 Tbsp **dried mint**, 3 Tbsp **Mexican oregano** and 2 Tbsp **ground cumin**; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Stir in 2 cups halved **fresh tomatillos**, 1 cup **crushed tomatoes**, 3 Tbsp minced **chipotle chiles canned in adobo** and pork. Add 4 quarts **chicken stock**; bring to a simmer. Stir in hominy; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to maintain a very gentle simmer. Cook 2½ hours, stirring every 30 minutes or until pork is almost tender and hominy is chewy (most of the kernels will have burst open). Season and continue to cook 15–30 minutes or until pork is fork-tender. Add more stock or water, if needed (posole should be looser than stew, but not as thin as brothy soup). Serve in bowls topped with minced **red onion**, **cilantro leaves**, diced **avocado** and **quartered limes**. Serves 8–10.

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Drain and rinse 3–4 (15.5-oz) cans hominy (found in the bean or Mexican food section of most grocery stores).

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ANDREW ZIMMERN

From stadium eats to his new show

What can fans at the Super Bowl expect, foodwise? My teams and I have been working for the last four or five months on six or seven different signature events at the Super Bowl. We’re throwing a party for the world, and a lot of attention is going to be focused on Minnesota. We want to make sure we have great food that represents all our great traditions here. I’m also on the board of the Taste of the NFL, which throws the Party With a Purpose, one of the biggest events of Super Bowl weekend, to fill up food bank shelves in NFL cities across the country. It was started here in Minnesota the last time the Super Bowl was here [in 1992].

What are some tasty highlights? For our VIPs at the Delta Sky360 Club [at U.S. Bank Stadium] we’re doing lobster corn dogs *elote* style—brushed with mayonnaise and sprinkled with cotija cheese and chile-salted lime. And at the Minneapolis Armory the day of the Super Bowl, we’re doing huge vats of *booyah*. That’s a stew that’s been cooked here for 100 years that came from French and Belgian immigrants and is like a giant every-kind-of-meat, every-kind-of-vegetable and rice stew. So, keeping it real and Minnesotan.



What does game-day entertaining look like at your house? Well, it’s wintertime in Minnesota. It’s cold, so I always greet guests with a hot mug of soup as they walk in the door. I usually do a couple of dishes in the fireplace, and I use the hearth in front of the fireplace with trays to keep food warm. Sometimes, I’ll have turkey hanging on a string in the fireplace itself. I even take my 3-foot-long marshmallow sticks and put out hot dogs and bratwurst and buns and stuff by the fireplace and let people toast their own sausages in the fire.

Tell us about your upcoming new show, *The Zimmern List*. It’s a fast-paced half-hour show taking people to the places I love to go when the cameras aren’t on. I want to show people, if you have a day or two in Portland, Maine, or Rome, here are the places you should go and what you should do. It premieres March 13 on Food Network.

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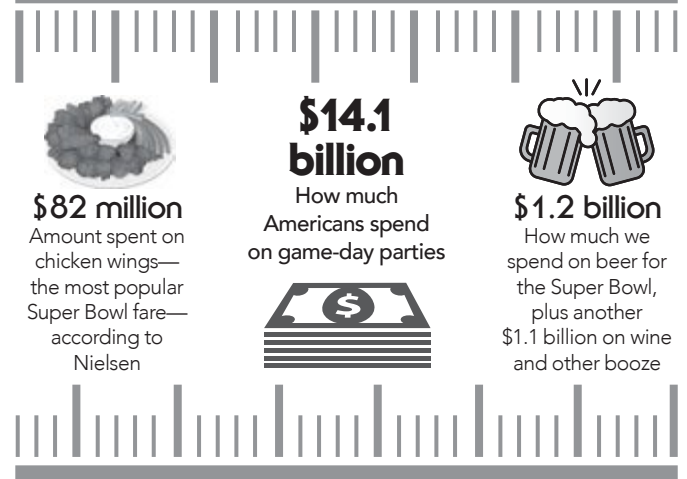
For game-day entertaining, Zimmern often sets the pot of cheese directly on the fireplace hearth to stay warm, with the dippers and fondue forks arranged on a platter.

Rub inside of a heavy-bottomed pot with cut sides of 1 **garlic clove**; discard garlic. Add 1 cup **dry white wine** and 1 Tbsp **lemon juice**; bring to a simmer over medium. Working in batches, stir in 8 oz grated **Gruyère cheese**, 8 oz grated **Emmental cheese**, 4 oz grated **Appenzeller cheese** (or fontina or raclette) and 4 tsp **cornstarch**. Don't allow cheeses to boil; be sure each cheese is fully melted and incorporated before adding more. Stir in 3 Tbsp **kirsch** (cherry brandy), 2 pinches **ground nutmeg** and **salt** and freshly ground **black pepper** to taste. Pour cheese mixture into a fondue pot over low. Serve with sliced **cooked sausage**, cubed **bread**, roasted or blanched **cauliflower** and cubed boiled **potatoes**. Serves 4-6.

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America's Super Bowl Menu

What do you eat on Super Bowl Sunday? Check out these regional game-day favorites, according to Google's recipe search stats:

► **Buffalo wings** are especially popular in Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina and Washington state. Collectively, we'll gobble more than 1.33 billion chicken wings during our Super Bowl celebrations, according to the National Chicken Council.



► **Dips** of all kinds are beloved game-day fare across the country, from cheese/queso dip in Arkansas and Colorado to spinach-artichoke dip in Florida and Iowa to Buffalo chicken dip (big in Illinois, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin). We'll spend more than \$500 million on potato and tortilla chips to scoop it all up.



► **Chili** recipes are tops in Delaware, Minnesota and Missouri.



► Fans in New Mexico, New York and North Dakota will be frying up **jalapeño poppers**.

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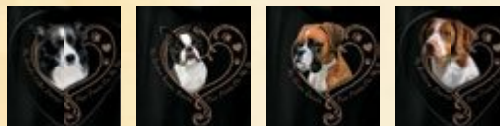
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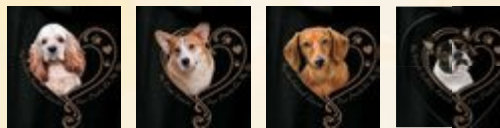
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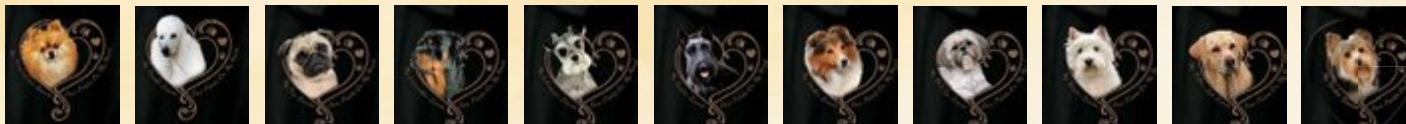
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