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Ticket? Depends on suburb

Red light camera records from 85 towns reveal some police officers rush reviews, towns' justice varies

BY MATTHEW WALBERG AND JOE MAHR
Chicago Tribune

Red light cameras were supposed to be the ultimate impartial witness, providing police with clear evidence that a driver had broken the law.

When Chicago's suburbs began pushing for their installation a decade ago, the law required that police officers review every video and citation, to further ensure fairness.

But a Tribune investigation found some police officers race through those reviews, approving dozens of $100 tickets in minutes, as if on an assembly line. Reporters found one suburban officer who reviewed and approved 41 tickets in 59 seconds. His boss, the chief, had more than 400 instances in which he assessed and approved a citation in 2 seconds or less.

The Tribune also found wide disparities from suburb to suburb in how often towns approve violations flagged by vendors. Lynwood and East Dundee use the same camera vendor, yet Lynwood issues a citation for nearly every violation cited by the firm, while East Dundee rejects almost all of the firm's suggested tickets.

Those ticketed can appeal, but the suburbs largely control the process and tickets are rarely tossed out, the Tribune analysis found. Drivers can then take their case to traditional courts, but it's costly and odds of victory are long.

Previous Tribune investigations have shown how the state ignored its own guidelines by allowing the lucrative cameras on some of the area's safest intersections, and then failed to monitor cameras to see if they truly reduced crashes. Cameras were allowed to stay in places where crashes rose, without question.

The latest review highlights a largely unregulated suburban system that collectively pumps out 75 percent more tickets than the older and more well-known camera program in Chicago.

Supporters of cameras say they're easy to disparage because no one likes getting a ticket. They say the dec-

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A DAY FULL OF FIRSTS

Carpentersville's Bradie Tennell, above, made her Olympic debut Sunday, skating in the women's short program of the team figure skating event. And Red Gerard, 17, won the United States' first medal of the Games — a gold in men's slopestyle snowboarding.

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As midterms near, more women have hats in ring

2016 election led many to take stock, launch campaigns

BY KATE THAYER
Chicago Tribune

Nearly a year after her hopes for the first female president were dashed, Beth Vercolio-Osmund contemplated her own political debut.

Last fall, increasingly frustrated with lawmakers and the direction of politics in Washington, the 49-year-old mother of three who runs a farm with her husband in Ottawa, Ill., had been trying to expand her community involvement and make a difference locally. When it became clear to her that volunteerism was no longer enough, she considered a friend's suggestion to run for Congress.

"I mulled it over for a while and had just about talked myself out of it," Vercolio-Osmund said. She even told her husband he should be the one to run, but he said it was "time for women." After much thought, she said, "I decided. I'm going to try."

Vercolio-Osmund is one of three women with no political experience running in the March 20 Democratic primary in Illinois' 16th Congressional District. Her run is part of a national trend of more women vying for offices at all levels of government. A majority of these women are challenging incumbents, and many of them are first-time candidates.

"While I absolutely respect experience ... I do

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jennifer Zordani is one of five women seeking the Democratic nomination in the 6th Congressional District.

At stake: At what price free speech?

Supreme Court to decide paying union dues issue

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Paying union dues and baking a wedding cake may not seem like classic examples of free speech — except perhaps at the Supreme Court.

This year, the high court is poised to announce its most significant expansion of the First Amendment since the Citizens United decision in 2010, which struck down laws that limited campaign spending by corporations, unions and the very wealthy.

The "money is speech" doctrine is back and at the heart of a case to be heard this month that threatens the financial foundation of public employee unions in 22 "blue" states.

Like Citizens United, the union case is being closely

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Can Paul Vallas defeat Mayor Rahm Emanuel in the city's 2019 election? "If I get him into a runoff, I beat him," Vallas says.



JOHN KASS

Emanuel has 'one excuse after another,' Vallas says

The race for governor of Illinois is the shiny object now.

But just offstage from the gubernatorial drama is something more important to the city.

It is the race for mayor of Chicago.

And it's going on right now, with Mayor Rahm Emanuel hoping to hold on as challengers line up and the 2019 campaign takes shape.

One challenger is Paul Vallas, city budget expert and CEO of the Chicago Public Schools back when the system was fiscally sound. Vallas has a national reputation.

"He fears me as a candidate," Vallas said in an interview on this week's episode of "The Chicago Way" podcast that I co-host with Jeff Carlin on WGN radio. "I'm probably getting under his skin, and who knows when it comes to his internal polling?"

In politics, you don't attack what you don't fear. And Emanuel is on the attack.

"Let's face it. He's got a lot of money. He's got a huge public relations team, every day sending out press releases or whispering to reporters or operating through surrogates that he's given considerable financial contributions to," Vallas said.

"So what they're going to do is they're going to try to rewrite my record. And what I've got to do is every time he hits, I'm going to hit back and I'm going to hit back harder," Vallas told me.

I've invited the mayor to sit down and talk on "The Chicago Way," and I'm doing so again here. He's always welcome.

So are former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, who is making a move, and Troy LaRaviere, president of the principals association and the only candidate who has formally announced.

Willie Wilson is quietly planning another run at Emanuel. Wilson, who made millions by owning McDonald's franchises and a medical supply company, has an inspiring story.

Wilson is the son of a Louisiana sharecropper, who plowed with mules. My own father plowed his fields with mules, too. And I like that in a candidate.

But for now, the mayor seems more worried about Vallas. "Can I get him into a runoff? Obviously I wouldn't be running if I didn't think I couldn't at least get him in a runoff," Vallas said. "And if I get him into a runoff, I beat him. It's as simple as that. I'm pretty confident about that.

"I've got to prepare to withstand his carpet bombing, so to speak. I've got to dig my bomb shelters deep and have some resources to do that," Vallas said.

Vallas hasn't formally announced his candidacy, but he's running. He's raising money, putting a campaign together, and the others are doing the same.

Chicago needs a good mayoral campaign because Chicago is in trouble. In 2020, right after the next mayoral election, the city hits another fiscal crisis, with taxpayers owing another billion dollars or so.

The city doesn't need a battle of personalities or a contest about who looks best emoting in a soft fuzzy sweater. What Chicago requires is a battle of ideas.

And Vallas thinks he can bring that.

"We are nowhere near addressing the long-term financial crisis the city is facing," Vallas said. "So technically, he's punting again.

"He's been mayor for seven years. When you blame your predecessors it's like Trump blaming Hillary Clinton. You've been here for seven years. What have you accomplished in seven years? Is the city in better shape? Is the city any safer? Are the schools any more stable? Is the cost of living any more manageable? I think not."

On "The Chicago Way," he rebutted the mayor's argument: that Vallas, who worked in Chicago under former Mayor Richard M. Daley, was responsible for kicking the fiscal can down the road.

It's an odd rhetorical gymnastic exercise for Emanuel. He won't dare mention Daley's name, perhaps out of fear of angering Irish-American voters. But he blames Vallas for things that Daley did after Vallas left town to work on public education in Haiti, Louisiana, Chile and Philadelphia.

So Vallas punched back hard. He focused on the City Hall's scandalous handling of the police video of the Laquan McDonald shooting. The black teenager was shot 16 times by a white cop, but the video surfaced only after Emanuel had been safely re-elected.

And Vallas hit back on Emanuel's CPS scandal, in which education consultant Gary Solomon received a $20.5 million CPS contract and Solomon and CPS chief Barbara Byrd-Bennett were convicted in a bribery scheme.

"Let me say something about the kicking can down the road thing — because he's going to say it and you're going to hear it over and over again," Vallas said. "It's really important today that when people encounter a candidate that's lying or saying things that are blatantly false, that they lock that in their memory.

"Because someone who lies once is going to lie again and again and again," Vallas said. "So we've heard Laquan McDonald wasn't his responsibility, no, but throw McCarthy to the wolves; or 'I didn't know about Gary Solomon and the $20 million no-bid contract,' when we all know that City Hall was pressuring (ousted CPS chief Jean-Claude) Brizard to award that contract and eventually brought in (Byrd-)Bennett who awarded that contract. He's got one excuse after another."

So with all the attention on the gubernatorial race, remember that Democratic Boss Madigan runs Springfield. The race for mayor of Chicago is the one that counts.

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By Kim Janssen, Tracy Swartz and Phil Thompson

Newspaper icons knock Trump, Tribune

President **Donald Trump** is a "demagogue," a "con man," a "grifter" and a "McCarthyite," Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter **Carl Bernstein** told a Chicago audience in recent days.

Tell us what you really think, Carl.

"He sees himself as a strong man, or wants to see himself as a strong man," Bernstein, 73 — who broke the Watergate scandal for The Washington Post with **Bob Woodward**, 74 — told the crowd when the pair appeared at Northeastern Illinois University on Thursday night.

Alas, Woodward's attempts to be nice to the late, great proprietor of the Post, **Katharine Graham** (memorably portrayed by **Meryl Streep** in the Oscar-nominated "The Post"), resulted in an insult to the august organ you are currently reading.



AP 1973

Reporters Carl Bernstein, left, and Bob Woodward, who broke the Watergate scandal, spoke recently in Chicago.

When Graham quizzed him about the Chicago Tribune's reporting of Watergate, Woodward said he asked himself, "What the hell's she doing reading the Chicago Tribune? Nobody in Chicago does!"

Chicago Inc. is proud to report that the audience booed that comment.

Asked afterward by Inc. what his beef with the Tribune was, and whether he had, perhaps — before he helped bring down a corrupt president and was flatteringly portrayed by a young **Robert Redford** in a hit movie — been overlooked for an internship here as a young lad growing up in Wheaton, Woodward scowled.

"You used to have that thing, 'The World's Greatest Newspaper,' and I wasn't wild about that," he said of the slogan that appeared regularly on Page 1 of the newspaper through the 1900s.

OK, Bob.

— Kim Janssen

Joe Maddon teams up with Spiaggia chef on new eatery

Who says the Cubs aren't signing any big names this offseason?

Spiaggia chef and partner **Tony Mantuano** is joining the team. Sort of.

Mantuano and Cubs manager **Joe Maddon** are teaming up for an as-yet-unnamed restaurant to open at The Park at Wrigley, adjacent to Wrigley Field.

"We just hit it off," Mantuano said. "We're sorta the same age, came from blue-collar towns (Hazelton, Pa., for Maddon, Kenosha for Mantuano). He's amazing to spend time with."

The concept will be Italian — Mantuano's entire career is Italian-based, and Ava, Maddon's highly regarded restaurant in Tampa, Fla., is rustic-Italian — but with some Polish dishes, because Maddon is half-Polish. The two-story space will host Maddon's radio show. And all the cooking will be wood-fired.



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Chef Tony Mantuano, left, is partnering with Chicago Cubs manager Joe Maddon to open a restaurant at The Park at Wrigley.

But the opening may be a season away, Mantuano said: "Knowing how restaurants work, and knowing it's almost March, we'll be good if we get it open just in time for the World Series."

— Phil Vettel

After Olympics, Aja Evans has a date with Bigfoot

Maybe after she goes hunting for gold in Pyeongchang, **Aja Evans** will go hunting for Sasquatch in the Pacific Northwest.

"On my little bucket list I want to go Bigfoot hunting," the Olympic bobsledder and Chicago native says in a video interview posted Thursday on Cryptomundo.com, a blog dedicated to cryptozoology, the study of mythical creatures. "I'm really into those documentaries. I love aliens, stuff like that. Not like the sci-fi type of shows, the ones where they came to be exploring and finding stuff. I really want to try it one time.

"I watch so many shows on Area 51, but like Bigfoot in particular," said Evans, who also shared her love of Bigfoot, aliens and "#SharkWeek" during an ask-me-anything session with Reddit users in July. "I don't know why I have a fascination, because if I really came in contact with a Bigfoot, I'd probably faint.

"Just the unknown I think I have a fascination with."

The former U. of I. and Morgan Park High track star and her teammates see their first competition Feb. 20.

— Phil Thompson



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Olympic bobsledder Aja Evans, a Chicago native, says she likes documentaries about aliens as well.

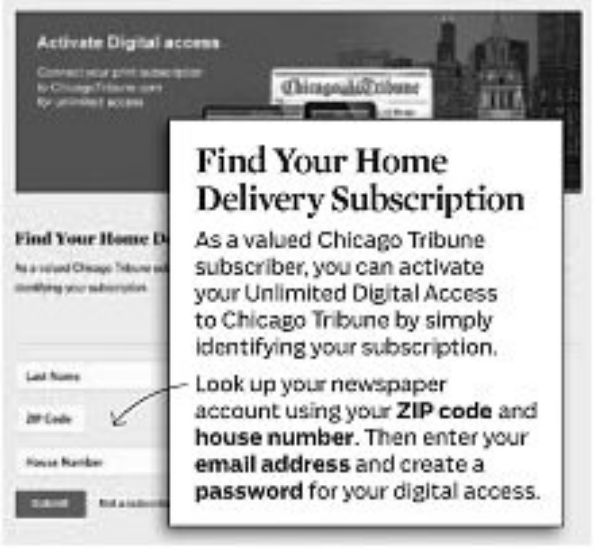
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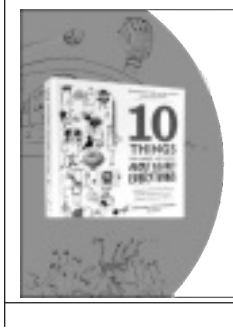
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Mayor pushes for carjacking crackdown bill

Proposal to make it easier to charge suspect with felony

By Bill Ruthhart
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and a group of state lawmakers are pushing new legislation in Springfield aimed at cracking down on the surge of carjackings in Chicago. They want to close a loophole that police and city officials say has led many of the vehicle thefts to result in only misdemeanor charges.

The Emanuel administration and sponsoring legislators are quick to point out they are not seeking tougher sentencing — an omission that could make the new law an easier sell at the Capitol — but instead pursuing a way to ensure that penalties already on the books are better enforced.

In Illinois, motor vehicle theft is classified as a Class 2 felony, which carries a sentence of between three and seven years. But under the state's current law, a person in possession of a stolen vehicle has to know it has "been stolen or converted" to be charged with felony possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

That knowledge, Emanuel's office and police brass say, can be difficult to prove because those caught with vehicles that have been carjacked often claim they didn't know it was stolen. The result often is a reduced misdemeanor charge of trespassing.

Unlike the felony charge, which can require the offender to post bail and carries the likelihood of state prison time, a misdemeanor typically results in probation and an immediate release from jail, said Walter Katz, Emanuel's deputy chief of staff for public safety.

A new bill filed late Friday would remove the requirement that a person in possession of a stolen vehicle has to know it is stolen and instead set the bar at whether the individual possesses the vehicle without the consent of the owner or "exercises exclusive unexplained possession" of a vehicle.

"Too many turn into misdemeanor trespassing, and these include cars that began as a violent, armed hijacking, where the car was stolen violently at gunpoint, it disappears, a few days later it's seen later by police, it comes back stolen and the person, who may not be the same person who committed the hijacking, simply says, 'I didn't know,'" Katz said. "From a victim's point of view, that's obscene, and the intent of this legislation is to empower victims."

Since January 2017, there have been 4,240 vehicle theft charges in Chicago, according to city figures. Of those charges, 3,139 — or 74 percent — were misdemeanor trespassing while 876 — or 21 percent — were the felony charge of possession of a stolen motor vehicle. The rest of the charges fell into other categories.

"The difference is in the outcomes. As a misdemeanor, you'll likely end up with probation," Katz said. "With a Class 2 felony, then there is the potential for state prison time."

Since 2016, carjackings have skyrocketed in Chicago, including about 1,000 last year alone — the most for a single year in at least a decade. Unlike the upswing in shootings and homicides over the last two years, which are mostly concentrated in impoverished neighborhoods on the South and West sides, the carjackings have been prevalent in a wide range of neighborhoods, including some of Chicago's most affluent.

The problem has become a political issue for Emanuel as he embarks on a bid for a third term. His office often hears from residents concerned with the regular string of carjackings in some of the most in-demand neighborhoods like Bucktown, Wicker Park and the West Loop.

Statistics over a 10-month period from last year show the city's Harrison District on the West Side had the most carjackings. In the Shakespeare police district, which includes Wicker Park, Bucktown and Logan Square, carjackings over that period last year tripled compared with 2016. In two patrol districts that include the downtown area, Near North and Central, carjackings nearly quadrupled.

State Rep. Jaime Andrade, D-Chicago, and state Sen. Tony Munoz, D-Chicago, plan to carry bills in their respective chambers with the hopes of landing one on Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's desk this year. The lawmakers are expected to hold a Sunday news conference with Emanuel to announce the push for the new law.

"These carjackings have been just all over," said Andrade, whose district includes a portion of the Northwest Side. "What's happening is very difficult for when a police officer pulls these guys over to prove they had knowledge that they stole the vehicle. When they have the keys to the car and there is no damage to the car, it's difficult for the state's attorney's office to prove the individual knew it was stolen or stole it themselves."

The legislation is modeled after a California law that has been on the books since the 1960s, Katz said. Andrade said he has already had several co-sponsors sign on to his House bill including state Reps. Arthur Turner, D-Chicago; Marcus Evans, D-Chicago; Kelly Burke, D-Evergreen Park; Kathleen Willis, D-Addison; and Luis Arroyo Sr., D-Chicago.

A one-page summary of the bill from Emanuel's office urging lawmakers to vote for its passage stresses that the bill "does not change or enhance the penalty" for motor vehicle theft, with a bold underline for emphasis.

That's because bills that enhance sentencing guidelines can sometimes be a tough sell in the Democrat-controlled legislature. Last year, for example, a bill pushed by Emanuel to stiffen sentencing for repeat gun offenders was opposed by 41 state representatives. The group included many members of the House Black Caucus, who argued there is no proof tougher sentences do anything to drive down crime and said the proposal would lead to a spike in arrests of African-American and Latino men.

The carjacking bill comes after a joint task force was launched this month to tackle the surge in the crime; agents from the FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are included. Katz also said the city is stepping up its use of license plate recognition cameras on squad cars to help identify stolen vehicles.

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Book on housing focuses on humans

Author finally tells the full story of notorious Cabrini-Green project



By Mary Schmich

One afternoon recently, on one of those winter days when everything seems gray and white and frozen, Ben Austen stood next to the remains of the housing project formerly known as Cabrini-Green.

"This is lost Chicago," he said.

Behind him stretched the once-famous Cabrini rowhouses, 146 of them still occupied, 440 others boarded up and behind metal fences. Nearby were new "luxury" condos and vacant fields ripe for more development. The public-housing towers that once stood on the empty land were long gone.

Anyone who didn't know what used to be here wouldn't have a clue.

What used to be here, at the doorstep of the downtown skyline, next to the wealthy Gold Coast, just south of wealthy Lincoln Park, was a lively, impoverished world that Austen depicts in the newly released "High-Risers: Cabrini-Green and the Fate of American Public Housing."

It's a sad, infuriating, complicated tale that has been told bit by bit over the decades but never assembled into such a comprehensive, readable book.

"The story of how this development comes here and how it comes to disappear is the story of this city," Austen said, "the story of America."

On this frigid afternoon, I had met Austen a few blocks north of the rowhouses, near the huge vacant lot where the last of Cabrini's 23 high-rises stood and where his interest in Cabrini-Green was sparked.

In 2011, he took an assignment for Harper's Magazine to cover the building's demolition. Watching as the wrecking balls took the building down, he thought about how Cabrini was a story both over-told and under-told. He wanted to tell it in full.

"It seemed like such a significant Chicago moment," he said of Cabrini's vanishing. "What did it mean that this place took up so much space in the collective psyche?"



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New "luxury" condos and vacant fields stand near the once-infamous rowhouses of the Cabrini-Green public housing complex.



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2010

The building at 1230 N. Burling St. was the last public housing high-rise in the Cabrini-Green complex. It was demolished in 2011.

Residents are stars

"High-Risers" is described as a "smart, humanistic exploration" of Cabrini-Green.
Book review in Life+Style

Growing up on Chicago's South Side, Austen knew Cabrini-Green mostly by reputation.

At the time, he said, no matter where you lived in Chicago, whatever the color of your skin, Cabrini loomed larger than the city's other housing projects. "It was shorthand for something rundown or dangerous."

As he talked, we were walking south on Larrabee Street, past the Target that now stands on land once occupied by another Cabrini high-rise, then across Division Street and on past the Atlas CrossFit gym in the strip mall that once housed a beeper store.

Twenty years ago, cabbies refused to drive along these stretches of Larrabee and Division. Residents of the nearby neighborhoods avoided it in their cars.

Crime at Cabrini wasn't worse than in the city's other housing projects, Austen notes, but its location, on the North Side, near white people and wealth, helped make it more visible to the world.

In 1981, Mayor Jane Byrne made national news when she moved, briefly, into a Cabrini apartment, a stunt intended to show the city's determination to fix what was wrong.

On "Saturday Night Live" in that era, a black cast member from Chicago played a recurring character, a teenage mother, named Cabrini Green Harlem Watts Jackson.



Ben Austen has written a book on the history and lasting impact of the mostly vanished housing project.

But Cabrini has always been far more than the jokes and stereotypes it was famous for, and Austen's book vividly illustrates that it was a community, filled with strong people who struggled against the odds.

The book also recounts the poor, struggling communities that preceded Cabrini on the same land, where factories once flourished.

"This was one of the poorest slums in Chicago, for decades, at the turn of the 20th century," Austen said. "European immigrants who couldn't afford to live further away from all the pollution and ugliness and factories, this is where they settled."

The rowhouses, completed in 1942, were built to remedy those early slums. But the city and the country changed, and with it the neighborhood.

Over the next two decades, the public housing high-rises were added. For reasons Austen explains in the book, white people moved out and more black people moved in. The social problems that plagued the country — poverty, drugs — were left to fester, abetted by mismanagement.

By the 1990s, the powers that be decided Cabrini had to go.

"The thing the city said they wanted to get rid of was concentrated poverty," Austen said. "That was the real villain we had to attack."

But in the years since, that villain hasn't been vanquished.

"We haven't rid the city of the problem of concentrated poverty," Austen said. "We just don't do it in towers anymore."

Many Chicagoans will remember a lot of the events and characters Austen recounts in his book. I do, but even after writing scores of stories about Cabrini through the years, I learned a lot.

One anecdote that sticks with me involves the mother of Dantrell Davis, the 7-year-old boy who was shot to death in Cabrini in 1992 as he walked to school with his mom, Annette Freeman. His death sparked the urgency — some would say the excuse — to tear it all down.

Not far from the rowhouses, he was memorialized with an honorary street sign. His mother, Austen writes, was later given a replica of the DANTRELL DAVIS WAY sign:

"But she stored it in a car she was living out of, and when the car was towed she lost it and her other belongings."

It's moments like that — the small, vital, human history behind the big events — that get lost in the story of the city. Austen's book will help keep them alive.

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‘We’re celebrating my dad’

Late soldier’s 5-year-old daughter receives Army escort to first dance in Beach Park

By Yadira Sanchez Olson | News-Sun



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Cayleigh Hinton, 5, dances on 1st Sgt. Joseph Bierbrodt’s feet at a daddy-daughter dance in Beach Park on Wednesday.

An entire community that rallied to make a little girl’s daddy-daughter dance unforgettable was rewarded Wednesday as she smiled, danced and played throughout the evening.

Five-year-old Cayleigh’s Hinton, of Winthrop Harbor, stepped out of a black limousine shining like a movie star, in shoes that sparkled, a cape around her blue party dress and a yellow corsage on her tiny left wrist.



Hinton

Her date to the dance at Our Lady of Humility School in Beach Park was Joseph Bierbrodt, a first sergeant in the Illinois Army National Guard, who volunteered to accompany the kindergartner to her first dance since her father couldn’t be there.

Army Sgt. Terrence Hinton died in a military truck crash in Hawaii three weeks after Cayleigh’s fifth birthday last year, according to Cayleigh’s mother, Jillian.

According to the military publication Stars and Stripes, Terrence Hinton was a native of Grand Rapids, Mich., who served as a motor transport operator. He enlisted in the Army in 2009 and was previously deployed to Afghanistan in 2010 and Kuwait in 2014.

When Cayleigh’s was born, her parents, like so many others, had talked about all the plans they had for their little girl — like taking her to daddy-daughter dances throughout her childhood, Jillian Hinton said.

Although her husband can’t do that now, she added, he’d want Cayleigh’s to enjoy every opportunity to be a kid. So to honor him, the mother of two reached out to Illinois Army National Guard officials for help.

They delivered.

Without knowing the Hinton family, Bierbrodt volunteered last month to be Cayleigh’s escort.

“I consider it a huge honor to be able to do this,” Bierbrodt said. “We never forget the ones who have left, or leave their families unattended.”

The Fort Sheridan-based father of four would want someone to do the same for his family, he said, if he couldn’t be there for them.

On Wednesday, just hours before the big night, as Bierbrodt was dressing in his uniform, he was also preparing a gift for the little girl he’d meet and dance with that evening.

With a bouquet of flowers and a small brown teddy bear, Bierbrodt also showed up to Cayleigh’s home with a 6-foot stuffed dog that he had won for his two daughters years ago at a theme park. The stuffed animal’s dog tag read “Sarge.”

“I had to sew it up a bit and clean it, but I think she’ll like it,” Bierbrodt said.

Before stepping through a curtain of pink tinsel into the gymnasium of the school where the dance was held, Cayleigh’s said, “It’s a very special day because we’re celebrating my dad. He was a very, very, very special dad to me, and he was a good soldier.”



Cayleigh, of Winthrop Harbor, hugs Beach Park firefighters who also escorted her to the dance. Her father, Sgt. Terrence Hinton, died in a military truck accident last year.

The two new friends then took the spotlight in the middle of the room, and, as Cayleigh’s feet hopped onto Bierbrodt’s shoes, the two danced while the DJ played Mariah Carey’s song “Hero.”

“The whole night was magical,” Cayleigh’s mother said. “Her favorite parts were riding in the limo, getting her big dog and flowers, and dancing the whole night in her pretty dress.”

Cayleigh’s also made time for a dance with members of the Patriot Guard, who had escorted her limo to the dance, along with officers from the Lake County sheriff’s office and the Winthrop Harbor and Zion police departments, along with firefighters from Zion and Beach Park.

Adding that Cayleigh’s 15-year-old brother, Christian Rogers, will be the man who will walk her down the aisle one day, Jillian Hinton said it was nice that a soldier like her father danced with her at her first dance.

“I know (Terrence) is smiling looking down on her,” Jillian Hinton said of her little girl’s bond with her daddy.

Yadira Sanchez Olson is a freelance reporter for the News-Sun.

Felon in prison after video with gun

By Brian L. Cox
Chicago Tribune

An Evanston felon who brandished a loaded handgun during a live video post on Facebook and then was arrested by police who recognized the location where the video was being shot has been sentenced to three years in prison, according to court records.

Stephen Adams, 24, of the 1800 block of Grey Avenue, pleaded guilty Jan. 25 at the Skokie courthouse to felony unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, authorities said. They said he also was sentenced to two years of mandatory supervised release and that other charges were dropped in exchange for his guilty plea.

In December 2016, Evanston police stopped the car Adams was riding in after watching a Facebook Live post of Adams and four other people driving around in a vehicle and flashing a handgun, authorities said.

They said that as police were watching the live post, they determined the vehicle was in an alley in the 800 block of Clark Street in the north suburb. When officers showed up a short time later, the men in the vehicle ran but Adams fell in the snow, dropped a loaded Glock .40-caliber handgun and was arrested, court records show.

The other passengers from the vehicle went into a nearby restaurant, and the driver, who was on parole at the time, was charged with unlawful contact with street gang members, according to court documents. They said the other three passengers were not charged.

Brian L. Cox is a freelance reporter.

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Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios, left, will face a one-on-one matchup with Fritz Kaegi, right, in the Democratic primary if Andrea Raila is removed from the ballot.

Berrios aide sought to keep a challenger in primary race

By Hal Dardick
Chicago Tribune

Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios' campaign spokeswoman took steps to try to keep a primary challenger on the March ballot and prevent a one-on-one matchup with asset manager Fritz Kaegi.

An election official on Monday recommended Democratic assessor candidate Andrea Raila be kicked out of the race because of a problem with the petition signatures she needs to run. Soon after, Berrios spokeswoman Monica Trevino sent a private Facebook message requesting an objection to Raila's candidacy be dropped, possibly clearing a path for her campaign to continue.

Trevino's message went to Shana East, who had filed the objection against Raila. East is a board member of Our Revolution Illinois, a group that endorsed Kaegi early in the race.

"I really think it's foul what Fritz is doing to Andrea," stated Trevino's message, which East provided to the Tribune. "Regardless of your thoughts about Berrios we should never silence a woman. You were an objector. Anyway, you pull that objection and allow voters to decide. Fritz is bullying a woman."

Kaegi's campaign on Friday suggested the message showed that the Berrios and Raila campaigns were "coordinating." Kaegi's campaign prefers a one-on-one matchup with Berrios. Beating him in the primary could prove especially difficult if any anti-Berrios vote is split by two opponents.

But Trevino said in a statement she "was never asked by anyone to contact East," with whom she worked on Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia's 2015 campaign for mayor. "I was reaching out to her because she and I are friends."

"I'm saddened to hear that a private conversation between two friends about the solidarity for women was disclosed," Trevino said. "Regardless of the side we are on, I would never condone the bullying that Andrea Raila has been subjected to by Fritz Kaegi in his attempt to keep her off the ballot."

Berrios did not return phone calls on Friday.

East said she and Trevino talked on the phone after the original Facebook message. Trevino tried to convince her that objecting to Raila's petitions would go against their shared belief in progressive, feminist causes, East said.

The conversation, East said, left her "overwhelmed," to the point that she "didn't know what to do." She said she called county election officials to determine what would be involved in removing herself as an objector to Raila's petitions.

Raila confirmed that she, too, talked to East about withdrawing as an objector, adding that she also spoke to David Temkin, the other objector in the case. But Raila said she did not even know who Trevino was, and Trevino said she was not aware of any conversation between Raila and East.

In the end, East said she decided to not withdraw her objection after talking to someone from Kaegi's campaign. "I'm 100 percent supporting Fritz Kaegi," she said.

Berrios is seen as vulnerable in some quarters amid controversy over his methods for assessing property and habit of hiring relatives to work in his office.

"The Tax Divide," a series published by the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois, concluded that Berrios' assessment practices gave unwarranted tax breaks to the wealthy, pushing more of the burden onto the poor.

The fate of Raila's campaign could become more clear on Tuesday, when the county's Electoral Board is scheduled to hear the case. A hearing officer concluded the Raila campaign engaged in a "pattern of fraud" in an attempt to secure enough signatures to run in the race and recommends she be removed from the ballot.

"There's nothing that was a deep pattern of fraud, and I will prove that," Raila said.

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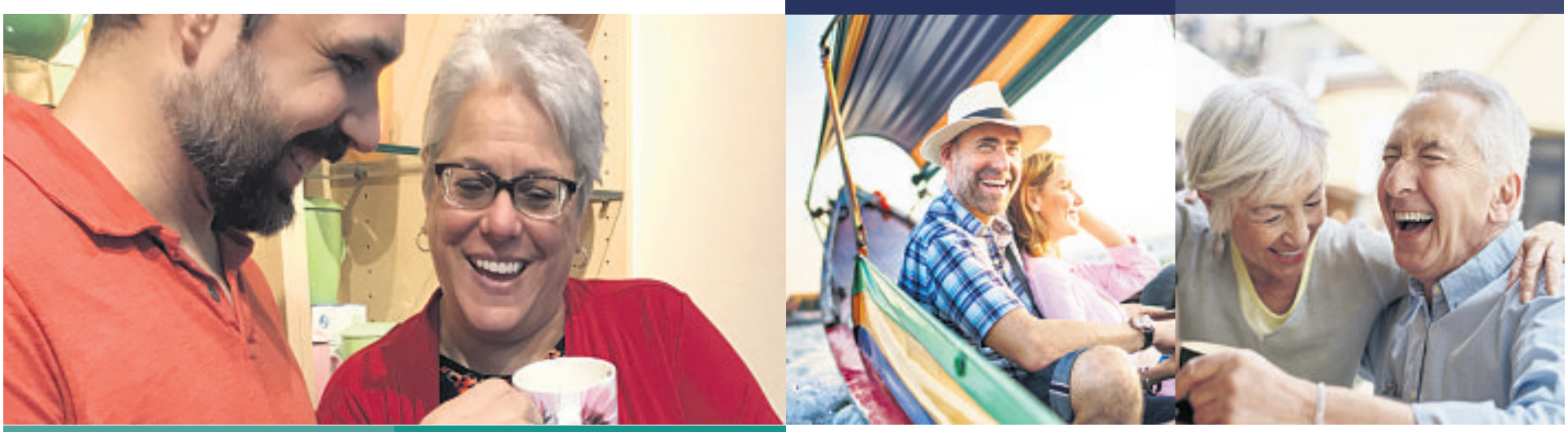
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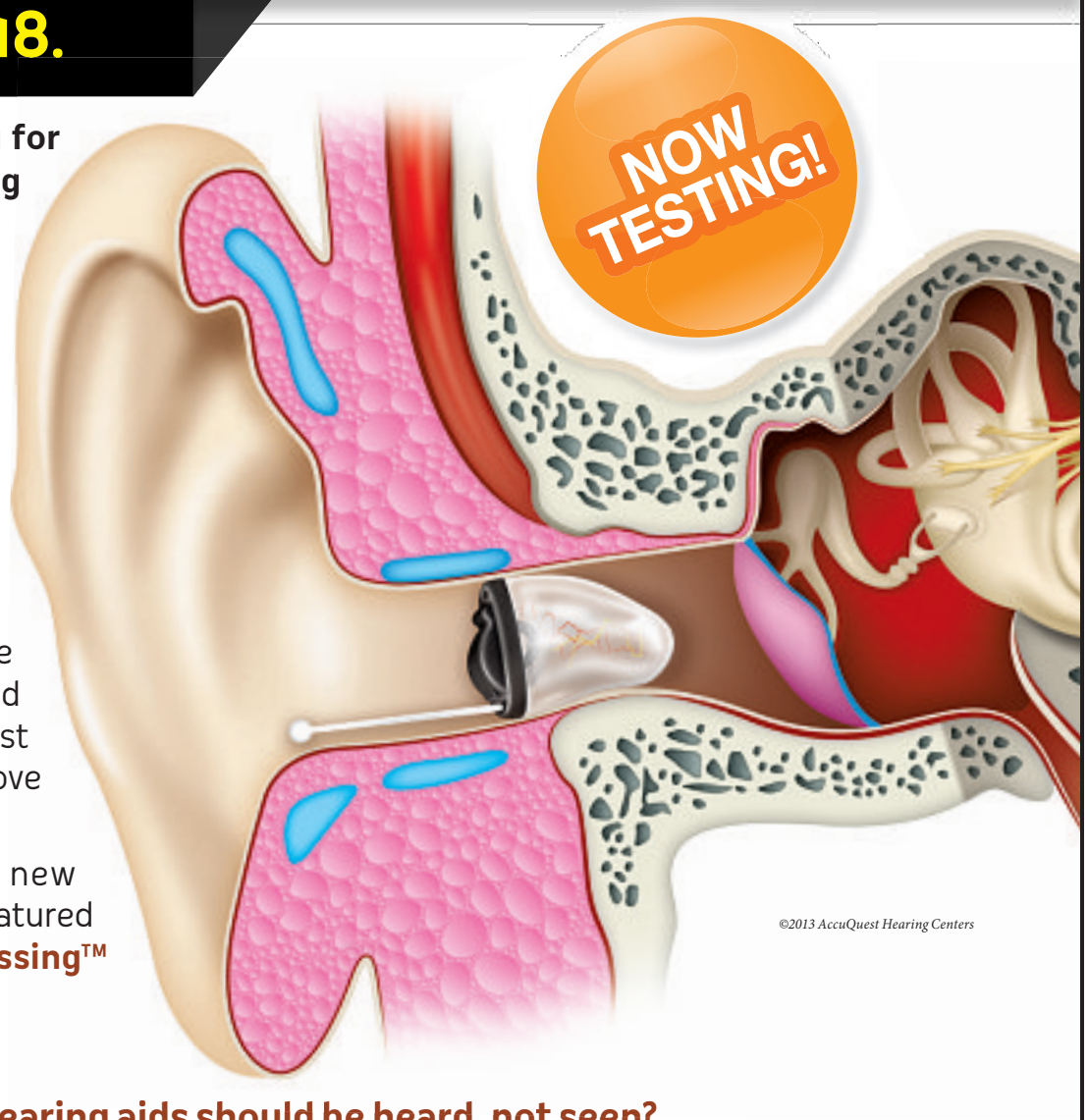
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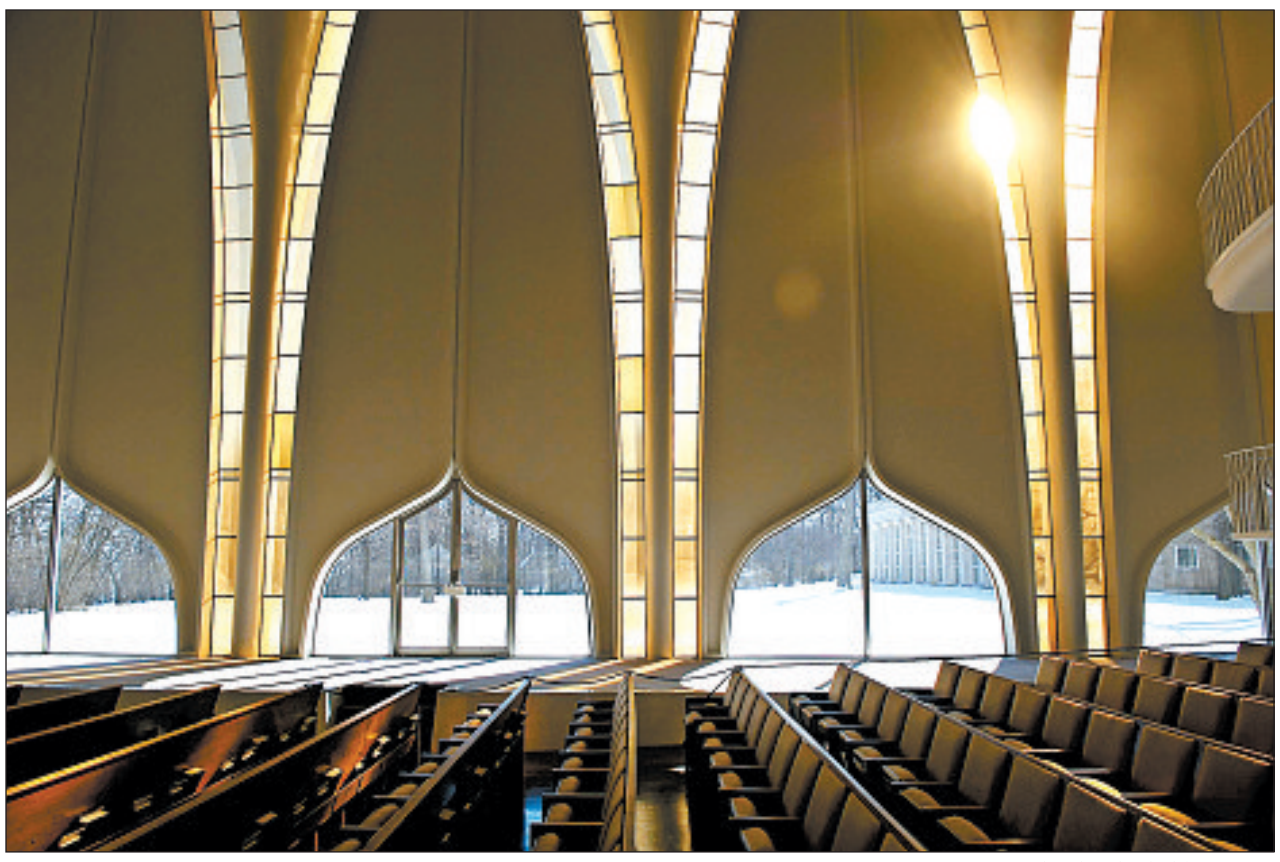


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Crowds gather outside the U.S. Science Exhibit, designed by Minoru Yamasaki, during the 1962 World's Fair in Seattle.



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Yamasaki's work lives on in the Chicago area in the opulent North Shore Congregation Israel synagogue in Glencoe.

Yamasaki put a special emphasis on the sensory and emotional aspects of architecture.

Mention the name Minoru Yamasaki to architects of a certain age, and two violently destructive images invariably will come to mind: The 2001 terrorist attack that felled the twin towers of his World Trade Center and the 1972 demolition of a section of his deeply troubled Pruitt-Igoe housing project in St. Louis. Both were televised. And both combined with searing, sometimes simplistic, critiques of Yamasaki's work to reduce this once-celebrated mid-20th-century modernist, who made Time's cover in 1963, to the status of a footnote.

A fine new book, "Minoru Yamasaki: Humanist Architecture for a Modernist World" (Yale University Press, $65, 284 pages), paints a more nuanced and truer portrait: Yamasaki, it argues, should not be judged solely by the World Trade Center's place-destroying gigantism, Pruitt-Igoe's soul-crushing monotony, or the attacks of those who, noting the architect's preference for wrapping his buildings with delicate screens, labeled him a decorator.

Instead, Dale Allen Gyure, a professor at Lawrence Technological University near Detroit, makes the compelling case that Yamasaki's body of work and ideas remain relevant, despite his lapses.

"Yamasaki should be respected for his seminal position in the crucial second generation of twentieth-century modern architecture," Gyure writes. Other "New Formalist" architects, like Philip Johnson and Edward Durrell Stone, also were seeking to go beyond the technological and functionalist strictures set out by such first-generation modernists as Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. But Yamasaki, Gyure writes, put a special emphasis on the sensory and emotional aspects of architecture.

Architectural historians who seek to revive the reputations of their subjects often lapse into cheerleading. But with rare exceptions, Gyure displays an admirable judiciousness in assessing the life and career of Yamasaki, who was born to Japanese immigrant parents in Seattle in 1912 and went to architecture school at the University of Washington. He worked for New York firms before bringing his modernist sensibility to Detroit in 1945. He opened his own office in suburban Detroit 10 years later.

By that time, he was a certified star, having made his mark with acclaimed structures like the soaring, thin-shell concrete vaults of the Lambert-St. Louis Airport terminal and a U.S. consulate in Kobe, Japan, that effectively synthesized modernist and Japanese motifs. More important, after a 1954 global tour that directly exposed him to such landmarks as Venice's Piazza San Marco and the Taj Mahal in Agra, India, he developed a three-pronged humanist theory that sought to soften the hard edges of steel-and-glass modernism by exploring the viewer's emotional response to architecture.



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Yamasaki was ridiculed by some critics for his design of New York's World Trade Center, dedicated in 1973.

Because technology had brought chaos to modern life, in Yamasaki's view, architecture should create oases of calm like those found in a Japanese garden — "serenity." He also valued "surprise," as exemplified by the transition from a narrow street to an open Italian piazza. And inspired by the Taj Mahal, he sought "delight" through richness of decoration, striking silhouettes, reflecting pools, and the play of sunlight and shadow.



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A new book tells a more nuanced story about the life and work of Yamasaki.

Yamasaki's U.S. Science Pavilion at the 1962 Seattle World's Fair, which featured an iconic cluster of open-framed, concrete vaults that anchored a courtyard enlivened by pools and lined by buildings with narrow Gothic arches, skillfully expressed this ideal. And it helped him win the coveted spot on Time's cover.

But he would strain to reconcile his philosophy of "kindness and gentility" with the 110-story towers of the World Trade Center and their enormous barren outdoor plaza. Gyure's well-balanced analysis of the Trade Center, which was dedicated in 1973, points out how Yamasaki's clients at New York's Port Authority pushed for the towers to become the world's tallest buildings — a title that they would quickly lose to Chicago's Sears Tower. Officials also stripped trees, reflecting pools and other humanizing elements from the plaza. Yet the author does not spare the architect.

"Yamasaki, despite his protestations to the contrary, abandoned his humanist principles and instead designed a vast, empty space to match the size of the Twin Towers," Gyure writes. "For an architect who rose to prominence by denouncing modernism's cold, functionalist heritage and embracing a more sensitive architecture of 'serenity and delight,' the plaza was an unfortunate about-face."

The author goes astray, however, when he asserts that the pejorative "dainty" label that critics pinned on the twin towers, which utilized a "framed-tube" system of thinly-spaced exterior columns, was code for "effeminacy and homosexuality." The towers were big but not bold. Their expression paled in comparison to the muscular X-bracing of Chicago's John Hancock Center. I agree with the dainty critique, but it was an assessment of design quality, not the now-fashionable subjects of gender or sexuality.

The Pruitt-Igoe story is also well-handled, with Gyure demonstrating how high density levels, tight-fisted federal specifications and cost cutting undercut Yamasaki's vision for a mix of low- and high-rise structures placed in verdant landscape. Instead, the outcome was a monolithic complex of 33 high-rise buildings, each 11 stories high. The author rightly calls out the postmodern critic Charles Jencks for creating a Pruitt-Igoe myth that encouraged less knowledgeable observers to "naively attribute the project's lack of success solely to Yamasaki's design."

Yamasaki died in 1986. When the firm he founded closed in 2010, 47 years to the month after its namesake had appeared on the Time cover, the world took relatively little notice.

In the Chicago area, his legacy includes the elegant but oversize North Shore Congregation Israel synagogue in Glencoe and the boxy, uninspired Montgomery Ward headquarters, now a condominium tower, at 535 W. Chicago Ave. The architect, as this deeply researched, lucidly written and handsomely illustrated book shows, was driven, brilliant and insecure.

And he was exploring paths — particularly our emotional response to architecture and architects' search for inspiration from the past — we are still traveling down today.

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In the past decade, red light cameras have sprouted from west suburban Bellwood to now issuing about $94 million worth of tickets a year across suburban Chicago, the Tribune found.

Ticket? Depends on the suburb

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ade-old program is designed to be fair and aboveboard — a system that penalizes dangerous drivers while keeping firms and suburbs honest.

"If a town is using this properly, it saves lives and it pays for itself," said Fox Lake police Chief Jimmy Lee.

Critics counter that leaving suburbs to define the ticketing process creates a Wild West atmosphere in which some towns focus on generating cash, not boosting safety or imposing uniform justice.

Rejections

In the past decade, cameras have sprouted from west suburban Bellwood — where a leader infamously boasted that red light cameras were like having a casino — to now issuing roughly $94 million worth of tickets per year across suburban Chicago, the Tribune analysis found.

There is no central list kept by the state on which suburbs have cameras and where. The Tribune sought the most recent 12 months of available records from 85 suburbs it identified as having cameras, then created or obtained dozens of data sets to document a process that begins with a simple triggering of roadway sensors.

Those sensors spur cameras to roll, with the videos sent to one of the private firms that screens them. Those firms describe a rigorous process of reviewing the videos before sending the ones deemed worthy of violations to police departments for a final check. Some firms say they winnow the list of potential violations further, working with client suburbs in advance to identify the kinds of violations each town is likely to approve.

It's a process long described by proponents as nearly foolproof. Videos don't lie, the argument goes. But the Tribune found that, behind the scenes, there can be plenty of debate.

On a recent weekday morning at the Fox Lake police station, Chief Lee logged in to the software of one of the firms, Redflex, and reviewed the latest batch of videos the vendor said showed violations.

At U.S. Highway 12 and Illinois Route 134, a video showed a semi barreling through a light that had turned red 1.6 seconds earlier. Lee noted that the driver had plenty of time to see the light and stop.

"Would I write it if I saw it happen (in front of me)? Yes, I would," Lee told a reporter. "That's probably a 70,000-pound vehicle, and if he hits someone, somebody's taking a trip to the hospital — or the morgue."

With a click of his mouse, Lee ensured a ticket would be mailed to the semi's owner.



Fox Lake Village Administrator Anne Marrin listens as police Chief Jimmy Lee explains how the village uses red light cameras. Officers review video, then decide whether to mail a ticket.



Police can override the decision of a red light camera vendor, which can send in more types of possible violations than police departments are willing to approve for tickets.

After that, two videos showed drivers who stopped beyond the white stop line before turning right on red. Lee said the law doesn't allow camera tickets to be issued if drivers stop before turning, even if they're past the line. Redflex routinely includes videos of those maneuvers as suggested violations, he said, even though it shouldn't.

Lee rejected both. His department nixes about half the potential violations that Redflex sends, a Tribune analysis found. Some other departments reject even more.

Redflex gained infamy after a top executive was convicted of bribing a City Hall operative to get Chicago's lucrative camera contract. But amid pledges of reform, it still holds contracts in eight suburbs, where ticket approval rates range from 30 to 95 percent.

A Redflex spokesman attributed the difference in part to variations in how intersections are designed. Some prohibit right turns, making it easy to approve tickets, while others allow for a stop first, requiring a judgment call on whether a driver came to a stop.

He also said the firm can tighten or loosen its own standards of what's passed on to police based on what a suburb requests. Two other firms, Gatso and ATS, told the Tribune similar things, as did multiple suburbs that contract with one of the biggest firms, Safespeed.

It's why Skokie says it approves 95 percent of what Safespeed suggests — because Skokie said it already worked out with Safespeed to not send violations that may be in a gray area.

But Safespeed sends all the gray-area ones to Palos Heights, police there said. Officers there reject more than 80 percent of those, the Tribune analysis found.

Approval rates vary the most with the firm that holds the most contracts in the area: Redspeed.

Departments with the vendor told the Tribune that Redspeed sets a standard threshold for violations and does not tailor its results by town as some other camera firms do. Redspeed operates out of an office park in west suburban Lombard. It touts a "robust violation review process" in which two sets of eyes agree on a violation before it's ever forwarded to police for review.

The Tribune found 12 suburbs that reject most of Redspeed's suggested violations. Among them is Lisle, which rejects nearly 3 of every 4.

Deputy Chief Ron Wilke said the reason is simple: "Ones that are borderline, we are not issuing the citation."

He cited a broader philosophy that every Police Department contacted by the Tribune said it followed: Approve tickets issued by cameras only if the same traffic maneuver, witnessed by an officer on patrol, would result in a ticket.

That's the philosophy cited as well by the suburb least likely to agree with Redspeed — East Dundee — which approves just 11.6 percent of what the firm suggests.

And it's the same philosophy cited by suburbs that almost always agree with Redspeed, including Melrose Park and the most agreeable of them all: Lynwood.

In 12 months of records provided to the Tribune, the south suburb, which hugs the Indiana state line, approved 99.85 percent of Redspeed's suggestions.

Of the 4,811 violations flagged by Redspeed, Lynwood rejected just seven.

The department attributed that to a corner that prohibits right turns on red.

"It's very black-and-white," said Deputy Chief Terrence Shubert. "It's not something that calls for a lot of judgments."

The department said it's such an easy call, it can be made in seconds, sometimes in far less time than it takes to watch the entire video of an infraction.

A matter of seconds

The law requires a police officer to sign off on any violation before a ticket is mailed.

Officers across the suburbs are assigned to sit at computers and view pictures and videos uploaded by the red light vendors. Videos can range from 8 to 20 seconds, according to suburbs and vendors.

Officers check not only that a violation occurred but also that the license plate in the picture matches the letters and numbers that the firms plug in to their system.

The Tribune sought approval logs for a recent three-month period from a sampling of departments. Those logs chart down to the second when officers approve each ticket. Reporters could determine how long each officer typically spent to review a citation. On the high end, one officer's median number of seconds for review — the midpoint of his review times — was about 24 seconds between citations.

But some officers were much faster. For Skokie Officer Steven Odeshoo, the median was 7 seconds.

On a recent morning, Odeshoo showed the Tribune how: sitting in front of a 42-inch flat-screen TV that instantly pulled up video after video, with special color-coded cues that let him know if the intersection had unique rules such as no turn on red, allowed him to fast-forward the videos to make a quicker judgment. With two quick clicks of the mouse, a ticket was approved or rejected, and the next suggested violation immediately began playing.

Faster still was Lynwood Officer Stevie Bradich, at 5 seconds. Her deputy chief explained that with the no-turn-on-red, they were relatively easy calls.

"I can see how that can be done in as short as 5 or 6 seconds, and have an approval with what is a true violation," Shubert said. "Yes, it's fast, but it's a pretty fast process. You're not actually inputting any numbers. It's just a lot of mouse clicks."

But one department acknowledged that its numbers suggest problems. In Riverdale, one officer typically took 3 seconds to review tickets.

From October through December, Officer Anthony Milton approved 754 violations in just 2 seconds each.

He approved 594 violations in 1 second each.

And 33 times, his review was so fast that the computer logged the approval in the same second as the previous ruling. In other words, he made 33 approvals in less than 1 second each.

His speed was on display toward the end of an overnight Christmas shift, when he reviewed hundreds of tickets in less than 20 minutes. During one stretch, beginning at 4:47 a.m., he approved 41 consecutive violations in 59 total seconds.

His chief wasn't much slower. While Chief David DeMik's median was 6 seconds, there were 396 citations approved in 2 seconds each, and 53 approved in 1 second each.

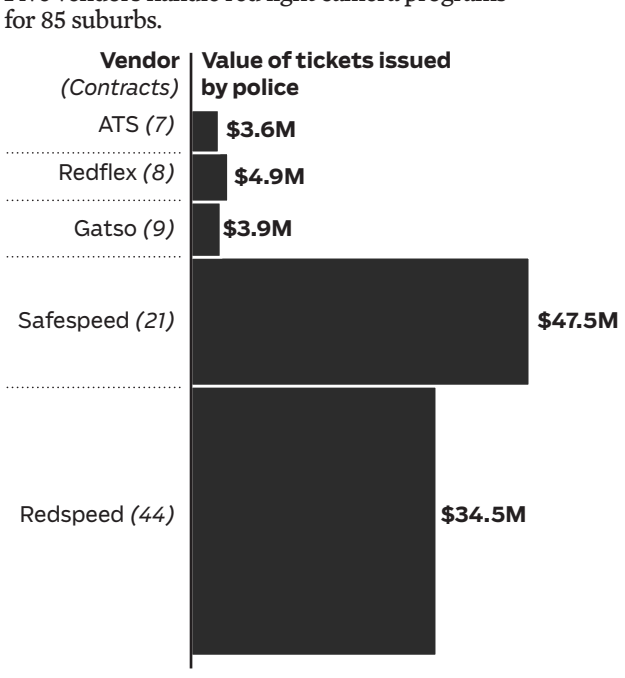
DeMik declined to be interviewed but provided a written statement that said the Tribune's investigation "brought to light some issues that have been immediately corrected."

The chief said no one felt pressure to quickly approve tickets. Rather, he said: "The department is simply doing the best that it can with the resources that it has."

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Dominant vendors produce lots of tickets

Five vendors handle red light camera programs for 85 suburbs.

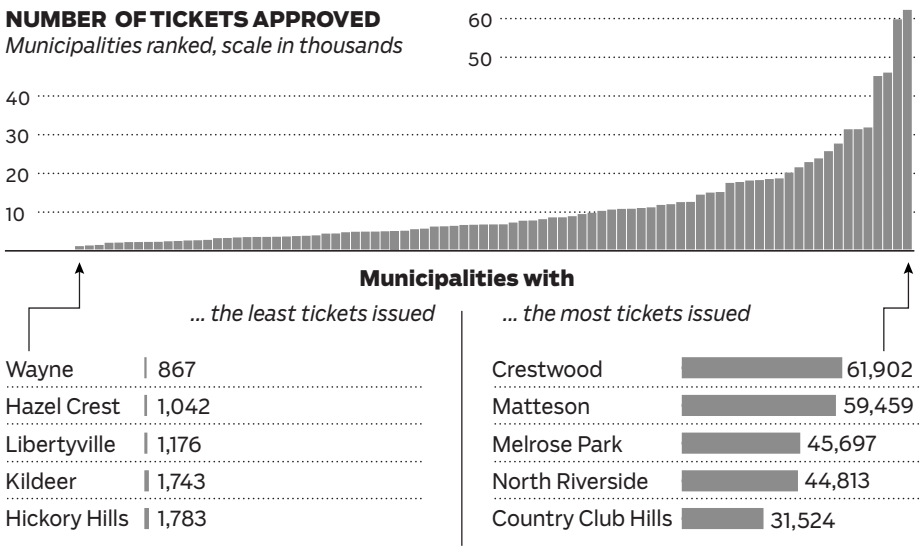


SOURCE: Tribune analysis of 12 months of records provided by 85 suburbs and their vendors. Some suburbs use multiple firms, resulting in 89 total contracts tracked by the Tribune.

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How often do suburbs confirm a violation?

Police must review every traffic ticket suggested by a red light camera firm. Some suburbs OK almost every one, while others reject most. The 85 suburbs with cameras collectively issue about $94 million worth of tickets a year.



SOURCE: Tribune analysis of 12 months of records provided by 85 suburbs and their vendors CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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It's impossible for the Tribune to review any videos from a suburb's red light program to assess how some violations were approved so quickly.

Illinois law usually allows the public to obtain records that form the basis of government actions. The state's Freedom of Information Act allows such access for electronic records, too, such as videos.

That's not the case, though, for red light violations. Lawmakers — in passing the law allowing suburbs to install cameras — specifically prohibited anyone from seeing the videos or pictures of the violations, other than police and the red light vendors. Those ticketed can see the video too, but only of their own violation, not anyone else's.

It was billed as a way to protect drivers' privacy. But it means no one can audit each suburb's decisions, even when officers approve tickets in a matter of seconds.

Legal challenges

Under the law, red light camera citations are treated more like parking tickets than speeding tickets.

Drivers may contest traditional moving violations, such as speeding, to a judge who may hear evidence and rule whether to find someone guilty.

But camera tickets get a lower tier of judicial oversight, called administrative hearings. Appeals are sent to suburbs issuing the tickets, who hire their own lawyers to decide whether the ticket was deserved. Those appealing rarely win.

That tone was clear on a recent night in Riverdale, where the Village Council chambers turned into a makeshift courtroom. The 40 audience chairs were packed with people there to contest their camera tickets.

In front was the lawyer hired by the village to be its hearing officer, Luke Hajzl. And he had bad news for those attempting to appeal the most common type of ticket: rolling right turn on red.

Before the session began, Hajzl explained that to void a ticket, he wanted to see a vehicle's momentum stopped before restarting to make the turn. That meant no movement of hubcaps or wheels.

And so there was little chance for Morris Euman.

The Dolton musician said he came to contest three tickets he received in 36 hours in August when he was giving rides to bandmates. In each case, the videos show him braking to a near-stop and, with no traffic, accelerating to complete the right turn.

Hajzl offered to let Euman watch the videos, but after watching the first one, he knew he was beaten. He pivoted the conversation. He wanted to know if the village ever considered fixing the corner to lower any safety risk that prompted the cameras.

"We're all here for the same thing," he said, gesturing to those seated behind him, some of whom nodded or murmured umhums. "It just seems to me that, as a safety issue, if we're all doing the same thing, rather than rake in the revenue, how about doing something so that you could be countering that and not have this issue?"

Past Tribune investigations found that cameras were put in relatively safe corners that showed little safety improvement afterward, sometimes getting worse. Data show that corner in Riverdale was an example of a relatively safe corner with little change after cameras.

> ***"I don't like giving out fines. ... But I've got a job to do, like everybody else."***
>
> *— Luke Hajzl, Riverdale ticket hearing officer*

But it's a question Hajzl said he couldn't answer. His job, he said, was to focus on cases at hand. In a soft, sympathetic tone, he told the crowd he didn't make the law or even necessarily agree with it. He told Euman to complain to people who could change the law in the suburb or General Assembly.

"I don't like giving out fines. I really don't," the hearing officer said. "But I've got a job to do, like everybody else."

Euman admitted defeat and left. The next case was called. Another defeat. And another. And another.

The Tribune analysis found that the suburb reaffirms the violation for roughly 19 in every 20 citations that are appealed. It's among the highest rates in the area. Across all of suburban Chicago, the Tribune found, drivers lose four out of every five appeals.

Supporters of cameras say the numbers prove the vast majority of tickets are legitimate. Critics argue that it shows the system unfairly favors suburbs over drivers.

Drivers can appeal to a traditional court. But they must pay the filing fees — $84.71 in Cook County — and, as the law is written, the judge must give the benefit of the doubt to what the suburb's lawyer ruled.

Defense attorney Larry Davis characterized appeals as such long shots that he doesn't take camera cases. After all, he said, why should a client pay legal fees and gamble with court fees on top of the original $100 fine when the chance of success is so slim?

$8,000 per day

What's often left for those ticketed are arguments over technicalities of how suburbs have implemented their camera programs. So far, suburbs have withstood several legal challenges to their procedures.

The next test will come in Crestwood, a suburb that separately gained fame for being among the first to offer "rebates" of property taxes to residents, and then infamy after the Tribune exposed how, along the way, penny-pinching officials repeatedly and secretly put toxic water into the village water system.

Crestwood has a new mayor and a new designation: The most prolific camera ticketer in the suburbs.

Most of those tickets originated at Cicero Avenue at Cal Sag Road. Cameras there issue roughly 100 tickets a day, almost all rolling right turns on red. Not everyone pays, with the suburb collecting about $8,000 a day from those tickets, records show.

Mayor Lou Presta makes no apologies, saying it's about safety and that bad drivers deserve tickets.

Critics say it's not that simple.

A class-action lawsuit filed Oct. 5 alleges all those rolling right turn tickets at that corner should be thrown out — and those ticketed repaid — because the intersection is uniquely engineered in a way that drivers turning right can't see the stoplight. The lawsuit argues that the engineering violates state requirements, leaving drivers to assume they can legally merge into traffic without stopping — only to get tickets in the mail weeks later.

Crestwood has responded in court that the intersection complies with engineering requirements and, even if it didn't, it wouldn't matter. The suburb said those ticketed have no legal right to question the engineering.

IDOT's engineers approved the cameras after determining the corner was dangerous, Presta said, and the village is confident the lawsuit will be thrown out.

In the meantime, Safespeed keeps sending videos of perceived violations there, and village police continue to approve them.

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ICE upends exonerated men's return to Mexico

Murder conviction tossed, 2 already planned to leave

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Gabriel Solache is one of two men exonerated of double murder, then detained by ICE shortly after their release.

Released from jail after a judge determined they had been wrongly convicted of murder, Gabriel Solache and Arturo Reyes found themselves immediately plunged into a new fight for freedom — this one over their immigration status.

Solache, 46, and Reyes, 43, had planned to return to their native Mexico after serving 18 years of a life sentence in the fatal stabbing of a couple in Chicago's Bucktown neighborhood. Cook County prosecutors dropped the murder conviction in December after a judge discredited testimony by former Chicago police Detective Reynaldo Guevara.

But instead of releasing the men, officials in separate prisons downstate handed them over to agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement because both had entered the country illegally. They were placed in deportation proceedings, upending their plans to reunite with their families.

Immigration advocates are calling the move "vindictive" and a "cruel waste of resources" because Reyes and Solache were cleared of criminal charges and are both willing to leave the U.S.

"ICE attorneys want them to leave. They also want to leave," said attorney Van Huynh. "So why not just let them out?"

Solache was detained by immigration officials who are seeking to forcibly remove him from the U.S. He asked for a bond so he could get his affairs in order before voluntarily leaving the country, according to Huynh. He spent 41 days in Kankakee County Detention Center before being granted $7,500 bail and released on Feb. 2.

Reyes remained in custody after a judge granted his request for a "voluntary departure with safeguards" because immigration officials declared the right to appeal that decision, according to Huynh.

ICE spokeswoman Nicole Alberico said Thursday there were no plans to file an appeal in his case. Reyes was scheduled to be deported on Friday, according to a spokeswoman for the MacArthur Justice Center, though ICE does not confirm removals until they are finalized.

Separate juries convicted Solache and Reyes in 2000 of fatally stabbing Mariana Soto, 43, and his wife, Jacinta, 35, and kidnapping their two children. Both men have alleged that Guevara beat them into confessing.

Adriana Mejia, who allegedly planned the attack in order to steal the couple's 2-month-old daughter, is serving a life sentence. A judge said it was unlikely Mejia acted alone but acknowledged that it may never be known if Solache and Reyes aided her in the crime. They maintain their innocence.

Solache said ICE detention was far worse than the Illinois Department of Corrections. He shared a windowless room with three other men and dropped 5 pounds within the first couple of weeks. He said it felt like "extra punishment."

"I was told I'd stay in the detention for a few days, but it was 40 or 41 days. I had a hard time in there, for sure," he said. "You don't have fresh air, you never see the sun."

Shortly after being released from detention, Solache received a customized royal blue No. 14 Cubs jersey with the name "Jane Raley" on the back. Attorneys from the MacArthur Justice Center at Northwestern School of Law had been holding onto it for him since December.

Raley, his longtime attorney, died of cancer in December 2014. In an interview with the Tribune, Solache cried at the mention of her name. He said he wants time to pay his respects to the people who supported him during his incarceration.

"I'm just gonna take it one day at a time," he said. "It's going to be hard for a few weeks because I'm not used to this. It's a new life for me." He plans to live with family in Mexico City after getting his affairs in order. He has a court hearing scheduled for Feb. 16.

"I've been away from my family for a long time. I want to get back over there," Solache said. "They're happy and excited to see me. I have a lot of things to do."

His co-defendant Reyes asked for a voluntary departure order because he wanted to leave the country as soon as possible, according to Huynh.

Voluntary departure is considered a form of immigration relief — it gives people time to prepare to leave the country. Huynh said it's "rare" for the government to appeal a voluntary departure.

"It's unclear to me why the ICE attorneys would be pursuing this case so hard," she said. "They both want to leave, they're just going about it different ways."

Huynh said she believes ICE wants to put a final removal order on their records. Voluntary departure allows immigrants to avoid receiving a final removal order, which could prevent them from ever legally re-entering the U.S.

"For Mr. Reyes, it's important for him to continue presenting the fact that he's innocent and it's sort of unfair that he has to take a final removal order — which is seen as a blemish on your immigration record — (because he was convicted of a crime) that he didn't commit," she said.

Solache and Reyes are eligible to apply for "U visas" based on their reported abuse, according to their attorneys. U visas are special visas reserved for victims of crime on U.S. soil. Only 10,000 are issued nationally each year.

"We've been focused on their detained case and trying to get them out; we haven't fully sat down to discuss their U visa eligibility," Huynh said. "If that's something that they're interested in pursuing, they could do that whether they're in the U.S. or Mexico."

Reyes filed a federal lawsuit Friday that alleged Guevara repeatedly hit him and threatened him with the electric chair during a grueling 40-hour interrogation.

Solache plans to file a separate lawsuit, according to Alexa Van Brunt, an attorney with the MacArthur Justice Center.

"The city turned a blind eye to a 'rogue cop' and condoned Reynaldo Guevara's behavior for so many years," Van Brunt said. "They knew since the '80s that he was abusing people in his custody."

Van Brunt said Guevara "tortured" Solache and beat him so badly that he permanently lost hearing in his an ear. She said he kept Solache in custody for days without a lawyer or access to anyone who spoke Spanish, except for Guevara, who served as a translator.

Eight convictions linked to the former detective have been thrown out since 2016 over allegations that he beat suspects and coerced witnesses. Guevara has refused to testify substantively in court about those allegations.

In 2009, Juan Johnson won $21 million in his wrongful conviction lawsuit against Guevara, who Johnson alleged framed him for a 1989 murder.

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Candidate for governor and Republican state Rep. Jeanne Ives defended a controversial ad on her behalf as an "edgy" piece that "tackles issues" and is "generating the expected hysteria from the expected quarters." The TV commercial shows an actor portraying a transgender woman thanking Gov. Bruce Rauner for signing a law expanding trans rights, and a woman wearing a pink protest hat thanking him for making Illinois families "pay for my abortions."

Plans for a 16-bed residential drug treatment center in Wheaton were unanimously turned down by the City Council. Opponents noted that the facility would have been in a commercial district behind a strip mall and not far from a movie theater and a day care center.

Liza Franklin, former head of the Chicago Law Department's civil rights litigation division, was the highest-profile casualty yet in a string of troubles for the department. Franklin, who oversaw 60 attorneys and staff who handled mostly lawsuits against the police, lost her job after a federal judge blasted the city's record of failing to turn over evidence in police misconduct cases.

Arthur J. Jones, a Holocaust-denier with ties to neo-Nazism, is the lone Republican candidate for Illinois' 3rd Congressional District seat. Jones, 70, of Lyons, figures to face off against the winner of a Democratic primary between incumbent Dan Lipinski and challenger Marie Newman.

Gov. Bruce Rauner denied clemency for an Army veteran who faces deportation because of a felony drug conviction. Miguel Perez Jr., who served two tours of duty in Afghanistan and served half of a 15-year prison sentence on the drug conviction, is now pinning his hopes on a retroactive application for citizenship.

Illinois third- through eighth-graders could be taking the PARCC math and reading exams this spring for the last time after a short and controversial tenure for the test. The State Board of Education wants to shorten the tests, get results more quickly and switch to a format that adjusts the difficulty of test questions as kids provide right or wrong answers.

A Northwestern University journalism professor is taking a leave of absence after being accused of misconduct by former students. Alec Klein is the director of the Medill Justice Project.



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Beth Vercolio-Osmund, who farms in Ottawa, said women "know how to run our businesses, our families, our lives." She's among Democratic hopefuls in the 16th Congressional District.

More women diving into campaigns

Women, *from Page 1*

think that in a broader sense, all the women stepping up and running have experiences similar to mine," said Vercolio-Osmund. "We know how to run our businesses, our families, our lives. We are finally realizing, there is no special sauce that makes it possible to run for office. It's a willingness to try, a willingness to make things better."

That realization, combined with President Donald Trump defeating the politically experienced Hillary Clinton, the #MeToo movement and women's marches across the country, are fueling a so-called pink wave of female candidates, said Debbie Walsh, executive director at Rutgers University's Center for American Women and Politics. The group tracks statewide and federal elections heading into the primary and predicts 2018 could break records for the number of women seeking elected office.

"It is a significant moment," Walsh said. "(Women) realized they had to be participating in a different way than they had been in the past. You can't dip into government (by voting) every four years; you have to be involved."

In Illinois, 28 women are running for statewide executive or U.S. congressional offices, according to the Illinois State Board of Elections, including Republican state Rep. Jeanne Ives, who is challenging Gov. Bruce Rauner. Scores more are running in state legislative races.

Nationally, more than 400 women are seeking U.S. House seats, and 50 are running for the U.S. Senate, including both already filed and likely candidates, according to the Center for American Women and Politics. That would shatter a record set in 2012, when 298 women ran in House races, Walsh said.

She compares the recent influx of women in politics to 1992, dubbed "the year of the woman" because of the number of women who ran for and won elected offices. Factors including Anita Hill's sexual harassment allegations against Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas in 1991 seemed to ignite female participation, and the results showed at the polls. The 2016 presidential election seems to have sparked a similar reaction, Walsh said.

When Vercolio-Osmund brought up the idea of politics to her husband, Jody, he reminded her, " 'This isn't even the craziest thing we've ever done,' " she said, referring to their decision 16 years ago to uproot from the northwest suburbs and head downstate to their hometown to start Cedar Valley Sustainable Farm. There, they raise animals and sell meat and eggs, primarily to Chicago-area customers. "More people run for office than leave corporate jobs and start sustainable farms," she joked.



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Sameena Mustafa decided to run for Congress because people "need to commit themselves" to diversity in public office.



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Chicago real estate broker Mustafa, second from left, is among the Democratic candidates in the 5th District.



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Jennifer Zordani is among five women running in the Democratic primary in the 6th Congressional District.

Like other women who've decided to venture into politics, a driving force in Vercolio-Osmund's decision to run was the direction of the country since the election of President Donald Trump, she said. But she also started to view her own varied background — running a family business and her experience in teaching and the corporate world — as an asset to public office.

Women across the country are starting to see themselves as viable candidates, said Erin Vilardi, executive director of VoteRunLead, a national, nonpartisan nonprofit that trains women to run for political office. For many women, she said, the drive to pursue office is born after a shift in how they view the qualifications and their own skills.

"There's no time for self-doubt," Vilardi said. "You have what you need. What you don't, you can find. Politicking and fundraising and storytelling ... is teachable."

The group saw a sharp increase in participation after the 2016 election, prompting it to launch the Run As You Are effort to help women see how their skills translate to politics and public service. The election of Trump, who had no government or political experience, helped ignite that philosophy, Vilardi added. It sent "a real clear message to women that there's this phony idea that ... politics was somehow this elite crop of people."

Rep. Adam Kinzinger, the incumbent in the sprawling 16th District, which hugs the Chicago area and stretches from Rockford west to Dixon and south past Pontiac, did not respond to requests for comment. In the Republican primary, he faces challenger James Marter. The Democratic primary has Vercolio-Osmund up against two other women who are first-time candidates — Joliet soccer club founder Amy "Murri" Briel and Rockford lawyer Sara Dady — as well as Neill Mohammad, a DeKalb consultant and former professor.

Clarendon Hills lawyer Jennifer Zordani, 54, another first-time candidate, sees her professional experience as a strength as she seeks the Democratic nomination in the suburban 6th Congressional District.

Zordani hadn't considered politics as part of her career path until she heard Trump's vulgar remarks about women in a 2005 "Access Hollywood" recording released during the 2016 presidential campaign. She said it topped off her existing dissatisfaction with her representative, Republican Peter Roskam.

"When I thought about what's going on in Congress from a typical citizen's perspective, plus me being a lawyer, I started saying, 'Gosh, we could do better,'" she said.

Zordani isn't the only woman to think so. She is one of five running in the Democratic primary in the 6th District. Other candidates include former congressional aide Carole Cheney of Naperville, College of Lake County trustee and attorney Amanda Howland, Barrington Hills Plan Commissioner Kelly Mazeski, Naperville bookstore owner and Councilwoman Becky Anderson Wilkins, Downers Grove scientist Sean Casten and Palatine data analyst Ryan Huffman.

"As a husband and a father of two daughters, I've always been a strong advocate of empowering women," Roskam said in a statement. "Women in my district ... know that I support and fight for them, their families and their values every day."

Zordani said the crowded field and the strong representation of women in her race illustrate that voters are more engaged and also unhappy with a lack of diverse representation in government. "As much as it's a wave of women, I hope it's a wave of participation in the process." She said voters could be well served not only by women, but by those who are not career politicians.

"I do think it takes people to start running who are not go-along-get-along people" to change the status quo, she said.

Sameena Mustafa, a Chicago real estate broker and first-time candidate in the Democratic primary in the 5th Congressional District, said she saw a gap between elected officials and their constituents when she watched "the screen grow from blue to red" on election night 2016.

"As Nov. 8 (2016) approached, I feared that Hillary would lose ... because I sensed a disconnect between party leadership (and voters)," she said.

So Mustafa, 47, who has lived in the 5th Congressional District for three decades, decided to try to head to Washington herself by running against Democratic incumbent Mike Quigley in the district that includes Chicago's North Side and parts of suburban Cook and DuPage counties.

"If you asked me 10 years ago if I'd run for office, I'd say no," she said. "But things have changed. If people truly want legislative bodies to be more diverse, they need to commit themselves to that effort. This is how it's going to happen."

Also running in the Democratic primary in the 5th are former professor Steve Schwartzberg and former FBI agent Benjamin Thomas Wolf; real estate broker Tom Hanson is the Republican challenger.

Quigley's campaign released a statement that in part read: "Voters trust Mike Quigley to hold Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress accountable."

Mustafa said "the stakes are so high" in this election.

"It's powerful to be part of something bigger than yourself. It's people saying, we want our government to represent us," she said, adding that women must not only seek "a seat at the table, but the head of the table."

"It is a significant moment. (Women) realized they had to be participating in a different way than they had been in the past. ... You have to be involved."

— Debbie Walsh, executive director at Rutgers University's Center for American Women and Politics

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Alderman asks for probe of cops' online comments

Arena: Remarks on housing plan were racially charged

By John Byrne
Chicago Tribune

Northwest Side Ald. John Arena filed a complaint with the Civilian Office of Police Accountability alleging Chicago police officers may have violated the department's code of conduct by making racially charged online comments about a controversial Jefferson Park apartment development plan that includes affordable housing.

Arena made the complaint in mid-January, amid a long-running fight over the project in which supporters have claimed opponents are trying to keep minorities from moving into the bungalow belt neighborhood.

The 45th Ward alderman said his office had presented the City Hall inspector general's office with numerous examples of people identifying themselves as police officers in their online profiles or appearing in profile photos in police uniforms while using "racially charged language" to oppose the building on social media. The inspector general's office told Arena to take the complaints to COPA because it potentially involved police officers.

Arena said he didn't do any kind of investigation of whether the 31 are, in fact, police officers, saying "that will be up to COPA." His office declined to provide examples of comments it forwarded to COPA, citing the ongoing investigation.

One online debate over the proposed building at 5150 N. Northwest Highway features a person referring to "animal (expletives)" who have "no respect for anything," and noting "at least the ghetto building on nw hwy is stalled." Another discussion of the proposed project includes a person saying area residents wouldn't mind if veterans moved in, but "I suspect the ghetto rats are not far off."

On Friday, the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police posted a letter on its website from attorney Timothy Grace to Arena, saying if the alderman doesn't withdraw the complaint, the union would sue him on behalf of any police officers who turn up among the comments he submitted.

The letter says officers spoke out in opposition to the project while off duty and that there are congestion issues and other "race neutral" concerns. The letter states that Arena's "decision to threaten their job security and their reputations for expressing their opinions appears retaliatory and motivated as a means to stifle their opposition."

Arena declined to comment on the police union letter. After he filed the complaint, Arena said he wanted the police oversight agency to determine whether the comments breached department rules.

"Where does the First Amendment right of an individual citizen come against an officer who is sworn to uphold the standard to not categorize protected classes or present a biased opinion of a particular population while representing the office?" he asked. "That's (up to) COPA."

"I think officers, there's a written book that says, 'Here's how you have to represent the office you hold,' " Arena added. "And we didn't do this lightly. We started out seeing repetitious comments from very few people. This is a very limited population, from what I see.

"And we were getting comments from the general population saying they're not comfortable seeing this coming from badged officers, that they're identifying and bringing to us," he said. "So again, my job is to represent the totality of my population as it exists, which includes people who may be opposed to a development for whatever reason, but also includes people who are supportive of the development for their reason, and are coming to us saying this is intimidating, they feel like this is coercive."

COPA spokeswoman Mia Sissac confirmed Arena's office filed the complaint Jan. 11 and said the agency's investigation into "electronic racial and ethnic slurs" is in its "extremely preliminary stages."

"I can tell you we are just starting our investigation, and we haven't contacted any officers about it," Sissac said. She said numerous people were named in the complaint, but did not have exact numbers or know how many of those named were in fact police officers.

The plan developers presented and Arena backed last year was set to include 100 total units, 80 rented at below-market rate, with 20 of those set aside for people with Chicago Housing Authority vouchers and a preference for veterans with vouchers.

The developer, Full Circle Communities, has since reduced the overall number of units to 75 in a new application for affordable housing tax credits that the group submitted to the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

Of those, 15 would be rented at market value and the remaining 60 to lower-income renters, according to Full Circle President and CEO Joshua Wilmoth. Up to 30 units would go to tenants with Chicago Housing Authority vouchers to subsidize the rent. Veterans and people with disabilities would get first shot at all the units in the building, Wilmoth said.

If Full Circle gets the state funding, Wilmoth said the company would then introduce the plan to the City Council for zoning approval. The goal would be to begin construction late this year and start leasing the units late next year, he said.

The housing proposal has been a flashpoint in Arena's ward for about a year. Opponents publicly focused on the size of the building, saying the seven-story apartment complex at a busy Jefferson Park intersection would be too big.

Backers have said the opposition is racially motivated, with white residents trying to keep minorities from moving into an area that's long been home to lots of cops and firefighters.

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Abuser at home is abuser at work



HEIDI STEVENS

The rise and fall of alleged wife beater Rob Porter has me thinking about those kids who had their admissions yanked from Harvard last year.

You might remember them. They formed a secret Facebook group called "Harvard memes for horny bourgeois teens" and used it to share jokes about minority groups, sexual assault, the Holocaust. Real high-minded stuff. Harvard administrators discovered the group and withdrew offers from a bunch of its members.

What does that have to do with Porter, the White House staff secretary accused of domestic violence by two ex-wives?

Hear me out.

Porter resigned Wednesday, but not before enjoying the robust support of White House aides, many of whom knew about the allegations a year ago, according to reports, and gave him a key role with access to classified information anyway.

As recently as Tuesday, Chief of Staff John Kelly said in a written statement that Porter is "a man of true integrity and honor and I can't say enough good things about him. He is a friend, a confidante, and a trusted professional. I am proud to serve alongside him."

On Wednesday, after photos surfaced of Porter's first wife with bruises on her face, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Porter still had the White House's support.

"I can tell you that Rob has been effective in his role as staff secretary, and the president and chief of staff have had full confidence and trust in his abilities and his performance," she told reporters.

Effective in his role. Trust in his abilities and his performance.

That punching-and-choking-his-wives stuff is his business, in other words, separate and apart from his White House role, in which he's really been quite effective. Don't blur the lines.

We need to blur the lines. We have, in fact, started blurring the lines. We have become far less willing to give abusers a pass simply because they're effective in a role, whether that role is populating the Las Vegas strip with opulent hotels (Steve Wynn) or churning out Oscar-winning films (Harvey Weinstein) or boosting morning-show ratings (Matt Lauer) or building a restaurant empire (Mario Batali).

I could go on, but you get the point. We are beginning to understand that a person has one identity, one set of values, one moral compass. If you are a violent, spouse-abusing predator at home, you're a violent, spouse-abusing predator at work. You're simply in a different building.

Here's where the Harvard kids come in.

When that story broke, I called Ana Homayoun, an education consultant and author of "Social Media Wellness: Helping Teens and Tweens Thrive in an Unbalanced Digital World" (Corwin). I wanted her to help me understand why, after years of being warned about their digital footprints, teenagers keep doing stupid, dangerous stuff online: sexting, bullying, secret Facebook groups that joke about the Holocaust.

"So much of the last decade of social media education has been around scaring kids, 'Don't do this, or you won't get into college,' " she told me. "All that really does is send them underground."

The conversations (plural, this isn't a one-and-done thing) we need to have with our kids, she said, are about their online identity matching their offline identity.

"Kids often go online and feel like they have this secondary experience — maybe they try on different personalities, different viewpoints, see what kind of response they get," Homayoun said. "Especially if they're using apps or groups where their real name isn't being used."

We need to help them see that what they tolerate, what they create, what they propagate while they're on social media should square with what they tolerate/create/propagate in real life. Just because you're on a screen doesn't mean you aren't you.

It's advice that's cropping up in a growing body of parenting advice. In Rachel Simmons' fantastic new book, "Enough as She Is: How to Help Girls Move Beyond Impossible Standards of Success to Live Healthy, Happy, and Fulfilling Lives" (Harper), she urges parents to talk to their daughters about what sort of values they want to embody — and then help them understand that those values carry over into every part of their lives.

"Ask her about three values she wants to honor right now in her life," Simmons writes. "Friendship? Family? Honesty? Service? Talk together about the ways she can align herself with what she cares about. ... The goal of this work is not to get her to the next step. It is to stabilize her where she is, by anchoring her to her self."

It's fantastic advice. I hope it spreads. I hope whatever reckoning we're experiencing at this moment leaves us with a greater understanding that we don't get to cleave our behavior into parts that count and parts that don't.

It all counts. It all adds up to who you are in this world. "Effective in his role" is not enough. Not when you play the part of abuser in your off-hours.

One identity. Let's start holding adults to the same standards we're setting up for our kids.

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REX W. HUPPKE

So there's another vacancy in the outstandingly successful Trump administration. White House staff secretary Rob Porter either resigned or was fired last week following allegations he assaulted both of his former wives.

Porter joins an impressively long list of people who have left or been ejected from the administration, including but not limited to national security adviser Michael Flynn; deputy chief of staff Katie Walsh; deputy national security adviser K.T. McFarland; National Security Council deputy chief of staff Tera Dahl; assistant press secretary Michael Short; chief of staff Reince Priebus; chief strategist Stephen Bannon; deputy assistant Sebastian Gorka; William Bradford, director of the Energy Department's Office of Indian Energy; head of Health and Human Services Tom Price; Jamie Johnson, director of the Department of Homeland Security's Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships; Office of Drug Control Policy deputy chief of staff Taylor Weyenet; press secretary Sean Spicer; special adviser Carl Icahn; and Office of Public Liaison director of communications Omarosa Manigault.

These departures, along with more than 20 others, stemmed from issues ranging from embellished background credentials to past racist comments to lying about contacts with Russians to conflicts of interest to disagreements with the administration.

No presidency has ever had this kind of turnover in its first year, which is probably why no presidency has ever been as totally fantastic and smooth-running as this one.

And just as Porter is leaving, there's a good chance current chief of staff John Kelly — who reportedly knew about the allegations against Porter since last year and allowed the man to continue handling classified information even though he couldn't get a security clearance — will be the next one out the door.

It's all perfect, because the key thing people want from their government is abject chaos. Any political scientist will tell you that entropy breeds success.

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White House staff secretary Rob Porter watches Feb. 2 as President Donald Trump speaks. Porter resigned last week as he faced allegations of domestic abuse.

Porter debacle confirms Trump's incompetence



Steve Chapman

English monarchs are often known by their names and their most conspicuous traits, from William the Conqueror and Richard the Lion-Hearted to Bloody Mary and Edward Longshanks. If presidents followed that custom, the incumbent could borrow his title from the medieval king Ethelred, going down in history as Donald the Unready.

President Trump has an assortment of grave flaws: a conspiratorial mindset, an irrepressible streak of racial and religious bigotry, thin skin and consuming narcissism. But no characteristic dominates this administration more thoroughly than his fundamental incompetence.

The case of staff secretary Rob Porter is damning not just because of his importance in the White House but because his record of domestic abuse elicited scant notice or concern from his superiors. It stemmed from a series of failures by multiple staffers and ended in a debacle.

As The Washington Post reported, "Porter was kept in a key role in which he had access to classified information and helped determine which articles and policy proposals made it to the president's desk while top Trump officials were aware for months of at least some of the serious allegations against him."

When more information about the allegations of violence came to light, chief of staff John Kelly staunchly defended him. It took a shocking photo of one ex-wife with a black eye to force the White House to finally cut him loose.

Porter got his job under Trump's first chief of staff, Reince Priebus, and continued under his second, Kelly. Neither did the due diligence that should have occurred when Porter's security clearance didn't come through — or else they didn't think the allegations were any big deal. They either failed to inform themselves or didn't act on what they learned. It was just the latest from a president who is a master of the own goal.

Priebus, notorious for his inability to impose order on Trump's schedule, visitors or decision-making process, eventually got the ax. Kelly has proved the wisdom of past chiefs who did their best to stay out of the limelight. Nearly every time Kelly has voiced his opinions — on the Civil War, on treatment of women, on the "Dreamers" — he has sounded like a callous fool. The serious mistakes Priebus and Kelly have made speak volumes about Trump's judgment in hiring them.

No White House in memory has generated more needless turmoil in its first year. Think of all the Trump underlings who have flamed out: national security adviser Michael Flynn, chief strategist Steve Bannon, Labor Secretary nominee Andrew Puzder, press secretary Sean Spicer, communications director-designate Anthony Scaramucci, counterterrorism adviser Sebastian Gorka, Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price and public liaison Omarosa Manigault Newman.

If Trump had his way, Attorney General Jeff Sessions would also be gone, and possibly Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. Most of his departed appointees left with their reputations, not necessarily sterling at the start, in ruins.

Brookings Institution fellow Kathryn Dunn Tenpas calculated that first-year turnover among his senior officials was 34 percent. That's worse than any of his past five predecessors had — and double that of Ronald Reagan, who had the second-highest rate.

Many of those who have stayed are not exactly an advertisement for Trump's executive savvy. His Middle East envoy, Jared Kushner, got the job by marrying the boss's daughter — and still doesn't have a security clearance. Ben Carson is about as qualified to run the Department of Housing and Urban Development as he is to teach ballet.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke opened up nearly all of the East and West coasts to offshore oil drilling, only to clumsily backtrack to make an exception for Florida Gov. Rick Scott, a Republican running for re-election. Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen told a Senate committee she didn't know whether Norway is predominantly white.

Trump's blunders have alternated between tragedy and farce. His administration could have been invented by comedy writers as an uproarious departure from reality. But trashing the environment, flirting with nuclear conflagration and enabling neo-Nazis could be funny only as fiction.

A corporate chief executive who exhibited such mystifying priorities and rampant sloppiness, as well as a penchant for bad hires and constant turmoil, would be evicted without delay. But anyone so badly prepared to be a CEO would never get the job in the first place.

The president brings to mind what the 19th-century British statesman Benjamin Disraeli said when he was told that one colleague was out of his depth. "Out of his depth? He's 3 miles from shore!" When Trump sinks, he may take us all with him.

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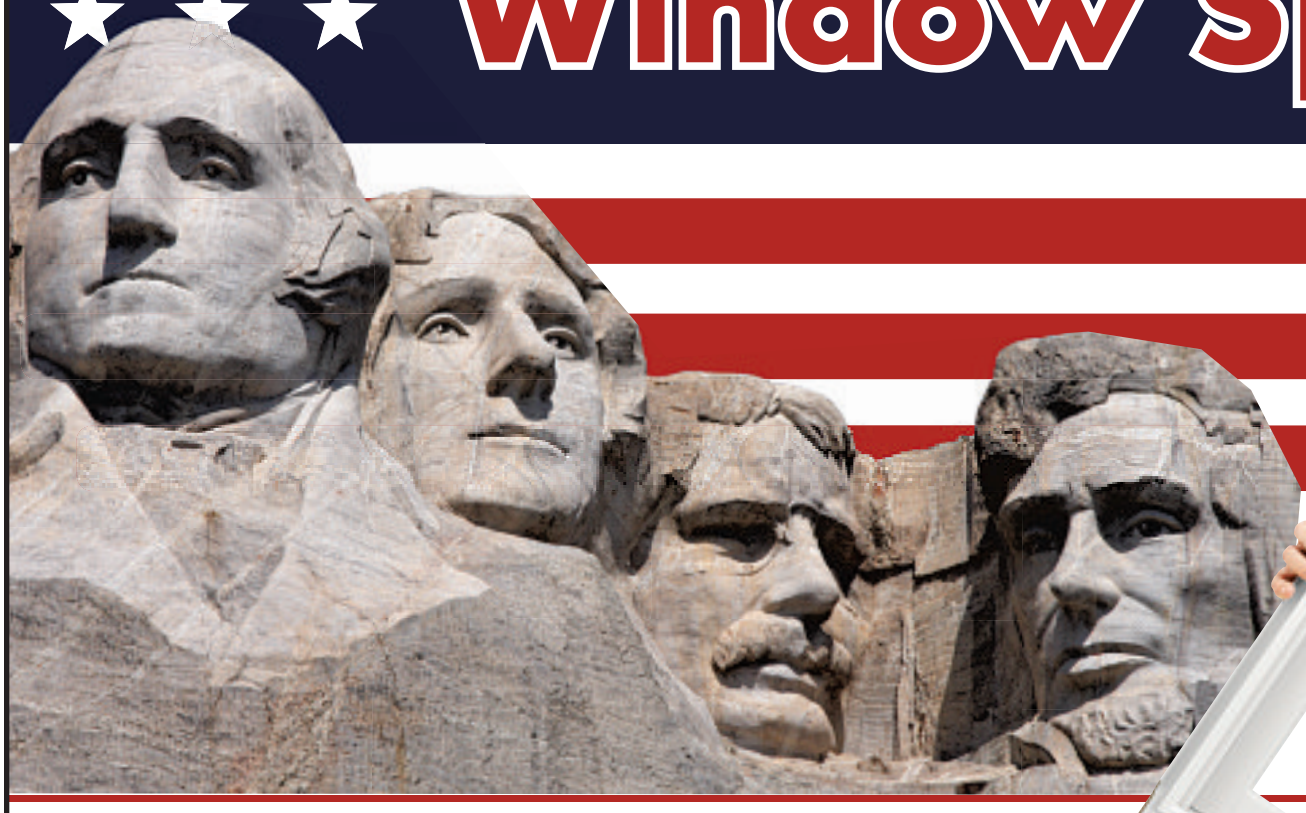
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CHANGE OF SUBJECT



By Eric Zorn

Democrats are wriggling about on state pension issue



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Daniel Biss, a Democratic candidate for governor, has been getting grilled over a failed effort to overhaul public pensions.

It makes me squirm listening to Daniel Biss squirm about pensions.

Biss, a state senator from Evanston, is among the top contenders in the March 20 Democratic gubernatorial primary, and he's come under fire during the campaign for having once championed an overhaul of public pensions that was detested by union members and sympathizers in the Democratic base.

He's since not just renounced that effort, he's put on the figurative hair-shirt and lashed himself over it.

"That was a long learning process for me, and I wish I'd learned that lesson differently," a penitent Biss said during a recent video-recorded appearance before the Crain's Editorial Board. The bill with his name on it presented "the least bad of the bad options," he said. It "wasn't the best way forward ... but I allowed myself to accept the idea that we can't do better."

Biss confessed to the Daily Herald that "there was kind of an obsessive hysteria about (pensions) a few years ago that led a lot of people in the legislature, myself included, to act irresponsibly."

By way of background, Illinois' public pension funds are more underfunded than any in the nation, the result of decades of bipartisan mismanagement. Bringing them back to solvency and sustainability without financially crippling vital state services has long been the most urgent imperative in Springfield, a task complicated by a clause in the state constitution saying pension benefits "shall not be diminished or impaired."

Biss, a brainy former member of the math faculty at the University of Chicago, took the lead attacking this problem in the General Assembly. His bill, signed into law in 2013, called for phasing in a higher retirement age, capping pensionable salary, requiring a greater contribution from workers and scaling back annual increases in retirement checks.

In May 2015, a unanimous Illinois Supreme Court ruled the plan unconstitutional. The opinion held that the General Assembly "overstepped the scope of its legislative power" by passing a bill that "directly reduces the value of retirement annuities." It then wagged a finger: "Crisis is not an excuse to abandon the rule of law."

"I learned my lesson, and I think the Supreme Court helped teach us a really important lesson," Biss said in his Crain's interview. "The Supreme Court was right. These pensions were promised to people."

On "Hitting Left," a locally produced progressive podcast, Biss prostrated himself for the hosts. "I fell for the culture of Springfield," he said.

He follows this by explaining that he now believes the pension problem can be tamed without cutting any worker's benefits — by consolidating plans, raising more money through a graduated state income tax and a tax on financial transactions, and forcing the General Assembly to make the annual pension investments recommended by actuaries.

Whether those who raged at Biss in 2013 about his sponsorship of "pension theft" will accept as genuine his abject, self-abasing apology remains to be seen.

His support wasn't, after all, merely an impulsive vote or momentary apostasy. For many months, Biss was the face and go-to defender of what turned out to be an unconstitutional proposal.

Crain's columnist Greg Hinz put the flip-flop question succinctly in his publication's interview with Biss: "I'm asking ... a character question," he said. "If you could so completely change your opinion of something you spent so much time and energy on, what can people trust you not to change your opinion on?"

"This is something I was really wrestling with at the time," Biss said. "People can trust me to actually wrestle in an honest way with difficult issues."

To me, that was the least bad of the bad answers he could have given. Better than "Circumstances have changed," "I've evolved," "I was lied to," or "Whaddaya want? I'm running in a statewide Democratic primary!"

The campaign of Democratic front-runner J.B. Pritzker, who is polling slightly ahead of Biss, is having none of it.

"Dan Biss says he's a proven progressive," says a recent 15-second TV spot from Pritzker that began airing as Biss edged closer to Pritzker in the polls. "OK, let's check his record. Biss wrote the law that slashed pension benefits owed to teachers, nurses and state workers ..."

Biss' "campaign rhetoric ... is entirely at odds with his record," tweeted Pritzker's communications director Galia Slayen.

At this sanctimony I stop squirming and start rolling my eyes.

Back when Biss was promoting the ideas he now disowns, Pritzker and wife donated $20,000 to We Mean Business, a political action committee headed by former Republican Illinois Attorney General Ty Fahner that was widely known to be aimed at funding candidates willing to take on unions in the fight over pensions.

Another donor among the mostly Republican heavy-hitters behind the We Mean Business PAC? A certain wealthy private equity investor named Bruce Rauner.

"When J.B. contributed, he expected the PAC to propose solutions, not cuts to pensions," Slayen told the Tribune.

Now my eye-rolling has become a coughing fit.

The Pritzkers donate 20 grand — admittedly between-the-sofa-cushions money to billionaires — to a group started by Fahner, then head of the conservative Civic Committee of the Commercial Club, and think they're supporting idle spitballing on the pension crisis?

And Pritzker, now a pious champion on the stump of the union-friendly position, is running TV ads trembling with indignation about Biss' lack of consistency and his dalliance with benefit cuts?

To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, I prefer my flip-flopping taken pure, without the base alloy of hypocrisy.

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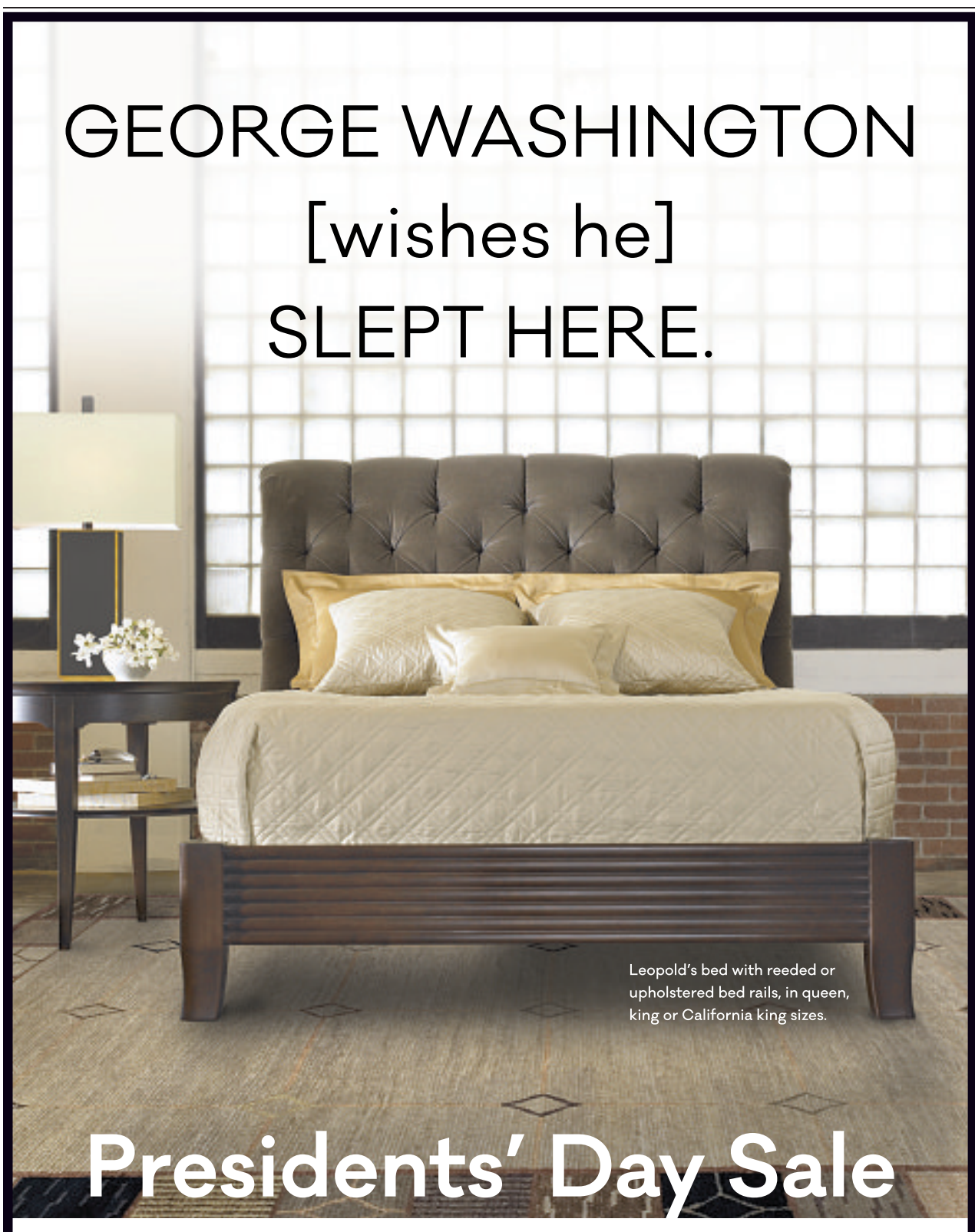
Puns may be the lowest form of humor, but a pun was the highest vote-getter among 15 finalists in our online Tweet of the Week poll. "One time I threatened to jump off a cliff, but it was just a bluff," by @fro_vo took the honors.

My favorite, by NPR celebrity and local bon vivant Peter Sagal (@PeterSagal) — "Arguing with people on Twitter is like eating potato chips. It inflames you with rage and frustration until you feel ill with despair. Also, I need to find a new brand of potato chips" — finished a disappointing seventh.

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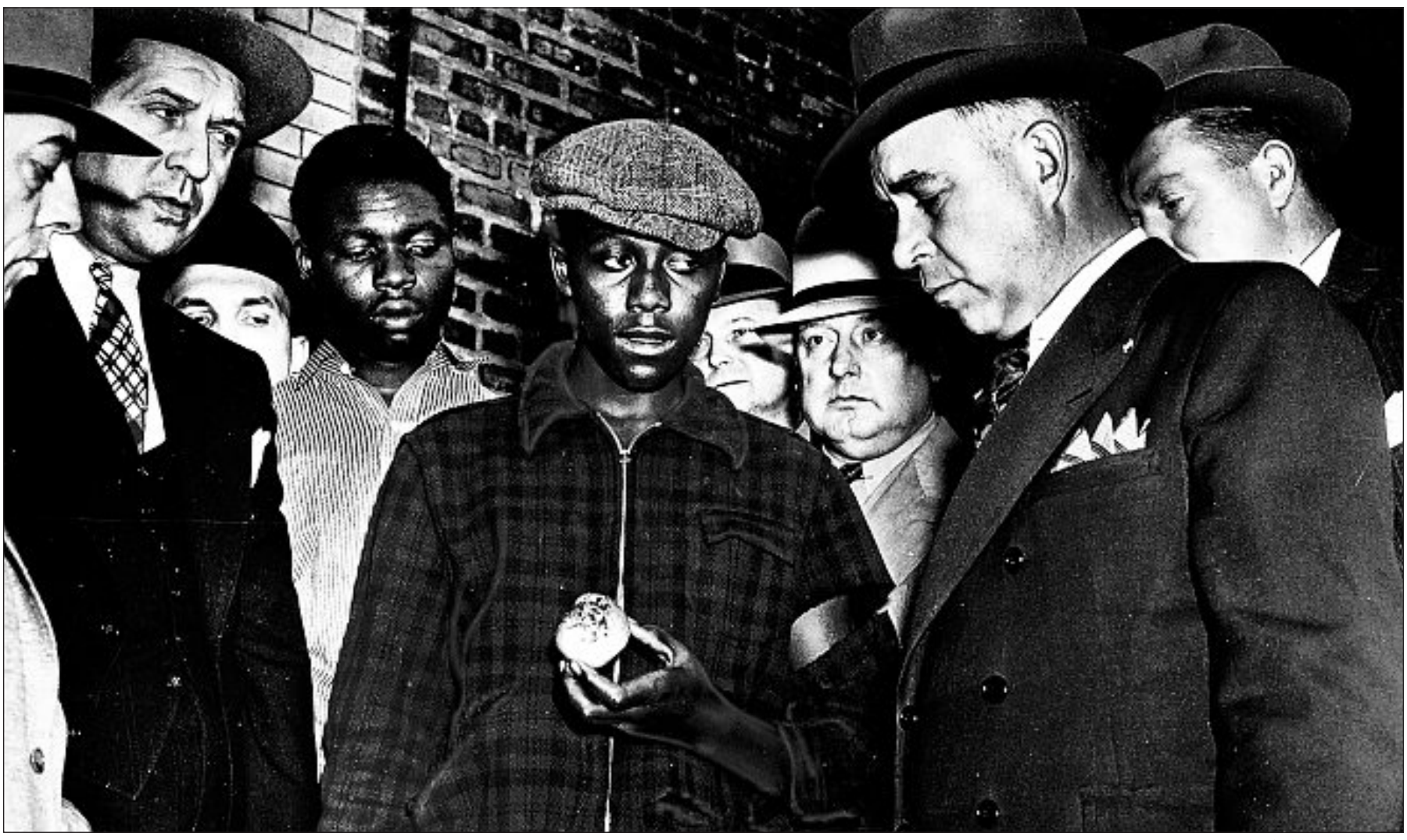
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Suspects Earl Hicks, left center, and Robert Nixon, center, join Chicago police Chief of Detectives John Sullivan, right, at a re-enactment of Florence Johnson's slaying.

The offensive news coverage that inspired 'Native Son'

By Ron Grossman

The 1938 murder of Florence Johnson was the kind of lurid story that would vex any newspaper editor. It was a sensational story, full of gruesome details, but one that its editors might eventually prefer disappear into the newsroom's dusty archives.

In this case, though, some of those details have lived on through the pages of Richard Wright's 1940 classic, "Native Son," the first novel by an African-American author featured as a Book of the Month Club selection and one that is still found on high school and college reading lists. The fictional story of Bigger Thomas is based partially on the Chicago news accounts of Johnson's murder — news accounts that are difficult to read today because of their racist tone.

Florence Johnson, white and a Chicago fireman's wife, was raped and beaten to death in her bedroom at 4631 Lake Park Ave. on May 27, 1938. Tried and convicted of murdering her was Robert Nixon, an 18-year-old "slow-witted colored youth," as the Tribune described him back then. On June 16, 1939, he was electrocuted in Cook County Jail.

Around the same time, the author Wright had just moved to New York from Chicago and was struggling with a first draft of "Native Son," which focused on the killing of a white woman by a black man. He heard about the murder in Chicago and asked a friend to send him the newspaper accounts. In those stories, amid the repulsive and offensive detail, he found the model for his novel's protagonist, Bigger Thomas.

"Many of the newspaper items and some of the incidents in 'Native Son' are but fictionalized versions of the Robert Nixon case and rewrites of news stories from the Chicago Tribune," Wright explained in "How 'Bigger' Was Born," a lecture he gave at Columbia University in 1940. That year, 215,000 copies of the novel were sold in the first two weeks after it appeared.

In Chicago in 1938, Nixon had been arrested a few blocks from Johnson's home by a police sergeant and a patrolman answering a radio call, shortly after the crime was discovered. They noted that his hands and clothes were bloody and brought him to the nearby Hyde Park police station, according to the Tribune's report.

"Fine work," said Mayor Edward Kelly, who met the cops there and suggested he would put them in for a promotion.

From that point on, the police work was far less laudable — and the media coverage was indefensible.

In a June 5, 1938, headline, the Tribune announced the murder weapon and alluded to the suspect's race: "Brick slayer is likened to jungle beast."

A week after arresting Nixon and obtaining a confession in that case, the police took him to the scene of another murder that had been committed in 1936, to which they said Nixon had also confessed. The police had him re-enact that earlier murder, of Florence Thompson Castle. In that case, too, they determined the murder weapon was a brick.

A Tribune reporter covered the re-enactment, where Nixon climbed a fire escape into a hotel room at 19 E. Ohio Ave.: "His hunched shoulders and long, sinewy arms that dangle almost to his knees; his out-thrust head and catlike tread all suggest the animal," the reporter noted. "He has none of the charm of speech or manner that is characteristic of so many southern darkies."

By then, Nixon had confessed to five murders. Three were in Chicago and two in Los Angeles, where Nixon, a drifter, had lived. A brick used as murder weapon was their common denominator. Shortly, he also confessed to raping two Chicago women in a hotel at 167 W. Washington Ave., which surprised the cops. A former resident of the hotel was already serving time for those crimes.

"Because of his youth, the type of his mind, and probable nervousness, and also because of the long hours during which he had been interrogated, detectives were not at first readily inclined to accept his admissions at their face value," the Tribune noted of Nixon's serial confessions.

But other stories showed how swiftly the case was built against Nixon. A Tribune story noted that a sheriff from Nixon's childhood home in Louisiana had written to Chicago's police chief that Nixon had been a practiced thief as a 9-year-old. "It has been demonstrated here that nothing can be done with Robert Nixon," the sheriff wrote. "Only death can cure him."



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The Rev. Albert Selcer, a chaplain at Cook County Jail, visits with murder inmate Robert Nixon in October 1938. The Bigger Thomas character in Richard Wright's "Native Son" was based on Nixon.

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Presumably it was that approach to crime, and the Tribune's coverage, that caught Wright's eye and inspired his novel.

As Wright later explained: "Squad cars cruise the Black Belt and grab the first Negro Boy who seems unattached and homeless. ... After a few days, the boy 'confesses' anything that he is asked to confess, any crime that handily happens to be unsolved. ... If you think I'm telling tall tales, get chummy with some white cop who works in a Black Belt and ask him for the low down."

Yet Wright didn't plead his protagonist innocent, or picture him as a victim of a police frame-up. The novel unambiguously ascribes two killings to Bigger Thomas: one more or less accidental, the other quite deliberate.

"I killed 'em 'cause I was scared and mad," Bigger Thomas says in the novel. "But I been scared and mad my whole life, and after I killed that first white woman, I wasn't scared no more for a little while."

The hatred Thomas sees in white people's eyes, his resentment at not being allowed to do what white people do, produces the cauldron of Thomas' deadly hatred.

In the novel, Bigger Thomas gets a death sentence, just as Robert Nixon did in real life.

Nixon's lawyer tried to argue that his confession had been coerced by police. Nixon had told detectives he only intended to burglarize the Johnson home, but that an accomplice, Earl Hicks, killed her. Hicks said it was the other way around.

On the witness stand, Nixon said detectives threatened to drop him from an 11th-story window at police headquarters. That story didn't fly with the jury, though, perhaps because earlier he had told reporters that he'd been fed coconut pie and strawberry pop at the detectives' bureau. Or perhaps because the newspaper accounts had been so grossly slanted against him.

"The jurors found Nixon guilty on the first ballot," the Tribune reported. "Then they took time out for a belated dinner and soon afterward agreed to impose the death penalty."

Hicks went to prison for an unrelated crime: assaulting a woman with a brick.

The final chapter of Nixon's story was written in laconic prose.

"It was the sheriff's first execution," the Tribune noted. "The current was turned on at 1:01 a.m. and Nixon was pronounced dead at 1:05."

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EDITORIALS

Should Illinois legalize recreational pot?

When it comes to easing restrictions on cannabis, Illinois has not been a pioneer. Medical marijuana was legal in 19 other states and the District of Columbia before state law allowed it here in 2013. Nine states and D.C. have gone beyond, legalizing the sale and use of recreational pot. Lawmakers in Illinois have hung back, letting other states lead the way. And that's exactly the right approach.

The case for legalization is not one we dismiss. But there are good reasons not to rush into such a momentous decision.

Right now, Illinois is getting the benefit of a multitude of experiments in marijuana policy from the states that have jumped out in front. The information collected, mistakes made and lessons learned in these places should be of great value in determining the best policy. Playing it safe means taking our time.

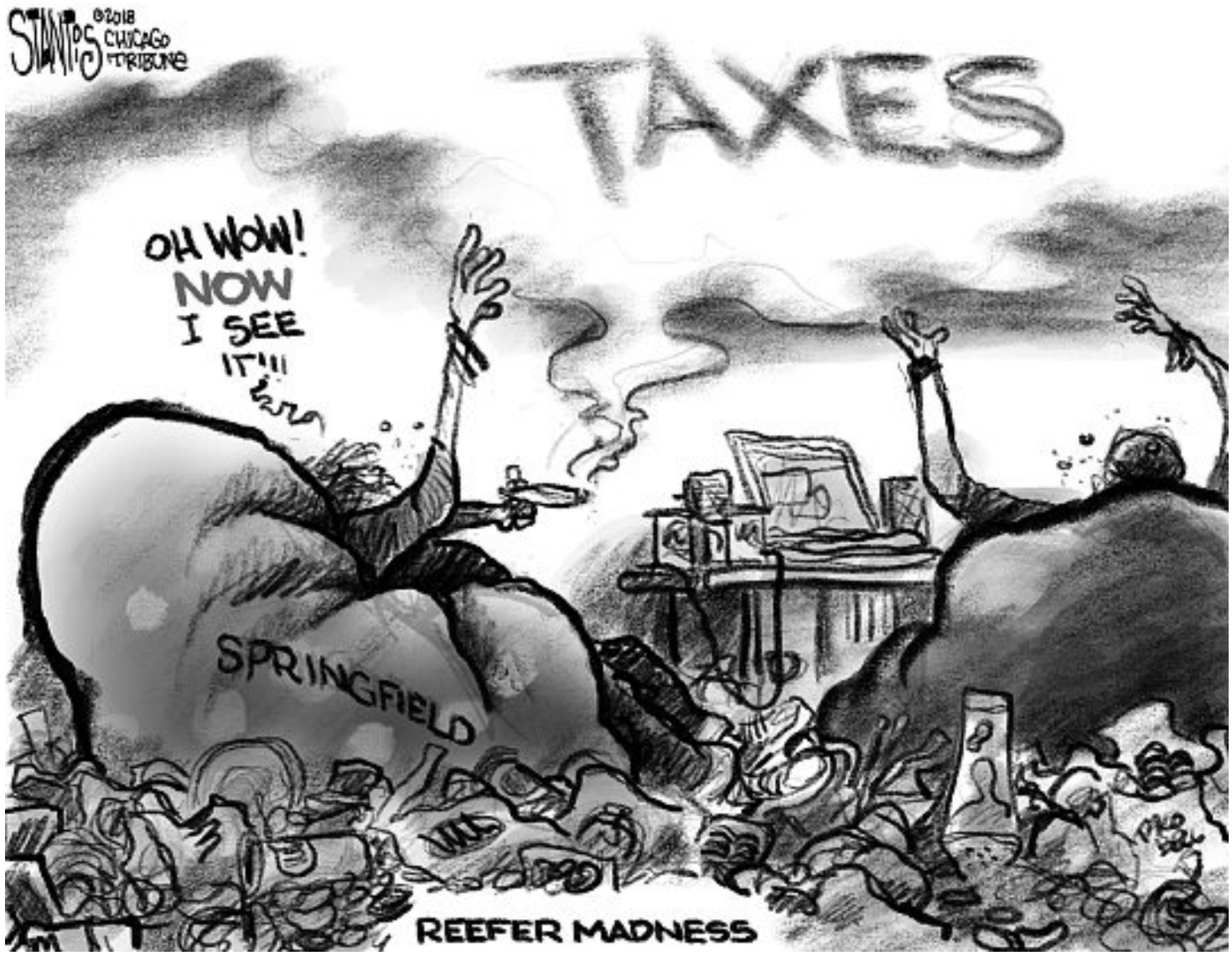
The national movement toward treating marijuana more or less like alcohol is going strong. In 2005, a Gallup Poll found, only 35 percent of Americans favored full legalization; today, 60 percent do. In Illinois, a Simon Poll last year found, the figure is even higher: 66 percent.

Politicians are beginning to take heed. Last year, Gov. Bruce Rauner signed a measure decriminalizing possession of small amounts of weed. Before, someone caught with a couple of joints faced a possible six months in jail and a fine of up to $1,500. Now, the penalty is a fine of $100 or $200.

The Democrats running for his job, meanwhile, would not stop there. When they appeared before the Tribune Editorial Board recently, they were asked if they favored allowing recreational cannabis. Five candidates said they did, with the sixth, Chris Kennedy, saying, "I don't oppose legalization of marijuana." (All acknowledge using it in their younger days.) Also in favor: Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and her challenger, former Ald. Bob Fioretti.

In the General Assembly, Sen. Heather Steans and Rep. Kelly Cassidy, both Chicago Democrats, have held hearings on their legislation to allow what they call "adult-use marijuana."

Aside from recognizing the policy merits and political advantages, all these supporters can see another big attraction: revenue. Steans and Cassidy propose to regulate marijuana and levy an excise tax on growers, as well as a sales tax for buyers. The Marijuana Policy Project says the state could reap $350 million to $700 million per year. The change also would reduce costs for law enforcement.



SCOTT STANTIS

But serious thought also has to be given to the possible downside. In Colorado, it's reassuring to see, teen use of pot has actually declined. Adult use has been stable.

A Denver Post investigation, however, found that "the number of drivers involved in fatal crashes in Colorado who tested positive for marijuana has risen sharply since 2013," the last year before legalization. A study in the American Journal of Public Health found no difference in crash fatality rates in Colorado and Washington compared with states that didn't legalize. But that risk, and ways to counter it, are matters that justify caution in Illinois.

There is still a lot to be learned about the benefits and costs of legalization. Illinois may ultimately decide it's a better option. But the important thing is not acting quickly. It's acting wisely.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

A decade ago, Democrats supported measures such as fencing on the southern border. Today, nearly all forms of enforcement or restrictions have become concessions, and many mechanisms to enforce the law are at this point considered unacceptable. These include popular measures such as E-Verify checks for workplace hiring. This is in keeping with a drift in elite sentiment, which has increasingly come to view enforcement as unseemly, reminiscent of how the Beatles, anno 1967, viewed with distaste the idea of cracking down on shoplifters in their short-lived Apple Boutique.

T.A. Frank, Vanity Fair

(House Democratic leader Nancy) Pelosi has done a delicate dance for the past 13 months trying to tamp down impeachment talk among her most progressive members. Despite her efforts, in December 58 Democrats voted to lay out articles of impeachment against the president. If Democrats win the House majority, it'll be much harder for Pelosi to stem this tide among her members. If the House did vote to impeach, unless convincing evidence was presented of Russia-related wrongdoing or some other criminal conduct on President Trump's behalf, Democrats could never get the two-thirds majority needed in the Senate to remove him. They would effectively turn the president into a victim in almost the same way Republicans did to Clinton. ...

As counter-intuitive as it seems, Democrats would be better off gaining seats in the House but coming up just short of retaking control. The benefits of losing are substantial. It would keep their base angry and fired up heading into 2020 while at the same time not giving Trump's base a reason to get re-energized. In addition to keeping impeachment from dominating the news, not retaking the House this November could serve as the tipping point for Democrats to push the current leadership aside and usher in a new generation of young, fresh, dynamic members to lead the party into 2020 and beyond – something many believe the party desperately needs.

Tom Bevan, RealClearPolitics

Yes, you:
Lawmakers, put the remap amendment on the ballot

In each of the last three statewide elections, we've enthusiastically supported citizen-driven campaigns to amend the Illinois Constitution to facilitate fair, nonpartisan legislative maps.

We still do.

But it's time voters demanded an answer to an important question: Why does it fall to them to get an amendment on the ballot?

Why must the citizens of Illinois raise millions of dollars, spend months collecting signatures and hire lawyers to defend their amendment against legal challenges bankrolled by the politicians who currently control the maps?

Why don't state lawmakers just do their jobs and put an amendment on the ballot?

It's beyond clear that their constituents want it.

Nearly 600,000 people signed petitions in the most recent campaign. Poll after poll after poll shows overwhelming voter support for an amendment that would take mapmaking out of the hands of politicians.

Every election cycle, including this one, we ask candidates if they support such an amendment. Who would say no? Virtually all of them earnestly profess to believe that voters should pick their representatives, not the other way around. They say they support independent, transparent, fair redistricting.

Yet once they're elected, they don't lift a finger to make it happen. They sit back and let the grass-roots organizations do some very heavy lifting to prepare an amendment for the ballot. Then they look the other way while House Speaker Michael Madigan's attorney gets a judge to kill it.

Gerrymandering is bad for democracy, but it's good for Madigan. By controlling the mapmaking process, he can make sure his friends get re-elected and his enemies don't. The state's legislative districts are so lopsided that most races field only one candidate. Voters have no choices. Their representatives don't answer to them — they answer to Madigan. He draws their districts. He finances their campaigns.

Partisan mapmaking is a nationwide scandal.

And no, we're not suggesting Republicans wouldn't also rig the maps, given the chance. Partisan mapmaking is a nationwide scandal. Voters across America are trying to wrestle the process away from their elected representatives. And mostly losing.

Article XIV of Illinois' 1970 constitution specifically allows citizens to put amendments on the ballot. They've succeeded just once in eight tries. The fabulist legal arguments employed to knock those measures off the ballot have resulted in a mountain of horse-patootie case law, an ever-growing barrier to the very notion of direct democracy as spelled out in Article XIV, Section 3.

Well here's the thing: Article XIV, Section 2 offers a much more straightforward way to put an amendment on the ballot. The General Assembly can do it with a three-fifths vote of both houses. No petition drive. No silly arguments about the imaginary limitations on voter-drafted amendments.

If it's really true that the framers of the constitution meant to preclude voters from assigning the auditor general a role in redistricting — that's the argument that carried the day in 2016, folks — then it's curious that they saw no reason to similarly tie the hands of legislators.

Lawmakers could save us all the work and put that amendment, as written, on the November ballot. They haven't done it. Keep that in mind, in the March 20 primary and beyond. Ask all the candidates if they'll commit to putting redistricting reform to a vote. Ask every incumbent why they haven't. Vote accordingly.

You'd think that hundreds of thousands of signatures, and poll after poll, would be enough to get lawmakers to act. Especially since it's obvious that the deck is stacked against voters.

Despite overwhelming, longstanding support, the remap effort is 0 for 3. It can't pass because it can't get on the ballot.

Round 4 is coming up. Pay attention, voters: The stakes are higher this time. The new maps will be based on population counts measured in the 2020 U.S. Census.

Do you want Mike Madigan to draw those maps?

PERSPECTIVE

QUOTABLES

"I think confidence is silent and insecurity is loud. America is the most powerful country in all of human history, everybody knows it, and we don't need to show it off."

— Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., on President Donald Trump's request to the Pentagon that officials plan a military parade to showcase America's armed forces

"Your job is to make sure these morons don't get up in the morning and advance some lamebrained idea."

— Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash., the top Democrat on the House Armed Forces Committee, on what he told Defense Secretary Jim Mattis about handling President Donald Trump's top advisers

"The fact that you can't park your car there doesn't mean that the government can take your car away and never give it back to you."

— Attorney Kate Schwartz, comparing the treatment of a homeless couple who said they had their tents repeatedly removed by the city of Chicago to the city taking and destroying an illegally parked car

"He was trying to make it up to me, and I said I wanted evidence if this should happen again."

— Colbie Holderness, the first wife of former White House staff secretary Rob Porter, on insisting that Porter take pictures of her black eye after he allegedly punched her in the face

"Regardless, we wouldn't accept his donation. Our members believe in balanced budgets, responsible gov't and reducing taxes on Illinois' middle class — all of which @GovRauner has failed to achieve since taking office."

— John Tillman, CEO of the Illinois Policy Institute, tweeting about Gov. Bruce Rauner vowing to not give the libertarian-leaning think tank "another nickel" because of Tillman's financial deals

TEAM TRUMP'S CHAOTIC WAR ON DRUGS



CLARENCE PAGE



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP 2017

A reporter holds up an example of the amount of fentanyl that can be deadly after a news conference at DEA headquarters in Virginia.

Fentanyl is hazardous even to an arresting officer's health.

Officer Chris Green in East Liverpool, Ohio, found out last summer.

The Drug Enforcement Administration warned police nationwide that fentanyl, the deadly synthetic opioid that killed Prince and thousands of others, could not only kill drug users but also officers exposed to small amounts.

Yet, even though Green protected himself with masks and gloves when processing drug-related crime scenes, one of his colleagues told him after a Friday night traffic stop that he had something on his shirt.

Green had found the driver covered in a white powder, he told the local Morning Journal. Without thinking much about it, he casually brushed the powder off with a bare hand.

And after a few minutes he fell to the floor.

"I started talking weird. I slowly felt my body shutting down. I could hear them talking, but I couldn't respond," Green told the Morning Journal. "I was in total shock. 'No way I'm overdosing,' I thought."

But he was. Although some medical experts have expressed doubts that he could have overdosed from merely touching fentanyl, they agree that he might have inhaled some particles while brushing the powder off his shirt.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that sounds like a suicide kit. It has fueled a crisis that was responsible for 64,000 deaths in 2016, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine, according to the DEA, and its relative carfentanil, widely described as elephant tranquilizer, is said to be 10,000 times more potent than morphine.

Yet when an ambulance crew administered a dose of the opioid antidote Narcan, Green tried to refuse it. Other officers insisted. "Apparently, I was in denial," Green said. It would take three additional doses at the hospital to completely revive him.

Denial and the war on drugs seem to go together. President Donald Trump's administration speaks with fire and fury about the plague of opiate addiction. But when it comes to action, Team Trump sounds feverishly unfocused.

In October, Trump declared a 90-day public health emergency over the opioid crisis but did not make new funding available to address it. The budget Trump is set to release Monday is expected to slash the drug office's funding and pass much of its responsibilities to the Departments of Health and Human Services and Justice.

State and local law enforcement officials are fighting a Trump administration proposal to move the Office of National Drug Control Policy, also known as "the drug czar," that oversees the $275 million drug prevention program to the Justice Department. Such a transfer, crime fighters fear, could shift federal anti-drug efforts too much toward legal crackdowns and away from community-based social and psychological services.

And in a great leap backward to the "Just Say No" policies of the Reagan era, Attorney General Jeff Sessions has announced a move away from the Obama-era policy of allowing states to set their own marijuana policy. Change must come from Congress, he says.

In the meantime, federal raids and busts will continue, regardless of what the states want to do.

At the same time, Team Trump has reduced funding to the drug czar's office. Trump nominated U.S. Rep. Tom Marino, a Pennsylvania Republican, to serve as its director. But Marino withdrew after it was revealed that he had pushed for legislation to hamper the DEA's ability to go after overprescribing pharmaceutical companies.

While that post still awaits an appointee, Trump has chosen (drumroll) White House counselor Kellyanne Conway to be his "opioid czar." Far more experienced at politics than public health, she has been criticized for nudging experienced drug policy experts aside in favor of an "opioid cabinet" of political staffers.

Meanwhile, to those of us who have been paying attention to the places where politics and medical science meet, the sad irony of the administration's currently chaotic drug policy is in the demographics of its victims. Pivotal swing-state voters who put Trump over the top in 2016 came disproportionately from the heavily rural, economically distressed regions where the opiate carnage has been most severe.

The president should be president of all Americans, but he owes a particular obligation to those who voted for him in the hope that he would bring special attention to the opioid crisis and its root causes, particularly unscrupulous medical suppliers.

Unfortunately, it has been easier for Team Trump to set goals than to figure out how to achieve them. Maybe they, like Officer Green, are in denial too.

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I am disappointed that Gov. Bruce Rauner denied clemency to Afghanistan veteran Miguel Perez Jr., who was convicted of a drug crime, an all-too-common event among veterans dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. He served his time for his crime, and he served his country, but he is to be deported.

This would have been an opportunity for Rauner to rise above the current climate of intolerance and do the right thing. That's the kind of leader I am looking for.

— Don Catherall, Indian Head Park

Benign and boring

This is in response to the Perspective column by Virginia Heffernan about Hope Hicks that appeared in the Feb. 8 Tribune.

While Heffernan steers clear of alleging that Hicks committed obstruction of justice if she did promise that Donald Trump Jr.'s emails concerning his meeting with Natalia Veselnitskaya "will never get out," that allegation is clearly the intent of her piece.

There are at least two problems with this point of view, a viewpoint that has also been shared on CNN. The first is that the language used may only mean that Hicks merely intended to prevent the emails from being leaked or hacked. More important, Heffernan's comments and those of others ignore a key factor, i.e., motive.

Why would a very successful 29-year-old woman, with many years ahead of her, be willing to risk prison on an obstruction of justice charge over this? Is President Donald Trump the Svengali of some sort of cult? Hicks appears to have no skin in the game other than that she is the administration's communications director. Is that worth imprisonment? Hardly. This means the most likely meaning of her comment was the more benign and boring one of keeping the matter from leakers and hackers. At least, that is what it would mean to those unwilling to read criminal intent into everything this administration does.

— Tom Paige, Naperville

Dire predictions

In 2010, Robert Bixby, director of the Concord Coalition, and David Walker, the former U. S. comptroller-general, began touring the country to sound the alarm about the nation's out-of-control debt. History will record that they did their best to serve as the Paul Reveres of the 21st century. At the time, the nation's debt totaled around $10 trillion. Their warning fell on deaf ears.

In the intervening decade, the national debt has more than doubled. That is to say, it took two hundred years for the first $10 trillion of debt and a mere decade for the second. There is no end in sight.

The same mindset that is blind to the perils of global warming willfully ignores the fiscal tsunami that is certain to come. The present course of conduct must be radically changed and changed quickly. We must live within our means. We must cut up the credit cards.

We are refusing to heed a warning attributed to Benjamin Franklin: "When the people find that they can vote themselves money, that will herald the end of the Republic."

As with global warming, we are approaching the point of no return.

— Joe English, Chicago

A simple proposal

Does anyone think that giving any government more money will not lead to more spending?

Does anyone think that government will set the priority of paying debts first?

Here's a simple proposal: Let the high-paid heads of departments deal with the cost of government spending in their respective departments by a cut of 10 percent of their budget each year until the budget is in balance and debt is paid. Do this year after year until such time as sanity is returned. There is also a plan called the "penny plan," which would take much longer.

In Illinois, the "simple proposal" for pensions is to limit state employees to one pension at a maximum of $100,000 per year.

Learning to limit your personal spending is all part of life, and that amount should cause no pain!

— Gary D. Rajkowski, Sandwich

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ANALYSIS

‘Drain the swamp’: The muddying of a motto

By Noah Bierman
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“By ending excessive regulation, we are defending democracy and draining the swamp,” President Donald Trump has said.

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump long thought the phrase “drain the swamp” was a little hokey, he has confessed to crowds. Yet it stayed. If Frank Sinatra had to croon “My Way,” even when he tired of it, Trump reasoned aloud, Trump could belt out his crowd-pleasing catchphrase.

More than a year into his presidency, Trump mouths the words a little less often.

But rather than completely kill off a slogan that once rivaled “Build the Wall” in the Trump repertoire, he has done something more subversive: He has drained it of its meaning.

The motto no longer refers to Trump’s promises of ethics and lobbying reforms — many of which have dropped by the wayside or been watered down — or to vows about stopping members of his administration from profiting from their service.

In recent months, Trump has rebranded the “swamp” to mean almost anything he objects to — reporters, opponents of his immigration plan, free traders, phonies, bureaucrats, politicians who vote against tax cuts.

“By ending excessive regulation, we are defending democracy and draining the swamp,” Trump said at a White House event in December where he stood by stacks of paper symbolizing government regulations. “Truly, we are draining the swamp.”

Many of those regulations were repealed after high-priced campaigns by industry lobbyists, the very swamp creatures Trump railed about on the campaign trail.

“If Trump doesn’t like it, it becomes draining the swamp,’” said John Kelly, who writes about language for Oxford Dictionaries, Dictionary.com and other publications. “It becomes semantically bleached in that way. It becomes its own opposite.”

The shift is emblematic of a wider trend with the administration, which often seems to have adopted Humpty Dumpty’s rule that a word “means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less.”

The words “fake news” in Trump’s lexicon mean almost any story he objects to.

Trump declared last week Democrats who didn’t clap for his State of the Union speech “treasonous.” And, as he’s repeatedly shown, he likes to sprinkle superlatives on actions that don’t measure up to labels like “the biggest” or “the best.”

“It is ‘Alice in Wonderland’ logic,’ said Robert Weissman, president of Public Citizen, a liberal advocacy group. “It’s a tautology: Whatever I’m doing is draining the swamp, by definition.”

Trump’s most prominent supporters have cast an even wider net around the slogan.

To them, stocking the courts with conservative judges now counts as swamp-draining. So does cutting taxes and shrinking the Internal Revenue Service. Donald Trump Jr. invoked the war against the swamp to defend Trump’s decision to fire FBI Director James Comey last year.

“ ‘Drain the swamp’ came to mean two different things,” said former Republican House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who speaks frequently for Trump, and has helped expand the phrase’s definition in television interviews.

One category is the “sort of K Street lobbyist-political corruption kind of swamp” that formed the basis of Trump’s attacks on Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, he said.

The other is “huge elements of power held by people virtually unaccountable — who basically impose their own values and prejudices with little supervisions.”

And who are they?

“Regulators, FBI agents. You name it.”

Weissman and other critics point to myriad concerns over the kind of cronyism and self-dealing to which “drain the swamp” once referred.

Last week alone, Republicans raising money for congressional seats are raffling off a weekend at Trump Winery, one of many product tie-ins ushered in during the Trump era.

Trump’s top public health official, Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald, was forced to resign two weeks ago after she was caught trading tobacco stocks, while his top housing official, Dr. Ben Carson, faced new scrutiny over whether his son was using his dad’s position to beef up business.

Mick Mulvaney, his budget director, who also runs the federal consumer protection agency, took thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from the payday loan industry while serving in Congress. Under Mulvaney, the agency is pulling back from enforcement efforts aimed at cracking down on predatory lenders.

Former top campaign officials have opened lobby shops. Trump’s Mar-a-Lago club in Florida has doubled membership fees to $200,000, which includes access to what the administration actively promotes as the “Winter White House.” His hotel in Washington, operated in a government-owned historic building through a special lease deal, has foreign interests lining up to book rooms.

Those who seem to profit from association with Trump have alternative definitions for the swamp.

“We hear what we want to hear out of the phrase, but I think that it was geared toward the establishment of government,” said Barry Bennett, a former campaign aide whose lobbying firm has several ties to Trump.

“I’m part of the change,” he said. “Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.”

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Israel downs Iranian drone, strikes in Syria

By Aron Heller and Sarah El Deeb
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U.N. forces monitor the Israel-Syria border in the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights on Saturday after Israel struck Syrian and Iranian targets and an Israeli jet was downed.

JERUSALEM — In its most serious engagement in neighboring Syria since fighting there began in 2011, Israel shot down an infiltrating Iranian drone Saturday and struck Iranian targets deep in Syria before one of its own jets was downed.

The sudden escalation offers what could be a harbinger of what lies ahead as the Syrian fighting winds down and an emboldened Iran establishes a military presence that Israel vows it will never accept.

Israel has issued several stern warnings of late about the increased Iranian involvement along its border in Syria and Lebanon. The Israeli Cabinet just held a meeting near the Syrian border to highlight the new threats, which it attributes to Iran’s growing confidence given the success of the government of Bashar Assad in the Syrian civil war thanks to their support.

Israel called the drone infiltration a “severe and irregular violation of Israeli sovereignty” and warned that Iran would be held accountable, raising the specter of a larger confrontation in an area that has remained largely stable since a monthlong war between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon in 2006.

“This is a serious Iranian attack on Israeli territory. Iran is dragging the region into an adventure in which it doesn’t know how it will end,” Israel’s chief military spokesman, Brig. Gen. Ronen Manelis, said in a special statement. “Whoever is responsible for this incident is the one who will pay the price.”

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman convened the top brass at military headquarters in Tel Aviv for emergency consultations throughout the Jewish Sabbath to discuss their next steps.

Netanyahu said he spoke with Russian President Vladimir Putin and vowed to strike back hard.

“Iran seeks to use Syrian territory to attack Israel for its professed goal of destroying Israel,” he said. “Israel holds Iran and its Syrian host responsible for today’s aggression. We will continue to do whatever is necessary to protect our sovereignty and our security.”

Israel also appealed to the United Nations Security Council to denounce Iran’s aggression and “put an immediate end to Iranian provocations.”

Israel would not confirm if its aircraft was actually shot down by enemy fire.

Israel fears Iran could use Syrian territory to stage attacks or create a land corridor from Iran to Lebanon that could allow it to transfer weapons more easily to Hezbollah — Lebanon’s Iranian-backed political party and militant group sworn to Israel’s destruction. Though Israel has largely stayed out of the Syrian conflict, it has struck weapons convoys destined for Hezbollah — which is fighting alongside Syrian forces — almost 100 times since 2012.

But Israel has refrained from striking Iranian sites directly. Syria has also repeatedly said it will respond to Israeli airstrikes but has rarely returned fire. Both of those trends came to an abrupt end Saturday.

At dawn, Israel said it shot down an Iranian unmanned aircraft that penetrated its airspace and then destroyed the Iranian site in central Syria that it said launched it. Upon their return, Israel’s jets came under heavy Syrian anti-aircraft fire, and the pilots of one of the F-16s had to eject and the plane crashed in northern Israel. One pilot was seriously wounded and the other one lightly.

In subsequent attacks, the Israeli military said it struck four additional Iranian positions and eight Syrian sites, causing significant damage. Israel says the strikes destroyed the main command and control bunker of the Syrian military.

Iran denied Israel’s shooting down of a drone, with Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Ghasem calling the account “ridiculous,” while the joint operations room for the Syrian military and its allies insisted the drone had not violated Israeli airspace and was on a regular mission gathering intelligence on Islamic State militants.

Regardless, Hezbollah said Saturday’s developments signaled a “new strategic phase” in engaging Israel.

Former Syrian lawmaker and political commentator Sharif Shehade said the anti-aircraft fire marked a political decision in Syria to respond to Israeli strikes, and that tensions would continue to rise unless Washington and Moscow intervened to calm the situation.

“It is a decisive decision to confront the Israeli air force and its careless behavior,” he told The Associated Press in Damascus. “I think what happened today is a lesson for Israel.”

Military spokesman Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus said while Israel had no interest in further escalation it was prepared to “extract a heavy price” for such aggression.

OxyContin’s maker will stop promoting opioids to doctors

By Marley Jay and Matt Perrone
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The maker of the powerful painkiller OxyContin said it will stop marketing opioid drugs to doctors, bowing to a key demand of lawsuits that blame the company for helping trigger the current drug abuse epidemic.

OxyContin has long been the world’s top-selling opioid painkiller, bringing in billions in sales for privately-held Purdue, which also sells a newer and longer-lasting opioid, Hysingla.

Connecticut-based Purdue announced its surprise reversal Saturday. Its statement said it eliminated more than half its sales staff last week and will no longer send sales representatives to doctors’ offices to discuss opioid drugs. Its remaining sales staff of about 200 will focus on other medications.

The OxyContin pill, a time-release version of oxycodone, was hailed as a breakthrough treatment for chronic pain when it was approved in late 1995. It worked over 12 hours to maintain a steady level of oxycodone in patients with a wide range of pain ailments. But some users discovered they could get a heroin-like high by crushing the pills and snorting or injecting the entire dose at once. In 2010 Purdue reformulated OxyContin to make it harder to crush and stopped selling the original form of the drug.

Purdue eventually acknowledged that its promotions exaggerated the drug’s safety and minimized the risks of addiction. After federal investigations, the company and three executives pleaded guilty in 2007 and agreed to pay more than $600 million for misleading the public about the risks of OxyContin. But the drug continued to rack up blockbuster sales.

Dr. Andrew Kolodny, director of opioid policy research at Brandeis University and an advocate for stronger regulation of opioid drug companies, said Purdue’s decision is helpful, but it won’t make a major difference unless other opioid drug companies do the same.

Allergan, which makes three opioid pain medications, said it has not actively marketed them in years, and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, a unit of Johnson & Johnson, said it stopped marketing the medications in 2015. Both said opioid drugs make up a very small portion of their revenue. The drugmaker Insys said it could not comment immediately, while Teva Pharmaceutical Industries did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Kolodny said opioids are useful for cancer patients with severe pain and for people who need a pain medication for only a few days. But he said the companies have promoted them as a treatment for chronic pain, where they are more harmful and less helpful, because it’s more profitable.

U.S. deaths linked to opioids have quadrupled since 2000 to roughly 42,000 in 2016, or about 115 per day.

High court to look at issue of union dues

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watched for its potential to shift political power in states and across the nation.

The legal attack on the campaign funding laws was brought by conservative activists who hoped that the free flow of money from wealthy donors would boost Republican candidates.

And since 2010, the GOP has achieved big gains in Congress and in state legislatures across the nation.

Conservatives also believe the attack on mandatory union fees has the potential to weaken the public sector unions that are strong supporters of the Democratic Party.

"This is a big deal," Gov. Bruce Rauner said in September on the day the Supreme Court said it would hear the lawsuit that he initiated. A court victory would be "transformative for the state of Illinois, transformative for America and the relationship between our taxpayers and the people who work for our taxpayers."

Still pending before the high court is the case of the baker from Colorado who says he has a free speech right as a Christian to refuse to create a wedding cake for a same-sex couple. A ruling in his favor would carve out a religious freedom exemption to the civil rights laws in the 21 states that require businesses open to the public to provide full and equal service to all, including gays and lesbians.

At issue in the union case is whether public employees can be required to pay a fee to cover the cost of collective bargaining and resolving grievances, even if they have personal objections to the union.

In 28 states, "right to work" laws prohibit contracts that require employees to join or support a union. In recent years, formerly strong union states including Michigan, Wisconsin and Indiana adopted such laws.

But in 22 other states, including California, New York and Pennsylvania as well as Illinois, the law allows employees to form a union which in turn has a legal duty to represent all the employees.

In those states, school boards, transit districts, police departments and state agencies may negotiate contracts that require all workers — even those who do not join the union — to pay a so-called "fair share fee" for the benefits they would receive along with union members, such as higher pay scales.

More than 40 years ago, the Supreme Court gave this arrangement its constitutional blessing. The justices set out a middle position in the case of Abood v. Detroit Board of Education.

They said public employees have a free speech right to opt out of paying the full dues to a union if some of the money is spent for political contributions or lobbying.

But the court said they may be required to pay a lesser fee to support the union's workplace activities. Otherwise, "free riders" could benefit from a better contract, but pay nothing.

The Illinois lawsuit asks the court to overturn the Abood decision and strike down forced union fees nationwide.

Soon after taking office in 2015, Rauner had tried to block union fees through an executive order. When that failed, he filed a suit in federal court contending the payments were unconstitutional.



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Mark Janus works for a state agency in Springfield, Ill., and objects to the $45 fee he pays each month to the union.

The Illinois lawsuit asks the court to overturn the Abood decision and strike down forced union fees nationwide.

Democratic Attorney General Lisa Madigan intervened to defend the state's labor law, and a judge ruled the governor had no standing since he was not paying the fees.

But the suit continued after his lawyers substituted as a plaintiff Mark Janus, a child support specialist. He works for a state agency in Springfield and objects to the $45 fee he pays each month to the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The union "takes political positions that he doesn't support. They advocate for more spending and higher taxes," said Jacob Huebert, a lawyer for the Liberty Justice Center who represents Janus.

For its part, AFSCME called the case "a political attack on the freedoms of working people by the same corporate billionaires and corporate interests that have for years rigged our economy and politics in their own favor."

Rauner's challenge to union fees is likely to win favor from the court's five conservative justices, all GOP appointees.

Union leaders see the case as a well-funded political attack on public employees.

"This is about power. They are attacking us because we fight for a better life for working people," said Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers.

They say they are reasonably confident members will continue to pay their dues, even if they are no longer required to do so.

Beyond politics, however, the legal question before the court is whether requiring public employees to pay a fee to a union to cover the cost of collective bargaining amounts to "compelled speech" that violates the First Amendment.

For most of American history, government employees did not have protected rights under the Constitution. The justices often cite Oliver Wendell Holmes' comment in 1892 that a policeman "may have a constitutional right to talk politics, but he has no constitutional right to be policeman."

It was not until the late 1960s when the court first held that public employees had free speech rights, but only when they were speaking as citizens on a matter of public concern. The justices ruled unanimously in 1968 for Marvin Pickering, an Illinois teacher who was fired for sending a letter to the editor of a local newspaper critical of the school board.

But the court has insisted public employees do not have rights to speak out about problems in the workplace. In 2006, the court said the First Amendment does not generally protect government whistleblowers from being punished. In that case, Garcetti v. Ceballos, the court ruled 5-4 against a Los Angeles county lawyer who said he was demoted for having revealed a police officer may have supplied false information in a search warrant. The court's conservatives sided with their employer.

"A government entity has broader discretion to restrict speech when it acts in its role as employer," and a public employee "must accept certain limitations on his or her freedom," wrote Justice Anthony Kennedy.

Harvard law professor Charles Fried, the U.S. solicitor general under President Ronald Reagan, filed a brief in the union case questioning how the court could say the First Amendment protects public employees from paying a union fee, but not for speaking out about problems in an agency.

Meanwhile, several prominent First Amendment scholars with conservative credentials filed briefs questioning the premise that union fees involve speech.

"We think this is not compelled speech. It's a compelled payment of money," said UCLA law professor Eugene Volokh.

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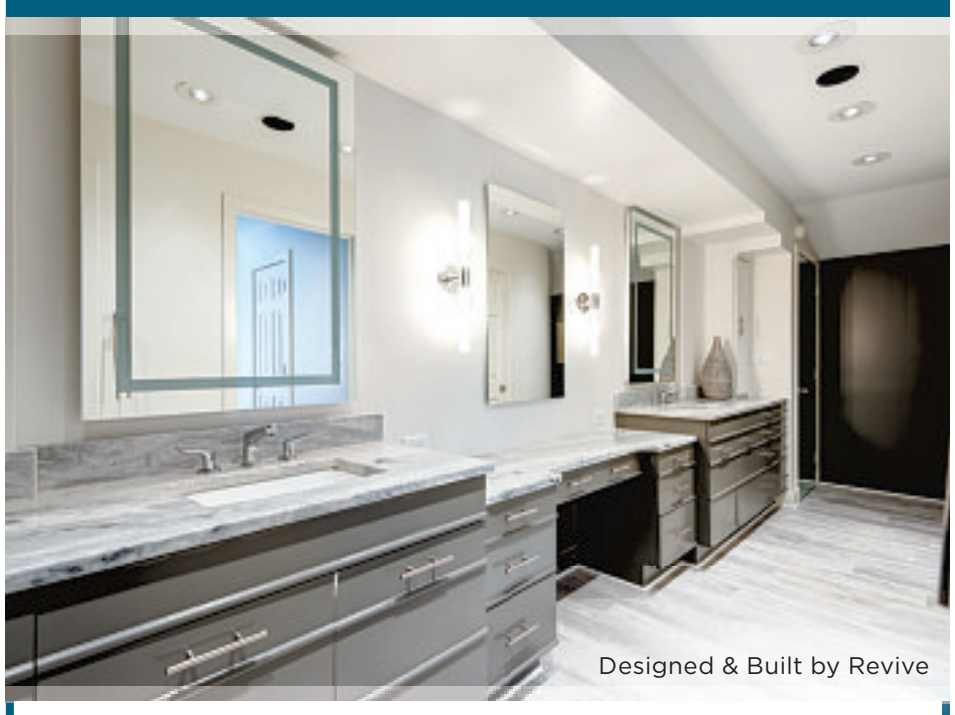
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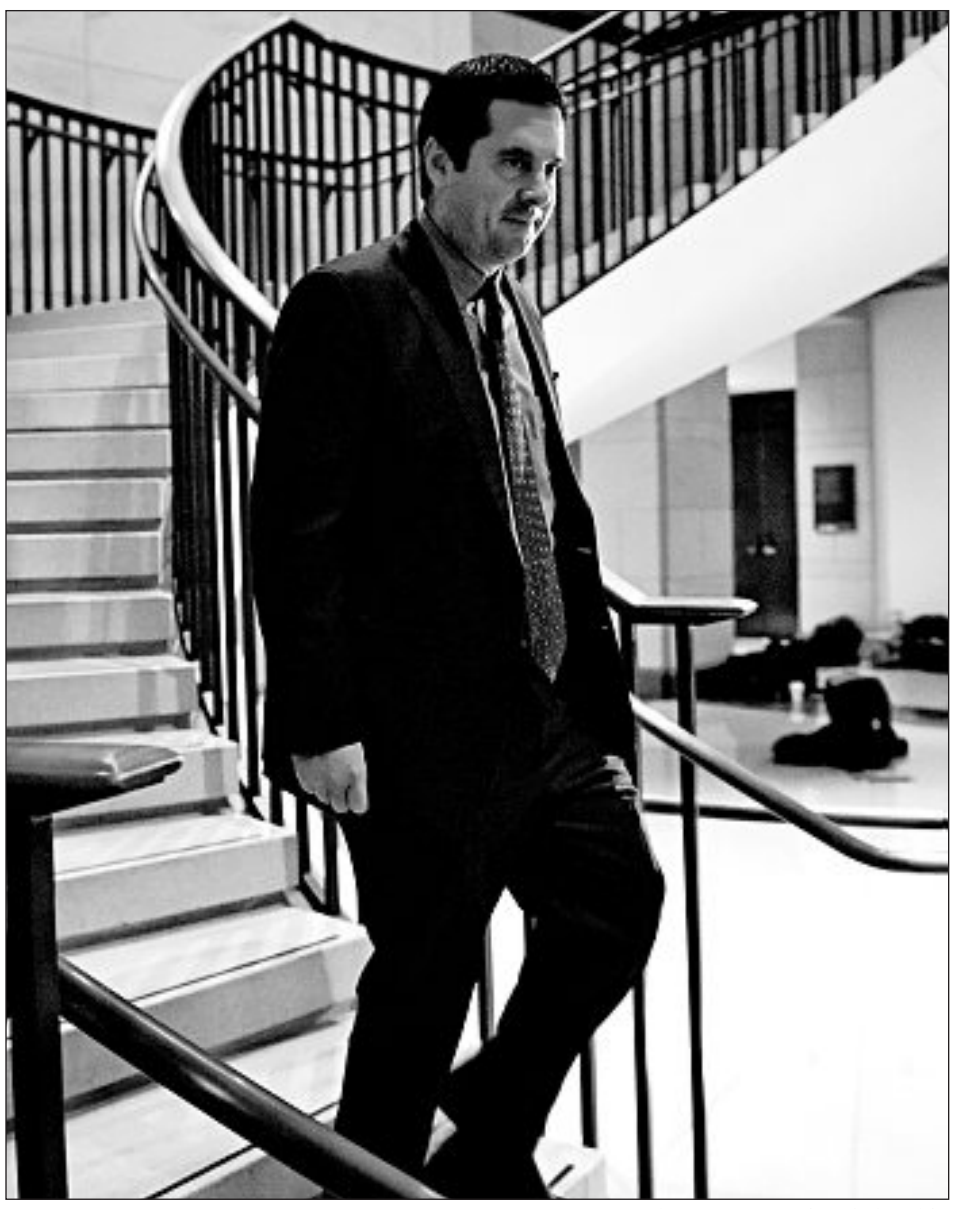
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ANALYSIS

Very public about-faces over privacy

Nunes memo fuels whiplash as FBI's fans, critics realign

By Evan Halper
Washington Bureau



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The attacks of Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., on the FBI have moved much of the left to rush to defend the law enforcement agencies that civil liberties groups have tried to constrain.

WASHINGTON — After years of toiling against the surveillance state, sounding alarms about privacy and warning of Orwellian law enforcement overreach, civil libertarians now find their talking points have been hijacked.

A serious case of intellectual whiplash has ensued.

Suddenly, House intelligence committee chairman Devin Nunes — a longtime advocate for the nation's intelligence agencies and their eavesdropping authority — has started talking like a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union. The same California Republican who only weeks ago led the drive to extend for years the government's vast electronic surveillance powers is railing about an FBI run amok and an anti-democratic "deep state" creepily monitoring political enemies.

For many on the left, the effort by Nunes and his allies to reinvent themselves as warriors against the surveillance apparatus is maddening.

Even some libertarians on the right are annoyed. Republican Rep. Justin Amash of Michigan recently weighed in on Twitter about the irony of Nunes and House Speaker Paul Ryan warning of surveillance abuse when "just three weeks ago ... the speaker gave a dramatic floor speech about the importance of giving the FBI power to violate everyone's civil liberties."

After clamoring for a national reckoning on surveillance overreach, privacy advocates are dismayed that the debate finally is taking place on grounds thoroughly muddied by politics. They have an uninvited frontman, Nunes, who shares virtually none of their values and, they believe, has co-opted their cause for political convenience. And the coalitions they painstakingly built are fraying as a result.

Nunes' attacks on the FBI have moved much of the left, which typically has been skeptical of surveillance, to rush to defend the law enforcement agencies that civil liberties groups have tried to constrain.

The California Democratic Party stepped up to defend the FBI against what it called Nunes' "open declaration of war." Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., warned in a floor speech that Nunes was out to "degrade and discredit" the FBI. A petition from the liberal group Credo Action lauded the bureau. Just recently, the same group had pilloried the agency.

Many on the left are more worried about Nunes derailing the Russia investigation than about the surveillance.

"We need to see more transparency" around government monitoring, said Lisa Gilbert, vice president of legislative affairs at the watchdog group Public Citizen. "But it needs to be balanced with this investigation needing to continue."

The way the debate has developed concerns privacy advocates.

"It's a real shame that the debate over surveillance abuse is happening in this context," said Liza Goitein, who co-directs the Liberty and National Security program at the Brennan Center for Justice, a public policy institute at New York University School of Law. "What they are talking about is not an example of abuse."

What they are talking about, of course, is the four-page Nunes memo. The document discloses some previously top-secret details used by law enforcement officials to persuade the court that oversees national security wiretaps to permit surveillance of Carter Page, a former adviser to Donald Trump's presidential campaign.

The memo is an incomplete snapshot, including only details that Nunes handpicked.

The argument by Nunes and Trump that the memo is a damning indictment of this particular surveillance operation is challenged by legal experts. Many of them say the Nunes memo does not show evidence of law enforcement abuse.

But the charge by Nunes that federal agencies misused their surveillance powers has complicated the battle that civil liberties groups have waged against those agencies. They complain Nunes has trivialized a serious issue in his bid to undermine the Russia investigation.

"What he was saying was happening was not happening" in this case, said Christopher Anders, deputy director of the ACLU's legislative office in Washington. "When any congressman cries wolf about our problems, it undermines others who truly have seen abuse."

The ACLU is not the only one. Democrats are clamoring to publish their own memo, with additional details that shed light on how law enforcement obtained the warrant. The House intelligence committee has voted to release that memo, but the White House, citing national security concerns, on Friday said Trump is "unable" to declassify the memo. The White House sent it back to the House intel committee and asked Democrats to revise the memo with the help of the Justice Department.

The increasing pressure on Republicans to release more information means the debate, ultimately, could go sideways for them, as the public learns more of the uncomfortable details of how secret surveillance is conducted.

As the intelligence committee deliberated over whether to release Nunes' memo, Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., warned Republicans they were going down a path that could threaten the surveillance program that Congress just last month voted to reauthorize.

"This is a slippery slope I don't think any of us want to see happen to our intelligence community," she said.

But it's fine with Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., who has led the fight in Congress to rein in government surveillance of Americans.

The fight over the Nunes memo "lays bare the hypocrisy around the argument that pervasive secrecy is necessary for national security," he said.

Still, as lawyers for Congress, the Trump administration and the media battle over which details of the Page warrant should and should not be disclosed, privacy advocates are appealing to their allies on the left to tone down all the praise they have been heaping on the FBI.

"Pretending the FBI is this man on the white horse — this paragon of virtue — is fundamentally at odds with the facts," said Daniel Schuman, policy director of the progressive advocacy group Demand Progress.

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Trump's offer: DACA fix for immigration curbs

Legalization of 1.8M 'Dreamers' would mean cuts elsewhere

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Supporters of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program rally in Falls Church, Va., earlier this month. The U.S. Senate is now preparing for a bipartisan immigration debate.

WASHINGTON — As the Senate prepares to begin a free-wheeling debate over immigration, White House officials have begun floating a possible compromise idea — a pledge to maintain legal immigration at current levels, about 1.1 million people a year, for more than a decade.

President Donald Trump has proposed a series of measures, including limits on family unification, which he calls "chain migration," and an end to the visa lottery, that critics say ultimately could cut legal immigration to America by 40 percent or more.

But a White House official said Saturday that the Trump administration is working with allies in the Senate on a proposal that would create a path to citizenship for an estimated 1.8 million people who were brought to the country illegally as children, and that would clear the backlog of nearly 4 million sponsored relatives who currently are waiting for green cards.

The combined effort, officials said, would effectively make up for cuts in other immigration categories for about 13 years, the official said. After that, if Congress takes no additional action to add or expand visa categories, the total number of people allowed to resettle in the U.S. each year likely would decline by hundreds of thousands.

The outline began emerging last week when John Kelly, the White House chief of staff, and Kirstjen Nielsen, the secretary of Homeland Security, met with a half-dozen or so Latino Republicans at the White House and said the administration was prepared to ensure that overall immigration levels would remain steady.

The shift shows the White House is exploring a possible compromise as lawmakers prepare for marathon debates on the Senate floor over how to protect from deportation — and possibly provide legal status — for the 1.8 million people brought to the country illegally as children.

About 800,000 of them were given protection from deportation by the Obama administration under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, known as DACA. But the Trump administration ended the program in September and set a six-month cut-off date for renewal applications.

A federal judge has suspended that March 5 deadline, but the White House has used the so-called Dreamers as a bargaining chip in Congress for its own immigration priorities, including cuts to legal immigration.

Democratic demands to protect the young immigrants led to a three-day government shutdown during the congressional budget showdown last month and an eight-hour speech on the House floor last week by Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. Both efforts failed to get DACA in the spending packages.

On Saturday, Trump accused the Democrats of trying to politicize the immigrants' plight ahead of midterm elections in November.

"Republicans want to fix DACA far more than the Democrats do," he tweeted. Democrats "only want to use it as a campaign issue."

Democratic leaders, including Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., have signaled privately to the White House they are willing to negotiate Trump's demand for $25 billion as part of a broader immigration package that would include help for young immigrants.

Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, a group that advocates restricting immigration, said he would oppose a White House deal to keep legal immigration at current levels for more than a decade.

"This argument that our economy and our success requires mass immigration is absurd," he said.

In Congress, bipartisan groups are seeking to develop legislation as the Senate prepares for a rare open debate on immigration this week.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell plans to take a House bill, strip its contents, and in a step not seen in modern times, open the floor up for amendments to fill the bill.

"It will be an opportunity for 1,000 flowers to bloom," McConnell told reporters last week, oddly echoing the phrase Chinese leader Mao Zedong used in 1956 to encourage criticism of the Communist Party before he violently purged the critics who stepped forward.

Even if the Senate pieces together a bill, any proposal to create legal status for immigrants in the country illegally will meet resistance in theHouse. In 2013, the last time a major bipartisan immigration bill passed the Senate, it never got to a vote in the House.

House Speaker Paul Ryan has promised to allow a vote this time.

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Trump laments 'mere allegation' can destroy lives

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump decried lives "being shattered and destroyed by a mere allegation" at the end of a week that saw the departure of two White House aides after accusations of domestic violence.

"There is no recovery for someone falsely accused — life and career are gone," Trump posted on Twitter Saturday.

Although he didn't specify to whom who he was referring, the post followed remarks the president made Friday, when asked about the departure of White House staff secretary Rob Porter, who resigned after two ex-wives and an ex-girlfriend came forward to detail allegations of physical abuse.

During his comments in the Oval Office, the president didn't mention the women or address domestic violence, instead remarking that it was a "tough time" for his former aide.

"He did a very good job when he was in the White House," Trump said. "And we hope he has a wonderful career, and hopefully he will have a great career ahead of him."

The president noted that Porter "said very strongly" that he was innocent of the alleged assaults.

The White House announced later Friday that speechwriter David Sorensen, who worked at the Council on Environmental Quality, had resigned after administration officials learned that his ex-wife had accused him of physical abuse.

Sorensen, too, has denied that he physically harmed his former partner.

Trump's comments were the latest in which he has appeared willing to offer support to men accused of sexual impropriety.

The president endorsed Roy Moore, the Alabama Republican who ran for the U.S. Senate last year, despite multiple allegations that he initiated sexual encounters with minors. Trump also defended former Fox News anchor Bill O'Reilly, who was ousted from his job over sexual harassment claims.

Trump himself has faced accusations — which he has denied — from more than a dozen women of offenses including groping and nonconsensual kissing.

Trump has been less supportive of due process in the past.

In 1989, he placed full-page ads in New York newspapers calling for the execution of black and Latino teenagers accused of assaulting and raping a white woman in Central Park. The "Central Park Five" were later exonerated by DNA evidence.

‘You have been chosen by the Party’

North Korean spy recalls mission to disrupt ’88 Games by blowing up jet

By Chico Harlan
The Washington Post

DAEGU, South Korea — Until recently, she could often go full days without reminders of what happened. She preferred it that way. The event was so long ago. It was so terrible. She’d been pardoned for her crimes, and she’d tried to build a new version of her life. She got married. She raised two children. She attended church. She went on hikes — relaxing ones, short ones, nothing like the mandatory 60-mile treks she’d taken when training as a spy.

But now, the reminders of what Kim Hyon-hui once did seem to be everywhere again.

South Korea is hosting the Winter Olympics this month, and even seeing the Olympic rings gives her flashbacks to 30 years ago, the other time this country was preparing to host the Games. Then, Kim was an elite North Korean agent. She was acting on national orders. She boarded a South Korean passenger plane, carrying a bomb on a timer. She left the bomb in an overhead bin. She exited the plane during a layover. The plane blew up.

There was a manhunt for the perpetrators. Kim was captured. And then, Kim was taken for the first time to South Korea, arrested for an act of terrorism that killed 115 people and was designed to derail the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul.

Thirty years later, Kim’s life speaks to the disorienting contrasts on the Korean Peninsula, where the Olympics can be peaceful or deadly, unifying or dividing, and where a terrorist can become a housewife who says she’s excited to watch the 2018 Games on TV.

“In North Korea, I lived as Kim Il Sung’s robot,” Kim said in an interview. “In South Korea, I got to live a new life.”

Though Kim has tried to establish a mostly quiet existence, the issues that prompted her initial mission still resonate, with the Olympics, which began Friday, again testing how the North will respond to a global celebration on the soil of its rival. In 1988, North Korea pushed to cohost the Summer Games, failed to strike a deal, and instead launched a campaign of violence aimed at making the event untenable.

This time, the North and South agreed to march together in the opening ceremonies, sharing a flag and fielding a joint women’s ice hockey team, a show of unity that belies years of tensions.

Kim says that her deadly role in the bombing of Korean Air Lines Flight 858 is something that leaves her sorry and ashamed. “Can my sins be pardoned?” she said. “They probably won’t be.”

Kim, who has given a handful of interviews about the bombing in recent months as the Winter Olympics approached, spoke expansively about her new life in South Korea. She no longer resembles a spy. She is 57 years old. She lives on the outskirts of South Korea’s third-largest city. She no longer practices taekwondo. She no longer has an interest in knife combat.

But recently, she was watching television and saw another reminder of her past: footage of her arrival in South Korea, in December 1987. At that moment, she wasn’t yet cooperating with investigators. At that moment, she hadn’t yet admitted she was North Korean. The first part of her life was ending, and Kim remembers never considering there would be a second part.

“I feared interrogation,” she said. “I thought it was the end. I thought I was in the last months of my life. In my head, I was singing a North Korean revolutionary song.”



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Kim Hyon-hui, working as a North Korean spy, blew up a passenger jet, killing 115 people.

Kim’s life as a spy — and what ultimately became her mission to disrupt the Olympics — began during her second year of studying at the Pyongyang Foreign Language College, when she was called to the dean’s office, and met there by a man from the Central Party. What followed were several rounds of interviews, and finally, a handshake from a special agent. “You have been chosen by the Party,” he said, according to an account from a book Kim wrote that was published in 1991.

She was, from that point on, groomed to be a warrior in North Korea’s army of international spies. She studied Japanese. She was given a false passport and a fake name — Mayumi Hachiya. She was introduced to an older male spy who’d pose as her Japanese father. And then, one day, she was chauffeured to a foreign intelligence building and told about her mission — to destroy a South Korean airliner.

The orders for her mission, she said, were handwritten by Kim Jong Il, Kim Il Sung’s son and heir apparent.

When Kim heard of the plan, she did not think of the lives involved. The plot, she said, was a “technical operation.” Kim and the older agent were given cyanide-tipped cigarettes, to be used in the event they were captured.

In the weeks leading up to the bombing, according to Kim’s account and South Korea’s investigation, Kim and the other agent traveled across Europe, posing as Japanese tourists. Then, in Belgrade, they connected with two other agents, who handed off the weapon of choice: a bomb disguised as a radio, amplified by liquid explosives. Kim and her fellow agent flew to Baghdad. In Baghdad, Kim activated the timer and boarded a Korean Air flight to Abu Dhabi. She placed the bomb in a shopping bag and stowed it above her seat. She and the other agent exited the plane in Abu Dhabi. Several hours later, the plane blew up over the Andaman Sea.

Kim, initially, didn’t know if the plot had worked. But what Kim did know is that she had to quickly return to Pyongyang, taking a convoluted series of flights, and it was in Bahrain where authorities stopped them, having noticed their suspicious travel patterns.

Kim and the other agent realized they’d been cornered. The two spies bit down on their cigarettes. The older agent died. But Kim did not. She awoke cuffed to a hospital bed.

According to accounts from South Korean investigators, Kim endured weeks of interrogation before confessing. The day before she opened up about the plot, a team of South Korean special agents gave her a suit to wear and told her to get into a car. What they did was take her sightseeing around Seoul. Kim saw a city that looked nothing like the miserable enemy outpost North Korea had described. She saw families smiling. She saw crowded shopping malls. She saw the Olympic Village.

And she started to think that her mission, her whole purpose, had been a sham.

“Founded upon lies,” she said.

She began cooperating with investigators, and several months later, still in detention, Kim watched the opening ceremonies on television. “I still remember the theme song they played,” she said. “Everybody seemed joyous. I was thinking to myself, ‘Why did North Korea do this?’ ”

It seemed, initially, that there would be no second part of her life. In 1989, a South Korean judge sentenced her to death. But the next year, South Korean President Roh Tae-woo pardoned her, saying that she had been a mere tool manipulated by the real perpetrators, North Korea’s ruling Kim family. She mostly escaped the wrath of the South Korean public, according to news accounts from the time, helped by a tearful news conference she gave in apologizing for the bombing.

Then, Kim largely disappeared from the public spotlight.

“It’s as if I’ve been hiding away,” she said.

She says she remains traumatized by her role in the bombing, but sometimes feels obliged to talk about it. She is a witness, she said, to the “truth of North Korea.” That’s why Kim has mixed feelings about how the two Koreas are cooperating ahead of this year’s Olympics. North and South Korea marched together, holding a white and blue unity flag, but Kim said the two countries aren’t on equal ground.

“That flag,” she said, “doesn’t symbolize peace.”



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Kim Yo Jong, center, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un’s younger sister and close aide, Saturday invited the South’s President Moon Jae-in, left, to visit Pyongyang for talks.

North Korea plays nice, Pence stands firm at Olympic Games

By Anna Fifield and Ashley Parker
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PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — North Korea’s Kim Jong Un has asked South Korea’s president to join him in Pyongyang for talks, a departure for a belligerent leader more used to issuing threats than invitations.

Moon Jae-in must now walk a fine diplomatic line to encourage North Korea’s new interest in dialogue without straying too far from the “maximum pressure” approach championed by the United States, South Korea’s military ally.

Moon tried to keep both Pyongyang and Washington happy Saturday when he received the invitation from Kim Yo Jong, the North Korean leader’s younger sister and close aide, during a meeting at the presidential Blue House in Seoul.

Moon responded in a noncommittal way, saying that he wanted to “create the environment for that to be able to happen.” He also encouraged North Korea to “actively pursue” dialogue with the United States.

In a stark illustration of his efforts to pull in Pyongyang without pushing away Washington, Moon watched short-track speedskating with Vice President Mike Pence at the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics on Saturday.

Then Moon went to the women’s ice hockey match with the North Korean delegation, including Kim Yo Jong. The two Koreas had combined teams and played simply as “Korea,” wearing uniforms emblazoned with blue-and-white flags showing an undivided peninsula.

Pence had arrived in South Korea for the opening of the Olympics with a clear intention to isolate North Korea. He repeatedly called Kim Jong Un’s regime “the most tyrannical” on Earth and studiously avoided talking to or even acknowledging the North Korean delegation, even when they sat just feet apart in the VIP box at the opening ceremony.

Shortly after leaving Pyeongchang, Pence told reporters on Air Force Two that he had set out on the trip “to express American resolve regarding North Korea.”

“I was encouraged by the affirmation of our alliance and our common purpose, from both (Japanese) Prime Minister (Shinzo) Abe and President Moon,” Pence said. “I leave this trip encouraged that we will continue to work very closely to continue and intensify the maximum pressure campaign that is underway against the regime in Pyongyang.”

The vice president said that, while they were at the speedskating event, Moon talked about his meeting with the North Koreans earlier in the day.

Pence said he and Moon reiterated to each other “that we will continue to stand strong and work in a coordinated way.”

Asked if Moon’s desire to visit Pyongyang undermined Pence’s trip or detracted from his message, a senior administration official said: “No, I don’t think it does in the least.”

Pence insisted “there is no daylight” among the United States, South Korea and Japan in intensifying pressure on the North over its nuclear and missile programs.

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Fiancee wants resolution of border agent’s death

What happened a mystery; FBI has no proof of attack

By Molly Hennessy-Fiske
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HOUSTON — When Angela Ochoa arrived at her fiance’s hospital bed, he was unconscious.

“He had cuts to his hands, swelling to his face, to his abdomen. He obviously had to have put up a fight,” Ochoa said.

But no one could tell her what had happened.

Later that day, Nov. 19, Border Patrol Agent Rogelio “Roger” Martinez died.

No one can tell Ochoa what happened to the man she was to marry.

Agents in the Border Patrol union say he was assaulted by rock-hurling migrants.

President Donald Trump and other officials held up his death as example of the dangers faced by the Border Patrol and as another reason to build a wall on the border.

But last week the FBI said it had found no evidence of an attack; it offered no further explanation for Martinez’s death.

Ochoa continues to await answers. She said that on the last night of his life, Nov. 18, Martinez sent her a text at 10:30 p.m.

“He was letting me know he was going to be out and about — that they were sending him out,” Ochoa said.

Martinez, 36, was working along Interstate 10 about 120 miles east of their home in El Paso.

He had just radioed the nearest Border Patrol station to say he was checking a sensor that had been activated in a concrete culvert frequented by migrants and drug smugglers.

Fellow Agent Stephen Garland, at a gas station a dozen miles away in the nearest town, Van Horn, was summoned to assist Martinez.

Soon after, Garland, 38, called his wife on his cellphone, disoriented. She alerted the station in Van Horn that he and Martinez were in trouble.

Garland then spoke with a dispatcher, saying he wasn’t sure where he was, but that the two were hurt and had run into a culvert.

The agents were found in the 9-foot-deep culvert. Both were still wearing their utility belts.

An autopsy released last week found Martinez died of “blunt-force trauma,” but how he received his injuries remains unclear.

His manner of death was ruled “undetermined.” U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan sent a memo to agents late Wednesday that revealed more.

“The absence of evidence is a key factor in this case — not due to lack of effort or determination, but because evidence which would indicate the presence of other persons or the commission of a criminal act is not present,” the memo said.

McAleenan wrote that the FBI had found no evidence the agents were attacked, and noted further evidence indicating an assault by smugglers was unlikely.

“There were no defensive wounds on Agent Martinez or his partner who suffered injuries in this incident, and there was no third-party blood or DNA evidence recovered from the scene or from the agents’ clothing,” the memo said.

No footprints were found at the scene except those of the agents and first responders, the memo said.

The memo said Agent Garland, 38, “fell” about 22 feet from Martinez, “landing on his back and sustaining significant injuries to his back and skull.”

“His resultant injuries have impaired the agent’s ability to recall the events of the incident,” the memo said.

Brandon Judd, president of the union that represents agents, the National Border Patrol Council, took issue with the memo and insisted the agents were attacked.

“In that area drug smugglers use booties to disguise their footprints,” he said. “The problem right now is there is no evidence of an attack, a vehicle accident, or a fall. And I would argue that where Agents Martinez and Garland’s bodies were a fall is just not likely.”



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The FBI still can’t explain what happened to two Border Patrol agents, one of whom was fatally injured, last year.

African country still slave to history

Benin struggles to resolve legacies of complicity in trade

By Kevin Sieff
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A statue of Francisco Felix de Souza, a major slave merchant in the 18th and 19th centuries in what is now Benin, still stands in the city of Ouidah.



Martine de Souza, left, a descendant of Francisco Felix de Souza, sits with her mother, Dagba Eulalie, at home in Ouidah.



Visitors take pictures at the Door of No Return, the site in Ouidah, Benin, where slaves were shipped to the Americas.

OUIDAH, Benin — Less than a mile from what was once West Africa's biggest slave port, the departure point for more than a million people in chains, stands a statue of Francisco Felix de Souza, a man regarded as the father of this city.

There's a museum devoted to his family and a plaza in his name. Every few decades, his descendants proudly bestow his nickname — "Chacha" — on a de Souza who is appointed the clan's new patriarch.

But there's one part of de Souza's legacy that is seldom addressed. After arriving here in the late 1700s from Brazil, then a Portuguese colony, he became one of the biggest slave merchants in the history of the transatlantic slave trade.

In Benin, where the government plans to build two museums devoted to the slave trade in collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution, slavery is an embattled subject. It is raised in political debates, downplayed by the descendants of slave traders and deplored by the descendants of slaves.

At a time when Americans are again debating how slavery and the Civil War are memorialized, Benin and other West African nations are struggling to resolve their own legacies of complicity in the trade.

Benin's conflict over slavery is particularly intense.

For over 200 years, powerful kings in what is now the country of Benin captured and sold slaves to Portuguese, French and British merchants. The slaves were usually men, women and children from rival tribes — gagged and jammed into boats bound for Brazil, Haiti and the United States.

The trade stopped by the end of the 19th century, but Benin never confronted what had happened.

The kingdoms that captured and sold slaves still exist today as tribal networks, and so do the groups that were raided. The descendants of slave merchants, like the de Souza family, remain among the nation's most influential people, with a large degree of control over how Benin's history is portrayed.

In building the new museums, the country will have to decide how it will tell the story of its role in the slave trade. Is it finally ready to paint de Souza as the slave merchant that he was?

"The tensions are still there," said Ana Lucia Araujo, a professor of history at Howard University who has spent years researching Benin's role in the slave trade. "In the past, the country had a hard time telling the story of the victims of the slave trade. Instead, many initiatives commemorated those who enslaved them."

Unlike some African countries, Benin has publicly acknowledged — in broad terms — its role in the slave trade.

In 1992, the country held an international conference sponsored by UNESCO, the U.N. cultural agency, that looked at where and how slaves were sold.

In 1999, then-President Mathieu Kerekou visited a Baltimore church and fell to his knees in an apology to African-Americans for Africa's role in the slave trade.

But what Benin failed to address was its painful internal divisions. Kerekou's apology to Americans meant little to citizens who still saw monuments to de Souza across this city. Even Ouidah's tour guides had grown frustrated.

"These people don't know the history. De Souza was the worst person, and he's still treated like a hero," said Remi Segonlou, who runs a small business showing visitors around the city.

The memory of slavery emerges here in large and small ways.

In the 2016 presidential election, one candidate, Lionel Zinsou, angrily pointed out in a televised debate that his opponent, Patrice Talon, now president of Benin, was the descendant of slave merchants. In villages where people were abducted for the slave trade, families still ask reflexively when they hear a knock on the door whether the visitor is "a human being" or a slave raider.

"Our anger at the families who sold our ancestors will never go away until the end of the world," said Placide Ogoutade, a businessman in the town of Ketou, where thousands of people were seized and sold in the 18th and 19th centuries.

When his children were young, Ogoutade told them they were barred from marrying anyone who was a descendant of the country's slave merchants.

Some of Benin's foremost scholars are battling the country's unwillingness to interrogate its messy past.

"This is still a country divided between the families of the enslaved and the slave traders," said Olabiyi Babalola Joseph Yai, a professor of history and linguistics who taught for years at the University of Florida and worked for UNESCO in Paris before returning to his native Benin.

"But the elite don't want to talk about what happened here."

The Smithsonian Institution has signed a memorandum of understanding to provide help with the new museums, although details have yet to be worked out, officials said. Benin's government has also appointed several scholars, including Yai, to ensure the accuracy and credibility of the exhibits in one of the museums, in the city of Allada, about 20 miles from Ouidah.

But even Yai questions the authorities' willingness to address the facts.

"Is this about reconciliation, or is it just about attracting tourists? That's something we need to be vigilant about," he said.

There are several reasons Benin's history of slavery was papered over or misrepresented for so long.

First, when Benin was a colony of France from 1904 to 1958, the French didn't want to draw attention to their own role in the African slave trade. Then, after Benin became independent, its leaders pushed for a sense of national, and even Pan-African, identity.

Since 1991, when Benin transitioned from a dictatorship to a democracy, the history of slavery has mostly been presented as a means of luring Western tourists.

"People here are trying to find work. They are trying to eat. They are surprised when they see tourists who come looking for their identity," said Jose Pliya, the president's adviser for tourism.

Pliya is directing the establishment of the two museums, one focusing on Ouidah's history, due to open next year and funded largely by the World Bank, and the other in Allada, which will more broadly investigate the country's role in the slave trade and is scheduled to open in 2020.

The two sites are expected to cost $24 million in total. The government is also planning to reconstruct the forts where slave merchants lived in Ouidah and the cells in which they kept their slaves.

The government acknowledges that if it wants to attract tourists, it will need to address concerns about whether Benin is whitewashing the actions of the slave trade's architects. Advisers to the president said he plans to rename the "Place de Chacha" square in Ouidah, said to have been an open-air auction site for slaves.

Authorities have not yet decided on a new name.

"This is a very delicate subject," Pliya said.

Many members of the de Souza family are aghast at the idea.

"He was a man who helped modernize our nation," said Judicael de Souza, 43, noting his ancestor's role in expanding agricultural trade with Europe.

One member of the family, Martine de Souza, a tour guide, has urged the family for years to re-examine its history.

"It's time we accept the reality," she said in an interview.

But most others are cautious.

Late last year, the family appointed its new patriarch, or Chacha. He is a construction engineer named Moise de Souza, who lives in a concrete apartment building with a poster-size picture of himself on the wall. He has light brown skin, a point of pride for a family that often boasts about its ties to colonialists.

In an interview, he acknowledged his ancestors' role in the slave trade.

"It is something that makes me feel bad. We know it's painful, and all I can do is apologize," he said.

Still, he worried that members of his family would be livid if he shared that sentiment publicly in Benin. He vehemently opposes any mention of de Souza as a slave merchant in the new Ouidah museum.

"It's the reputation of our family," he said. "We don't want to be known for this dirty thing."

In mid-January, he and dozens of other de Souza descendants made their yearly pilgrimage to the city of Abomey, the former capital of the kingdom of Dahomey, a major regional power in pre-colonial days. A modern-day king of Dahomey, Dedjalagni Agoli-Agbo, still presides, even though the title is now a ceremonial one.

The meeting had an extraordinary subtext. The kingdom of Dahomey had sold hundreds of thousands of slaves to merchants like Francisco de Souza. The ceremony was about celebrating a relationship between two families, originally forged over slaves.

On that humid morning, de Souza stepped out of an SUV wearing a gold-trimmed shawl and cap. He walked to the front of a dimly lit meeting room, sweating in the heat. A group of American anthropology students, almost all of them white, had been allowed inside to watch.

Finally, the king arrived, surrounded by several wives wearing matching yellow-and-orange dresses. He shook de Souza's hand. Glasses of champagne were poured.

"This ceremony reminds us of the connection between Dahomey and de Souza," the king said, as a Beninese TV crew filmed.

"I wish good health, a long life and peace to the king," de Souza responded.

Slavery was never mentioned.

"It's a memory both families would prefer to forget," said the professor escorting the students, Timothy Landry of Trinity College in Connecticut.

When the event ended, the de Souza family poured out of the building.

They wore outfits of bright, traditional African fabrics. On some of the skirts and shawls, a white face had been printed, his eyebrows raised, his mustache curled.

In case he couldn't be identified, the man's name was printed in big letters.

"Francisco Felix de Souza."

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Man held in killing of 2 officers after 911 call, police in Ohio say

WESTERVILLE, Ohio — Police in Ohio said two officers were fatally shot at a home in a Columbus suburb Saturday, and a suspect was in custody.

Westerville police said the shootings happened after officers responded to a 911 hang-up call. The officers were shot around noon after entering the residence.

Westerville Police Chief Joe Morbitzer identified the officers as Eric Joering, 39, and Tony Morelli, 54. He said the officers were responding to a "potential domestic situation."

"The officers gave their lives in defense of others," Morbitzer said. "They're true American heroes."

Police provided no details about the suspect.

President Donald Trump tweeted: "My thoughts and prayers are with the two police officers, their families, and everybody at the @WestervillePD."

2 aboard Turkish copter among 7 killed during offensive in Syria

ISTANBUL — A Turkish military helicopter crashed in northern Syria bringing to seven the number of soldiers killed Saturday in Ankara's offensive on a Syrian Kurdish militia there.

Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said the helicopter was downed in the Afrin operation. Erdogan didn't mention by name the Syrian Kurdish People's Protection Units, or YPG, but hinted they were to blame.

The country's prime minister walked back the comments soon after, saying the cause of the helicopter's crash was not clear and investigations were ongoing.

The military said two soldiers were killed in the crash. The army also announced five more soldiers were killed and nine wounded Saturday, bringing the death toll to 26 since Jan. 20.

Boko Haram extremists free 13 captives after talks with Nigeria

YOLA, Nigeria — Boko Haram extremists freed three university lecturers and 10 women who it had kidnapped in separate raids last year, Nigeria's government said Saturday.

The academics were abducted by the Nigeria-based Islamic militants while conducting oil prospect evaluations in the Lake Chad area on behalf of Nigerian National Petroleum last year, said presidential spokesman Garba Shehu.

Some of their colleagues were killed during the 2017 kidnapping.

The 10 women were kidnapped in a raid on a military and police convoy last year near Maiduguri.

"Their release followed a series of negotiations as directed by President Muhammadu Buhari and was facilitated by the International Committee of the Red Cross," Shehu said.



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A protester holds a placard — "Stop the fascism and racism, stop playing with the migrants' life" — during an anti-racism demonstration Saturday in Macerata, Italy.

Marchers in Italy stand up to racism after migrants shot

ROME — Marchers protested racism Saturday in several Italian cities and warned against a revival of neo-fascist sentiment amid the campaign for Italy's March 4 national election.

In Macerata, a city in central Italy where a far-right gunman with neo-Nazi sympathies wounded six African migrants Feb. 3 in a drive-by shooting, there were fears the march could trigger violence. But the march by several thousand people was peaceful.

Anti-fascist, anti-racism marchers also turned out in Milan, Turin, Rome and Palermo, Sicily, among other cities.

In Piacenza, a small city in northern Italy, some anti-fascism demonstrators hurled cobblestones at police and clashed with officers as they protested the opening of a local headquarters for a far-right political group, Sky TG24 TV and the ANSA news agency reported.

Italy's election campaign has been marked by rising tensions over the country's migrant population, which in the last few years has swelled by several hundred thousand people, many of them Africans. Most of them were rescued at sea from human traffickers' boats in the Mediterranean.

Surveys indicate that many Italians blame immigrants for violent crime. Leaders of a center-right campaign alliance have pledged to deport huge numbers of the migrants if they win power.

In Macerata, the suspected gunman, Luca Traini, 28,was arrested for the Feb. 3 shootings that targeted African migrants. He has told authorities he had been angered by the death of an Italian woman whose dismembered body was found in suitcases.

Macerata prosecutors said four Nigerians are under investigation in her death.

First woman takes over as Sinn Fein party leader

LONDON — Mary Lou McDonald took over as leader of the Sinn Fein party Saturday, ending Gerry Adams' three decades at the helm with a sweeping speech that touched on everything from abortion to Brexit and promised a united Ireland "in our time."

McDonald, 48, is the first woman to lead the party, and the first Sinn Fein leader with no direct connection to Ireland's period of violence known as the Troubles. Her confirmation as leader came at a conference Saturday attended by some 2,000 delegates in Dublin.

She takes over for Adams, who was the face of the Irish republican movement as it shifted from violence to peace. The end of Adams' tenure marks a new era for the party, which wants to unite Northern Ireland with the Republic of Ireland to the south.

Man charged with rape of dying student, authorities say

EVERETT, Wash. A 19-year-old Washington state man, who police say raped a high school student as she died from a drug overdose and texted semi-nude photos of her, has been charged with manslaughter.

Brian Roberto Varela, of Lynnwood, was also charged Friday with second-degree rape and controlled substance homicide in the death of Alyssa Mae Noceda, 18.

Police say they found Noceda's body in a plastic crate at the suspect's home. Varela told detectives that after Noceda died, he used her thumb to unlock her phone and send messages to make it appear she had run away.

Authorities say a coworker contacted police after Varela said he didn't know if Noceda was alive when he was having sex with her. Online jail records do not show if Varela has an attorney.

Johann Johannsson, an award-winning composer and producer who combined classical sounds and modern electronics on the acclaimed soundtracks to "The Theory of Everything" and "Sicario," died Friday at age 48 in his Berlin apartment, his manager said Saturday. More details were not immediately available.

Javier Reyes, a singer of ballads lionizing drug gang bosses, was shot dead in Mexican City, authorities reported. Prosecutors said the 33-year-old man was found with multiple bullet wounds in an SUV on Friday in the southern borough of Tlahuac. He was taken to a hospital, where he died.

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OBITUARIES

ANN GRIMES 1915-2018

Ad agency media buyer, dedicated volunteer

By Joan Giangrasse Kates | Chicago Tribune

After a lengthy career as a media buyer at several Chicago advertising agencies, Ann Grimes retired at age 70 — but only from the workplace.

Already an avid volunteer and a botany enthusiast, Grimes continued to donate her time at some of the city's most popular cultural institutions, including the Field Museum of Natural History, where she taught about the sex lives of plants.

"It was a very popular tour," said her friend Mary Morris. "Not only did she make it entertaining, but you learned so much. She really knew her stuff."

Grimes also worked as a guide at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, where she gave two-hour tours to visitors.

"Ann knew so much about the natural world and loved sharing it with others," said Carol Doty, a former administrator for education at the arboretum. "Her knowledge, kindness and fun-loving spirit inspired us all."

Grimes, 102, who died Jan. 17 at MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn, also was a volunteer docent for the Lyric Opera, visiting Chicago area schools, where she taught children about the opera. As part of the program, she helped them create and perform in their own operas.

"She loved working with children," Morris said. "I think she was drawn to their energy."

For many years, Grimes was a member of the Women's Advertising Club of Chicago and the League of Women Voters. She was active in the poetry reading group at the Oak Park Public Library and in several book clubs. She was also a regular at performances of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

"She was an enormously active woman who brought so much enthusiasm to all her pursuits," said Laura Anne Welch, who met Grimes as a fellow guide at the arboretum.

Born Ann Berman in Corydon, Ind., she grew up in nearby Evansville. She attended Indiana University, before meeting her future husband, Roland Grimes, whom she married in the 1930s. She initially lived with her husband in Chicago and then in Oak Park. She later moved to River Forest.

After her husband's death in 1978, Grimes began taking regular trips to New York City to visit her niece Debbie Radov, who was living there at the time.

"I couldn't keep up with her," Radov said. "During the day we'd go to an art museum, stop for lunch and then maybe go see a dance troupe. After that, we'd walk around a bit and then have dinner at a restaurant before taking in a Broadway show. She'd go to bed and then wake up the next morning, ready to start all over again."

Grimes also traveled in retirement, often staying at elder hostels throughout Europe, South America and Africa.

"She was fearless when it came to new adventures and exploring the world," Radov said.

While volunteering at the Morton Arboretum, Grimes took numerous courses in botany and attended as many lectures as she could. She began to slow down at 95 due to health concerns.

"We all wanted to grow old like Ann," said Marilyn Ellison, a fellow guide at the arboretum. "She was kind of our hero."

There are no immediate survivors. A memorial service is planned for the spring.

Joan Giangrasse Kates is a freelance reporter.

DEATHS IN THE NEWS

Robert McCormick Adams, 91, anthropologist, former provost of the University of Chicago and chief of the Smithsonian Institution (1984-94) who played a critical role in opening new museums and sought to make "confrontation, experimentation and debate" part of the Smithsonian's mandate; Jan. 27, in Chula Vista, Calif.

John Perry Barlow, 70, lyricist for the Grateful Dead (including "Mexicali Blues," "Black-Throated Wind" and "Cassidy") who became an activist for privacy and freedom of expression on the internet and co-founded the Electronic Frontier Foundation and penned a manifesto that argued governments shouldn't impose their sovereignty on the "global social space we are building" and whose memoir, "Mother American Night: My Life in Crazy Times," is to be published this year; Feb. 7, in San Francisco.

Cliff Bourland, 97, America's oldest living Olympic gold medalist, who won at the 1948 London Games while running the second leg of the U.S. 1,600-meter relay; Feb. 1, in Santa Monica, Calif., of complications from pneumonia.

Dennis Edwards, 74, Grammy-winning singer and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee (1989) with the Temptations who succeeded original member David Ruffin with a rough-and-tough voice that helped guide the group through its funk-psychedelic period on songs such as "Cloud Nine," "Ball of Confusion (That's What the World is Today)" and "Papa Was a Rollin' Stone" and who with the group received a Lifetime Achievement Grammy (2013); Feb. 1, in Chicago, of complications from meningitis.



NBC 1968

Singer Dennis Edwards guided the Temptations through their funk-psychedelic period.

Mary Frances Fagan, 63, publicist who early in her career was statehouse bureau chief for WUIS-FM (WSSR-FM at the time) in Springfield, then served Govs. James Thompson and Jim Edgar, worked in American Airlines' corporate communications department for 23 years and started her own public relations firm, Fagan Communications, and was remembered as "a lot of fun" and with a lot of friends; Feb. 4, in Chicago, of complications from brain cancer.



JOSE MORE/TRIBUNE 2002

Mary Frances Fagan was a longtime publicist.

Richard Leslie Howard, 88, former math and science teacher and later principal at West Chicago Community High School, where he also coached golf, and was business manager for the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County from 1978 to 1987, and then was finance manager for the DuPage-Kane Educational Service Center from 1987 until retiring in 1995; Jan. 2, in West Chicago, of heart failure.

Jacquie Jones, 52, public television film director who for nine years was executive director of the nonprofit National Black Programming Consortium (now called Black Public Media) and was on a team of directors that won a Peabody Award in 1998 for the documentary series "Africans in America," and who won a Peabody as director of the documentary "180 Days: A Year Inside an American High School," which aired in 2013; Jan. 28, in Washington, D.C., of cancer.



CHRIS WALKER/TRIBUNE 2008

John Mahoney acted on "Frasier" for 11 hit seasons.

Hiep Thi Le, 46, Vietnamese refugee who tagged along for a casting call and won the starring role in Oliver Stone's 1993 film "Heaven & Earth" — a refugee story based on Le Ly Hayslip's memoir "When Heaven and Earth Changed Places" — and had roles in "Bugis Street," "Green Dragon" and "Cruel Intentions" before shifting gears and opening two Vietnamese restaurants and competing on "Chopped" on the Food Network; Dec. 16, in Los Angeles, of stomach cancer.

John Mahoney, 77, actor made famous by his role in the NBC sitcom "Frasier" — on which for 11 hit seasons (1993-2004) he played a cranky former Seattle police officer who lived with his neurotic psychiatrist son — but also known as a famously private Chicago stage actor and Steppenwolf Theatre ensemble member who appeared in more than 30 productions at the theater; Feb. 4, in Chicago, of complications from throat cancer.

Gene Sharp, 90, conscientious objector during the Korean War who founded the Albert Einstein Institution to advance "the study and use of strategic nonviolent action in conflicts," taught political science and sociology at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and other colleges, and wrote books including "The Politics of Nonviolent Action" (1973); Jan. 28, in Boston.

Victor Sidel, 86, physician who campaigned to bring attention to the medical consequences of nuclear war, poverty and other social issues and was a founding member of Physicians for Social Responsibility, the U.S. branch of a worldwide group that won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985, and served as president of the American Public Health Association; Jan. 30, in suburban Denver

The Rev. Henry Soles Jr., 82, journalist-turned-minister who was the Chicago Bulls' chaplain throughout the team's glory years in the 1990s and also provided services for the Bears, White Sox and Cubs while serving for several decades as a pastor at area churches, including DuPage African Methodist Episcopal Church, and also did a stint as chairman of the DuPage Housing Authority; Jan. 18, in Naperville, of aspiration pneumonia.



FAMILY PHOTO

The Rev. Henry Soles Jr. was the Chicago Bulls' chaplain.

Alan Stout, 85, classical music composer who spent most of his career as a professor of music composition at Northwestern University and whose works have been performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra — including Symphony No. 2, which Seiji Ozawa premiered with the CSO at Ravinia (1968); Symphony No. 4, commissioned for the CSO's 80th season with a world premiere led by Georg Solti (1971); and "Passion," his evening-length choral work introduced by CSO Chorus director Margaret Hillis (1975) — and who also was active in the Chicago area as a scholar, pianist and conductor; Feb. 1, in Chicago.

Ron Taylor, 60, executive director of Chicago-based United Congress of Community and Religious Organizations, which advocated on social justice issues, who in 1997 founded the Disciples for Christ Church now in Oak Lawn; Jan. 20, in Evergreen Park, of cancer.

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ON FEBRUARY 11 ...

In 1531 the Church of England grudgingly accepted King Henry VIII as its supreme head.

In 1752 the first hospital in America opened in Philadelphia.

In 1812 Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a redistricting law favoring his party — giving rise to the term "gerrymandering."

In 1847 American inventor Thomas Edison was born in Milan, Ohio.

In 1861 President-elect Abraham Lincoln departed Springfield, Ill., for Washington.

In 1937 a sit-down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union.

In 1945 President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement during World War II.

In 1963 American author and poet Sylvia Plath was found dead in her London flat, a suicide; she was 30.

In 1970 a Los Angeles superior court, in a landmark ruling, ordered the city to integrate its 555 schools within 18 months.

In 1975 Margaret Thatcher was elected leader of the British Conservative Party, becoming the first woman to head a major political party in Britain.

In 1979 followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seized power in Iran.

In 1989 the Rev. Barbara Harris became the first woman consecrated as a bishop in the Episcopal Church, in a ceremony held in Boston.

In 1990 South African black activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in prison.

In 1996, a day after losing to an IBM computer dubbed "Deep Blue," world chess champion Garry Kasparov rebounded to defeat the machine and even their six-game series in Philadelphia at one victory apiece.

In 2006 Vice President Dick Cheney accidentally shot and wounded Harry Whittington, a companion during a weekend quail-hunting trip in Texas.

In 2008 the Defense Department charged Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and five other detainees at Guantanamo Bay with murder and war crimes in connection with the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. (Charges against one were later dropped.)

In 2012 Whitney Houston, six-time Grammy-winning pop singer, was found dead in a hotel room in Beverly Hills, Calif.; she was 48. (The Los Angeles County coroner later ruled Houston accidentally drowned in the bathtub, and that heart disease and cocaine use were also factors in her death.)

In 2013 Pope Benedict XVI announced he would step down at the end of the month, the first pontiff in nearly 600 years to do so.

In 2015 Little League International stripped Chicago's Jackie Robinson West of its U.S. Little League championship and vacated the team's tournament wins, saying its officials knowingly fielded players who lived outside the team's residential boundaries and then tried to cover up their deception. **Also in 2015** Cook County authorities cited DNA evidence when they freed Christopher Abernathy, who spent nearly 30 years in prison for the 1984 rape and murder of a 15-year-old girl in Park Forest; the ruling tacitly acknowledged that the true perpetrator has so far escaped punishment for a particularly vicious crime.

In 2016 scientists announced that they had detected gravitational waves created by the violent collision of two black holes more than 1 billion light-years from Earth, meaning that astronomers would now be able to hear the soundtrack of the universe and listen as violent collisions reshaped the cosmos.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
Feb. 10
Powerball ..... **01 13 27 41 59 / 20**
Powerball jackpot: $184M
Lotto ..... **04 05 13 36 37 52 / 23**
Lotto jackpot: $4M
Pick 3 midday ..... **730 / 1**
Pick 4 midday ..... **2920 / 5**
Lucky Day Lotto midday **19 22 23 25 41**
Pick 3 evening ..... **372 / 4**
Pick 4 evening ..... **2528 / 2**
Lucky Day Lotto evening **12 14 17 20 27**
Feb. 9
Mega Millions ..... **28 34 41 46 47 / 14**
Mega Millions jackpot: $136M
Pick 3 midday ..... **386 / 9**
Pick 4 midday ..... **4128 / 6**
Lucky Day Lotto midday **01 04 26 29 39**
Pick 3 evening ..... **739 / 2**
Pick 4 evening ..... **4580 / 2**
Lucky Day Lotto evening **08 11 18 24 31**

Feb. 13 Mega Millions: $153M

INDIANA
Feb. 10
Lotto **08 17 24 36 39 42**
Daily 3 midday ..... **754 / 9**
Daily 4 midday ..... **1133 / 9**
Daily 3 evening ..... **961 / 0**
Daily 4 evening ..... **9079 / 0**
Cash 5 ..... **12 13 20 24 34**

MICHIGAN
Feb. 10
Lotto **09 12 23 34 41 42**
Daily 3 midday **717**
Daily 4 midday **8310**
Daily 3 evening **289**
Daily 4 evening **9267**
Fantasy 5 ..... **06 08 18 21 38**
Keno **01 04 09 15 16 24 32 34 36 37 43 50 51 53 58 62 64 68 73 76 77 80**

WISCONSIN
Feb. 10
Megabucks **19 22 24 35 42 44**
Pick 3 ..... **272**
Pick 4 ..... **3615**
Badger 5 ..... **01 04 16 20 30**
SuperCash **01 13 14 16 23 35**

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Death Notices

Adamiec, Joseph J.
Joseph J. Adamiec beloved husband of the late Stephanie; loving father of Michael (Susette), Rosalie (Paul) Klocek, John, and Walter; Dearest grandfather of John, Joseph, Amanda, Andrew, Thomas, and great grandfather of Jacob and Elizabeth;dear brother of Sophie, and the late Alex, Frank, John, and Stephanie; also many fond nieces and nephews; devoted friend of the late Eleanor Hoffman. Visitation Monday 3 PM - 9 PM with a prayer service at 7 PM at the **Schielka Addison Street Funeral Home** 7710 W Addison St. Interment private. 773-625-3444

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Aide, Marsha Jo
AIDE, Marsha Jo 70, of Clearwater, passed away February 4, 2018. She was a proud Florida native, survived by her husband, Thomas H.; son, Thomas Michael; daughter, Melissa Aide Tonkovic; granddaughter, Ansley; and brother, John Michael Farmer.
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Barabas, Chester J.

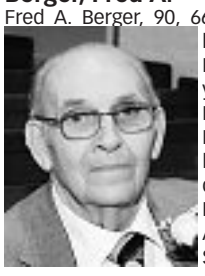
Chester J. Barabas; loving husband of the late Marion; loving father of Thomas (Jennifer), Karen (Philip) Schuetzner, and Ted (Cheryl); cherished grandfather of of Nicholas, Matthew, Dana, and Timothy; great grandfather of Matthew "MJ"; fond brother of Wanda (late Stan) Suterko and Lorraine (late Paul) Pasowicz; also loving uncle and friend of many.
Visitation Sunday, February 11, 2018 from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. at COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral services Monday, February 12, starting with prayers at 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home, proceeding to St. Thecla Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital appreciated. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonial-funeral.com

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Barrett, Dorothy L.

Barrett, Dorothy L. (nee Wenzel) age 96, passed away peacefully at her home in Temple Terrace, Florida on Saturday, January 27, 2018, surrounded by loving family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Florence Wenzel, her brothers James and Albert, and her husband, Charles V. Barrett, Jr. M.D. She was the beloved mother of Susan Barrett, of St. Louis, MO, Judith (Peter) Janes of Scottsdale, AZ, Caroline (Bruce) Provo of Prairie Village, KS, Charles V. (Deborah) Barrett III of Temple Terrace, FL, and Dorothy (Rodney) Kinner of Phelps, WI; dearest grandmother of 13, beloved great grandmother of 9, dear sister of Florence Shawl; much loved Aunt to many, friend and supporter of everyone whose life she touched. Dorothy was born and raised in Wheaton, IL and attended Northwestern University where she studied Nursing. She and her husband Charles, a Captain in the Army Medical Corps during WWII, spent the early years of their marriage at Fort Benning, GA. Dorothy was gratified to contribute her extensive hospital nursing experience during the war years. Later, they raised their family in Evanston, IL and resided there for many years before moving to Florida in 1975. Dorothy was active in her church, an avid volunteer, and contributed to many charitable causes. She will be deeply missed by all. Funeral arrangements are pending. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dorothy's memory to Lifepath Hospice, 11150 N. 53rd Street, Temple Terrace, FL.

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Berger, Fred A.

Fred A. Berger, 90, 66 year resident of Berkeley, beloved husband of the late Lois, nee Bauspies for 59 years; loving father of Connie Berger and Susan (Darrick) Kohs; devoted son of the late Fred and Alice Berger; dear grandfather of Angela Kohs (Joseph Franke II) and AnnaMarie Kohs (Paul Jourige, Sr.); great-grandfather of Joseph Franke III and Paul Jourige Jr.; fond brother of Norma (the late Bobbie) Taylor, the late Audrey (the late Anthony) Annarino and the late Barbara (the late George) Brown; uncle of many. US Army WWII Veteran. Retired manager of Commonwealth Edison. Visitation Sunday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Rds, Hillside/Westchester. Family and friends are asked to meet Monday at Mt. Emblem Cemetery for a 10:30 a.m. chapel service with interment to follow. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.

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Bergin, SVD , Rev. John Joseph

Fr. John Joseph "George" Bergin, SVD, was born on August 10, 1938, Beaver Dam, WI, the son of Joseph Ambrose Bergin and Mary Veronica (nee Moriarty) Bergin. He entered the Divine Word Seminary, East Troy, WI, in 1952, professed perpetual vows in 1964, and was ordained a priest in 1967. As a Divine Word Missionary, "Fr. George" served as seminary instructor, vocation director, mission animator, parish priest, and administrator. He died peacefully at the Divine Word Residence, Techny, IL, on February 8 2018, 12:30 a.m. He is survived by his brother, Fr. James Bergin, SVD. He will be sadly missed by members of the Divine Word Residence community whom he served lovingly over the past four years. Wake service, Monday, Feb 12, 7:00 p.m. at The Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Techny Towers, 2001 Waukegan Rd, Techny, IL, where funeral mass will be held Tuesday Feb, 13 2018, at 10:30 am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Fr. Bergin's name for the retirement of our missionaries at Divine Word Residence, 1901 Waukegan Rd., Techny, IL 60082. Arrangements by **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp** Funeral Home 847-998-1020.

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Berleman, Bernadette M.
Bernadette M. Berleman, 71, of Niles, IL, was born July 6, 1946 to Edward and Lillian Berleman (nee McGlone) and passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Bernie is survived by her sons, Thomas Quinlisk and Edward Quinlisk; grandchildren, Peter Quinlisk and Grace Quinlisk; brother, Edward Berleman (Jan); and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 9:30 am at Holy Spirit Catholic Community, in Naperville. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Bernadette's name to Holy Spirit Catholic Community in Naperville.

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Cap, Virginia (nee Kielian)
age 94, late of Hegewisch, passed away Friday, February 9, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Thaddeus Cap. Loving mother of Ted (Linda) Cap Jr., Donald Cap, Jim (Rose) Cap and Robert (Marcy) Cap. Proud grandmother of Steph, Jessica, Michelle and Michael. Caring sister of the late Bernice A. Kus. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by parents, Stanley and Julijanna Kielian. One of the founding families and a former Board Member of South Chicago Parents and Friends. A longtime community activist, she was involved with many organizations including the Hegewisch Community Committee, Hegewisch Organized to Protect the Environment (H.O.P.E.), Hegewisch Airport Opponents (HAO), and the committee which secured a new branch library for Hegewisch in 1991. Her efforts prevented further landfill expansion in the area, blocked a third airport on the Southeast Side, preserved wetlands and improved the quality of life for all in the Hegewisch neighborhood. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to: South Chicago Parents and Friends, 10241 S Commercial Ave., Chg. IL 60617 or www.scpf-inc.org Funeral Services 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at **Opyt Funeral Home**, 13350 S. Baltimore Ave., Chg, IL to St. Florian Church for 9:30 a.m. Mass. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery, Calumet City, IL. Visitation 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, February 12, 2018. (773) 646-1133 or www.opytfh.com

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Carter Berkson, Deborah
Of Milwaukee, WI. February 10, 2018, age 67 years. Beloved wife of Rabbi Marc Berkson. Devoted mother of Michal (Jonathan) Berkson Powell, Abigail, and Jesse. Proud grandmother of Ezra and Isaac. Please visit the Funeral Home website listed below or call the Funeral Home for service details.

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Costello, William "Bill" Jospeh

82, of Crystal Lake, formerly of Chicago, passed away February 9, 2018. He was born in Chicago on March 18, 1935 to the late William John Costello and Mary Hogan. Bill graduated from St. Philips High School. He was drafted into the Army in 1958 and was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. On January 30, 1965 he married Joan Harlin. They made their home in Chicago and 1997 moved out to Crystal Lake. Bill spent his whole career in the printing business. He was member of the Local 458M GCIU and Local 727 Teamsters unions. He loved big band and classical music, and was a lifelong fan of the Cubs. Survivors include his wife, Joan; sons, Bill Jr. (Kate), John (Susan), and Mike; grandchildren, Kyle (Lizzie), Kelsey, and Trevor; and many nieces and nephews. Services for Bill will be held privately. Memorials can be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at StJude.org. To leave an online condolence, visit Davenportfamily.com.

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D'Agostino, Janet
(nee Hahne) Cherished wife of Joseph. Loving mother of Jeffrey (Debbi) and Scott (Sara). Devoted grandmother of Colton and Paisley D'Agostino. Fond sister of the late Patricia (Donald) Cowell. Passed away February 6, 2018. She was born August 22, 1946 in Chicago to the late Richard and Mary Jane (Dressler) Hahne. After marrying Joseph, her high school sweetheart, she graduated nursing school and became a dedicated registered nurse for many years. She loved traveling over the years, and upon retirement, because of her love for her pets, she found a new dedication, volunteering for many animal organizations. Janet will be remembered for her always unselfish love and companionship to her family and friends. Visitation at **Cooney Funeral Home** 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m.. Funeral service Monday at 10:30 a.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home**. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations made to Anti-Cruelty Society 169 W. Grand Ave. Chicago, Il. 60654 would be appreciated. For info 773-588-5850 or www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Denton, Dorothy M.
Dorothy M. Denton nee Komarek, age 85, formerly of Burr Ridge and Trego, Wisconsin. Currently of Orland Park. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Loving mother of David (Nora) and Robert (Cindy). Devoted grandmother of Courtney (Nick) Walsh, Megan, Brianna, Matt, and Mike Denton. Dear sister of Adeline Frost, the late George and Raymond Komarek. Also nieces and nephews. Funeral Tuesday 10am at RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES. 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen. Interrment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Visitation Monday 2pm. to 8pm. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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Donnelly, Donna R.
Donna R. Donnelly nee Hesslau, 87, of Oak Park. Beloved wife of the late Edward J. Loving mother of Michael (Lisa), Brian (Carla), Eileen (Claudio) Lippi, Matthew, Susan (Charles) Cheever and the late Edward. Cherished grandmother of Sarah, Kate, Phillip, William, Patrick, Christopher, Maggie and Ollie. Adoring great grandmother of Madeline, Abigail and Edward. Donna was a warm and generous person who opened her heart and her home to everyone. She will be greatly missed. Visitation Monday 3 - 8 pm at **Zimmerman-Harnett Funeral Home** 7319 W Madison St., Forest Park. Funeral 9:00am Tuesday processing to Ascension Catholic Church where Mass will be held at 9:30am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In her memory, she would love for you to attend a White Sox game and root for her favorite team. Info. 708-366-2200 or www.ZimmermanHarnett.com.

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Dry, Preston Morris
Preston Morris Dry, beloved husband of the late Jeri nee Stone; loving father of Suzie (Todd), Steven (Alison), and Richard (Jacqui); adored grandfather of Ben, Sophie, Dakota, Sarah, and Noah; and dear brother of Michael "Pepper" (Joni) and Judith (Daniel). Preston was a successful entrepreneur and businessman. His true passion was his volunteer work assisting the rehabilitation of prisoners in the Indiana Prison system, for which he received the volunteer of the year award from the State of Indiana two years in a row. The family will hold a private service and asks that in lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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Eddy, Helen Clifton
Helen Eddy, 89, of Lake Forest, IL, died on February 2. A 1950 graduate of Northwestern University, she was a member of Delta Gamma. She is pre-deceased by her husband of 53 years, Roderick Eddy. Helen is survived by her daughters: Maureen (Dave) Grinnell of Lake Forest and Tammy (Mark) Brown of Park City, UT and four grandchildren: Matthew (Diana) Grinnell, and Russell, Jeffrey and Elizabeth Brown. No services are planned.

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Faleni, John

John Faleni "The Mayor of Sayre", age 98, beloved husband of the late Norma; loving father of Brian (Alyce) and the late John; cherished grandfather of Lauren (Bryan) Anderson, Sarah (Matt Marek) Faleni, Matthew Faleni and Kristin Faleni; dear great-grandfather of Riley Anderson; dearest brother of Phil Faleni, the late Louise Laman and the late Joe Faleni; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, February 11, from 3 to 8 pm; funeral prayers Monday, 10:15 am at **Kolbus-John V. May Funeral Home**, 6857 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Procession to St. Monica Church for11 am Mass of Christian Burial. Private Interment at Queen of Heaven. For more info www.kolbusmayfh.com or 773-774-3232.

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Farber, Richard W
Richard W Farber, age 83, formerly of Niles IL, resident of St.Germain WI, passed away January 17, 2018. Visitation at 1:30 pm, Mass at 2:00 pm on Saturday February 17, 2018 at St. Mary of Vernon - Indian Creek IL. Please go to **Gaffney-Busha**.com for Richard W. Farber's complete obituary.

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Farrow, Katherine Noel

Dr. Kathryn Noel Farrow, 46, physician, scientist, wife, mother, and mentor, died peacefully on February 7th 2018, following a three year battle with cancer. After growing up in Texas, Kathy studied chemistry at The Colorado College. She received her MD and PhD degrees at the University of Colorado, Denver, during which time she met Rachel Hegarty, her future wife. This was followed by pediatric training at SUNY Stony Brook in New York. Dr. Farrow finished a fellowship in neonatal-perinatal medicine at The Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and joined the faculty of Northwestern University in 2005, rising rapidly through the academic ranks to Professor of Pediatrics in 2017. Dr. Farrow knew all life was precious and worth fighting for, and her life was anchored on her love of family and work. Her medical practice at Lurie Children's Hospital and Prentice Women's Hospital focused on intensive care for premature babies, the tiniest and most vulnerable of people. She treated every baby, no matter how small, as a special individual, and she spent just as much time supporting and teaching their parents. With that same dedication, Dr. Farrow cherished every moment of her role as wife and mother to three beautiful young children. One of her proudest days was seeing her twins Maggie and Liam begin school in 2016 alongside their older brother, Daniel. Dr. Farrow reached for every moment possible to advance the field of newborn medicine, teach the next generation of physicians, and spend time with her wife and children. She was an exacting scientist who challenged the status quo and devoted her career to solving the lung diseases that affect premature infants. Dr. Farrow's work, funded by the National Institutes of Health for more than 10 years, included a rethinking of how oxygen is used to support neonatal respiratory failure. Her advances were recognized through many awards, including a Young Investigator Award from the American Heart Association, the Richard D. Rowe Young Investigator Award from the Society for Pediatric Research, and election to the American Pediatric Society, the highest honor society for pediatricians. Dr. Farrow's own scientific contributions were greatly amplified by her passionate mentorship. One of her greatest legacies is her numerous trainees and young physicians who have launched their successful medical and scientific careers. Kathy is survived by her wife, Rachel Hegarty, her children, Daniel, Maggie, and Liam, her mother, Joyce, her brother Andrew, and preceded in death by her father Stephen, and son Stephen James. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 17, 11am, at St. James Cathedral, 65 E. Huron St, Chicago, IL 60611. Reception to follow. No flowers please -- Kathy's strong preference would be a donation to the Jackson Chance Fund (http://www.jacksonchance.org/kathrynfarrow/), which supports families while their baby is in neonatal intensive care. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.

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Firestone, Roberta Lee

Roberta Lee Firestone, 75, of Hot Springs, passed away on February 7, 2018. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2018 in the **Davis-Smith Funeral Home** Chapel, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Interment will be at Greenwood Cemetery. Guest registry at www.davis-smith.com.

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Frankel, Marlene M.
Marlene Magdalena (Wehrle) Frankel of Chicago passed away on Jan. 27, 2018 at St. Paul's House after a short struggle with cancer. She was 85 years young. She had a long career as a P.E. teacher for the Chicago Public School District and continued to cycle, ski, hike and travel the world after retiring. She is survived by her two stepsons, Jeremy Gage and Freddy Frankel, sons of her predeceased husband Jacob Frankel, two granddaughters Lauren (Dillon) and Sophie (Frankel) and by cousin Karen Wehrle and family. Donations can be made in her name to the Habitat for Humanity.

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Fross, Violet Marie
Violet Marie Fross (nee Hruby), age 97 of Willowbrook, formerly of Cicero. Beloved wife of the late Raymond, loving mother of Sherry (Marvin) Pate, cherished grandmother of Heather (Corey) Ramsay and great-grandmother of Ethan and Cole Ramsay, dear sister of the late Vivian (late John) Tyrell and the late Frank Hruby. Funeral Services private. Interment Oakridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Emmanuel Bible Church, 6630 Ogden Avenue, Berwyn, IL 60402 would be appreciated. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.KuratkoNosek.com. Info: (708) 447-2500

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Gaviria, Moises

Moises Gaviria, 73, died on September 16, 2017 following a brief, but spirited battle with cancer. He died as he lived, at the hospital where he taught residents, and with his family and friends nearby.
Dr. Gaviria started his academic career at the University of Illinois where he taught for 30 years and where he helped establish the first affective disorder clinic in Chicago, and then the Neuropsychiatric Center. A gifted professor and lifelong teacher, he lectured and taught students locally, nationally, and internationally. He retired from the University of Illinois in 2004, and he joined the Department of Psychiatry at Advocate Christ Medical Center outside of Chicago where he continued to see patients and teach. In 2014 he moved to his private practice until shortly before his death. In addition, for the past year he was at the Loyola Medical Center at Maywood, at the Department of Neurology.
Born in 1943, in Chiclayo, Peru, Dr. Gaviria attended medical school at San Marcos University in Lima, Peru, and completed his residency at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Gaviria published over 150 papers, was the coauthor of four textbooks, and worked on numerous international organizations to promote mental health care and education across Latin America, including the Peruvian American Medical Society. He was one of the founders of the International Neuropsychiatric Association (INA).
Dr. Gaviria was never afraid of life, or laughter, and he traveled extensively internationally with his family throughout his life. He would leave no stone unturned in search of spicy ethnic food, the latest symphony concert, or the New York Times. Dr. Gaviria will be dearly missed by his wife, Nancy, and his sons, Boris, Ivan, and Alex; his daughters-in-law, Heidi and Terra and his four grandchildren. He is also remembered with much love by his many residents, students, and faculty members, and by many other friends and colleagues.
A celebration of his life was held on October 21, 2017. Those who wish to honor Dr. Gaviria may make donations to Paralyzed Veterans of America.

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Glover, Joan
Joan Glover (nee Bunney) passed away February 7, 2018. Beloved wife to John, retired CPD; loving mother to Corrine Vegter and Brian (Cari); cherished grandmother to Thurston, Autumn, Violet, Willow, and Raven; dear step-mother to James, Timothy, William, Thomas, Kathleen, and Joseph; fond sister to Cathy (Frank) Sansone; aunt and cousin to many. Joan enjoyed jazzercise and had a great passion for art and music. Visitation Monday, February, 12, 2018 from 4-9 p.m. at Olson Burke/Sullivan Funeral & Cremation Center, 6471 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, IL 60631. Funeral service Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 11a.m. at the funeral home. Interment Ridgewood Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL. Info: 773-774-3333

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Goodwin, Alan Lee 'Lee'
Alan Lee Goodwin of Chicago, Illinois, and formerly from Batesville, Mississippi, passed away unexpectedly on January 29, 2018 at the age of 53 while on vacation in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and JoAnn Goodwin, of Batesville. He leaves behind his husband Rob DuCharme of Chicago; brother Kenny Goodwin (Martha) of Senatobia, MS; niece Amy Sherman (Granville) of Charleston, MS; niece Desiree Jones (Steve) of Hampshire, IL; niece Denise Bergdahl of Hampshire, IL; nephew John Goodwin (Mary Elinor) of Madison, MS; nephew Zakary DuCharme of Lake in the Hills, IL; His loving pet Billy and his extended family and many friends.

Lee was born on February 24, 1964 in Batesville and grew up there. He graduated high school from West Panola Academy in 1982. He attended Northwest Junior College and graduated from Baptist Memorial Hospital Health Sciences School of Radiology in Memphis, TN. He also held a B.S. from University of St. Francis in Joliet, IL.

Lee has been the C.T. Technical Coordinator at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago for the past 19 1/2 years. Lee was an avid traveler and dog lover who generously supported the Humane Society. Donations may be made to the ASPCA and/or the Trio Animal Foundation. A memorial celebration is being planned.

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Greco, Mark Gerard



Mark Gerard Greco, 56, of Bonita Springs, FL and formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away on Thursday, February 8, 2018. Mark was born April 14, 1961 in Oak Park, IL.

His passions were golfing, family and friends. He also spent years having fun as a limousine driver.

Mark is survived by his loving father, Frank Greco of Bonita Springs, FL; his beloved sister, Mary Catherine (Sy) Greco-Peck of Chicago, IL; his aunt and uncle, Nancy (the late Richard) Porcelius of Rolling Meadows, IL and Dominic (Phyllis) DeFrancesco of Elmwood Park, IL; and numerous cousins, great cousins and great great cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Grace (née DeFrancesco) Greco in 2016.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 28300 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to www.globalcenterforgsd.com.

Online condolences may be offered at **www.shikanyfuneralhome.com**.

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Green, Honor K.

Honor K. Green (nee Walsh) age 91; Beloved wife of the late Dr. John R. Green for 64 years; Loving sister of Tom (Carol) Walsh; Devoted mother of Margaret (Jim) Schmiedeknecht, Marianne (Bill) Russell, Tricia (Bob) Devine, Sue (Steve) Lotysz, Gloria (Walter Keough) Green, Mary (Tom) Riordan, Barb (Jack) Allen, Carol (Mike) Rygiel, Gail (Duane) Wingate and Ed (Julianna) Green; Cherished grandmother of 21; Loving great grandmother of 18. Private funeral services; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Volunteered many years at LCMH and Mother McAuley. Former member of Ridge Country Club. In lieu of flowers donations to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Illinois Chapter, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL., 60631, would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home. Please sign guest book at andrewmcgann.com.

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Greenspan, Daisy K. ''Dee"

Daisy K. "Dee" Greenspan nee Kirk, 78, loving mother of Hugh "Chip" (Anne), Paul (Rachel) and Rachel; cherished Grandma Dee of Rebecca, Avi and Samuel; dear sister of Rose (Michael) North. Chapel service, Monday 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. For information or condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Gulik, Arlene S.

Arlene S. Gulik (nee Toton) age 80 of Bloomingale, Beloved wife of the late Frank; Loving mom of Julie, Frank J. (Joy), Loriann (Ben) Gulik-Hoyle and the late Linda; Loving grandma of Stephanie, Emily, Connor, Aniela and Nina; Loving daughter of the late Stanislaus and Julia Toton Funeral Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. from **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels** 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL. 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.) to St. Isidore Church. Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Monday 4:00-8:00 p.m. For info 630-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers, donations to American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

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Hachigian, Gabriel

Gabriel Hachigian, 90, died February 3, 2018, at his home in Culver City, CA. Born in Chicago on August 23, 1927, Gabriel attended Crane Technical High School where he graduated with distinction. He entered the U.S Army in 1946 and was honorably discharged in 1947. In 1948, across a crowded room, he met Jule Torosian of South Milwaukee and they were married a year later in February 1949. Gabriel, a lifelong Bruin, graduated from UCLA in 1951 with a degree in Theater Arts and later earned a degree in Engineering from USC. For nearly 40 years Gabriel worked as an aerospace engineer for Douglas Aircraft and Rockwell. As a lifelong liberal he enjoyed politics as well as running and bicycling. Gabriel is survived by his wife Jule, his sons Dorian and Gregory, and his brother Alexander. He is predeceased by his parents Michael and Varvar.

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Hallagan, Kevin J.

Kevin J. Hallagan, 81 of Lake Forest, February 8, 2018. Husband of Annette H. Hallagan; Father of Anne Marie (David) Vasil, Patricia (Mark) Falimirski, Mary Jo (Joseph) Jenkins, Theresa (Kevin) King, Meghan (W. Timothy) Watts and the late Sharon (Mike) Pellizzari; Loving grandfather of Joey, Tess, and Patrick Vasil; Kaliegh, Ethan, Colin and Regan Falimirski; Brendan, Sean, and Shannon Jenkins; Dan (Lauren), Kevin (Carolyn), Jack and Emily King; Heather Pellizzari; and Aidan, Keelin, Aislin, and Liam Watts. Great grandfather of Charlie King. Fond brother of Eleanor (Edward) Daniko, Sharon O'Keefe, Kathleen (William) Wilson and the late Paul, Robert, Arthur (Joy), Joan (Kenneth) Getzloff, and Donald (Rose). Visitation 3pm to 9pm, Thursday, February 15, 2018 at **Wenban Funeral Home**, 320 Vine Ave., Lake Forest, IL. Funeral Mass 10am, Friday, February 16, 2018 at St. Patrick Church, 950 W. Everett Rd., Lake Forest, IL. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home**, (847)234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com

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Harrison, Dolores 'Dee'

Doroles "Dee" Harrison age 85 of Downers Grove, IL. Beloved wife for 62 years of Ralph E. Harrison, loving mother of Ron and Scott Harrison. Visitation Sunday 12-4 p.m. at Toon Funeral Home Downers Grove, IL. Funeral Service Monday at Immanuel Lutheran Church Downers Grove. For information www.toon-funeralhome.com OR 630-968-0408

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Hawkins, Mary Jane

Mary Jane Hawkins, was born in Marion, Indiana on July 4, 1919, and passed away at the age of 98 at her home in Glenview, Ill. on December 23, 2017. She was the oldest daughter of James Sumner Hawkins (1983-1968) and Ada Esther Swanger Hawkins (1893-1979) and the sister of Harriett Hawkins Field (1921-2010) and James Swanger Hawkins (1925-2002). She attended Marion High School and continued her education at Monticello Jr. Women's College studying general education. After her college training, Mary Jane began working for the Jones family business, American Security Co., as a bookkeeper. From 1943-1946 Mary Jane saved her country with 27,000 other women, by joining the temporary Navy service called the WAVES. Upon returning from the WAVES, Mary Jane returned to work. In 1964 the Jones family purchased Glenview State Bank, and asked Mary Jane and Lois Crawford, a long time co-worker and friend, to relocate and help with the start-up. They made the move, bought a home together and worked at Glenview State Bank until retirement. Mary Jane was a member of DAR as was her mother and grandmother. She loved water color painting and did many paintings for family and friends. She also loved getting together with family and friends, traveling and picture taking. She is survived by her nieces and nephews in both Indiana (James Edward Hawkins and Elizabeth Ann Hawkins Donohue) and California (Robert William Field, Mary Stanley Field Mayes, and John Edward Field). A memorial service will be held Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 11 am at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview (just south of Lake Ave. on west side). Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Hayes Sr., Thomas E.

Thomas E. Hayes Sr., US Army Veteran, retired CPD with 30 yrs. of dedicated service, 35 yrs. of service at Illinois College of Optometry, passed away suddenly Thursday Feb. 8th, beloved husband of Carol (nee Benice) for 55 yrs.; dear father of Tom Jr. (Libby), Tim (Colleen) and Jennifer (Noel) Rivera; loving and adoring papa of Ashley Yanahan (fiancee Cory), Kylie, TJ, Kelli, Tony, Tommy and Patrick Hayes; he leaves behind his dear brother and friend Jerry (Nancy) Hayes; devoted sister-in-law and dinner partner of Dorothy and Bud Sloup; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 3 to 9 PM. Funeral Thursday 10:45 AM from Lawn Funeral Home 17909 S. 94th Ave. Tinley Park,IL 60487 to St. Elizabeth Seton Church. Mass 11:30 AM. Interment Private. Tom adored his family and his life long precious friends. He was deeply loved and will be forever missed.Funeral Info 708-532-3100.

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Hefferan, Rev. John E.

Rev. John E. Hefferan. Age 87. Beloved son of the late Phelim and Bessie, nee Libal. Loving brother of Richard (Margaret). Dearest uncle of John (Patty), Patrick (Inez) and Michael (Kristen) Hefferan and great-uncle of Brian, Hannah, Ella, John and Valerie. Services and Interment were private. Memorials to the charity of your choice appreciated. Funeral Information, www.ryan-parke.com.

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Heinze, Dolores M.

Dolores M. Heinze, of Morton Grove, loyal and loving wife of the late Carl; caring, wonderful and "always there" mother of Alice and Carl J. who were lucky to have her in their lives. Preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Teresa and her brother Joseph. She enjoyed classic movies, traveling to Europe many times and summer trips to Door County. Funeral from **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove Saturday 9:30 am to St. Martha Church 8523 Georgiana Ave. Morton Grove, IL; Mass 10 am. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Visitation Friday 4 to 8 pm. Donations to St. Martha Small Church Fund appreciated. 847-965-2500.

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Hitzeman, Virginia

Virginia Hitzeman, 86, from Chicago passed away peacefully on February 4, 2018. She and her longtime husband Allan explored America. Virgie loved nature, gardening, reading, volunteer work and people. She loved her 4 sons, their wives, 5 granddaughters, 3 great-grandchildren, her sister-in-law, poodles and many friends. Her honesty and generosity were awesome. Virginia will be greatly missed, but certainly welcomed in her afterlife by Allan, their son Steve, and countless others. We love you, Virgie.

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Humbert, Robert F.



Robert Francis "Uncle Bob" Humbert, 81, following a courageous 4 year battle with cancer. Devoted husband of the late Linda. Loving son of the late Katherine (Tootie) Humbert. Dear brother of the late James (Chuck) Humbert, the late Marion (James) Dedina, the late Herbert (Muriel) Humbert, the late Patricia (Fred) Evans-Jurgens, the late Bernadine (Frank) Madia, and Joseph Humbert. Beloved father of Beth (Frank) Lettiere, Lisa (Fred) Barbara, Bernadette (Denis) Doherty. Loving stepfather of Robert (Brett) Bills and Sammy Bills. Proud Papa of Vito (Sherry) Barbara, Denis Michael (Melissa) Doherty and Gregory Doherty. Loving great grandfather to Rosemary Barbara. Dear Pops to Gianna Botica Torres and Italia Torres. Much loved uncle and loyal friend to many. Member of the Old Neighborhood Italian American Club. Lifelong Blackhawks and White Sox fan, avid gun enthusiast, and legendary maker of soppressata. In lieu of flowers, kindly donate to St. Jude's Children's Hospital at:http://giftfunds.stjude.org/RobertFHumbert. Visitation Sunday 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., Funeral Services Monday 9:30 a.m.at **Michael Coletta Sons** Funeral Home 544 W. 31st St. (Chicago) to St. Jerome Croatian Church, Mass 10 a.m. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. For Service Info (312)225-8500 or www.colettasonsfuneralhome.com

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Hupperich, Peter

Peter Hupperich, 96, of Morton Grove, beloved husband of the late Barbara; loving father of Marcia Hicks, Peter (Tricia), Jeanne (the late Guy) Spiro, Elizabeth, John (Drina), Mark (Nancy), William, and the late James; dear grandfather of 14; cherished great grandfather of 12; fond brother of Joanne Depenbrok. Funeral from **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053 Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. to St. Martha Church. Mass at 10 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Visitation Monday 4 to 8 p.m. In Lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia 6300 N. Ridge Ave. Chicago, IL 60660 appreciated. Sign online guest book at www.simkinsfh.com. (847) 965-2500

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Jensen, Harold Sherwood 'Hal'

Harold Sherwood Jensen of Lake Forest, Illinois, and Vero Beach, Florida, died on February 8, 2018. Born in Detroit, Michigan in 1930, Mr. Jensen was the son of Harold Soren Jensen and Lyndon Elizabeth Neddermeyer who imparted to his kind nature the virtues of integrity and hard work. In 1952, Jensen graduated Michigan Technological University with a B.S. in civil engineering and went on to serve with the Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War. In 1957, he received a master's degree from Harvard University Graduate School of Business, serving as president of his class. Following graduation, Jensen took positions with Gilbane Construction Company in Providence, Rhode Island, and Lumberman's Investment Corporation (Forestar) of Austin, Texas. He subsequently served as Assistant Vice President in charge of real estate for the Pennsylvania Railroad and Vice President in charge of real estate for Illinois Central Industries. In 1977, Jensen left I.C. Industries to become a partner and eventual Chairman of Metropolitan Structures and MS Management, completing urban projects that included Illinois Center in Chicago and California Plaza in Los Angeles. A committed advocate of urban renewal, Jensen served as a President and Life Trustee of the Urban Land Institute and Founding President of the Urban Land Foundation. He was also a member of the Visiting Committee of the Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

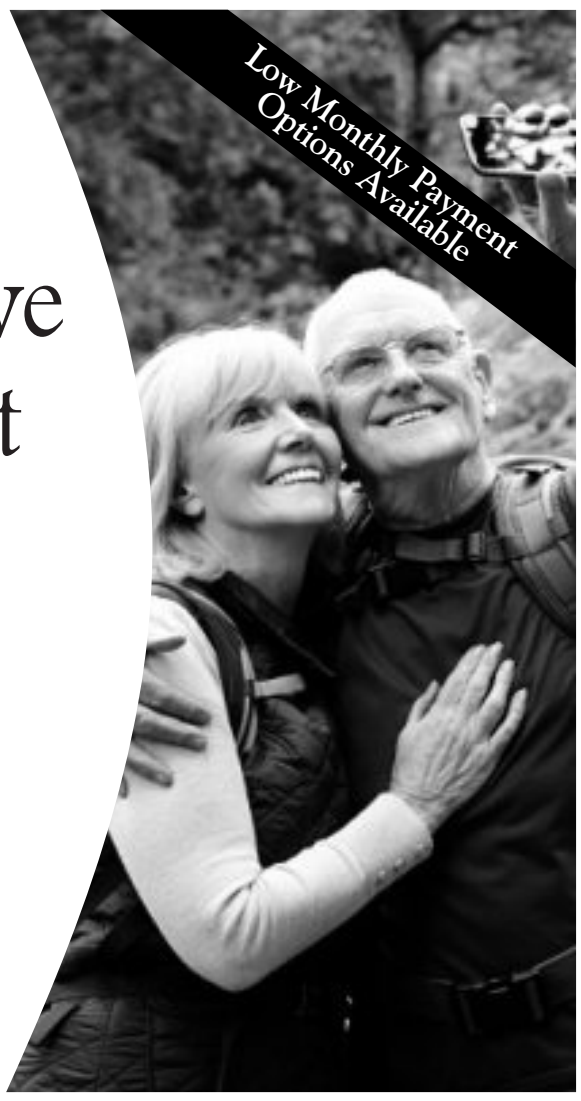
Throughout these decades, Mr. Jensen served on and supported numerous boards and organizations. In addition to myriad philanthropic interests, he served thirteen years as a trustee of Michigan Technological University Foundation, including two years as its President, Vice-Chair of the Century II Campaign, and Life Trustee of the Michigan Tech Fund. University awards included a Board of Trustees Silver Medal (1974), Honorary Doctor of Engineering Degree (1979), Chi Epsilon Honor Member (1981), and Distinguished Alumnus Award (1991). In 1993, he was inducted into the Civil and Environmental Engineering Academy. A Director of Northern Trust Bank-Lake Forest, he also served as Director of Associated Bank-Chicago and Life Director and former Chairman of Northwestern-Lake Forest Hospital.

An avid skier and outdoorsman, Jensen was happiest with his family in the mountains of Colorado; with oatmeal ready and car running, he was ever excited for first tracks or a day-long trek across the Rockies… or Kilimanjaro. When he wasn't on the slopes or climbing foreign peaks, he was riding his bike or tinkering in his workshop, where the 1950s purchase of a run-down Model-T became a life-long project and the highlight of the local Independence Day parade. His generosity, kindness and good humor will be greatly missed; even more so, his optimistic belief that every new day was a better day, especially when it came with a beer.

Jensen was a member of the Tavern Club and Union League Club, both of Chicago, Onwentsia Club of Lake Forest, and John's Island Club in Vero Beach. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Dona Bernard Jensen, and their four children: Barbara Jensen and Lyndon Jensen of Lake Forest, Susan Jensen Rawles of Richmond, Virginia, and Karl Bernard Jensen of Brooklyn; a daughter-in-law, Kazue Soma Jensen; a son-in-law, Benjamin Watkins Rawles III; and two grandchildren, Cornelia Stafford Rawles and Louisa Whittall Rawles. The family extends heartfelt thanks to the gifted caregivers of Mangrove at The Brennity and VNA Hospice House of Vero Beach, who imbued his final days with warmth and compassion. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of choice. Mr. Jensen will be entombed at Lake Forest Cemetery in a private service.

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Johnson, Robert L.

Robert L. Johnson, 91, U.S. Army WWII Veteran, beloved husband of Rita (nee Zack), father of Diane, Gary (Kathryn Jonas), Terry, Robert (Jan), and Susan; grandfather of 9; great grandfather of 14. Services at CENTRAL CHAPEL, 6158 S. Central Ave., Chicago, IL, where family and friends will gather on Friday, Feb. 16, from 4 to 8 p.m. Funeral Saturday, Feb. 17, 8:45 a.m., at chapel, to St. Symphorosa Church, 6135 S. Austin Ave., Chicago. Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. Burial Resurrection Cemetery. Please visit ROBERT L. JOHNSON BOOK OF MEMORIES. To express your thoughts or memories in the online guest book, visit www.chapelc.com or www.facebook.com/centralchapel. Info., 773-581-9000.

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Kaczkowski, Charlene R.

Charlene R. Kaczkowski, nee Anderson, age 57, of Downers Grove. Loving wife of David Kaczkowski Sr.; devoted mother of David Joseph (Sarah) Kaczkowski, II, Kaysi (fiancé Thomas Mahoney) Kaczkowski, Adam (Monica) Kaczkowski, Matthew (Ashley) Kaczkowski, Holly Marie Kaczkowski, Noah Kaczkowski and the late Abigail Kaczkowski; loving grandmother of Kylie, Kiera, Sophia and Brynn Kaczkowski; sister of Colleen (the late Jim) Krol and Mark (Laura) Anderson; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday, February 12, 2018 from 3 P.M. to 9 P.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 9445 W. 31st Street, Brookfield, 60513. Lying in State Tuesday, February 13, 2018 from 9:30 A.M. to time of Mass 10 A.M. at St. Mary of Gostyn Church, 445 Prairie Ave, Downers Grove. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West, Oakbrook Terrace. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com

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Kadar, Nikolaus

Nikolaus S. Kadar, 69, husband of the late Helen (Faulkenberg) Kadar passed away February 3, 2018. A funeral service will be held 11am, Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at Maryhill Cemetery. For more information: **Lakeview Funeral Home**, (773) 472 - 6300 or www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com

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Keenan, Patricia

Patricia Eileen (Cogan) Keenan made her final flight home on February 2, 2018 into the loving arms of her father, Bernard Cogan, mother, Clarice (Bianchini) Cogan, and brother, James Cogan. She will be forever loved, remembered and missed by her son, Kevin Keenan, daughter-in-law, Mary, grandchildren Molly and James, sister Eileen Guerin (Richard) and her extended family at Clermont Park in Denver, Colorado. Many thanks to the staff and caregivers of Clermont Park for providing such outstanding care these past ten years. Pat was a flight attendant for American Airlines back when they were called "stewardesses" and commercial air travel was still cool. She was born on April 3, 1939 and grew up on the South Side of Chicago in the city's Roseland neighborhood. In June of 1953, she graduated from Holy Rosary School and four years later from Fenger High School. After settling down in the Western Suburbs, Pat lived for over 35 years in Elmhurst, Illinois. This St. Patrick's Day, and for those to come, please share a toast in honor of Pat Keenan. The family requests that you please consider donating in Pat's memory in support of Clermont Park at: https://www.christianlivingcommunities.org/donate-now, or Christian Living Communities, 7000 E. Belleview Ave., Ste. 150, Greenwood Village, CO 80111. A memorial service will take place this summer in the Chicagoland area.

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Kelly, Edward Patrick

Edward Patrick Kelly passed away peacefully on Dec 22nd in Aberdeen Mississippi at the age of 82.



Ed is survived by his wife, Susie Kelly; three daughters, Martha Kelly of Naples, FL, Lisa Kelly of Laramie, WY, Anne Cheney of Mission Viejo, CA and son Ward Kelly of Chicago, IL; seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Edward was born on April 3, 1935 in Brooklyn, NY to Dr. and Mrs. Leo Kelly of Brooklyn N.Y. and Point Lookout NY. Ed attended the Brooklyn Preparatory School before he went to Brown University (graduated '56). Ed received his law degree from Fordham Law School (59') and was admitted to the New York and Illinois Bar Associations. After working briefly as an assistant District Attorney for NY, Ed moved to Chicago and began working for Apollo Savings and Loan as a VP where he became President in 1962. At age 27, he was one of the youngest Presidents of a Savings and Loan in the United States, and was also the youngest president to become a member of the YPO (Young Presidents Organization). Throughout the years, Ed lived in Miami, FL, and Chicago, IL. In Chicago he met Susie Lennox of Chicago. He married Susie, in 1978 and the two of them resided in IL and MS over 41 years. Ed spent most of the past 30 years traveling throughout the world with the love of his life Susie, loving every minute of the 41 years they spent together.

Ed was an accomplished public speaker, loved politics and participated in several political campaigns, including those for the mayor of Chicago (Richard Daly, Sr.), as well as various presidential campaigns (Barry Goldwater). He was generous, witty, dedicated, honest, fair, forgiving, loyal, brilliant and highly respected.

In 1965, Ed shared his lifelong love of flags designing and developing the Plaza of the America's on Michigan Avenue where flags of Chicago, and the United States, followed by the flags representing the nations of the Americas were raised and fly to this day. Deeply patriotic, Ed was with the 28th US Army infantry in Ft Riley, KS.

A gathering of friends and family is being planned, on a date to be determined, in March.

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Kjelstrom, Marilyn Jean 'Mar'



The world lost a quick-witted, fun-loving, kind and generous lady. Marilyn (Mar) Jean Kjelstrom, 68 of Woodridge, was a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and friend to all. Mar was born on March 18, 1949 to Paul and Elaine Kjelstrom, and passed away peacefully on Friday, January 19, 2018. She is survived by her brother Paul Kjelstrom of Frankfort, IL; two nieces, Kristin (Bob) Nelson of Lemont, IL and Allison (Craig) Bertsche of Bloomington, IL; four great nieces, Olivia and Sydney Nelson, and Meredith and Caroline Bertsche; numerous cousins; and friends galore.

Through her 38 years of teaching at El Sierra School in Downers Grove, Illinois, Mar positively impacted hundreds of students through her creativity and enthusiasm. She considered El Sierra her second home, and her students, fellow teachers and staff, her extended family.

A Chicago native, Mar was a diehard Chicago sports fan, rooting on the Cubs and Bears. She loved animals, especially dogs, and cared for a number of them throughout her life. Mar loved music, and could be found singing at school, family events, in her car, etc. She loved spicy food – the spicier, the better. Mar made those around her laugh. She was always cracking jokes, playing pranks or throwing out a witty remark. Mar lit up any room she entered with her contagious smile, a smile those that knew her will miss and always cherish.

Per Mar's request, the family will host a memorial service in the Spring where we will share fond memories and stories about this fabulous woman. Condolences can be shared with the family at 13008 Fairway Dr., Lemont, IL 60439. Memorial donations can be made to the District 58 Education Foundation's Green Apple Awards (www.58foundation.org) in Marilyn Kjelstrom's name.

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Koesun, Ruth Ann

Koesun, Ruth Ann, age 89, of Chicago passed away Feb. 1, 2018 of natural causes. Devoted daughter of the late Dr. Paul Z. Koesun, a distinguished physician for many years in Chicago's Chinatown, and Mary M. Koesun (nee Mondulick). Loving cousin of the late Loring and Dr. Moyra Moy of San Francisco. Dear friend of many including Mary Jane and Ted Fudacz, Susan and David Ruder, Jack Hackman, Richard "Dick" Covello, Barbara Pekow, Alison Hinderliter, Kerri Burkhardt, Barbara Landis and Michael Kramer. Loving godmother of Ellen (Hon. Matthew) Coghlan. Graduate of Mercy High School Class of 1945.



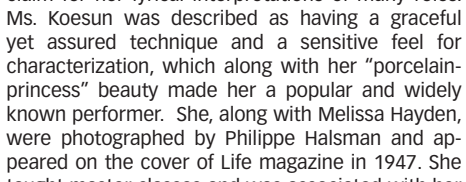
Ruth Ann was a Principal Ballerina of Ballet Theatre, now known as American Ballet Theatre from 1946 to 1969 traveling extensively around the world. She debuted on July 4, 1946 at London's Royal Opera House and would go on to win international acclaim for her lyrical interpretations of many roles. Ms. Koesun was described as having a graceful yet assured technique and a sensitive feel for characterization, which along with her "porcelain-princess" beauty made her a popular and widely known performer. She, along with Melissa Hayden, were photographed by Philippe Halsman and appeared on the cover of Life magazine in 1947. She taught master classes and was associated with her beloved John Kriza in ABT productions, in summer stock, and in the famous "Salute" shows at the College Inn in Chicago and the New Yorker Hotel.

After retiring from American Ballet, Ms. Koesun was co-director of the Dance Department at Hull House Association and danced as principal ballerina with First Chamber Dance Company of New York, 1971-73, then became Executive Director of the Association of Illinois Dance, 1975-79. Ms. Koesun also worked as performing arts archivist at The Newberry Library, 1989-present, as a member of the dance panel of the Illinois Arts Council, Chicago, and as Administrative Assistant for Chamber Opera Chicago. Ms Koesun was a recipient of the Excellence Award in performing arts from the Organization of Chinese Americans, 1985.

Visitation Saturday February 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass 10:30 a.m. at Holy Name Cathedral, 730 N. State Street, Chicago, IL. Interment at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church, Chicago. www.sttheresechinatown.org. Arrangements entrusted to the Original Lamb Family Funeral & Cremations Service. For info call 708-710-9549.

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Kulikauskas, James

Born December 2, 1947, James Kulikauskas passed into eternal being on Wednesday, 7 February, 2018. Loving Husband to Louise, Brother to Michael (Mary Ann), Uncle to Michael Jr. (Patti), Julie (Jon), and Laura, Father figure to Matthew and Megan (Matt Tegelman), Grandpa to Maxwell and Mitchell, and Great Uncle to Michael, Noah, Jack and Mila, and preceded in death by his parents Bruno and Genevieve Kulikauskas.

Jim grew up in the South Side neighborhood of Brighton Park where Bruna's Italian restaurant was one of his favorite places to frequent whenever he returned to the city to visit his parents. He resided in Arlington Heights, where he could live immersed in nature and open spaces while he made the daily commute to work at Marsh where he served as a loyal broker for 30 years and became a senior vice president before retiring in 2007.

Throughout the years, Jim traveled the US, exploring the country's National Parks and hatching meticulously detailed plans in order to visit them all. Jim's work and travels kept him busy, but he always returned bearing thoughtful souvenirs for his nieces, nephew, stepchildren and grandchildren, and through them left a legacy of his knowledge and appreciation for the world.

He loved the natural world, native heritage and wildlife as much as he appreciated the high culture and cuisine his great city had to offer, and became a consistently generous member of the city's cultural institutions, including the Art Institute, the Architectural Foundation, the Adler Planetarium, the Chicago Botanic Gardens, the MSI, the Field Museum of Natural History and the Shedd Aquarium. Jim and Louise frequented the best cuisine Chicago had to offer, and tasted 13 new Chicago restaurants every year—one for each week of the Chicago winter.

Ever the romantic, Jim wed the love of his life, Louise Mele, whom he addressed as "Sweetie," in a private ceremony on 15, April 2015 at D&J Bistro in Lake Zurich, Ill.—the location of one of their first dates, surrounded by close family of the adoring couple. They honeymooned in Hawaii, one of the few places he visited more than once.

In his retirement, Jim was an avid life historian and host, combining his talents to locate old friends and organize extended family and grammar school classmates for reunions on a grand scale.

An avid lover of the seasons and nature, Jim dedicated time to research volumes of knowledge of the natural world, which he retained and applied in striving to create his own outdoor haven, a landscape that includes a vegetable garden, fruit trees, perennial flowers and herbs, a bird habitat and a koi pond. His favorite summer past time was relaxing in the garden hammock: listening to music, reading, or dozing off solving his Games Magazine puzzles.

Jim will be missed by his dear family, friends and classmates, but has left an indelible mark illuminated in our hearts and minds as a kind and inquisitively vibrant soul who embodied a life well lived. As his young grandson would say, "Well-played, Grandpa Jim!"

The visitation will be held Monday from 3 to 8 PM at **Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services**, 330 W. Golf Road, Schaumburg. In state Tuesday 9:30 AM until time of mass at 10:30 AM at Holy Family Catholic Community, 2515 West Palatine Road, Inverness. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery, Chicago. In lieu of sending flowers, please consider making a gift in his name to the Shedd Aquarium. Funeral information or online condolences, www.ahlgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.

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Lopez, Eduardo M.

Eduardo M. Lopez, 84, of Chicago, IL and Miami, FL, passed away on Thursday, February 8, 2018. Beloved husband of Pauline G. Lopez, nee Gutierrez; dear father of Gus Lopez and wife Pamela Green of Seattle, WA, Victor Lopez and wife Diane Seymour Lopez of Portland, CT, and Suzanne Lopez Prisco and husband Keith Prisco of Chicago, IL; and loving grandfather to Caymus, Lola, Olive and Cameron. Born in Havana, Cuba, Eduardo earned his B.A. from the University of Havana. Amid social turmoil in his home country, he and Pauline fled Cuba in 1968 with their two boys in tow before settling in Summit, NJ where Suzanne was born. After a demanding yet successful career, he retired as an Executive Business Manager of Merck. He will be remembered for his joyful spirit and love of family. Funeral service will be held at a later date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society. For further information please call 312-421-0936 or sign guestbook at www.michalikfuneralhome.com.



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Lynch, Geraldine Elizabeth

Geraldine Elizabeth Lynch age 80 of Chicago Illinois passed February 7th, 2018. Beloved wife of Albert J. Lynch, daughter of the late Fredric and Isabel (Meyer) Schneider. Mother of Sandra, (Steven), (Stephanie) and James Lynch. Grandmother of Sophia Goepfert, Stephanie, Albert and Sylvia Magallon, Zachary, Susan, Erin and Theodore Lynch. Super great grandmother to Delia, Isabella, Hailey, Benjamin, Jonathon and Ava. Sister to Vernice Aspdin, (Ralph Schneider), (Dolores Zebell).

Benson Family Funeral Home 3224 W. Montrose Ave. Chicago IL 60618, Monday February 12th. The family will be greeting mourners 4:00pm to 8:30pm. Service will be at 7:00pm, given by Pastor Jason Platt of Montrose Baptist Church. February 13th Proceedings will start at 10:00am.

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MacMillan, Charles "Charlie" Cook

Charles "Charlie" MacMillan, 73, a lifelong resident of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff, died February 8, 2018. He was born in Lake Forest, retired after 47 years as a mail carrier with the Lake Forest Post Office, was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest and a longtime supporter of the Midlothian Scottish Bagpipe Band. Husband of Susan Aldridge MacMillan; father of Angus (Monica) MacMillan and Mary (Chad) Corpier both of Lake Bluff. Grandfather of Liam & Griffin MacMillan & Connor, Ella & Nancy Corpier; brother of William (Geri) MacMillan of Libertyville & Doris Ann (Elliott) French of Edwardsville, IL; son of the late Thomas & Mary MacMillan of Lake Forest. Charlie also leaves many loving nieces and nephews. In Lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Parkinson Foundation www.parkinson.org.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, 700 N. Sheridan Road. A celebration of life will follow the service at the Glen Rowan House, 500 N. Sheridan Rd., Lake Forest. Interment will be private. Info – **Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors** of Lake Forest www.RTfunerals.com or 847-234-9649.

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McCaffrey, Joan E.



Joan E. McCaffrey nee McNamara, 87, of Evanston. Beloved wife of Lawrence McCaffrey. Loving mother of Kevin (Jean Luft) McCaffrey, Sheila McCaffrey, & Patricia McCaffrey. Proud grandmother of Sean (Lisa Venne) McCaffrey, Emily McCaffrey (Kieran Casey), & Brian McCaffrey; Alejandra, Monica, & Sean Trigoso; & Kathleen (Jordan) Vollbrecht. Cherished great grandmother of Martin & Robert McCaffrey; Owen Casey; & Kaiden Vollbrecht, Mikayla McCaffrey, & Sophia Vollbrecht. Dear sister of the late James McNamara. Visitation Thurs., Feb. 15, 2018, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Blvd, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Fri., Feb. 16, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at St Nicholas Church, 806 Ridge Ave, Evanston, IL 60202. Interment private, Calvary Cemetery. Memorials to: St. Joseph's Indian School, P.O. Box 300, 1301 N. Main St, Chamberlain, SD 57325. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.

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McGrath, Rosemary A.

Rosemary A. McGrath, age 83, Registered Nurse. Beloved daughter of the late William and Lillian. Loving sister of the late Maureen McGrath. Dear cousin and friend to many and was a loved volunteer. Family and friends will gather Tuesday 9:30 a.m. at St. Bernadette Church; 93rd and Francisco, Evergreen Park until time of Mass 10:30 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery 773-779-4411

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Meadors, Cassandra "Cassie" Arlene

Cassie Meadors, at a young 14 years, Beloved only daughter of Craig and Charlotte Meadors, and Barrington High School freshman, died in a car accident on Sunday, February 4, 2018. She is the cherished grand-daughter of Ted & Rose Ann Yanik, and Bill & Roberta Meadors. She is survived by her favorite aunts and uncle, Cheri & Ted Selimos, and Laura Olsen; favorite cousins, Zoe Selimos, Nicholas Selimos, and Logan Gunder; favorite great aunts and uncles, Arlene & Dean Metropulos, Carol & Roy Dettloff, and Pat & Alfred Maruda. Her many close family friends, including The Diers, The Martins, and The Daniels rounded out a full social life (beyond her beloved Instagram and Snapchat). She had many tight friendships across schools in Barrington, Wauconda, and Fremont, plus sports friends and a wonderful lunch group. Favorite remembered teachers at every level of Barrington schools (NBS, Station, BHS). Cassie was mom to two loving cats, Callie and Creamsicle, who followed her everywhere they could and allowed her to do just about anything with them. Walks in a cat stroller, sleeping in her bedroom, dress up time, and a morning wake up call to them every day. Cassie enjoyed participating in swimming including the Foglia YMCA FAST team for almost 6 years, and recently took up volleyball with successively Skyhigh, Barrington High School (breaking a finger early in the season but still going to every practice and game), and most recently the Rolling Thunder Crimson 15 team with strong traditions. Volleyball had become a passion for her to chase, including both team practices and individual workouts to better her game. Cassie loved school and math – until Geometry this year – and never had to be told to do her homework, although procrastination was an issue we were working on.

Cassie enjoyed so many activities over her short life, including; Mohican Nation Indian Princesses campouts and camaraderie for years, tubing on the Fox River, swim camps, SeaWorld and overnight camp, beaches on the Atlantic/Pacific/Gulf, Aquatica, Discovery Cove, Busch Gardens, Wisconsin Dells water parks, dolphin swimming, all US Disney parks, three Six Flags parks, Battle House laser combat, the Wisconsin State Fair, paddle boarding, playing dominoes, and attending concerts of Ariana Grande, Ed Sheeran, and Hannah Montana. She was lucky to have Logan and cousins from Atlanta join her on some of the Disney trips. Cassie remained a vegetarian her whole life after baby food, and continued to love restaurants: Panera, Bob Chinn's, Domino's, JJ Twiggs, Bulldogs, Noodles & Co., and Dunkin. The macaroni and cheese, and grilled cheese industries lost a devoted fan. Cassie loved spending time with her family, and was the love of her Mom and Dad's life (and she knew it). She was an only child and the wonderful friendships she developed, gave her "sisters" that she never had. She was an excellent friend picker, and was very lucky to have Zoe, her cousin, as her favorite sister. Cassie's house was filled with love and laughter, and she brought her sisters to join in the fun with sleepovers and events. The memories of these strong, smart, fun, excellent friends will last forever. Cassie was her Mom's partner for travel to/from school, talking about her day and getting encouragement and help to be strong on issues, watching shows together, and keeping small secrets from Dad. Cassie was her Dad's partner for getting great deals, couponing, yard work when needed, any kind of crazy activity he thought of, and going to the library. She only knew her Mom to be stay at home (although Mom used to work long hours), and she only knew of her Dad working with great people at CNA Insurance Companies (although he had worked elsewhere). It is with such sadness that Cassie passes before being able to move to late-teen, college, and adult life experiences. She was still our baby girl, just starting to figure out how strong she was in mind, body, and future. She was a beautiful person, inside and out. Cassie recently aspired to living in warm places and being a marine biologist. She will sadly miss her spring break trip and Taylor Swift concert, and SO MUCH MORE. Cassie will be deeply missed, and we could not have asked for a more perfect daughter. We were all lucky to have her in our lives and she will be missed terribly.

Friends, family, and current and former team members are encouraged to join us in a celebration of Cassie's life on Saturday, February 17, 2018 from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM at Ahlgrim Family Funeral Home, 415 South Buesching Road, Lake Zurich. 847-540-8871 or AhlgrimFFS.com. Flowers are being serviced by Lake Zurich Florist at 847-438-6755. Donations may be made to www.AnimalHouseShelter.com (Huntley, IL), which is where Cassie adopted her kittens.

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Mesha, Bernice E. 'Bonnie'

Bernice "Bonnie" E. Mesha nee Modine, 96, formerly of Palatine. Beloved wife of the late Samuel Harlow Mesha; loving mother of Pam (Lee) Daniels and Pete (Lori) Mesha; proud grandmother of Laurie Daniels, Rachael (Kevin) Noonan, Julia Valerio, Thomas (Aimee) Renkes, Christina (Dave) Hamilton, Nick (Katie) Mesha and Carolyn Mesha; great grandmother of Danielle, Caroline, Katherine, Armando, Maximo, Rosalindh, Robert, Tera Jane and Harlow; sister of the late Alf Modine. Bonnie was a member of P.E.O. and loved fashion, traveling, playing Bridge and spending time with her family and friends. Visitation at **Ahlgrim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a Ceremony at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 13, 2018. Interment private at Memory Gardens Cemetery. Info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrim.com.

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Miller, Clara S.

Clara S. Miller (nee Sieben), age 101, of Glen Ellyn. Beloved wife of 43 years to the late Edward. Loving mother of Guy (Susan) Miller and Mark (Dolores) Miller. Dear grandmother of Alec and Paul Miller and great-grandmother of 3. Memorial Mass Saturday, March 17, 10:30 am, at St. Petronille Catholic Church, 420 Glenwood Ave., Glen Ellyn, 60137. Interment private, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Donations to The Salvation Army, https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/, appreciated. Family assisted with arrangements by **Leonard Memorial Home**, Glen Ellyn, (630) 469-0032.

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Misichko, Mary

Mary Misichko, nee Lazarcik.

Beloved wife of the late Nicholas. Loving mother of Nicholas (Pamela), Mary Lynn (Steve) Gudovic, and the late Joyce (James) Krupa. Dear grandmother of John (Kirsten) Krupa, Jeffrey (Amanda) Krupa, Steven (Melissa) Gudovic, and Nicholas (Tanja) Gudovic. Great-grandmother of Cassie, Leisa, AJ, Ainslie, Steven and Julia. Loving daughter of the late Michael and the late Frances Lazarcik. Beloved sister of the late Anne (the late Nicholas) Gruszynski. Aunt of many.

Visitation Monday, February 12, 2018 from 4:00-8:00PM with service 7:00PM at **Colonial Wojciechowski Funeral Home** 8025 W. Golf Rd. Niles, IL 60714. Family and friends are to meet at St. Michael's Orthodox Church 7313 Waukegan Rd., Niles, IL 60714, Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 9:30AM for Funeral Liturgy at 9:30AM. Interment Elmwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Mary's name would be appreciated.

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Montopoli, Yolanda "Yoley"

Yolanda "Yoley" Montopoli (nee Mazzei) of Roselle; Beloved wife of the late Joseph, Devoted mother of Michael (Kathy Brinkman) Montopoli, Maria (Dan) Miller, and Jan (Frank) Leone; Cherished grandmother of Derek (Christie) Miller, Adam (Sara Gaum) Miller, Mallory (Nic Mazza) Miller, Carmen (Casey Schmitt) Montopoli, Emily (Joe) Molter, Alyssa Leone, Nicholas Montopoli, Lina Montopoli and Dominic Leone; Loving great grandmother of Inde Mazza, Paul Miller, Kai Mazza, Dani Miller and Miles Montopoli ; Dear sister of the late Fred (Lucille) Mazzei, and Doris (the late Rusty) Ruscetti. She was a special aunt to many nieces and nephews. A loving friend to many through her participation in numerous clubs and activities. Her family would like to thank the staff of Sunrise Assisted Living in Bloomingdale, for all of the care and support they have shown to Yoley. Visitation Monday 3:00-9:00 p.m. at **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels** 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL. 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.). Funeral Tuesday, family and friends are asked to gather at St. Walter Church 130 W. Pine St. Roselle, IL. for visitation from 9:00 until 10:00 a.m time of mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For info 630-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sacred Heart Church 2810 5th Ave. Rock Island, IL. 61201.

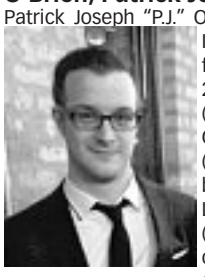
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Nedza, Edward and Ernestine

Edward A. Nedza, age 90, and Ernestine "Tina" (nee Pretzer) Nedza, age 83, of LaGrange, IL. Loving parents of Jim (Mitch) Nedza and Kathy (Steve) Buhe; cherished grandparents of Elizabeth (Ross) Buhe and Jonathan (Cristina) Buhe; proud great-grandparents of Isabella Buhe. Ed was a dear brother to Jean (the late Gene) Urban; Tina was the dear sister of Thelma (the late John) DeLuca, Jean (the late Sammy) Sams, Robert (Avis) Pretzer, Pauline (Lowell) Evans, and the late Russell (and the late Mamie) Pretzer. They are both survived by many nieces and nephews; and by their extended family of friends: Rose Gamble (nee Angelo), Joe Berrios, Bob and Vivian Kintzel, and Steve and Mary Pat Cizmar. Ed was a retired Illinois State Senator, 31st Ward Democratic Committeeman, and a U.S. Navy Veteran. A visitation will be held on Sunday, February 18, from 3 until 9 pm at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral Monday, February 19, prayers will begin at 9:00 am from the chapel and proceed to St. Cletus Church in LaGrange for a 9:30 am Funeral Mass. Services will conclude at the Church. Private family inurnment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital would be appreciated. Service Info: (708) 352-6500 or please visit www.hjfunerals.com

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O'Brien, Patrick Joseph 'P.J.'



Patrick Joseph "P.J." O'Brien, age 31, of Glenview, IL. Born June 16, 1986. At final rest on February 1, 2018. Beloved son of Julia (Michael) Leamanczyk nee Carey and the late Timothy (Azalia) O'Brien. Loving bother of Joe (Ben Walker) Leamanczyk and Lauren (Mike) Brucek. Loving partner of Olga Tsoi. Dear grandson of Leonard and Donna Leamanczyk. Preceded in death by grandparents John and Dorothy Carey & Patrick J. and Rita O'Brien. Cherished nephew of Patrick (the late Denise) Carey, Peggy (John) Tomick, Mary (Raymond) Waters, Susan (William) Coyle, Maureen (Michael) Basak, Timothy (Suzanne) Carey, Michael Carey, the late John "Jack" Murphy Carey, Jr., Gerry (Carole) O'Brien, Deirdre Knight. Dear cousin of many. Services are private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to: Misericordia Heart of Mercy "In memory of Patrick J. O'Brien" Attention: MFA #6074, 6300 North Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660. Info: 847-675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com

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O'Neil, William J.



William J. O'Neil, 87, beloved husband of the late Patricia O'Neil nee Seabrook; loving father of Nancy (Edward) Murray, William (Cindy), James (Emily), Patrick (Mary), Peter, and Erin (John) Sullivan and the late Janet; caring grandfather of ten; fond brother of James, the late Rita and Robert; fun-loving uncle to many.

Born and raised in Chicago's South Shore, William graduated from Leo H.S., earned a degree in accounting at Loras College and an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army. Mr. O'Neil's career began in sales and progressed to sales management. He started at NCR, then Xerox, and finally as Vice President of Sales for Bell & Howell's Mailing Machines Group. In retirement he assisted as an advisor to his son Patrick's restaurant business. Memorial Mass, Saturday, February 24, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church, 912 Linden Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091. In lieu of flowers, donations appreciated to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls (https://www.mercyhome.org/). Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990

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Osberg, Eleanore A.

Eleanore A. Osberg, nee Erickson, age 90, at rest February 7, 2018, beloved wife for 61 years to the late Louis (2010). Cherished mother of Susan (Perry Presto) Colip. Proud grandmother of Elisha Colip. Fond aunt of several nieces and nephews. She is survived by several lifelong friends. She left us to join her husband and many others that have already passed. Active member of the Pilgrims Social Club for many years. Visitation Monday from 3-8 p.m. Funeral Service Tuesday 11:00 a.m. at **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Interment private. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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Papoutsis, Tom 'Athanasios'

Tom "Athanasios" Papoutsis, 86, of Lemont, formerly of Meligala Greece, passed away peacefully Wednesday morning February 7th in Glenview, Illinois. Beloved and devoted husband of Aglaia nee Eliopoulos for over 50 years. Loving father of Effie (Harry) Kritikos and Vicky (Jeff) Papoutsis (Hughes). Dearest Papou of Kosta, Lia, Ethan and loving uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. Tom was an active and valued member of the Palos Hills business community for years, as well as an important contributor to his hometown and regional associations. MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL! Friends and family asked to meet for the visitation from 9:00 AM to 10:00 Monday morning February 12th at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 11025 South Roberts Road Palos Hills, IL 60465. Funeral Service to immediately follow and beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment Bethania Cemetery of Justice. In lieu of flowers memorials to be made to Hellenic American Academy, 445 Pine Street, Deerfield, IL 60015. **Orrico Kourelis Funeral Services Inc.**; Directing. For information 877-974-9201/815-462-0711 or www.orricofuneral.com

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Parojcic, Joan J.

Joan J. Parojcic, nee Jakes, age 84, of Mount Prospect, IL passed away at her home on February 2, 2018. She was the beloved wife of the late Vlade "Walter" Parojcic for over 38 years; devoted mother of Eve (Carl) Lashley; fond sister of the late Harold (Marion) Jakes, the late Raymond (Geraldine) Van James, and the late Ireane (Johnny) Amble; loving aunt of Robert (Carol) Amble and many nieces and nephews; dear cousin to many, including the families of Charles C. (Jean) Kurtz and the late Gordon (Mae) Toudt Sr.; and a generous and caring friend to all.

She was born July 19, 1933 in Chicago, IL to Michael and Thecla "Tillie" (Bartkiewicz) Jakubczak. Joan's quick wit, compassionate nature, positive attitude, keen sense of humor and determined spirit shone brightly throughout her life and in her work in education and public and school libraries. A graduate of Chicago's Carter H. Harrison Technical High School, Joan earned a B.E. from National College of Education (1954), an M.Ed. in School Library from Chicago Teachers College (1959), and an M.A.L.S. from Rosary College (1969).

She began teaching in a Portland, Oregon public school 5th grade classroom (1954-1955), returned to the Chicago area to teach in a variety of roles at Hatch Elementary School, Oak Park (1955-1961), and later was a room assistant at Alcuin Montessori School, Oak Park (1973-1975). Joan also worked for Field Enterprises Educational Corp. as a research editor for Childcraft and a photo editor for World Book Encyclopedia (1961-1968). She worked as a public librarian at Hild Regional - Chicago Public Library (1969) and later as a high school librarian in District 214: first at Forest View High School (1983-1984), then retiring from Wheeling High School (1985-1998).

Joan and her family took many memorable trips—across the USA and around the world, making lifelong friends along the way. In retirement, Joan enjoyed attending the opera and live theater, debating politics with her best friend and fellow Rosary alum Liz Gallanis, and spending time in the company of her family, pets, neighbors and friends. Service will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations made in support of Joan's passions—education, libraries and animal rescue—or to your own favorite charity are appreciated.

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Passi, Jake

Jake Passi beloved husband of Clara nee Paese. Dear father of Louis, John (Candace), and Debby Hojnacki Passi. Cherished grandfather of Candice, Jake, Samantha and Jake. Loving great grandfather of Jayden. A celebration of Jake's life will be held Saturday, February 17th, 1:00 P.M. at Bloomingdale Church, 264 Glen Ellyn Rd., Bloomingdale.

Arrangements by **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd., Mt. Prospect. www.friedrichsfh.com or 847-255-7800.

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Pedersen, Ralph Schroder

Ralph Schroder Pedersen, 83, passed away suddenly on February 8, 2018 at Covenant Village of Northbrook. Devoted husband of the late Marlene Ann Pedersen. Loving father of Ruth Ann (Ronnie) Nally, Drew (Andrea) Pedersen, Erika Pedersen, and Ryan Pedersen. Proud grandfather of Marisa, Karla, Nicholas (Talarie), Alex, Deena, Erik, Jada, and Ayla; great grandfather of Ainsley, Ella, Raelie, and Carter. Visitation Thursday, February 15, 2018, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Service Friday, February 16, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery, Norridge, IL. Memorials can be sent to Make-A-Wish Illinois, 640 N La Salle Dr., Ste 280, Chicago, IL 60654 or online at illinois.wish.org. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or 847-675-1990.

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Platek Jr. , Jospeh J.

Joseph J. Platek Jr. age 87. Veteran U.S. Marines Corps. Husband of the late Arlene nee Kadlec. Dear father of Jolene (Robert) Kappes and Bill (Gail) Platek. Loving grandfather of Aaron Kappes, Nathan Kappes, Kaity (Frankie) Rosales and Marie Platek. Uncle of Debbie (Dave) Kozerski, Phillip (Sharon) Vana, Glen (Janet) Vana and Laura (Hal) Shapiro. Brother of Arthur Platek and Theresa B. Vana (recently deceased). Visitation Friday from 3-9 p.m. at Lack & Sons Funeral Home 9236 S. Robert Rd. (8000 w.) in Hickory Hills. Funeral service Saturday 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Internment Resurrection Cemetery. Information 708-430-5700. Express condolences at www.lackfuneralhome.com

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Quinlan, Terrence Roberts

Terrence Roberts Quinlan, 61, of Glenview, passed away January 21, 2018. Father of Kelly Quinlan; brother of Kathleen Quinlan (Brian Huggins) and Anne Quinlan; uncle of Elizabeth and Christine Huggins, Kachina, Malcolm and Shannon Ostrenga. Terry was preceded in death by his parents Joan Schmolze Quinlan and Louis Roberts Quinlan. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Glenview Terrace Nursing Center Memory Care Unit, 1511 Greenwood, Glenview, IL 60026 or NorthShore Hospice, 4901 Searle Parkway, Suite 160, Skokie, IL 60077.

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Quinones, Jose M. "Flaco"

Jose M. "Flaco" Quinones, 87 of Glenview, formerly of Boca Raton, FL. Loving husband of the late Teresa (nee Bilbatua). Loving father of Maria C. Dodd and Jose A. "Tony" (Donna) Quinones. Dear grandfather of Colt and Cooper Dodd, and Allison, Elizabeth, and Jack Quinones. Service and interment will be private. Arrangements were entrusted to **Davenport Family Funeral Home** and Crematory, Barrington. For information, please call the funeral home at 847-381-3411 or visit www.davenportfamily.com where friends may leave an online condolence message for the family.

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Roth, Sandra 'Sandy'

Sandra "Sandy" Roth, nee Gladstone, age 74, beloved wife of the late David Roth; loving mother and best friend of Dr. Abbie Roth; adored Nana of Daniel; devoted daughter of the late Julius and Selma Gladstone; cherished sister of Lori Gladstone and Howard Gladstone; dear aunt of Pebble Kranz. Sandy was the "Mayor" of 340 On The Park. She was an accomplished community organizer; leading a grassroots campaign to build the first library in the Village of Bloomingdale. She founded the Children's Arts Program (Oblio), which brought the arts from Downtown Chicago to the children of the western suburbs. Sandy also worked in the field of marketing for Charles Levy Publishing, Majers Accounting and MRCA. Her last profession was the owner of Collect and Recollect Antiques. Service Monday, 1:30 p.m. at The Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd., Skokie (at Niles Center Rd.). Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Division of Medical Oncology, Section of Pancreatic Cancer Research at the University of Chicago, 5841 S. Maryland Ave., Chicago, IL 60637 or Lookingglass Theatre, John Hancock Center, 875 N. Michigan Ave, Suite 1330, Chicago, IL 60611, www.lookingglasstheatre.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Schoy, Virginia J.

Virginia J. Schoy nee Sanquist, born Nov. 8, 1914 and passed away Feb. 9 at age 103. Beloved wife of the late Fred V.; loving mother of Ken M. and the late Christopher. Memorial gathering TBA at **Nelson Funeral Home**, 820 W. Talcott Rd., Park Ridge. Interment private. For more info www.nelsonfuneral.com or 847-823-5122.

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Schram, Edith G.

Edith G. Schram, nee Green, 94, of Glenview. Beloved wife for over 68 years of the late Charles "Chuck" Schram; loving mother of Richard (Mary Louise) Schram and Kenneth Schram; proud grandmother of Kari (Philip) Arouca and Derek Schram; adoring great-grandmother of Julianne Arouca; caring sister-in-law of Peter Schram. A memorial service will be held 3:00 p.m., Monday, February 12, 2018 at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL 60091. Memorial contributions to Jewish United Fund (www.juf.org) appreciated. Funeral information 847-256-5700.

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Scott, Walter Dill

Walter Dill Scott, age 86, died February 8, 2018 in Evanston, IL from lymphoma.



He was at peace and surrounded by his adoring family.He graduated from New Trier High School in 1949, attended Williams College, and graduated from Northwestern University in 1953. He received his MBA from Columbia University in 1958. After 3 years as an officer in the Navy, he began a long and successful career in business. He spent 15 years in investment banking in New York and Chicago, finally as a senior partner running the Chicago office for Lehman Brothers in the 60s and early 70s. Service was always a high priority, including 2 years as associate director of the United States Office of Management and Budget during the Nixon and Ford administrations. After leaving Washington, he worked as EVP/CFO at Pillsbury (now General Mills), CEO of IDS Financial Services (now Ameriprise) and Chairman/CEO of Grand Metropolitan USA (now Diageo). In 1988, he joined the faculty of the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, where he taught courses in leadership and nonprofit board governance and co-founded the Center for Executive Women. As he described it, he mostly hung out and advised students and student organizations. He loved initiating and introducing new programs and activities. Most of the time he felt he was the same age as the students. At Kellogg, he had an immense impact on the school and generations of students. He maintained strong and continuing relationships with many former students. He served on 15 corporate boards and 25 nonprofit boards, to which he devoted considerable time and effort and which he found particularly rewarding. In 1987 he had a life changing experience while serving with a Kairos Prison Ministry team in a men's prison in Raeford, Florida. He felt his life transformed and became a committed Christian.He was blissfully married to the very special Barbara Stein Scott for 56 years. She enriched his life every day. Survivors include his wife Barbara, his three sons Tim (Linda) and David (Barb) of Minneapolis, and Gordon (Anne) of Northfield, Illinois, and eight adored grandchildren, who taught him lots.His intelligence, sense of humor, optimism, whimsy, and love of family, God and friends will be sorely missed by all. He was a mentor, strong influence and great example to many, many people. In lieu of flowers or donations, he asked that he be remembered by his friends and family by their reaching out to someone in need for an hour, a day or a lifetime. If any also wish to make a financial contribution, please make it to the Mary Lou and John Scott Inner-City Education Fund (Account #5649) at Northwestern University Development Office, 2020 Ridge Road, Evanston, IL 60208-4307. A memorial service is planned for Sunday, February 18 at 3:00 p.m. at Winnetka Presbyterian Church, 1255 Willow Road, Winnetka, IL. A reception will follow. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Segal, Harry L.

Harry L. Segal passed away peacefully two days after his 94 birthday in the company of his daughter and son-in-law in their home in Lenexa, KS. He was born in Chicago, IL in 1924 and lived there, as well as Arlington Heights, IL. After 40 years at Jewel Food Stores, working from stockboy to vice-president, he and his wife, the late Margaret (Peggy) Segal retired to Tucson, AZ. He met his next wife, the late Diane (Dee) Stott at a widowhood support group. Harry was a WWII Navy veteran who served in the historic Battle of Okinawa. He leaves behind two grandchildren, Kelsey and Taylor Baron, of whom he was forever proud, his much-respected son-in-law, Craig Baron, his beloved daughter, Mary Lee, and his loving daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Bradley Vogan. He is preceded in death by his wives and his cherished daughter, Kathleen Segal Baron. Memorial contributions may be sent to Lambs Farm, Libertyville, IL.



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Sigvedsen, William

William (Bill) Sigvedsen or to many that knew him "Sig" left our earthly realm on January 22nd at the age of 58.

He will be greatly missed by his wife Terry Riban and his best friend Bill Radke. Bills father Dale, sisters Cathy and Patti and many other family members and friends will also miss him.

He was a big man who always tried to get a laugh or push your buttons. He did well at both.

Bill resided in Warrenville, Illinois and was known to spend most weekends golfing.

Bliss Creek Golf course will be a little more quiet now with his absence.

Rest In Peace Sig

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Sinclair, A. Gordon

Gordon Sinclair, age 90, passed away Feb. 6th, 2018 at his home in Mt. Prospect. Gordon was married to the late Peggy (nee Besler) for 58 years. He was the only child of Jim and Laura (nee Smith) Sinclair. He was the beloved father of Carolyn Sinclair Shaw, Glenn (Diane) Sinclair, Scott (Rita) Sinclair; devoted grandfather to Jack Sinclair, Adam Sinclair, James Sinclair, Lauren Shaw, and Jake Sinclair. A memorial service to celebrate Gordy's life will be May 26th at the First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights. He was always smiling and happy to share a story or a joke.



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Speciale, Michael F.

Visitation for Michael F. Speciale, 65, of Palatine, will be held Monday, February 12, 2018, from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the **Ahlgrim Family Funeral Home**, 201 N. Northwest Highway, Palatine, IL, 60067. The funeral will begin Tuesday, February 13th, at 10:00 a.m. at the **Ahlgrim Family Funeral Home**, Palatine, with entombment following at St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove. Visit the Ahlgrim website for the personal family information at www.ahlgrimffs.com or call 847-358-7411.

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Stanevich, Sophie

Sophie Stanevich, Feb. 9, 2018. Age 96. 19 year resident of Holy Family Villa. Sophie was preceeded in death by her twin, Sr. M. Stella Stanevich, S.S.C., sister late Eve Stanevich and brother late Joseph Stanevich. Dearest cousin of MaryBeth Slakis and Kathy Krews. Visitation Thursday 9:00 A.M. until time of Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 A.M. at the Holy Family Villa, 12220 S. Will Cook Rd., Palos Park, IL. 60464 Interment St. Casimir Lithuanian Cemetery. Sophie was a long time member of the Sisters of St. Casimir Auxiliary and Knight's of Lithuania C-82, Gary, IN. **Petkus & Son Funeral Directors** in charge of arrangements. 800-994-7600 or www.petkusfuneralhomes.com

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Stannard, Richard Dedouch 'Dick'

Richard D. (Dick) Stannard, age 82, of West Hills, CA, formerly of River Forest, IL, died on Friday, January 26th, 2018. He was the beloved husband of the late Nancy S. Stannard; son of the late Wilford Tennyson and Alice Rose Dedouch Stannard; and brother of Wilford T. Stannard II. Richard was the loving father of Richard (Mary), Robert (Carole), David (Christine Comer) and Cynthia Stannard; loving stepfather of Lisa (Thomas) Woods and Scott Shepherd; cherished grandfather of 10; and great grandfather of 2.

Private interment will be held at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 2nd at the First Presbyterian Church of River Forest, 7551 Quick Avenue (at Lathrop), River Forest, IL 60305, (708) 366-5822.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested for: The Rotary Foundation, c/o Rotary Club of Oak Park-River Forest, PO Box 654, Oak Park, IL 60303; or to the First Presbyterian Church of River Forest.

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Steindler, Wallace Edwin

February 17, 1958 – January 8, 2018



Wallace E. Steindler passed away at his home in Oak Park, Illinois on January 8, 2018. Wallace was an accomplished artist, scholar of Abraham Lincoln and Winston Churchill, fan of the Beatles and John Lennon, and an avid film buff. He is survived by his sister, Kathryn Ramos, brother, Arthur Steindler, nephew, Nathan Ramos, and nieces Ellen Serafin and Corynne Cirilli. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Unity Temple, 875 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL, 60301.

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Stewart De Leon , Martha Irene

Martha Irene Stewart De Leon, born May 15, 1960 in New Brunswick, NJ, she was the daughter of Judith Zucker Stewart and James Stewart. Martha attended Homestead High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana and Randolph High School, Randolph, New Jersey, graduating class of 1978. After high school Martha continued her education at Newcomb College of Tulane University, Class of 1982, where she received a BA in International Business. She then earned an MS in International Marketing and Business from the Thunderbird School of Global Management. Throughout her life Martha worked many jobs including Platt's Pharmacy in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Fashion Merchandising at Maison Blanche in New Orleans, Louisiana and at AT&T - Bell Labs/Lucent as a Market Development/Senior Project Manager/Strategic Marketing Director. On December 24, 1987 Martha married Tavo DeLeon in Chicago, Illinois and they resided in Oak Park, Illinois. Martha was a docent at the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio in Oak Park and a lifelong FLW aficionado. A devoted dog owner and dog lover, she was also a world traveler focused on trips of a lifetime such as crossing the Atlantic on the QE2, an archeological dig in Oaxaca, Mexico, a bamboo raft trip down the Li River, Guilin, China, 3rd class rail from Spain to Morocco, a fjord trip to Scandinavia, and many other travels in Europe. A lover of indigenous cultures, colorful, stylish clothes, and fly fishing, she was also a Master SH Yu Martial Arts, an arts teacher (Craft Fairy at Ninja camp) and a talented member of the Process Painting Studio. Martha is survived by her husband Gustavo "Tavo" De Leon, Jr. and her sister Katherine Margaret Stewart West, Freyja (canine), and many devoted friends and family for whom she was a loving, classy inspiration. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018 more information on the location and time will come via Facebook.



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Streicker, Dolores Tronsky 'Dee'



DOLORES T. STREICKER

March 26, 1928 – January 26, 2018

Dolores 'Dee' Streicker, age 89, died peacefully on January 26, 2018, in Portland, OR, with her adoring daughter at her side. Cherished daughter of Samuel and Ethel (nee Epstein) Tronsky. Beloved wife of (the late) Ned Streicker. Loving mother of Richard Streicker, Gail Streicker (John Burkhardt) and Joel Streicker (Juliette Hirt). Proud grandmother of Rebecca Streicker-Calle, Kate Burkhardt, Miriam Streicker-Hirt and Eli Streicker-Hirt. Dear sister of Sandra (Carl) Gilbert. Aunt of many loving nieces and nephews. Born and raised in the West Rogers Park neighborhood of Chicago, graduate of Senn High School, long-time resident of Highland Park, IL. Dee came from one exceptionally loving family and created another with her devoted husband of 65 years; voted 'Mother of the Year' 65 years straight years by a small, select group. She learned to drive in her 30s, earned a college degree in her 50s, played an enthusiastic game of tennis into her 80s, and outlasted Hitler, Stalin and the other great tyrants of the 20th century. An exceptionally kind and loving person, with a sly wit and an absolute absence of malice, whose memory serves as example and inspiration. A memorial service was held at 2 pm on Sunday, February 4, 2018, at **Holman's Funeral Home**, 2610 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland.

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Thompson, Carol Warwick

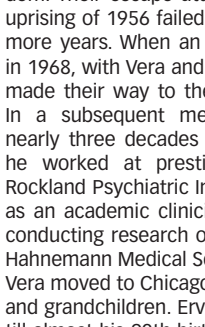
Carol Thompson (nee Warwick), 88 of Crystal Lake, passed away on February 6, 2018. She was beloved by the family she cherished; wife of the late Arthur Thompson II; mother of Dana (William) Barron & the late Arthur Thompson III; sister of the late Orville (Mary) Warwick & the late Edward Warwick; grandmother to David (Natalie), Jeffrey (Cassandra), Tara (Raul), Arthur IV, Alexis (Buster) & Jaime; great-grandmother to Kaia, Alana & Emerson. In lieu of flowers, donations to Hadley School for the Blind, Assisi Animal Foundation, or a charity of choice.



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Varga, Ervin

Dr Ervin Varga passed away peacefully at 92 after a brief illness. He was a Holocaust survivor who became a prominent physician. He was a devoted husband and loving father and grandfather. He lived in Chicago. Ervin was raised in a close-knit Jewish family in Budapest. He was inspired by his neurologist uncle to pursue medicine. His premedical studies were interrupted by the Nazi occupation of Hungary in 1944, when he was taken to forced Labor Camp. The unspeakable brutalities, forced marches, starvation and executions he witnessed as a young men forged his sense of identity, love of family and commitment to humanistic values. By the time of liberation by the Russian Red Army, he was one of only eight survivors from his battalion. Most of his extended family perished in the Holocaust. Much later he wrote a powerful book recalling his wartime experiences. After the war, he trained as a psychiatrist. He met the love of his life; fellow medical student Vera. Their marriage lasted sixty-seven years. Fascinated by the mind, Ervin established an innovative clinical program at Budapest Medical University that approached mental illness as a treatable biological disease rather than a psychological malady. Many at the time considered this heretical. He made major contributions in the field of psychopharmacology. As a professor, he inspired legions of medical students and younger colleagues. Despite his considerable achievements and academic recognition, he grew increasingly disillusioned by life under communism and sought to bring his family to freedom. Their escape attempts during the Hungarian uprising of 1956 failed and they had to wait many more years. When an opportunity presented itself in 1968, with Vera and their two teenage sons they made their way to the United States as refugees. In a subsequent medical career that spanned nearly three decades in New York and Princeton, he worked at prestigious institutions including Rockland Psychiatric Institute and the Carrier clinic as an academic clinician, while also teaching and conducting research on the faculty of Rutgers and Hahnemann Medical Schools. In his eighties, he and Vera moved to Chicago to be close to their children and grandchildren. Ervin continued clinical practice till almost his 90th birthday. Family was always the center of Ervin's universe. While deeply private and not given to bragging, he was inordinately proud of his grandchildren who called him Apu. Ervin was a clear-eyed student of history with a firm intolerance for inhumanity. This dignified, charming and kind man will be hugely missed by Peter and John Varga; daughters-in-laws Linda Piccinini and Julie Varga, grandchildren Adrian, Danielle, Peter and Andrew Varga, and brother Frank. He will be remembered by the many whose lives he profoundly touched. -- The Varga Family. Burial of cremated remains, Friday, February 23, 10am, Graceland Cemetery, 4001 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60613. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to http://www.humanesociety.org/ or to Disabled Veterans National Foundation, http://dvnf.org/.



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Voegtle, Shirley M.

Shirley M. Voegtle, nee Valliquette age 89. Beloved wife of the late Mathew E. Voegtle Jr.; loving mother of Mark (Fran), Greg (Sophia), Douglas (Louise), Neil (Carlos) and Wayne; dear grandmother of Nathan, Meredith, Abraham, Christian, Sean, Brandon, Jessica, Gregory and Grant; fond sister of, Sheila (Elmer) Vernald and the late Donald (Patricia) and late Ronald (Lina) Valliquette. Survived by many nieces, nephews and loving friends. Member of St. Anne Sodality and Den Mother of Cub Scout Troop #3904. Visitation Monday 3 PM to 9 PM and Funeral services Tuesday 9:30 a.m. from Tohle Funeral Home, 4325 W. Lawrence Ave., at Lowell, to St. Edward Church, 4350 W. Sunnyside; Mass 10 AM In lieu of flowers contributions to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 242 Chicago, C/O Pat O'Brien 5533 W. Agatite Chicago, IL 60630, appreciated. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Info 773-685-4400 or tohlefuneralhome.com

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Ward, Ralph

Ralph Ward, age 63 of Naperville, went to be with the Lord Jesus February 5, 2018. Ralph was the beloved son of the late Ralph and Geneva Ward. Dear brother of Julie (Lyle) Marschand, Sally (Jim) Butler, and Tim (Judy) Ward. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Friend of Bill W. Family and friends to gather Tuesday, January 13, 2018 for memorial visitation 3:00PM until time of service 7:00PM at DuPage Memorial Chapel. 951 W. Washington Street, West Chicago, IL 60185. (630)293-5200.In lieu of flowers, donations to one of the following: Les Turner ALS Foundation at lesturnerals.org or DuPage Convalescent Center Foundation at dpcfoundation.org.

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Weiss, Mary Jane

Mary Jane Weiss, of Des Plaines, IL, passed away peacefully, on February 9, 2018 at Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights. Mary Jane Weiss was born on October 2, 1931 to William F. and Mildred K. (nee Fitzgerald) Voss. Mary Jane is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Arthur R., their two sons, James R. (Renee) of Fontana, WI and Peter A. (Laura) of Arlington Heights, IL, her grandsons, Timothy, Zachary and John, sister Carol (the late William, M.D.) Blazek, the late William Voss and the late Gloria (Larry) Beyer and many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday February 16, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd. (at Northwest Highway), Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Funeral Mass Saturday February 17, 10:00 a.m. at St. Emily Church, 1400 E. Central Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Christ Child Society of Phoenix, 4633 N. 54th Street, Phoenix, AZ. 85018; www.christchildsocietyphoenix.org. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com.



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Zaletanski, Fred J.

Fred J. Zaletanski 89 of Arlington Hts. Beloved husband of the late Katherine "Pat" (nee Patton) Zaletanski; loving father of Fred Jr. (Ani) ,Michael, David (Bev), Kathleen (John) Basso and Patti (Rob) DeBeau; cherished grandfather of Adam, Jason and David Zaletanski, Francis Basso and Ryan and Genevieve DeBeau; fond brother of Steve (late Bessie) Zaletanski and the late Lorraine (late Hugo) Innocenti. Visitation Tue, Feb. 13, 2018 from 9 AM until time of prayers at 11:15 AM at the **Glueckert Funeral Home**, Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Hts Rd., Arlington Hts, proceeding to St. James Catholic Church, 831 N. Arlington Hts Rd, Arlington Hts for mass at 12 PM. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Alzheimer's Disease Research, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, Clarksburg, MD 20871. Funeral info. & condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Zars, Arnold F.

Arnold F. Zars, 97, of Arlington Heights, IL, passed away on January 31, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Marjorie, née Miller; loving father of William (Kay). Survived by his two sisters, Lillian Brown and Lorna Hennig. Preceded in death by his parents William and Clara, brother Wilbert, and sisters Evelyn Staats and Hilma Boesenberg. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was a World War II veteran who earned a Bronze Star while serving with the 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion. He retired from Illinois Brick Company where he worked as a dispatcher. Born in Forest Park, he later lived in Palos Heights where he was an active member in the Palos Ev. Lutheran Church. Services will be private. Military Funeral Honors will take place at a later date at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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SUNDAY, FEB. 11 NORMAL HIGH: **34°** NORMAL LOW: **19°** RECORD HIGH: **70° (1999)** RECORD LOW: **-14° (1885)**

Snow cover will deepen by a few more inches

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH	LOW
25	4

■ **Winter Weather Advisory for 2 to 5 inches of snow in effect for the entire Chicago area until noon.**

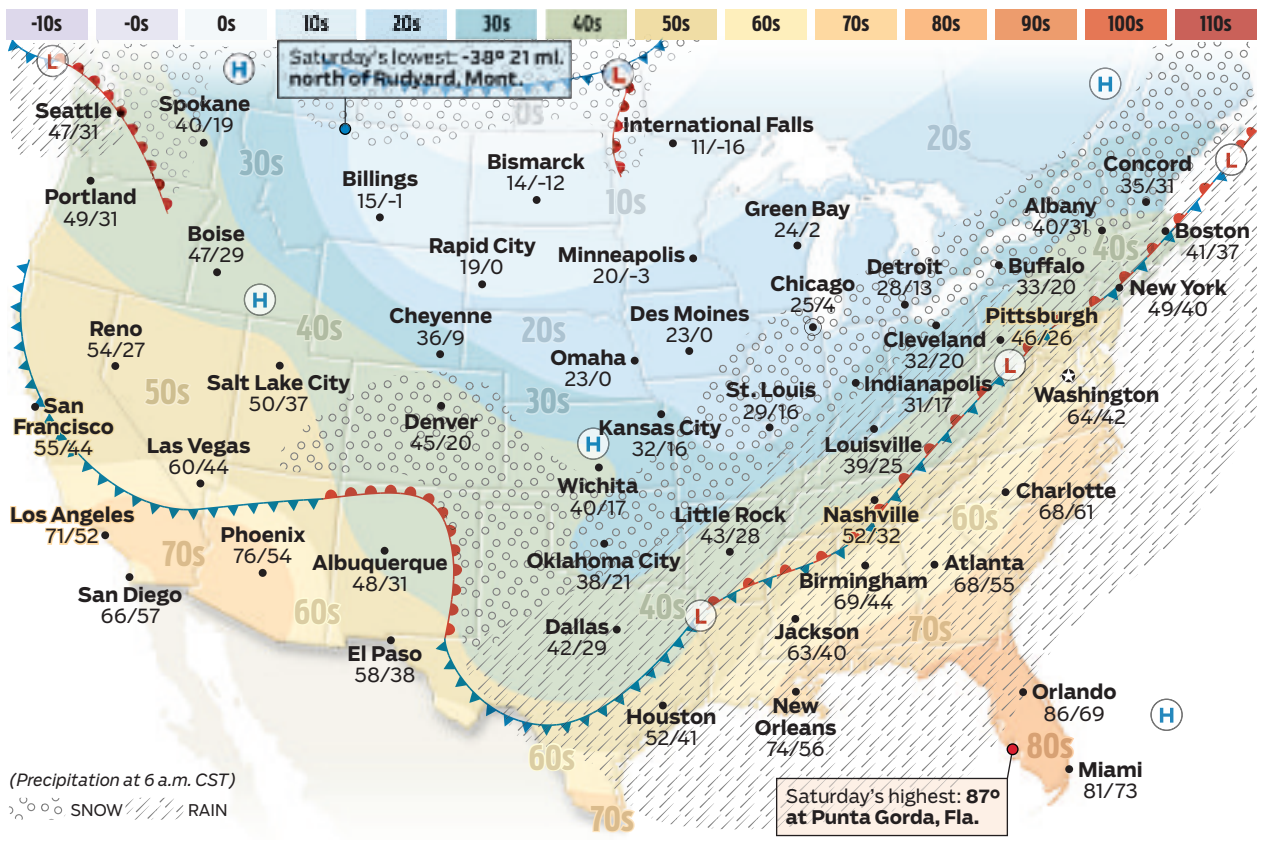
■ Accumulating snow ends from the west later in the morning/early afternoon.

■ A few flurries with breaks in the clouds in the afternoon. Highs in the middle 20s.

■ Clearing skies and cold overnight with single-digit lows and subzero readings in areas well inland.

■ Northwest winds at 10-20 mph during the daytime, diminishing overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



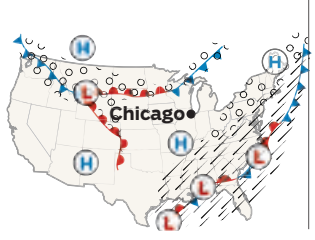
Even considering compaction, some Chicago-area locations could approach or even exceed a foot-and-a-half of snow on the ground by the time anticipated snows depart to the east Sunday afternoon. It's a lot of snow, but this would still fall a foot shy of the benchmark 29-inch snow depth measured at Chicago's then-official Midway Airport station Jan. 14, 1979.

We had a 4- to 5-inch blanket of snow across the Chicago area Friday before the snowstorm deposited a widespread 6- to 10-inch snowfall, highlighted by several locations measuring over a foot and topped by 14.0 inches at Homer Glen. Friday night into Saturday, we added an inch or two of fluffy snow, and the snow ending Sunday afternoon could total anywhere between 2-5 inches. Sunday afternoon snow cover could be between 16-20 inches at some locations.

MONDAY, FEB. 12

HIGH	LOW
26	13

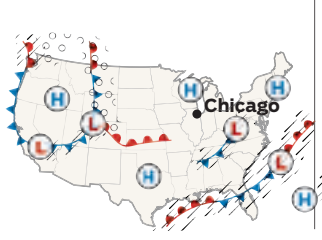
Mostly sunny with highs in the middle 20s. An increase in high clouds overnight. Light southwest winds.



TUESDAY, FEB. 13

HIGH	LOW
32	18

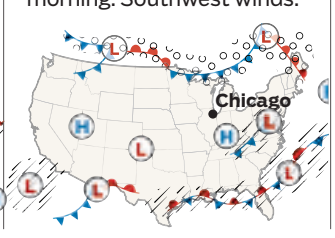
A mix of clouds and sun. Not as cold, with highs reaching into the lower 30s for the first time in 9 days. Partly cloudy overnight. Southwest winds.



WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14

HIGH	LOW
38	34

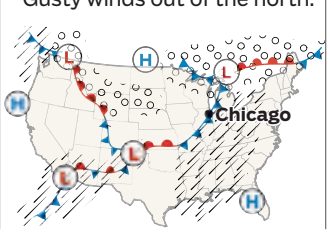
Valentine's Day. Mostly sunny — afternoon highs approach the 40-degree mark. An increase and lowering of clouds at night with a chance of rain toward morning. Southwest winds.



THURSDAY, FEB. 15

HIGH	LOW
36	17

Mostly cloudy with a chance of light rain early. Colder in the afternoon, with scattered light rain changing over to wet snow, ending by evening. Partly cloudy, cold overnight. Gusty winds out of the north.



FRIDAY, FEB. 16

HIGH	LOW
27	21

Morning sun, with some increase in clouds during the afternoon. Cold with highs in the mid to upper 20s. Clouds overnight with snow likely. Gusty west winds shift to the NW.



SATURDAY, FEB. 17

HIGH	LOW
25	10

Mostly cloudy and cold with scattered snow showers. Highs in the middle 20s. Clearing skies overnight and cold. Gusty northwest winds become westerly and diminish at night.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,

At the beginning of winter, 26 degrees seems bitter cold, but after days and days of temperatures below freezing, 26 seems bracing. Does this phenomenon have a name (and if not, please consider mine).

— Maja Ramirez, Avondale

Dear Maja,

The phenomenon does indeed have a name: acclimation. It's the process of becoming habituated to a new climate or environment. You are absolutely correct to observe that the first genuinely cold weather of the winter season seems brutally cold, but after at least a few days of chill, the harshness of the temperature seems much less.

Acclimation works in other ways as well. A winter day in Chicago with a reading in the 60s will seem, to most of us, genuinely mild, but a midsummer day with an identical temperature will seem unpleasantly chilly, even cold.

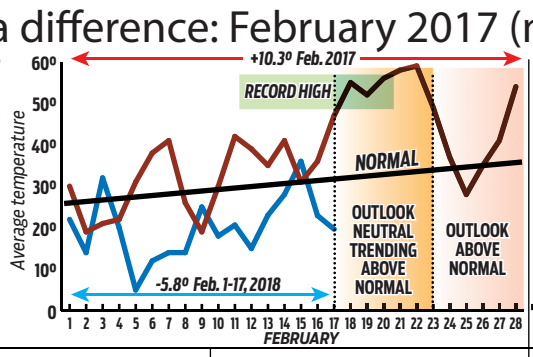
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WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

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Quite a difference: February 2017 (mild) vs. February 2018 (cold)

TEMPERATURE DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL
February: 2018 vs. 2017



Working with 147 years of data, Chicago's Valentine's Day high/low temperature distribution below shows the greatest percentage of highs (42.9%) occur in the 30s and lows in the 20s (40.1%). This year the holiday will fit almost perfectly with the average — the forecast high in the middle 30s (average 34.7) and the low near 20 degrees (average 20.3). We will undoubtably have snow cover, but it won't come close to the 22 inches measured back in 1979.

VALENTINE'S DAY AVERAGES/EXTREMES

Average high	34.7°	Lowest	-11° (1905)
Average low	20.3°	Greatest snow	8.3" (1990)
Highest	62° (1954)	Greatest snow cover	22" (1979)

HIGH TEMPS FEB. 17-23, 2017

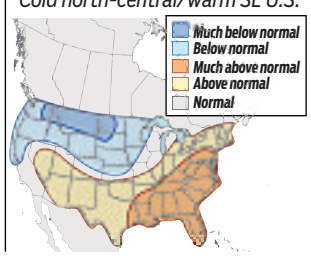
2/17	67°	
2/18	70°	Record all-time
2/19	69°	February highs
2/20	70°	
2/21	66°	
2/22	68°	
2/23	59°	

After a cold start to this February, temps are expected to moderate, trending much closer to "normal" as we head into the mid-last half of the month. Remember the record warming that occurred the latter half of February 2017.

TEMP OUTLOOK FEB. 17-23

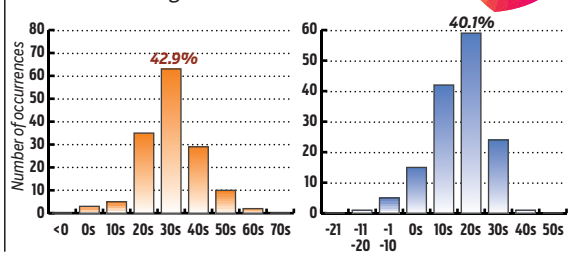
Chicago neutral trending to above normal

Cold north-central/warm SE U.S.



VALENTINE'S DAY CLIMATOLOGY IN CHICAGO

Distribution of temperatures (1871-2017)



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

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CHICAGO DIGEST

SATURDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	17	9	Midway	23	17
Gary	27	25	O'Hare	22	14
Kankakee	15	10	Romeoville	22	14
Lakefront	23	18	Valparaiso	27	22
Lansing	24	17	Waukegan	19	12

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Sat. (through 6 p.m.)	0.03"	0.06"
February to date	1.21"	0.53"
Year to date	2.75"	2.26"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sat. (through 6 p.m.)	0.4"	0.3"
Season to date	24.2"	26.9"
Normal to date	24.3"	25.1"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Wind	NW 10-20 kts.	ENE 8-18 kts.
Waves	2-4 feet	2-3 feet
Sat. shore/crib water temps		33°/33°

U.S. SNOW COVER

FEB. 10	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	35.6%	37.5%
Average snow depth	4.3"	6.1"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	35 days	33 days
Subzero lows	9 days	6 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Saturday's reading	Moderate
Sunday's forecast	Moderate
Critical pollutant	Particulates

SUNDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:52 a.m.	5:19 p.m.
Moon	3:57 a.m.	1:43 p.m.

NEW	1ST Q	FULL	3RD Q
Feb. 15	Feb. 23	March 2	March 9

SUNDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:51 a.m.	4:50 p.m.
Venus	7:20 a.m.	5:56 p.m.
Mars	2:16 a.m.	11:38 p.m.
Jupiter	12:47 a.m.	10:43 p.m.
Saturn	4:13 a.m.	1:25 p.m.

BEST VIEWING	TIME	DIRECTION
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	Not visible	
Mars	5:45 a.m.	24.5° SSE
Jupiter	5:45 a.m.	31° S
Saturn	5:45 a.m.	13° SE

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois						
Carbondale	fr	33	20	su	41	25
Champaign	ss	23	3	pc	25	15
Decatur	sh	24	9	pc	30	18
Moline	ss	20	-2	pc	21	11
Peoria	ss	21	1	su	22	11
Quincy	pc	27	8	su	32	18
Rockford	ss	21	-1	pc	21	11
Springfield	sh	26	10	su	31	18
Sterling	ss	21	-4	su	20	9
Indiana						
Bloomington	fr	32	18	su	42	25
Evansville	fr	33	23	pc	42	28
Fort Wayne	rs	28	9	pc	27	11
Indianapolis	fr	31	17	su	38	22
Lafayette	ss	25	4	su	26	13
South Bend	ss	25	7	pc	25	9
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	pc	24	2	pc	20	7
Kenosha	ss	24	8	pc	24	15
La Crosse	pc	23	0	pc	21	11
Madison	pc	23	1	pc	18	6
Milwaukee	ss	25	6	pc	23	12
Wausau	pc	20	-2	pc	17	5
Michigan						
Detroit	sn	28	13	pc	25	9
Grand Rapids	sn	25	10	pc	26	9
Marquette	pc	25	4	pc	16	2
St. Ste. Marie	ss	24	12	cl	18	3
Traverse City	ss	26	15	pc	21	8
Iowa						
Ames	pc	19	-2	pc	16	10
Cedar Rapids	pc	18	-2	pc	18	9
Des Moines	pc	23	0	pc	19	12
Dubuque	pc	20	0	pc	23	11

OTHER U.S. CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	pc	39	23	pc	51	37
Albany	rn	40	31	pc	36	14
Albuquerque	su	48	31	pc	57	37
Amarillo	pc	43	18	pc	47	28
Anchorage	sh	34	31	sh	38	30
Asheville	ts	66	49	sh	59	40
Aspen	su	34	16	sn	39	28
Atlanta	ts	68	55	sh	63	47
Atlantic City	rn	54	44	cl	47	27
Austin	sh	41	35	pc	59	46
Baltimore	rn	63	42	sh	46	30
Billings	ss	15	-1	ss	5	-3
Birmingham	ts	69	44	sh	60	48
Bismarck	cl	14	-12	sh	10	-1
Boise	sh	47	29	pc	45	25
Boston	rn	41	37	cl	44	23
Brownsville	sh	72	46	sh	53	50
Buffalo	fr	33	20	pc	28	9
Burlington	fr	38	26	pc	31	7
Charlotte	ts	68	61	sh	63	43
Charlstn SC	sh	71	61	sh	69	51
Charlstn WV	rn	56	32	ss	42	32
Chattanooga	ts	65	44	pc	58	45
Cheyenne	su	36	9	sh	22	17
Cincinnati	sh	37	24	pc	42	26
Cleveland	rs	32	20	su	26	14
Colo. Spgs	su	37	17	pc	39	23
Columbia MO	sh	29	14	su	39	23
Columbia SC	ts	72	63	rn	68	46
Columbus	sh	36	23	pc	39	21
Concord	rn	35	31	pc	38	10
Crps Christi	ts	60	43	cl	54	51
Dallas	fr	42	29	su	54	41
Daytona Bch.	ts	83	66	ts	81	65
Denver	su	45	20	pc	32	22
Duluth	cl	19	-4	pc	13	1
El Paso	pc	58	38	su	71	44
Fairbanks	ss	13	8	ss	23	16
Fargo	cl	13	-11	pc	7	2
Flagstaff	su	47	25	sn	38	27
Fort Myers	pc	84	69	pc	87	67
Fort Smith	pc	40	25	su	52	31
Fresno	pc	70	42	pc	59	40
Grand Junc.	pc	44	27	sh	46	29
Great Falls	ss	11	-9	pc	2	-5
Harrisburg	rn	49	34	pc	43	22
Hartford	rn	41	36	pc	43	21
Helena	cl	14	-6	pc	5	-2
Honolulu	sh	79	64	pc	81	70
Houston	ts	52	41	cl	56	50
Int'l Falls	sh	11	-16	su	5	-8
Jackson	ts	63	40	sh	53	44
Jacksonville	cl	81	65	ts	79	63
Juneau	pc	30	23	rs	36	34
Kansas City	pc	32	16	su	38	27
Las Vegas	pc	60	44	pc	64	48
Lexington	rn	47	27	pc	43	33
Lincoln	su	26	-5	cl	17	10
Little Rock	sh	43	28	pc	47	31
Los Angeles	su	71	52	pc	62	50
Louisville	sh	39	25	pc	46	31
Macon	sh	69	62	sh	70	51
Memphis	sh	41	30	pc	45	33
Miami	sh	81	73	pc	81	72
Minneapolis	pc	20	-3	pc	15	7
Mobile	ts	70	59	ts	65	57
Montgomery	ts	70	58	sh	66	57
Nashville	rn	52	32	sh	48	35
New Orleans	ts	74	56	ts	61	57
New York	rn	49	40	sh	47	27
Norfolk	ts	74	58	rn	61	37
Okla. City	cl	38	21	su	48	33
Omaha	su	23	0	pc	18	13
Orlando	ts	86	69	sh	86	68
Palm Beach	pc	82	72	pc	82	71
Palm Springs	su	76	52	pc	71	52
Philadelphia	rn	59	42	cl	45	26
Phoenix	su	76	54	cl	71	54
Pittsburgh	rn	46	26	pc	36	17
Portland, ME	rn	35	34	pc	40	13
Portland, OR	cl	49	31	su	48	27
Providence	rn	43	39	sh	45	23
Raleigh	ts	72	60	rn	63	40
Rapid City	pc	19	0	ss	9	1
Reno	cl	54	27	cl	44	23
Richmond	ts	70	47	sh	52	33
Rochester	fr	35	24	cl	29	10
Sacramento	cl	61	37	pc	59	40
Salem, Ore.	sh	50	31	su	50	25
Salt Lake City	pc	50	37	sh	46	29
San Antonio	sh	48	38	cl	59	47
San Diego	pc	66	57	sh	60	52
San Francisco	pc	55	44	su	59	45
San Juan	sh	81	74	sh	81	73
Santa Fe	pc	41	25	pc	51	30
Savannah	cl	76	62	ts	74	55
Seattle	pc	47	31	su	47	30
Shreveport	pc	48	38	pc	54	41
Sioux Falls	pc	18	0	pc	13	7
Spokane	pc	40	19	su	37	21
St. Louis	cl	29	16	su	40	24
Syracuse	fr	41	25	sh	29	9
Tallahassee	ts	71	63	ts	74	63
Tampa	cl	83	68	cl	82	67
Topeka	pc	34	12	pc	38	25
Tucson	pc	76	52	pc	73	50
Tulsa	cl	37	18	su	50	29
Washington	ts	64	42	cl	46	31
Wichita	pc	40	17	pc	43	27
Wilkes Barre	rn	44	28	pc	37	13
Yuma	su	75	52	pc	74	53

WORLD CITIES

SUNDAY	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Acapulco	su	85	74			
Algiers	pc	57	46			
Amsterdam	sh	44	34			
Ankara	sh	57	39			
Athens	pc	60	46			
Auckland	rn	76	69			
Baghdad	sh	74	61			
Bangkok	su	92	71			
Barbados	pc	82	74			
Barcelona	pc	58	47			
Beijing	su	43	17			
Beirut	sh	75	60			
Berlin	rs	37	30			
Bermuda	su	71	66			
Bogota	cl	69	47			
Brussels	sh	43	30			
Bucharest	ss	40	31			
Budapest	pc	41	28			
Buenos Aires	pc	78	51			
Cairo	pc	74	59			
Cancun	ts	82	74			
Caracas	pc	75	60			
Casablanca	su	62	43			
Copenhagen	sn	38	34			
Dublin	pc	38	33			
Edmonton	su	-2	-15			
Frankfurt	sh	40	30			
Geneva	sh	41	32			
Guadalajara	cl	72	48			
Havana	su	88	68			
Helsinki	ss	27	25			
Hong Kong	su	66	55			
Istanbul	rn	54	39			
Jerusalem	cl	67	49			
Johannesburg	pc	79	56			
Kabul	sn	39	30			
Kiev	sh	31	28			
Kingston	pc	86	75			
Lima	pc	77	68			
Lisbon	sh	60	47			
London	pc	43	32			
Madrid	pc	59	41			
Manila	pc	87	74			
Mexico City	pc	71	48			
Monterrey	ts	86	47			
Montreal	rs	30	20			
Moscow	ss	24	12			
Munich	sh	39	32			
Nairobi	pc	82	58			
Nassau	pc	82	73			
New Delhi	pc	74	52			
Oslo	sn	27	26			
Ottawa	sn	25	15			
Panama City	sh	89	73			
Paris	sh	45	28			
Prague	sh	40	30			
Rio de Janeiro	pc	95	77			
Riyadh	pc	90	62			
Rome	su	54	35			
Santiago	su	89	59			
Seoul	pc	28	16			
Singapore	pc	89	74			
Sofia	ss	35	24			
Stockholm	sh	32	30			
Sydney	pc	80	71			
Taipei	su	60	47			
Tehran	su	54	41			
Tokyo	pc	47	32			
Toronto	sn	27	17			
Trinidad	sh	84	71			
Vancouver	pc	43	30			
Vienna	pc	43	31			
Warsaw	pc	35	25			
Winnipeg	sh	8	-14			

FORECAST (FC) ABBREVIATIONS: su-sunny pc-partly cloudy cl-cloudy rn-rain ts-thunderstorm sn-snow fl -flurries fr-freezing rain sl-sleet sh-showers rs-rain/snow ss-snow showers w-windy na-unavailable

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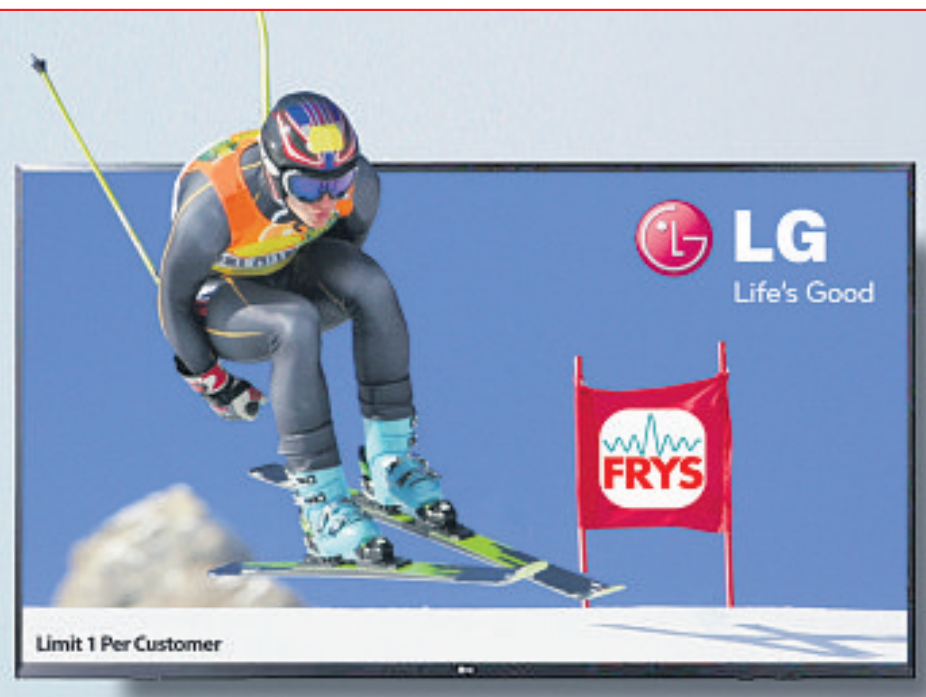
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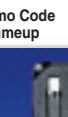
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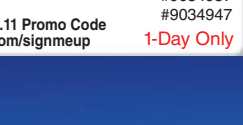
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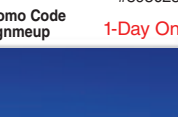
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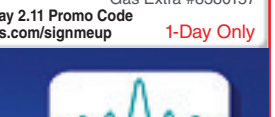
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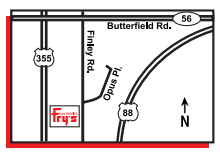
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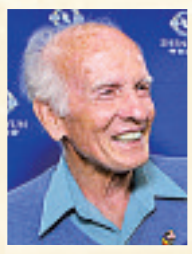




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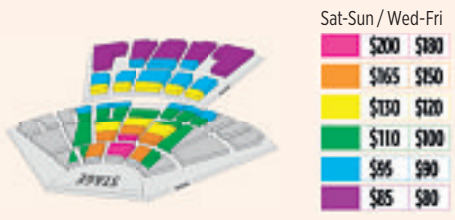
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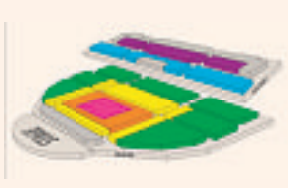
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AbbVie nets legal win over AndroGel

Facing scores of suits over testosterone drug, firm cleared in Ariz. retiree's death

By Alexia Elejalde-Ruiz
Chicago Tribune

AbbVie notched a win late last month in its ongoing battle against thousands of lawsuits that claim AndroGel, a once-blockbuster drug marketed to treat low testosterone in men, causes heart attacks, strokes and other injuries.

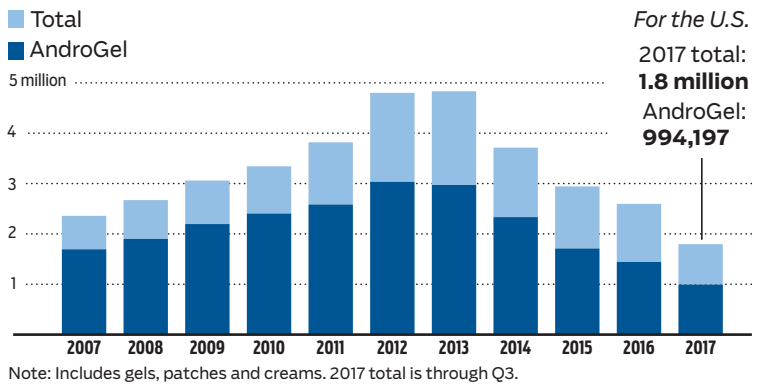
A jury decided the North Chicago-based drugmaker was not to blame for the pulmonary embolism suffered by a 72-year-old Arizona retiree who started using AndroGel after seeing TV advertisements promoting testosterone therapy as a fix for fatigue and low sex drive. It marked the first verdict in Chicago federal court to clear AbbVie of any wrongdoing.

The win for AbbVie comes a few months after two separate juries in the same federal courtroom awarded huge punitive damages — $150 million and $140 million — to two men who suffered heart attacks while taking AndroGel, a prescription gel men apply daily to their upper arms and chest. But inconsistencies in the first verdict led the judge to overturn it and order a new trial, scheduled to start in early March. He is considering AbbVie's request he do the same with the second.

The mix of verdicts unfolding in Chicago federal court — the epicenter of mass litigation involving multiple testosterone drugs — suggests it is too soon to tell whether the scales are tipping in favor of the drugmakers or the

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Testosterone gel prescriptions



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Tip pooling proposal could cheat employees

Labor Dept. weighs allowing owners to control gratuities



Robert Reed

Here's a tip for those politicians and bureaucrats backing a federal government plan that could allow employers to pocket the hard-earned tips of hourly workers: Forget about it.

The U.S. Department of Labor is floating a proposed rule change to rescind portions of a 2011 Obama-era rule mandating tipped workers get to keep their tips.

If the adjustment occurs, many restaurant patrons will question — and rightly so —whether that 15 percent or 20 percent tip added to the charge card or left on the table is going to the person who directly provided service or if it will end up in the pockets of an owner.

Keep in mind, that's money meant to go to workers often striving to make it in the new hardscrabble "gig" economy.

In theory, the Labor Department's planned rule change will allow employers to pool tips and share them with other workers who are typically off the gratuity grid, including dishwashers and cooks. The idea is to spread the cash around more evenly between traditionally tipped and non-tipped staffers.

It's a benevolent and equitable concept, one the Illinois Restaurant Association, with 8,000 members, agrees with in theory.

Unfortunately, there's no reason to believe the Labor

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Jesus Salgado and Elizabeth Gutierrez, of Mount Prospect, shop for a refrigerator at Sears competitor J.C. Penney at Woodfield Mall.

Once dominant, Sears losing appliance sales

Despite growing demand, struggling retailer now lags Lowe's but seeks ways to win back customers

By Lauren Zumbach
Chicago Tribune

After a quarter-century with the same countertops and cabinets in their Glen Ellyn home, the Cook family decided it was time for a change.

Many changes, actually — among them a full lineup of new appliances.

"This is the first stop, but it won't be the only one," said Tracey Cook, 49, while her family browsed last month at a Lowe's in Carol Stream.

In years past, Sears would likely have been the first stop for families like the Cooks. The chain — aided by its trusted Kenmore brand — long dominated sales of appliances like refrigerators, ranges, washers and dryers. But at a time when major appliances are seeing rapid sales growth and reliably drawing shoppers into bricks-and-mortar stores, the struggling Hoffman Estates-based retailer's hold on the category has slipped.

Big-box specialty chains like Home Depot, Lowe's and Best Buy have been winning over consumers, and even J.C. Penney is bringing major appliances back to stores in a bid to win sales from its department store rival and frequent mall neighbor.

But Dean Schwartz, who oversees Sears' appliances business as president of hardlines, said the company isn't shrinking quietly.

"We have to make sure we're doing things to understand why we're not (on top) and either get back or protect where we are," Schwartz said.

Demographics are behind the growing sales of major appliances. Millennials are reaching ages where they're buying their first

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Loyola grad student Jordan Conrad got her support dog, Leo, on the recommendation of her therapist.

Support animal trend challenges businesses

Airlines, landlords try to comply with ADA, prevent abuse of rules

By Samantha Bomkamp
Chicago Tribune

The peacock was just the tip of the iceberg.

An emotional support peacock named Dexter kicked off a controversy last month when United Airlines refused to allow the bird to board a flight leaving Newark, N.J. In an instant, the peacock became a symbol of the growing number of emotional support animals accompanying their owners onto airplanes and into stores and other places of business.

There is no official tally of emotional support animals, which don't have to go through special training or have any certifications; most are simply recommended by a doctor or therapist. Nevertheless, the number of companies that say they provide those certifications is growing, and with that, businesses say, the ranks of people trying to pass their pets off as support animals for illegitimate reasons are increasing as well.

The number of animals showing up to travel and shop with their owners is swelling, too, and so are problems like biting and arguments over whether the animals' presence is necessary.

United said it carried 76,000 emotional support animals in 2017, up nearly 77 percent from the year before. At Delta, "animal incidents" have surged 86 percent since 2016. Just this

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"I've been offered money for fake paperwork."

— Jennifer Hack, a Chicago dog trainer, on people who want their pets to be certified as service dogs

WEEK IN REVIEW

Summing up the Tribune's business coverage

Warehouses at coal plant site

A former coal-fired power plant in Little Village is set to be demolished and replaced with a 21st-century use: warehouses to speed orders for online customers in Chicago. Northbrook-based Hilco Redevelopment Partners bought the former Crawford Power Generating Station as part of a $100 million-plus project to demolish the facility and replace it with up to 1 million square feet of warehouses along Interstate 55, Pulaski Road and the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. No tenant has been named.

Sears to get $14.8 million tax credit: Sears Holdings Corp. will receive $14.8 million in state tax credits earned in 2016, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity said. However, hundreds of layoffs at its corporate headquarters in 2017 mean it has since fallen short of the minimum head count required to qualify for future incentives. Last year, the state said it was taking a closer look at Sears' records to verify when the company dropped below the 4,250 employees at its Hoffman Estates headquarters and Loop office needed to secure the tax breaks.



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Toys R Us begins liquidation sales: Liquidation sales started at Toys R Us and Babies R Us stores slated for closing, including six in the Chicago area, but the list includes fewer locations than the toy chain initially sought court approval to shutter. Toys R Us stores in Highland Park and Matteson and Babies R Us stores in Schaumburg, Vernon Hills, Niles and the Bricktown shopping complex in Chicago's Montclare neighborhood will close. A Toys R Us in Burbank that was on the earlier list of store closings appears to be remaining open.

Grubhub to deliver Taco Bell, KFC: After a year in which Grubhub increased the number of diners ordering food through its platform by more than 6 million, the Chicago-based company will expand to hundreds more cities nationwide in a new partnership delivering Taco Bell and KFC.

Attorneys general fight tipping proposal: Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan and 16 other state attorneys general are opposing a proposed federal rule change that they say would let employers pocket the tips of hourly workers. Under the proposed change, announced in early December by the U.S. Department of Labor, certain employers could pool tips to share with "back of the house" workers, like cooks and dishwashers. But Madigan and others say the change would let employers pocket the money tipped workers earned.

Gotham Greens plans second Pullman greenhouse: Gotham Greens, a New York-based hydroponic grower of leafy greens, is planning to open a second greenhouse in Pullman to grow its business in the Chicago market. The new $12.5 million greenhouse will be on South Doty Avenue on the former Ryerson industrial site, according to Mayor Rahm Emanuel's office.

Lululemon sues alleged web of counterfeiters: Lululemon Athletica is suing an unidentified web of counterfeiters for allegedly selling knockoff yoga pants online. The trademark infringement lawsuit, filed in federal court in Chicago, claims hundreds of websites are diluting Vancouver, British Columbia-based Lululemon's brand.

What else happened last week? Catch up on all the news at ***www.chicagotribune.com/business****.*

L.L. Bean drops its unlimited returns policy

Company trying to cut abuse, fraud with 1-year limit

By David Sharp
Associated Press

FREEPORT, Maine — L.L. Bean's generous return policy is going to be a little less forgiving: The company, which has touted its 100 percent satisfaction guarantee for more than a century, is imposing a one-year limit on most returns to reduce growing abuse and fraud.

The outdoor specialty retailer said returns of items that have been destroyed or rendered useless, including some purchased at thrift stores or retrieved from trash bins, have doubled in the past five years, surpassing the annual revenue from the company's famous boot.

"The numbers are staggering," CEO Steve Smith told The Associated Press. "It's not sustainable from a business perspective. It's not reasonable. And it's not fair to our customers."

L.L. Bean announced Friday that it will now accept returns for any reason only for one year with proof of purchase. It will continue to replace products for manufacturing defects beyond that.

The company is also imposing a $50 minimum for free shipping as part of a belt-tightening that includes a workforce reduction through early retirement incentives and changes in workers' pension plans.

The Freeport-based company joins a list of other retailers that have tightened return policies. Outdoors retailer REI, which was once jokingly dubbed Rental Equipment Inc. and Return Everything Inc. because of its unlimited returns policy, imposed a one-year restriction five years ago. Other retailers have been narrowing the window for returns or imposing new conditions.

L.L. Bean's announcement in a memo to employees and in a letter to customers represents a seismic policy shift for a 106-year-old company that used its satisfaction guarantee as a way to differentiate itself from competitors.

Leon Leonwood Bean, the company's founder, is credited with launching the policy when 90 of his first 100 hunting shoes were returned. He earned goodwill by returning customers' money, and he came back with a better boot.

But the merchant never intended for his satisfaction guarantee to become a lifetime replacement policy, company executives said. Abuse of the generous return policy has accelerated thanks to people sharing their return stories on social media, they said.

The family-owned company is prepared for a backlash, but the changes honor the spirit of the founder's original guarantee, said Shawn Gorman, L.L.'s great-grandson and the company's chairman. Internal surveys indicate 85 percent of customers are OK with the new return policy, he said.

"There is no one in this family who would've allowed this to happen if they thought that L.L. would be upset with us, like, if he would be rolling over in his grave," he said.

Over the past five years, the company has lost $250 million on returned items that are classified by the company as "destroy quality," said L.L. Bean spokeswoman Carolyn Beem.

"Destroy quality" items are destined for the landfill. First-quality products are returned to store shelves and "seconds" are sold at outlets or donated to charity.

It's not uncommon to hear stories of people clearing out basements of used or unwanted L.L. Bean products, sometimes decades after their purchase. Some customers replace the same items year after year to get the latest outdoor gear. Some even head to thrift stores, yard sales or junkyards to retrieve L.L. Bean items that they then return.

Unlimited return policies are fraught with peril, said Edgar Dworsky, consumer advocate and founder of Consumer World.com. "I consider a one-year limit to be very pro-consumer. It's not as good as unlimited, but still good," he said. "Frankly, unlimited returns open the door to abuse."



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Barry Sardis is testing a prototype of ElliQ, a smart speaker designed for older users, at a California retirement home.

Startups test smart devices for aging minds and bodies

New generation of gadgets tailored for older generations

By Seung Lee
The Mercury News

For older adults who grew up before the personal computer, iPhones and Amazon Echo became technological mainstays in everyday life, a growing number of startups are working on smart devices with features designed to keep aging minds and bodies healthy.

Personal-assistant robots such as the ElliQ and Cutii, smart shoes that signal a fall and even a smart hip-protection airbag — all still in prototype and not yet available in the consumer market — recently debuted at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, designed with features for aging people whose senses may no longer be pin sharp.

From technology-assisted home care services such as Honor to hardware products such as grandPad's tablet for seniors, with a magnifying glass and simplified apps, businesses are seeking to tap into a booming population of older adults and help them tackle a critical challenge of modern aging: social isolation.

More than 8 million Americans over 50 are affected by isolation, which is a "growing health epidemic," according to Connect2Affect, an advocacy group launched by the American Association of Retired Persons to erase social isolation.

Social isolation — feeling lonely and cut off from the world — may accelerate many diseases, such as heart disease, and impair immune systems, according to research from the University of York in the United Kingdom and the University of Chicago.

The number of Americans aged 65 or older is expected to nearly double in the next three decades. And as that population grows, the technology market catering to older adults is projected to grow to at least $20 billion in 2020, according to Laurie Orlov, a Florida-based analyst who specializes in technology for the elderly.

As companies jump into this burgeoning market, gerontologists are urging caution rather than rushing out tech products for the elderly. They say many of the startups, run by young entrepreneurs eager to serve a demographic often forgotten by the technology industry, do not always understand what older adults really want.

"There's no denying that we have a growing aging population, and with that, there is a business opportunity," said Dr. Carla Perissinotto, an associate professor in geriatrics at University of California, San Francisco. "The devices are generally designed by younger folks, and many of the devices are very complicated to use. Unless they are going to be designed by or with elderly folks, there is a high chance for failure."

For older adults, the current landscape of technological devices may already be too hard to navigate. A May 2017 survey by Pew Research found only 26 percent of adults over the age of 65 were "very confident" in using smartphones, tablets and computers — compared with 74 percent of adults between 18 and 29 years old.

Some of the design features that younger adults look for in devices, like a smaller size and a quieter speaker, are undesirable for older adults, Perissinotto said. Older adults often struggle to hear or read fine print, and they may lose sensitivity in their fingertips, requiring more force to press icons on a touchscreen. They also may forget basic digital tasks or not know how to do them, such as signing into a Wi-Fi network.

Barry Sardis, 70, a retired Silicon Valley computer programmer who lives in a San Jose, Calif., retirement community, is interested in the new generation of personal-assistant devices for the elderly. Sardis is testing a prototype personal robot from the Israeli company ElliQ, which won a Best of Innovation award at CES.

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> *— Dr. Kerry Burnight, chief gerontologist for grandPad*

Sardis said he is testing ElliQ's ability to proactively ask questions or suggest activities that exceed capabilities of popular smart speakers like Amazon Echo and Google Home, which only respond when they are called.

ElliQ is made of two parts: a movable smart speaker and a tablet screen. The smart speaker moves on its own when communicating with a user to convey body language and lights up during certain actions to signal that it's paying attention. The tablet will display music, send messages to ride-hailing apps and provide closed-captioning responses so users who are hard of hearing can read what ElliQ says.

"The reason the social robots struck me as something for the elder care market is that I see them as something like smartphones," Sardis said. "Smartphones are multifunctional, and there is a broad range of requirements and desires from the elder community."

Unlike other personal robots, which normally have a face and are able to move around the room with wheels or mechanical legs, ElliQ purposely does not look human to prevent any notion that the robot is a suitable alternative to human-to-human interaction.

"Body language with lights and closed captioning make (ElliQ) more intuitive, but ElliQ is not a person," said ElliQ founder Dor Skuler, whose company has announced plans to test the device with more people in retirement homes in Marin County, Calif., and Florida.

Other startups aim to ease older adults into using their products with simpler features. Orange, Calif.-based grandPad makes iPad-like tablets for the elderly with bigger icons and a bigger power button. The tablet, which provides a dozen basic apps, has senior-friendly features such as a magnifying glass to help read small text, a wireless charger since some users may forget to charge the tablet regularly and a simplified "transportation app" to hail Lyft in a few clicks.

"We need to make the technology sophisticated enough that it makes it look easy," said Dr. Kerry Burnight, a former professor of geriatrics at the University of California at Irvine who now serves as chief gerontologist for grandPad. "It's not dumbing down; it's the opposite."

ElliQ and grandPad focus their apps on keeping older adults socially and mentally engaged by providing easy video calls or playing music playlists to improve one's mood and decrease stress.

French startup Cutii, with its eponymous personal robot, seeks to connect older adults through organized activities and exercises arranged by the robot, said founder Antoine Bataille.

Yet even with robots designed to help the elderly stave off social isolation, doctors still say the human touch is the best medicine.

"There is no substitution for in-human connections," Perissinotto said. "Even if you use technology, it should be only as a supplement."



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GrubHub drivers aren't legally employees in California, a U.S. judge says.

Judge: GrubHub drivers are contractors

Ruling could have far-reaching effect on 'gig economy'

By Joel Rosenblatt
Bloomberg News

In a significant court decision on the status of so-called gig-economy workers, a federal judge ruled drivers for GrubHub are independent contractors and not employees.

The ruling may have far-reaching implications for other sharing-economy companies including Uber Technologies, whose business models are built on pairing customers with products and services through apps, and typically avoid the costs of traditional employment.

In an unprecedented ruling, U.S. Magistrate Judge Jacqueline Scott Corley in San Francisco concluded Thursday that a gig-economy driver doesn't qualify for the protections of employees under California law.

"Under California law whether an individual performing services for another is an employee or an independent contractor is an all-or-nothing proposition," she wrote. "With the advent of the gig economy, and the creation of a low wage workforce performing low skill but highly flexible episodic jobs, the legislature may want to address this stark dichotomy."

The case against Chicago-based GrubHub was brought by Raef Lawson, who worked as a food-delivery driver for less than six months while pursuing a career as an actor and writer. Lawson claimed the company violated California labor laws by not reimbursing his expenses, paying him less than minimum wage and failing to pay overtime.

Charlotte Garden, an associate law professor at Seattle University, said Corley's decision is a "doubly big" win for GrubHub due to California's relatively high standard for establishing workers as independent contractors.

"If they can make it here, they can more likely make it anywhere," Garden said. "It is also the first federal court to reach a verdict on whether workers in the gig economy are employees or not, so companies like Uber and Lyft will also be celebrating this win."

At a hearing in October, Corley expressed concern that Lawson's resume filed with the lawsuit may have tainted the trial because the actor lied about completing a three-year program. The specifics of the program weren't provided. Corley said Lawson was "dishonest" and that the resume "is really problematic to me."

The question of whether Lawson is an employee turned on how much control GrubHub exerts over the work life of its drivers. The company, which competes with Uber in restaurant food delivery, argued Lawson decided when, where and how frequently he performed deliveries.

Shannon Liss-Riordan, a lawyer for Lawson, contended that indicators of GrubHub's control over drivers include that the company expects them to be available to accept assignments during shifts they sign up for and to remain in designated geographical areas. Liss-Riordan said she plans to appeal Thursday's ruling.

Bloomberg's Eric Newcomer contributed.



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The crowd cheers SpaceX's rocket launch Tuesday at Florida's Kennedy Space Center.

Space businesses gain momentum

Some urge a growing role for private industry

By Christian Davenport
The Washington Post

The crowds were back, lining the beaches and causeways, their binoculars fixed on the same launchpad that first sent men to the moon.

But this time the draw wasn't the NASA heroes of the 1960s Space Age who paved a path to the lunar surface. Instead it was a puckish and eccentric billionaire with a big new rocket and a penchant for showmanship.

The launch of Elon Musk's Falcon Heavy from the Kennedy Space Center on Tuesday was the latest in a series of milestones reviving interest in space. It happened on the sacrosanct stretch of sand along the Florida coast that has witnessed so many epic flights out of the atmosphere.

Musk's triumph Tuesday in a test flight that sent a sports car deep into space may have been something of a cross-promotional stunt involving Tesla, one of his other companies. But it also marked a turning point for a budding commercial space industry that has raised the stakes for itself by promising big things. Now the question is whether it can maintain its momentum and live up to the promise of returning humans to space, while landing spacecraft on the surface of the moon — inherently difficult and dangerous endeavors, even for NASA.

SpaceX's launch comes as the Trump administration is looking to restructure the role of NASA, ensuring that private enterprise and international partners work closely with the space agency.

Later this month, Vice President Mike Pence and the rest of the National Space Council will hold their second meeting, this time at the Kennedy Space Center, to discuss the role that companies such as SpaceX could play in the country's ambitions to return to the moon and explore the cosmos.

As the council, which was reconstituted under Trump, convenes, one major question it will have to grapple with is: "How can we best spend our resources as a nation to ensure the most robust space portfolio we can?" said Phil Larson, an assistant dean at the University of Colorado at Boulder and a former spokesman at SpaceX.

Lori Garver, a former deputy NASA administrator who pushed for a greater reliance on the commercial sector during the Obama administration, said the launch of Falcon Heavy should spark a change in the way NASA operates.

"This much delayed, much maligned rocket is just what the space agency needs to escape from the governmental bureaucracy that has bound her to Low Earth Orbit for the past forty-five years," she wrote in an email. "Unfortunately, the traditionalists at NASA don't share this view and have feared this moment since the day the program was announced seven years ago."

The Falcon Heavy launch was a milestone not just because it became the most powerful rocket in operation, but because it boosted its payload, the Tesla Roadster, out of Earth's orbit on a trajectory around the sun that Musk said would take it out farther than Mars, to the asteroid belt.

As impressive as the launch was, SpaceX still faces a far greater test: flying astronauts. For all the hype and hoopla surrounding the launch of a $200,000 sports car with a spacesuited mannequin named "Starman" at the wheel, SpaceX has never flown a rocket with a human being on board.

While the industry has had a series of triumphs, "that doesn't mean it's going to be easy," said Michael Lopez-Alegria, a former NASA astronaut who also served as the president of the Commercial Spaceflight Federation. "Taking humans to space should never be taken for granted."

Along with Boeing, SpaceX is under contract from NASA to deliver astronauts to the International Space Station. Though there has been a series of setbacks and delays, both companies say the first flights with humans could be this year.

Virgin Galactic, the space company founded by Richard Branson, and Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin also could fly humans for the first time this year, on suborbital jaunts that could reach the edge of space. (Bezos, founder of Amazon.com, owns The Washington Post.)

As the space council mulls how best to involve commercial companies in its plans, the industry's exploits have begun to attract attention on the Florida space coast, reviving an area that was hit hard when the space shuttle retired in 2011.

For about a decade, SpaceX has been a presence here, including making use of pad 39A, starting point of some of the crucial Apollo and space shuttle missions. More recently, Blue Origin is rehabbing a historic launchpad here, and has recently built a massive manufacturing facility where it plans to build its next-generation rocket, New Glenn.

One Web, which plans to put up constellations of thousands of satellites to beam the internet to remote corners of the world, is building a manufacturing site nearby.

Boeing has taken over an old shuttle facility at the Kennedy Space Center and is making improvements to a Cape Canaveral Air Force station launch site in preparation for the first flights of NASA astronauts from U.S. soil since the shuttle.

The shuttle landing strip could be used by Virgin Orbit to launch small satellites.

And then there's Moon Express, the first commercial entity to receive permission from the Federal Aviation Administration to fly out of Earth's orbit. It plans to fly a robotic lander to the surface of the moon.

In some ways, Moon Express is already moving ahead under a new model in which it partners with government agencies in hopes of achieving a first for a private company: landing a rover on the moon.

"The challenges of space are immense, and the risks are huge," Bob Richards, founder and CEO of Moon Express, said in a statement. "But the innovations, convictions and entrepreneurial drive of the commercial space sector, in partnership with government, will achieve new economics and permanence for the expansion of Earth's social and economic sphere to the Moon and beyond."

BACK STORY

Mike Hanna, VP of United Airlines' O'Hare operations

By Lauren Zumbach | Chicago Tribune



After shrinking service in many U.S. cities in recent years, United Airlines is looking to grow, offering more flights to more destinations and reconfiguring its schedules to better serve connecting passengers at major hubs.

At O'Hare International Airport, it's Mike Hanna's job to make that happen.

Hanna, who left United's West Coast hubs for Chicago in August, is responsible for United's O'Hare operations, overseeing roughly 600 flights and 60,000 passengers daily and supervising 8,000 to 9,000 employees.

Q: What's something a lot of people don't realize about what you do?
A: When you relinquish your bag at the ticket counter, a lot of folks don't realize how much that bag will go through, whether it's security screening, or going through our (sorting) system, ending up on a pier, loading it onto bag carts, delivering it at their airplane, making sure it's the right airplane. There's just a lot of mechanics every day that go in.

Q: That's a lot of moving parts. How hands-on are you with all that?
A: I came out of the ranks. I worked both customer service and ramp and fueled airplanes, cleaned airplanes, so I'm pretty hands-on. My team, I think, loves the fact that I'm very hands-on and involved. But I also know when to pull back. I like to take a leadership approach that's very suggestive and helping folks think through issues and grow themselves.

Q: What was your first job?
A: I was a paperboy many, many years ago as a kid. My father owned a machine shop, so I used to help him in the shop when I was a young boy. My first real job was at a shoe store, selling shoes.

Q: How did you come to United?
A: In college in Northern California, I wanted to get home to (Los Angeles). I wanted to get home and heard that folks that work at the airlines could fly if there was an empty seat. I said, "Hmm, I could get home and see my family more often." Honestly, see my girlfriend at the time, who is my wife of 20-plus years.

Q: You've worked in a lot of cities around the U.S. with United, most recently San Francisco. Why come to Chicago?
A: As a leader, you want to make the best and biggest impact you possibly can. That's a great opportunity for me to be right here at O'Hare, our largest hub.

Q: Is there room to keep growing at O'Hare?
A: With the current runway configuration, there's definitely capacity at the airport to be able to arrive and depart more aircraft. The gates that are planned for O'Hare can't come soon enough from my perspective, and I'm very excited to see those coming. We want to give customers more and more choice.

Q: Do you have a favorite airplane?
A: I love airplanes. I always have. I can remember as a kid, flying on the TWA 747 with my mom. It was the very first time I can remember being on an airplane. You marvel at how large it is, and the hump on its back, and it's just a beautiful airplane.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

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PepsiCo is all Bubly as it takes aim at LaCroix

Sparkling water's launch is among company's biggest

By Jennifer Kaplan
Bloomberg

PepsiCo Inc. is bringing its marketing muscle to the sparkling-water craze with a new drink aimed squarely at LaCroix, the upstart market leader.

Called Bubly, the drink will come in eight flavors and hit stores at the end of February. PepsiCo will advertise the product with two television ads March 4 during the Academy Awards, one of the most-watched television events of the year. The Purchase, N.Y.-based beverage giant said the Bubly launch will be one of its biggest ever.

LaCroix, which is produced by National Beverage Corp., doesn't use traditional mass-media advertising. It built its consumer base through aggressive retail marketing and social media, said Duane Stanford, executive editor of Beverage Digest, the trade journal that first reported on PepsiCo's plans.

The sparking-water category is growing by double digits annually, with LaCroix boosting volume by 63 percent in 2016, Stanford said.

"Bubly is PepsiCo's most direct and significant attempt yet to challenge LaCroix," Stanford wrote in a report Thursday.

Sparkling water is attractive for PepsiCo and rival Coca-Cola Co. The two industry leaders are pushing their portfolios beyond their namesake soft drinks as consumers are increasingly looking for more healthful products with less sugar. Per capita carbonated soft-drink consumption fell to a 31-year low in the U.S. in 2016, according to Beverage Digest. Meanwhile, bottled water consumption has been on the rise.

PepsiCo launched a new still bottled-water brand, Lifewtr, last year. The maker of Mountain Dew and Gatorade aims for two-thirds of its global beverage portfolio to have 100 calories or fewer from added sugars per 12-ounce serving by 2025.

Bubly will be packaged in brightly colored cans with smiles on the label that vary by flavor. The cans also have different greetings on their tabs, such as "yo" and "hey u."

"We created Bubly to provide consumers with a great-tasting, flavorful, unsweetened sparkling water in a fun, playful and relevant manner that is unlike anything we've seen in the sparkling water category today," Todd Kaplan, who oversees water brands for PepsiCo in North America, said in a statement.

Nestle said it plans to bolster its own sparkling-water offerings through its regional water brands.



For Wynn, a swift loss

Mogul spent decades shaping Las Vegas before his downfall

By David Montero | Los Angeles Times

LAS VEGAS — Steve Wynn's name still shimmers atop his casino on the Las Vegas Strip. Callers phoning the Wynn Las Vegas on Wednesday heard a familiar recorded voice when they got put on hold.

"Hi, I'm Steve Wynn," it said. "I live in the hotel."

He just doesn't work there anymore.

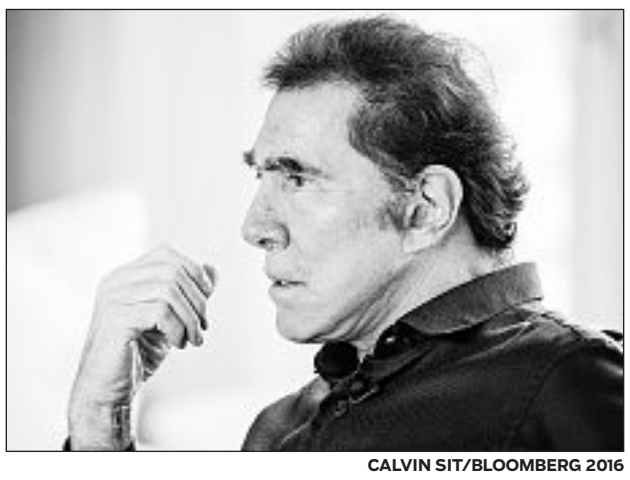
The billionaire real estate mogul and powerful Republican Party donor resigned as chairman and CEO of Wynn Resorts on Tuesday amid sexual misconduct allegations first reported in The Wall Street Journal. It was a swift fall for a man who spent decades reshaping Las Vegas from its mob and gambling roots into a resort destination focused on luxuries, high-end amenities and family-friendly spectacles.

For now, he departs an industry challenged in recent years by a generation of millennials who prefer entertainment to gambling, and a city that finds itself in competition with a growing number of cities that offer a similar array of enticements.

"Wynn was and is visionary," said Michael Green, associate professor of history at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. "He commented in the '80s that old Vegas didn't need another casino, but it sure needed an attraction. He understood with the spread of gambling that Las Vegas had to do something else. Something different."

Former Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman said Wynn "invented new things" at a time when the city was still in the midst of its grittier days of mob rule.

The son of a bingo parlor owner who arrived in Las Vegas from Atlantic City in 1967, Wynn brought such over-the-top features as "dancing" fountains that move to music and pirate ships to a landscape whose premier symbols of escape had been free booze, showgirls and cheap shrimp cocktails.



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Steve Wynn, left, opened the Wynn casino in Las Vegas in 2005. He resigned as head of Wynn Resorts last week amid sexual misconduct allegations.

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His first construction project, in 1989, was the Mirage. At a cost of more than $600 million, it featured rare white tigers, an open atrium with lush foliage and truly luxury accommodations. It was the first new hotel built in decades and it spawned Treasure Island — the pirate-themed casino that Wynn saw as a draw for families who could watch buccaneers engage in fights aboard schooners in a lagoon — right along the Las Vegas Strip.

Wynn then set upon building the $1.6 billion Bellagio Hotel and Casino. With its iconic fountain show on an 8.5-acre man-made lake, the hotel served as the centerpiece of the film "Oceans 11," and Wynn became the Strip's ambassador for classy living. He seemed to relish the spotlight — much as he had in the early days, when he filmed a series of TV commercials with Frank Sinatra.

In 2000, Wynn lost the Mirage properties amid a takeover by Kirk Kerkorian's MGM Resorts but in 2005 opened the Wynn Casino, which at $2.7 billion was at the time the largest privately funded project in the nation.

Wynn was in the midst of building a $2.4 billion casino project in Boston when the sexual misconduct allegations surfaced.

The Wall Street Journal said it had interviewed a number of women, many of whom were employees of Wynn's, who said the casino owner had forced them to have sex with him. Wynn paid a $7.5 million settlement to a manicurist at his hotel who said she was forced to lie down on a massage table and submit to having sex, the newspaper reported.

This week, the Las Vegas Review-Journal unearthed a previously unpublished story from 20 years ago that reported similar allegations of sexual misconduct by Wynn, including an account from a woman who said she was pressured to have sex with the casino owner in order to keep her job.

Wynn has been defiant amid the controversy and, even in his resignation statement Tuesday, there was no note of contrition.

"In the last couple of weeks, I have found myself the focus of an avalanche of negative publicity," Wynn said. "As I have reflected upon the environment this has created — one in which a rush to judgment takes precedence over everything else, including the facts — I have reached the conclusion I cannot continue to be effective in my current roles."

Wynn had already resigned as finance chairman for the Republican National Committee after becoming a booster for President Donald Trump in 2016. And the University of Pennsylvania announced Tuesday that it was removing his name from a building and stripping him of an honorary degree.

Green said it will be more difficult to do that in Las Vegas.

"His fingerprints are everywhere," Green said.

Service, support animals legally protected

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week, the Miami Herald reported that a Spirit Airlines passenger flushed her emotional support hamster down a toilet when she claimed the airline denied boarding for the critter at the gate, after earlier clearing the animal for takeoff.

Emotional support animals pose a challenge for airlines and for other businesses, which must strike a balance between accommodating patrons with disabilities and maintaining an environment that is clean and safe for everyone. Businesses must also navigate the possibility of fraud. Both service and emotional support animals fly in airplane cabins for free, and apartment complexes typically waive pet fees for animals in both categories. That means there's a financial incentive to getting a household pet classified as emotional support.

Dog trainers say they've been inundated in recent years with requests from pet owners who want their animals to receive the emotional support certification.

"I get many inappropriate calls, including people suddenly wanting their dogs to 'become a service dog' because they are moving to a 'no dogs allowed' building or want the dog to fly for free," said Jennifer Hack, a Chicago dog trainer. "I've been offered money for fake paperwork."

The Illinois attorney general's office recommends that business owners err on the side of inclusivity in order to prevent those with actual disabilities from being denied service. Walmart, American Airlines and other major companies have been sued for allegedly preventing disabled people from bringing in service dogs. Walmart and American entered into undisclosed settlements.

Apartment complex operators are among those grappling with the growing number of emotional support animals.

Diana Pittro, who oversees management, marketing and operations for RMK Management, which runs apartment buildings in Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota, said requests for emotional support or service pets have ranged from dogs and cats to snakes and monkeys. It's become a "quick way to avoid paying pet fees" over the last year, she said. Pet fees generally run a few hundred dollars, and some buildings also charge "pet rent," a monthly fee that's also waived for emotional support and service animals.

Pittro said allowing emotional support animals into apartment complexes can generate backlash from other residents who moved to a specific building or floor to avoid pets.

"I have lost good residents because of the bad behavior of an emotional support/service animal owner or pet," she said.

Mike Mini, executive vice president of the Chicagoland Apartments Association, which represents area landlords, said operators of rental complexes are concerned that if they question the validity of emotional support animals, they will be subject to complaints or lawsuits under fair housing regulations.

It is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act to question people about their specific disabilities.

"It's an issue that we're definitely concerned about," Mini said.

Federal law dictates that landlords, airlines or other businesses can ask only two questions about a support or service animal: "Is the animal required because of a disability?" and "What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?"

"It certainly has been a gray area, and from our perspective, people have been taking advantage," Mini said.

Dog trainers say they get pressured by those seeking support animal certifications. Hack said she has been "cussed out, yelled at and harassed" by prospective clients who want her to provide inappropriate certifications for their dogs.

She's even noted on her website that she's no longer training service dogs in an effort to limit the inquiries.

Linda Fox, founder of Heartland Service Dogs in Mokena, says that out of the 25 or 30 requests she gets for training each week, about half are for service dogs for illegitimate purposes.

"It wastes a lot of time and can cause a lot of problems" she said.

Fox says she usually knows a customer has ulterior motives when he or she asks: "How do I get my dog to be a service dog?"

"Then I start my interrogation: Do you need the dog because you have a disability? Tell me more about the dog. What do you want the dog to do for you?" she said. "It usually just goes downhill from there."

After that, Fox said, potential clients usually admit that they just want their dog to be able to accompany them into stores, or on a flight for free.



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Jordan Conrad says her emotional support dog, Leo, helps her. "My anxiety is always at ease when he's with me."

"I get the fact that most dogs have the ability to make you feel better, and that they can alleviate some anxiety people have," she said. "But the fact is they haven't been trained to do that. And even if you've been diagnosed with depression, it doesn't mean it impacts your daily life in a way that you need a service dog."

The abuse of the emotional support animal designation can be just as frustrating for those who use them for real medical issues under the recommendation of a therapist of doctor.

Jordan Conrad, a 22-year-old graduate student at Loyola University Chicago, got her emotional support dog, Leo, last April on her therapist's recommendation after suffering from depression, anxiety and insomnia following a sexual assault. Conrad, who lives in graduate housing with two roommates, said she's had to overcome the stigma created by rampant abuse of emotional support animal classifications. Some of her peers have also questioned why she is allowed to have a dog.

Conrad said her 8-pound dachshund-Pomeranian mix goes just about everywhere with her, except for class, where only service animals are allowed.

Conrad said she has been vocal about the need for an emotional support animal because she believes there are many people who don't understand.

"Leo is my emotional support animal, not because I needed to move somewhere and get a certification, not because I needed to travel with him, but because I actually, both mentally and physically, need him," she wrote in a Facebook post. "Having the huge responsibility of taking care of a dog gets me up in the morning, makes me prioritize and actually makes me socialize. My anxiety is always at ease when he's with me and I'm so much happier with him in my life."

Heartland's Fox said she doesn't expect the requests for unwarranted emotional support animals to slow despite a crackdown among airlines and the subsequent wave of publicity. United announced recently that it would join Delta Airlines in tightening rules for flying with emotional support animals.

Gerald Bockwinkel, owner of Bockwinkel's grocery stores, agrees. He called the rise of illegitimate emotional support animals a "sore point for anybody that's in food service."

"It's a violation, we could be shut down" by the health department, he said. "Yet people come in and effectively dare you to kick them out."

Bockwinkel's posted a lengthy sign at its Streeterville location, where it gets heavy foot traffic, aimed at cutting down on the number of people who try to bring in pets that are not service animals. But Bockwinkel said he doesn't refuse anyone.

"If someone comes in with their support elephant, I'm going to let them in, because it's just not worth it," he said.

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AbbVie nets win over testosterone gel

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thousands of men who blame them for encouraging them to take drugs they believe caused them harm.

AndroGel, the market leader, hit the market in 2000, when it was approved by the FDA to treat a condition called hypogonadism, which is testosterone deficiency resulting from genetic defect, illness or trauma.

But for several years, drug companies promoted the off-label use of testosterone therapy to combat age-related frustrations including fatigue, low sex drive and increased body fat, symptoms of what it termed "low-T."

The lawsuits allege that companies' efforts to grow the market led them to target older men without properly warning of the risk of complications.

AbbVie has owned AndroGel for only part of the drug's history. Abbott Laboratories acquired AndroGel in 2010, and AbbVie was spun off from the company three years later.

"We will keep having (trials) in the foreseeable future and in increasing numbers," said Ron Johnson, co-lead counsel for the men, plus some of their wives, with cases in federal court. Three more trials are set for May, June and July. "We are very confident," he said.

AbbVie did not respond to multiple requests seeking comment.

Men across the country have filed nearly 7,000 lawsuits claiming injury from testosterone replacement drugs, 4,500 of them involving AbbVie's AndroGel.

The lawsuits, filed in district courts across the country, have been consolidated before Judge Matthew Kennelly in Chicago federal court, who last year began hearing bellwether cases that are intended to be representative of the larger group and provide guideposts for whether the drug companies should settle the rest and what the value of the settlements should be. Three of the four federal bellwether trials completed so far have involved AbbVie.

Meanwhile, more than 200 additional testosterone drug cases await judgment in Cook County Circuit Court, many involving Illinois plaintiffs with lawsuits against AbbVie. The one test case tried so far, involving a 66-year-old man who suffered a heart attack while taking AndroGel, resulted in a verdict in favor of AbbVie, but the man's attorneys are seeking a new trial that will allow them to present evidence on the decision-making behind the company's sales tactics. That evidence was not permitted in the initial trial.

Advertisements by AbbVie and other companies substantially increased testosterone testing and use of testosterone treatments between 2009 and 2013, according to a study published last year in the Journal of the American Medical Association. More than 4.8 million prescriptions for testosterone gels and creams were dispensed in 2012, up 40 percent from 2009, according to IQVIA, a health data research company. The lion's share — more than 3 million — were for AndroGel.

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Bob Nolte, the Arizona retiree who recently lost his case against AbbVie after a three-week trial, was prescribed AndroGel in the summer of 2012 after getting a testosterone test at his doctor's office. He asked for the test after seeing TV commercials suggesting "low-T" could be to blame for low libido and low energy, according to a transcript of his testimony.

Two months after he started applying the gel, Nolte, 72 at the time, experienced chest pain he described as "10 out of 10" and went the hospital, where he was told he had multiple blood clots in both lungs.

The event "very much changed my mobility," he said in his testimony, making it difficult for him to walk, and he was advised he would have to take blood thinners for the rest of his life.

"It was terribly bad at first. I had two shoe sizes larger, walking with a walker," said Nolte, who was president and CEO of the health services group at the nonprofit Volunteers of America, and later ran a computer consulting firm, before retiring. "I'm kind of happy with my recovery, but it was no fun at all."

AndroGel sales soared to a peak of $1.15 billion in 2012, and it was AbbVie's second most-lucrative drug behind Humira, which treats rheumatoid arthritis, according to the company's regulatory filings.

That changed after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2014 announced it was investigating the health risks associated with FDA-approved testosterone products after two new studies raised concerns. The next year, the agency required label changes to clarify the approved uses and to warn of possible increased risk of heart attacks and strokes with testosterone use.

Last year, AndroGel sales totaled $577 million, down nearly 15 percent from 2016, and the company anticipates a further slide to $475 million in 2018, according to its recent earnings call.

Nolte, who sued AbbVie in 2014, sought damages to cover $160,000 in bills he said were connected to his experience with AndroGel. At his trial, his attorneys asked the jury to consider awarding up to $10 million for pain and suffering.

During closing arguments, Nolte's attorneys highlighted the company's marketing culture and its internal discussions about expanding screening for low-T so it could meet sales goals. The company's actions were "not just negligence but willful, wanton conduct," Keith Mitnik, one of Nolte's attorneys, told jurors. Older men like Nolte with other health problems are "exactly who they shouldn't have been giving (AndroGel) to," he said.

But AbbVie's lawyers spotlighted multiple risk factors in Nolte's health history that could have contributed to his pulmonary embolism, including a genetic clotting disorder called Factor V Leiden, his decision to discontinue use of anticoagulants and a pulmonary embolism he'd suffered the year before, after undergoing coronary bypass surgery. The central question, they emphasized, was whether AndroGel caused his embolism.

"He made choices that impacted his health in multiple ways," Jim Hurst, an attorney for AbbVie, said during closing arguments. "Hold him responsible for his own choices."

As Nolte sat beside his wife in the Chicago courtroom, the jury returned a verdict in favor of AbbVie, clearing it of all claims. Nolte's lawyers did not make him available for an interview.

The recent decision in the Nolte case veered from the split verdicts in AbbVie's prior two bellwether cases, which did not blame the drug for causing the men's heart attacks but did punish AbbVie for misleading marketing. The judge overturned the first verdict, saying it was "logically incompatible" for the jury to award $150 million in punitive damages but nothing in compensatory damages. In the second verdict, the jury awarded $140 million in punitive damages and $140,000 in compensatory damages.

Those outcomes suggested "the jury is upset with the conduct or the morals of marketing by the drug company and not so much by the drug's safety factor," said Colin Gainer, a partner in the Chicago health care practice at law firm SmithAmundsen, who is not involved in the AndroGel litigation.

In addition to AbbVie, companies targeted by the testosterone lawsuits include Eli Lilly and Endo International. Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly, maker of Axiron, reached a global settlement in the hundreds of suits against it before its first bellwether trial began.

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Ex-appliance king Sears losing sales

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homes, while older generations are becoming empty nesters or retiring, changes often accompanied by a switch to a smaller home, a long-distance move or a remodel.

"The number of bodies hitting these key life moments is growing," said Joe Derochowski, home industry analyst with The NPD Group.

Even better, from a retailer's perspective: higher-end models are doing particularly well in a category that usually has thin profit margins, said Bob Hoyler, a research analyst at Euromonitor. Spending on major consumer appliances in the U.S. rose 46 percent between 2012 and 2017 — well ahead of the 26 percent rise in the number of appliances purchased, according to Euromonitor.

Manufacturers have invested in better aesthetics and more technology, like "smart" washing machines that will send a smartphone alert when the spin cycle is done. Both design and gadgetry can bump up prices.

As the housing market has rebounded from the recession of a decade ago, much of the growth has come from higher-end homes, which should also spur sales of fancier appliances, Hoyler said. Mansion builders are unlikely to skimp on those finishing touches, and consumers priced out of expensive new homes might compromise by renovating and upgrading to midmarket, or "mass luxury," models.

Retailers with a bricks-and-mortar presence also benefit from the fact that most shoppers — like the Cooks, who scouted products online before checking out top contenders at Lowe's — still want to see large appliances in person before buying.

But consumers' preferred destinations for those purchases have been shifting.

In 2012, Sears and Sears Hometown together racked up 30.5 percent of dollars U.S. consumers spent on major appliances, according to Louisville, Ky.-based research firm Stevenson TraQline — almost 12 percentage points more than runner-up Lowe's.

But last year, Lowe's overtook the Sears chains for the first time, winning 22.6 percent of consumers' major appliance dollars.

Stevenson TraQline combined Sears and Sears Hometown in its consumer survey data because shoppers don't reliably distinguish between the two chains, which separated in a 2012 spinoff. If the chains are considered separately and sales to businesses, such as rental property managers, are included, Sears lost the top perch in 2013 and in 2016 slipped to third, behind Home Depot, according to Twice, a consumer electronics trade publication that used Stevenson TraQline data.

Sears and Sears Hometown still have a sizable share of the major appliances market, accounting for 19.4 percent of consumer dollars spent on items like refrigerators, washers and dryers in 2017, second only to Lowe's, according to Stevenson TraQline.

But the category isn't immune to the bigger challenges facing Sears Holdings Corp., which has lost more than $10.4 billion since 2011 and continues to struggle to turn around years of sliding sales and win back shoppers. It has closed hundreds of Sears and Kmart stores in an effort to stem the red ink and has said it expects to shutter 166 more in the first four months of this year.

While Sears' share of the appliance market has been shrinking, Lowe's, Home Depot and Best Buy are growing their shares. Consumers buying appliances often need more than just a new refrigerator, aiding retailers that can help with everything a shopper needs in a "life moment" like a renovation, Derochowski said.

Lowe's attributes its sales growth to the appliance "suites" it has added to its stores, which show customers how a coordinating set of appliances might look in a kitchen, Rob Posthauer, the North Carolina-based chain's appliances merchandising vice president, said in an email. Since most customers start shopping for major appliances online, Lowe's also has made it easier to learn about products online, with product videos, 360-degree views and better search capabilities, he said.



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A Woodfield Mall shopper photographs a refrigerator at J.C. Penney, which brought back major appliances in 2016.

It's not just big-box chains that are fighting for a bigger share of the appliance market. In 2016, J.C. Penney brought major appliances back into stores after a three-decade hiatus. Today, nearly 600 of the retailer's approximately 875 stores have appliance showrooms, a move squarely aimed at Sears.

"We share over 400 malls with a struggling retailer that was once dominant in this category, and we have some in-house talent that understands this space really well," J.C. Penney Chairman and CEO Marvin Ellison told investors last year.

The newcomer attracted a relatively tiny share of consumers' major appliance dollars last year. But Penney's 0.9 percent matched Amazon and Costco and outstripped Menard's, Walmart and Target, according to Stevenson TraQline.

"The consumer has a lot of choices," Sears' Schwartz said. "As our competitors do what they do, we just have to make sure we provide our members with the right value offering and differentiate ourselves with better value, experience and products."

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— Joe Derochowski, home industry analyst with The NPD Group, on higher major appliance sales

That means making it easier to shop online and connect shoppers to delivery and repair services as well as investing in the Kenmore brand, Schwartz said.

Until recently, most Kenmore products were available only at Sears. Now you can buy Kenmore appliances on Amazon nationwide, though Sears still has a broader selection. Sears is also investing in developing smart Kenmore appliances.

Yolanda Powledge, 46, noticed the extra technology while shopping last month at the Sears in Stratford Square Mall in Bloomingdale.

"It's supposed to be better and more efficient, but it looks different than what I grew up with," said Powledge, who plans to upgrade all the appliances in the home she's moving to in Crest Hill. She came to Sears because she heard appliances were on sale. But a $2,879 GE refrigerator with a hot water dispenser prompted sticker shock.

With Kenmore products, Sears typically bundles "smart" features with other perks, like faster washing or drying, so that when customers trade up they don't feel like they're only paying for extra tech, Schwartz said. The company wouldn't be investing in high-tech products if customers weren't interested, he said.

Sears is also experimenting with smaller, appliance-focused stores that let it keep a presence in markets where it has closed traditional stores or enter growing communities where it hasn't had a presence.

The first opened in Fort Collins, Colo., in 2016. Since then, three more have opened, also stocking mattresses. Sears also has been experimenting with a slightly broader product selection.

"When people see Sears on the door, they expect to be able to see some things, like Craftsman (tools)," Schwartz said.

Sears "definitely sees them as an expansion opportunity" but also wants to take the time to learn from the early stores, he said.

Sears' slide from the top spot means it has the "biggest target on its back" among companies looking to increase major appliance sales, like J.C. Penney, said Hoyler of Euromonitor.

But while he says Penney's push to win sales from Sears is likely a smart call in the short term, he's skeptical consumers will abandon the big-box chains and go back to buying washers and dryers at the mall.

"I don't think this is going to be the magic bullet that saves department stores," Hoyler said.

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Proposal has many detractors

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Department's flawed switcheroo will achieve its lofty objective.

That's because the proposed change — which applies to thousands of companies paying the federal minimum wage — would also allow employers to pocket tips.

Management would have carte blanche to use those proceeds for other business purposes — fixing a roof, remodeling a kitchen or enhancing the menu, say legal experts who've reviewed the proposal.

(The proposed rule does not apply to firms paying less than minimum wage and then using tips to make up the difference, a practice known as taking a tip credit.)

As the Tribune reported, 17 attorneys general — among them Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan — filed a formal complaint with the Labor Department on Monday condemning the proposal's many ambiguities and shortfalls. An estimated 500,000 workers could lose their tips if the Labor Department's plan goes through, according to Madigan's office.

Even the Illinois Restaurant Association isn't backing every aspect of the idea. For example, it is against management and non-hourly staff sharing a tip pool.

Consumers should be wary of this proposed change too.

Tipping can be a daunting task, especially after a restaurant check arrives and you have to quickly scribble down a fair and appropriate amount.

There are whole books and etiquette websites providing counsel on how much to give. Should it be 15 percent for average service? Twenty percent or more for extra effort?

Whatever the sum, there's a traditional understanding that tips are meant for the person providing a direct service. It's part of that person's wages.

It is not meant to be another revenue source for management, which as a cost of doing business should pay its dishwashers, cooks and support staff a decent rate.

The Labor Department is evaluating over 271,000 comments regarding its tip change idea. It's expected to soon make a determination.

During the open comment period that recently ended, many petitioners railed against the possibility of giving management a chance to grab for employees' gratuities and short-changing the help.

The Trump administration should take heed of those concerns and back away from this bad plan.

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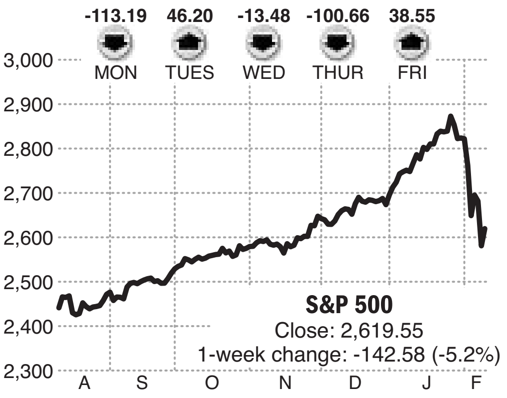
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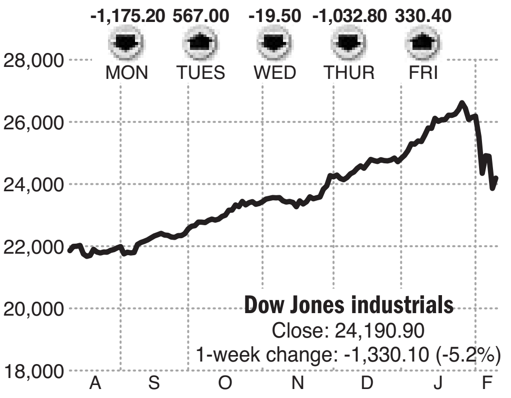
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26616.71	20002.81	Dow Jones industrials	25520.53	23360.29	24190.90	-1330.06	-5.2	-2.1	+19.4
11423.92	8744.36	Dow Jones trans.	10763.90	9806.79	10136.61	-550.57	-5.2	-4.5	+7.9
778.80	647.81	Dow Jones utilities	690.37	647.81	661.03	-23.45	-3.4	-8.6	-1.3
13637.02	11196.93	NYSE Comp.	13050.16	12048.66	12405.82	-679.53	-5.2	-3.2	+9.0
6222.14	4984.57	NYSE International	5936.63	5512.78	5658.31	-305.62	-5.1	-2.3	+11.4
7022.97	5148.06	Nasdaq 100	6807.96	6164.43	6412.68	-347.61	-5.1	+0.3	+22.7
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2872.87	2285.38	S&P 500	2763.39	2532.69	2619.55	-142.58	-5.2	-2.0	+13.1
2001.48	1673.30	S&P MidCap	1915.93	1770.19	1820.93	-96.81	-5.1	-4.2	+5.8
29760.60	23879.84	Wilshire 5000	28628.66	26293.62	27159.39	-1456.97	-5.1	-2.3	+12.0
1615.52	1335.03	Russell 2000	1547.03	1436.43	1477.84	-69.43	-4.5	-3.8	+6.4
403.72	361.39	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	386.86	367.50	368.61	-19.46	-5.0	-5.3	+0.3
7792.56	7073.03	FTSE 100	7443.43	7073.03	7092.43	-351.00	-4.7	-7.7	-2.3

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Bank of America	30.33	-1.62
Gen Electric	14.95	-.69
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AT&T Inc	36.05	-2.02
Pfizer Inc	34.14	-2.47
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.89	-.61
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Freeport McMoRan	17.57	-.40
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NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Adv Micro Dev	11.29	-1.16
Apple Inc	155.94	-3.80
Microsoft Corp	87.94	-3.84
Micron Tech	40.32	-.50
Intel Corp	43.84	-2.01
Cisco Syst	39.47	-1.46
Comcast Corp A	38.47	-2.64
Facebook Inc	175.70	-14.58
Nvidia Corporation	231.16	-2.36
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	5.81	-.29
Zynga Inc	3.30	-.31
TOP Ships Inc	.21	+.01
Akers Biosciences	.43	-.06

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STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Barc iPath Vix ST	50.22	+17.32
CS VS 2x Vix ShTm	11.53	+4.03
iShs China Large Cap	46.11	-4.96
iShs Emerg Mkts	46.44	-2.61
iShares EAFE ETF	68.61	-3.94
iShares Rus 2000	146.71	-7.12
PowerShs QQQ Trust	155.91	-8.70
ProShs Ultra VIX ST	23.46	+9.72
ProShs Short VIX ST	10.82	-94.89
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	261.36	-14.15
SPDR Lehman HY Bd	35.68	-.60
SPDR Financial	27.67	-1.70
VanE Vect Gld Miners	21.41	-1.50

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc	36.05	-2.02
AbbVie Inc	111.13	-4.04
Alibaba Group Hldg	176.67	-10.64
Alphabet Inc C	1035.73	-76.17
Alphabet Inc A	1042.53	-76.67
Altria Group	63.94	-5.46
Amazon.com Inc	1335.03	-95.97
Amgen	173.16	-13.85
Apple Inc	155.94	-3.80
BP PLC	39.11	-2.05
Bank of America	30.33	-1.62
Berkshire Hath A	294140.00	-20199.91
Berkshire Hath B	196.02	-13.10
Boeing Co	332.83	-14.37
Chevron Corp	113.50	-5.08
Cisco Syst	39.47	-1.46
Citigroup	73.61	-3.41
CocaCola Co	43.10	-3.64
Comcast Corp A	38.47	-2.64
Disney	103.09	-5.61
Dow DuPont Inc	69.48	-1.41
Exxon Mobil Corp	75.78	-7.98
Facebook Inc	175.70	-14.58
Gen Electric	14.95	-.69
Home Depot	184.12	-9.85
Intel Corp	43.84	-2.01
IBM	149.51	-8.02
JPMorgan Chase & Co	110.02	-4.26
Johnson & Johnson	129.53	-8.15
MasterCard Inc	165.20	-5.35
McDonalds Corp	160.68	-8.70
Merck & Co	54.85	-3.71
Microsoft Corp	87.94	-3.84
Nvidia Corporation	231.16	-2.36
Oracle Corp	47.71	-2.43
PepsiCo	111.04	-7.63
Pfizer Inc	34.14	-2.47
Philip Morris Intl	99.84	-3.60
Procter & Gamble	79.91	-4.34
Royal Dutch Shell A	63.03	-4.27
Source Cap	40.14	-1.01
3M Company	225.21	-19.96
Unitedhealth Group	220.69	-11.19
Verizon Comm	49.85	-3.13
Visa Inc	116.32	-4.59
WalMart Strs	99.20	-5.28
Wells Fargo & Co	56.10	-7.97

Largest mutual funds

Based on Total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	31.70	-1.56	+17.6
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	26.66	-.87	+10.8
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	39.93	-1.91	+12.6
American Funds BdfAmrcA m	12.65	-.01	+.8
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	50.34	-2.78	+18.3
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	60.91	-2.60	+8.6
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	55.18	-2.96	+22.6
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American Funds InvCAmrcA m	39.98	-2.03	+14.6
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Baird AggrgateBdInstl	10.65	-.01	+1.5
Baird CorPlusBdInstl	11.01	-.02	+2.1
BlackRock EqDivInstl	22.28	-1.17	+12.8
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DFA IntlCorEqIns	14.19	-.81	+19.6
DFA IntlSmCoInstl	20.77	-1.20	+20.9
DFA IntlSmCpValIns	22.28	-1.36	+18.0
DFA USCorEq1Instl	22.27	-1.16	+14.6
DFA USCorEqIIInstl	20.98	-1.11	+12.7
DFA USLgCpValInstl	38.02	-2.28	+12.9
DFA USSmCpInstl	34.47	-1.62	+6.0
DFA USSmCpValInstl	36.07	-1.75	+1.8
Dodge & Cox Bal	105.31	-4.33	+8.1
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.60	-.06	+2.5
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	45.39	-2.87	+15.2
Dodge & Cox Stk	199.25	-12.99	+12.0
DoubleLine TtlRetBdI	10.47	...	+1.8
FPA Crescent d	34.33	-1.15	+6.3
Fidelity 500IdxIns	91.73	-4.93	+15.7
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	91.73	-4.93	+15.8
Fidelity 500IndexPrm	91.73	-4.93	+15.7
Fidelity BCGrowth	88.10	-4.50	+27.2
Fidelity Balanced	23.39	-.91	+11.1
Fidelity Cap&Inc	10.13	-.23	+6.8
Fidelity Contrafund x	122.16	-8.70	+26.1
Fidelity ContrafundK x	122.10	-8.69	+26.2
Fidelity EmMkts	21.39	-1.18	+29.1
Fidelity ExMktIdxPr	60.02	-2.99	+10.4
Fidelity Frdm¬Æ2020	16.33	-.53	+10.7
Fidelity Frdm¬Æ2030	17.77	-.75	+13.8
Fidelity GroCo	17.04	-.83	+31.7
Fidelity GroCo	182.72	-8.93	+30.8
Fidelity GroCoK	182.71	-8.92	+30.9
Fidelity IntlGr	15.80	-.86	+21.1
Fidelity IntlIdxPremium	42.25	-2.32	+18.2
Fidelity IntlVal	10.55	-.58	+15.8
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	10.99	-.06	+1.4
Fidelity LowPrStk	53.27	-2.48	+15.1
Fidelity Magellan	104.54	-5.82	+21.0
Fidelity OTCPortfolio	110.06	-5.70	+27.8
Fidelity Puritan	23.14	-.88	+13.1
Fidelity TotalBond	10.42	-.06	+1.4
Fidelity TtlMktIdxF	74.77	-3.97	+14.8
Fidelity TtlMktIdxPrm	74.77	-3.97	+14.8
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	11.32	-.04	+.7
Fidelity Advisor NewInsI x	31.56	-2.39	+22.6
First Eagle GlbA m	57.76	-2.68	+7.3
Franklin Templeton CATxFrIncA m	7.31	+.01	+3.4
Franklin Templeton GlbBdAdv	11.95	-.05	+2.3
Franklin Templeton IncA m	2.29	-.08	+3.4
Franklin Templeton IncC m	2.32	-.08	+2.8
Franklin Templeton RisingDivsA m	59.45	-3.09	+15.3
Harbor CptlApprecInstl	70.48	-3.69	+29.5
Harbor IntlInstl	66.59	-3.88	+16.5
JPMorgan CoreBondR6	11.37	-.02	+1.5
JPMorgan MCapValL	38.76	-1.80	+6.3
Lazard EMEqInstl	20.10	-1.06	+20.7
Lord Abbett ShrtDurIncF b	4.22	-.01	+1.6
MFS ValI	39.82	-2.16	+12.4
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	10.45	-.01	+1.0
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdM b	10.45	-.02	+.8
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdPlan	9.83	-.02	+1.1
Oakmark EqAndIncInv	31.92	-1.01	+10.8
Oakmark IntlInv	28.67	-1.29	+25.2
Oakmark Inv	83.63	-4.65	+17.6
Old Westbury LgCpStrats	14.13	-.76	+12.9
Oppenheimer DevMktsY	42.66	-2.59	+26.0
Oppenheimer IntlGrY	42.84	-2.15	+21.2
PIMCO AlAstInstl	11.97	-.37	+9.3
PIMCO IncD b	12.25	-.03	+6.0
PIMCO IncInstl	12.25	-.03	+6.4
PIMCO IncP	12.25	-.03	+6.3
PIMCO TtlRetIns	10.08	-.03	+2.2
Principal DiversIntlIns	13.61	-.74	+19.9
Prudential TtlRetBdZ	14.24	-.05	+3.1
Schwab SP500Idx	40.43	-2.17	+15.7

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
T. Rowe Price BCGr	98.62	-5.44	+31.1
T. Rowe Price CptlAprc	27.94	-1.01	+10.8
T. Rowe Price EqIdx500 d	70.38	-3.78	+15.5
T. Rowe Price EqInc	32.57	-1.67	+12.4
T. Rowe Price GrStk	63.31	-3.48	+26.1
T. Rowe Price HlthSci	70.39	-4.63	+18.6
T. Rowe Price InsLgCpGr	37.62	-2.02	+30.8
T. Rowe Price IntlStk d	18.30	-.98	+19.5
T. Rowe Price IntlValEq d	14.79	-.76	+14.1
T. Rowe Price MdCpGr	86.64	-4.60	+17.9
T. Rowe Price NewHorizons	52.31	-2.76	+22.3
T. Rowe Price NewInc	9.29	-.05	+1.5
T. Rowe Price Rtr2020	22.18	-.75	+10.6
T. Rowe Price Rtr2025	17.31	-.64	+12.1
T. Rowe Price Rtr2030	25.50	-1.05	+13.4
T. Rowe Price Rtr2035	18.66	-.83	+14.5
T. Rowe Price Rtr2040	26.80	-1.24	+15.3
T. Rowe Price Val	36.35	-1.93	+12.9
TIAA-CREF EqIdxIns	19.23	-1.03	+14.7
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	242.27	-13.03	+15.7
Vanguard 500IdxInv	242.25	-13.03	+15.6
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	34.03	-1.10	+9.2
Vanguard CptlOppAdmrl	151.59	-9.30	+20.5
Vanguard DevMIdxAdmrl	14.03	-.78	+18.0
Vanguard DevMIdxIns	14.05	-.78	+18.1
Vanguard DivGrInv	25.98	-1.30	+14.1
Vanguard EMStkIdxInAdm	38.11	-2.37	+22.1
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	75.24	-4.04	+12.7
Vanguard ExtMktIdxAdmrl	81.98	-4.09	+10.3
Vanguard ExtMktIdxIns	81.98	-4.08	+10.3
Vanguard GNMAAdmrl	10.26	-.01	+.1
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	71.77	-3.76	+19.9
Vanguard GrIdxIns	71.78	-3.75	+20.0
Vanguard HCAdmrl	85.08	-4.71	+10.7
Vanguard HYCorpAdmrl	5.79	-.09	+3.8
Vanguard InTrBdIdxAdmrl	11.07	-.02	+.7
Vanguard InTrInGdAdm	9.54	-.03	+1.5
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.92	+.02	+2.5
Vanguard InflPrtScAdmrl	25.04	-.17	-.3
Vanguard InsIdxIns	238.98	-12.85	+15.7
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	239.00	-12.85	+15.8
Vanguard InsTrgRt2020Ins	22.13	-.67	+9.6
Vanguard InsTtlSMIInPls	58.24	-3.09	+14.8
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	95.63	-5.62	+32.1
Vanguard LfStrGrInv	33.01	-1.45	+13.3
Vanguard LfStrModGrInv	26.64	-.89	+10.2
Vanguard LtdTrmTEAdmrl	10.85	...	+1.0
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	186.34	-9.25	+10.9
Vanguard MdCpIdxIns	41.16	-2.05	+10.9
Vanguard MdCpIdxInsPlus	203.01	-10.08	+11.0
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	132.36	-7.23	+22.4
Vanguard RlEstIdxAdmrl	105.14	-4.11	-7.0
Vanguard STBdIdxAdmrl	10.31	+.01	+.3
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.56	...	+1.1
Vanguard STTEAdmrl	15.72	...	+.9
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	67.99	-3.51	+8.5
Vanguard SmCpIdxIns	67.99	-3.51	+8.5
Vanguard StarInv	26.36	-.95	+12.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2015Inv	15.08	-.36	+7.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	30.83	-.93	+9.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.15	-.64	+10.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	32.99	-1.28	+12.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.28	-.87	+13.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Inv	35.06	-1.65	+14.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Inv	22.04	-1.09	+14.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Inv	35.47	-1.75	+14.9
Vanguard TrgtRtrIncInv	13.35	-.23	+5.5
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	10.51	-.03	+1.0
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	10.51	-.03	+1.0
Vanguard TtBMIdxInsPlus	10.51	-.03	+1.0
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	21.55	...	+2.4
Vanguard TtInBIdxIns	32.34	...	+2.4
Vanguard TtInBIdxInv	10.78	...	+2.3
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	29.87	-1.71	+19.0
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	119.43	-6.84	+19.0
Vanguard TtInSIdxInsPlus	119.45	-6.84	+19.0
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	17.85	-1.03	+18.9
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	65.34	-3.47	+14.8
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	65.35	-3.47	+14.8
Vanguard TtlSMIdxInv	65.31	-3.47	+14.7
Vanguard ValIdxAdmrl	40.33	-2.20	+12.3
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	70.85	-2.64	+10.3
Vanguard WlngtnInv	41.02	-1.53	+10.2
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	63.36	-1.51	+6.2
Vanguard WlslyIncInv	26.15	-.63	+6.1
Vanguard WndsrAdmrl	77.08	-3.91	+12.7
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	65.42	-3.75	+11.6
Vanguard WndsrIIInv	36.87	-2.12	+11.5
Western Asset CorPlusBdI	11.57	-.06	+3.8

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.

How the region's Top 100 companies fared

Ranks based on market capitalization of public companies headquartered in Illinois and northwest Indiana as of Friday, February 9, 2018

Market capitalization in millions of dollars (CAP); *Stock $ change* (WEEK); *Stock % return* (1-YR)

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR
1 Boeing Co	198,226	332.83	▼ -14.37	+106.2
2 AbbVie Inc	177,411	111.13	▼ -4.04	+87.3
3 McDonalds Corp	128,091	160.68	▼ -8.70	+32.3
4 Abbott Labs	99,440	57.13	▼ -4.56	+36.9
5 Caterpillar Inc	88,710	149.11	▼ -8.38	+62.1
6 Kraft Heinz Co	86,962	71.37	▼ -5.82	-17.8
7 Walgreen Boots Alli	67,750	68.41	▼ -5.15	-15.0
8 Mondelez Intl	62,779	42.01	▼ -3.49	-3.9
9 ITW	54,860	160.13	▼ -10.25	+28.1
10 CME Group	53,209	156.66	▼ -2.45	+37.5
11 Deere Co	50,020	154.74	▼ -10.22	+44.2
12 Exelon Corp	35,417	36.86	▼ -.86	+9.5
13 Baxter Intl	35,019	64.28	▼ -4.28	+32.7
14 Allstate Corp	32,608	90.88	▼ -7.07	+17.9
15 Discover Fin Svcs	26,930	74.11	▼ -4.86	+8.9
16 Arch Dan Mid	23,180	41.45	▲ +.02	-1.8
17 Nthn Trust Cp	22,121	97.27	▼ -7.36	+15.8
18 Equity Residential	20,818	56.65	▼ -3.30	-4.5
19 United Contl Hldgs	18,646	62.94	▼ -2.74	-13.7
20 Ventas Inc	18,374	51.59	▼ -2.74	-11.5
21 Motorola Solutions	16,059	99.13	▼ -4.74	+29.9
22 Grainger WW	15,233	267.34	▲ +8.93	+7.7
23 Dover Corp	15,166	97.35	▼ -5.87	+25.8
24 ConAgra Brands Inc	14,231	35.52	▼ -1.19	-8.4
25 CNA Financial	13,341	49.20	▼ -4.00	+23.4
26 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	13,328	218.53	▼ -.97	-19.9
27 LKQ Corporation	12,018	38.89	▼ -2.04	+24.6
28 Gallagher AJ	11,741	64.94	▼ -3.63	+21.6
29 Packaging Corp Am	10,733	113.76	▼ -9.34	+24.0
30 CDW Corp	10,572	69.07	▼ -6.85	+19.8
31 TransUnion	10,143	55.61	▼ -1.86	+63.9
32 IDEX Corp	10,001	130.90	▼ -11.23	+46.9
33 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	9,367	61.71	▼ -3.19	+10.9
34 Ingredion Inc	9,198	127.99	▼ -7.29	+9.6
35 CDK Global Inc	9,161	66.61	▼ -1.89	+2.9
36 CF Industries	8,775	37.62	▼ -2.29	+12.6
37 CBOE Global Markets	8,708	107.13	▼ -27.52	+38.4
38 NiSource Inc	7,776	23.09	▼ -.68	+7.1
39 GrubHub Inc	7,415	85.54	▲ +14.89	+123.9
40 Middleby Corp	7,330	131.11	▼ -1.65	-5.0
41 Equity Lifesty Prop	7,242	82.45	▼ -2.30	+11.9
42 Jones Lang LaSalle	6,814	150.22	▼ -1.45	+41.4
43 Zebra Tech	6,104	114.77	▼ -5.96	+35.8
44 Stericycle Inc	5,987	70.13	▼ -3.26	-7.9
45 Hill-Rom Hldgs	5,276	79.73	▼ -7.30	+31.2
46 Old Republic	5,249	19.90	▼ -1.65	+4.4
47 Aptargroup Inc	5,118	82.16	▼ -3.64	+13.4
48 Brunswick Corp	5,016	57.21	▼ -2.61	-3.3
49 Wintrust Financial	4,571	81.74	▼ -4.73	+13.8
50 USG Corp	4,533	33.23	▼ -2.48	+4.4
51 Littelfuse Inc	4,526	199.27	▼ -15.62	+22.2
52 Akorn Inc	4,014	32.10	▼ -.23	+55.2
53 Navistar Intl	3,983	40.46	▼ -4.25	+47.5
54 Morningstar Inc	3,975	92.32	▼ -2.84	+21.1
55 Tribune Media Co A	3,683	42.19	▼ -.45	+45.8
56 Hyatt Hotels Corp	3,653	76.98	▼ -2.32	+37.2
57 Equity Commonwlth	3,545	28.57	▼ -.80	-7.0
58 John Bean Technol	3,472	110.00	▼ -3.95	+23.4
59 First Indl RT	3,420	28.54	▼ -1.78	+12.5
60 MB Financial	3,376	40.25	▼ -2.59	-6.7
61 KapStone Paper	3,339	34.44	▼ -.16	+53.3
62 Kemper Corp	2,968	57.70	▼ -4.95	+35.6
63 Tenneco Inc	2,858	55.40	▲ +.22	-14.6
64 Groupon Inc	2,803	5.02	▼ -.29	+39.1
65 Adtalem Global Educ	2,751	45.35	▼ -.15	+38.7
66 RLI Corp	2,678	60.79	▼ -2.86	+6.4
67 Retail Prop Amer	2,575	11.34	▼ -.37	-20.6
68 Allscripts Hlthcare	2,550	14.12	▼ -.40	+18.1
69 Anixter Intl	2,540	76.35	▼ -6.50	-8.8
70 GATX	2,522	65.85	▼ -2.80	+16.3
71 Teleph Data	2,515	24.30	▼ -2.02	-16.1
72 Fst Midw Bcp	2,476	24.11	▼ -1.17	+1.2
73 TreeHouse Foods	2,411	42.14	▼ -2.90	-50.4
74 Cabot Microelect	2,410	95.07	▼ -5.35	+43.4
75 Paylocity Hldg	2,311	44.01	▼ -6.59	+25.4
76 Envestnet Inc	2,228	50.30	▼ -2.45	+31.9
77 Century Aluminum	1,851	21.20	▲ +.18	+35.8
78 US Cellular	1,720	33.08	▼ -2.66	-22.4
79 Horace Mann	1,628	40.05	▼ -.30	-2.6
80 Stepan Co	1,601	71.09	▼ -3.96	-5.6
81 Hub Group Inc	1,461	43.70	▼ -4.15	-11.3
82 Methode Electronics	1,460	38.25	▼ -2.20	-7.8
83 First Busey Corp	1,443	29.67	▼ -1.51	+2.4
84 AAR Corp	1,356	39.06	▼ -.16	+19.2
85 Coeur Mining	1,334	7.19	▼ -.66	-23.4
86 Tootsie Roll	1,297	34.10	▼ -.85	-6.6
87 Knowles Corp	1,197	13.39	▼ -1.38	-28.2
88 Acco Brands Corp	1,188	11.15	▼ -.35	-13.2
89 Federal Signal	1,145	19.09	▼ -.89	+27.9
90 Huron Consulting Gp	888	40.15	▼ -.75	-11.8
91 Navigant Consult	878	19.14	▼ -1.14	-20.1
92 SP Plus Corp	818	36.35	▼ -2.05	+31.7
93 Career Education	809	11.71	▼ -.59	+24.3
94 Echo Global Logis	792	28.40	▼ -.65	+23.7
95 Consolidated Commun	784	11.08	▼ -.76	-50.3
96 Gogo Inc	762	8.79	▼ -.41	-1.7
97 Titan Intl	714	11.97	▼ -1.01	-6.8
98 ANI Pharma	675	57.99	▼ -2.88	-8.7
99 Global Brass Copper	640	29.25	▼ -1.25	-13.1
100 SunCoke Energy Inc	633	9.84	▲ +.09	+4.9

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Application Consultant 3 - conduct SW-specific dsgn & realizatn; test'g, deploymnt & release mgmnt, and/or techn & funct app mgmnt of package based sols, incl SAP or ORACLE; translate bus case into detailed tech design; integr/user test'g; translate techn blueprints into reqs & specs; monitor/direct workflow of smaller consul projects, incl dsgn of project plans; & oversee work of personnel. Reqs bach +3 yrs exp. (Job #033062).

Business Analyst 2 - enable transform/prformnce improv of enterprise, w/ respect to ppl/process/tech & provide rel capabilities, assets/processes/tools; use strategy exec/bus process transform/package module config/change mgmnt to structure/analyze current state of client's bus, & design/guide rel processes for optimal future state; & cndct research/data analysis/implement for consult projects. Reqs bach +2 yrs exp. (Job #033100).

Business Systems Analyst 2 – condct research/data analysis/implmntatn lead'g to ERP sol; enable trnsfrm/performance imprvmnt of enterprise, w/ respect to ppl/process & provide capablties/assets/process/tools; structure/analyze current state of enterprise & dsgn/guide processes for optimal future state: ERP/appltn mngmnt/custom SW dvlpmnt. Reqs bach +2 yrs exp. (Job #033063).

Business Systems Analyst 4 - enable trnsfrm/perform improv of enterprise, w/ respect to ppl/process & provide capablties/assets/process/tools; structure/analyze/visualize enterprise's current state; execute ERP/Appl Mngmnt/Custom SW Dvlpmnt; mngment of mltpl projs; deliver on def revenue targets w/in particular ind/service area; maintain client reltnships; oversee proj teams/dvlpmnt of staff. Reqs bach + 7 yrs. progressive post-bach. exp. (Job #033078).

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Project Manager 2 – prepare projct plan/ budget/structre/schedle/staff'g; oversee activits to achieve bus result/plannd profit levels/quality stndrds/stsfactn; contribute to projct plan/highlight dependncies w/ other projcts. Reqs bach + 3 yrs exp. (Job #033089).

Project Manager 3 - prepare projct plan/budgt/structure/schedl/staff'g; oversee streams/actvts; ensure client needs satisf'd thru formulation, dvlpmnt, implement & delivry of app; ensure projct meets dlvrbles in schedule, accord'g to scope, w/in budgt & quality stndrds. Reqs bach + 5 yrs progressive post-bach. exp. (Job #033091).

Project Manager 4 - prepare projct plan/budgt/structure/schdl/staff'g; lead lrg projct/segmnt of lrg/cmplx projct; translate cmplx bus reqs into formal agreemnts; work w/ executives to identify bus reqs & execut/close soln; wide range of process activits, incl request for proposl/dvlpmnt/final delivery. Reqs bach + 7 yrs progressive post-bach. exp. (Job #033090).

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Software Engineer 3 – dsgn/dvlp/maintain appls & componnts/envrnmnts, based on SW Architct modls/principls; code/integrte/implemnt/install/change framwrks/standrd components; tech/functl appl mngmnt; dvlp languages/methods/framwrks/tools to supprt server-based DBs in dvlpmnt/test/prodction envrnmnts; act as SW Eng stream leader w/ tech delivry ownership; monitr/direct workflow of consult projs. Reqs bach + 3 yrs exp. (Job #033086).

Test Consultant 1 - verif & valid IT prods produced by dvlpmnt process; phase-by-phase SW test'g, incl reqs/system/integratn/prog/module test'g; define & exec test scripts & rep reslts, to ensure deliverd soln meets specific; dev competence in spec areas of test'g thru train'g/dvlpmnt/exper; & assists w/research/data analys for cons'g projs. Reqs bach + 1 yr exp. (Job #033102).

Test Consultant 2 -phase-by-phase SW test'g, incl reqs/system/integratn/prog/module test'g; complete independnt verific/validtion of IT prodcts; dsgn/test execution for appls/systems based on SW Architecture models/principls; cndct research/data analysis/implemnt; prfrm defect mngmnt/test analysis/acceptance test'g. Reqs bach + 2 yrs exp. (Job #033105).

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Business Systems Analyst 2 - condct research/data analysis/implmntatn lead'g to ERP sol; enable trnsfrm/performance imprvmnt of enterprise, w/ respect to ppl/process & provide capablties/assets/process/tools; structure/analyze current state of enterprise & dsgn/guide processes for optimal future state: ERP/appltn mngmnt/custom SW dvlpmnt. Reqs bach +2 yrs exp. (Job #033356).

Delivery Architect 4 - assess projct's tech feasibility/implemnt risks; dsgn/implemnt project's techn arch; define system structre/interfces/principls/SW dsgn/implementatn; lead operations rel to market dvlpmnt and/or servce del excellence; mnge/direct mltpl projcts or single/large/cmplx projct; deliver on defined revenue targets w/in particular indstry/service area; guide projct teams & dvlpmnt of staff. Reqs bach + 7 yrs progressive post-bach. exp. (Job #033489).

Programmer Developer 1 - utilize prog languages/ tools/frmwrks to conduct comp program'g/SW dev; perfrm req's gather'g/bug fix'g/test'g/ docum'tion/implem'tion of SW systems; analyze/interpret comp system arch/dsgn/coding to adhere to progrm'g/doc policies; dvlp prog logic for new IT apps or analyze/modify logic in exist'g apps; analyze req's & maintain/test/integrte app components. Reqs bach + 1 yr exp. (Job #033483).

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Programmer Developer 3 - utilize prgrm lang/tools/frmewrks to cndct comp prgrm/SW dvlpmnt; req gather'g/bug fix/test/doc/implemnt of SW systems; analyze/interprt comp system arch/design/cod'g to ensure adhernce to prgrm/doc policies; coordinate prgrm workflow for mtpl projects; provide prgrm'g/cod'g train'g/guidance to jr level prgrmrs; team represnt. Reqs bach + 3 yrs exp. (Job #033358).

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Software Engineer 2 - dsgn/dvlp/maintain IT appls & componnts/envrnmnts, based on SW Arch modls/principls; code/integrate/implemnt/install/change framewrks/stndrd appl componnts; perform tech/functl appl mngmnt; dvlp languags/methds/framewrks/tools to support server-based DBs in dvlpmnt/test/production envrnmnts; dvlp/implement tech sols. Reqs bach + 2 yrs exp. (Job #033080).

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Test Consultant 2 - phase-by-phase SW test'g, incl reqs/system/integratn/prog/module test'g; complete independnt verific/validtion of IT prodcts; dsgn/test execution for appls/systems based on SW Architecture models/principls; cndct research/data analysis/implemnt; prfrm defect mngmnt/test analysis/acceptance test'g. Reqs bach + 2 yrs exp. (Job #033088).

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If you're a parent, chances are you spend a great deal of time worried about your kids. You do your best to ensure that they grow up happy and healthy, prepared for the world around them, and well positioned to achieve fulfillment and success in life.

The truth is, some of what will happen to your kids in their lives will be out of their control — and your control as well. That said, as a parent, there is plenty you can do to help set them up for their best shot at success. **Use the following tips to help guide your kids along the right path:**

Build a learning partnership. When it comes to the job of educating your children, the truth is that it's best envisioned as a collaboration — a partnership of sorts — between you and your child's teachers. Make time to work closely together with them to ensure that your child's needs are met and that they are getting the most out of their educational experiences. Get involved and stay involved in their educational development.

Make learning a lifelong pursuit. Learning should not begin and end in the classroom; it's a lifelong journey, and those who learn early in life that we are constantly surrounded by opportunities to learn and grow are best positioned for success. Create an environment in which your child can develop a love of learning and a fascination with the world.

Encourage their passions. The most successful and fulfilled people in life aren't necessarily the ones who make the most money. Rather, they are often those who have discovered the things in life that they are truly interested in and passionate about and have found a way to make it a significant part of their life — either as a profession or a hobby. Encourage your children early on to explore the world around them and find something that truly excites them, and then support and encourage them to follow their passions.

Instill the value of lifelong friendships. Building strong social bonds early in life can be invaluable. Help your child recognize the value of building and cultivating solid friendships early in life. It will help them recognize the importance of having a strong network of support — to find new opportunities, face obstacles, overcome challenges, and make the most out of life.

Dare to fail. Too often in life, we avoid trying something new — and potentially wonderful — for fear that we won't be good at it, or worse, that we'll completely fail at it. This can be a great way to completely miss out on success and happiness in life. Instead, teach your children that it's okay to fail, that life is a learning process full of trial and error, and that the only way to know what they're truly capable of is to test their limits, step outside of their comfort zones, and be all right with the notion of potential failure.

Face the future. Many people are really good at putting things off that they don't want to confront — sometimes until it's too late. Like it or not, the future is coming for all of us, and those who plan for it as early as possible are most likely to be prepared for a variety of outcomes and develop a winning strategy for success.

— Eric Titner, The Job Network

Although we can't guarantee success for our children, as parents we want to make our best effort to help our children have successful futures. Use the tips here to guide your kids as they learn, mature, and grow, and you'll be setting them up well for achieving their goals in life. Good luck!

CAREER ADVICE

7 negotiation tips

When you're just starting out, negotiating may seem like some far-off point in your career. Let's look at some tips to help you build your negotiation skills and get ready to bargain with your employer:

1. Be prepared with an elevator pitch. This is your headline, basically. Based on my previous experience managing social media, I was hoping to see a salary of $X. Your elevator pitch in this case summarizes why you're worth the extra salary. I want and I need aren't going to get you very far here — the employer isn't concerned with what your preferences are. They want to make sure that you bring value in exchange for the extra salary bump or incentives added to your offer package. The more you emphasize those qualities in the negotiation process, the higher your chances of success.

2. Be specific and realistic. This is where you should have a sense of what you're worth. And I don't mean that in a "my mom thinks I'm priceless" kind of way. I mean it in a "this is what people at my level in this field can make" kind of way. Once you know what you can reasonably expect, you can come up with specific dollar amounts as a counteroffer. Unrealistic counteroffers, just for the sake of seeing what you can get, are not likely to be met with success. Do your research — a search of similar positions on Glassdoor or Salary.com can often give you a good sense of what the market-level salary is for your new or current job. Use that knowledge to come up with a realistic range for your salary. It's okay to reach a little in your counteroffer, but make sure it's within a realistic range.

3. Think outside the salary box. You know you can negotiate for more than just salary, right? When you get a job offer, you may also receive information on company policies, benefits, etc. Core benefits like insurance coverage and retirement savings plans may be set in stone, depending on your new company's policies. However, you might be able to negotiate additional vacation or personal days, or work-from-home flex time. If the company seems pretty intractable on a salary bump, think about other ways you might be able to negotiate a more appealing package. But again, the key is being realistic. A junior employee is not likely to score an extra week of vacation up front, but if you think there's wiggle room on time off, work that into your negotiation.

4. Know what your limits are. Part of being realistic about your negotiation means having a dealbreaker in mind as well. It's not defeatist to think about what could make you walk away from the negotiating table. You should decide ahead of time what your minimum is for this job. Maybe it's the same salary as you make now. Or maybe you truly don't want the job unless you can get a 2 percent raise over what you're making now. Whatever the case may be, have that "last chance" number in mind.

5. Don't panic. Once you've started negotiating, you may feel a little jumpy, like you overstepped your bounds. That can lead to accepting a counteroffer too quickly, just to get the process over with. If you've done your due diligence and have your range in mind, you know what you can realistically get. If the company indicates that they're standing firm, then it's time to accept (or reject) and move on.

6. Keep it civil. If you blatantly threaten to walk away if they don't meet particular demands, then you just may find the job offer rescinded anyway. Or if you're negotiating a raise and threaten to quit if you don't get your way, you risk doing irreparable damage to your relationship with your company.

7. Keep an eye on the clock. Try not to sit on any offer for more than a day without checking in with the company, or letting them know your decision timeline. When you get an offer, it's fine to say, "I'd like to take a day to consider."

— Kate Lopaze, The Job Network

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RETIRING FROM RETIREMENT

SENIORS GO BACK TO WORK FOR MONEY, BENEFITS, INTERACTION

Ruth Witter says she used to wake up every morning with a knot in her stomach. "For 20 years or so," says the 67-year-old former social worker from Springfield, Ill. "Every day, I'd have to fight bureaucracy, I'd have to fight society. It was stress, stress, stress."

She retired in 2012 at the age of 62. "As crazy as it sounds, I loved my job," says Witter, who mainly worked with new and expectant mothers. "But the toll it took on my psyche, my body. I just knew when I had the chance to retire, I'd take it."

And then she went back to work.

"Work. Not quite," Witter practically snorts. "My kids calls it my hobbies."

Since leaving her job with the state of Illinois, Witter has worked as a bookstore cashier, a tutor, a restaurant hostess and a tour guide. And if something "complicates" the job, she's out. "As soon as something happens that causes me a little stress, I quit," Witter says. "I tell them I'm an old broad. I don't have time for the nonsense."

The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that nearly 400,000 people 55 and older are looking for full-time work, while 180,000 are looking for part-time hours. Witter is one of many former retirees who have headed back into the workforce for a variety of reasons, although Witter's reason may be a bit unique. "My husband's also retired, but he's an artist," Witter says. "He uses our living room as his studio. Ever try staying at home all day with a man who thinks he's the next Edward Hopper? It's no picnic."

Jobs with benefits

Many workers 60 and older will tell you they work for the health insurance. "You can find some places that will give you a decent insurance package for 20 or 30 hours," says Lauren Pileski, a Boston-based career consultant who specializes in transitioning older workers into new fields. "A lot of people can't afford a good health plan if they don't qualify for Medicare just yet, so they choose to work until they're 65. It's one of the major reasons people go back to work."

Other older workers simply need the money. "That's reality for me," says Patricia Bruno, a retired hair stylist in Syracuse, N.Y. "I don't have much of a retirement package, and I want to wait until I'm 66 to collect social security."

Bruno can't cut hair these days because she says she has a hard time staying on her feet for more than 30 minutes at a time. "I stood up my entire career, every day, 10 hours a day or more," she says. "Now I take customer service calls for a credit card company. I do it from home, sitting in a comfy chair. It's not perfect, but it pays the bills."

Jobs for seniors

If you're 55 or older and looking for a few extra bucks but don't feel like re-entering the rat race, here are job options:

- Aide to social worker
- Clerical assistant
- Consultant
- Dispatcher
- Floral arranger
- Medical technician
- Museum guide
- Nurses assistant
- Reading assistant
- Seasonal delivery
- Seasonal sales help
- Security guard
- Substitute teacher
- Retail greeter
- Retail sales
- Restaurant host
- Tax preparation
- Teacher's aide/assistant
- Tutor

Former social worker Witter acknowledges she's not ready to give up working just yet. "Luckily, I don't need the money that badly," she says. "I use it to travel and to send gifts to my grandchildren. But I like interacting with people. I did it for nearly 30 years. I'm not ready to give it up."

Act your age

Finding a job when you're older requires a little honesty and a little finesse. Here are a few tips:

• Don't run from your age. Embrace it. Employers who interview older adults are looking for employees who are stable, dependable and mature. If you show up for an interview dressed in clothes from H&M and filled with stories of your weekend kayaking adventure, you're probably projecting the wrong image.

• Keep the resume or job application brief. No one wants to read "War and Peace" when she's looking for a store greeter.

• During the interview, discuss your career as a whole. Use specifics when discussing the last several years. Use anecdotes and stories to illustrate your ability to adapt to any situation. Highlight your willingness to work as a member of a team.

• Suggest your maturity as a positive for the employer. Younger employees will see someone who projects strength and wisdom and who, let's face it, has no interest in taking their job.

• Use younger references when possible. It will illustrate your willingness to work with people younger than you and will help boost your overall image.

— Marco Buscaglia, Tribune Content Agency



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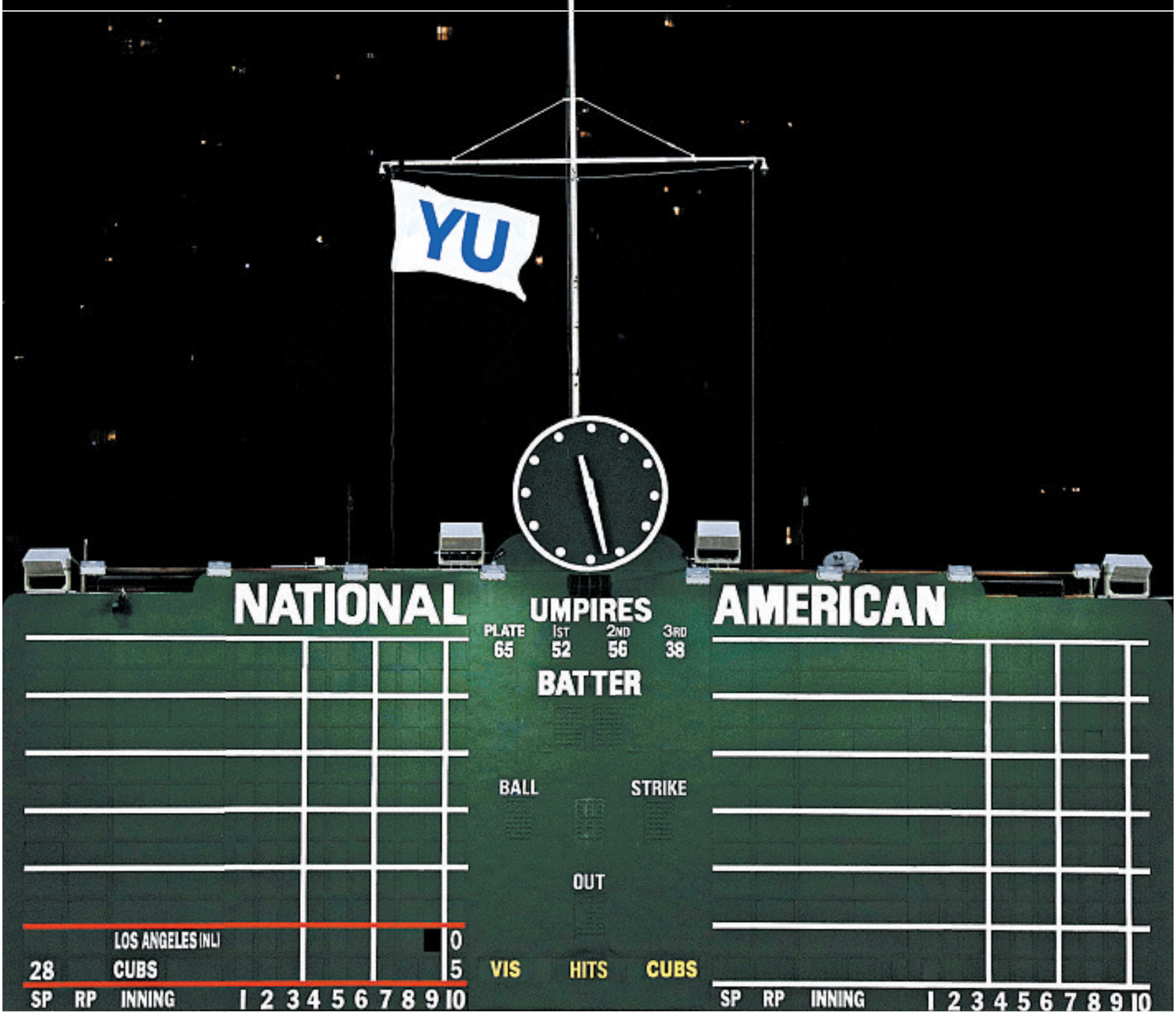
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A big victory

CUBS WIN YU DARVISH SWEEPSTAKES, AGREE TO 6-YEAR, $126M DEAL

To make Cubs World Series contenders again, Epstein, Ricketts take a serious step



David Haugh
In the Wake of the News

Ask Cubs fans how much longer pitcher Jon Lester has left on his contract and almost nobody will know.

Even fewer will care.

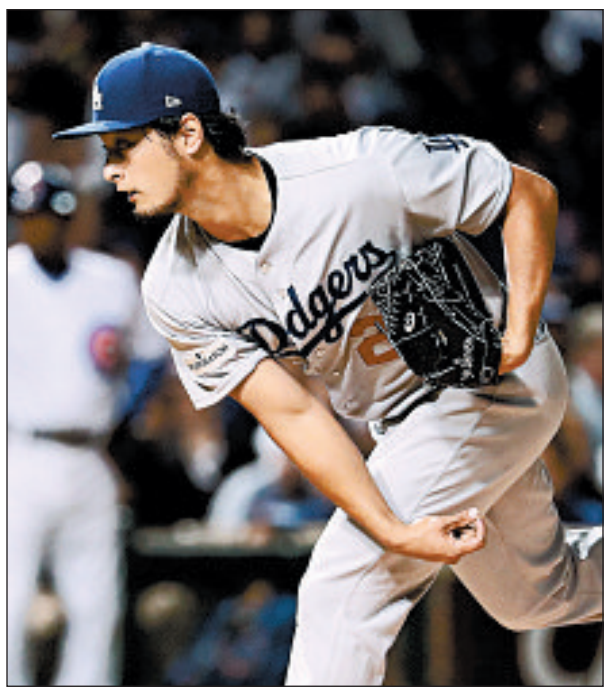
After Lester helped the Cubs win the World Series in 2016, it more than justified the team's six-year, $155 million deal some critics considered a risky investment when the lefty signed in December 2014.

Similar concerns will be expressed after the Cubs agreed to terms Saturday with pitcher Yu Darvish on a six-year, $126 million contract. That indeed represents a lot of money for a 31-year-old pitcher who has had Tommy John surgery. But when determining what bold move would make them serious World Series contenders again, the Cubs came to the right conclusion.

It had to be Yu.

Darvish completes a Cubs starting rotation that suddenly becomes as deep and talented as any in the National League.

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Pitching for the Dodgers, Yu Darvish beat the Cubs in Game 3 of the 2017 NL Championship Series, allowing one run on six hits while striking out seven in 6 ⅓ innings.

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Patience in pursuit pays off

With their first workout in Mesa, Ariz., only three days away, the Cubs land the biggest free-agent pitching prize in right-hander Yu Darvish. Story, Paul Sullivan, **Page 3**

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Now that's the way a World Series favorite ought to act. More Rosenbloom, **Page 2**



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STEVE ROSENBLOOM

Biggest offseason test: Aced

The good thing about the Cubs signing free-agent ace Yu Darvish is they don't have to face him in the playoffs.

Good thing, indeed, after Darvish fired 6⅓ innings of one-run, six-hit, seven-strikeout ball in Game 3 of the National League Championship Series in October.

This year, then, after the top pitcher on the market agreed to a six-year, $126 million contract Saturday, Darvish will be available to do that to the Dodgers instead of for them.

This year, then, at this point, I think we can say this: Ladies and gentlemen, your NL champion Chicago Cubs.

At least. Maybe it should be amended to call them World Series favorites.

Yeah, it's early. The operative phrase is "at this point." But still, at this point, they're the favorites. They're my favorites, anyway, based on that rotation.

It starts with Darvish, a certified ace. Then comes Jon Lester, an ace for a lot of teams. Next, Kyle Hendricks, a former Cy Young Award candidate and ERA leader. Then, Jose Quintana, and who has a No. 4 pitcher with a 3.74 ERA and a strikeout-to-walk ratio of almost 5-1? Tyler Chatwood, another free-agent signing, figures to fill out the rotation, or perhaps Mike Montgomery, and either way, the Cubs should be expected to be favorites in each series this regular season.

And each series in the playoffs.

Darvish brings the kind of swing-and-miss repertoire the Cubs were looking to replace with Jake Arrieta hitting free agency. Darvish finished with a 3.86 ERA in 31 starts for the Rangers and Dodgers last season, striking out 209 in 186⅔ innings. This is what the Cubs needed at the top of their rotation.

The Cubs still have questions as they head to spring training. They lack the kind of gimme leadoff hitter Dexter Fowler offered in center field. They need to improve their .324 on-base percentage from that spot last season, but they still scored 822 runs, second in the NL behind the Nationals, so we know Joe Maddon can play Rubik's Cube successfully if needed.

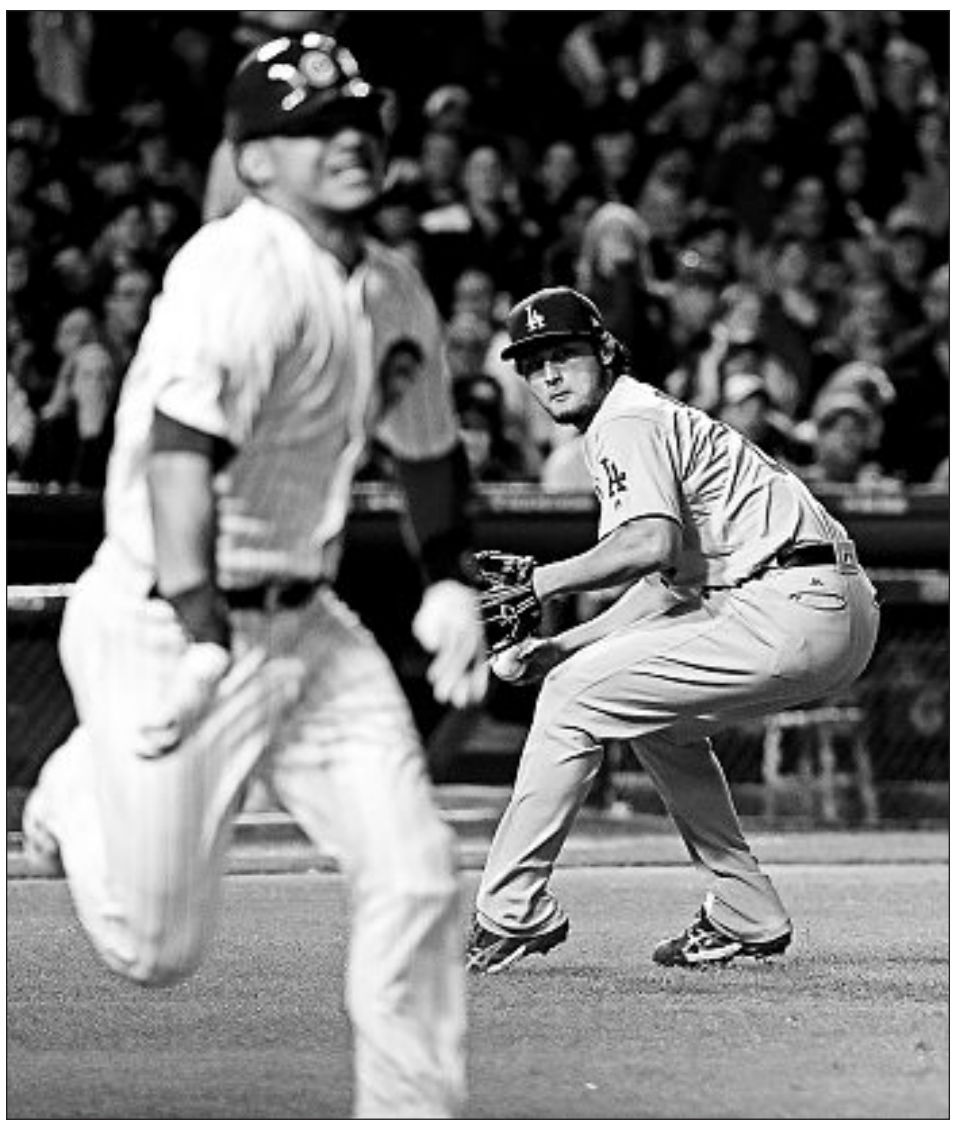
Closer remains a question if only because Brandon Morrow hasn't done it the way Aroldis Chapman and Wade Davis did for the Cubs the last 1½ seasons.

The Cubs don't have a backup to catcher Willson Contreras, but they signed 35-year-old Chris Gimenez to a minor-league contract last month amid speculation he could help Darvish given their history with the Rangers, so the Cubs might've solved that Saturday.

Kyle Schwarber's return to being the hitter Cubs President Theo Epstein believes he is instead of the slugger he looked like for most of 2017 also remains unsettled, which consequently makes the outfield uncertain.

Proper playing time for Addison Russell, Javier Baez and Ben Zobrist in the middle of the infield could be a tricky thing too.

But the Cubs added an ace Saturday, checking the most important box on their to-do list. They signed a top-of-the-rotation arm away from the Dodgers. An arm the Giants and Nationals can't sign. An arm that has them looking like NL champions, if not also World Series favorites.



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Yu Darvish will be pitching to Willson Contreras instead of trying to thrown him out at first.

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THE LINEUP

Dollars and sense

In a story posted Monday at Forbes.com, contributor Howard Cole made contract suggestions, including teams, for the top remaining free agents in the major leagues. Cole used mlbtraderumors.com's November projections for his rankings and salary guidelines. We've taken out the No. 1 player on the list — Yu Darvish, who agreed to a six-year, $126 million deal with the Cubs on Saturday. For what it's worth, Cole had Darvish signing with the Rangers for five years and $125 million. And check out his destination for Jake Arrieta.

2 | J.D. Martinez | OF
Suggestion: Red Sox for four years, $100 million.

3 | Eric Hosmer | 1B
Suggestion: Back to the Royals for five years, $90 million.

4 | Jake Arrieta | RHP
Suggestion: Back to the Cubs for four years, $80 million.

5 | Mike Moustakas | 3B
Suggestion: Yankees for three years, $55 million.

6 | Alex Cobb | RHP
Suggestion: Orioles for four years, $44 million.

7 | Lance Lynn | RHP
Suggestion: Twins for three years, $30 million.

8 | Greg Holland | RHP
Suggestion: Cardinals for two years, $20 million.

9 | Logan Morrison | 1B-LF
Suggestion: Cardinals for one year, $10 million.

10 | Jonathan Lucroy | C-1B
Suggestion: Back to the Rockies for two years, $17 million.

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Darvish deal a bold move

Haugh, *from Page 1*

If the Cubs win another title in the next couple of seasons with Darvish's help, nobody will worry about the length of the contract or the average annual salary — only the size of the parade crowd along Michigan Avenue.

This is what urgency looks like in professional sports. This is how you sustain success. A Cubs team coming off its third straight National League Championship Series attacked free agency like a team looking for legitimacy. Chairman Tom Ricketts didn't approach this like a greedy owner afraid of whether he could afford to sign Darvish but rather like a baseball guy concerned about whether he could afford not to and still keep pace with the Dodgers and Nationals. And if you think this takes the Cubs out of the Bryce Harper Sweepstakes next winter, you haven't paid attention to the way Ricketts has reached into the family's deep pockets when President Theo Epstein wants a player.

So Ricketts gave the green light and Epstein and general manager Jed Hoyer got their man after traveling to Dallas in December for a three-hour meeting with Darvish that obviously made an impression. They made their pitch to the Japanese pitcher, who chose not to use an interpreter. They waited out a long winter as baseball's hot stove went on the fritz, and they stuck to an offer they can defend in the name of winning. They removed sentiment from the equation by choosing Darvish over Jake Arrieta, a key figure in the transformation of the Cubs. Arrieta forever will occupy a place in the hearts of Cubs fans, but Epstein and Hoyer listened to their heads, which told them Darvish projected as a more elite pitcher over the next five years. Arrieta's decline in velocity and command has been slight but not insignificant enough for the Cubs to ignore. Agent Scott Boras also might not have done Arrieta any favors setting such lofty parameters for negotiations that never really got anywhere.

The Cubs can't discuss Darvish until he passes a physical, but you wonder how their shrewd move of signing his personal catcher with the Rangers affected the pitcher's thinking. Every little bit helps in a move this big. Journeyman catcher Chris Gimenez, a smart, colorful 35-year-old complement to any bench, signed a minor-league deal with the Cubs last month. Gimenez caught Darvish's first major-league shutout in 2014 and his first start after Tommy John surgery in 2016, milestone moments when they developed a trust and rapport.

The Cubs have faith that Darvish's World Series flop was the exception, not the rule. As an Astros player told Sports Illustrated, Darvish — who always pitches out of the stretch — tipped his pitches by the way he moved the ball into his glove from the set position. Tipping pitches is correctable, but the results were permanent: Darvish gave up nine runs in 3⅓ innings, which included a Game 7 performance he and Dodgers fans would love to forget.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

President Theo Epstein believes pitcher Yu Darvish's flop in the World Series against the Astros was the exception, not the rule.

Yet reports say the Dodgers still were one of the teams negotiating with Darvish until the Cubs struck a deal. Every interested team chose to focus on what Darvish did before the Astros cracked his code: He allowed only two runs in 11⅓ innings in two playoff starts before the World Series.

The Dodgers stayed engaged because they knew from experience that Darvish is a pro with as much polish as panache. After his World Series disaster, Darvish apologized to Dodgers fans. He demonstrated similar maturity dealing with the racially insensitive gesture made by Astros player Yuli Gurriel earlier in the series. In the context of the Cubs, they are getting a player who won't be overwhelmed by the scrutiny that accompanies playing in a major market at Wrigley Field for a team in contention from day one.

The Cubs can call themselves a contender again because Darvish completes an upgrade to the overall rotation. They replaced Arrieta and John Lackey with Darvish and right-hander Tyler Chatwood. Not only do the additions make the starting pitching better but they allow versatile lefty Mike Montgomery to remain in the utility role he grudgingly accepts.

At this stage of Darvish's career, he seldom will pitch past the seventh inning, but the Cubs rarely will require it given the depth of their bolstered bullpen. They still might miss closer Wade Davis but veterans Brandon Morrow and Steve Cishek, along with holdover Carl Edwards Jr., offer enough options for pressure situations.

Now more high-pressure, high-profile situations are to come after the Cubs consummated this ideal deal — one with potential short-term rewards that outweigh concerns over the long-term risks.

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CUBS

Cubs get their man

The timing isn't ideal, but patience pays off with crucial addition



Paul Sullivan
On the Cubs

It wasn't the spring surprise Cubs President Theo Epstein pulled off two years ago with the Dexter Fowler signing.

If only Yu Darvish had waited a few more days, he could've waltzed into spring training unannounced and provided the type of Hollywood story the Cubs seem to crave.

The only real surprise is that Darvish didn't have to take a big discount after waiting until early February to get a deal. Freeze or no freeze, the Cubs got their man, and Darvish got $126 million over six years, with a chance to make more.

So a slow-speed pursuit that began in mid-December ended with a splash four days before pitchers and catchers report to Mesa, Ariz. Why it took so long to get something done is irrelevant at this point. In the end, the Cubs fulfilled their primary offseason objective — find an ace — and nothing else matters.

Darvish, Jon Lester, Kyle Hendricks, Jose Quintana and Tyler Chatwood form a lock-tight rotation that compares with any in the National League. It should be enough to assure the Cubs a third straight Central Division title, and with a revamped bullpen and most of the same lineup, a second championship in three seasons seems well within reach.

It all depends on whether Darvish does his thing, if new closer Brandon Morrow and set-up man Steve Cishek can safeguard the back end of games, and if Chatwood is as underrated as the Cubs believe.

If all four click, this offseason may be deemed the best of Epstein's tenure in Chicago. If not, well, the window is still open for a few more years. Until Saturday, Epstein's grade was probably a B-minus, namely because the Cubs hadn't addressed their biggest need.

Naturally, even if Yu is Yu and the Cubs do get back to the World Series, reminders of Darvish's woeful outings against the Astros in last year's Series are certain to crop up. But that's something to fret about down the road, not on a day when you're shoveling out a parking space and using old kitchen chairs as placeholders.

With spring training starting Tuesday, the Cubs are calling dibs on the NL pennant.

Kudos to Epstein for making the deal happen, even if he made anxious Cubs fans suffer a bit through the long, cold winter, wondering if they'd get the ace they felt they were entitled to. The Brewers' aggressive moves in January, signing Lorenzo Cain and acquiring Christian Yelich, made the Cubs appear sloth-like, even though they'd signed Morrow, Chatwood and Cishek early and re-signed Brian Duensing.

The Cubs' 2018 payroll is now estimated at $184 million, which would keep the Cubs under the luxury tax, and they won't lose a draft pick since Darvish was ineligible for a qualifying offer after being traded from the Rangers during the season.

Best of all, the Cubs were able to hang on to their young core — Javier Baez, Addison Russell, Kyle Schwarber and Albert Almora Jr. — instead of dealing one or more for a starter, a possibility Epstein hinted at during his post-mortem in October.

Darvish and Jake Arrieta ranked 1-2 on the free-agent market. Epstein had to get one or the other.

Mission accomplished.

The signing should begin a rush of free-agent deals, and perhaps end speculation by agents that collusion was to blame for the freeze-out.

Aside from his importance to the Cubs' postseason hopes, Darvish's presence also gives them a marketing boost at home and abroad. Despite missing out on Shohei Ohtani, the Cubs figure to be a big deal in Japan again, though they hope it's not a rerun of the last time they signed a big-name Japanese star to a long-term deal.

When he came to the Cubs after the 2007 season, outfielder Kosuke Fukudome was hyped as the left-handed bat they were lacking in their division series sweep at the hands of the Diamondbacks.

When Fukudome hit a tying, three-run home run in the ninth inning against the Brewers in the season opener at Wrigley Field, it looked like an instant legend was in the making. Fans in the bleachers jumped while waving professionally made signs with Japanese lettering.

The signs were meant to read "It's Gonna Happen," but something got lost in the translation. "It's An Accident" was the literal translation, and as it turned out, Fukudome's opening day heroics were a mere blip in an otherwise disappointing stay in Chicago.

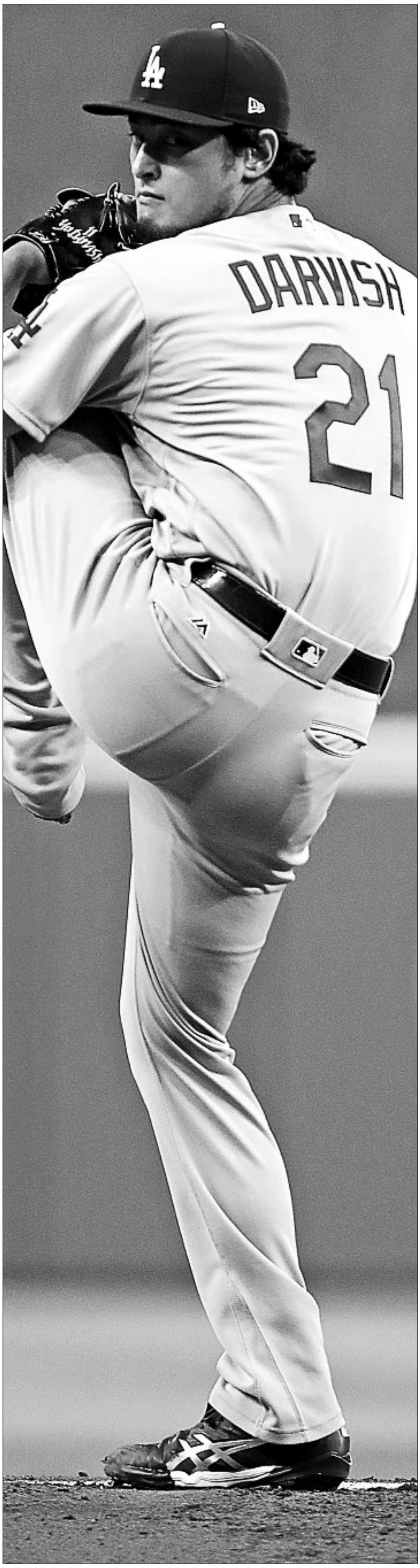
But that was a different time, and a different player. Darvish already has proven himself at the major-league level.

A decade later, the only souvenir I have left from the Fukudome era is "Say It In Japanese," a pocket translation guide. It didn't have the phrase I was looking for, but a friend in Tokyo sent me a translation that assuredly will be on novelty T-shirts by opening day:

"Hidoku nai youni shiro."

In other words, try not to suck.

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The Cubs agreed to terms with free-agent pitcher Yu Darvish just days before the opening of spring training.

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Landing Darvish for 6 years, $126 million solidifies rotation

By Mark Gonzales
Chicago Tribune

The long wait was well worth the pursuit for the Cubs, who agreed to terms Saturday with marquee free-agent pitcher Yu Darvish.

A cold, uncertain winter thawed four days before the team's first workout in Mesa, Ariz., as the Cubs landed a four-time All-Star right-hander with a swing-and-miss repertoire without placing undue stress on their payroll.

Darvish, 31, will be guaranteed $126 million over the next six seasons with the chance to earn an additional $24 million in incentives. But his annual average salary of $21 million is well below what many forecasters projected.

The Cubs have loaded up on pitchers in free agency, with Darvish's signing following those of Tyler Chatwood, Brandon Morrow, Drew Smyly and Steve Cishek in December.

The Cubs made an unsuccessful attempt to land Shohei Ohtani, a 23-year-old pitcher/outfielder phenom from Japan. But they took a deliberate approach with Darvish, who was projected by some to receive as much as $30 million annually.

The Cubs' concession to Darvish, who missed all of 2015 after Tommy John surgery, was a lengthy contract. The signing is expected to be announced once Darvish passes a physical.

The Twins were among the teams interested in Darvish, who struck out 209 in 186⅔ innings while going 10-12 with a 3.86 ERA in 31 starts with the Rangers and Dodgers last season. Darvish is 56-42 with 1,021 strikeouts in 832⅓ innings over five major league seasons. In Japan, he was 93-38 with a 1.99 ERA in seven seasons for the Nippon Ham Fighters.

The addition of Darvish allows the Cubs to maintain a strong rotation in the wake of the almost certain departures of free agents Jake Arrieta and John Lackey. The rotation now comprises Darvish, Jon Lester, Kyle Hendricks, Jose Quintana — who began the 2017 season as the White Sox's ace — and Chatwood.

A December meeting between the Cubs and Darvish in Texas was confirmed by Darvish on his increasingly popular Twitter account, and it didn't hurt that the Cubs signed catcher Chris Gimenez to a minor-league contract last month.

Gimenez caught 12 of Darvish's 26 starts with the Rangers in 2014 and played for Cubs manager Joe Maddon and pitching coach Jim Hickey with the Rays in 2012-13.

The Cubs were interested in Darvish before the July 31 trade deadline but had multiple needs.

They acquired left-hander Jose Quintana, left-handed reliever Justin Wilson and backup catcher Alex Avila in separate deals during the final 2½ weeks of July.

Darvish, meanwhile was traded minutes before the deadline for three prospects from the talent-rich Dodgers.

The Cubs' high opinion of Darvish was reinforced in Game 3 of the National League Championship Series, when he allowed one run, six hits and a walk with seven strikeouts against the Cubs in 6⅓ innings.

A source said Darvish's deal includes an opt-out clause, but there will be plenty of incentive for him to help the Cubs return to the World Series. Darvish, who has pitched in three postseasons (2012, 2016-17), allowed five runs in 1⅔ innings to the Astros in Game 7 of the 2017 World Series.

An unidentified Astros player told Tom Verducci of Sports Illustrated that Darvish was tipping his pitches in Game 3 (when he allowed four runs on six hits in 1⅔ innings) and Game 7.

But Darvish now has a chance to return to the World Series with a Cubs franchise that has made three consecutive trips to the NLCS and won the 2016 championship.

This marks the third time in the past four offseasons that the Cubs have invested heavily in a marquee free agent. They signed Lester to a six-year, $155 million deal before the 2015 season and gave outfielder Jason Heyward an eight-year, $184 million contract prior to 2016.

But the likely departures of Arrieta, John Lackey and Jon Jay, along with Quintana's team-friendly contract, gave the Cubs enough room to sign Darvish and not force them to shave payroll to stay under the luxury tax threshold.

In addition, the Cubs fortified their pitching staff without trading a young position player such as Kyle Schwarber, Ian Happ or Albert Almora Jr.

The Cubs' base salary commitments to 19 players is about $158 million.

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Accumulation.

After a dry season, the Cubs hope to start piling up titles after breaking the ice in 2016.

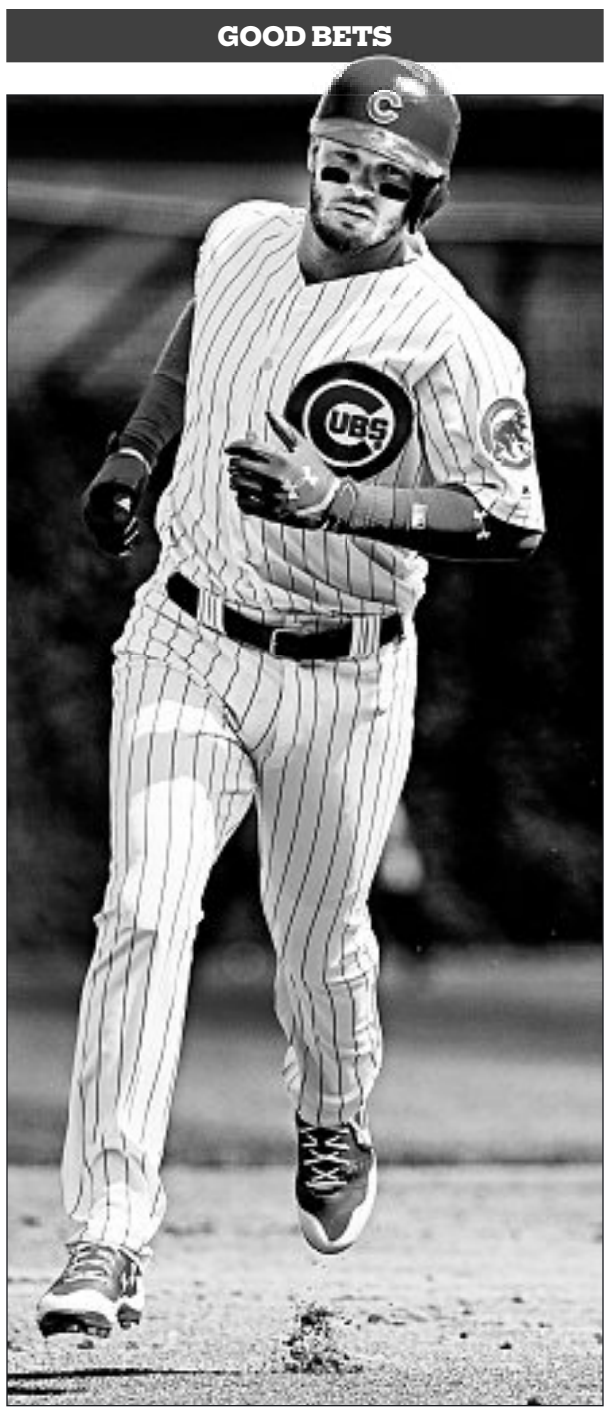


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With Yu Darvish agreeing to a six-year, $126 million deal Saturday, the rotation is at least as deep as the 2015-2016 seasons. Catcher Willson Contreras relishes his opportunity to take on greater responsibility behind the plate in his second full season. A healthy Ben Zobrist will give manager Joe Maddon the versatility he craves. The Cubs need a consistent season from shortstop Addison Russell. Jason Heyward and **Kyle Schwarber**, above, are two major projects for new hitting coach Chili Davis.

	PITCHERS (11)
Tyler Chatwood	It's as simple as throwing strikes
Steve Cishek	Sidearm delivery a change of pace
Yu Darvish	Just what the Cubs needed
Brian Duensing	Exceptional at retiring first batters
Carl Edwards Jr.	Thirsting for more consistency
Kyle Hendricks	Optimism high after 2nd-half surge
Jon Lester	Can he return to stellar 2016 form?
Mike Montgomery	Wish to start could come elsewhere
Brandon Morrow	Plenty of TLC after he labored in WS
Jose Quintana	Should feel comfortable now
Pedro Strop	Will do whatever it takes
	CATCHERS (1)
Willson Contreras	Eager to take on more responsibility
	INFIELDERS (5)
Javier Baez	No WBC should help his preparation
Kris Bryant	19.7 WAR, .915 OPS in first 3 years
Anthony Rizzo	Leader is picture of consistency
Addison Russell	Needs to take a big step forward
Ben Zobrist	Wrist is fine; stamina must follow
	OUTFIELDERS (3)
Albert Almora Jr.	Checks more boxes for playing time
Jason Heyward	Swing remains under microscope
Kyle Schwarber	New, slimmer physique can't hurt

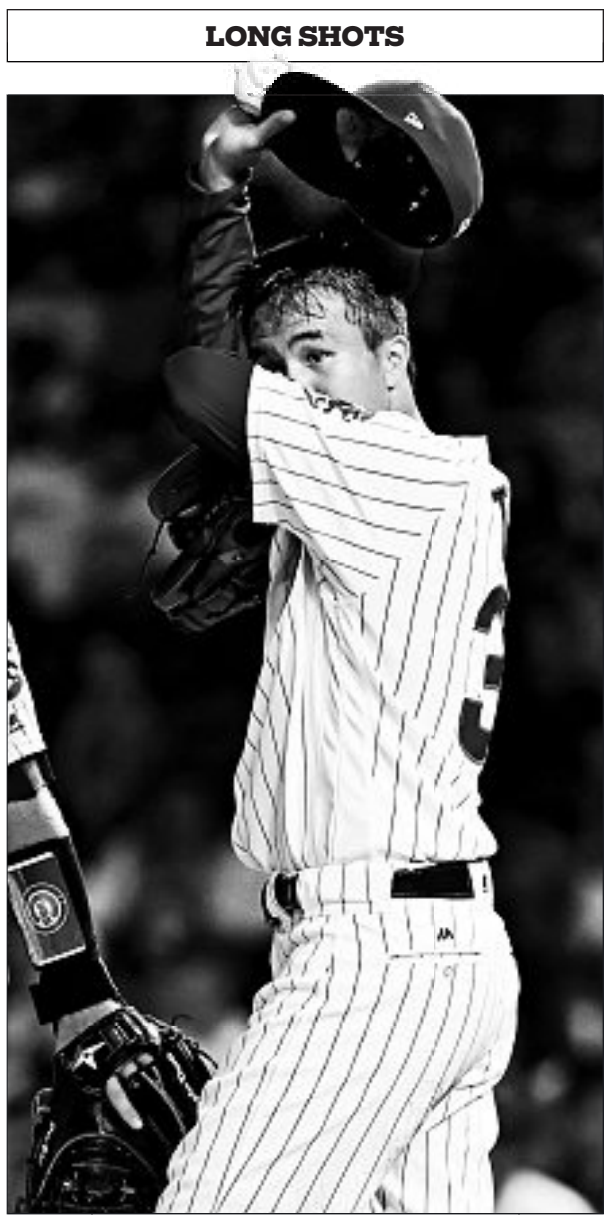


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New pitching coach Jim Hickey has taken note of the soft contact against left-hander Justin Wilson, whose bouts of wildness offset his 96-mph fastball. Chris Gimenez has handled young staffs with the Rays (2012-13), Indians (2016) and Twins (2017), and his experience should only help the Cubs and Contreras. Opposing teams like the versatility of **Ian Happ**, above, who showed improvement in laying off high fastballs late in the season. Happ, however, had only eight plate appearances in the postseason. Peter Bourjos adds a speed and outfield defense dimension for the first time in the Maddon era.

	PITCHERS (2)
Justin Grimm	Experienced reliever faces a battle
Justin Wilson	Plenty to prove after rough finish
	CATCHERS (1)
Chris Gimenez	Perfect fit to mentor Contreras
	INFIELDERS (1)
Tommy La Stella	.488 OBP as a pinch hitter
	OUTFIELDERS (2)
Peter Bourjos	Speed, defense are midgame assets
Ian Happ	Needs to play, but where?



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Eddie Butler is out of minor-league options, and the Cubs need to develop reliable starting pitching depth. Alec Mills and **Jen-Ho Tseng**, above, will get an extended look. Left-hander Drew Smyly could be fully recovered from surgery in the second half. There are high hopes for Adbert Alzolay, the organization's top pitching prospect who could receive a late-season promotion if he continues to ascend. Dillon Maples might have the best fastball-slider combination in the organization but needs to improve his control. Dario Alvarez could loom as a left-handed specialist because of his sharp slider.

	PITCHERS (10)
Dario Alvarez	Team officials marvel over his slider
Adbert Alzolay	Could be at Wrigley in September
Anthony Bass	Pitched for Jed Hoyer with Padres
Eddie Butler	Needs to make instant splash
Dillon Maples	Might need more seasoning
Cory Mazzoni	Struck out 31 in 20 1/3 IP at El Paso
Alec Mills	Provides starting depth if needed
Drew Smyly	Could loom large in second half
Jen-Ho Tseng	Strike-thrower could get spot start
Rob Zastryzny	Lefty a victim of numbers
	CATCHERS (1)
Victor Caratini	Behind Contreras but not deterred
	OUTFIELDERS (1)
Mark Zagunis	Career .402 OBP in minors

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AROUND BASEBALL 2018 STORYLINES

Baseball gets spring (training) in its step



Paul Sullivan
On baseball

Baseball returns from its sleep-inducing offseason this week with a wake-up jolt.

Thirty major-league camps will open in Florida and Arizona for the start of spring training, vying for attention with a rogue camp in Bradenton, Fla.

Financed by the players union in response to the owners' scarcity of interest in the current crop of free agents, the island of misfit millionaires adds another intriguing storyline to what looks to be a wild spring.

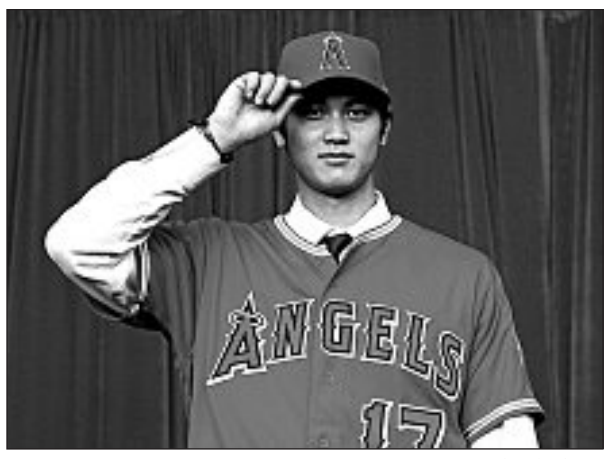
The Cubs seemingly broke the dam Saturday by agreeing to terms with right-hander **Yu Darvish** on a six-year, $126 million deal, but more than 100 others remain unsigned, including stars such as Jake Arrieta and J.D. Martinez.

Despite their best intentions, baseball's owners somehow find themselves in great shape heading into 2018.

The constant carping about pace of play, the increasing number of tanking teams and the antagonistic attitude toward its own players haven't dulled interest in the national pastime.

The last two World Series were seven-game classics won by teams executing near-perfect teardowns and rebuilds. **Aaron Judge** and **Giancarlo Stanton** are now in the same lineup with the Yankees, and 23-year-old Japanese star **Shohei Ohtani** brings his high-wire act to the Angels.

With baseball back in business, here are some of the storylines we'll be following this spring and onward.



JAE C. HONG/AP

Many major-league teams showed interest in Japanese star Shohei Ohtani before he signed with the Angels.

Shohei Show

Ohtani, the best young player in Japan, is a pitcher/slugger hoping in his rookie season to become the reincarnation of **Babe Ruth**. It all starts in Tempe, Ariz., where the national media will converge, leaving the Cubs to train in relative peace for once.

Just relax, Shohei. No pressure at all.

Ohtani will likely start out in the Angels rotation and figures to play in the outfield or at designated hitter when he's not on the mound. The Angels ultimately may go with a six-man rotation, as Ohtani pitched only about once a week in Japan.

It was revealed after the much-hyped signing that Ohtani had a small, first-degree UCL tear in his right elbow, which could lead to a more conservative game plan. Either way, everyone in the U.S. and Japan will be watching his every move.

NL ODDS	Wins	Pennant	Win it all
Dodgers	96 1/2	2-1	5-1
Nationals	92	3-1	7-1
Cubs	92	4-1	9-1
Diamondbacks	85 1/2	11-1	25-1
Cardinals	85	9-1	20-1
Brewers	84 1/2	16-1	40-1
Giants	82 1/2	15-1	32-1
Rockies	81 1/2	20-1	45-1
Mets	81	12-1	28-1
Phillies	75 1/2	50-1	125-1
Braves	74 1/2	75-1	200-1
Pirates	73 1/2	40-1	100-1
Reds	73 1/2	100-1	250-1
Padres	69 1/2	75-1	200-1
Marlins	64 1/2	500-1	1,000-1

Odds by 5dimes

Freeze frame

Owners had been united all winter, saying no to long-term contracts until Darvish's deal. What's seldom mentioned in discussions of greedy players is the fact every team received around $50 million for the sale of BAMTech to Disney. That's in addition to all their other revenue streams. No wonder the owners closed off a ritzy hotel bar from the prying media at the general managers meetings — they had a lot of celebrating to do.

Some agents have hinted at collusion, but Darvish, **Wade Davis** and **Lorenzo Cain** had significant paydays. The freezeout will remain a big story until the last of the big squirrels is signed.



THE 2018 WHITE SOX FIRST LOOK

By Chris Kuc | Chicago Tribune

And the thaw.

In a deep freeze for years, the White Sox believe the warm-up is upon them.

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13 Barring a major signing or trade, the White Sox opening-day roster will be made up of players already in play. The starting rotation will be without Carlos Rodon at the outset while he recovers from shoulder surgery but otherwise appears set. There are several options for the restructured bullpen and questions abound in the outfield. But the infield is in good shape with Yoan Moncada anchoring second base from day one, Tim Anderson a mainstay at shortstop and first baseman **Jose Abreu**, above, among the top run producers in baseball. Newcomer Welington Castillo has been penciled in as the No. 1 catcher.

PITCHERS (7)	
Lucas Giolito	Potential ace will benefit from 2017
Miguel Gonzalez	RH brought back to eat up innings
Nate Jones	Looks ready after elbow surgery
Reynaldo Lopez	Development of changeup a key
Carlos Rodon	Will start season on DL
James Shields	Better after adjusting arm angle
Joakim Soria	Should get first crack at closer role
CATCHERS (1)	
Welington Castillo	Should handle bulk of catching
INFIELDERS (4)	
Jose Abreu	Anchor of lineup is a powerhouse
Tim Anderson	2017 was a roller coaster
Yoan Moncada	Expectations soaring
Yolmer Sanchez	Leading candidate to start at 3B
OUTFIELDERS (1)	
Avisail Garcia	Confidence high after All-Star 2017

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9 **Carson Fulmer**, above, is likely to replace Rodon in the rotation while the bullpen will have a different look after trades decimated it last season. Adam Engel has been working on his hitting and will need to prove he can make better contact to hold on to the center-field job. Matt Davidson should have a leg up on designated-hitter candidates and Nicky Delmonico is penciled in as the starting left fielder.

PITCHERS (4)	
Luis Avilan	Nearly a lock, LH will help bullpen
Carson Fulmer	RH went 3-1 with a 3.86 ERA in 2017
Gregory Infante	2-1 with a 3.13 ERA for Sox in 2017
Juan Minaya	Had nine saves in stint as Sox closer
CATCHERS (1)	
Kevan Smith	Battling Omar Narvaez for spot
INFIELDERS (1)	
Matt Davidson	Power potential should lead to spot
OUTFIELDERS (3)	
Nicky Delmonico	Likely to get first crack at left field
Adam Engel	Terrific fielder needs fewer Ks
Leury Garcia	Versatile and has some pop

LONG SHOTS



22 General manager Rick Hahn is hoping to catch lightning in a bottle by adding a plethora of hard-throwing relievers to the mix via trades and low-level free-agent signings. The Sox hope some of the ragtag group of pitchers can contribute early on and then become trade assets as the season progresses. Infielder Tyler Saladino has to prove he can be healthy and productive if the veteran hopes to stay in the big leagues with the Sox. Top prospects **Eloy Jimenez**, above, and Michael Kopech are ticketed for the minors, but if either or both of them have huge training camps they could be in the opening-day picture.

PITCHERS (13)	
Chris Beck	Appeared in 57 games last season
Aaron Bummer	Made 30 appearances in 2017
Xavier Cedeno	Forearm strain limited him to 3 IP
Danny Farquhar	Had 4.20 ERA with Rays and Sox
Jeanmar Gomez	Had 37 saves for Phillies in 2016
Gonzalez Germen	Pitched in Japan in 2017
T.J. House	2 appearances with Jays in 2017
Michael Kopech	Flamethrower top pitching prospect
Bruce Rondon	Was 1-3 with a 10.91 ERA for Tigers
Jose Ruiz	Claimed off waivers from Padres
Rob Scahill	Was 1-3 with a 4.43 ERA for Brewers
Thyago Vieira	Can hit triple digits regularly
Michael Ynoa	Struggled during time in bullpen
CATCHERS (1)	
Omar Narvaez	Will battle for backup job
INFIELDERS (2)	
Casey Gillaspie	Rays former 1st-rounder has pop
Tyler Saladino	Injuries led to a .178, no-HR 2017
OUTFIELDERS (6)	
Ryan Cordell	Big potential if he beats back injury
Willy Garcia	Batted .238 with 2 homers with Sox
Eloy Jimenez	Matter of when — not if
Daniel Palka	Could provide power from left side
Blake Rutherford	Key piece of big trade with Yankees
Charlie Tilson	CF needs to stay healthy

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Twins	82½	24-1	40-1
Mariners	81½	18-1	40-1
Blue Jays	81	23-1	47-1
Rays	77½	40-1	100-1
Rangers	77½	48-1	100-1
Athletics	74½	75-1	200-1
Orioles	73	40-1	100-1
Royals	72	75-1	150-1
Tigers	68½	150-1	300-1
White Sox	67½	75-1	150-1

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Bomb squad

The Yankees' surprising acquisition of Stanton must have been a dream come true for Commissioner **Rob Manfred**.

Love them or hate them, the game is simply better when the Yankees are *the Yankees*. With two mammoth, pinstriped sluggers hitting back-to-back, the Bombers should revert to their former role as baseball's Evil Empire, the way it oughta be.

Judge last year became the first rookie in history to hit 50 home runs. Stanton took a shot at **Roger Maris**' old-school record of 61 homers before winding up with 59. It's similar to **Kevin Durant** joining **Steph Curry** and combining to make every game a happening.

Tanks a lot

With so many teams in the same rebuilding mode, one of them is bound to surprise everyone and compete for a wild-card berth. Remember, a half-dozen mediocre teams were in contention last August for the second American League wild-card playoff spot. It's not that hard if a team hangs around .500.

Perhaps the White Sox can be the chosen one, assuming **Michael Kopech** and **Eloy Jimenez** come up and all the prospects click as the Cubs' did in 2015. The Brewers fast-forwarded their rebuild last year and are now a team with which to reckon.

The Pirates insist they're not tanking despite trading ace **Gerrit Cole** and center fielder **Andrew McCutchen**.

"In our minds, a rebuild implies you're looking five years down the road," general manager **Neal Huntington** said. "This team is going to show up ready to go in spring training, ready to compete, ready to defy odds, just like that 2013 Pirates team did."

Stranger things have happened.

Bullpenning lane

"Bullpenning" has become the norm in the postseason, with managers going to the pen early to avoid having starters face hitters the third time around. "Bridge" pitchers to get from starter to closer are now a hot commodity, and the Dodgers' **Brandon Morrow** went that route to nab a closer's job this year with the Cubs.

The Rockies, meanwhile, signed former Cubs closer Davis, ignoring the freeze to improve their chances. They spent a hefty $106 million on their bullpen in the offseason, also adding **Bryan Shaw** and re-signing **Jake McGee**, and their bullpen arguably is more important than their rotation.

It's a bold experiment to say the least. But nothing else has worked at Coors Field over the years, so why not give it a shot?



BOSTON GLOBE VIA GETTY

There's a possibility bullpen carts, like this one dropping off former Red Sox pitcher Bill Lee, could make a return.

Pace car

Nostalgic sportswriters love to wax poetic about the days when relievers entered games in golf carts decked with giant baseball caps. There's no real reason why we loved them so much. They're just primped-up golf carts after all, but it's just part of our DNA.

Perhaps that's why the union's proposal to look at bringing back the retro bullpen carts — under the guise of speeding up the game — has made every writer giddy. As long as they keep mascots out of them and have cool roofs, bullpen carts can be the salvation of baseball.

Trust me on this one.

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Pitchers and catcher report

WHITE SOX

Don Cooper talks good game, which helps Sox pitching staff throw them

By Chris Kuc
Chicago Tribune

Don Cooper is ready to discuss his favorite subject — pitching — and as anyone who ever has spoken to him about it knows, it's likely to be a lengthy conversation.

"Let me sit down and get into a talkin' position," Cooper said. "I'll talk to anybody about pitching, especially White Sox pitching."

Cooper has been in the Sox organization since 1988 and became the team's pitching coach in 2002. During that time he has come across hurlers of all shapes, sizes and talent levels.

For every Mark Buehrle, John Danks, Jose Quintana and Bobby Jenks, there has been a Rocky Biddle, Vic Darensbourg, Wes Whisler and Jack Egbert. Cooper has seen them all and keeps coming back for more because he cherishes his role.

"I get to see guys reach their dreams," Cooper said. "The first time they get to the big leagues, that's a dream realized — a longtime dream — but at the end of the dream it wasn't, 'All right, now I go back to the minor leagues.'

"I want them to make the best use of that time and be focused on being as good as they can be. Every one of them has a gift — you don't get to the major leagues without being gifted — and we bring those gifts out to the fullest. You want every single one of them to succeed. It's important to me."

To get there, Cooper puts pitchers through their paces on and off the mound. There are throwing programs, strength training, cardio workouts and more, but it is interpersonal relationships that drive Cooper.

"It's the conversations I have with them," he said. "It's about the bullpen sessions, the pregames and the games we talk about — that's the meat and potatoes for me."

The ability to communicate with pitchers from all walks of life is perhaps Cooper's strongest asset. During a key time in the Sox's rebuild, that is an important trait for the man tasked with aiding the development of some of the organization's most prized possessions.

"He has developed a rapport with everybody," manager Rick Renteria said. "It doesn't matter whether it's a young player just breaking in or a veteran coming into the system from another organization.

"He has a way of communicating with players that can either shock them or bring a lot of ease. There's a method to everything he does."

When Sox pitchers and catchers report to Glendale, Ariz., for spring training Monday, Cooper will begin work with a 2018 starting rotation that is likely to feature youngsters Lucas Giolito, Reynaldo Lopez and Carson Fulmer along with veterans Miguel Gonzalez and James Shields. Each one of them is going to get his fill of the man called "Coop."

"We relate really well to him," Fulmer, 24, said. "Sometimes you have good games and sometimes you have bad games. (It's good) being able to just reflect on every outing with him.

"As a player, you want to get along with your pitching coach and run a lot of things by him. He does a good job of allowing us to vent to him a little bit. We have a ton of respect for him and we'll just continue to learn as much as we can from an experienced pitching coach."

With the rebuild — a word Cooper doesn't like "because it's always a build" — humming right along, the New York native is eager to work with the talent general manager Rick Hahn has accumulated. Giolito, Lopez and Fulmer all made significant strides during their stints with the Sox in 2017, and the goal for '18 is further development.

"I want to make a huge step forward individually with each guy," Cooper said. "There might be some ups and downs here — I've seen it before — but we're going to have a plan and stick to it.

"We'll continue to work and focus on the things individually that we are going to add to our repertoire. What I'm looking for is that one stride forward because if we can do it individually, maybe we can do it collectively.

"I'm excited to put the work in. When you're talking about Fulmer, Giolito and Lopez in the starting rotation and (Aaron) Bummer coming to camp, and you're adding (Michael) Kopech, (Alec) Hansen, (Dylan) Cease, (Dane) Dunning and (Ian) Clarkin to name a few, I welcome the challenge, embrace it and (say) let's go for it."

It's clear the 62-year-old Cooper remains as enthusiastic about his job as ever and is grateful to be doing it.

"I have the best seat in the house to watch the best game played by the best players," Cooper said. "And they pay me. Who has it better?"

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COOPER'S LAST 30 SEASONS WITH SOX

- **1988:** Pitching coach, Class A South Bend Silver Hawks.
- **1989-91:** Pitching coach, Class A Sarasota White Sox.
- **1992:** Pitching coach, Double-A Birmingham Barons.
- **1993-94:** Minor-league pitching coordinator.
- **1995-96:** Pitching coach, Triple-A Nashville Sounds.
- **1997-2002:** Minor-league pitching coordinator.
- **2002-2017:** Pitching coach, MLB White Sox.

CUBS

Willson Contreras eager to continue rapid ascent to catching stardom

By Mark Gonzales
Chicago Tribune

Willson Contreras did a double take last month as he responded to a greeting from Bill Buckner during a reception before the Cubs Convention.

"Como esta, amigo," Buckner said as Contreras froze before embracing the former Cubs first baseman as tightly as a baseball before making a game-saving tag at home plate.

"My best hitting coach," Contreras said later with a proud smile.

Buckner, a lifetime .289 hitter over 20-plus major-league seasons, served as one of Contreras' mentors at Class A Boise in 2012 — when Contreras took a small, but positive step at the plate while making the transition to catcher after spending his first three seasons as a third baseman.

Since that time, the ascent has been so rapid and impressive that it's a foregone conclusion Contreras, 25, will be expected to handle a championship-caliber pitching staff for his second full major-league season and provide protection somewhere in the middle of the batting order behind sluggers Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo.

"Two years ago, it was my first spring training," Contreras said. "But I'm excited and proud to be part of a huge Cubs family and hope I can be here for my whole career."

Despite his quick climb, Contreras realizes there's plenty of work left for him and he felt compelled to clarify his stance after telling the Sun-Times in January that he "was going to be better" than perennial All-Stars Buster Posey and Yadier Molina — a declaration that fueled bewilderment and a stern reply from Molina, an eight-time Gold Glove winner.

"What player doesn't want to be the best at their position?" Contreras replied later on his Twitter account. "I know I am lacking many years of experience and only time will tell."

The since-retired Buckner, 68, has watched Contreras transform from an overly excited prospect to a confident, largely reliable player.

"He had the makings of a good athlete," Buckner said. "I knew he had a lot of potential. He had so much enthusiasm he had to just tone it down a bit."

One of the biggest adjustments Contreras made at the plate was not wrapping his bat around his neck and gradually hitting the ball with authority to all fields.

"The most important thing is he has become more patient at the plate just trying to swing at strikes," Buckner said. "He has made a lot of adjustments, and I'm very proud of him. It's a lot of fun to watch all these young players. I've coached most of them. It's pretty cool.

"He had a lot of trouble. I had him when he was 19. He has just so much enthusiasm that it was tough for him to tone down a bit, be selective and still be offensive-minded."

That doesn't seem to be much of an issue for him on the Cubs. Manager Joe Maddon believes Contreras could have driven in 100 runs last season if he hadn't suffered a right hamstring strain Aug. 9 at San Francisco that sidelined him for 29 games.

Contreras still knocked in 74 runs and he made a strong case to handle the fourth spot in the Cubs' batting order. Last season, Contreras batted .615 with the bases loaded and .363 with runners in scoring position. He had a .608 slugging percentage from the cleanup spot.

Those credentials are convincing, although Maddon started Contreras twice at the leadoff spot, and Contreras responded with three hits and one walk in 10 plate appearances.

Despite playing deep into two consecutive postseasons, Contreras insists he is 100 percent ready to embark on another season. Among his spring goals will be to improve his pitch framing — a deficiency Maddon pointed out during a session at the Cubs Convention — and better judgment. Ten of Contreras' 15 errors were throwing.

"It has been two long years, but you know what?" Contreras said. "We're ready to roll. Everybody looks in good shape. We have a great pitching staff. We have great coaches, and I can't wait to get together with everyone in spring training and see how I can make the team better."

Buckner projects greatness for Contreras — provided he remains healthy.

"He has such great physical tools behind the plate," Buckner said. "He throws as well as anyone I've seen. He kind of reminds me of (Hall of Famer) Ivan Rodriguez. And he uses the whole field. He has excellent power.

"He has all the potential to be an MVP-type player."

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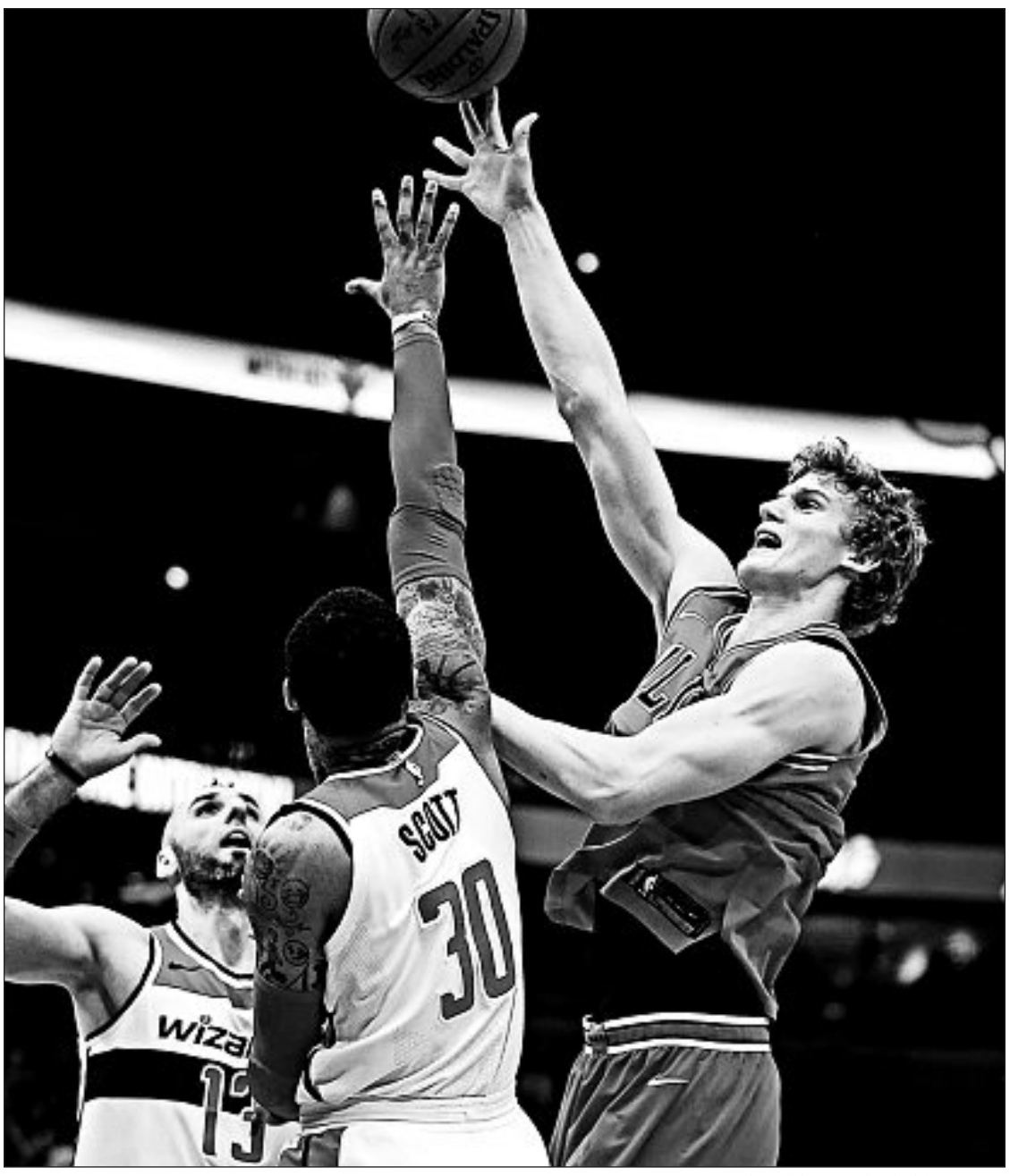
CONTRERAS' FIRST 2 SEASONS WITH THE CUBS

	2016	2017	Total
Games	76	117	193
At-bats	252	377	629
Hits	71	104	175
Home runs	12	21	33
RBI	35	74	109
Walks	26	45	71
Strikeouts	67	98	165
Average	.282	.276	.278
OBP	.357	.356	.356
Slugging	.488	.499	.494
OPS	.845	.855	.851



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WIZARDS 101, BULLS 90



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Lauri Markkanen releases a shot over the outstretched arm of Wizards forward Mike Scott on Saturday.

Won and done

After Friday's impressive victory, Bulls unable to get any momentum going

By Teddy Greenstein
Chicago Tribune

After their late-night victory over the Timberwolves on Friday, the Bulls were instructed to think young.

Not AAU young, but college young.

"I told our guys," coach Fred Hoiberg said, "to treat this like the conference tournament, where you play the late game and then bounce back with an earlier one."

That message resonated with rookie Lauri Markkanen, who said, "It's cool. That's what we used to do in the Pac-12 tournament."

Friday's 8:30 p.m. tip meant a short turnaround — and no shootaround — before Saturday night's game against the Wizards. It also meant no Zach LaVine, who followed the Bulls' plan by resting his surgically repaired left knee on the second game of a back-to-back.

Hoiberg said he had hoped his team would have "great energy early," but the vibes weren't good in the opening minutes. The Bulls fell behind 9-2 as Justin Holiday and Denzel Valentine, starting for LaVine, combined to miss four shots.

The Bulls settled in and made it a game but were shut out over the final 4 minutes, 14 seconds in a 101-90 loss, their eighth in the last nine games.

"It had nothing to do with effort," Hoiberg said. "Our guys came out after an emotional night. We hung in there and stayed in the game."

Not Bobby Portis.

He was ejected after preventing a baseline dunk by Tomas Satoransky with 2:35 to play. Portis' hard foul was ruled a Flagrant-2 infraction.

"It looked to me like Bobby was going across the lane to make a play at the ball," Hoiberg said. "I don't think it was a dirty play. I thought he was trying to prevent a layup."

Portis left the court smirking, obviously not in concert with the call.

"I tried to make a basketball play to help our team," he said. "I went for the basketball. I was surprised, but they call what they call and you have to live with the results."

Said Wizards coach Scott Brooks: "He's trying to prevent the dunk but it's one of those things ... it's a dangerous play."

The Bulls cut their deficit to 97-90 with 4:14 to play on a Holiday 3 but missed their final seven shots.

Seven Bulls scored in double figures, led by Holiday's 15 points.

Markkanen scored 12 on 5-for-19 shooting, including a 1-for-8 performance from 3-point range. However, the Bulls can live with that because the shots were mostly good ones and they want him shooting.

Markkanen attempted 10 or more shots in 10 straight games until leaving to witness the birth of his first child, a son. He came back Friday but took a back seat to LaVine, squeezing off just seven attempts.

Asked if he planned to shoot more Saturday night, Markkanen chuckled and said, "If I'm open, I hope I get to shoot a little more. But I'm just trying to do what the other team is giving us."

Markkanen didn't score until midway through the second quarter, after he cleaned up his own miss with a left-handed finish. Later he flubbed a shot about a foot from the rim.

But Markkanen took it right to the 6-foot-11 Marcin Gortat in the third quarter, finishing strong and drawing a foul. Robin Lopez gave Markkanen props by patting him on the shoulder.

The Bulls declined to trade veterans Lopez and Holiday for moments of leadership like that.

"Justin has done a great job being vocal and a good role model, and I hope I can compare to that," Lopez said Saturday. "We've had great energy around here for a lot of the time. And I don't think that's something we're too quick to throw away."

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THE BOX SCORE

WIZARDS	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Oubre Jr.	39:11	3-14	2-2	0-8	3	2	11
Porter Jr.	30:35	5-11	3-3	1-9	3	1	14
Gortat	34:49	3-8	0-0	2-9	5	2	6
Beal	34:56	3-13	1-1	1-2	6	1	7
Satoransky	36:59	10-12	0-0	1-3	6	2	25
Scott	23:49	5-11	2-3	1-5	1	3	14
Meeks	18:04	4-6	1-2	0-4	2	1	10
Smith	7:31	3-4	1-1	0-0	2	2	7
Frazier	5:55	2-3	0-0	0-0	3	1	5
Mahinmi	5:40	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
McCullough	2:31	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	0	2
TOTALS		**38-82**	**12-14**	**6-41**	**31**	**17**	**101**

Pcts: FG .463, FT .857. **3-pointers:** 13-38, .342 (Satoransky 5-6, Oubre Jr. 3-10, Scott 2-6, Frazier 1-2, Meeks 1-2, Porter Jr. 1-5, Beal 0-7). **Team rebs:** 4. **Team turnovers:** 13 (14 PTS). **Blocks:** 3 (Gortat, Oubre Jr., Porter Jr.). **Turnovers:** 13 (Beal 4, Oubre Jr. 2, Satoransky 2, Gortat, Meeks, Porter Jr., Scott, Smith). **Steals:** 8 (Gortat 3, Beal 2, Satoransky 2, Porter Jr.). **Technical fouls:** Scott, 2:39 third.

BULLS	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Markkanen	33:01	5-19	1-1	2-10	0	2	12
Valentine	34:30	4-14	0-0	1-10	5	2	10
Lopez	27:34	6-9	0-0	0-4	2	1	12
Grant	36:43	2-6	5-6	3-6	8	2	11
Holiday	35:53	5-10	3-4	0-3	1	2	15
Nwaba	26:44	4-7	4-5	1-4	3	2	12
Portis	22:34	6-12	0-0	2-4	1	4	13
Zipser	14:00	2-2	0-0	0-3	0	0	5
Arcidiacono	9:25	0-1	0-0	0-1	3	1	0
TOTALS		**34-80**	**13-16**	**9-45**	**23**	**16**	**90**

Pcts: FG .425, FT .813. **3-pointers:** 9-32, .281 (Grant 2-3, Valentine 2-6, Holiday 2-7, Zipser 1-1, Portis 1-5, Markkanen 1-8, Arcidiacono 0-1, Nwaba 0-1). **Team rebs:** 5. **Team turnovers:** 14 (14 PTS). **Blocks:** 2 (Lopez, Zipser). **Turnovers:** 14 (Lopez 4, Grant 2, Markkanen 2, Portis 2, Valentine 2, Arcidiacono, Holiday). **Steals:** 11 (Holiday 4, Markkanen 2, Zipser 2, Grant, Portis, Valentine). **Technical fouls:** Lopez, 2:39 third.

Washington	**30**	**26**	**26**	**19 — 101**
BULLS	**22**	**24**	**24**	**20 — 90**

Officials: Karl Lane, Dedric Taylor, Ken Mauer. **A:** 21,112.

BULLS NOTES

Bulls make LaVine rest on his laurels

By Teddy Greenstein
Chicago Tribune

The night after he played his finest game in a Bulls uniform, **Zach LaVine** played the role of cheerleader.

LaVine scored 35 points in the Bulls' stunning 114-113 victory over **Tom Thibodeau's** Timberwolves, the final three coming at the line and deciding the outcome. He earned the trip by attempting a 3-pointer with 18.4 seconds to play and getting **Jimmy Butler** to foul him.

"He had a lot of confidence at that time," Bulls coach **Fred Hoiberg** said of LaVine. "At that point he had it going so you can't argue with the shot."

Or with the result. It ended the Bulls' seven-game losing streak.

"It was awesome for Zach," Hoiberg said. "He showed his versatility as a scorer.

"He hit the big 3 (and) did a great job drawing contact over the course of the game. And his ability to get to the rim ... you can see the confidence growing."

But LaVine's rehab from ACL surgery calls for him to miss the second game in back-to-backs, so **Denzel Valentine** got the start Saturday against the Wizards.

"He is disappointed (about) not playing, but you have to look at this thing long term," Hoiberg said, adding that the Bulls will re-evaluate their plan after the All-Star break.

Home on The Hill? Where will **Derrick Rose** land after he was waived by the Jazz?

ESPN's **Adrian Wojnarowski** reported the Wizards are expected to "survey the possibility" of signing Rose, the 29-year-old former league MVP and Simeon grad. The Wizards will be without starting point guard **John Wall** for about another six weeks after knee surgery.

"It must be right if ESPN reported it, right?" Wizards coach **Scott Brooks** said. "We're happy with what we have. If something presents itself that makes sense, we will look into it. But right now we're focused on what we have here."

Rose was dumped by the Cavs after he averaged 9.8 points and 1.6 assists in 16 games.

Tip-ins: Lauri Markkanen says fatherhood is not taking a toll on his 20-year-old body: "I've been sleeping well." ... A reporter jokingly asked Hoiberg if Bulls general manager **Gar Forman** sent him a video of champagne popping after the Bulls beat Thibodeau. Hoiberg did not take the bait ... **Antonio Blakeney** and **Ryan Arcidiacono** are sharing a locker, wedged in a corner between **Kris Dunn's** and **Omer Asik's**.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MICHIGAN STATE 68, PURDUE 65

Bridges' clutch shot wins it for Spartans

Sophomore's 3-pointer sends Boilermakers to second straight loss

By Larry Lage
Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Miles Bridges delivered at a key moment in a big game Saturday for Michigan State.

Forget about the NBA. This was worth the wait for the talented sophomore.

Bridges connected on a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 2.7 seconds left and finished with 20 points, helping the fourth-ranked Spartans beat No. 3 Purdue 68-65.

"Those type of moments, that's the main reason I came back," Bridges said.

The Spartans (24-3, 12-2 Big Ten) have won eight straight, improving their chances of contending for a conference championship and earning a No. 1 seed for the NCAA tournament.

"At least we've given ourselves a chance," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said.

Purdue (23-4, 12-2) has lost two straight after winning a school-record 19 games in a row.

"A couple tips, a couple rebounds, a couple shots go our way, it's a different story," Purdue guard Dakota Mathias said. "We'll be back."

Purdue led by 10 points in the first half and by eight points early in the second half. Michigan State went ahead for the first time when Bridges made a jumper off the dribble near the top of the key with 9:06 left.

Isaac Haas had a shot to put Purdue ahead with 23 seconds left but was pushed away from the basket by Gavin Schilling and came up short on the shot in the lane.

"The last shot he missed, (Schilling) had him out a couple feet extra," Purdue coach Matt Painter said. "We need to get it to him deeper than that."

Purdue's Vincent Edwards missed the front end of a one-and-one with 2.4 seconds left, trailing by three.

Haas had 25 points on 12-for-22 shooting.

MARYLAND 73, NORTHWESTERN 57

Terrapins put clamps on Wildcats, McIntosh

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press



NICK WASS/AP

Maryland guard Darryl Morsell beats Northwestern's Vic Law to the hoop for two of his 14 points Saturday in College Park, Md.

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Sometimes, an uplifting victory can become the turning point of a trying season.

Or not.

Maryland hopes its 73-57 rout of Northwestern on Saturday will turn out to be that kind of game.

Northwestern had its uplifting moment Tuesday when the Wildcats defeated No. 20 Michigan at Allstate Arena.

So much for momentum.

Kevin Huerter scored 22 points, Anthony Cowan Jr. added 16 and the Terrapins (17-10, 6-8 Big Ten) never trailed in a slump-breaking performance before 16,164 fans.

Maryland had lost six of eight before earning its most lopsided Big Ten win of the season.

"We've been through it this year, but we continue to fight and we continue to get better," Maryland coach Mark Turgeon said. "It should give us a lot of confidence moving forward."

Northwestern coach Chris Collins expressed similar sentiments after the Wildcats surprised Michigan.

There would be no encore.

"We were feeling good about how we were playing," Collins said. "We were starting to hit our stride and felt like today was a great opportunity to play a good team on the road and get another chance to win. But we came up short. We were outplayed."

The Terrapins made their first six shots and got 12 points from Huerter in taking a 19-8 lead. After the Wildcats closed to 54-46 with 10 minutes left, Maryland used a 14-1 run to pull away.

Scottie Lindsey scored 20 and Dererk Pardon had 12 for Northwestern (15-11, 6-7). Senior guard Bryant McIntosh, who scored 24 against the Wolverines, was blanked for the first time in his career on 0-for-5 shooting.

"Anytime a good player struggles like that, you have to credit the defense," Collins said. "They did a great job swarming him and for whatever reason, he was just a step slow with his energy today. We could just never free him up for clean looks."

ROUNDUP

Ramblers keep rolling

Tribune news services

Donte Ingram scored eight of his 17 points down the stretch and Aundre Jackson finished with 15 points to help Loyola beat Indiana State 75-71 on Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Ramblers won for the 10th time in 11 games and avenged a 61-57 loss to Indiana State on Jan. 3 at Gentile Arena.

Clayton Custer added 13 points for Loyola (21-5, 11-3 Missouri Valley). The Sycamores (11-15, 6-8) have lost five of six.

Notre Dame 84, Florida State 69: Matt Farrell scored a career-high 28 points to lead the Irish past the Seminoles in South Bend, Ind. Notre Dame (15-10, 5-7 ACC) won its second straight after losing seven in a row. Florida State (17-8, 6-7 ACC) lost its second straight.

DePaul 80, Providence 63: Marin Maric scored 18 points, Tre'Darius McCallum added 12 points and 10 rebounds and the Blue Demons (10-14, 3-9 Big East) snapped a three-game skid by downing the Friars (16-9, 7-5) in Providence, R.I.

Northern Illinois 90, Buffalo 88: Eugene German scored 28 points, the last coming on a drive with four seconds left in overtime, and the Huskies (11-14, 4-8) defeated the Mid-American Conference leading Bulls (18-7, 10-2) in DeKalb, Ill.

Cleveland State 86, UIC 78: Tyree Appleby scored 25 points to lead the Vikings (7-20, 4-10 Horizon) past the Flames (15-12, 10-4) at the UIC Pavilion. Marcus Ottey led the Flames with 14 points.

Ohio State 82, Iowa 64: Keita Bates-Diop had 14 points and eight rebounds, and the No. 14 Buckeyes won in Columbus, Ohio, for sole possession of first place in the Big Ten. Kaleb Wesson added 18 points and C.J Jackson scored 14 for Ohio State (21-5, 13-1). Iowa fell to 12-15, 3-11.

Nebraska 67, Rutgers 55: Isaiah Roby had 10 points, 11 rebounds and two blocks and the Cornhuskers (19-8, 10-4 Big Ten) didn't let the Scarlet Knights (12-15, 2-11) get closer than 10 points in the last 14 minutes in Lincoln, Neb. Rutgers has lost seven straight conference games.

Virginia Tech 61, Virginia 60: Kerry Blackshear Jr. scored on a putback with 5.8 seconds left in overtime and the visiting Hokies (18-7, 7-5 ACC) spoiled the Cavaliers' opportunity to climb to No. 1. Devon Hall had 16 points for Virginia (23-2, 12-1), but the 93.3 percent free throw shooter missed twice from the line in the final 31 seconds.

Baylor 80, Kansas 64: Manu Lecomte scored 18 points to lead the Bears (15-10, 5-7) to the upset of the No. 10 Jayhawks (19-6, 8-4 Big 12) in Waco, Texas.

WILD 3, BLACKHAWKS 0

Crawford continues to make progress

Hawks won't put pressure on injured goalie to save season

By Paul Skrbina
Chicago Tribune

A cape will not be part of Corey Crawford's ensemble when he joins the Blackhawks' morning skate Monday in Arizona.

Though the injured goalie is not expected to play until Feb. 17 at the earliest, coach Joel Quenneville said the team won't ask Crawford to single-handedly save a season that has gone south during his near seven-week absence.

"We're not looking any further than the short term," Quenneville said. "Looking down the road, it's too far to even anticipate where we're going to be (in the standings). We wouldn't expect him to be the one guy that's going to get it done."

The Hawks haven't been able to get much done since Crawford was put on injured reserve Dec. 27 with what the team deemed an upper-body injury, reportedly concussion-related. They entered Saturday's game against the Wild on a four-game losing streak, eight points and four teams out of the second wild-card spot in the Western Conference.

Monday will mark the first time since he's been hurt that Crawford will travel with the team. He's been working out on the ice in Chicago since Feb. 3.

General manager Stan Bowman called Crawford "probably consistently our best player" for the first part of the season.

The Hawks were 17-13-5 when Crawford was put on IR, in 10th place in the Western Conference and two points out of the second wild-card spot with 39 points.

Since then, they'd gone 7-9-3 before Saturday's game.

Would things be different had Crawford not missed all those games?

"I don't know. I think everyone would probably look at the fact that Corey's an accomplished goaltender," Bowman said. "He's one of the elite four or five goalies in the league.

"Yeah, he probably would have been able to do some different things, but he wasn't here. We are where we are."

Where they are is looking at a long, uphill climb, a long summer or both.

After playing at the Coyotes on Monday, the Hawks will face the Golden Knights in Las Vegas on Tuesday.

Crawford last played Dec. 23, when he was pulled after allowing three goals on seven shots against the Devils. He has a .929 save percentage and 2.27 goals-against average, both among league leaders, to go with a 16-9-2 record.

The soonest he likely would return would be Feb. 17 against the Capitals or Feb. 19 against the Kings. Both are home games.

Where the Hawks stand in the chase for their 10th consecutive trip to the postseason remains to be seen.

"The fact he's going to be on the ice with our team the next couple morning skates will be good," Quenneville said.



JIM MONE/AP

The Blackhawks' Lance Bouma is upended between the Wild's Nino Niederreiter, left, and Ryan Suter in the first period of the Hawks' 3-0 loss.

WILD 3, BLACKHAWKS 0

Losing motivation

Playoff chances slipping away as Hawks drop their 5th straight

By Paul Skrbina
Chicago Tribune

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Joel Quenneville's motivational speech Saturday morning consisted of three expletives in a 14-word statement.

"Let's (expletive) get excited. Let's (expletive) feel good about ourselves after one (expletive) game," the Blackhawks coach said to his team.

The words had little impact.

A few hours later, the Hawks lost their fifth in a row, 3-0 to the Wild at the Xcel Energy Center. The defeat pushed the Hawks 10 points behind the Wild for the second wild-card spot in the Western Conference.

They have scored two or fewer goals in 10 of their last 13 games.

"Running out of words to say," captain Jonathan Toews said.

"We're looking for actions," Quenneville said. "It's definitely put us in a terrible spot. Very disappointing."

Despite their last-place standing in the Central Division and long-shot playoff status, any obituaries for the Hawks' season are premature, according to Wild coach Bruce Boudreau.

Facing desperate teams, such as the Hawks, who are 2-7-2 in their last 11, is another story.

"Playing for the Stanley Cup is one thing, but playing for your job is another," Boudreau said. "I think that's more motivation than playing for the Stanley Cup.

"Teams you play that are out of it — and Chicago is by no means out of it, by the way — usually are loose and they're playing hard because it's not about wins and losses."

The Hawks looked out of it from the start of this game, though. The Wild's Charlie Coyle scored the first of his two goals two seconds shy of two minutes into the first period.

Lance Bouma tried to show some fight when he exchanged blows with Wild tough guy Marcus Foligno later in the first. But the two-man advantage the Hawks received for two minutes as a result resulted in nothing.

A minute after that chance ended, Mikko Koivu made it 2-0 on a power play. The Wild scored on two of their seven first-period shots; the Hawks were 0-for-17. They finished 0-for-44 against Devan Dubnyk, who achieved a season high for saves.

Coyle scored again 2:22 into the second to make it 3-0.

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PAUL SKRBINA'S THREE STARS

1. Devan Dubnyk, Wild: Goalie made season-high 44 saves.

2. Charlie Coyle, Wild: Scored twice for the home team.

3. Ryan Suter, Wild: Had an assist, on ice for all three Wild goals.

Up next: At Coyotes, 8 p.m. Monday; NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720.

THE SUMMARY

BLACKHAWKS	**0**	**0**	**0 — 0**
Minnesota	**2**	**1**	**0 — 3**

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Minnesota, Coyle 7 (Parise, Spurgeon), 1:58. **2, Minnesota,** Koivu 8 (Suter, Dumba), 6:31 (pp). **Penalties:** Reilly, MIN, (cross checking), 2:47; Foligno, MIN, served by Niederreiter, (roughing), 2:47; Bouma, HSWKS, Major (fighting), 2:47; Foligno, MIN, Major (fighting), 2:47; Saad, HAWKS, (holding), 5:54; Kane, HAWKS, (hooking), 12:00.
SECOND PERIOD: 3, Minnesota, Coyle 8 (Olofsson, Staal), 2:22. **Penalties:** Dumba, MIN, (holding), 3:53; Cullen, MIN, (hooking), 9:31.
THIRD PERIOD: No scoring. **Penalties:** BLACKHAWKS bench, served by Hinostroza (too many men on the ice), 5:19; Wingels, HAWKS, (interference), 12:32.

SHOTS ON GOAL:				**PP:**
BLACKHAWKS	**17**	**12**	**15—44**	**0-4**
Minnesota	**5**	**7**	**7—19**	**1-4**

Goalies: BLACKHAWKS, Glass 3-5-3 (19 shots-16 saves). Minnesota, Dubnyk 22-10-4 (44-44).

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BLACKHAWKS

Seat is getting warmer

Eyes are squarely on Bowman as Hawks start to show cracks



DAVID HAUGH

It rattled some Blackhawks fans to hear general manager Stan Bowman essentially conceding the season Thursday night before his team's 54th game.

It also should have reassured them.

"I don't expect us to be a buyer this year," Bowman told NBC Sports Chicago when asked about his approach to the Feb. 26 NHL trade deadline. "Some of these young guys, we're expecting them to take that next step. Bringing someone in to bump them out of the lineup doesn't make sense right now."

The Hawks' new nucleus includes 13 players 25 or younger. They are rebuilding, even if nobody wants to announce or admit it like other Chicago teams have.

They have reached the point, regrettably, where the future outweighs the present. When that happens, actions must reflect that reality. Youth trumps experience in every decision, young players stop being dangled as trade bait, and the standings become something teams with realistic playoff hopes watch.

One goal involves contending again next year, at the soonest, not next week. The calendar flips to 2019.

"I wouldn't expect us to be in that rental mode, where you're bringing in a veteran player," Bowman said. "That's the one thing that's tough. You take someone's spot who has been here all year. That's not the way we're headed."

Just where are the Hawks headed anyway? South isn't the direction Bowman implied when he angrily addressed the media April 22 after the Predators swept his team.

The Hawks haven't won a playoff game since April 23, 2016. They haven't won a playoff series since the 2015 Stanley Cup Finals. The expectations Bowman set were that everything would return to normal in the 2017-18 season by the time he had reshaped a 109-point team.

Urgency was evident in Bowman's voice when he vowed change 10 months ago.

"This is not the way we expected our season to end and it's a complete failure when you measure it against the expectations that we have of ourselves," Bowman said that day. "It's not close to good enough for anybody. And I think it's time right now to take a look in the mirror and face facts."

It's time for the Hawks to find that mirror again.

Fact: Bowman acted responsibly Thursday expressing reluctance to sacrifice a young player or two for an elite defenseman or top six forward in a season the Hawks hardly resemble a legitimate Stanley Cup contender, especially with the uncertainty of goalie Corey Crawford.

Fact: If a playoff run is farfetched enough to abandon any thought of being a buyer at the trade deadline, shutting Crawford down for the season must be considered. The Hawks must take a big-picture view of an elite goalie with two seasons left on his contract and countless questions about his health and well-being.

Fact: While nobody argues with Bowman's logic in holding on to his young assets rather than making a big trade for an aging team eight points out of the second wild-card spot, nobody should absolve Bowman for his role in putting the Hawks in this predicament. More than anyone at 1901 W. Madison St., Bowman did this. This inconsistent clunker of a season should jeopardize Bowman's job more than any other in the organization, coach Joel Quenneville's included.

The Brandon Saad whom Bowman traded Artemi Panarin for isn't the same two-way player who left in 2015. The deal for defenseman Connor Murphy, which cost the Hawks core player Niklas Hjalmarsson, made a weak spot weaker. The Patrick Sharp signing was great for autograph lines at the Hawks Convention, but not so great for Quenneville's line combinations. The defensive problems that have plagued the Hawks for a couple of seasons persist.

So, as the Hawks opt to play out the string in what Bowman stopped just short of labeling a developmental season, President John McDonough faces two key questions — one long-term, one short-term. Both are tough for any successful leader to confront. But McDonough will because he accepts accountability as readily as any executive in sports.

Long-term: How much faith does the organization maintain in Bowman to return the Hawks to Stanley Cup contention? Short-term: Should making Hawks legends Jonathan Toews or Duncan Keith available during trade talks over the next two weeks be part of the de facto rebuild?

That isn't suggesting the Hawks should trade Toews or Keith, two stalwarts suffering through difficult career stretches. That's merely acknowledging the Hawks open themselves to such possibilities when Bowman declares he won't be seeking veteran help at the trade deadline.

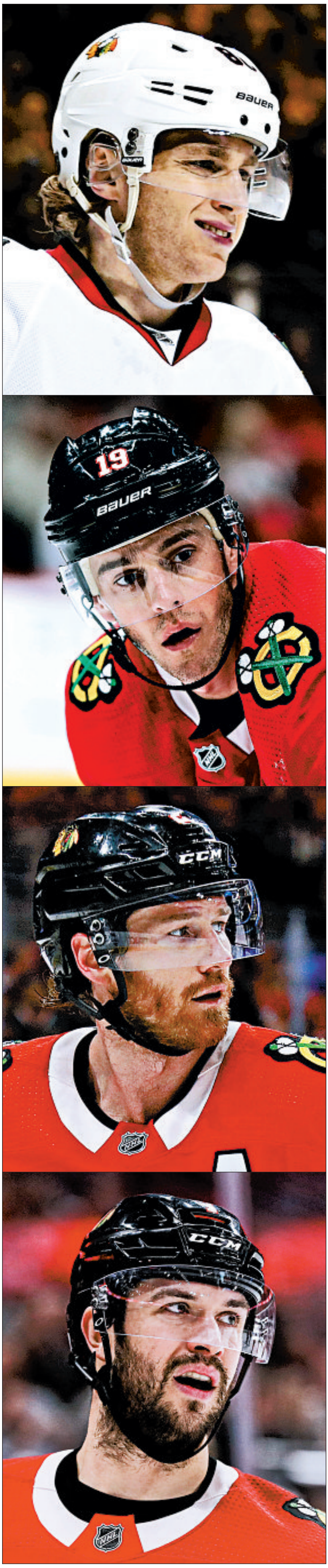
By Bowman making clear the Hawks won't be buyers, NHL teams will wonder how motivated they are to be sellers — and, if they are sellers, only Patrick Kane qualifies as untouchable among proven players. Imagine if the Hawks could receive multiple assets in return for Toews, who turns 30 in April, or Keith, 34, each a player some Cup contender might view as the missing link. At this point, the Hawks would be foolish to rule out any scenario.

A new core is forming. Rookie Alex DeBrincat, 20, and Nick Schmaltz, 21, emerged as impact top-six players. Gritty forward Ryan Hartman, 23, offers an element the Hawks lack. Playmaker Vinnie Hinostroza, 23, looks like he never wants to see Rockford again. Defenseman Jordan Oesterle, 25, seems steady. Newly acquired forward Anthony Duclair, 22, shows promise. All of the youthful prospects, even struggling 25-year-old Saad, appears worth keeping now that Bowman's public stance could be interpreted as keeping his best young talent.

"The strength of our team is we're trying to build some young players we're going to have," Bowman said. "Next year's team is going to look very similar to this year's team. Not identical. We're going to have some changes."

Missing the playoffs could mean those changes won't stop with the Hawks roster.

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From top: Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews, Duncan Keith and Brent Seabrook are the Hawks' core, but only Kane is producing much.

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Despite disappointing season, Bowman determined to not let Hawks just keep fading away

BY PAUL SKRBINA | Chicago Tribune

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Blackhawks aren't getting the job done on the ice, leading to questions about whether some jobs off it are in jeopardy.

General manager Stan Bowman understands that line of thinking, but he said he doesn't let it consume him when it comes to performing his duties.

"We're all evaluated," Bowman said before the Hawks' game against the Wild on Saturday. "I can't speak for what other people are thinking. I'm focused to do my job until they tell me they don't want me to do my job anymore.

"I don't think you can think about it because it doesn't help you at all. ... I'm determined to do my best to make this team better."

Bowman intimated that several Hawks — notably the core of Patrick Kane, Duncan Keith, Brent Seabrook and Jonathan Toews, who helped the team win three Stanley Cups and have no-trade clauses — likely don't have to worry about their status.

"I don't know if you can ever say definitively, but that's not at all our focus right now," Bowman said. "If anything, we've got to try to get their games back.

"If some of them were nearing 40 years old, you might say maybe their best years are behind them, but they're still young guys. They're still in the prime of their careers — maybe not *the* prime but close to it. They've got a lot of hockey left in them."

That doesn't appear to be the case for the Hawks when it comes to this season, though.

They began Saturday eight points and four teams out of the second wild-card spot in the Western Conference, in danger of missing the playoffs for the first time in 10 seasons.

The Hawks find themselves in the unfamiliar territory of rebuilding — or replenishing — with young players around the foundation of that veteran core, all while clinging to postseason hopes that become more unlikely by the day.

With the exception of Kane, though, that production from the core hasn't been there.

Going into Saturday, Toews had 15 goals and 20 assists, Keith had zero and 25 and Seabrook had three and 14. Combined, they take up nearly $23 million of cap space.

That's not to mention Brandon Saad, who has a $6 million cap hit, just 13 goals and 11 assists, declining ice time and a demotion to the fourth line.

"I didn't want to be part of a group that was just trying to hang on to the past," Bowman said. "We're trying, in the process of competing for the Cup, (to) also rebuild this group so we can be positioned for many years to come with younger players.

"The good news is a lot of those younger players have played really well. It's the other end of it we probably need more from."

The Hawks were 8-5-8 in one-goal games this season before Saturday, another thing that has taken its toll.

"It's been a trying year from that perspective, in terms of not getting the results," Bowman said. "We've found ways to let games slip away, which has not been the tradition.

"It would be a different feeling if we were losing 5-0 all the time and we were clearly overmatched."

Hawks coach Joel Quenneville simplified his assessment of himself before Saturday's game, saying "I think we can all be better. ... Can't be satisfied at all."

Bowman said the big picture right now for the Hawks is "focused more on the little picture, which is we have to start winning some games."

"We have a very high standard," he said. "Expectations are good. You can't run from them because who wants to be around people who don't expect you to do well?

"I was here a long time ago when there wasn't a lot of people following our team. We don't want to go back to those days."

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NHL TRADE DEADLINE FEB. 26

The giving season?

BY PAUL SKRBINA | Chicago Tribune

With several veterans locked into long-term deals with no-trade clauses — see Brent Seabrook, Duncan Keith, Jonathan Toews — and several young players not making a ton, the Hawks don't have a lot to offer. But here's a look at six possible trade chips, in case the Hawks are in the mood:

6 **Michal Kempny:** The defenseman will be an unrestricted free agent. He's a plus-12 this season, but this is a position of need for the Hawks.

11 **Cody Franson:** The 30-year-old cleared waivers and landed in Rockford, much to his surprise. He'll be an unrestricted free agent.

38 **Ryan Hartman:** The 23-year-old will be a restricted free agent after this season. He could provide some bottom-line depth for a contender.

44 **Jan Rutta:** For a time, he made a big impact. Rutta was placed on injured reserve Friday and will be an unrestricted free agent.

48 **Vinnie Hinostroza:** His stock has risen. The 23-year-old restricted free agent could land something in return, but a trade would surprise.

57 **Tommy Wingels:** The 29-year-old winger will be an unrestricted free agent. He's not much of a scoring threat — six goals, five assists.

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		ORL 7 WGN-9 AM-670		TOR 7 NBCSCH AM-670			
		@ARI 8 NBCSCH AM-720	@VEG 9 NBCSCH AM-720		ANA 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720		WAS 7:30 WGN-9 AM-720

SUNDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA

2:30 p.m.	Cavaliers at Celtics	ABC-7
6 p.m.	Mavericks at Rockets	NBA TV

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

11 a.m.	Loyola (Md.) at Lafayette	CBSSN
Noon	Michigan at Wisconsin	CBS-2
1 p.m.	Wagner at Fairleigh Dickinson	CBSSN
3 p.m.	Cincinnati at SMU	ESPN
3 p.m.	Illinois State at Valparaiso	ESPNU
3 p.m.	Central Florida at Memphis	CBSSN
5 p.m.	Duke at Georgia Tech	ESPN
5 p.m.	Tulane at Houston	ESPNU
6 p.m.	Penn State at Illinois	BTN, WSCR-AM 670
7 p.m.	Washington State at Oregon	ESPNU

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

11 a.m.	Maryland at Rutgers	BTN
11 a.m.	Michigan at Michigan State	ESPN2
11 a.m.	Dayton at George Washington	ESPNU
1 p.m.	Ohio State at South Florida	ESPN2
1 p.m.	Kentucky at Mississippi State	ESPNU
1 p.m.	Seton Hall at Villanova	FS2
3 p.m.	Penn State at Minnesota	BTN
3 p.m.	Florida State at Miami	ESPN2

BOWLING

Noon	PBA Tournament of Champions	ESPN

GOLF

Noon	PGA Pebble Beach Pro-Am	Golf (more, 2 p.m., CBS-2)
2 p.m.	Champions, Boca Raton Champ.	Golf Channel

NHL

11 a.m.	Penguins at Blues	NBC-5
2 p.m.	Red Wings at Capitals	NBCSCH
2 p.m.	Rangers at Jets	NHLN

MOTORSPORTS

11 a.m.	Daytona 500 qualifying	FOX-32
2 p.m.	NASCAR Cup Advance Auto Parts Clash	FS1
4 p.m.	Lucas Oil NHRA Winternationals	FS1

WINTER OLYMPICS

6 a.m.	Women's hockey, Canada vs. Russia	USA
6 p.m.	Figure skating, Alpine skiing, luge	NBC-5
7 p.m.	Snowboarding, curling	NBCSN
10:35 p.m.	Women's Alpine skiing, snowboarding	NBC-5
1:40 a.m. Mon.	Women's hockey, Switzerland vs. Japan	USA
4 a.m. Mon.	Women's luge, women's biathlon	NBCSN

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

6 a.m.	Bournemouth at Huddersfield Town	CNBC
8 a.m.	Manchester United at Newcastle United	NBCSN
10:25 a.m.	Liverpool at Southampton	NBCSN

BUNDESLIGA SOCCER

8:30 a.m.	Borussia Monchengladbach at Stuttgart	FS1
10:50 a.m.	Wolfsburg at Werder Bremen	FS2

COLLEGE WRESTLING

1 p.m.	Minnesota at Maryland	BTN
5 p.m.	Ohio State at Michigan	ESPN2

TENNIS

ATP WORLD TOUR ECUADOR OPEN
SF; In Quito; outdoor-clay
Roberto Carballes Baena d. Andrej Martin, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2
Albert Ramos-Vinolas d Thiago Monteiro, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-4

ATP SUD DE FRANCE
SF; In Montpellier, France; hard-indoor
#5 Richard Gasquet d. #1 David Goffin, 6-4, 0-6, 6-3
#2 Lucas Pouille d. #3 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, 1-6, 5-5 retired

ATP SOFIA OPEN
SF; In Sofia, Bulgaria; hard-indoor
Mirza Basic d. #1 Stan Wawrinka, 7-6 (6), 6-4
Marius Copil d. Jozef Kovalik, 6-4, 6-2

FED CUP
WORLD GROUP
R1; Winners to semifinals, losers to WG playoffs, April 21-22
Belarus 1, Germany 1
In Minsk, Belarus; hard-indoor
Aryna Sabalenka d. Tatjana Maria, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2
Antonia Lottner d. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, 7-5, 6-4
Reverse singles
Aliaksandra Sasnovich vs. Tatjana Maria,
Aryna Sabalenka vs. Antonia Lottner,
In La Roche-sur-Yon, France; hard-indoor
Elise Mertens d. Pauline Parmentier, 6-2, 6-1
Kristina Mladenovic d. Kirsten Flipkens, 6-2, 6-4
Reverse singles
Kristina Mladenovic vs. Elise Mertens,
Pauline Parmentier vs. Kirsten Flipkens,
In Bratislava, Slovakia; hard-indoor
Natalia Vikhlyantseva d. Viktoria Kuzmova, 6-4, 6-2
Magdalena Rybarikova d. Anna Kalinskaya, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4
Reverse singles
Magdalena Rybarikova vs. Natalia Vikhlyantseva,
Viktoria Kuzmova vs. Anna Kalinskaya,
In Cluj-Napoca, Romania ; hard-indoor
Sorana Cirstea d. Carol Zhao, 6-2, 6-2
Irina-Camelia Begu d. Bianca Andreescu, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-2
Reverse singles
Irina-Camelia Begu vs. Carol Zhao,
Sorana Cirstea vs. Bianca Andreescu,

GOLF

PGA AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM
3d of 4 rds; At p-Pebble Beach GL, 6,816 yards; s-Spyglass Hill, 6,953 yards; m-Monterey Peninsula, 6,958 yards; Pebble Beach, Calif.
201 (-14)
Ted Potter 68p-71s-62m
D. Johnson 67s-64m-70p
203 (-12)
Jason Day 69s-65m-69p
Troy Merritt 67p-67s-69m
204 (-11)
S. Stricker 69s-65m-70p
P. Rodgers 70s-65m-69p
Jon Rahm 67m-67p-70s
205 (-10)
Chez Reavie 67p-72s-66m
206 (-9)
K. Streelman 65s-69m-72p
Brian Gay 69s-69m-68p
B. Hossler 65p-67s-74m
P. Mickelson 69s-65m-72p
207 (-8)
Kevin Na 70s-68m-69p
Paul Casey 67p-70s-70m
Pat Perez 68m-70p-69s
208 (-7)
D.Smmrhys 70s-68m-70p
T.VanAswgn 67m-68p-73s
R. Knox 71s-70m-67p
K.J. Choi 69m-70p-69s
R. Henley 68m-70p-70s
Aaron Wise 65m-69p-74s
W. McGirt 73s-69m-66p
S. Bae 71p-69s-68m
P. Malnati 67m-69p-72s
J. Spieth 72s-66m-70p
R.C. Bello 69m-69p-70s
Shane Lowry 67m-73p-68s
S. Jaeger 68p-71s-69m
209 (-6)
R. Armour 70p-70s-69m
Scott Piercy 71p-71s-67m
Ben Martin 68m-75p-66s
Julian Suri 66s-67m-76p
B. Watson 68m-71p-70s
B. DChmbeau 70m-69p-70s
Sam Ryder 73p-69s-67m
X. Zhang 68p-72s-69m
Ryan Blaum 68m-71p-70s
Will Zalatoris 67s-69m-73p
Scott Stallings 72p-69s-68m
C. Tringale 70p-68s-71m
210 (-5)
Ricky Barnes 70p-71s-69m
Jimmy Walker 68s-69m-73p
Eric Axley 69m-67p-74s
R. Sabbatini 68m-74p-68s
S. Saunders 72s-66m-72p
B. Snedeker 71s-70m-69p
K. Chappell 73s-68m-69p
P. Cantlay 66m-72p-72s
J. Randolph 69s-69m-72p
211 (-4)
Jason Kokrak 70s-67m-74p
J. Wagner 73p-69s-69m
Nick Watney 70s-69m-72p
Branden Grace 68p-72s-71m
Brice Garnett 71p-72s-68m
A. Baddeley 70m-69p-72s
B. Burgoon 70m-70p-71s
G. Murray 74p-68s-69m
Chris Stroud 68s-68m-75p
Trey Mullinax 72s-67m-72p
212 (-3)
Jonathan Byrd 73p-71s-68m
D. Fathauer 69p-72s-71m
Rod Pampling 69m-73p-70s
B. Harkins 68m-71p-73s
R. Oppenheim 67p-73s-72m
Keith Mitchell 67s-73m-72p
Zecheng Dou 67p-74s-71m
James Hahn 74s-68m-70p
Alex Cejka 69s-72m-71p
C. Hadley 68m-74p-70s
Matt Kuchar 66s-71m-75p
Vaughn Taylor 70m-70p-72s
Joel Dahmen 71p-72s-69m
Sean O'Hair 69m-70p-73s
D. McCarthy 72p-66s-74m
J.T. Poston 71p-69s-72m

BOCA RATON CHAMPIONSHIP
2d of 4 rds; At The Old Course at Broken Sound; Boca Raton, Fla.; 6,807 yards; Par 72
130 (-14)
Mark Calcavecchia 64-66
132 (-12)
Bernhard Langer 66-66
134 (-10)
Bart Bryant 70-64
Jerry Smith 67-67
135 (-9)
Paul Broadhurst 69-66
Steve Flesch 67-68
Michael Allen 67-68
136 (-8)
Fred Funk 66-70
Rocco Mediate 65-71
137 (-7)
David Toms 69-68
Kevin Sutherland 68-69
Jesper Parnevik 66-71
138 (-6)
Marco Dawson 69-69
Tom Byrum 69-69
Scott Dunlap 69-69
Gene Sauers 68-70
139 (-5)
Joe Durant 70-69
Wes Short 71-68
Jay Williamson 71-68
Lee Janzen 70-69
Todd Hamilton 70-69
Ken Tanigawa 71-68
Tommy Armour III 72-67
Jeff Sluman 72-67
Corey Pavin 69-70
Jeff Maggert 65-74

WEB.COM COLOMBIA CHAMPIONSHIP
3d of 4 rds; At Bogota CC; Bogota, Colombia; 7,327 yards; Par 71
201 (-12)
Ben Taylor 67-66-68
204 (-9)
D.H. Lee 67-69-68
Jason Gore 70-66-68
206 (-7)
S. Cappelen 73-67-66
Joey Garber 68-70-68
Chip Lynn 70-68-68
Dan McCarthy 69-68-69
Kevin Dougherty 71-65-70
Luke Guthrie 70-66-70
Edward Loar 67-69-70
Roger Sloan 69-66-71
207 (-6)
Jared Wolfe 69-70-68
Brian Campbell 67-72-68
Kramer Hickok 70-69-68
G. F.-Castano 68-68-71
Sam Burns 67-69-71
208 (-5)
Erik Barnes 70-71-67
Carlos Ortiz 71-69-68
Jim Knous 70-69-69
Carlos Sainz Jr. 68-70-70
Christian Brand 66-70-72
Conner Godsey 67-68-73
209 (-4)
Sepp Straka 72-70-67
Jimmy Stanger 72-70-67
Bio Kim 73-69-67
Mito Pereira 70-71-68
A. Albertson 72-69-68
B. Matthews 74-67-68
Brian Davis 69-72-68
Henrik Norlander 67-71-71
J.de Jesus Rdrgz 69-69-71
Bo Hoag 69-69-71
Alex Prugh 71-66-72

WORLD SUPER 6 PERTH
3d of 4 rds; At Lake Karrinyup CC; Perth, Australia; 7,143 yards; Par 72
204 (-12)
Prom Meesawat 67-70-67
206 (-10)
Lucas Herbert 68-69-69
T. Olesen 70-67-69
Sean Crocker 70-69-67
208 (-8)
Sam Horsfield 68-72-68
Yusaku Miyazato 70-70-68
Brad Kennedy 69-72-67
D. Papadatos 69-73-66
209 (-7)
Grant Forrest 69-68-72
Marcus Fraser 68-74-67
210 (-6)
Matthew Millar 73-70-67
a-Min Woo Lee 69-70-71
Ben Eccles 72-69-69
P. Tangkmlprsrt 70-71-69

LATEST LINE

NBA
pregame.com — **SUNDAY**

Toronto	3	at Charlotte
at Boston	4½	Cleveland
Detroit	3½	at Atlanta
at Indiana	off	New York
at Minnesota	13½	Sacramento
at Okla. City	off	Memphis
at Houston	13½	Dallas
at Portland	off	Utah

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — **SUNDAY**

at Syracuse	7½	Wake Forest
Michigan	3	at Wisconsin
Louisville	11	at Pittsburgh
at Memphis	1½	UCF
at S. Illinois	4½	Bradley
at Valparaiso	5	Illinois St
at Colorado	3	Stanford
Cincinnati	7	at SMU
at Houston	14	Tulane
Duke	9½	at Georgia Tech
Penn St	2½	at Illinois
at Oregon	14½	Wash. St

NHL — **SUNDAY**

at Washington	-185	Detroit	+170
at St. Louis	-113	Pittsburgh	+103
at Winnipeg	-225	NY Rangers	+205
at Dallas	off	Vancouver	off
at Buffalo	off	Colorado	off
at New Jersey	off	Boston	off
Calgary	-113	at NY Islanders	+103
at Anaheim	-165	San Jose	+155
at Vegas	off	Philadelphia	off

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	W	T	L	GF	GA	PTS
Man City	23	3	1	79	20	72
Man United	17	5	4	51	18	56
Tottenham	15	7	5	52	24	52
Liverpool	14	9	3	59	31	51
Chelsea	15	5	6	46	23	50
Arsenal	13	6	8	51	36	45
Burnley	9	9	9	21	24	36
Leicester	9	8	10	39	40	35
Everton	9	7	11	32	46	34
Bournemouth	8	7	11	30	37	31
Watford	8	6	13	37	47	30
West Ham	7	9	11	34	46	30
Brighton	6	10	11	22	36	28
Crystal Palace	6	9	12	25	42	27
Swansea	7	6	14	20	37	27
Southampton	5	11	10	28	38	26
Newcastle	6	7	13	24	36	25
Stoke	6	7	14	27	53	25
Huddersfield	6	6	14	19	46	24
West Brom	3	11	12	21	37	20

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Tottenham 1, Arsenal 0
Stoke 1, Brighton 1
Everton 3, Crystal Palace 1
West Ham 2, Watford 0
Swansea 1, Burnley 0
Man City 5, Leicester 1
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Huddersfield vs. Bournemouth, 6 a.m.
Newcastle vs. Man United, 8:15 a.m.
Southampton vs. Liverpool, 10:30 a.m.
MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
Chelsea vs. West Brom, 2

NBA G LEAGUE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Fort Wayne	21	15	.583	—
Grand Rapids	19	18	.514	2½
Wisconsin	17	20	.459	4½
Windy City	15	20	.429	5½
Canton	13	23	.361	8

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Windy City 108, Canton 105
Westchester 114, Delaware 97
Erie 105, Greensboro 104
Raptors 91, Lakeland 77
Fort Wayne 122, Maine 103
Oklahoma City 104, Salt Lake City 95
Rio Grande Valley 109, Austin 98
Sioux Falls 110, Reno 93
Long Island 118, Wisconsin 111
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Memphis at Grand Rapids, noon
Iowa at Austin, 3
South Bay at Santa Cruz, 8
Northern Arizona at Agua Caliente, 9
MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
Greensboro at Delaware, 6
Maine at Raptors, 6
Texas at South Bay, 9

AHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OL	SOL	PT	GF	GA
Manitoba	32	11	3	3	70	178	118
Iowa	24	15	7	3	58	157	150
WOLVES	24	16	6	2	56	148	136
G. Rapids	26	18	1	6	59	165	153
Rockford	25	20	3	3	56	159	158
Milwaukee	24	20	4	0	52	135	152
Cleveland	14	25	4	3	35	107	153

2 pt for win, 1 pt for OT/shootout loss.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Toronto 3, Binghamton 1
San Diego 3 San Jose 2
Charlotte 7, Springfield 0
Hartford 5, Hershey 2
Providence 3, Bridgeport 1
Utica 4, Belleville 3
Syracuse 3, Laval 2
Iowa 2, Rockford 1
Stockton 3, Grand Rapids 2
Lehigh Valley 5, Rochester 3
Tucson 2, Texas 1
Milwaukee 5, San Antonio 4
Bakersfield 6, Ontario 5
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Manitoba at Cleveland, 2
San Diego at San Jose, 2
WB/Scranton at Providence, 2:05
Binghamton at Toronto, 3
Rochester at Hershey, 4
Syracuse at Bridgeport, 4
Stockton at Milwaukee, 5
MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
San Antonio at Iowa, 7

NFL

CALENDAR
FEB. 20
First day for clubs to designate franchise or transition players.
FEB. 27-MARCH 5
NFL comine in Indianapolis.
MARCH 6
Deadline for clubs to designate franchise or transition players.
MARCH 14
2018 league calendar begins, free agency opens, trades allowed.
MARCH 25-28
Annual league meeting, Orlando.
APRIL 2
Clubs that hired a new head coach after the end of the 2017 regular season may begin offseason workouts.
APRIL 16
Clubs with returning head coaches may begin offseason workout programs.

NHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Nashville	54	33	12	9	75	169	140	18-5-3	15-7-6	10-4-2
Winnipeg	55	32	14	9	73	178	148	20-4-2	12-10-7	8-6-2
St. Louis	57	34	20	3	71	166	143	19-11-0	15-9-3	9-5-1
Dallas	56	33	19	4	70	175	145	20-8-1	13-11-3	9-10-0
Minnesota	55	30	19	6	66	165	156	19-4-5	11-15-1	10-9-0
Colorado	54	29	21	4	62	169	159	19-7-1	10-14-3	7-8-1
BLACKHAWKS	55	24	23	8	56	157	155	12-12-3	12-11-5	6-9-2
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**DIV**
Vegas	54	36	14	4	76	186	148	19-3-2	17-11-2	13-1-1
San Jose	55	29	18	8	66	162	154	15-8-3	14-10-5	12-3-3
Los Angeles	55	30	20	5	65	159	133	14-9-3	16-11-2	8-9-3
Calgary	55	28	19	8	64	156	157	13-13-3	15-6-5	8-6-3
Anaheim	56	27	19	10	64	158	161	15-9-3	12-10-7	9-5-5
Edmonton	54	23	27	4	50	152	177	12-13-2	11-14-2	10-4-0
Vancouver	55	21	28	6	48	141	180	10-14-3	11-14-3	5-9-1
Arizona	55	13	32	10	36	129	193	6-16-4	7-16-6	1-8-5

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Tampa Bay	55	38	14	3	79	198	145	19-5-1	19-9-2	9-3-1
Boston	53	33	12	8	74	175	128	18-7-4	15-5-4	12-2-2
Toronto	57	33	19	5	71	188	159	17-8-2	16-11-3	7-5-1
Florida	52	23	23	6	52	147	167	13-9-3	10-14-3	8-4-1
Detroit	53	21	23	9	51	142	161	11-11-7	10-12-2	6-11-2
Montreal	55	22	26	7	51	144	172	14-10-6	8-16-1	10-6-2
Ottawa	54	19	26	9	47	144	188	12-11-5	7-15-4	5-10-3
Buffalo	55	16	29	10	42	128	180	7-15-4	9-14-6	4-6-2
METROPOLITAN	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**DIV**
Washington	54	32	17	5	69	169	156	20-8-1	12-9-4	11-5-3
Pittsburgh	56	30	22	4	64	172	170	20-7-1	10-15-3	11-5-0
Philadelphia	55	27	19	9	63	161	161	14-9-5	13-10-4	6-4-4
New Jersey	54	27	19	8	62	160	165	15-9-3	12-10-5	7-7-1
Carolina	56	26	21	9	61	151	166	14-9-5	12-12-4	6-5-4
Columbus	55	28	23	4	60	147	155	17-10-1	11-13-3	9-8-2
N.Y. Islanders	56	27	23	6	60	191	207	15-8-4	12-15-2	8-7-1
N.Y. Rangers	55	26	24	5	57	161	171	18-10-3	8-14-2	7-6-3

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. *through Saturday*

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
MINNESOTA 3, **Blackhawks** 0
Buffalo 4, BOSTON 2
TORONTO 6, Ottawa 3
Nashville 3, MONTREAL 2 (SO)
TAMPA BAY 4, Los Angeles 3
COLUMBUS 6, New Jersey 1
CAROLINA 3, Colorado 1
Philadelphia 4, ARIZONA 3 (SO)
SAN JOSE 6, Edmonton 4
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Detroit at Washington, 2
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 2
N.Y. Rangers at Winnipeg, 2
Vancouver at Dallas, 3
Colorado at Buffalo, 6
Boston at New Jersey, 6
Calgary at N.Y. Islanders, 6
Philadelphia at Vegas, 7
San Jose at Anaheim, 7

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CALENDAR
Feb. 26: Trade deadline.
March 3: Stadium Series: Toronto vs. Washington at U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis Md.
April 7: Last day of regular season.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Boston	40	17	.702	6-4	L-1	—	21-9	19-8	25-12
Toronto	38	16	.704	—	7-3	W-4	23-4	15-12	22-7
Philadelphia	28	25	.528	9½	6-4	W-3	16-10	12-15	14-13
New York	23	33	.411	16	2-8	L-5	16-11	7-22	11-21
Brooklyn	19	38	.333	20½	1-9	L-5	11-19	8-19	12-21
SOUTHEAST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Washington	32	24	.571	—	6-4	W-1	17-10	15-14	19-14
Miami	30	26	.536	2	3-7	W-1	14-12	16-14	21-15
Charlotte	23	32	.418	8½	4-6	L-3	15-14	8-18	12-17
Orlando	18	37	.327	13½	5-5	L-1	11-15	7-22	11-23
Atlanta	17	39	.304	15	3-7	L-2	12-17	5-22	7-28
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Cleveland	32	22	.593	—	5-5	W-2	20-7	12-15	24-12
Milwaukee	31	24	.564	1½	8-2	W-1	18-9	13-15	18-17
Indiana	31	25	.554	2	7-3	W-1	19-11	12-14	21-15
Detroit	27	27	.500	5	5-5	L-1	18-11	9-16	16-18
BULLS	19	36	.345	13½	2-8	L-1	12-15	7-21	16-16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Houston	41	13	.759	—	9-1	W-7	21-6	20-7	23-8
San Antonio	35	22	.614	7½	5-5	L-1	22-6	13-16	20-12
New Orleans	29	26	.527	12½	5-5	W-1	14-12	15-14	14-19
Memphis	18	36	.333	23	2-8	L-5	13-16	5-20	15-20
Dallas	18	38	.321	24	3-7	W-1	11-18	7-20	10-26
NORTHWEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Minnesota	34	24	.586	—	4-6	L-2	22-6	12-18	25-9
Portland	31	25	.554	2	6-4	W-2	16-10	15-15	17-14
Oklahoma City	31	25	.554	2	5-5	L-1	19-9	12-16	16-17
Denver	30	26	.536	3	7-3	W-1	22-7	8-19	19-18
Utah	27	28	.491	5½	9-1	W-8	16-9	11-19	16-14
PACIFIC	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Golden State	43	13	.768	—	6-4	W-2	21-7	22-6	24-10
L.A. Clippers	28	26	.519	14	5-5	L-1	16-12	12-14	20-16
L.A. Lakers	23	32	.418	19½	7-3	L-1	14-14	9-18	11-22
Sacramento	17	37	.315	25	4-6	L-1	8-17	9-20	9-23
Phoenix	18	39	.316	25½	1-9	L-5	9-21	9-18	12-23

through Saturday

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 101, **BULLS** 90
New Orleans 138, BROOKLYN 128 (2OT)
PHILADELPHIA 112, L.A. Clippers 98
Milwaukee 111, ORLANDO 104
DALLAS 130, L.A. Lakers 123
GOLDEN STATE 122, San Antonio 105
Denver 123, PHOENIX 113
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Toronto at Charlotte, noon
Cleveland at Boston, 2:30
Detroit at Atlanta, 2:30
New York at Indiana, 4
Dallas at Houston, 6
Memphis at Oklahoma City, 6
Sacramento at Minnesota, 6
Utah at Portland, 8
MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
Orlando at **Bulls**, 7
New Orleans at Detroit, 6
New York at Philadelphia, 6
L.A. Clippers at Brooklyn, 6:30
San Antonio at Utah, 8
Phoenix at Golden State, 9:30
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
BULLS 114, Minnesota 113
PHILADELPHIA 100, New Orleans 82
L.A. Clippers 108, DETROIT 95
Cleveland 123, ATLANTA 107
Indiana 97, BOSTON 91
HOUSTON 130, Denver 104
MIAMI 91, Milwaukee 85
UTAH 106, Charlotte 94
Portland 118, SACRAMENTO 100

home team in CAPS

NBA LEADERS

ASSISTS	G	AST	AVG
Westbrook, OKC	55	566	10.3
Harden, HOU	47	423	9.0
James, CLE	54	482	8.9
Simmons, PHI	51	370	7.3
Green, GS	48	348	7.2
Rondo, NO	40	289	7.2
Teague, MIN	47	331	7.0
Dinwiddie, BRO	55	366	6.7
Lillard, POR	49	326	6.7
Curry, GS	40	257	6.4
Lowry, TOR	51	324	6.4
Dunn, BULLS	40	254	6.4
Schroder, ATL	53	336	6.3
Payton, ORL	44	275	6.2
Jack, NYK	54	327	6.1
Barea, DAL	51	304	6.0
Walker, CHA	53	305	5.8
Jokic, DEN	48	265	5.5
Durant, GS	47	257	5.5
Cousins, NO	48	257	5.4
Williams, LAC	52	276	5.3
Holiday, NO	54	285	5.3

STEALS	G	STL	AVG
George, OKC	53	118	2.23
Bledsoe, MIL	46	97	2.11
Dunn, BULLS	40	82	2.05
Butler, MIN	52	104	2.00
Oladipo, IND	50	100	2.00
Westbrook, OKC	55	108	1.96
Harris, DEN	51	93	1.82
Simmons, PHI	51	92	1.80
Harden, HOU	47	84	1.79
Drummond, DET	52	86	1.65
Cousins, NO	48	79	1.65
Bazemore, ATL	56	91	1.62
Porter Jr., WAS	51	81	1.59
Caldwell-Pope, LAL	46	73	1.59
Covington, PHI	50	79	1.58
Curry, GS	40	63	1.58
James, CLE	54	85	1.57
Young, IND	56	88	1.57
Rubio, UTA	54	83	1.54
Ariza, HOU	44	67	1.52
Teague, MIN	47	69	1.47
Mitchell, UTA	52	76	1.46

through Friday

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
MLB: RHP Steve Geltz was suspended 100 games after a third positive test for a drug of abuse; Tampa Bay C Nick Ciuffo 50-game penalty for a second positive test for a drug of abuse; San Diego Padres RHP Alex Cunningham 50 games after testing positive for Amphetamine; and Pittsburgh 2B Mitchell Tolman 50-game after a second positive test for a drug of abuse.
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Toronto: Agreed to terms with RHP John Axford on a minor league contract.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
New York: Designated 3B Matt Reynolds for assignment.
Philadelphia: Agreed to terms with LHP Josh Tols on a minor league contract.
BASKETBALL
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
New Orleans: Waived G Rashad Vaughn and G Mike James.
FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
N.Y. Jets: Signed DB Kacy Rodgers II to a reserve/future contract.
Pittsburgh: Signed FB Roosevelt Nix to a four-year contract.
HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Edmonton: Recalled D Keegan Lowe from Bakersfield (AHL).
N.Y. Rangers: Recalled G Alexandar Georgiev from Hartford (AHL) and G Chris Nell from Kansas City (ECHL) to Hartford.
Washington: Re-signed C Lars Eller to a five-year contract extension.
AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
Milwaukee: Recalled D Rick Pinkston from Atlanta (ECHL).
SOCCER
U.S. Soccer: Elected Carlos Cordeiro president to a four-year term.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S AP TOP 25

RK (CP) TEAM	W-L	SATURDAY/NEXT GAME *-A.M.
1. (1) Villanova	23-2	**W** 86-75 vs. Butler
2. (2) Virginia	23-2	**L** 61-60 vs. Virginia Tech
3. (3) Purdue	23-4	**L** 68-65 at #4 Michigan State
4. (4) Michigan State	24-3	**W** 68-65 vs. #3 Purdue
5. (5) Xavier	23-3	**W** 72-71 at Creighton
6. (8) Cincinnati	22-2	Sun at SMU, 3
7. (10) Texas Tech	21-4	**W** 66-47 at Kansas State
8. (13) Auburn	22-3	**W** 78-61 at Georgia
9. (8) Duke	19-5	Sun vs. Georgia Tech, 5
10. (7) Kansas	19-6	**L** 80-64 at Baylor
11. (14) St. Mary's	24-3	**L** 78-65 vs. #12 Gonzaga
12. (12) Gonzaga	22-4	**W** 78-65 at #11 St. Mary's
13. (9) Arizona	20-6	**W** 81-67 vs. USC
14. (18) Ohio State	22-5	**W** 82-64 vs. Iowa
15. (19) Tennessee	18-6	**L** 78-50 at Alabama
16. (20) Clemson	20-4	Wed at Florida State, 6
17. (15) Oklahoma	16-8	**L** 88-80 at Iowa State
18. (21) Rhode Island	20-3	Tue vs. Richmond, 7:30
19. (11) West Virginia	18-7	**L** 88-85 vs. Oklahoma State
20. (25) Michigan	19-7	Sun at Wisconsin, noon
21. (17) N. Carolina	19-7	**W** 96-89 at NC State
22. (16) Wichita State	19-5	**W** 95-74 vs. Connecticut
23. (23) Nevada	21-5	**W** 83-58 vs. San Diego State
24. (22) Kentucky	17-8	**L** 85-74 at Texas A&M
25. (25) Miami	18-6	**L** 72-70 at Boston College

CP-Coaches poll

BIG TEN MEN'S STANDINGS

TEAM	CONF	ALL	SATURDAY/NEXT GAME *-A.M.
Ohio State	13-1	22-5	**W** 82-64 vs. Iowa
Michigan State	12-2	24-3	**W** 68-65 vs. #3 Purdue
Purdue	12-2	23-4	**L** 68-65 at #4 Michigan State
Nebraska	10-4	19-8	**W** 67-55 vs. Rutgers
Michigan	8-5	19-7	Sun at Wisconsin, noon
Penn State	7-6	16-9	Sun at Illinois, 6
Indiana	7-7	14-12	Wed vs. Illinois, 7:30
Northwestern	6-7	15-11	**L** 73-57 at Maryland
Maryland	6-8	17-10	**W** 73-57 vs. Northwestern
Wisconsin	4-9	11-15	Sun vs. #20 Michigan, noon
Minnesota	3-11	14-13	Tue vs. #4 Michigan State, 8
Iowa	3-11	12-15	**L** 82-64 at #14 Ohio State
Illinois	2-10	12-13	Sun vs. Penn State, 6
Rutgers	2-12	12-15	**L** 67-55 at Nebraska

AREA MEN'S TEAMS

TEAM	W-L	SATURDAY/NEXT GAME *-A.M.
Bradley	17-9	Sun at S. Illinois, 3
Chicago State	2-25	**L** 91-81 vs. Seattle
DePaul	10-14	**W** 80-63 at Providence
Eastern Ill.	9-16	**L** 76-69 vs. Austin Peay
Ill. Chicago	15-12	**L** 86-78 vs. Cleveland State
Illinois State	14-11	Sun at Valparaiso, 3
Loyola	21-5	**W** 75-71 at Indiana State
Marquette	14-11	**L** 86-78 at St. John's
Northern Ill.	11-14	**W** 90-88 (OT) vs. Buffalo
Notre Dame	15-10	**W** 84-69 vs. Florida State
Southern Ill.	16-10	Sun vs. Bradley, 3
SIU-Ed'sville	8-17	**L** 75-66 vs. Murray State
Valparaiso	12-14	Sun vs. Illinois State, 3
Western Ill.	11-11	Wed at Fort Wayne, 6

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25

RK (CP) TEAM	W-L	SATURDAY/NEXT GAME *-A.M.
1. (1) Connecticut	24-0	**W** 124-43 vs. Wichita State
2. (2) Mississippi St	25-0	Sun vs. Kentucky, 1
3. (3) Baylor	23-1	**W** 83-63 vs. #24 TCU
4. (4) Louisville	25-1	Mon at #1 Connecticut, 6
5. (5) Notre Dame	22-2	Sun vs. Georgia Tech, noon
6. (8) Texas	20-4	**W** 76-64 vs. Kansas State
7. (8) S. Carolina	19-5	Sun vs. Florida, noon
8. (7) UCLA	20-4	Sun vs. Arizona State, 3
9. (10) Oregon	22-4	Sun at Washington State, 3
10. (9) Maryland	21-3	Sun at Rutgers, 11*
11. (11) Tennessee	20-4	Sun vs. #17 Georgia, 2
12. (12) Florida St	20-4	Sun at Miami, 3
13. (13) Ohio State	20-5	Sun at South Florida, 11*
14. (14) Texas A&M	19-6	Sun at Mississippi, 2
15. (15) Missouri	19-5	Sun at Arkansas, 4
16. (16) Oregon State	18-6	Sun at Washington, 5
17. (21) Stanford	17-8	Sun vs. Colorado, 5
18. (18) Georgia	21-3	Sun at #11 Tennessee, 2
19. (19) Duke	19-6	Sun at Clemson, 1
20. (17) Green Bay	22-2	**W** 65-36 at Milwaukee
21. (20) Michigan	20-6	Sun at Michigan State, 11*
22. (25) Oklahoma St	18-6	**W** 81-73 at Iowa State
23. (23) N.C. State	19-6	Sun vs. N. Carolina, 2
24. (24) TCU	16-8	**L** 83-63 at #3 Baylor
25. (—) Arizona State	17-8	Sun at #8 UCLA, 3

CP-Coaches poll

BIG TEN WOMEN'S STANDINGS

TEAM	CONF	ALL	NEXT GAME *-A.M.
Maryland	10-1	21-3	Sun at Rutgers, 11*
Ohio State	9-3	20-5	Sun at South Florida, 11*
Nebraska	8-3	17-7	Sun vs. Wisconsin, 2
Michigan	9-4	20-6	Sun at Michigan State, 11*
Minnesota	7-4	18-6	Sun vs. Penn State, 3
Purdue	7-4	16-9	Mon vs. Indiana, 6
Iowa	7-5	19-6	Sun at Northwestern, 2
Rutgers	6-6	18-8	Sun at #10 Maryland, 11*
Indiana	6-6	13-12	Mon at Purdue, 6
Penn State	5-7	14-11	Sun at Minnesota, 3
Michigan State	4-7	14-11	Sun vs. #21 Michigan, 11*
Northwestern	2-9	9-16	Sun vs. Iowa, 2
Wisconsin	2-10	9-16	Sun at Nebraska, 2
Illinois	0-12	9-17	Tue vs. #13 Ohio State, 7

AREA WOMEN'S TEAMS

TEAM	W-L	SATURDAY/NEXT GAME *-A.M.
Bradley	11-12	Sun at S. Illinois, 11:30*
Chicago State	1-24	**L** 72-60 at Seattle
DePaul	19-6	Sun at Xavier, 11*
Eastern Ill.	2-23	**L** 75-66 vs. Austin Peay
Ill. Chicago	7-17	**L** 71-52 vs. Youngstown State
Illinois State	11-12	Sun at Missouri State, 2
Loyola	5-17	Sun vs. Valparaiso, 1*
Marquette	16-8	Sun at Butler, noon
Northern Ill.	13-11	**W** 73-68 vs. Bowling Green
Notre Dame	22-2	Sun vs. Georgia Tech, noon
Southern Ill.	12-11	Sun vs. Bradley, 11:30*
SIU-Ed'sville	15-10	**W** 77-68 vs. Murray State
Valparaiso	10-12	Sun at Loyola, 1
Western Ill.	18-7	Mon vs. Eureka, 7

SOCCER

Cordeiro named U.S. Soccer boss

New president beats out 7 others with nearly 69 percent of vote

By Kevin Baxter | Los Angeles Times


Cordeiro

ORLANDO, Fla. — Winning the election for the presidency of U.S. Soccer could prove the easy part for Carlos Cordeiro, the former Goldman Sachs executive who beat a field of seven other candidates Saturday to take the reins of a federation riven by divisions.

Now comes the hard part: governing the sport and healing those fractures, which have grown following last year's World Cup qualifying failure and a bruising three-month campaign in which Cordeiro, the U.S. Soccer vice president, was criticized repeatedly as an establishment candidate wedded to the status quo.

"For those who didn't vote for me, I'm going to have to work even harder to convince them I am going to be a good president," Cordeiro said. "We're only as strong as the team is. We can do a lot better."

Cordeiro succeeds Sunil Gulati, the longest-serving president in USSF history, who did not run for re-election after serving three four-year terms.

At 61, Cordeiro was both the oldest candidate and the only one who didn't play soccer beyond high school. Yet it was the athletes' council, voting as a block after meeting deep into the night Friday, who put him over the top.

More than 570 people representing different constituencies within the USSF were eligible to vote, but the ballots were weighted differently. The athletes' council, for example, accounted for 20 percent of the vote although just 12 people cast ballots.

"It wasn't an easy decision," said Stu Holden, a former World Cup player and member of the athletes' council. "We found a candidate in Carlos we felt we could unite behind."

Also throwing their weight behind Cordeiro were many voters on the pro council, representing MLS, the National Women's Soccer League and the second-tier USL.

They originally had backed Kathy Carter, president of Soccer United Marketing, the marketing arm of MLS, but switched their support when the voting extended beyond the first round. Still, it took three rounds of balloting for Cordeiro to get the majority he needed to win. He eventually grabbed nearly 69 percent of the vote.

Afterward Carter pledged to support the new president.

"The membership has spoken," said Carter, who was bidding to become U.S. Soccer's first woman president. "We're going to get behind Carlos. The game won today."

Eric Wynalda, one of four former national team players on the ballot, also called for unity.

"We started a conversion," said Wynalda, whose campaign went the furthest in its call for change. "And not until we stop fighting each other and start fighting together will we become a soccer nation.

"This is not a revolution. This is an evolution."

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IN BRIEF GOLF

Johnson fortunate to share Pebble lead

Tribune news services

Dustin Johnson overcame a sloppy back nine in the stiffening breeze by making a 10-foot birdie on the 18th hole at Pebble Beach for a 2-under 70 that gave him a share of the lead going into the final round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Ted Potter Jr. shot a 62 at Monterey Peninsula and left wondering how much better it could have been. Potter, with virtually no one watching his round because the stars were at Pebble on Saturday, was 11 under with three holes to play, needing only one birdie and two pars for a 59. He bogeyed the last two holes, which at least was enough to tie for the lead. They were at 14-under 201, and with more wind in the forecast — compared with virtually none the previous two days — this could be wide open.

■ **Mark Calcavecchia** birdied the last three holes Saturday to take a two-stroke lead over **Bernhard Langer** into the final round of the PGA Tour Champions' Boca Raton Championship. The 57-year-old Calcavecchia had a 14-under 130 total.

FOOTBALL: The Steelers signed Pro Bowl FB **Roosevelt Nix** to a four-year contract. The 25-year-old Nix, who played in all 16 games for the AFC North champions, was used primarily as a blocking back for All-Pro **Le'Veon Bell.**

MOTOR SPORTS: Hendrick Motorsports rookie **William Byron** has posted the fastest lap in practice for the Daytona 500. Byron turned a lap of 210.681 mph in Saturday afternoon's practice at Daytona International Speedway. It was the fastest lap of two sessions. ... **Michael Self** survived two multi-car melees in the closing laps to win the crash-filled ARCA Series season opener at Daytona International Speedway.

TENNIS: **Venus Williams** used her 1,000th career singles match to get the United States off to a strong start in its Fed Cup title defense. **CoCo Vandeweghe** needed to stage a comeback to make sure that momentum continued. Williams and Vandeweghe won their singles matches to give the U.S. a 2-0 lead over the Netherlands. Williams beat **Arantxa Rus** 6-1, 6-4 in to improve her career singles record to 776-224. Vandeweghe had to rally from a set and a break down to win her match 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-3 over **Richel Hogenkamp.**

2018 WINTER OLYMPICS



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American star Mikaela Shiffrin will ski in at least two Alpine events — and possibly all five.

ALPINE SKIING

For re-energized Shiffrin, history awaits on the hills

By Rick Maese
Washington Post

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — As 2017 turned into 2018, Mikaela Shiffrin bounced around Europe, giving her passport a workout and picking up more hardware for the trophy case back home.

In a 2½-week stretch, she skied — and won — in France, Austria, Norway, Croatia and Slovenia.

"We had a ton of races all back to back," Shiffrin said. "I was rested and had great training, great preparation. So I was able to carry my momentum into that stretch."

At all those stops, she raced beautifully. She reached the podium 11 straight times, including nine first-place finishes and an unheard-of five victories in a row.

"Then after that," she said, "I got tired."

As the Olympics crept closer, Shiffrin's results began to suffer. Since that string of podium appearance, she's had five races, finishing no higher than seventh.

At a time when she'd prefer to be peaking, Shiffrin, 22, instead invited uncertainty on the final leg of her journey to the Winter Olympics, where she has history in her sights.

After nine days of training and acclimating in South Korea, she looked rested and eager Saturday to prove she's the skier who was unbeatable a month earlier — not the one who struggled just two weeks ago.

"I feel much, much better now," she said.

Her position is unique. Her talent invites internal and external pressure. Her best stretch of the season was also a grueling one, and the demands caught up with her.

Shiffrin arrived in Pyeongchang a week and a half before her first race, training and resting in equal amounts. Her first race, barring weather delays, will be Monday's giant slalom. Two days later she'll aim to defend her Olympic slalom title. She'll be a heavy favorite in both.

She's not ready to commit to the rest of her Olympic schedule. If she feels good about her first two races, she hopes the momentum carries her into the speed events, when she could race the combined, downhill and maybe even the super-G.

If she's feeling good mentally and physically, Shiffrin is a threat to medal almost every time she enters the starting gate. She has at least one World Cup win in four disciplines — slalom, giant slalom, downhill and combined — and finished fourth once last season in the super-G.

Only one female skier has ever won as many as three gold medals at a single Olympics — Croatia's Janica Kostelic in 2002. The possibility of taking home multiple medals has prompted some to consider Shiffrin the Winter Games' version of swimmer Michael Phelps.

"I can never even imagine myself in the same sentence as Michael Phelps," she said. "That's extremely flattering, but it's apples and oranges."

At the very least, she's clearly the best female Alpine skier in the world right now and already has 41 World Cup victories, including 10 this season. Shiffrin has a chance these next two weeks to carve her name in Olympic lore.

"I don't think anybody questions her dominance or her ability," NBC analyst Bode Miller said. "If she's at her best, there's nobody even close right now."

ROUNDUP

In high style in slopestyle: Gerard rallies for 1st U.S. gold

Associated Press



LEE JIN-MAN/AP

Red Gerard, right, celebrates with a friend after winning the slopestyle snowboarding final for the first U.S. gold in Pyeongchang.

Teenager Red Gerard won the United States' first gold medal at the Pyeongchang Olympics, edging Canadians Max Parrot and Mark McMorris in men's slopestyle snowboarding Sunday in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

Gerard, 17, of Silverthorne, Colo., drilled his third and final run on the chilly but sun-splashed course at Phoenix Snow Park. Gerard was in last place heading into the final run, but his score of 87.16 was just enough to slip by Parrot.

Parrot washed out in his first two runs but nailed his final trip through the tricky series of rails and jumps to post a score of 86.00. McMorris took third after putting up a score of 85.20 in his second run.

Gerard is the second consecutive American to win the event, which made its Olympic debut four years ago.

Cool your jets: Fierce wind forced postponement of the men's downhill, moving the marquee race from its traditional place opening the Alpine program.

Organizers will try to hold the event Thursday. The men's super-G had been scheduled for Thursday but was pushed back a day to let the downhill go first.

First to cash in: In the first medal event of the Winter Olympics, Charlotte Kalla of Sweden won the women's 15-kilometer skiathlon by more than seven seconds. It was her sixth career Olympic medal — and third gold.

Marit Bjoergen, 37, took silver but made Olympic history by becoming the most decorated female Winter Olympian ever. The Norwegian won her 11th career medal to break a tie with Raisa Smetanina of Russia and Stefania Belmondo of Italy. Bjoergen, 37, raised her arms as she crossed the finish line.

"I have been very good for many years," Bjoergen said. "But I'm also getting older, and the younger girls are getting better."

Jessica Diggins of Minnesota placed fifth, missing a chance to become the first American woman to earn a medal in cross-country skiing. Diggins was third in the World Cup standings coming into the race.

Happy hosts: Lim Hyo-jun earned host country South Korea its first gold by winning the men's 1,500-meter short-track speedskating event.

Lim pushed past Sjinkie Knegt of the Netherlands, finishing in an Olympic-record time of 2 minutes, 10.485 seconds.

Knegt won silver while bronze went to Semen Elistratov, who was the first Russian medalist of the Games.

Hitting perfection: Laura Dahlmeier wasn't just good. She was perfect.

The 24-year-old German fought bitterly cold conditions and hit all 10 targets to win her first biathlon gold medal in the women's 7.5-kilometer sprint.

Dahlmeier had won five of six possible medals at last year's world championships. The one event she didn't win was this one.

Marte Olsbu of Norway won silver and Veronika Vitkova of the Czech Republic earned bronze.

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MEDALS TABLE

NATION	G	S	B	TOT
Germany	2	0	0	2
Netherlands	1	2	1	4
South Korea	1	0	0	1
Sweden	1	0	0	1
United States	1	0	0	1
Norway	0	3	1	4
Canada	0	1	1	2
Czech Republic	0	0	1	1
Finland	0	0	1	1
OA Russia	0	0	1	1

NOTE: Through 1 of 6 medal events Feb. 11; through 6 of 11 total medal events.

SNOWBOARDING
Men's Slopestyle; Final Ranking
1. Redmond Gerard, U.S., (43.33; 46.4; 87.16) 87.16
2. Maxence Parrot, (45.13; 49.48; 86.00). 86.00
3. Marc McMorris, (75.3; 85.20; 60.88) 85.20

SKI JUMPING
Men's K90 Individual
Final Round
1. Andreas Wellinger, (124.9; 134.4), 259.3
2. Johann Andre Forfang, (125.9; 125.0), 250.9
3. Robert Johansson, (119.9; 129.8), 249.7

U.S. Finishers
18. Kevin Bickner, U.S. (117.2; 100.2), 217.4

MIXED DOUBLES CURLING
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Switzerland 6, South Korea 4
United States 10, Norway 3
China 10, Finland 5
Canada 8, OA Russia 2
China 9, Norway 8
Finland 7, United States 5
Switzerland 9, OA Russia 8
Canada 7, South Korea 3

FIGURE SKATING
Team Event
Ice Dance Short Program
1. S. Moir, T. Virtue, 80.51
2. A. Shibutani, M. Shibutani, 75.46
3. D. Soloviev, E. Bobrova, 74.76
Women's Short Program
1. Evgenia Medvedeva, 81.06
2. Carolina Kostner, 75.10
3. Kaetlyn Osmond, 71.38

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
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All Times CST

WOMEN'S ALPINE SKIING
Giant Slalom, 7:15
Giant Slalom, 10:30
BIATHLON
Men's 10km, 5:15 a.m.
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
Men's 15km/15km Skiathlon, 12:15 a.m.
CURLING MIXED DOUBLES
Tiebreaker (if required), 5 a.m.
Semifinal, 6
FIGURE SKATING
Team Event (Men's Free Skate, Women's Free Skate, Ice Dance Free Skate), 7
WOMEN'S FREESTYLE SKIING
Moguls, 4:30 a.m.
Moguls, 6 a.m.
WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY
Finland vs. U.S., 1:30 a.m.
Canada vs. Russia, 6 a.m.
WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD
Slopestyle Finals, 7
Halfpipe Qualification, 10:30
SPEEDSKATING
Men's 5000, 1 a.m.

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PAIRS FIGURE SKATING

Bands of gold

Addison's *Alexa Scimeca Knierim*, husband Chris striving to achieve success in Olympics, marriage

By Phil Thompson | Chicago Tribune

Injuries and illnesses can be tough on Olympic hopes.

They are even worse when you are pairs figure skaters and one of you gets hurt.

And then the other develops a rare medical condition. And then another injury occurs.

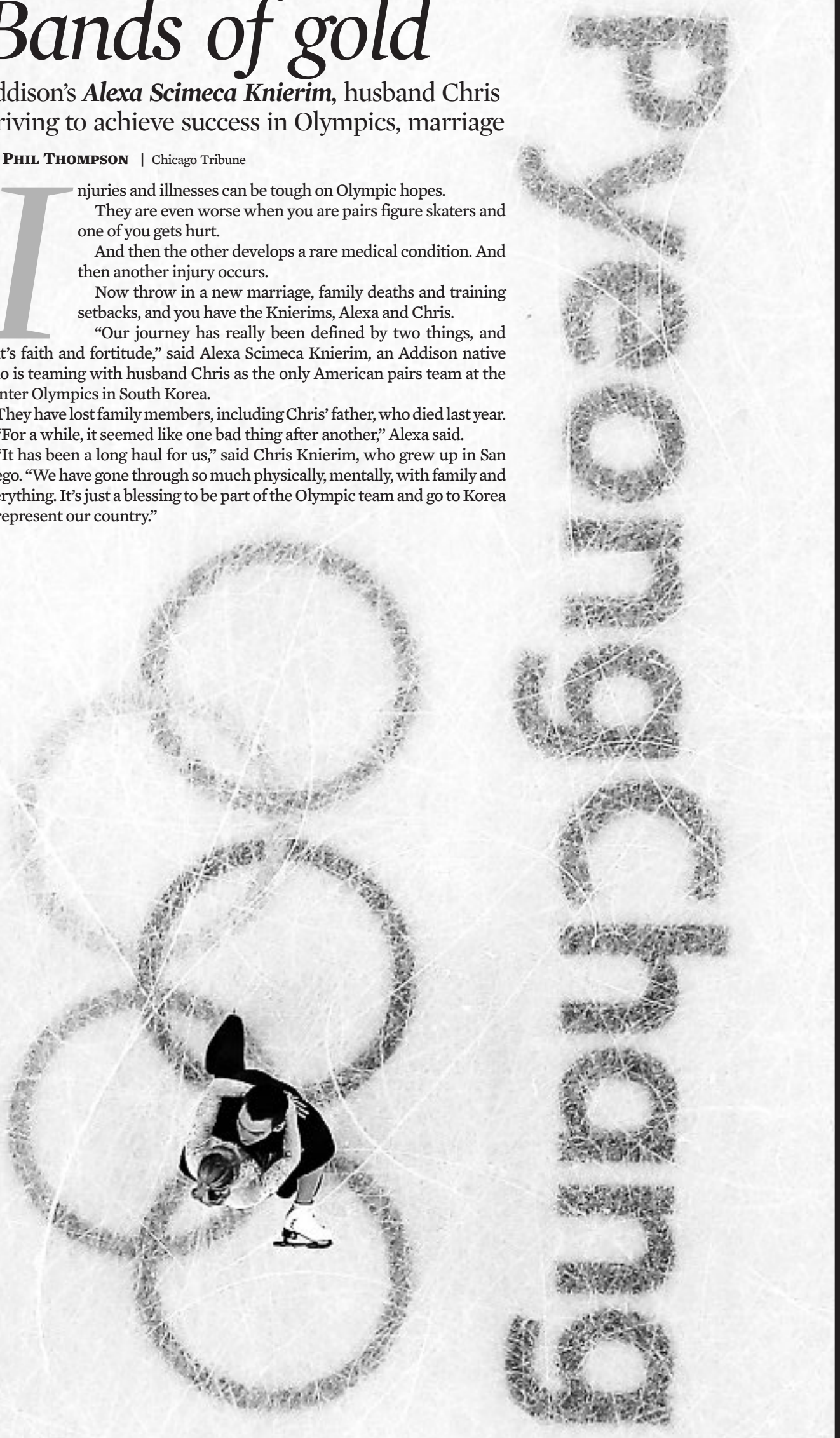
Now throw in a new marriage, family deaths and training setbacks, and you have the Knierims, Alexa and Chris.

"Our journey has really been defined by two things, and that's faith and fortitude," said Alexa Scimeca Knierim, an Addison native who is teaming with husband Chris as the only American pairs team at the Winter Olympics in South Korea.

They have lost family members, including Chris' father, who died last year.

"For a while, it seemed like one bad thing after another," Alexa said.

"It has been a long haul for us," said Chris Knierim, who grew up in San Diego. "We have gone through so much physically, mentally, with family and everything. It's just a blessing to be part of the Olympic team and go to Korea to represent our country."



The Knierims' stellar performance Friday helped offset fellow American Nathan Chen's shaky start and move the U.S. into second place in the team standings. The next team event for the Knierims was the pairs free skate Sunday (Saturday night in the U.S.).

The couple has packed a lot of highs and lows into five years. They teamed up in April 2012 and jelled quickly, having in 2013 what Chris has called a "breakthrough" moment that culminated in a silver medal at their first U.S. championships together.

Meanwhile, a romance was brewing.

"Chris and I started having feelings for each other very early on in our partnership," Alexa said. "It was something we didn't think too much about. We kind of went with the flow."

Their careers were ascending, but then Chris broke his leg during the 2013-14 season and the pair finished fourth in a failed bid to go to the Sochi Olympics.

In 2015, the Knierims won their first U.S. title. They placed second at the Four Continents Championships in February 2016 and got married that July.

And then there was more calamity.

For months, Alexa had been having vomiting episodes, and her doctor told her she had a rare and potentially fatal gastrointestinal illness. She had two surgeries in August and another in November that left her with a long scar on her abdomen.

"We had to relearn everything," Alexa said. "And it was very difficult to train because my stomach incision was still healing. In pairs skating there's a lot of hand contact near the abdomen."

Alexa's recovery cost them most of the 2016-17 season, but she said the discomfort finally "calmed down" by January 2017. The pair placed sixth at Four Continents in February.

Then Chris began feeling knee pain.

"Through physical therapy, I wasn't allowed to do lot of jumps until the last month-and-a-half or so," said Chris, whose leg had atrophied. "Now finally everything is coming together and I'm able to train with a ton of repetitions."

It also affected Alexa's training.

"It wasn't until the summer of 2017 when Chris' injury took a toll on the preparation of our side-by-side jumps, which was evident (as we) faltered in our grand prix (competitions last fall)," she said. "That was a significant setback we've been able to drill and work on now that he is feeling a lot better. Leading into the Olympic Games, we feel we're going to be a lot more prepared and successful at our side-by-side jumps despite it being kind of the nemesis this season."

The rink wasn't the only area where the Knierims had to find synchronicity again. They also had to find their way as newlyweds while dealing with career challenges as on-ice partners.

"We learned our lessons on and off the ice each year that we've been together," Alexa said.

Some of those lessons included learning to communicate and not letting arguments go unresolved.

"Let's say we're disagreeing on a pattern going into something, some new choreography," Chris said. "I think it goes one way and she thinks it goes the other. And maybe at home in a normal, everyday situation you can argue.

"(But) in the rink, on the ice, communication is No. 1. ... We don't have the privilege of being able to separate."

They also have learned how to avoid pushing each other's buttons, Alexa added.

"If one of us is upset after a mistake, instead of saying, 'Can you have a better attitude?' or 'Can you not react so negatively?' we've learned go about it a different way," she said. "It's like, 'What can I do to help you?' Or you just lend a supportive hand."



Alexa Scimeca Knierim and husband Chris Knierim are the only U.S. pairs figure skating team at the Olympics.
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Said Chris: "We're so connected now. Just like any relationship, there's always work to be done at the beginning. Then you find your stride as a couple."

Given their trials together, the Knierims say the romance most teams try to project through their skating routines will be genuine in their case.

"It's easy for us to pull off these characters because we're simply being ourselves," Alexa said. "We're really in tune and in sync with one another."

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Difficult marriage put on ice

Olympics, NHL players never made a great match



Bernie Lincicome

Ask not what your country can do for the Olympics but what the Olympics can do for you.

The chances of there ever being another great Olympic hockey story were always windchill low, but the NHL thought it would take a chance.

So for five Winter Games the league allowed its best players to try to capture some of that 1980 Lake Placid magic, an event that did more for hockey than anything since the Zamboni.

Nope. Didn't work. Winter will just have to get along without the best winter game's best players.

Here we are now, back where we were, with leftovers and amateurs in Pyeongchang and the NHL wondering what it could have been thinking.

Now it is thinking that taking three weeks out of its season when competition for attention is lowest (between football and baseball there is only LeBron), when risk of injury is high and when expenses are no longer picked up by the IOC ... well, patriotic gestures may not be worth the metal the medals are made of.

The NHL had counted on there being no primer time than the Olympics, which is around midnight for those with basic cable.

They might have imagined that the odd prospect of seeing Patrick Kane against Duncan Keith would keep everybody up until dawn.

The NHL in the Olympics turned out to be of absolutely no interest to anybody, including the players, who pretended to care.

Not even the TV prize teams from Canada and the U.S. could compel attention, like watching two cousins arguing over the doughnuts, Tim Hortons or Dunkins. (Hortons wins as does, inevitably, Canada.)

This was never an idea whose time was due. The NHL going to the Olympics? Well, why not? It went to Las Vegas.

What the NHL discovered was the unbreakable Winter Olympics rule: If it doesn't wear a short sequined skirt and Prokofiev isn't playing in the background, it might as well be curling.

The NHL did not get what it wanted out of its trade off with the greed gnomes from Lausanne, Switzerland. What the Olympic folks wanted is not clear, pre-hyped celebrities maybe. Sidney Crosby and Alexander Ovechkin may not be LeBron James and Stephen Curry, but their names have greater resonance than any luger who ever lived.

There was no doubt what the NHL wanted. It was after the kind of boost for hockey the Olympics gave the NBA, except it had it backward. Every basketball Dream Team is already more famous than any Olympian, including Usain Bolt and Michael Phelps.

Napoleon once marveled that men will die for medals. All the NHL was risking was another tooth or two.

Wisdom came from Tim Taylor, the U.S. hockey coach in Lillehammer, Norway. Taylor coached the last all-amateur U.S. team.

"The Olympics ought to be more than a vacation," he said.

For the hockey pros the Olympics were never more than time off from work, which is how the NBA players tend to treat their Olympic experience. Angola tonight, tee time in the morning.

It simply takes more than a nation's initials on a hockey jersey to make millionaires happily carry their own bags. Pro hockey players resented the same inconvenience as other athletes for whom the Olympics is not the greatest competition in their sport.

This is true in every sport that has bigger rewards than Olympic medals. Golf in Rio, remember? Who remembers tennis?

"I couldn't even get room service," complained Chris Evert the first year they let the tennis pros in.

The NHL wanted something like a repeat of Lake Placid, clearly and forever the feel-good moment of all Winter Olympics when a bunch of U.S. amateurs won the gold medal and loved every bit of inconvenience that went with it.

The NHL already has bigger prizes than the Olympics, its own Stanley Cup, as well as the World Cup. The best hockey ever played in the Olympics would be just another tournament.

And there is no Soviet Union to play the villain this time. A team called Olympic Athletes from Russia is very likely going to win the thing, although we will just have to take somebody's word for it.

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Flag bearer Erin Hamlin leads the U.S. team in the Parade of Athletes during the Winter Olympics opening ceremony Friday night.

Longing for brevity

Opening ceremony turns into tedious spectacle in NBC's heavy hands



Phil Rosenthal
On media

From the network of "This Is Us" now comes "This Is U.S.," and NBC would do well to be careful how it tests viewers' patience in stretching out certain storylines over the next two weeks.

The network's bespoke prime-time presentation of the Pyeongchang Olympics opening ceremony Friday night was tailored for American viewers in a way that simultaneously was predictable yet baffling.

That NBC's over-the-air broadcast hosted by Mike Tirico and Katie Couric would differ from the unadorned international feed of the extravaganza streamed live on NBCOlympics.com more than half a day earlier was to be expected.

For general American consumption, the network was bound to use its resources and the time difference between here and South Korea to streamline the pageant, emphasize Team USA's presence and insert its commercial breaks and promos.

But who would have guessed that in doing so NBC would actually expand the parade of nations, a ritual of ceremonial importance that's always a bit of a slog for viewers and ripe for compression?

The parade of athletes from each country walking into the stadium and taking their seats, which took 50 minutes or so to complete in real life, went 95 minutes in NBC's production.

Almost twice as long.

Mind you, NBC's rendition of the ceremony as a whole, which ditched much of the speechifying by Olympic and South Korean leaders and trimmed other elements, took only 15 minutes longer than the actual running time of two hours, 15 minutes.

But rather than account for only about 21 percent of a show filled with music, dance, puppetry and other pageantry, NBC opted to make the walk-and-wave presentation of flags, parkas and mobile phones 38 percent of the program.

That's entertainment?

Imagine NBC editing "Sunday Night Football" so that more than a third of the telecast was devoted to players being introduced, entering and leaving the game, watching the action from the sideline and mouthing "Hi, mom!" to the cameras.

Some of NBC's larding was the result of wedging commercial breaks into the broadcast that were longer than planned gaps in the proceedings.

Everyone in 2018 understands that's just how it works.

Some of the expansion, however, was just so NBC could show more U.S. athletes.

Viewers listening carefully while members of Team USA smiled for NBC's cameras, which dwelled on them for several minutes after their entrance, might have heard the stadium announcer in the background rattling off the names of nations following them into the stadium.

When NBC returned from a commercial break, however, Bermuda, Belgium, Belarus, et al, still got their star turn.

Time didn't just stand still.

It doubled back on itself.

To its credit, NBC made no attempt to hide its handiwork.

Tirico, who takes over Bob Costas' role as lead prime-time Olympics host, acknowledged the network did some editing.

Couric, back on NBC for a night on loan from National Geographic Channel (which got a plug for her next documentary series), noted the South Koreans' use of "augmented reality" to create special effects seen only on TV.

So not everything seen on TV was visible to attendees, and choreography involving lights on drones and ski hill choreography was taped in December.

What was lost to editing was no great loss, although U.S. viewers were deprived of a knowing chuckle from hearing International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach thank the volunteers making the Pyeongchang Games go. There's just something about the head of a multibillion-dollar global concern publicly acknowledging his unpaid labor force that's amusing.

But for all the artistic flair on display, the greatest drama was in the stands of the $100 million stadium that South Koreans built to use just four times.

Couric pointed out Vice President Mike Pence was sitting in the same dignitary box with Kim Yo Jong, sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. A guest of Pence's was Fred Warmbier, father of Otto Warmbier, a college student whom North Korea imprisoned for 17 months and who died shortly after being released while in a coma.

"There is no question about the signal the (Trump) administration is trying to send here — a reminder of what is universally considered (one of) the most barbaric and brutal regimes in the world," Couric said.

Much was made of the fact that amid all the fireworks — real and symbolic — the host South Korean athletes marched together behind a unified, neutral flag with athletes from their longtime nemesis, missile-testing North Korea.

The most valuable — if sparingly used — player in NBC's coverage, Joshua Cooper Ramo, the vice chairman and co-CEO of Henry Kissinger's Kissinger Associates consulting firm, offered an important insight into this clearly historic moment.

"What we honestly don't know yet is why it is historic," Ramo said. "That is what makes it such an unusual and important moment.

"Are these teams taking the first steps down a new and peaceful path, or is this the very last image of fellowship and hope before tragedy strikes? That is why it is so electric here. Hundreds of thousands, maybe millions, of lives are at stake."

No matter how it's presented and what resolutions are promised, the real cliffhanger of these Winter Games almost certainly will remain unresolved after the closing ceremony in two weeks.

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Mike Pence, left, sits near Kim Yo Jong, right, sister of North Korea's Kim Jong Un.

WHAT TO WATCH SUNDAY

Mikaela Shiffrin, who'll compete in giant slalom, isn't the only U.S. female who could medal Sunday. Defending champion Jamie Anderson and Olympic rookies Julia Marino and Hailey Langland are capable of a U.S. sweep in slopestyle snowboarding. And the team figure skating event wraps up.

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HOME TEAM

Tracking local Olympians competing in Pyeongchang



Alexa Scimeca Knierim
Pairs figure skating/Addison
The 26-year-old, a 2009 Addison Trail graduate, will skate with her husband and partner, Chris Knierim, as the lone pairs team to represent the U.S. in the Winter Games. In 2016, Scimeca Knierim battled a stomach virus that dropped her under 100 pounds and required abdominal surgeries. The pair skated to a 126.56 in the pairs free skate in the team event Sunday.
■ *Next: Pairs short program, Wednesday*



Bradie Tennell
Figure skating/Carpentersville
Tennell, born in Winfield and now living in Carpentersville, skated a nearly perfect free skate to earn her first national crown and the chance to skate in Pyeongchang. The 20-year-old won the 2015 U.S. juniors and trains at Twin Rinks Ice Pavilion in Buffalo Grove. She scored 68.94 in the women's short program of the team event Sunday.
■ *Next: Women's short program, Feb. 22*



Lana Gehring
Short-track speedskating/Glenview
The 27-year-old, who earned a bronze medal at the 2010 Vancouver Games in the 3,000-meter relay less than a year after graduating from Glenbrook South, is a member of the Northbrook Speedskating Club. Failed to advance out of 500-meter qualifications Sunday.
■ *Next: Women's 1,500, Saturday*



Kevin Bickner
Ski jumping/Wauconda
Bickner, 21, has been downhill skiing since he was 4 and began jumping at 10. Bickner is one of three Olympians from the Norge Ski Club of Fox River Grove. At 16, he moved to Utah to practice at the Olympic Training Center and made the developmental squad. Finished 18th in the normal hill competition Saturday.
■ *Next: Large hill competition, Friday*



Michael Glasder
Ski jumping/Cary
Glasder, who at 28 was nearly six years older than any of his rivals, qualified for the 2018 Olympics in December at an event in Park City, Utah. The Cary resident and 2008 Cary-Grove graduate trains at the Norge Ski Club in Fox River Grove. Advanced to Saturday's first round but did not make it to the final.
■ *Next: Large hill competition, Friday*



Casey Larson
Ski jumping/Barrington
Larson, 19, is a member of the Norge Ski Club. By high school he was gunning for the Olympics and training on the U.S. developmental team. In 2014, a top-10 finish at the nationals earned him a spot on the U.S. team. He graduated from Barrington High School in 2017. Advanced to Saturday's first round but did not make it to the final.
■ *Next: Large hill competition, Friday*

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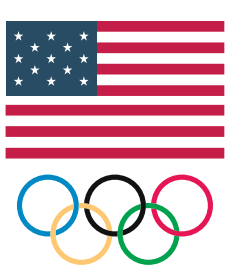
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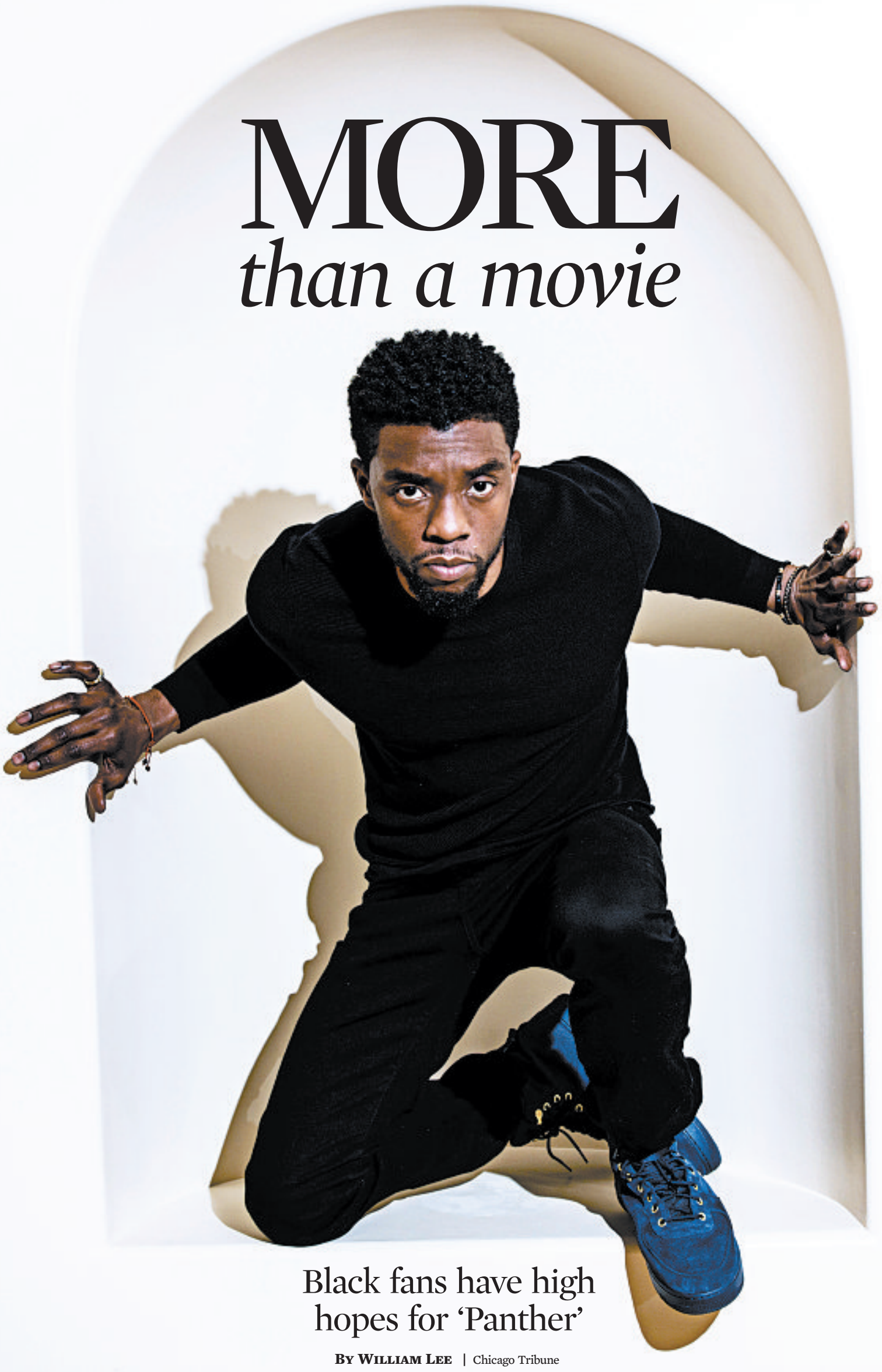




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MORE *than a movie*



Black fans have high hopes for 'Panther'

By William Lee | Chicago Tribune

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When the hotly anticipated "Black Panther" opens in theaters nationwide later this week, comic book collector Lori Hill said she and three of her best girlfriends will be ready to celebrate the film as if it were a royal affair.

Attending the earliest Friday morning screening possible, Hill and friends will arrive at the theater dressed in their finest African-inspired clothing, a clear nod to the film's hero, T'Challa, a young warrior king of a fierce but highly advanced African kingdom that has done the unthinkable: remained free from the touch of European colonialism to seek its own destiny.

Getting dressed in the fashions of a comic book-inspired film isn't something that Hill, a 48-year-old copywriter from south suburban Richton Park, would normally do, she admits, but the film based on the

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An interview with actor Chadwick Boseman, above, is on **Page 3**



Rick Kogan
Sidewalks

Mahoney a private man in public view

One night in 1982, John Mahoney was awakened by the wail of police sirens. He looked out the window and saw three squad cars parked in the street. He watched in dread as two police officers got out of one of the cars and approached his building. They rang the bell and Mahoney buzzed them in. The officers met him at his door and one of them asked, "John Mahoney?"

"Yes," said Mahoney. "What's the problem?"

"You're under arrest," said the other cop.

"What ... what for?" said Mahoney.

"For impersonating an actor," said both officers.

In the wake of his death last Sunday, John Mahoney stories abound. Facebook and Twitter and all those other modern means of communication available to us have exploded with Mahoney memorials and



MATT SAYLES/AP 2010

memories, almost all of them tender or sweet. (His life and career were captured in my colleague Chris Jones' detailed and artful obituary at chicagotribune.com/mahoney).

That story above was told to me by Mahoney and by the man who sent the cops, the late Dennis Farina, who began his acting career while still working as a detective with the Chicago Police Department.

It was playful payback for the night that Mahoney had substituted real booze for the tea Farina was to drink onstage during the play in which they were both performing.

"John and I had an instant rapport and he was really very helpful to me. I learned a lot," Farina told me in 1988. "He's become a good friend even though he's a lot older than I am."

Not by much: Farina was born in 1944, Mahoney in 1940.

In this age of pervasive celebrity consumption, Farina and Mahoney stand out as admirably private

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Black Panther, *from Page 1*

first mainstream black comic book hero isn’t just any character. And the opening of the film with a black director, writer and cast isn’t just a film, it’s a cultural event.

“It’s so much more than a movie,” said Hill, echoing many other African-American fans across social media leading up to the film’s release. “Seeing a movie on this magnitude where it’s an all-black cast and an action movie — you just don’t see that. The last time we had a casting of this nature was “Roots” in the ’70s. That’s a big deal, and now to have that same momentum again, that’s awesome.”

For many fans like Hill, the film comes intertwined with topics including black identity, pride and strength that many feel are missing from the comic book movie genre. And Hill isn’t alone in believing that there’s much more at stake than an action film.

Social media, particularly Black Twitter and “blerds” (Twitter shorthand for the widespread “black nerd” community), has come alive with the film’s approach, praising news of how early ticket sales had already outpaced other major superhero films.

In fact, with just days to go before the movie’s premiere, 11 Chicago-area theaters in Chicago, northwest Indiana and the south suburbs were reporting sold-out screenings for its opening weekend, according to the movie ticket website Fandango.

That isn’t to say there haven’t been recent successes for black filmmakers in mainstream films, most notably 2017’s critically acclaimed “Get Out,” which earned its director, Jordan Peele, and its lead actor, Daniel Kaluuya, Oscar nominations. There’s also “Girls Trip,” which earned more than $140 million worldwide and launched the star of comedian Tiffany Haddish.

With the sky-high anticipation also comes the belief that this film will usher in major studio movies with African-American leads and storylines. The prospect of a defining black character getting the Hollywood A-list treatment with its big budget, T-shirts and toy deals brings vindication to black fantasy fans, who embrace the mainstream fantasy worlds — from comic books and Harry Potter to “Game of Thrones” — but whose members often feel marginalized in fantasy storytelling as stereotypes or background characters. “It’s huge for the blerd world,” Hill said.



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Michael B. Jordan, left, is Erik Killmonger and Chadwick Boseman plays hero T’Challa in “Black Panther.”

“Seeing a movie on this magnitude where it’s an all-black cast and an action movie — you just don’t see that. ”

— Lori Hill, comic book collector

“Growing up, most of the black characters depicted in comics were ex-football players, ex-criminals or just sidekicks,” said Matt Peters, a podcaster and an organizer with the Chicago Nerd Social Club, a diverse group for pop culture buffs with more than 4,500 Facebook members who gather for social events.

Members of Peters’ group funded an early screening of “Black Panther” for teenagers this Thursday to counter stereotypes and negative imagery that Peters said are too pervasive in all media.

“These are high school-aged kids, and they don’t get a chance to see characters cast in a positive light that look like them on the big screen. ... Black Panther is something different. He’s a leader and he’s a genius. He’s surrounded by a nation of committed supporters who choose to follow him, and people are ready for something different.”

The road to showcasing black heroes on the big screen is a long, winding curve. Since the release of the X-Men series in 2000, the way has been paved mostly on the brawny shoulders of Hugh Jackman, Robert Downey Jr. and Chris Hemsworth, portraying Wolverine, Iron Man and Thor, respectively. But black heroes have remained best friends or right-hand men or women to the main white heroes. And while blerds were excited by the Netflix series “Luke Cage” in 2016, a black hero for the big screen has remained elusive until now.

“It’s the second time in my lifetime that a black superhero has a franchise,” said Enrico Mowatt, 45, an advertising sales representative for a cable network, referring to the “Blade” trilogy, starring Wesley Snipes. But aside from dazzling fight sequences and shiny gadgets, the series about Snipes’ character, a human/vampire hybrid, gave little attention to his personal background. “Panther” promises to show a side of black culture and nobility that rarely makes it into mainstream movies, Mowatt said. It’s a side he’s eager for his two sons, ages 9 and 13, to see.

“The fact that his roots are obviously African and there’s so much pride in that and there’s so much joy in it,” he said.

“Black Panther has arrived not only at the right time as far as film franchises go ... it’s also arrived at the right time culturally because of this moment we’re in, we’re having these larger discussions about diversity and about race,” said Blair Davis, a media and cinema studies associate professor at DePaul University.

Davis, who teaches a course on African-American cinema and has a book called “Comic Book Movies” set to be released on Amazon next month, said a big-budget action film with a largely black cast and storyline is a notable departure for Hollywood, which in recent years has mainly offered comedies and romances.

“Usually when we get a film, it’s a Tyler Perry film, or ‘The Best Man,’ which are usually smaller-budget comedies or romances,” Davis said. “Here we’ve got a blockbuster action film, which means it’s a mass-market film for all audiences and it’s not targeted to just one specific audience. It is a bigger stage, then, for the ways in which black identity is showcased — it’s reaching a vastly bigger audience and that’s part of why I think makes it an event film on a cultural level.”

After watching the movie, Hill and friends plan to stay plugged into social media, looking to hop from one Black Panther-themed event — brunches, lunches, mixers and cocktail socials — to another to celebrate what many are cautiously hoping is the start of a new era of positive mainstream images for people of color.

“As African-Americans, we are becoming mainstream. Quite frankly, this may be the first, but it won’t be the last. There’s always a first for everything — there’s a first African-American this and that — this is the first, but it’s just the beginning,” she said.

“As an African-American, it just makes you so proud. You can go out and wear your ‘Black Panther’ T-shirt with pride. It’s just this whole spirit of celebrating black heritage. And usually we do it in silence. ... To do it so openly is just phenomenal.”

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Pride of a 'Panther'

By Jen Yamato
Los Angeles Times

Long before he was cast as the first black superhero of the modern Marvel era, and before he brought the Avengers-adjacent King T'Challa of Wakanda to life in his own groundbreaking standalone tentpole, Chadwick Boseman was keeping notes on what a "Black Panther" movie should be.

"I can remember several times writing in my journals, 'That would be a cool thing to see in Black Panther' — ideas from real life, from real history, or real archaeology or architecture," said Boseman, 40, taking in the sunshine on a Beverly Hills hotel terrace in the midst of a frenetic press tour.

"The projects that I end up doing, that I want to be involved with in any way, have always been projects that will be impactful, for the most part, to my people — to black people," said Boseman, a playwright and theater director turned actor and, now, blockbuster movie star. "To see black people in ways which you have not seen them before. So 'Black Panther' was on my radar, and in my dreams."

Having first come to wide attention as baseball legend Jackie Robinson in 2013's "42," Boseman went on to play James Brown in "Get On Up" the following year and then-future Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall in last year's "Marshall." That run of critically acclaimed performances cemented Boseman as a go-to actor for (real life) heroes even before the high-profile "Black Panther" gig came along.

Fifty-two years after debuting in the pages of Marvel Comics, the character created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby is getting his biggest pop culture berth yet. Directed by "Fruitvale Station" and "Creed" helmer Ryan Coogler and co-written by Coogler and Joe Robert Cole, "Black Panther" arrives in theaters Thursday night on a wave of overwhelming critical acclaim and is poised for a domestic box office opening in the range of $150 million.

Boseman and Coogler, 31, have already made an impact with their take on "Black Panther," a sprawling work of Afrofuturistic fantasy flair exploding its way out of the Marvel Cinematic Universe formula and flourishing in the absence of, well, the Avengers. Instead of Tony Stark and his crew, it's Boseman's T'Challa and his fellow countrymen and women — played by Lupita Nyong'o, Daniel Kaluuya, Danai Gurira, Forest Whitaker, Letitia Wright, Winston Duke and Angela Bassett, leading a predominantly black cast — who take center stage.

The lineup of black talent in front of and behind the camera, unprecedented for a movie of this scale, has already established Coogler's film as a standard-bearer for black representation in Hollywood. Even the setting — the fictional African country of Wakanda, a tech-forward tribalist nation that has long kept its advances, and its stockpiles of the powerful metal vibranium, secret from the outside world — is revolutionary in the comic book genre.

Coogler's world-building is transporting and vibrant, weaving the DNA of African cultures into the fabric of the film with the help of collaborators both new (veteran costume designer Ruth E. Carter) and familiar (production designer Hannah Beachler, cinematographer Rachel Morrison). But it's within the fraught dynamic between the hero and his primary adversary where "Black Panther" deftly explores subversive and probing concerns around race, history, heritage and identity.

Building off T'Challa's introduction in "Captain America: Civil War," Boseman steps fully into the hero's suit with stately gravitas as the newly crowned king wavers between his late father's isolationist principles and the impulse to open Wakanda to the world. In the process, he encounters a new threat in the form of a mysterious American dubbed Killmonger (Michael B. Jordan, who has starred in each of Coogler's films).

"Most African-Americans have had a moment where they're like, 'I know I'm of African descent — but I don't have that connection,'" said the South Carolina-born Boseman. "That's something that needs to be healed. That's something that's broken and has to be made whole. That conflict within the movie, and the conflict between an African-American and his African (counterpart), is one that has existed since colonialism and since slavery.

"It's interesting to me because it's an in-house conversation that we're allowing y'all to see," he added with a smile, "that I think will also affect you in a much different way because you bring something different."

He's excited for young people, especially black men and women, to see themselves reflected onscreen. "The thing that I've noticed is that I have brothers from the continent — people from Nigeria and Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Senegal, South Africa — coming up to me and saying, 'I know you're from here, but you represent what we are back home.' It's touching to me that they get to see an African character onscreen and that they identify with him.

"There will be other people from the States who will see (Michael B. Jordan's) character and identify with him. I actually do. Because his argument is a valid argument, the disconnection from Africa and the need to know where you come from."

But people of all ages and walks of life will leave the theater with what they bring to it, he muses. "There are also a lot of little white kids that are excited about 'Black Panther' — who I've seen in Black Panther costumes, who want autographs and toys signed — kids that are Asian, Latino," he said. "There's no limitation on ethnicity and gender or even age. All of that is humbling, to say the least."

Back in 2013, Boseman was overseas in Zurich promoting "42" when he got the career-changing call from Marvel's head honchos. Boseman admits he weighed the pros of taking on the role against the only con, in his mind — "that Marvel might not be as committed as they should be to making a 'Black Panther' movie on par with the other movies that they make ... that it would be some kind of second-class citizen, a second-class superhero movie for black people."

Walking into his first meeting with Marvel's cinematic brain trust, including studio head Kevin Feige and executive producers Louis D'Esposito, Victoria Alonso and Nate Moore, put those fears at ease.

"I went in and I met with them — and I saw that Nate was black," he said with a laugh, "which was important because as a minority you can have this viewpoint of how it looks inside the corporation and inside the building, this view that it's a table full of white men, because we've had to deal with tables full of white men a lot. To walk in there and see that there were women and that one of the shot-callers was black made me feel more comfortable with what was going on."

The battle to realize Black Panther in the right ways began before Coogler came onboard, as Boseman shaped the character for his "Captain America: Civil War" debut. One of his hardest-fought victories was keeping T'Challa's accent grounded in his African roots, for which the actor traveled to South Africa to study and chose a South African dialect coach.

The people of Wakanda had never been conquered by British or other colonists, but unnamed parties behind the scenes suggested T'Challa should have a British accent, an American one or even one just a few shades more European, said Boseman.

"Well, why would he have gone to study anywhere? Who could educate him outside of Wakanda?" he argued, opening the door for the "Black Panther" cast to use a range of authentic accents — including the South African tongue isi-Xhosa, the canonical official language of Wakanda. "That makes no sense. As wealthy and advanced as (Wakanda is), he must speak to his people in his language and in their sound."

Perhaps surprisingly for an expected blockbuster, "Black Panther" proudly represents not only a wide swath of heritage, history and celebratory black identity but touches openly on the ripple effect their presence and absence can have across generations.

"The truth of the matter is Stan Lee and Jack Kirby and the whole Marvel bullpen created Wakanda and created T'Challa and created Black Panther and made him a smarter, more accomplished character than any of the other white characters, in the mid-1960s," Feige told journalists at a news conference after the film's premiere.

"They had the guts to do that in the mid-1960s. The least we could do is live up to that and allow this story to be told in the way it needed to be told and not shy away from things that the Marvel founders didn't shy away from in the height of the Civil Rights era."

The momentum behind "Black Panther" has been palpable even before the Los Angeles world premiere turned Hollywood's Dolby Theatre into a royal affair, where everyone from Ava DuVernay to Snoop Dogg turned out in support. The feeling that the film marks not only a moment but the heralding of a movement in the industry is one Boseman has seen building in recent years.

"I think we've been feeling it and talking about it before we could say it," he said. "At this point, with this movie coming out, you can say it. Me as the lead on a poster, at a movie theater, beside John Boyega on a ('Star Wars: The Last Jedi') poster... You have 'A Wrinkle in Time' following both of those movies. You have 'Atlanta' and 'Insecure' and 'Empire'; it is an interesting moment in film and TV.

"It was different being at the (NAACP) Image Awards this year because people were genuinely excited about seeing each other and enjoying each other's work," he continued, citing the acceptance speech DuVernay delivered, which went viral. "Hollywood doesn't have us in a position where we're — there's a term called 'crabs in a basket' — fighting over one spot, fighting for position. There's a celebration to a certain degree of each other's work.

"You couldn't say that three years ago. You couldn't say that five years ago. You couldn't say that when Ryan was doing 'Fruitvale'; there was '42' and 'Selma' — you could feel it easily then, but you couldn't say that."

Ahead of opening his first $200 million movie, Boseman thought to 10 years ago. That's when everything changed thanks to a move from New York, where he was primarily in theater, to Los Angeles, where his film career took off.

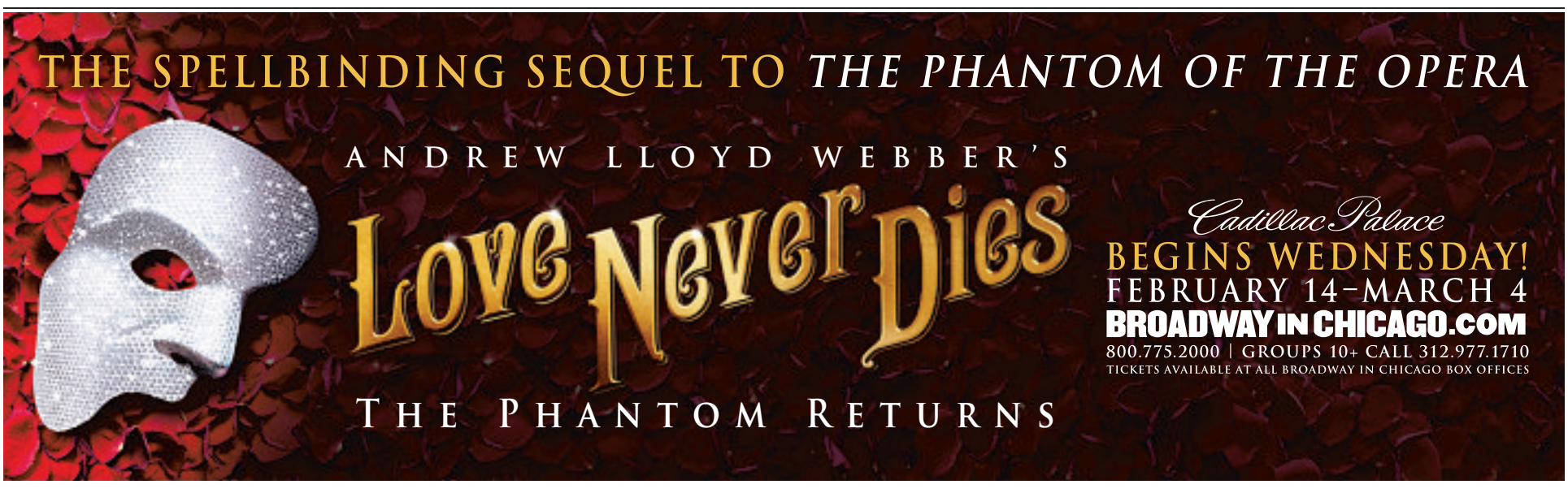
Boseman, who has a BFA in directing from Howard University and helmed two short films, plans to direct more. He also hopes to make the thriller "Expatriate" for director Barry Jenkins, which he co-scripted, as one of his next projects. But with T'Challa confirmed to return to screens in this summer's all-hands-on-deck Marvel epic "Avengers: Infinity War," Boseman admits that "Black Panther" commitments have made it trickier to figure out his next steps.

"Is ('Expatriate') the next thing I'm going to do? I'm not exactly sure how it's going to fall, schedule-wise. I'm trying to open this movie." He paused, correcting himself, and flashed a confident smile. "I'm not trying to. I am opening this movie."

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'Citizen Kane' hero too empty to justify hype



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By Nara Schoenberg
Chicago Tribune

Coming of age as a feminist and a film buff in the unapologetically sexist 1980s, I made a little deal with myself. I wouldn't force myself to soldier through "guy stuff" that didn't really, truly appeal to me.

Westerns took a big hit under that guideline, as did action films. And of course "Citizen Kane," the 1941 classic about a rich man's rise and fall in what was then the man's world of newspapers, with a man in every major role, was a nonstarter.

I like to think I've grown up a bit since then — and that the world has changed too. So when I was given a chance to explore a cultural blind spot — on work time, no less — I was actually kind of eager to give "Citizen Kane" a try.

On the whole, I'm glad I did. A terrific actor, Orson Welles injected passion and pathos into what would otherwise be an ambitious but pretty thin story about a great man who can't seem to love anyone but himself. The cinematography is beautiful, and the star/director/co-writer's urge to tell an authentic human story is palpable.

I can see why people love this movie. I can even get beyond the fact that the women are mostly sideshows and plot devices. What I can't quite get beyond is a whiff of emptiness at the heart of the endeavor. Kane, we are told, again and again, is a mystery, a man who had everything and threw much of it away, and then said something on his deathbed that might, just might, explain it all.

I don't need a neat explanation, but I do need a hero worthy of all the portentous scrutiny, and ultimately I don't think the script quite delivers. We're left with an emotionally stunted hero who ultimately loses everything ... because he's emotionally stunted.

None of this is to say "Citizen Kane" isn't a great movie; I just don't think it's as great as its greatest hype. I was moved. I was impressed. But if I happened upon this film again while channel-surfing, I wouldn't linger. For me, once was enough.

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Facial expressions tell 'The Girlfriend Experience' story



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By Kevin Williams
Chicago Tribune

"Cable doesn't need more soft-core junk" is what you, too, thought after seeing trailers for the Starz drama "The Girlfriend Experience." And you, like me, didn't watch because you're a grown-up. Steven Soderbergh's cinematic version even starred a porn star (Sasha Grey), and it wasn't good. Yes, it was at Sundance and Ms. Grey won an award. But come on.

One night, remote control inertia took over after an episode of "Power," and you got hooked on "The Girlfriend Experience," an endlessly fascinating emotional wasteland of vistas as barren as the morals of the main characters. Faces as windows to feelings haven't been as deeply explored since the silent film era.

If you watch casually, this series will give you exactly what you're expecting: a bit of drama, plenty of nudity and envelope-pushing sex. But pay attention to the sex, which is and isn't the point of the series. The point is power and the sex lets the characters gain and lose control. But the stars are the faces. So many faces — desperate, empty, angry, sad, vulnerable, loving — the unflinching glare of the camera lets us see the faces in a way that is stunning.

In Season 1, Christine Reade (Riley Keough) is a law student who gets swept up in the high-priced world of expensive escorts who cost thousands of dollars per assignation. She is the focus, an unsympathetic character in a series stuffed with them, from sleazy lawyers to sad clients, all hooked on transactional lust. The idea of renting love is a lie, and the escorts have all the power. At least temporarily.

But the faces. As Christine moves from uncertain student to hard-hearted businesswoman, every emotion is apparent even as she hides everything from everyone behind a stone-cold veneer. During sex her eyes are as empty as her heart, even as she grabs temporary solace in dalliances with a fellow student with whom she shares nothing.

The two seasons are made for bingeing. The second season has a silly, two-story gimmick, but don't bother with Bria's story. Anna (Louisa Krause) is where it's at, the distant, icy goddess with a sepia-toned face from an antique brooch, framed with red hair that serves to make every expression pop.

"I won't remember you. I never remember anything that hurts me," is one of the most savage lines ever uttered on television, the final kiss-off from Anna to Erica, the woman who claims to love her, delivered from behind an alabaster mask of disdain. The range of emotion in Anna's face, from curious, to client to engaged, to in love then back to client — all with the same person, makes for brilliant drama in a series that feels like an indie film project, and rewards repeat viewings.

The second season isn't as good as the first, but the story layers are more fun. Yes, there is sex. Lots of it. Get over that, because even as bodies are intertwined, emotions aren't. Or are they?

Look at the faces.

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‘Charlotte’s Web’ is full of charm

By Mary Schmich
Chicago Tribune



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At the opening of Chapter 19 of “Charlotte’s Web,” I found a perfect sentence:

“Next morning when the first light came into the sky and the sparrows stirred in the trees, when the cows rattled their chains and the rooster crowed and the early automobiles went whispering along the road, Wilbur awoke and looked for Charlotte.”

It’s a masterpiece of rhythm, organization and direct language.

It does its work with sharp verbs and nouns, clear sights and sounds, action and suspense: Where the heck is Charlotte?

That sentence incarnates a lot of what I learned from “The Elements of Style,” aka “Strunk & White,” a little writing manual I read over and over in my 20s when I was trying to figure out how words work.

The “White” in “Strunk & White” was E.B. White, who co-wrote the manual and also wrote “Charlotte’s Web,” a children’s book I’d never felt the need to read.

When I was a child, “Charlotte” wasn’t yet a children’s classic and by the time I was grown I figured I’d aged out of its charms, even though I often saw it praised as the best children’s book of all time. I even saw it recently on a list of the 50 books everyone should read before they die.

I was so ignorant about the book that as I began reading it recently, I was startled to learn that Charlotte is a spider, not a girl. That was the first of the book’s revelations.

I’d heard it was a book about friendship, and it is, especially about the friendship between Charlotte and a pig named Wilbur and their barnyard entourage, but it’s about much more.

It’s about weather and nature, how it feels when your shoes sink into wet grass, how the crickets hum in summer, how bad a broken egg can smell.

It’s a book about language, filled with phrases so good that I jotted several of them down, like the one about the late-summer crickets that “spread the rumor of sadness and change.”

It’s a book that sometimes made me laugh out loud, but it’s also about aging, death and renewal.

When Charlotte laments that she’s languishing — the book is full of vocabulary lessons — Wilbur asks what languishing means.

“It means I’m slowing up,” she says, “feeling my age.”

I’d worried “Charlotte’s Web” would be sentimental, or too cute. It’s neither, and it’s subtle in ways I hadn’t expected. I’m tempted to think that White wanted us to think of Charlotte as a spinner of tales, and she is a great storyteller, but maybe that’s overthinking. Maybe she’s just a smart spider with a kind soul who leaves the book’s readers with this memorable advice:

“Never hurry and never worry!”

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Something to that Super Bowl thing

By Joseph Hernandez
Chicago Tribune



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I’m soft. Like, physically. My sedentary office job as a food writer and editor does not rock-hard abs make, but it does make me popular when the snacks come out of the test kitchen.

But mentally? My mind is a steel trap. I can gab about 45’s latest Twitter storm and ensuing backlash; dissect Mary Berry’s critique of a pate a choux on “The Great British Baking Show”; chat about “RuPaul’s Drag Race” with as much critical eye as last year’s staging of “A View from the Bridge” at the Goodman Theatre; and gush ad nauseam about the buzzy new HBO book-to-screen adaptation (Nnedi Okorafor’s excellent “Who Fears Death,” ICYMI). I like to think I know a little about a lot.

Except sports.

My parents never pushed me into sports, so I never learned about them. This hasn’t helped me as an adult, when my sports-loving friends want to get together and socialize.

Sportsball (what I call all sports) causes my eyes to gloss over, and the Super Bowl represents the zenith of my ignorance.

Let’s start with the basics: I know there are two teams, points and two directions of play. Beyond that, I’m an ignoramus. Jay Cutler is a human man who played for the Chicago Bears? I didn’t know that! I do know, though, that his wife was the odious protagonist from MTV’s early-aughts hit, “Laguna Beach,” and that she’s an anti-vaxxer. (Also, I believe that Colin Kaepernick was done dirty, but I digress.) Game mechanics, rules, strategy? Please teach me.

The Super Bowl has always felt like Thanksgiving, Black Friday commercials and a Grammys performance all rolled into one. I’ve been to plenty of game-day parties for the snacks but have never actually watched it. Not wanting to taint my experience, I watched from the comfort of my own home, so I could be critical.

Going into the match between the Philadelphia Eagles and New England Patriots, I didn’t know whom to root for. A friend told me to cheer on the Patriots, because they’re regular champions. But I also like underdogs, so upon learning that the Eagles had never won a Super Bowl, I picked them. Spoiler alert: I’m glad I did.

My first impression was that there’s too much downtime. No wonder people drink to excess. I know the plays are strategic and chesslike in their movements, but the constant starting and stopping is ponderous. When does this get exciting?

I found out in the last moments of the second quarter. With 38 seconds on the clock and the Eagles poised on the end zone (had to look that up), there was a sense of unknown. I saw the ball snap backward and I sucked in a breath — the play seemed momentous, and I didn’t quite know why. Seemingly out of nowhere, Nick Foles (had to look that up) plucked the ball from the air, in what was the game’s most-talked-about play, apparently called the Philly Special (had to look that up). It was thrilling, baffling and emotional. In those seconds, I got a glimpse of why the Super Bowl attracts so many fans.

I was quickly brought back down to earth during Justin Timberlake’s halftime performance. Come on, bro. Do better.

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Mahoney steered clear of spotlight

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stars, eschewing the machinery so widely available and so energetically employed to "polish the star" or "spread the brand."

As Mahoney once told me, "I come from a secretive Irish family. I cherish my privacy."

When he got one of his first acting jobs, in a 1977 St. Nicholas Theater production of David Mamet's "The Water Engine," how did he celebrate?

"Alone," he said. "Walking west on Barry (Avenue), screaming and dancing with joy."

Fame can be a narcotic for some — think good old Dennis Rodman or any of the Kardashians — especially when one can be easily (if idiotically) valued not by the quality of one's work but by the number of Twitter followers or the size of tabloid headlines.

When he first started out, Mahoney was not immune. "I used to crave publicity," he told me in 1996. "I now turn almost everything down. I would rather walk across broken glass."

This did not make some people — publicists and the gimme-gimme-gimme public — happy but he was the only member of the "Frasier" cast not to have sat down to yammer with Leno or Letterman; the only absentee when the cast appeared on "Donahue"; a no-show at the Golden Globes and most of the other awards affairs where, he said, "I'd have to take on that 100-yard gantlet of photographers."

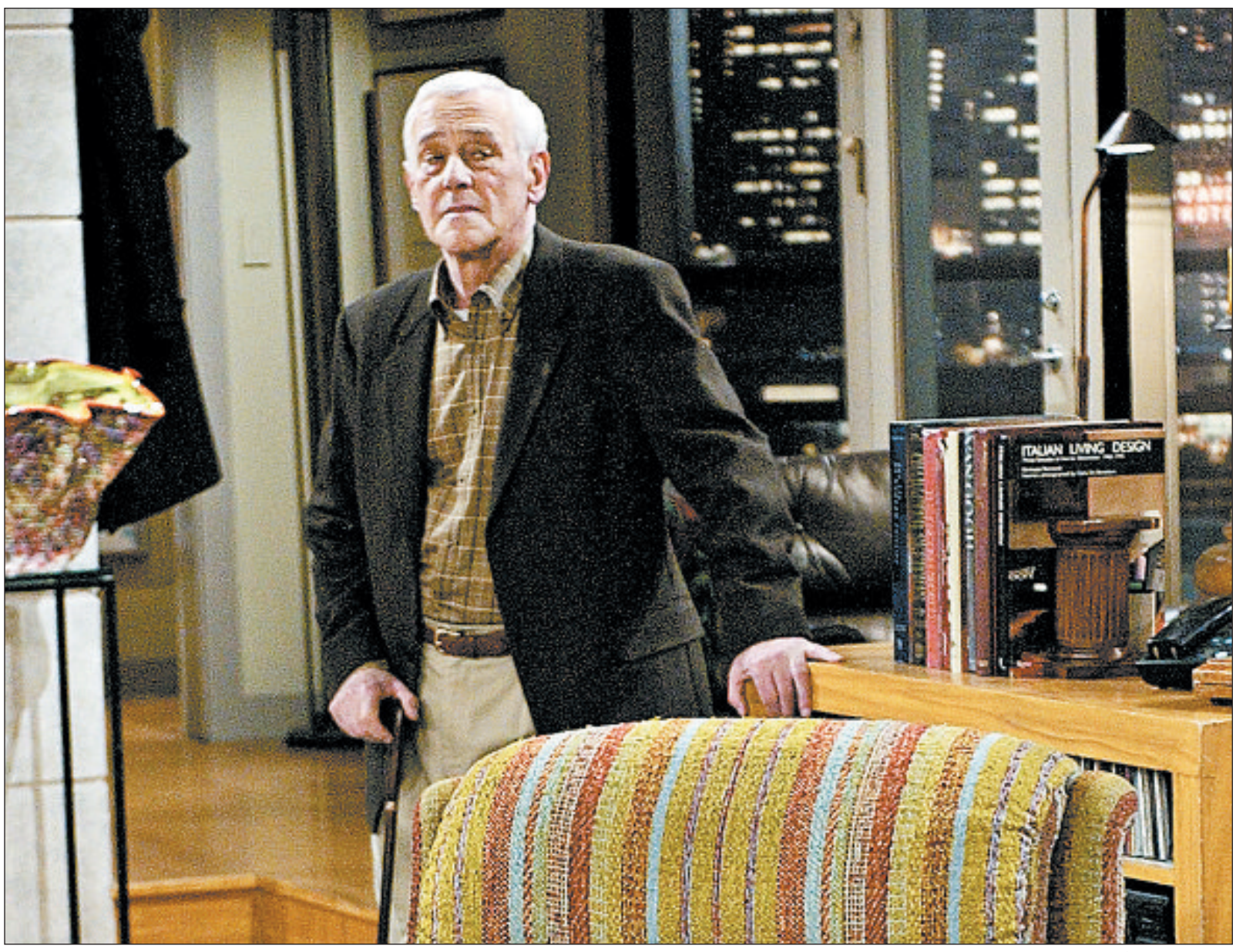
His was not a privacy of the style of Greta "I want to be alone" Garbo (that line coming from one of her movies and not an interview). It was not the stylized privacy of such authors as J.D. Salinger or Thomas Pynchon.

In person Mahoney was affable, funny, thoughtful. Farina too.

But while Mahoney was relatively gregarious, Farina was fairly shy, self-effacing to the point that he never watched himself on screen, saying, "I know guys who can do that, but not me. 'I'm afraid if I ever did I'd just sit there saying, 'Am I really that gray? Do I look fat? Why the hell did they ever hire me?' "

He was also no fan of the press, saying, "More than one interviewer has asked me how many people I had to kill when I was a cop. Can't anybody understand that that life is over?"

Of course, actors bring attention to themselves, by presenting their faces and talents on stages, movie and television screens. Thus do they create their stardom and spark the public's appetite for details, no matter how trivial. But some understand that while the spotlight's glare can provide a certain warmth, it can also be so glaring as to cause discomfort, even pain.



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John Mahoney, who got his acting start in Chicago theater and was a member of the Steppenwolf ensemble, played Martin Crane on "Frasier."



KYLE FLUBACKER PHOTO

Amy Morton, a colleague at Steppenwolf, understood Mahoney's desire to stay out of the spotlight.



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Martha Lavey, longtime artistic director of Steppenwolf, said, "John is such a dignified man in his private life. It's on stage where John is really free."

There are many other local actors who fight to keep away from the limelight. Another member of Mahoney's Steppenwolf Theatre family, the great actress Amy Morton, is one of them. She once told me, "Only crazy people want to be actors. ... We pretend to be other people. We're actually playing a child's game. Children do it all the time. They pretend. So we know we're weirdos. Think about it, this need all actors have to be exhibitionists and have people clap for you ... to clap for you being somebody other than who you are."

Of her offstage self, she wondered, "Why would anybody care what I have to say?"

One of Mahoney's longest interviews and surely the most personal was with Cathleen Falsani, the former religion writer for the Chicago Sun-Times and a successful author. She is married to former Tribune reporter Maury Possley whose uncle, in the small-world department, was married to Mahoney's sister and lived downstate.

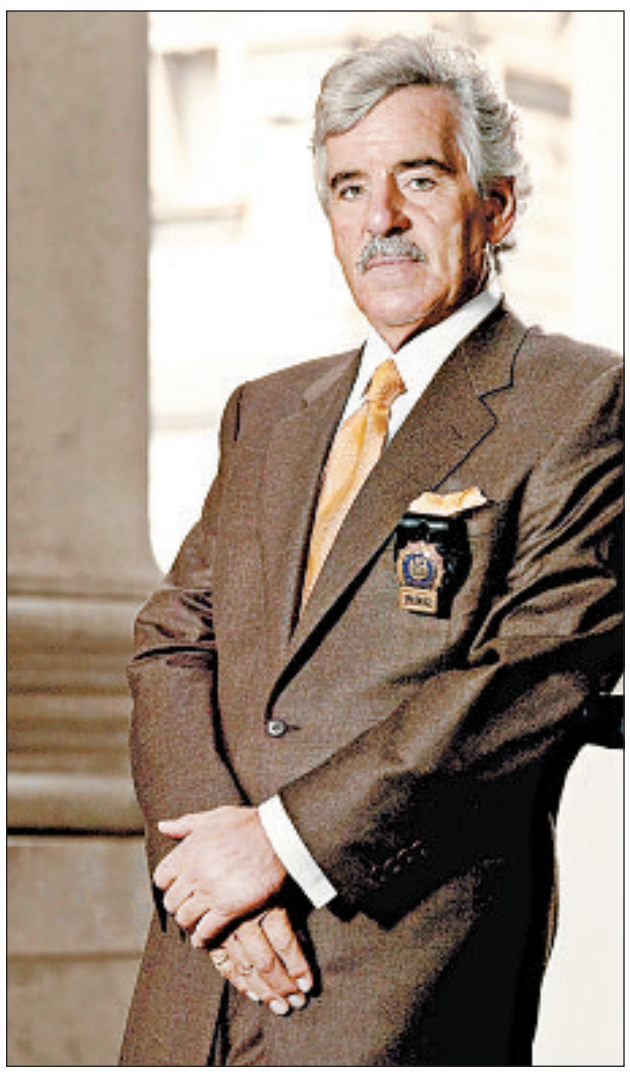
The Mahoney interview is one of the chapters in Falsani's compelling and insightful 2006 book, "The God Factor: Inside the Spiritual Lives of Public People" (Farrar, Straus and Giroux). It features interviews with such other people as Hugh Hefner, Barack Obama, basketball star Hakeem Olajuwon, Studs Terkel, singers Melissa Etheridge and Annie Lennox and many others.

In that chapter she writes that Mahoney is "truly the kindest man I know." And in the chapter Mahoney says, among many things, "I'm more spiritual than anything else, and Christianity is probably the most important facet of my life. I try to live my life in a way that is definitely spiritually based. I pray a lot. It's the first thing I do when I get up in the morning, and it's the last thing I do before I go to bed."

He also says, "I have a little mantra that I say probably 20 or 30 times throughout the day: 'Dear God, please help me to treat everybody — including myself — with love, respect and dignity.' That's why it's important for me to be liked."

He was liked, that's for sure — beloved actually if you've taken a look on social media.

His privacy seemed to give him a certain freedom, as did living in an unprepossessing building on a quiet, tree-lined street in Oak Park. "I get bored out of my mind in LA. It's such an industry town," he told me. "Here I have old friends who aren't in the business. I can walk to all sorts of good places where the waiters and waitresses don't want me to read their screenplays."



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Dennis Farina, a Chicago cop turned actor, was also a private person but not above pranking his friend Mahoney.

"I used to crave publicity. I now turn almost everything down."

— John Mahoney in 1996

We did not (and never will) know who he voted for in the last election, his favorite color or where he shopped for groceries. But how would any of that knowledge embellish what Mahoney (or Farina) gave us on stage or screen? How would any of it enrich our memories?

Martha Lavey was the artistic director of Steppenwolf for two decades and an accomplished actress. She died last year and she, too, was a person who guarded her privacy. In her office in 2000 she told me, "John is such a dignified man in his private life. It's on stage where John is really free."

That gets to the heart of it, doesn't it? Actors, especially those in the theater, give so much of themselves on stage night after night that there is little left for public consumption and, indeed, they don't owe us anything more. In keeping his private life as private as possible — even most of his Steppenwolf family did not know details of the recent illness that ended his life — John Mahoney was able to live and to die on his own terms, an admirable and altogether remarkable accomplishment in this voraciously celebrity-mad world.

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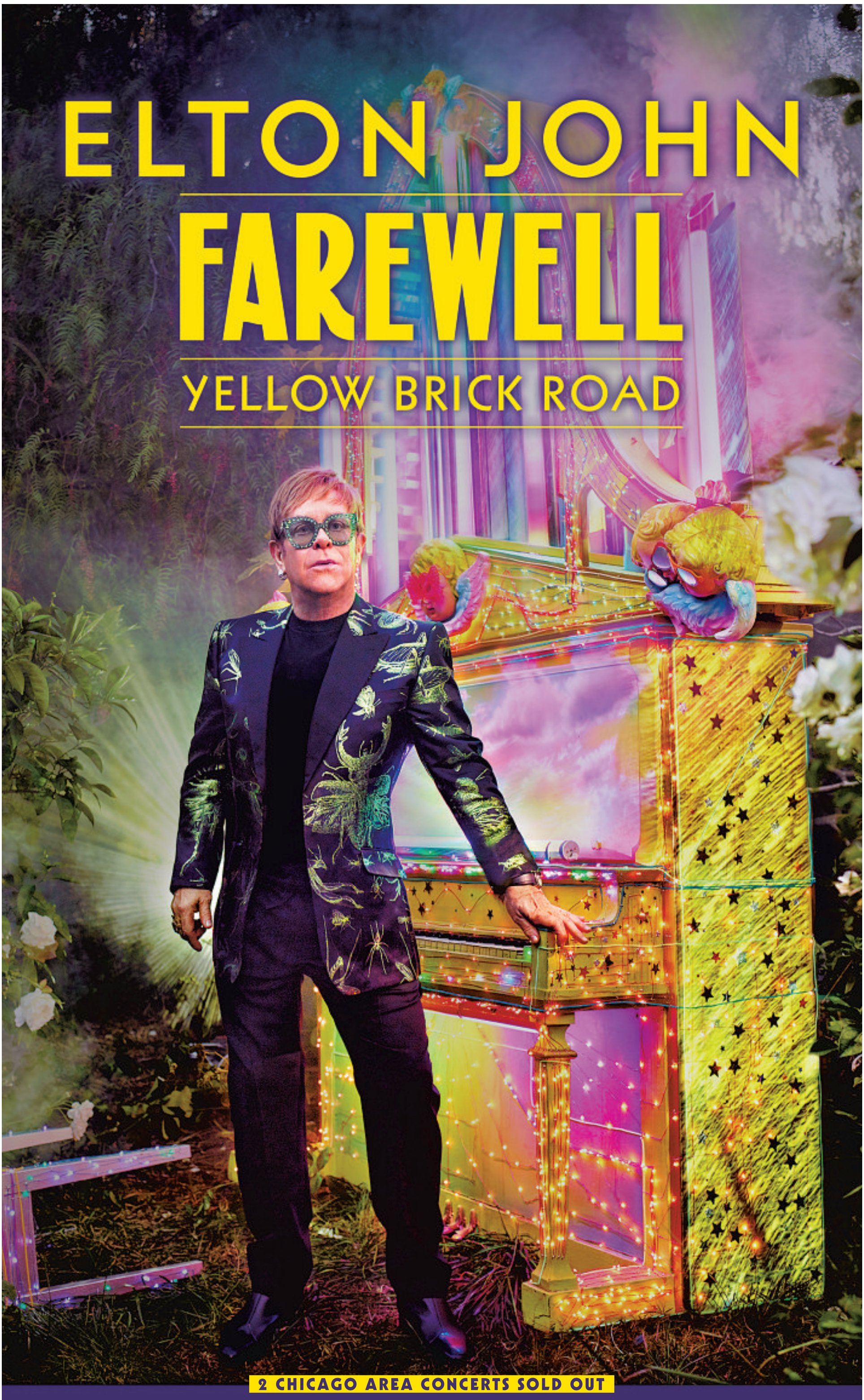


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What Weiss did for Sun-Times, and the city



CHRIS JONES



WTTW

Arts critic Hedy Weiss recently parted ways with the Chicago Sun-Times after more than three decades on the beat.

When Claudia Cassidy, this newspaper's chief arts critic for the midsection of the 20th century, and arguably the most powerful female employee of the paper's Colonel McCormick era, died in 1996, The New York Times ran an obituary: "Claudia Cassidy, 96, Arts Critic," read the headline, "Did Not Mince Words in Chicago."

Hedy Weiss, who exited the Chicago Sun-Times on Feb. 2 after one final review of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, still very much walks among us, possibly with a little more freedom in her step now that there is not the same nightly pressure to be sitting in some neighborhood auditorium by half-past seven. And one can take comparisons with "Acidy Cassidy" too far. When Cassidy announced her retirement from the Tribune in 1965, Time magazine ran a story with the headline, "Exit the Executioner." For all the controversy that surrounded Weiss in recent years — and, yes, I will get to that in a moment — she did not have Cassidy's relish for the withering, exquisitely executed pan. She had too much respect for the quotidian struggles of the people she covered.

Still, those six words atop the Times evocation penned by William Grimes fit Weiss' Sun-Times career very nicely. Her words were implanted on the page in evocative, experiential chunks; they were not inserted in any blender to make them more palatable, nor were they smoothed for the changing times or to protect feelings. In 1983, Tribune writer Bill Granger said of Cassidy: "She (had) a reputation for integrity that would make Gandhi check his bona fides." That was true of Weiss. Even her fiercest detractors could not impugn her character or personal behavior; they could protest only the political or aesthetic ideas, the unadulterated language, the thoughts, in her reviews. As was their right, just as it was her right to pen those reviews and her employer's right to print them.

There were more than 13,000. Written over 33 years. A tenure longer by far than Ben Brantley has been the drama critic of The New York Times.

That's a remarkable output and, indeed, a similarly impressive (and hopefully ongoing) commitment to independent critical analysis of the Chicago arts from a tabloid newspaper that well understood that its critic was not a populist, nor much inclined to sway to popular opinion. The only theater or dance critics I know with a longer tenure on the daily job than Weiss are Linda Winer, whose career blossomed at this newspaper under Cassidy's wing in the early 1970s, a wing proffered only to those of exceptional talent, and the now-retired Tribune critic, Richard Christiansen.

Winer, whose later career was at Newsday, retired only last year. She did not mince words, either (I've been on the receiving end of a few that were decidedly unminced), but, of course, most of her distinguished career has been in New York. In totem, Christiansen, wrote about the arts in Chicago for even longer than Weiss. But Christiansen was only at Tribune for 24 years (before that the Chicago Daily News); Weiss beat that employment record by nearly a decade.

Weiss' immediate predecessor at the Sun-Times, Glenna Syse, also had a formidable tenure: She was the lead theater and dance critic from 1958 until 1986, after Weiss had arrived. She didn't make an immediate exit thereafter — the economics of newspapers were different then — so you could argue that she beat Weiss, I suppose.

Fairer and more useful to acknowledge that these two remarkable women ruled dramatic opinion at the Sun-Times for a stunning 60 consecutive years.

Weiss' 33 years, of course, encompassed the second half of the great Chicago arts renaissance, the city's assertion of itself as a place to see fresh, original creative work, especially in the neighborhoods. That could not possibly have happened without people from the Chicago Reader, the Tribune and the Sun-Times writing about what they saw. And they could not write about what was going on without showing up each night. Weiss has always been an eyewitness to the history.

The Sun-Times stated last Sunday it was parting ways with Weiss. As some of the veterans of the community have noted since the announcement, much of what she witnessed was on the South Side of Chicago, where the Sun-Times long has been a fervently read publication. Neither Cassidy nor the Tribune in general were much present in theaters south of the Loop in the 20th century: Good luck finding coverage of, say, the Pekin Theatre, the first black-owned musical theater in the United States. Weiss, though, showed up early at the Chicago Theater Company, a crucially important Equity house that performed in the basement of the Hull House at 500 E. 67th St. Without Weiss, the surviving founders of that company have acknowledged, the theater would never have found its neighborhood audience, since so much of that audience was reading the Sun-Times. This is just one example of many. Of thousands.

Did Weiss make mistakes in those 13,000 reviews? Of course. So did, and do, her competitors. Did she offend? Of course. So did, and do, her competitors. So did, and do, the artists to whose work she devoted most of her working life. As George W. Bush once said — come to think of it, speaking one of the most profound lines of his presidency — "Too often we judge other groups by their worst examples, while judging ourselves by our best intentions."

The critic's job changed, of course, with the advent of social media. One of the thoughtful critics of Weiss once said of her that all would be so much better if she were only willing to engage in a dialogue, a conversation. It was an oft-repeated sentiment.

But that was not how she saw her job.

In recent weeks, I saw Weiss buy a ticket to one of the theaters that stopped inviting her to press openings, in protest of comments made in reviews of intentionally provocative plays, including for "Pass Over" at the Steppenwolf last summer. Some members of that theater had been vociferous and very personal in their criticisms.

We both watched the same show. I thought it was fair to middling. Weiss was exceptionally enthusiastic and said so, writing what they used to call a "money" review. I was struck by how excited she was about the work and amazed at her ability to separate the professional from the personal.

"Wow," I thought. "I could not have done that. I would not be there."

But Weiss was there. And that review — not that many people noticed — was her way of having that conversation.

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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Feb. 11): Profitable and influential opportunities abound this year. Discipline with organization fulfills your strategic vision. You're especially in the spotlight this spring. Your work, health and fitness get energized this summer, leading to personal growth and blossoming partnership.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. A professional opportunity is worth investigation. Examine the possibilities. There's more than one way to fulfill a dream. Follow the rules carefully.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Speculate about trips you'd like to make and studies to pursue. What would you love to learn? Create an attractive package, and invite someone interesting.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Discuss financial matters with your partner, and work out your plan. Discipline with spending contributes to positive cash flow. Share the load for mutual support.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Collaboration gets farther for the next few days. Accept a sweet deal and it could get romantic. You and a partner get into something interesting.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Focus on work and physical activities today and tomorrow. Flex your muscles, literally and figuratively. You're gaining confidence with experience. Your discipline is admirable.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Romance and creative expression figure prominently in your schedule over the next few days. Visualize immense success and practice faithfully. Play by the rules.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. The next two days are good for making domestic changes. Clean and beautify your space before inviting folks over. Prepare a sweet gathering.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Monitor breaking news for updates. Consider how current events impact your interests. Discover hidden opportunities and silver linings. Share info and resources with your networks.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Fresh income sources are available today and tomorrow. Disciplined efforts pay off in spades. Do the homework, and prepare well. Stick to tested routines.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Step into leadership to support a team effort. Practice and use your talents and skills confidently. Experienced friends can provide valuable support.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 5. Get into thoughtful planning mode. Avoid travel, expense or risk and lay low. Walk in nature or pursue other peaceful rituals that encourage dreaming.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Friends provide the key that unlocks the next level. Get other perspectives before making important decisions. Meet a valuable connection through the grapevine.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

Bridge

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A J ♥ K 10 9 2 ♦ A 10 7 5 2 ♣ 10 2

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K Q J 9 ♥ A 9 5 3 ♦ K 4 ♣ A 10 8

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
?			

***Transfer to hearts**

What call would you make?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A K Q J 2 ♥ 5 3 ♦ Q 6 ♣ Q 9 5 4

With the opponents passing, partner opens one heart, you respond one spade and partner rebids two hearts. What call would you make?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 10 9 8 ♥ A J 9 8 7 2 ♦ 4 3 ♣ K 4

South	West	North	East
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

Answers in Monday's comics pages.

— Bob Jones
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Word Game

This game challenges you to find as many words as you can, as quickly as you can, in one master word.

CALCINE (kal-SEEN): To heat to a high temperature, but below the melting point.

Can you find 20 or more words in CALCINE?

Average mark: 16 words
Time limit: 25 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:

cancel; cane; cellac; clan; clean; acne; alien; anile; lace; lalc; lain; lance; lane; lean; lice; lien; line; nail; nice; elan

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In "Marcella," Anna Friel plays a police officer with work, family and mental health issues.

Viewers like complex female characters, 'Marcella' star says

BY STEWART CLARKE
Variety

Viewers are embracing strong, complex female characters on TV, says Anna Friel, the International Emmy-winning star of ITV and Netflix detective series "Marcella." She fits that bill in "Marcella," as the titular police officer who is juggling work, family and mental health issues.

"I think we're in an age where people want to watch strong and clever women," Friel said ahead of the launch of Season 2 on Feb. 19 on ITV. The date of its launch on Netflix internationally has not been confirmed. "These characters show that there are other factors involved in being a strong and successful detective."

Friel, who scooped up the best actress international Emmy for "Marcella" last November, added that her character in the series resonates because she is not perfect. "Women are feeling very empowered at the moment, and having a woman who is dealing with a mental illness, whilst working, being a single mum and trying to keep everything afloat is very relatable," she said.

Friel also gained attention for her role as Erica Myles, a D.C. power broker who shuttles money through her super PAC, in the second season of "The Girlfriend Experience" on Starz.

The ITV/Netflix series melds a London setting and a Scandinavian noir style, courtesy of "The Bridge" creator Hans Rosenfeldt, who pens "Marcella," his first English-language series. The second season was expected last year, but Rosenfeldt had first to wrap up the final season of "The Bridge."

The debut season was one of ITV's top-rated dramas of 2016. The new series opens with the discovery of a body of a boy found inside a wall. The ensuing case takes on a personal dimension for Marcella, who is also dealing with her recurring fugue states and blackouts and trying to unearth their cause.

"'Marcella' is a show that is just as much about Marcella being Marcella as it is about her being a police officer," said Rosenfeldt. "So it works best when the case she is working on is connected to her personal life in some way. This time we created a case where her family — her son Edward, more specifically — is involved."

Sonia Saraiya contributed.

WATCH THIS: SUNDAY



Eric Mabius

"Signed, Sealed, Delivered: The Road Less Traveled"(6 p.m., HMM): As a 7-year-old boy (Christian Convery) and his mother take a road trip, he leaves behind clues to their route via a disposable camera. When that vintage camera finds its way to Oliver (Eric Mabius) and his team, they're alarmed that the final photo reveals a handwritten note to the boy's father, saying, "Find me. I want to come home." Before the Dead Letter team can find the boy, though, they must clarify when the photos were taken.

"Brooklyn Nine-Nine" (6 p.m., FOX): Jake (Andy Samberg) is desperate to get back to work — which, for him, means getting out from behind a desk — in "Kicks." First, though, he has to be evaluated for mental and physical fitness by Captain Holt (Andre Braugher). Rosa (Stephanie Beatriz) gets support from Terry and Amy when she believes Pimento is being unfaithful to her. Joe Lo Truglio also stars.

"Celebrity Family Feud" (7 p.m., ABC): Some veterans of "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette" square off by trying to guess what a "survey says" in the first game of this episode. Several of the men from JoJo Fletcher's "Bachelorette" season are pitted against five women from Ben Higgins' "Bachelor" round. Then, celebrity chef Sandra Lee brings some of her loved ones to compete against actress Lea Thompson ("Back to the Future") and several of her relatives. Steve Harvey is the host. Another episode follows.

"Counterpart" (7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m., Starz): A new episode called "Both Sides Now" finds both Howards (J.K. Simmons in a dual role) delving more deeply into their investigation of the conspiracy. Quayle (Harry Lloyd), meanwhile, meets one of Howard's confidential sources, and Clare (Nazanin Boniadi) is forced to decide what to do about Baldwin (Sara Serraiocco). Olivia Williams and Ulrich Thomsen also star.

"Private Eyes" (8 p.m., ION): Jason Priestley makes a breezy return to American series TV via this light-hearted detective drama, wherein he stars as Matt Shade, a former hockey player turned gumshoe. In the series opener, "The Code," Matt teams up with another private eye, the feisty Angie Everett (series co-star Cindy Sampson) to discover who is sabotaging the career of one of Matt's proteges. Barry Flatman and Ennis Esmer also star. Another episode immediately follows.

"The Radical Story of Patty Hearst" (8 p.m., CNN): Best-selling author and Emmy-winning producer Jeffrey Toobin is an executive producer on this new six-part docu-series, which premieres tonight with two hour-long back-to-back episodes. The production chronicles the 1974 transformation of Hearst from an heiress to apparent radicalized terrorist, incorporating newly discovered evidence and unprecedented access to such key figures as Hearst's kidnapper, Bill Harris, to her fiance at the time, Steven Weed.

"Divorce" (9 p.m., HBO): Frances (Sarah Jessica Parker) is somewhat startled to learn that Robert (Thomas Haden Church) has a new woman in his life in the new episode "Breaking the Ice." Naturally, that leaves her with only one course of action: recruiting Diane and Dallas (Molly Shannon, Talia Balsam) to get the inside dish before Lila's (Sterling Jerins) 13th birthday party.

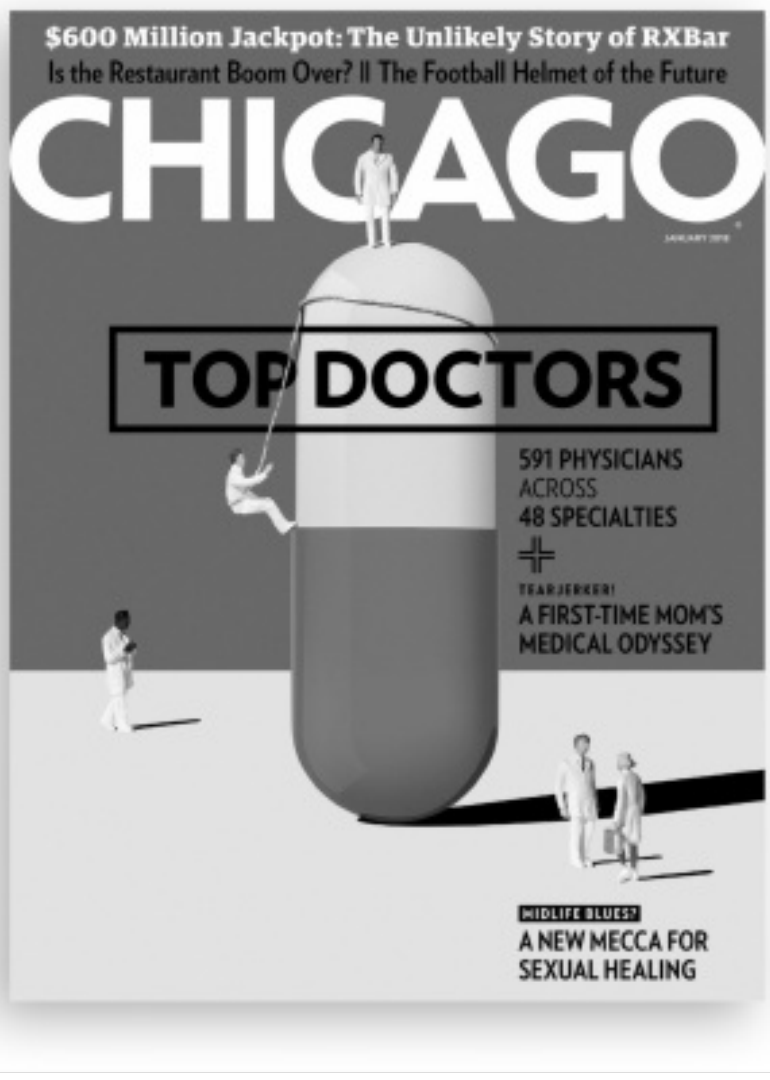
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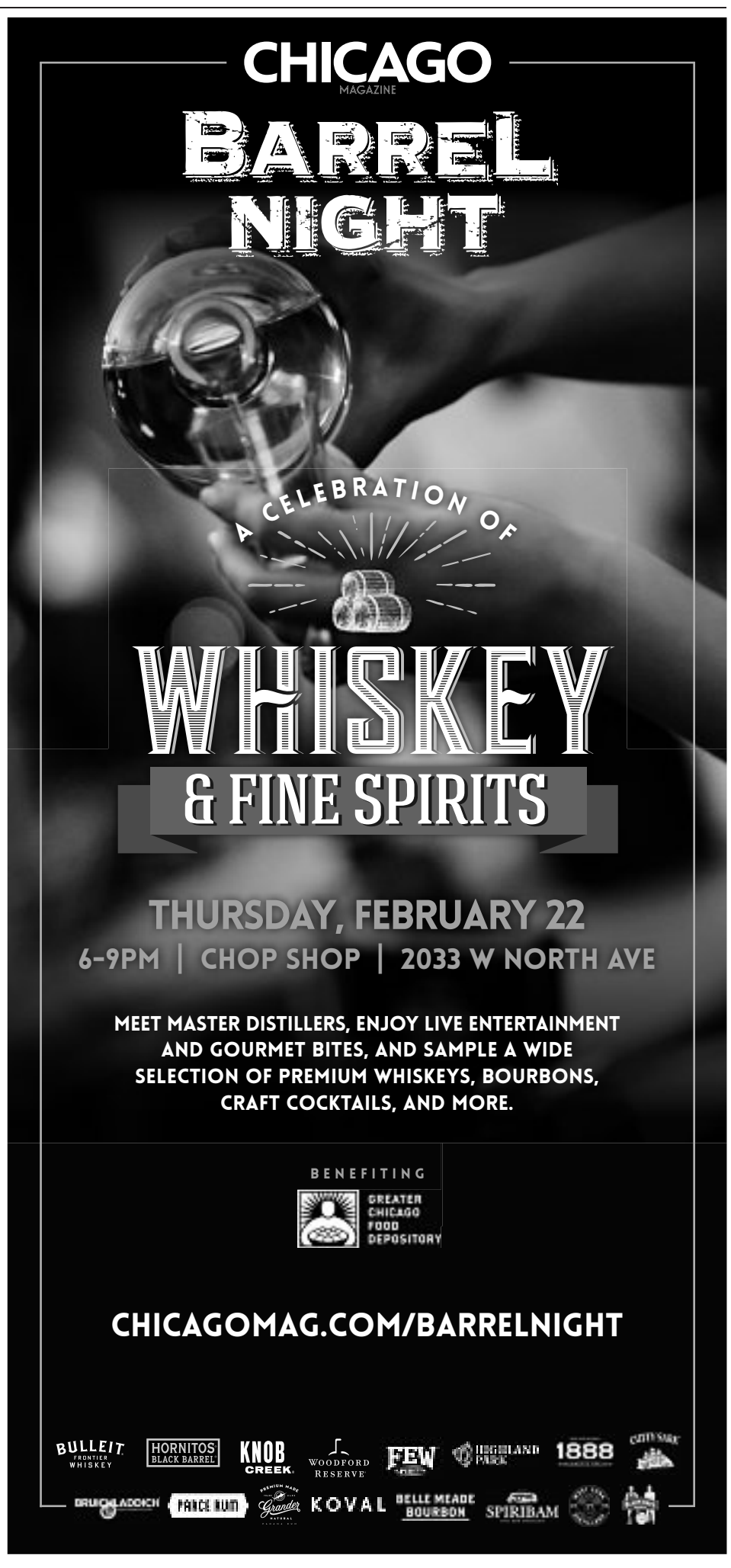
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	CNN		CNN Newsroom (N)		The Radical Story (N)		The Radical Story (N)		The 70's ♦
	COM		♦ (5:50) Happy Gilmore ★★		Happy Gilmore (PG-13,'96) ★★ Adam Sandler. ©				Zohan ♦
	DISC		Alaska (N)		Last Frontier (N)		Last Frontier (N)		Alaska ♦
	DISN		♦ (6) Cars 2 (G,'11) ★★ ©		Stuck	Andi Mack	Andi Mack	Stuck	Bunk'd ©
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	ESPN		Dear Black Athlete (N)		E:60		SportsCenter (N) (Live) ©		SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2		Women's College Gymnastics			Boxing ©	Boxing		Athlete ♦
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	FOOD		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Worst Cooks (N)		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
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	FX		Terminator Genisys (PG-13,'15) ★★ Arnold Schwarzenegger. ©					Terminator Genisys ★★ ♦	
	HALL		♦ (6) Very, Very Valentine		Cooking With Love (NR,'18) Ali Liebert. ©				Golden Girls
	HGTV		Beach (N)	Beach (N)	Bahamas (N)	Bahamas (N)	Island (N)	Island (N)	Lake House
	HIST		American Pickers: Bonus Buys: "Picking the Packard." (N) © ♦						
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Lily Tomlin, left, and Jane Fonda play friends who grow close after their husbands reveal they are gay and marry each other in the Neflix comedy "Grace & Frankie."

Content to age without fear

Tomlin, 78, and Fonda, 80, love 'steady' work as stars, executive producers of 'Grace & Frankie'

By Yvonne Villarreal
Los Angeles Times

Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin are the kind of ladies who lunch while talking frankly about bionic body parts and joint diseases. At least that's the case today.

"I have a fake hip, a fake knee," Fonda says. "I've got so much metal in my back. I have a fake thumb. I have osteoarthritis."

"I have osteoarthritis, and these joints poke out," Tomlin adds, flexing her hands to demonstrate. "My hands are just ruined. I used to have lovely, graceful hands, and now they're kind of like a kielbasa."

"They work, though," Fonda reminds her.

"They work — exactly, exactly," Tomlin nods in agreement.

Sitting side by side at a Hollywood hotel restaurant, the longtime friends — all too familiar with how pervasive ageism is in the entertainment industry, particularly for women — are deep in conversation about the privilege of not having to slow down.

Fonda, 80, and Tomlin, 78, are multiple seasons into their Netflix buddy comedy, "Grace & Frankie," on which they star and executive produce.

"Listen, to be 80 years old and on a steady job — that's something," Fonda says.

"And we love it," Tomlin says.

In "Grace & Frankie," created by Marta Kauffman ("Friends") and Howard J. Morris ("According to Jim"), Fonda and Tomlin play two 70-something sort-of friends who become roommates and eventual besties after their husbands, Robert and Sol (Martin Sheen and Sam Waterston, respectively), reveal they are gay and leave the women to marry each other.

If "Golden Girls" broke new ground in the mid-'80s and early '90s for its portrayal of senior women as complex — and sexual — beings, then "Grace & Frankie" is doing its part to help ensure nuanced depictions of older women carry over to the Netflix generation.

Beyond the laughs and quirky shenanigans of the odd-couple friends and their families, the comedy bakes in issues that affect people late in life, such as assisted suicide, dementia or the reality that funerals are now a more frequent part of one's calendar. And it has kept the light shining on older women as sexual beings. The third season saw the friends launch a business selling wrist-friendly vibrators for the elderly.

With its fourth season, now available to stream, "Grace & Frankie" further delves into the psychological effects of aging and explores the disheartening realization there may come a day when the pair might need assistance for themselves. Of course, there's laughter along the way.

"It really has to do with what happens when your age becomes a betrayal," Kauffman says. "The big thing is really coming to terms with what does it mean to be this age? What am I still capable of doing? What do I want for myself at this age?"

This full-grown form of coming of age, the transition from being an adult to a senior, and the mental and physical quandaries it presents are something Fonda and Tomlin acknowledge they have long contemplated, and have come to peace with, on their own. Death included.

"I know the worst is yet to come, in terms of deterioration," Tomlin says. "I've come to accept that. ... I've been conscious of that for my whole life in a way."

The pair, who met more than 30 years ago after Tomlin's one-woman show, "Appearing Nitely," and later joined forces in the '80s hit "9 to 5," carry on like this is a catch-up session. The conversation shifts from the personal to the cultural, weighing in on the hard-to-ignore reckoning in Hollywood.

"It's pretty dynamic what is happening," Tomlin says.

"I think it's a turning point," Fonda says. "I don't think this is going to go away. I think women are really 'woke.'... First of all, that the women are being believed is the most important."

"I do think the reason that it became so big so suddenly is because the women were white and famous," Fonda added. "African-American women have been speaking out about sexual harassment and violence in the workplace way longer than we have, way even before Anita Hill."

It gets the pair talking about the power of women banding together.

"We have to be doing more than resist," Fonda says. "We have to be creating the kind of future that we want."

"We have to diverge the river," Tomlin says before adding, "But on a pure level, to see women coming together and having each other's backs — it's just amazing."

It's something that "Grace & Frankie" celebrates at its core — women empowering women.

"I think female friendships are incredibly important," Tomlin says.

"It's particularly important as you get older," Fonda says. "One of the dangers of the elderly is loneliness. It can be very harmful to the mind and body.

"Even though there's a lot of stumbles and ripples, literally and figuratively, we're friends, and you don't see that very often. We both recognize what we're doing is important: showing, first of all, that old age doesn't have to be downhill, and that when you have somebody that has your back, it can make all the difference."

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A couple return from the half-mile hike to Akaka Falls, in a state park of the same name along Hawaii's Hamakua Coast, on the opposite side of the island from its bustling resorts.

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HEAVEN UNTAMED

Road trip along Hamakua Coast reveals gorgeous natural beauty, lesser-known charms

By Jay Jones | Chicago Tribune

WAIPIO VALLEY, Hawaii — As he moved slowly along a narrow ribbon of road not often traveled by tourists, Douglas Nakata shared an exhilarating caution with his passengers.

"Be ready for the downward motion," he warned. "It's the steepest road in the state of Hawaii."

With that, he downshifts his 4x4 for the 900-foot drop from the top of the ridge down into the lush, untamed landscape of Waipio Valley.

"The road is pretty impressive," he understated.

Born and raised here, Nakata leads tours for Waipio Valley Shuttle. He and other locals are the only people with the experience required to tackle the twisting, shockingly steep grade of the road.

"Howzit!" Nakata hollered at another local as their vehicles inched past each other, somehow managing to avoid any scraping. In pidgin English, a vernacular often heard in remote parts of Hawaii, the greeting means, "What's up?"

The remoteness is precisely what gives the Waipio Valley its charm. Tucked away along the Hamakua Coast to the north of Hilo, this seldom-visited region is full of natural surprises worth the drive from the bustling resorts on the other side of the Big Island.

Independent types can explore in their rental cars — until they reach Waipio Valley Road, that is — or they can leave the driving to the informative guides at KapohoKine Adventures.

Travelers who want to linger longer along the Hamakua Coast no longer have to endure subpar accommodations. The 320-room Grand Naniloa Hotel Hilo wrapped up a $30 million renovation in late 2016 and is now part of the DoubleTree by Hilton family. Rooms start at $134 a night.

Heading north out of Hilo on Highway 19, the first detour is to the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden, reached by a narrow road that crosses rushing streams on one-lane stone bridges.



From the top of Waipio Valley Road, visitors can view the breathtaking scenery of the Hamakua Coast. Below them is a little-visited black-sand beach.

It seems as though all imaginable flora flourishes in the garden. This part of Hawaii averages 150 inches of rain a year, more than five times the rainfall along the Kona coast, on the dry side of the island.

Wise travelers who understand that the sun can be replaced by rain clouds in a matter of minutes pack umbrellas and waterproof jackets for the trek through the greenery, scattered with colorful flowers. A shower adds to the

*Turn to **Hamakua, Page 4***

See the real places in Oscar-nominated films

By Beth J. Harpaz
Associated Press

From the beaches of France where "Dunkirk" took place to a historic Toronto theater where "The Shape of Water" was filmed, fans can visit places from this year's Oscar-nominated movies.

"Dunkirk" was filmed in the northern French port city where Allied soldiers were evacuated from the beaches in 1940 by a flotilla of more than 800 boats and ships. Guided tours include the beaches, the East Mole breakwater where most evacuations took place and the cemetery where some 800 soldiers are buried. Visitors may also tour the Musee Dunkerque 1940 when it reopens in April after renovations.

Where can you find the oceanic planet Ahch-To from "Star Wars: The Last Jedi"? On a remote island off Ireland's west coast, Skellig Michael, where an ancient Christian monastic order built stone beehive-shaped huts. Other "Star Wars" scenes were shot in Malin Head, County Donegal; Loop Head in County Clare; Ballyferriter in County Kerry; and Brow Head, County Cork. Ireland's tourism agency promotes the destinations at **www.ireland.com/starwars**.

The old movie theater featured in "The Shape of Water" is in Toronto. Auditorium scenes were filmed at the Elgin, a theater that opened in 1913 at 189 Yonge St. and is today part of a Canadian National Historic Site. Tours are offered Thursdays and Saturdays. The marquee shown in the movie is Massey Hall, 178 Victoria St.

Don't go to the "Show-Me State" looking for the town in "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri." Ebbing is a fictional place. The movie was shot in North Carolina, which is promoting a three-day itinerary to filming locations in Sylva, Dillsboro, Black Mountain, Asheville and Maggie Valley in the western part of the state.



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Oscar-nominated "Dunkirk" was filmed in 2016 in the northern French port city of the same name.

Singing the praises of Estonian culture



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Estonians enjoy a collective culture — and that includes sharing food and drink. Tallinn is full of restaurants and cafes.



SUZANNE KOTZ/RICK STEVES' EUROPE

Suitcases outside Tallinn's Museum of Occupations are a reminder of those who fled or were deported from Estonia.

On my last visit to Tallinn, while I was admiring the view from the terrace atop the city walls, a kindly middle-aged man approached. From a satchel on his shoulder, he pulled out a stack of music CDs, all recordings of Tallinn's famous Song Festivals. While he was eager to make a sale, my friend was even more intent that I learn the story of how singing helped lead his country to independence.

In 2018, the scrappy Republic of Estonia marks the 100th anniversary of its founding. Having endured 200 years of czarist rule, the unraveling of the Russian Empire and the turmoil of World War I, the Estonian people faced an uphill battle when they declared their republic in 1918. They quickly adopted a democratic Western European-style government and set about building a robust economy.

But when you are a small, humble nation lodged between two giants like Russia and Germany, simply surviving is a challenge. The good times didn't last — in 1940 the Soviets marched in, and Germany invaded in 1941. By the end of World War II, Estonia found itself annexed again to its neighbor, now the Soviet Union.

Thus began a 50-year nightmare. Estonians saw their culture swept away, with Russian replacing Estonian as the language in schools. Russians and Ukrainians were moved in, and Estonians were shipped out. Moscow wouldn't even allow locals to wave their own flag.

But Estonians were determined to maintain their cultural identity. They had no weapons, but they created their own power — remarkably — by banding together and singing.

Song has long been a cherished form of expression for Estonians, a way to keep hold of their national character, especially in the face of foreign domination. As long ago as 1869 (during another era of Russian subjugation), Estonians gathered in massive choirs to sing and celebrate their cultural uniqueness. Later, during the Soviet era, a brave choirmaster, Gustav Ernesaks, had the nerve in 1947 to lead singers in Estonia's unofficial national anthem. For planting the seeds of the singing revolution to come, Ernesaks is still revered.

Finally, as the USSR began to crumble, the Estonians mobilized again, using song to demand independence. In 1988, they gathered — 300,000 strong, a third of the population — at the Song Festival Grounds outside Tallinn. Locals vividly recall coming out to sing patriotic songs while dressed in folk costumes sewn years before by their grandmothers. The next year, the people of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia held hands to make the "Baltic Chain," a human bond that stretched 400 miles from Vilnius, Lithuania, to Riga, Latvia, to Tallinn. Some feared a Tiananmen Square-type bloodbath, but the Estonians just kept singing.

This so-called Singing Revolution, peaceful and nonviolent, persisted for five years, and in the end, Estonians gained their freedom. It was a remarkable achievement: 1 million singing Estonians succeeded against 150 million Russian occupiers.

The spirit of song continues in Estonia. Every five years, the Song Festival Grounds welcome 25,000 singers and 100,000 spectators (the current amphitheater, built in 1959, resembles an oversized Hollywood Bowl). This is a national monument because of the stirring role it played in Estonia's fight for independence. I've visited Tallinn several times, and the thrill of this phenomenon — and its historic importance — continues to inspire me.

Thankfully, the Russians did not succeed in diluting Estonia into oblivion. I'd guess that today's Tallinn has more restaurants, cafes and surprises per capita and square inch than any Baltic city I've visited. Cruise ships have discovered Tallinn, and sightseers mob its cobbles most days.

Despite the crowds, I am always charmed by Tallinn's Old Town, the best-preserved medieval center in all of Nordic Europe. And I make a point to get beyond the tacky tourism of the city's central square. In ancient townhouses and guild halls around town, I've discovered several humble but worthwhile museums that put Estonia's storied past in context.

Tallinn was a stronghold of the Baltic-Hanseatic maritime world, and the Tallinn City Museum provides a fascinating introduction to the glory days of merchant traders. The sober Museum of Occupations, recounting Estonian life under Soviet and German rule, is a reminder of the struggles faced by small countries in the shadow of empires.

The compact Museum of Estonian History condenses 11,000 years of Estonian cultural history with relative ease, focusing on the events and traditions that have shaped the country's psyche. The Estonian Open-Air Museum, just outside town, displays salvaged farm buildings, windmills and an old church, all transported from rural areas to a park-like setting to both save and share Estonia's traditions.

Visiting this tiny country, you can't help but feel the connection of its people to their land and heritage — and the vibrancy of a free nation that's just a generation old. Estonian pride is in the air.

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If you go

Lodging: My City Hotel fills a handsome 1950s building on the south edge of the Old Town with 68 nicely appointed rooms and a classy lobby lounge (splurge, **www.mycityhotel.ee**). Hotel Bern, just outside the Old Town, is a friendly place with 50 basic rooms in a new brick building (moderate, **www.tallinnhotels.ee**).

Dining: Mekk, meaning "modern Estonian cuisine," is small, fresh and upscale (Suur-Karja 17, tel. +372-680-6688). Vanaema Jures ("Grandma's Place"), an eight-table cellar restaurant, serves homey, traditional Estonian meals (Rataskaevu 10, tel. +372-626-9080).

Getting around: Explore the Old Town on foot, but use public transit to reach outlying sights. Note that Tallinn's buses, trams and trolley buses reuse the same numbers for completely different lines.

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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Insurance document loop frustrates tourist's widow

By Christopher Elliott
King Features

On a trip to Malaysia last summer, my husband was hospitalized with an infection and died. We had two active travel insurance policies at the time, one with Liverpool Victoria and the other with Seven Corners. The two policies overlapped by a couple of days.

When my husband became ill, we had two days left on our policy with Liverpool Victoria. I didn't pursue a claim at the time because I was emotionally incapable of dealing with it, but also because I had the policy with Seven Corners, which began the date he was hospitalized.

When I came home, I submitted all of the required paperwork to Seven Corners. The company came back at me several times requesting more paperwork — pretty much what I'd already submitted. Months would go by and I'd get in touch to see how it was going, and they'd ask for more paperwork again and claim they were working on it.

A few weeks ago, when I hadn't heard from the company for a while, I sent another email and got a reply that the claim had been transferred to a different person, and now she's asking me for all the paperwork again. Can you believe it?

I'm appealing to you for help and guidance. Can you help me recover the $19,166, which covers the repatriation of my husband's remains and airfare?

— Talor Min, Seattle

A: I'm so sorry for your loss. Your insurance company should have promptly reimbursed you for your expenses, which are covered under your policy.

You did end up filing a claim with Seven Corners' policy on time: You have a year to file, according to the company.

It appears you were stuck in a paperwork loop of some kind, where the company kept asking you for the same forms.

Chances are, after hearing your complaint, Seven Corners tried to transfer your case to someone more senior who could help expedite your claim.

A travel insurance company should never apologize for asking for documentation; its underwriters require it. But it should be sorry for requesting the same receipts over and over.

I contacted Seven Corners and the company said you hadn't sent the documents, which included a kinship affidavit, proof of medical bills paid and proof of funeral expenses paid. It appears you had sent some of those forms to Liverpool Victoria instead, the other insurance company.

With a little encouragement from my team, you re-sent the paperwork, and Seven Corners agreed to pay your claim.

Update: This story, as originally written, didn't fully describe the various travel insurance companies involved in the claim. There were three: the travel insurance company, AMIG; a travel insurance retailer, April; and Seven Corners, a third-party administrator contracted by April and AMIG. Seven Corners says it processed the claim on time six months ago, but sent the check to Min's old address, which caused the delay. I'm happy to report that Min received her check and cashed it Jan. 5.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER
PAXTON INGRAM

London calls for 'Voice' contestant

By Jae-Ha Kim
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Born in Louisiana and raised in Florida, Paxton Ingram won over viewers with his magnetic personality and gorgeous vocals during his stint on "The Voice." He says everyone expected him to pick Pharrell Williams to be his on-air coach. Instead, he selected country star Blake Shelton. Ingram, 21, recently released the single "Bad Luck." He will be performing at this year's SXSW music festival.

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: How does Miami compare with other cities?

A: It is right up there at the top. Miami has to be one of my favorite cities, not just 'cause I'm from there. When I was a kid, I was like, "Eh, I want to get out of here and experience life." But now that I've had the opportunity to travel and see other things, I love coming back home. Miami is just another world. There are so many different cultures and languages here. You're getting a melting pot when you visit Miami. If I had to compare it to any other city, I'd liken it to London more than another U.S. city.

Q: True or false: Miami is a party city.

A: True! It's a well-deserved reputation! (Laughs.) We are a party city. When people visit, it's exciting for them, because there is a party and vacation vibe. Everywhere you go there is some kind of party happening.

Q: Is traveling still fun for you?

A: It never grows old. I love it! I get butterflies every time I'm about to board a plane. It's that nervous excitement. I've kind of grown into traveling by myself, too, and take trips by myself. It can be kind of therapeutic for me.

Q: What was your first trip as a child?

A: It had to have been when I was probably about 7 or 8. We took a road trip from Miami all the way to Tyler, Texas. It was long. I'm still working through that. (Laughs) But we had a CD player and I had all my CDs, so I was in my own little world. I think that was my first real vacation.

Q: You'll be performing at this year's SXSW in Texas. Will you be driving?

A: (Laughs.) No! We're flying! Actually, after that road trip to Tyler, we started flying.

Q: What are some of your favorite destinations?

A: Two great places really stick out — New Orleans and London. They each have their own vibe. New Orleans is one of the most interesting places on this continent. There's so much history there and so many things to reference, from art to music to cooking to language to culture. It's really special. And then London is just so cool. It's an epicenter of Europe.

Q: In what cities have you heard some great live music?

A. I really like cities where the music scene is thriving, like New York, New Orleans, London and Chicago. You can go out just about any time and hear great music. A lot of times you'll go to an open mic night and it sounds like a middle-school show. But I've been to a few in London where the musicians were so talented. I was thinking, "Is everyone here signed (to a label)"?

Q: What is on your travel bucket list?

A: The Maldives. It looks so good in the pictures. I also would have to throw in Algarve, Portugal, which has some of the most beautiful caves and beaches you've ever seen. And I'd love to go to Tokyo.

For more from the reporter, visit ***www.jaehakim.com****.*

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:

■ It may be winter, but kites will be flying Friday through Feb. 18 during Sky Circus on Ice at Lake Lawn Resort on Delavan Lake in Delavan, Wis. Both at the resort and downtown, you'll find performances by kite teams, kite-making workshops, kite-flying lessons, ice carving, snow sculpting and more. **tinyurl.com/y8uzul2q**

■ The 40th annual Big Muddy Film Festival will be Feb. 19-25 at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Some 72 films selected from 289 entries will be screened at the student-run festival. **www.bigmuddyfilm.com**

■ A winter photography workshop and dog sledding adventure will be Feb. 24-27 in McMillan, Mich., in the Upper Peninsula. Participants will learn to drive a dog-sled team, snowshoe in Tahquamenon Falls State Park, visit ice caves and get personal photography instruction. Cost is $1,350 per person, double occupancy, and includes lodging, meals and a variety of activities. 906-748-0513, **tinyurl.com/y8jw4p87**

■ Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum and Gardens in Rockford, Ill., periodically holds its popular paranormal tours in search of spirits at the museum. The 2018 schedule begins March 17, but that one is already sold out. If you're interested in the next one June 15, buy your tickets now. 815-964-2424. **tinyurl.com/yc2xpts7**

■ Take a guided snowshoe hike at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Visitor Center in Porter, Ind., 1-3 p.m. Saturday. The hike will start from the Visitor Center. There will be a limited number of snowshoes available, or you can bring your own. If there's not enough snow, a park ranger will lead a hike instead. 219-395-1882. **tinyurl.com/yahorpxw**

■ You can order an activity guide for the Iowa/Illinois Quad Cities area or view it online at **www.visitquadcities.com**.

■ If you've been a fan of free admission days that the National Park Service has had for its parks and sites that charge a fee, you're going to be disappointed this year. Last year, there were 10 free days, and in 2016 — the centennial of the Park Service — there were 16. This year, there are just four. One of this year's days — the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. — has already passed. The other three are April 21, the first day of National Park Week; Sept. 22, National Public Lands Day; and Nov. 11, Veterans Day. **tinyurl.com/go82aan**

■ The Online Vacation Center has an amazingly low rate on a 10-night cruise on Royal Caribbean International from Sydney to Auckland, New Zealand. Sailing dates are available in late 2018 or January 2019, with the lowest rate starting at $789 per person, double occupancy, for an ocean-view cabin. **tinyurl.com/y7l63v3w**

Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time, but the listings are not endorsements. Send tips at least a month in advance to ***ChicagoTribTravel@gmail.com****.*

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Rugged Hamakua Coast reveals its beauty

Hamakua, *from Page 1*

flow of water rushing over the rocks of Onomea Falls.

Each of Onomea's short (but beautiful) waterfalls is downright tame compared with the raging thunder of Akaka Falls, in a state park of the same name. A paved path (though not wheelchair-accessible) leads past the 100-foot Kahuna Falls before reaching the star attraction, Akaka. Set amid a rainforest full of bamboo, eucalyptus and orchids, the waterfall features a jaw-dropping 442-foot cascade.

The roads in these parts are lined by fallow fields of sugar cane, a crop no longer commercially harvested. The last sugar mill, in the sleepy town of Honokaa, closed in 1993.

With the loss of jobs, the once-bustling community fell on hard times. Folks heading to Waipio Valley should stop here to visit the eclectic shops and to grab some "grinds," pidgin for "food." At lunchtime, Gramma's Kitchen (808-775-9943, no website) serves steaming bowls of Portuguese bean soup, a testament to the immigrants who once toiled amid the cane.

Don't be surprised if you're surrounded by locals at Gramma's or Tex Drive-In, where people flock for the malasadas, a fried pastry that made its way from Portugal's Madeira islands to the Hawaiian islands.

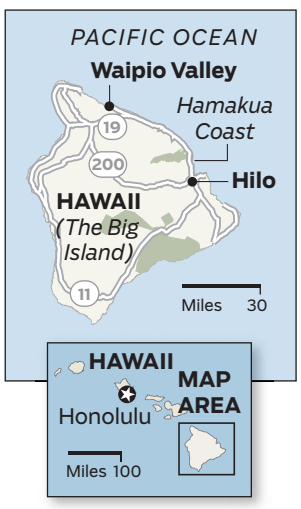
Built in 1930, the Honokaa People's Theatre fell into disrepair after the sugar-cane plantation folded; it eventually closed. Now restored, it's once again a gathering spot not only for movies but also for events, such as hula shows. Bunches of ripe bananas and a small sign that says "Take One" hang beside the listing of movie times.

Save room for the sweet treats at Donna's Cookies (808-776-1668, no website) in Paauilo, 9 miles south of Honokaa. From the parking lot, you'll smell the aroma of fresh-baked cookies. The finished products are so delicious that, in pidgin, they say they "brok da mout" — although "broke the mouth" seems like a backhanded compliment.



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Employees pack containers at Donna's Cookies. The bakery is so small that only two or three customers can squeeze inside at one time.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE



Guide Bobby Bethea describes Hawaiian Legacy Hardwoods' seedling project.

Since only two or three visitors can squeeze into the small space, a line often forms outside. Customers are greeted by the friendly women who stand at a table packing cookies in flavors like butter coconut, Chinese almond and macadamia nut.

Upcountry in Umikoa, Hawaiian Legacy Tours takes visitors on a bumpy ride up a dirt track to an elevation around 5,000 feet, where you can do your part to restore the over-forested koa trees on the slopes of the dormant Mauna Kea volcano. Here, overlooking the ocean, visitors can plant seedlings to add to the 350,000 existing trees.

"It (koa) doesn't grow anywhere else in the world except Hawaii," said Darrell Fox, an executive with the tour company's parent organization, Hawaiian Legacy Hardwoods. He noted that only 25 percent of the tropical hardwood will ever be harvested. The rest will remain part of the massive reforestation project.

Back in Waipio Valley, the ride was slightly less jarring during Douglas Nakata's descent. He pulled over beside a hand-painted sign nailed to a tree. It reads: "Waipio is like heaven. Don't drive like hell. Slow down."

From this stop, his guests can grab photos of Hawaii's tallest, but seldom seen, waterfall: Hiilawe Falls, with its stunning, 1,200 foot plunge.

Despite the 4x4's arduous journey downward — followed by a drive through five rivers and two irrigation canals — visitors still can only see Hiilawe from afar. It's miles beyond the road's reach, which adds to the mystique of this tucked-away piece of heaven, just as the sign says.

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

China, Laos and Cambodia. Vietnam is S-shaped and at its narrowest point is only about 30 miles wide, between Laos and the South China Sea.



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MIR's Lands of Frost & Fire trip in Russia includes a Valley of the Geysers helicopter tour.

TIPS, TRIPS & DEALS

Explore Russia's Far East

By Phil Marty | Chicago Tribune

MIR Corp. is a tour company that goes above and beyond your usual destinations, and it's done it again with a new trip to Russia scheduled for Aug. 7-20. Moscow and St. Petersburg, your typical Russia destinations, are a long way from the itinerary for the Lands of Frost & Fire. This tour explores Russia's Far East. Yakutia, home to various indigenous tribes, is a frontier area where mammoths once roamed. Also on the itinerary is the Kamchatka Peninsula, which sits on the Pacific Ring of Fire. While in the Yakutia region, there are visits to a diamond factory; the Permafrost Research Institute with its 66-foot shaft in the frozen ground; the Mammoth Museum, which celebrates the large creatures that lived there more than 40,000 years ago; and lunch in the home of a family in the Yakut village of Tyokhtyur. On the Kamchatka Peninsula, guests can take a helicopter flight to the geothermally active Valley of the Geysers. There's also a chance to meet with peoples of the Koryak and Even tribes and go hiking on Avacha, one of the roughly 160 volcanoes on the peninsula. Price for the trip is $7,595 per person, double occupancy, plus $1,400 for internal air. International air to Russia is extra. Info: 800-424-7289, **tinyurl.com/ydgalg8j**

Best credit cards

The folks at WalletHub, a financial services website, have been researching and crunching numbers to come up with their recommendations for 2018's best credit cards. For those who want to collect travel rewards, they like the Capital One Venture Rewards card. It comes with a one-time bonus of 50,000 miles if you spend $3,000 in the first three months and double miles for each dollar spent. It has a $95 annual fee, which is waived the first year, and APR starts at 14.24 percent. All of WalletHub's recommendations are at **tinyurl.com/y75jk677.**

River cruising

Scenic Luxury Cruises and Tours has hooked up with National Geographic Expeditions for a batch of river cruises in Europe and Southeast Asia. Each cruise will be accompanied by a National Geographic expert who will give lectures and go along on shore excursions. Europe cruises also will be accompanied by a National Geographic photographer who will give tips and help passengers improve their photography. An example of the trips is the 11-day/10-night Beautiful Bordeaux cruise that explores the famous France wine region. Shore excursions will, of course, give the opportunity to visit vineyards and sample wines and local food. Opportunities abound to hike or bike, and there's the chance to hone your cooking skills with a variety of classes. Pricing for this cruise is from $6,720 per person, double occupancy, and is all-inclusive. Details of all of the National Geographic cruises are at **tinyurl.com/ybf9z8mk**.

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AIRPOCKET

GEAR BOX

Your own airplane pocket

By Judi Dash
Los Angeles Times

Let's talk dirty, as in seatback airplane pockets.

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The Airpocket is $68; **www.theairpocket.com**.

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NEED TO KNOW

Detroit on a roll with cyclists

By Corey Williams
Associated Press



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Cyclists take a spin in the new Lexus Velodrome in Detroit.

DETROIT— An indoor cycling track in Detroit is expected to draw bike riders from across the U.S. while giving inner-city youths the opportunity to participate for free in the fast-moving and growing sport.

The new Lexus Velodrome is in an inflatable, climate-controlled dome. It joins a training facility in Colorado Springs and a venue in Los Angeles as the only indoor velodromes in the U.S.

Bicycling is gaining popularity in the Motor City. A $21 million project linking 20 miles of walking, running and biking paths was completed in 2016. An organization that rents bikes surpassed 100,000 rides in about five months last year. And a weekly ride called Slow Roll Detroit often attracts 3,000 or more cyclists on Monday evenings during the summer.

An anonymous donor with a penchant for cycling put up $5 million for Detroit's velodrome project.

Only specially designed direct-drive bikes can be used on the wooden, tenth-of-a-mile oval track, which has steep banks that allow riders to maintain speeds that can top 40 mph during competitions.

ESCAPE OAHU'S TOURIST TRAP

Find the island's quieter sides away from Honolulu's crowds

Story and photos by Alan Solomon
Chicago Tribune

LAIE, Hawaii — So why not just stay in Honolulu/Waikiki?

Well ...

"It's a tourist trap," says Katy (last name withheld here to avoid having her pelted with poi balls), manager of an Oahu store safely up the Windward Coast from H/W. "It's not the real Hawaii."

OK, the notion of a "real Hawaii" is, of course, kind of ridiculous. What's "the real Ohio," Cincinnati or Ashtabula? Plus, billions of people fly to Oahu every year, settle for a week or three into Honolulu or Waikiki or similarly glitzy compounds on the southern shore, and go home sun-kissed and happy.

And it's only a "trap" if you let it be one. The rest of Oahu beckons.

What follows are snippets gathered over a few days of unhurried exploration along the uncongested sides of Oahu, the island's Windward (East) Coast, Leeward (Opposite) Coast and along the North Shore (Between).

Stops were in random order, determined by whim, hunger, advice from sources I trust (including **gohawaii.com/oahu**), roadwork (inevitable) and rain showers (where rainbows come from). If you do it all in three hours — theoretically possible — you're doing it wrong.

Here we go.



Loco moco is done right at the Hukilau Cafe in Laie.

Kaneohe is about a half-hour northeast of Honolulu by car. On the edge of town, in a large cemetery, is Byodo-In Temple, a stunningly beautiful structure that looks much older than its 50 years, probably because it's a replica of a 950-year-old Buddhist temple in Japan. For a small fee, even non-Buddhists can linger in the temple's serenity and feed the koi with designated koi food.

Farther north on two-lane Kamehameha Highway in Hauula is the Shrimp Shack, which isn't a shack at all. It's a bright yellow food truck. There are many, many food trucks on this side of the island, most of them specializing in breaded shrimp typically enhanced by coconut or astounding volumes of garlic.

Tracie Kaupe cooks inside the Shack parked alongside Ching's Store. The question: Why so many food trucks here?

"It's way cheaper," Kaupe says. "When you go to Waikiki for dinner, it'll cost you, for some people, 50 to 100 bucks. Here, it'll cost you half the price."

Coconut shrimp at the Shrimp Shack: $10.75.

** Additional food trucks sampled and enjoyed on this trip: Giovanni's Shrimp Truck (gloriously garlicked shrimp) in Haleiwa and Nui's Thai Food in Waialua.*

Hawaiians away from the city are notoriously friendly. Conversations come easily. Across from the Shrimp Shack, on Punaluu Beach, a Shack employee was taking a break and untangling a net. What kind of fish are out there?

"Every kind of fish," he says, then rattles off the Hawaiian names of a dozen species. I can't scribble the names fast enough. One might have been *ulua kihikihi*. Or not.

He invites me to go fishing with him, but I have to look at beaches.

** A list of North Shore beaches would fill this page. Three among the many: Sunset Beach (for surfing, lollygagging and sunsets), Pupukea (for snorkeling) and Laniakea (for surfing and for observing nesting sea turtles).*

Papa Ole's Kitchen is a hole-in-the-wall all-day diner in a small Hauula shopping center. The Breakfast Plate is three eggs, rice and five — yes, five — sizable slices of Spam. A Mini Breakfast Plate trims the eggs to two and the Spam to a mere three slices, which provides some insight into Hawaiian appetites.

** Two other worthwhile breakfast options: Hukilau Cafe, a Laie icon and a good place to sample an indefensible dish called loco moco; and Ted's Bakery, in Haleiwa, beloved for cream pies so good they would break your mother's spirit.*

Farther up the road in Laie, near where the Windward Coast becomes the North Shore, is an open workshop alongside a fruit stand. A man built like a small-college interior lineman is working a chisel on a small block of local milo wood that will, within 30 minutes, be a "happy tiki."

The man's name is Frank Paongo. "My whole family is carvers," he says. Taught by his father, he's been doing this for 30 years, since he was 9. By the time he completes that happy tiki, we are lifelong friends.

"Next time you come, I'll go fishing with you," Paongo says. "Some people throw a net. It's fun throwing a net, you know?"

** I've mentioned beaches, right? Moving right along ...*

"We try to live by that spirit of 'aloha,' of sharing 'aloha' with people who are visiting. Especially on Tonga."

— Sione Milford, host in the Tongan village at the Polynesian Cultural Center

The Polynesian Cultural Center was in the middle of nowhere (Laie, actually) when it opened in 1963. Now, it is somewhere. About a million people find their way here annually.

The PCC is villages representing Fiji, Tahiti, Hawaii, Samoa, Aotearoa (New Zealand, in Maori) and Tonga, plus Easter Island. Plus continuous shows, a luau and other food, shopping and just enough cultural explanation to rationalize how much fun this all is.

Sione Milford, host in the Tongan village, plays drums, dances and is hilarious. He's also, actually, Samoan — but let's not quibble.

"We try to live by that spirit of 'aloha,' of sharing 'aloha' with people who are visiting," he says. "Especially on Tonga."

** Not many hotels on the North Shore. A newish Courtyard by Marriott is alongside the PCC; another, in Kahuku, is the honeymoon-worthy Turtle Bay Resort. Keeping resorts out is a local pastime.*

Waimea Valley, Haleiwa, combines a botanical garden with historic ruins with a natural 45-foot-high waterfall splashing into a natural, 30-foot-deep, swimmable pool. Paradise, lovingly groomed. Also onsite: artisans with stories to tell. Auntie Kanani Awai, 85, weaving things of palm fronds, tells of growing up on a pineapple plantation where speaking the Hawaiian language was forbidden.

"When my parents had people over who spoke Hawaiian, we were sent out of the house," she says, speaking freely of such things.

Of the garden, says executive director Richard Pezzulo: "We know we have some really rare plants in here, some that may not exist anywhere else in the world."

Also otherworldly in its way: Kualoa Ranch, Kaaawa, which also offers many things — among them are horses to ride, zip lining, a beach and a tour of movie sites. Some of the "Jurassics" were filmed here, along with a "Kong" and other movies. Some left remnants. Guide: "Anybody want to guess which monster this footprint belongs to? On the right?" I'll never tell.

** And on the Leeward Coast: More beaches ... including one, toward Kaena Point, that isn't for the unadventurous.*

But back on the North Shore, there's a real town — Haleiwa — which has beaches, some structures from the 1920s, plus surfer and other shops, galleries, a few places to eat, a favorite shave-ice place (Matsumoto) and — ready or not — growth.

Population is about 4,000 — double what it was 10 years ago.

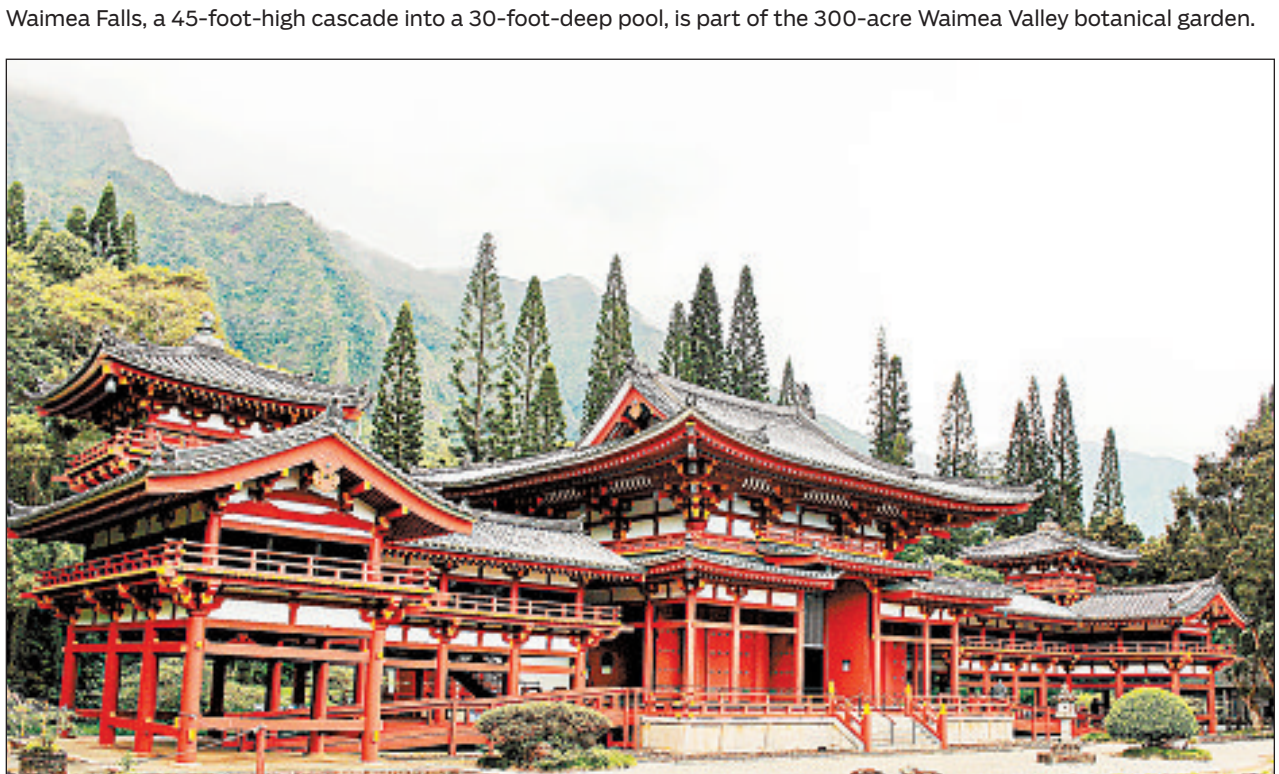
"The North Shore is no longer undiscovered," says Alli Muse, a consultant at Wy's Galleries. "Now, there's busloads. It's just hard to get around here now ... "

So maybe come soon. Before you're trapped.

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Waimea Falls, a 45-foot-high cascade into a 30-foot-deep pool, is part of the 300-acre Waimea Valley botanical garden.



Byodo-In Temple, a replica of a 950-year-old Buddhist temple in Japan, welcomes all to share its serenity in Kaneohe.



Carver Frank Paongo admires one of his creations — a "happy tiki" — in his shop in Laie.

FORK IN THE ROAD







Shoyu chicken, left, is often served as a "plate lunch," a central protein supported by rice and macaroni salad. An acai bowl, center, served here in a cup, entails a slurry of the Brazilian berries and other fruit. Loco moco, right, often includes scoops of rice, one or two hamburger patties, over-easy eggs and brown gravy, alongside the ubiquitous mac salad.



Garlic shrimp, a popular dish on Oahu, typically comes with rice and vegetables. The dish calls for sauteing the shrimp in butter with garlic, adding a pinch of flour to thicken the gravy.

ON OAHU'S STREETS

Some of the most interesting food-truck fare in U.S. originates from Hawaiian island

Story and photos by David Hammond | Chicago Tribune

HONOLULU – "Iron Chef" Masaharu Morimoto was delicately finessing a sashimi presentation that could have been mistaken for a bouquet of tropical flowers.

He lit up when we mentioned another type of food often found in Hawaii: the humble garlic shrimp.

Morimoto plans to serve the popular local street food at two restaurants he'll soon open at the upscale Alohilani Resort across the street from Waikiki Beach.

"And we'll use Hawaiian shrimp," he said. "The best!"

The dish calls for sauteing the crustaceans in butter with garlic, adding a pinch of flour to thicken the gravy. Rice and a vegetable or two typically come with it. The shrimps' shells stay on for added flavor.

"I'm even leaving the heads on, so you can suck them," Morimoto added gleefully, making a hand-to-mouth shrimp-head-sucking motion.

It might seem surprising that one of the world's best-known chefs would offer a dish usually passed through the windows of food trucks on the streets of Honolulu. But the Hawaiian island of Oahu is the source of some of the most interesting street food in the U.S., so there's no good reason why fine-dining establishments shouldn't follow its lead.

Foreign influence

The menus of Oahu's food trucks reflect centuries of visits — and yes, sometimes invasions — from outsiders.

Asia has wielded a huge influence on Oahu's street food. **Shoyu chicken**, salty with soy and just a dash of sweetness, is cooked fork-tender, with pockets of luscious fat and lots of meat. This bountiful street chow is often served in a "plate lunch," which showcases a central protein (like chicken), supported by a few scoops of rice and the ubiquitous macaroni salad.

Every bowl of **saimin** is a melting pot of Asian influences. This soup of dashi-rich, ramen-like broth often has noodles similar to Filipino pancit, as well as Chinese char siu (fatty pork), Japanese fish cake and the occasional slender strip of much-beloved Spam.

Shave ice — similar to halo-halo, the popular Filipino dessert — is a sweet snack of powdery ice, syrup and sometimes adzuki beans, mochi and li hing mui (ground pickled plum skin). The better vendors of shave ice (and yes, it's "shave" not "shaved") serve the flaky crystals with natural fruit syrups, a refreshing treat after a heavy plate lunch.

A product of Portuguese culinary heritage, **malasadas** are like Polish paczki, made with eggy dough and lots of butter, prepared fried or baked and sometimes dusted with cinnamon sugar or topped with icing. Count on malasadas to take up a big percentage of your recommended daily caloric intake. If it makes you feel any better about yourself, get a version filled with local fruit.

Acai berries have a reputation as a so-called superfood thanks to their levels of antioxidants, fiber and so on. Ask for an **acai bowl** and you'll likely get a slurry of the Brazilian fruit as well as kiwi, pineapple and papaya, a sprinkling of granola and a dollop of honey to balance the tartness of the namesake berry. Popularized in Brazil, this simple breakfast has developed a following, and it's served from food trucks, at street fairs and bricks-and-mortar establishments.

Like Mexican machaca, **pipikaula** is dried beef, introduced years ago by Mexican cowhands who were brought in to manage Oahu's cattle. Needing no refrigeration, jerky-like pipikaula is simply rehydrated before cooking. Drying not only preserves the beef, but by driving out water, it concentrates flavor.



Hula Dog's bacon-taro bun holds a Polish sausage and several toppings.

Whether stuffed with meat or fish, Mexico's tacos have become a universal food, and they're found all over Oahu. Morimoto even serves his Peking duck in tortillas, dressed in pico de gallo and hoisin. Many food trucks on the island offer fish tacos with tuna and other local sea life, usually grilled rather than fried. Credit for bringing fish tacos to Oahu may be given to California surfers, who came to the island to catch some waves like Duke Kahanamoku, who started the craze for this ancient Hawaiian sport.

Street-food originals

Honolulu has grown tremendously since the days when Elvis visited to shoot films like "Blue Hawaii." Tall buildings have replaced towering palm trees, and those who built the city had big appetites that were satisfied by Honolulu's hearty plate lunch.

"The plate lunch became popular because workers needed a lot of food at a decent price, delivered right to their work site," explains lifelong Oahu resident and chef Conrad Aquino, the former executive chef at Turtle Bay Resort on the island's North Shore. He's now with Alohilani, the former Pacific Beach Hotel that recently wrapped up a multi-million-dollar overhaul.

The construction boom contributed to Oahu's food-truck culture and to the creation of such dishes as **loco moco**, a Styrofoam plate traditionally filled with scoops of rice, one or two hamburger patties, over-easy eggs, a healthy dollop of brown gravy and a side of mac salad — enough to fuel a man through a long day of manual labor.

When hamburger is used, Aquino told us, "bouillon is sometimes added to make the beef beefier." You can forgo the burger for Portuguese sausage or, of course, Spam. The dark gravy may be replaced by chili, sweetened soy sauce or whatever the chef is in the mood to pour over everything.

The **Hula Dog**, a Hawaiian spin on an all-American favorite, is a handful, heavy on meat and condiments. At a food truck of the same name, we asked to have ours prepared the way locals like it. We were handed a mild Polish sausage inserted lengthwise into a purple-ish bacon-taro bun, dressed with roasted garlic-lemon-habanero sauce, mango relish and passion-fruit mustard. Though the spicy flavors of the condiments work well with Polish sausage, you might want to request that the server go easy on the passion-fruit mustard, which skews a little too sweet for the sausage.

Brought by GIs during World War II, Spam proved surprisingly popular among Hawaiians — you can even get it in your breakfast eggs at Oahu locations of McDonald's and Burger King. **Spam musubi** features this beloved "spiced ham," griddled and glazed with a touch of soy and sugar and positioned on a block of rice traditionally molded by a Spam can. It's held together with a band of seaweed and is disarmingly tasty.

We asked Morimoto, half-jokingly, if he'd be serving Spam musubi at Momosan, one of his new restaurants. "Why not?" he asked with a glint in his eye. "People love it, and it's delicious."

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Where to find the food

Rainbow Drive-In is a one-stop treasury of Hawaiian specialties, including shoyu chicken, saimin and loco moco; 3308 Kanaina Ave., Honolulu.

Leonard's Bakery is the home of malasadas in Hawaii, also serving the island of Oahu with the traveling Malasadamobile; 933 Kapahulu Ave., Honolulu.

Hula Dog, 2442 Kuhio Ave., Honolulu, shares a food truck lot with North Shore Tacos. Both are recommended for a satisfying one-two punch at lunchtime.

Giovanni's, credited as the originators of garlic shrimp, has a food truck that serves Oahu, especially on the North Shore, near the island's shrimp farms.

ABC Stores are all over Oahu, offering Spam musubi in their grab-and-go section. If you fall hard, as we did, for this Spam-based treat, consider a trip to Musubi Cafe Iyasume at 2427 Kuhio Ave. in Honolulu, where it's all Spam, all the time. It's not technically street food, but we were knocked out by the well-composed avocado, eel, egg and Spam musubi.

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ask amy

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Bitter child torn about dad's outreach

Dear Amy: My mother died 10 years ago. My father, "Lucifer," started dating "Rebecca" within a week of my mom's funeral. After two years, my father informed me that he was going to disinherit my brother and me in favor of Rebecca and her three spawn. I begged my father not to do this, and told him he'd never see me or my kids again if he married her and disinherited us. He said he didn't care, and went ahead.

Fast-forward to the present. Rebecca has died, and Lucifer is trying to "mend fences." Meanwhile, he admitted to me that he has spent my mother's entire trust on Rebecca and her three spawn, so I am out the money I was supposed to get from my deceased mother after my father died.

I want nothing to do with Lucifer. He has betrayed my trust by turning his back on his "real" family in favor of a bunch of strangers. He has dishonored my mother's dying wish that he preserve the principal of her trust for me and my family.

I am so consumed by anger I am finding it hard to get up in the morning and enjoy my day. I have a great life with a great husband and great kids, and we are not financially insecure by any means. How do I move past this?

— Fed Up in Florida

Dear Fed Up: Your own behavior has contributed to your rage.

For instance, you declared to your father that you would completely cut him off if he married "Rebecca," and yet one of the things that makes you so angry is that your father aligned with "strangers." Well, if you hadn't cut off your relationship, these people would not be strangers.

You can hold onto your rage or you can explore ways to release it.

One reason to engage in fence-mending is to restore the relationship to the degree where you can (at least) express your own anger, with the hopes of receiving an apology — or at least an explanation. A therapist could help you to cope with your feelings, and might also offer a pathway to reconciliation.

Revenge is easier than reconciliation, but revenge might not be best for you.

Dear Amy: I am married to a kind, wonderful, intelligent man from another country. We go to his home country to visit family at least once a year.

They make me feel very welcome, but soon end up reverting to their native language, which I do not understand, for most conversations.

It makes me feel left out and ignored. I have voiced my feelings (many times) to my husband. While I understand that this can be habitual because it is, of course, their first language, it hurts my feelings to be sitting in a room full of people — ALL of whom speak English perfectly — and be purposely left out, even when sitting right next to my husband.

I have asked repeatedly that he speak English while I am present, but it doesn't end up that way. I find it to be extremely rude and hurtful. This is the only conflict we have. As a result, I am now dreading another visit, and am actually thinking of having him travel alone this time. Do you have any suggestions?

— Left Out

Dear Left Out: It is understandable for people to speak their native language when they are in their home country and talking with other native speakers. You do this every single day. How did your husband cope with this alienation? He learned English!

The obvious solution is for you to make a concerted effort to learn your husband's language. I assume your in-laws would be honored, and your comprehension would shoot up, even if your ability to speak lagged. Until then, you should ask and then remind (in a good-natured way and in their language), "Oh please, can you speak English? I don't want to miss anything!"

Dear Amy: Like "Brokenhearted Niece," I had a volatile family member who had a tendency to drink and embarrass herself and others. When I got married, I had a friend who was willing to basically monitor this person and handle her if things got tough during the wedding and reception. We had no problems, but this relieved me of worrying about it.

— Happily Wed

Dear Wed: A great solution.

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Date night: Restaurant servers see it all ...

... And they have some tips for customers

By Heidi Stevens and Christopher Borrelli
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Restaurant staffers know a thing or two about romantic relationships, based on their observation of customers.

You learn a thing or two about romance when you wait tables for a living, when your days and nights are populated with couples sharing drinks, couples sharing meals, couples sharing, occasionally, the same side of a very small booth.

"We're like front row seats on a relationship, I think," said Christine Cikowski, co-owner of Honey Butter Fried Chicken in Avondale.

Servers see you size up the date you're meeting for the first time. They glimpse you holding hands across the table. They catch you checking your phone a little too often.

They see it all.

"We're definitely all talking about it," said Jenny Lovin, a server at Logan Square's Masa Azul.

"Oh, for sure," Jason Lerner, Masa Azul's owner, added.

"We're judging the situation," Lovin said. "I'm watching them when they go outside to see if they go separate ways, if there's a hug."

"Or that awkward side hug," Lerner added.

Lovin: "The friend-zone hug?"

Lerner: "With the back pat."

With Valentine's Day (the second-busiest day of the year for restaurants; Mother's Day is first) looming, we invited restaurant insiders to share their wisdom — what they've learned about love (and its opposite) during their years of witnessing the intimate act of dining together.

From storied, romantic hot spots to neighborhood storefronts, a few truths hold steady.

"A couple should be talking," said Jeff Lawler, owner of Geja's Cafe in Lincoln Park. "They shouldn't be on their phones. Even if it's back at home, even if it's in a McDonald's, they have to be present for each other."

And the qualities that make for a pleasant customer — generosity, patience, listening skills, good manners — quite often make for a pleasant partnership as well.

"When you have a guy who sits down and automatically asks you for a Bud Light, which is not even on the menu, you know you've got someone who just likes what they like," said Jillian Jackson, a server at The Promontory in Hyde Park. "That's a different experience than having someone sit down and listen to what you have to say and ask a bunch of questions."

Jackson said, above all, she wants her diners to be comfortable and have a pleasant experience, so she'll keep an eye on body language and other cues, occasionally stepping in to smooth tensions with an unordered, but well-received, glass of prosecco.

"People on their phones the whole time is a bad sign," Jackson said. "One drinking way more than the other; if he's on his second Manhattan to your first glass of cabernet, you sort of wonder."

First dates are always easy to spot.

"You know it's an internet app date right away," Lovin said. "One person shows up before the other and there's a standup and awkward hug when the other person comes in. If you're really lucky, you'll hear them say, 'Nice to meet you.' But you can tell from the hug."

Cikowski says Honey Butter Fried Chicken sees a fair bit of first-date action.

"This is also not the traditional place you think of for a date, but you would be surprised how many come here on first dates," she said. "Maybe because when people are eating fried chicken, they are eating with their hands, and it isn't very polite. They are forced to let their guards down.

"I think that comfort-food places can be good for relationships that way," she said. "There's underlying truth there: Go and eat your favorite thing with somebody you're interested in, and see how they react to you. If you're inhaling fried chicken, just pouring butter over it and they're OK — there's a transparency there."

A willingness to dive in and get messy is a good sign. Laughter's an obvious good sign. Talking's a good sign ... mostly.

"I had a guy lead off the date with, 'Did you watch "Seinfeld"?' and his date said, 'No,' " Lovin said. "Despite the fact that she'd never seen the show and isn't going to recognize any characters, references or jokes, he proceeds to tell her a whole, long 'Seinfeld' thing. I just wanted to be like, 'Oh, buddy. Don't. Just say never mind.' But he went with it."

Awkward side hug outside?

"I actually think they left in the same direction," Lovin said. "Maybe she was really intrigued by the show."

Then you have the couples who've been together for ages.

"We have seen many older couples who'd been married many years come in to celebrate anniversaries with us," said Jori Orsini, associate dean at Washburne Culinary and Hospitality Institute, which runs the Parrot Cage restaurant at the South Shore Cultural Center and Sikia restaurant in Englewood. "We do a lot of special occasions (at the Parrot Cage), but we also had this one couple who came in and sat at the same table every single month. Because they really felt that they kept their marriage going by celebrating their marriage — regularly. They didn't think it should be a once-a-year thing. And you could see that love in them."

"Nothing makes me happier than the sweet, in-love older couple, holding hands," Lerner said. "For me that's the dream, right? That's where we all want to end up. At that point, for me, they can do whatever the heck they want. They can sit on the same side of the booth. They can make out. They've earned it."

Good signs — for a first date or a long-term couple — our restaurant insiders agree: Hand-holding across the table. Eye contact. No phones on the table. A drink (alcohol or coffee) after the meal.

And the ultimate good sign ... the proposal.

Geja's gets them all the time. Usually they go well, Lawler said.

"But do engagements sometimes go wrong here? They do," he said. "This gentleman once, he called, had me on the phone for 30 minutes, wants to get engaged here, this, that, the other thing. The night of, they hate the oil (used to cook the fondue), take a few bites, then he wants all the food out, 'Bring out the chocolate now.' He's nervous.

"Soon everything is on the table. He gets up, goes to the coatroom, gets this box. Comes back. Proposes to her with a pair of shoes. Now, some say, 'What kind of shoes?' Point is, she says no. He's crying, upset.

"Five years pass," Lawler continued. "I'm at a charity function, a chef's table. I meet the mother of the woman proposed to. Turns out, they got engaged a year later. Now they're married. So you never know. Maybe don't propose with shoes."

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The One Romance, a high-end specialized planning service, arranged for eight heart-shaped umbrellas to be opened on cue, spelling "I love you," in a London park for one couple.

Hiring a romance whisperer

Planners specialize in helping plan big, romantic gestures for a special someone

By Claire Altschuler
Chicago Tribune

Imagine this. You're swept away on a first date to a planetarium for a romantic evening under the stars. While you gaze up at the heavens, sparks begin to fly between the two of you. Or this: You're strolling with your serious boyfriend through London's Hyde Park when you encounter a choir singing "your song." Your guy goes down on one knee and proposes.

Romantic gestures like these become much more than gestures. If they're done right, they form the beginning of your "couple story," something you'll remember forever and share with family and friends in years to come.

OK, that's a lot of pressure. So how do you get it right? There's Google of course, there are dozens of articles with suggestions, and your friends might also have some ideas. But what if your sweetheart has already seen those ideas? What if your grand gesture comes off as silly or, worse yet, meh?

Enter the "romance whisperers," experts who specialize in planning extraordinary dates, events and proposals to impress that special someone and ensure everything goes smoothly.

Romance planners have carved out a unique niche in the event-planning industry. Instead of focusing only on weddings, they arrange special occasions — dates, anniversaries and "just because" events that can strengthen a relationship before and after the Big Day.

Adding romantic fairy dust

Anything can become a romantic event, says Tiffany Wright of The One Romance, a high-end planning service in London that boasts a number of celebrity clients. "We are committed to bringing romance to any and every part of our clients' lives," she says. "If they want something special arranged, we'll add the romantic fairy dust to it!"

This could be filling a room with thousands upon thousands of scented rose petals or having a choir sing the couple's favorite song, Wright said. "We will go above and beyond whatever we need to do to make sure everything we arrange is like something out of a romantic Hollywood movie," she said.

1st 'I love you'

One turning point in a romantic relationship is the first time "I love you" is expressed. To make that event unique for one couple, The One Romance arranged a walk in a London park during which complete strangers handed the client's girlfriend *objets d'amour*, including messages in a bottle and an iPod playing a special song. After this, when they neared a bridge at the edge of the park, eight heart-shaped umbrellas opened, spelling "I love you." Wright, who has worked on hundreds of events, says this was one of her favorites. Her client's girlfriend "started crying the second the umbrellas opened. It was one of the most romantic things I've ever seen."

'Just because'

Cristina Abboud Hicks, 34, and her husband, Ben Hicks, 37, of Boca Raton, Fla., were married four years ago and have a 2-year-old son. They're still very much in love, but Abboud Hicks says it's been hard to find time for each other. Last winter, at a local charity auction, she won a romantic picnic offered by Society Romance, an event planner based in South Florida.

The couple say they were floored by the detail and effort invested in their



MILLICENT WONG

Ja'Lisa Golliday remembers thinking, "This is our moment!" about Shonte Myles, left, when she walked into a room filled with candlelight and a rose petal carpet leading up to tables framing a view of the city.

date, which took place in a favorite park. Decorations included an illuminated heart and a display shaped as the No. 5, for their upcoming fifth anniversary. "There were all sorts of nice sandwiches and tarts, macarons, Italian pastries and drinks in a basket," says Abboud Hicks. Sharing a beautiful day and the natural setting "with my best friend, my husband ... made it really special."

Hicks agreed the picnic was a wonderful surprise. "Usually, my wife is the one who wants" to receive romantic gestures, he says. "So it was really cool that she did that" for him.

Expert tips

Costs of romance concierge services vary widely by event and provider, ranging from a few hundred dollars to many thousands. For those on a budget, Heather Vaughn, owner of The Yes Girls, offers the following tips:

Make a special invite for your date night. For example, if you're planning a wine tasting, do the invitation as "a monogrammed wine glass with a note."

Personalize your event. Incorporate your partner's hobbies or something you've enjoyed together. "Being thoughtful doesn't mean having to be over the top."

Include keepsakes. You "can never go wrong with memorabilia" — things that hold special memories for you both.

Windy City proposal

Ja'Lisa Golliday, 27, and Shonte Myles, 31, connected on Instagram in 2014. They carried on a long-distance relationship for almost three years before Golliday finally joined Myles in Chicago. To move from her hometown of Toledo, Ohio, she had one condition: a marriage proposal. "I wasn't moving to Chicago to be somebody's girlfriend," she said.

Golliday arrived in Chicago in June 2017. Although she knew Myles would eventually propose, she didn't know when or how. One evening that September, as Golliday slipped into her gown and Myles donned a tux for what she was told would be a nice dinner out, Golliday suspected this might be The Night. But when they arrived at a downtown hotel, she wasn't so sure.

Myles took her up to a floor where conference rooms were located. Golliday noticed one of the doors was slightly ajar and peered inside. The room looked dark. But, as she walked in, she saw it was flooded with candlelight and had a rose petal carpet leading up to two tables framing a spectacular view of the city. On the tables were photos from their Instagram correspondence and special times they had shared. "Oh my gosh," Golliday said she thought. "This is our moment!"

Though he initially tried to arrange it himself, Myles says he discovered the proposal involved "a lot of moving pieces." He reached out to Michele Velazquez of The Heart Bandits, a California-based romance concierge. "Michele worked her magic," he says, and it had the "desired effect." Golliday said yes. The wedding is scheduled for this year.

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In the friend zone? Here's what you need to know

By Carlos D. Williamson
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Pursuing someone who isn't interested rarely works out, and it's a matter of coming to terms with it, experts say.

When you think of someone being put in the friend zone, you think of people poking fun at men who complain about being rejected.

But this rejection status isn't as one-sided as people think.

Men and women are guilty of leading each other on with no real romantic intentions for the future.

I've had my fair share of disappointments in that area. But let's get one thing clear: Being rejected does not mean you've been friend zoned.

As much as we'd like to think otherwise, it just means that person — for whatever reason — isn't into you.

A hard pill to swallow, I know.

"The more and more that people are getting burned, the more and more you're coming out from a space of defensiveness," said Goal Auzeen Saedi, a licensed clinical psychologist. "It's immediately like, 'I'm going to hold you at arm's length, and I'm going to use you as I see fit, but I'm not going to let you get very close to me.' "

Pursuing someone who isn't interested rarely works out. And according to Saedi, most people know when they're being friend zoned. It's just a matter of coming to terms with it.

Andrea Moseley, for example, is well aware of what's going on between her and the friend she's been pursuing since 2011. When she first met him at church, the attraction was subtle, but as the two spent more and more time at Bible study, her feelings grew stronger.

"He always looks like he's smiling except for when he's concentrating on something," Moseley, 31, said. "It's the shape of his lips when he's ready to smile."

After numerous false starts and misinterpreted signals, Moseley began wearing dresses and making sure her hair was done every time she saw her would-be beau. She even took up cooking, hoping one day to share her culinary skills with her romantic interest.

These kinds of actions, Saedi said, are a reflection of one's self-worth.

"A lot of times, honestly, it's confidence," Saedi said. "If they start saying, 'Oh, does he really care about me? What do I have to do to win this person's affection?' That to me is a cue of, 'I have to give something. I am not enough as I am.' "

While there's no foolproof plan for avoiding ambiguous, one-sided relationships, one way to evade the friend zone is by setting boundaries, Saedi said. There's nothing wrong with a healthy reciprocation of affection, but knowing when to step back is key.

Communication — or lack thereof — is another issue that can lead to hurt feelings.

"The whole thing about being in a friend zone is that you're not comfortable enough or assertive enough to make your feelings known, and the other person is not assertive enough to just say, 'Hey, this is never going to happen,' " said Wilder Anderson, who's been friend zoned.

The 33-year-old added that this experience in college left him "emotionally and mentally in limbo."

Despite the initial ambiguity, Anderson admitted to being aware of the one-sided affair and tried to amplify his chances by being a "really, really good friend." This approach, however, did not work.

According to Saedi, technology and the various non-face-to-face ways through which people communicate can cause "hurt feelings for no reason." Simple things like an unanswered text or communicating through social media can cause emotions to flare up and down, and for some people, that can feel like a roller coaster.

But while there's a huge difference between misinterpreting a text and intentionally ghosting or leading someone on, some people willingly accept their circumstances.

"That's the reality," Moseley said. "There are people who are going to win, and there are people who are going to lose."

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Resistance in romance

In the wake of 2017's social and political climate, where is the genre headed?



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By Darcel Rockett
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Romance is a genre about women, by women and pored over by women — 84 percent of readers are female, according to Romance Writers of America.

It's a $1 billion industry, and 35 percent of romance book buyers have been reading them for 20 years or more, according to RWA.

So after a year when persisting and resisting were the norm, what does this world of fiction look like? Have romance novels evolved given the current social/political climate?



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Zageris



MacLean



Curran

The answer to that is yes, but not in a "big boom" kind of way, said Joanne Grant, editorial director of the Harlequin Series.

"I think this is something that will continue to shape romance over time, but I also feel strongly that this is a conversation we've been having over the course of years," she said. "It's not a new thing for us to pause and look at our male/female dynamics: how we portray sex, consent, how do we keep the fantasy alive while making sure that the heroine is relatable in the 21st century?"

Author Beverly Jenkins, who has made her name in African-American historicals, said such work is ongoing. The Belleville, Mich., writer whose first book was published in 1994, said current writers of romance are "bringing a different mindset, a different focus to the story," where consent is the thing. But she also mentions that, as things evolve, the main purpose of romance is consistent. "Romance offers that comfort read, but it also offers resistance. You have a lot of feminists who are writing romance, Alisha Rai, Alyssa Cole, Sarah MacLean, and they're all putting that kind of thread through their books. Resistance has always been there. Women have always had to resist in order to get what they want out of life," Jenkins said.

And resistance comes in a variety of forms — from young adult novels with LGBTQ characters by Audrey Coulthurst to political romances from Emma Barry to interactive romances from Andersonville

and Ravenswood residents Larissa Zageris and Kitty Curran, where a reader can choose a preferred happily-ever-after ending and sexuality. Resistance also comes in the form of more voices in the mix — like Sonali Dev, of Naperville, Ill., whose work has been referred to as Bollywood-style love stories, and Farrah Rochon, a self-published author of over 30 African-American contemporary romances who sits on the RWA board of directors. Resistance can be found not only in hashtags, but in the history of romance itself, as Washington Post columnist and romance novelist MacLean attests.

From the 1972 book "The Flame and the Flower," the romance genre was born on a mass market scale, and from its pages of forced seduction came the metaphor for the women's movement, she said. "Most scholars of romance will tell you the arc of this book is kind of a metaphor for the women's movement in general, meaning, if you look at the hero as society and the heroine as women, ultimately, equality is the goal between them," MacLean said. What followed, said the author of "The Day of the Duchess," were workplace romances of the 1980s, romance of the '90s where the good guy was born amid cultural satisfaction, and the world after 9/11 that saw the rise of paranormal romance. By the late 2000s, there was the economic crash, and we saw the rise of "Fifty Shades of Grey" and the billionaires, MacLean said.

"Literature likes to see women martyred, and they like to see people of color martyred, and queer people martyred and disabled people martyred, but romance doesn't do that," she said. "Romance has often been the only place in media where women can see themselves at the center of the story triumphing. ... There's a lot of power in happily ever after. In 2017, I think many of us came to a place where we realized that the best way for us to resist was for us to tell stories where we win, and the best way to show the other side that we will survive them is to show ourselves in happiness ... because happiness is torture in its own way."

Sister resisters

If resistance is a mainstay for romance novels, what are the changes that are taking place on the page? Authors all attest to making sure consent and agency are front and center in the genre of the female gaze.

"I think that women, in general, have been galvanized over the past year, kind of ready to fight — whether it's somebody that's going to go out there fighting or somebody who's going to use their wits, they have agency; they're helping propel the story forward by making their own decisions, whether bad or good," said "Of Fire and Stars" author Coulthurst.

Change on the romance front in 2018 will also entail more diverse voices — from authors to the characters they envision.

"There was something about 2017 and the pushback of diversity and inclusion with this administration, that I think it propelled it more to the forefront. It's always been there, but there was something about 2017," Rochon said.

"We've seen a lot more lesbian, bisexual, nonbinary romances. My hope is that will continue," said Oak Park-based freelance book editor Christa Soule Desir. "Some of the greatest novels that have come out in this genre, over the past few years, have featured deeply flawed characters who deserve to have a voice. Heidi Cullinan's 'Carry the Ocean' features a gay romance between a character with autism and a character with major depressive disorder, and it's one of the best love stories I've read in a long time. ... It's a great demonstration of the evolution of romance."

Sarah Wendell, of the blog **smartbitchestrashybooks.com**, is looking forward to reading more of the exploration of female rage and anger, and the catalyst that anger can provide. "Seeing feelings of frustration and marginalization represented alongside action is inspiring, both in fiction and in real life," she said.

Future forward

The genre has a solid foundation, and according to fans and professionals, that base will only get stronger. Authors are now thinking of how the genre will push the conversation of female empowerment and equality forward in 2018.

"All art or writing is meant to be fun," Zageris said. "I think if you don't show acceptance in a variety of experiences in what is our 'poppiest' of pop art, then what are we saying about our life? It has to be there."

"Romance didn't just turn feminist. It's been," Dev said. "You have all the agency, and the protagonist is female. But at the heart, romance is about what women want. It's about how they want to go about getting it, in their voices — if that's not feminism, I don't know what is."

"Here's to 2018 and women changing the world again," MacLean said. "We can't trust anyone else to do it."

The Seminary Co-Op Bookstore will host "Strong Men, Stronger Women: Celebrating the Heroines of Romance" at 57th Street Books at 6 p.m. Feb. 28.

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Pre-Valentine's Day breakup might be good idea after all

By Lauren Chval
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If a relationship has soured, it can be tempting to hang on. But a case can be made for splitting before the holiday.

With Valentine's Day a week away, now is the time to make dinner reservations. It's the time for gift buying, flower ordering and love-letter writing. There's a lot to do. It's not, however, the time to be plotting a breakup.

Or is it?

If a relationship has soured, certainly it can be tempting to push through the most romantic day of the year before breaking things off. Who wants to be single on Valentine's Day? But there's a case to be made for splitting before the holiday.

Marjorie Mauldin is the author of "Feedback Revolution," a 2017 book that provides tips for having a difficult conversation. She suggested that ending a failing relationship before Valentine's Day saves everyone from an unpleasant experience.

"On the emotional side, it's a lot of energy," Mauldin said. "Valentine's Day has a lot of expectations surrounding it. Having a person go through that when you're just going to break up seems like double misery to me. From a dollars and cents perspective, you're paying for a nice night out and flowers and chocolates. Right there, you're probably talking $100 or $150 that you're saving."

Clinical psychologist Michael Broder said that over his 40 years in the field, his patients have spent a lot of time and money working through their depression and anxiety about Valentine's Day.

"Loneliness becomes really glaring during this time," Broder said. "But Valentine's Day is a fake, man-made milestone. If you're in a good situation with someone you can enjoy it with, then it's great. If not, there's a word for that: reality. If the reality is you're going to break up, I don't think you're doing them any favors by holding on until after Valentine's Day. It's one thing if you're going to work on the relationship, but if you know this relationship is a dead man walking, you owe it to yourself and the other person to move forward and start minimizing the pain."

Still, it's hard to deny the anxiety that might lead someone to put off a breakup. For those who are conflict avoiders, Mauldin admitted that it might be easier for them to default to their typical tendencies, especially if they fear a response of, "I can't believe you're doing this to me right before Valentine's Day!"

"But on the other hand, it's worth it to just look at the situation for what it is and say, 'This is not fair to me or the other person,' " she explained. "I'd rather breathe a big sigh of relief than go through all the ceremony of Valentine's Day if it's not authentic. It seems like a lot of unhappiness for a dinner and a box of chocolates and some flowers."

Broder agreed. Valentine's Day, he insisted, is just another day. If you're feeling pressure about the holiday, he stressed the importance of building some "emotional muscle" against the arbitrary standards of the day and really examining your motivations.

"Relationships work when they're based in honesty," he added. "And you're not being honest if you're pretending to be with someone if that's not where you want to be."

If you do decide to pull the plug, Mauldin has some advice based in her communications training.

"We teach the skill of thinking about what's in it for the other person," she said. "Put yourself in the other person's shoes. What about this conversation is going to be good for them?"

Basically, what can your soon-to-be-ex get out of this breakup? Maybe it's more time to focus on something your relationship has previously distracted from (whether that's a career or just a hobby), or maybe it's not having to deal with fights anymore.

Mauldin advised selling the positives in the breakup, but above all else, she said, get it over with. Before Valentine's Day.

"I would rip the Band-Aid off."

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The sun sets on the last remaining Cabrini-Green high-rise building at 1230 N. Burling St. in Chicago in April 2011. The project was known as one of Chicago's major vice districts.

A view of the city from 'high-risers'

Residents the stars in tale of Cabrini-Green

By Britt Julious
Chicago Tribune

The story of Cabrini-Green begins with good intentions. In his new book, "High-Risers: Cabini-Green and the Fate of American Public Housing," Ben Austen writes:

The employees of the Chicago Housing Authority in 1950 weren't paper-pushing functionaries; they were self-proclaimed liberal do-gooders, many of them coming to the agency from social work. ... The staff saw its work as a rescue mission: they needed to rid the city of blight.

Yet anyone with passing knowledge of the Cabrini-Green housing projects knows good intentions began to rot, collapsing eventually into neglect.

"High-Risers" is a smart, humanistic exploration of Cabrini-Green. Rather than vilify a governmental body, Austen shows how generational poverty, systemic racism, political cronyism and a desperate desire for belonging facilitated the downfall of the projects' promise.

Cabrini-Green became a place of infamy, in part because of its representation in the media. "The combination of poverty and proximity helped turn the Near North Side ghetto into one of Chicago's major vice districts," Austen writes. "The sensationalized coverage of the crimes committed there both exaggerated and contributed to the conditions."

Austen eloquently examines the violence of the housing projects while also shedding a much-needed spotlight on the people who made Cabrini-Green their home. The residents' stories, Austen argues, are just as much, if not more, vital to understanding Cabrini-Green's legacy.

Much of the first chapter explores the conditions that led to the construction of the public housing development. Before Cabrini-Green was Cabrini-Green, it was Little Hell, a slum near the city's numerous manufacturing warehouses. Cabrini-Green was conceived in part as a solution to the rampant crime, poverty and deterioration of the area. "The subsidy wasn't charity or humanitarian assistance; the developments were supposed to revitalize the slums, not replicate them," Austen writes. Residents who before were

'High-Risers'

By Ben Austen, Harper, 400 pages, $27.99





JON LOWENSTEIN PHOTO

Ben Austen weaves a tale about Cabrini-Green's inhabitants in "High-Risers," his book on the Near North Side development.

only able to afford a one- or two-room basement could now live in a two-bedroom apartment with guaranteed heating, basketball courts, fresh grass and other amenities.

Forced segregation, redlining, greedy property owners and shady real estate investors limited the housing options for Chicago's black population. "African Americans were forced to contend with a wholly separate real estate system," Austen writes. "White neighborhoods established racial covenants, bylaws that barred homeowners from selling to African Americans. At one point, 85 percent of Chicago was covered under these restrictions." Cabrini-Green then was a welcome solution.

But what caused Cabrini-Green to deteriorate almost immediately after its opening? In "High-Risers," Austen suggests the repeated, systematic failure of the institutions and people enlisted to run Cabrini-Green fueled its notoriety and downfall. "In every area we examined, from finance to maintenance, from administration to outside contracting, from staffing to project management, from purchasing to accounting, the CHA was found to be operating in a state of profound confusion and disarray," wrote Oscar Newman in the book "Defensible Space," which Austen quotes. "No one seems to be minding the store; what's more, no one seems genuinely to care."

And yet, Austen's book is not a detailed breakdown of the causes of Cabrini-Green's difficulties. Instead he uses a novelistic structure to weave a tale about the other side of Cabrini-Green: its inhabitants.

Austen offers the stories of a few Cabrini-Green residents as they move in and out of the projects. There is Kelvin Cannon, a highly intelligent and charismatic resident who grows from precocious and superstitious kid to convicted criminal to high-ranking gang member in only a handful of years. There is Willie J.R. Fleming, who leaves Cabrini-Green after relocating to south suburban Dolton with his mother, only to return less than a year later. The quiet of the suburbs proved too uncomfortable for Fleming, who, despite the promise of a college athletic career, squanders it all away back in Cabrini-Green after throwing a punch.

But it is Dolores Wilson who proves to be the most compelling figure in "High-Risers." Austen chronicles her journey from South Side high schooler to matriarch of one of the early Cabrini-Green families. Later, Wilson gets a city government patronage job and has the opportunity to leave the projects, but she stays, fully embedded into the very fabric of its handful of city blocks.

It was the community in Cabrini-Green that kept people there as often as it was their financial circumstances. Yes, they were poor and faced growing levels of violence. But home was home. Why would they go anywhere else when their families, friends and livelihoods remained within the projects? Why would anyone leave somewhere that made them feel loved? The people make a place.

Some of the peripheral characters within the book don't quite fit. From time to time, Austen throws in a page or two about a notable figure of the community — a sexual assault victim or a burgeoning musician (such as Curtis Mayfield). They help to articulate the larger story of the projects' history, but ultimately they leave the reader unsatisfied.

Austen writes with a lyrical, poetic affection for the four main characters. Here we see there are as many Cabrini-Green origin stories as there were people living in Cabrini-Green. To merely stereotype is to willfully ignore each resident's humanity. Austen deftly tells the stories of Wilson, Fleming, Cannon and another woman, Annie Ricks, without distance, bringing readers intimately into their lives. It is compelling writing, sure to separate Austen's work from other, more anthropological examinations of Cabrini-Green.

People lived in this housing project, leading ordinary lives under extraordinarily precarious conditions. The story of Cabrini-Green is not that of a mere symbol of poverty or of political failure or of rampant violence — even if all of those things were wrapped up in its identity. No, the story of Cabrini-Green is that of its people and their lives, both good parts and bad.

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An excerpt from 'High-Risers: Cabrini-Green and the Fate of American Public Housing' by Ben Austen

A woman at the housing office half-listened as Annie Ricks detailed her plight, not seeming to care that they had trudged through the snow all the way from the West Side. The woman said no apartments were available — which was as much true as it wasn't. The Cabrini row-houses were almost completely full. But a third of the red high-rise units were unoccupied and almost half of the white ones. The Chicago Housing Authority hadn't fixed up and readied them for occupancy. The agency said it couldn't afford to do the repairs to rent the empty units, and not just at Cabrini-Green but at public housing all over the city. Ricks dismissed the woman's words with a wave of her hand. She didn't want to hear about budgets or the agency's problems. To her the math was simple: twelve hundred apartments at Cabrini-Green with no one in them, and she and her children burned out of their West Side home, wandering the streets, sleeping in a hospital lobby, needing just one. "No, ma'am," she said. She motioned for Cornelius to take a seat. They weren't going anywhere. Ricks could pester, persist, accuse, as if on a loop. She announced that she was going to raise some hell. She was going to call all the TV news networks, channels 2, 5, 7, and 9. She started naming the journalists who'd be interviewing her — Walter Jacobson, Ron Magers, Oprah. "Why lie and say you don't have an apartment for my family? I know you have an apartment. There are so many apartments here." Ricks cut herself short, a look of surprise suddenly giving way to a self-preserving grin. "But I can't ever be mad."

By then, though, the woman at the desk was relenting. She sent Ricks to one of the white high-rises, next door to Dolores Wilson's building. The tower at 660 W. Division was a fifteen-story plain box, a giant filing cabinet with a facade the color of cigarette-stained teeth. The elevators were out of order and the stairwells were dark. The fifth-floor apartment Ricks entered looked like a crypt. Plywood covered the windows. Trash and old clothes were clustered along the floorboards like blown leaves. The kitchen cabinets dangled or were missing altogether. Ricks surveyed the run-down surroundings, counting four bedrooms. There was a full bathroom on one side of the unit and a half bath on the other. The front room was large enough for a dining table and a sofa, and it was connected to the kitchen, which (she checked) had a working stove and refrigerator. The ceilings were high, the walls made of seemingly indestructible cinder block. She smiled. What Annie Ricks saw looked like a home.



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Downtown skyscrapers symbolizing wealth and power form the background in this view of Cabrini-Green, in its day home to some of the city's poorest people.



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University presses need saving

Their mission may not be lucrative, but they have proved their worth

By John Warner
Chicago Tribune

Publishing is a difficult business under the best of circumstances. Margins are small, it's difficult to know what will sell, and even relative blockbusters are unlikely to provide long-term security against downturns.

Publishing is even more difficult when you're not doing it strictly as a business, when you have a mission not necessarily rooted in profit and loss, but are instead oriented around bringing otherwise unknown or previously hidden knowledge into the public domain.

This is the work of university presses, and this work is under threat. For sure, I am biased. My story collection "Tough Day for the Army" was published by an imprint under the Louisiana State University Press banner, and I'll have another book coming out with Johns Hopkins University Press this year. My main concern, though, is the harm the decline of university presses will do to the overall publishing ecosystem.

Some of the trouble is rooted in the shifting nature of the academic book market. The scholarly "monograph," a close academic study often produced to fulfill one of the requirements of tenure, is almost invariably a money-losing proposition, once (but no longer) propped up by guaranteed library sales. As library budgets shrink, even as the publishing requirements for tenure increase, this particular cycle breaks down.

Some threats are more direct.

The University Press of Kentucky — located at the University of Kentucky but serving all of the state's public institutions (plus some private ones) — has been directly targeted for elimination through budget cuts proposed by Gov. Matt Bevin, according to Inside Higher Ed. While the press funds operations with revenue from its books, the salaries of its staff are part of state appropriations.

The press focuses on the Civil War and books about Appalachia, but also publishes fiction, including Rion Amilcar Scott's story collection "Insurrections," which last year won the prestigious PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize for Debut Fiction. It's an award usually dominated by commercial presses, such as Knopf and Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

A world without the University Press of Kentucky is a world where Scott's book may never have come into existence.

In 2016, amid the protracted state budgeting stalemate, Northern Illinois University Press was deemed "nonessential" and targeted for elimination. According to Inside Higher Ed, Southern Illinois University Press lost 50 percent of its budget from 2011 to 2016.

SIU Press is an important publisher of scholarship on both Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant as well as an outlet for contemporary poetry, which would cease to exist as a viable area of academic study without university presses.

NIU Press has been home to Switchgrass, a fiction imprint that consistently produces compelling books about the Midwest, including at least one book I consider a bona fide classic: "Butter" by Anne Panning, a 1970s coming-of-age tale set in Minnesota.

Perhaps some are against public or state money supporting this kind of work. Perhaps they think that if something has to be subsidized, it isn't worth maintaining. But consider:

At the time it was declared "nonessential," NIU Press was receiving $320,000 in institutional funding. Meanwhile, the NIU athletic department receives more than $17 million per year in subsidies split between institutional funding and student fees. More than 60 percent of athletic department funds come via subsidies.

A well-published academic volume or collection of short stories may not be as attention-grabbing as a trip to a bowl game, but we're also talking literal pocket change when it comes to the funding these presses need to continue to do their excellent work.

Surely we're up to the challenge.

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. "A Line Made By Walking" by Sara Baume
2. "Roadside Picnic" by Arkady & Boris Strugatsky
3. "Without A Hero" and **"If the River Was Whiskey"** by T.C. Boyle
4. "Mr Robot: Red Wheelbarrow" by Sam Esmail and Courtney Looney
5. "Ready Player One" by Ernest Cline
— Cassie B., Upstate New York
I think Cassie will dig **"Stories of Your Life and Others"** by Ted Chiang, which includes the short story that was adapted into the film "Arrival" but is different from the film in fascinating ways.

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1. "The Broken Kingdoms" by N.K. Jemisin
2. "White Tears" by Hari Kunzru
3. "Manhattan Beach" by Jennifer Egan
4. "The Plague of Doves" by Louise Erdrich
5. "How to be Both" by Ali Smith
— Catherine W., Bloomington
It probably hasn't been all that long since I've recommended Rachel Cusk, but I'm not going to seek out something else just because I've championed her work before: **"Outline."**

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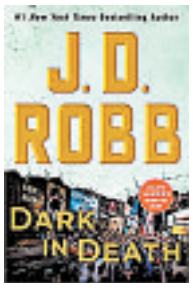
1. "Middlemarch" by George Eliot
2. "Uncommon People: The Rise and Fall of the Rock Stars" by David Hepworth
3. "The Final Mission of Extortion 17: Special Ops, Helicopter Support, SEAL Team Six, and the Deadliest Day of the U.S. War in Afghanistan" by Ed Darack
4. "Doin' the Cruise: Memories from a Lifetime in Radio and Rock & Roll" by Mitch Michaels with Ken Churilla
5. "The Women Who Flew for Hitler: A True Story of Soaring Ambition and Searing Rivalry" by Clare Mulley
— Dave T., Glendale Heights
So Dave's recommendation depends on a word association quiz. If I say, "Genesis, Yes and King Crimson," and the answer is "cool bands" rather than "book in the Bible," "no" and "huh?" then he should read **"The Show That Never Ends: The Rise and Fall of Prog Rock"** by David Weigel.

Get a reading from the Biblioracle

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NATIONAL BEST-SELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION



1. "Dark in Death: An Eve Dallas Novel" by J.D. Robb (St. Martin's, $27.99) *Last week: —*

2. "Still Me: A Novel" by Jojo Moyes (Dorman, $27) *Last week: —*

3. "The Woman in the Window: A Novel" by A.J. Finn (William Morrow, $26.99) *Last week: 1*

4. "Fall From Grace: A Novel" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte, $28.99) *Last week: 2*

5. "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng (Penguin, $27) *Last week: 4*

6. "Origin: A Novel" by Dan Brown (Doubleday, $29.95) *Last week: 3*

7. "The Rooster Bar: A Novel" by John Grisham (Doubleday, $28.95) *Last week: 5*

8. "Before We Were Yours: A Novel" by Lisa Wingate (Ballantine, $26) *Last week: 7*

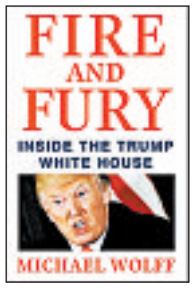
9. "The Immortalists" by Chloe Benjamin (Putnam, $26) *Last week: 6*

10. "The Wife Between Us: A Novel" by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen (St. Martin's, $26.99) *Last week: 8*

For the week ended Feb. 4, 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. "Crushing It!: How Great Entrepreneurs Build Their Business and Influence — and How You Can, Too" by Gary Vaynerchuk (HarperBusiness, $29.99) *Last week: —*

3. "12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos" by Jordan B. Peterson (Random House Canada, $25.95) *Last week: 2*

4. "All-American Murder: The Rise and Fall of Aaron Hernandez, the Superstar Whose Life Ended on Murderers' Row" by James Patterson and Alex Abramovich (Little, Brown, $28) *Last week: 3*

5. "Dirty Genes: A Breakthrough Program to Treat the Root Cause of Illness and Optimize Your Health" by Ben Lynch (HarperOne, $27.99) *Last week: —*

6. "The Whole30 Fast & Easy Cookbook: 150 Simply Delicious Everyday Recipes for Your Whole30" by Melissa Hartwig (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, $30) *Last week: 5*

7. "Astrophysics for People in a Hurry" by Neil deGrasse Tyson (Norton, $18.95) *Last week: 6*

8. "If You Only Knew: My Unlikely, Unavoidable Story of Becoming Free" by Jamie Ivey (B&H, $17.99) *Last week: —*

9. "When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing" by Daniel H. Pink (Riverhead, $28) *Last week: —*

10. "Leonardo da Vinci" by Walter Isaacson (Simon & Schuster, $35) *Last week: 7*

CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS



1. "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng (Penguin, $27)

2. "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House" by Michael Wolff (Holt, $30)

3. "The Immortalists" by Chloe Benjamin (Putnam, $26)

4. "The Woman in the Window: A Novel" by A.J. Finn (William Morrow, $26.99)

5. "We Were the Lucky Ones: A Novel" by Georgia Hunter (Penguin, $16)

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LITERARY EVENTS

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TUESDAY EVENTS



TAVI GEVINSON
Rookie on Love
Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7 pm
The Book Stall
811 Elm St., Winnetka
847 446-8880
www.thebookstall.com

The Book Stall hosts an evening with **TAVI GEVINSON**, founder and editor-in-chief of "Rookie," the online magazine for teenage girls, and a sought-after speaker and actress. Her critically acclaimed new book is "**Rookie on Love**," featuring work from a cross-section of American culture. Tickets (required) available at eventbrite.com.



NADINE BURKE HARRIS
The Deepest Well
Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7 pm
Evanston Township High School
1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston
847 446-8880
www.familyactionnetwork.net

The Family Action Network (FAN) and The Book Stall present Dr. **NADINE BURKE HARRIS**, a pioneering pediatrician and founder/CEO of the Center for Youth Wellness in San Francisco, at a talk on the subject of her new book "**The Deepest Well**: Healing the Long-Term Effects of Childhood Adversity," revealing how childhood stress leads to lifelong health problems and what can be done to break the cycle.

THURSDAY EVENTS



JUDSON TODD ALLEN
The Spice Diet
Thursday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 pm
The Book Stall
811 Elm St., Winnetka
847 446-8880
www.thebookstall.com

The Book Stall is delighted to welcome celebrity chef **JUDSON TODD ALLEN**, author of the new cookbook "**The Spice Diet**: Use Powerhouse Flavor to Fight Cravings and Win the Weight-Loss Battle," providing a full weight-loss program that includes meal plans, creative spice blends, easy-to-prepare recipes, and a heaping helping of motivation.

SATURDAY EVENTS



BRYAN MEALER
The Kings of Big Spring
Saturday, February 17 at 2 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
630-355-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in **Naperville** brings in author **Bryan Mealer** to discuss his latest non-fiction tale of the West, **The Kings of Big Spring**. It's a family saga set in the Texas world of oil. This event is free and open to the public. To join the signing line, please purchase the author's featured book at **Anderson's Bookshop**.



JONATHAN EIG
Ali: A Life
Saturday, Feb. 17 at 2 pm
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The Book Stall welcomes bestselling author **JONATHAN EIG** for a discussion of "**Ali: A Life**," his definitive biography of Muhammad Ali, written with unique access to Ali's inner circle and shedding important new light on his politics and his neurological condition. Mr. Eig will be interviewed by the Book Stall's resident nonfiction expert (and former boxer) Jon Grand.

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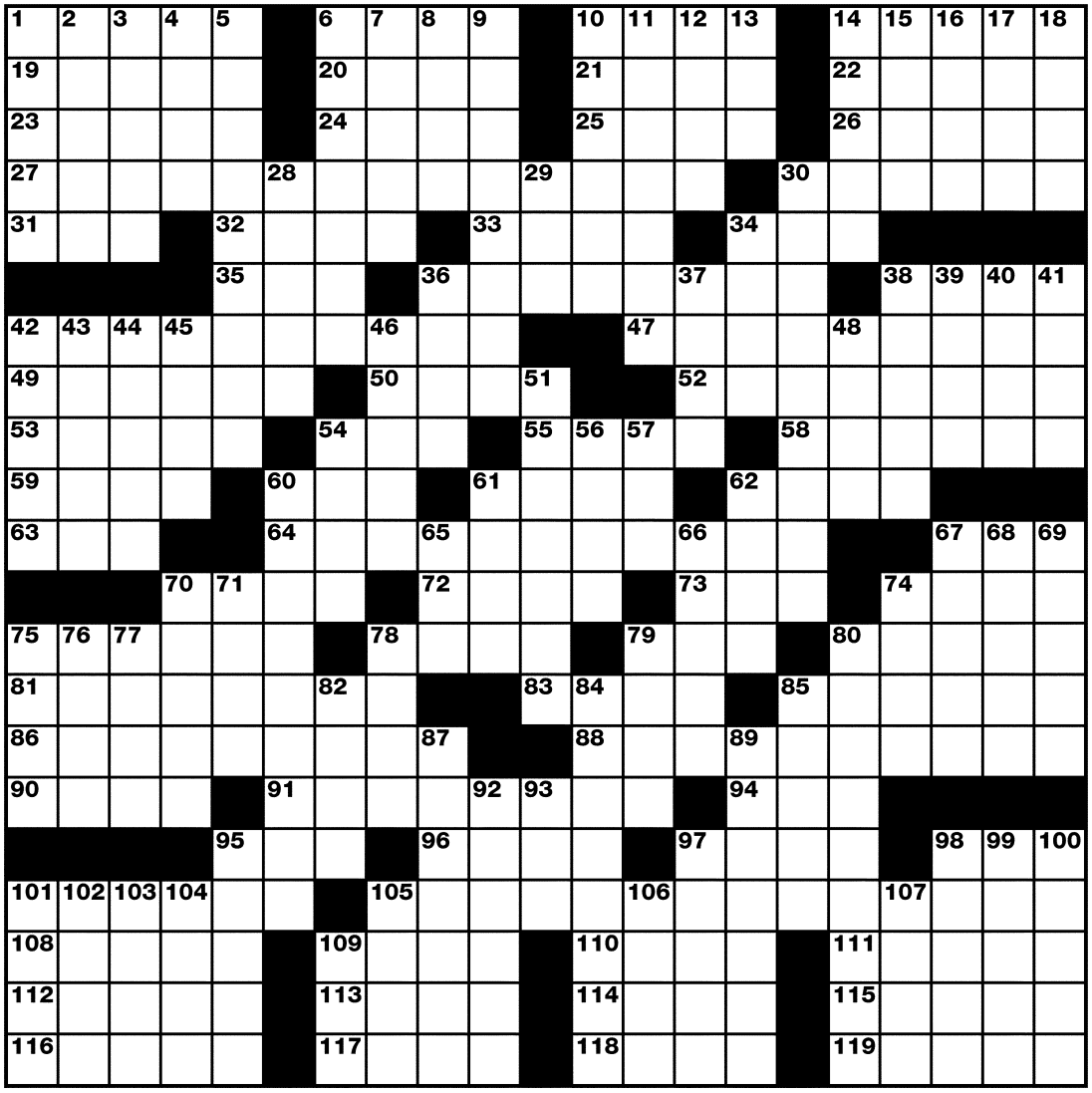
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HAPPY YEAR OF THE DOG: Featuring others in the Chinese zodiac

By Mark McClain | Edited by Stanley Newman
(stanxwords.com)



Across

1 Send-up
6 Bass in range
10 "Waterloo" supergroup
14 Overwhelm with work
19 Niña companion
20 Jazz great Fitzgerald
21 Beloved
22 "Exploding" gag gift
23 Caper
24 Phrase seen before "valentine"
25 Weightlifting move
26 Bring forth
27 John Wayne Oscar role
30 Apprehensive
31 Valvoline competitor
32 Leave off
33 Insurer's concern
34 Basic cable channel
35 Sturgeon delicacy
36 Cape south of Kitty Hawk
38 Kindergarten cry for attention
42 Raw vegetables, informally
47 Subject for experimentation
49 What's for dinner
50 Partakes of
52 At an angle
53 Brainstorming products
54 Some PD officers
55 Hodgepodge
58 Recital performances
59 Rugged cliff
60 Lose energy
61 Baroque music giant
62 High hairstyle
63 Sewn edge
64 Destructive software
67 __-mo replay
70 Winter coaster
72 "Sure"
73 Wind down
74 "Get lost!"
75 Fabricated
78 Served as
79 HDTV brand
80 Blessed event
81 Not quite oneself
83 "... against __ of troubles"
85 Maritime marauder
86 Dice throw
88 Empty threat
90 Feeds the goats, perhaps
91 Sensing device
94 Born: Fr.
95 __ Holiness (Dalai Lama address)
96 Brewery container
97 African cobras
98 Transportation Dept. agency
101 Roman forger
105 Tomfoolery
108 Vast disarray
109 Polo participant
110 Equitable
111 Falls asleep, with "out"
112 Sonata section
113 Nullify
114 __ Tyme (bygone, in brand names)
115 One doing intros
116 Lustrous look
117 Deck officer
118 Oboe, for one
119 Property papers

Down

1 Nautical poles
2 Burgundy grape
3 Leading the league
4 Elevator innovator
5 Industrial operations
6 Interview post-mission
7 Choose to serve
8 Red Muppet
9 Entry on a salary scale
10 Tinker with
11 Brewery container
12 Where some livestock lives
13 Indy Jones quest
14 Hound's following
15 Spacious
16 Rain in Spain
17 Brits' raincoats
18 Victimize, with "on"
28 Feign feelings
29 Brief moment
30 Released with a click
34 "Prehensile" part
36 Cowpoke's ride
37 Move it
38 San __, CA
39 Grandiose
40 Miser's cry
41 Brunch staple
42 Clinton labor secretary
43 Tennis great Agassi
44 Nonstarting crew
45 Bring-and-__ (show-and-tell)
46 Expenses
48 Oklahoma city
51 Doo-wop group
54 Frying medium
56 Stiff and sore
57 HBO rival
60 Entered as a mediator
61 Swelter
62 Annapolis inst.
65 "Sloppy" sandwich stuff
66 Game summary
67 Very lean one
68 Coffeehouse serving
69 "Everything else" choice
70 Delves for
71 Enticement
74 Voice on some phones
75 Go by dogsled
76 Actress Kendrick
77 WWII turning point
78 Writer Harte
79 Bring up
80 Handy for snacking
82 Those voting for
84 Represented or recommended
85 Crams, say
87 Extra helping
89 Confirmed
92 Hole in the ground
93 Reproachful sound
95 Sports, as a sports jacket
97 Put up with
98 Felonious facilitator
99 Made inquiries
100 Zebra cousins
101 Passé movie players
102 "We're headed for trouble"
103 Place for pins
104 System of standards
105 It means "singular"
106 Third oldest American university
107 Seward Peninsula city
109 Shepherd's pie server

Last week's answers appear on the last page of Puzzle Island

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Quote-Acrostic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues **Words**

A. Festspielhaus location — 50 44 27 79 153 106 124 94

B. Just as happy as can be — 146 30 40 11 107 130 47 85

C. Measure of dedication?: 2 wds. — 143 161 35 115 92 20 67 97 71

D. Washington 2002 flick: 2 wds. — 51 109 19 135 81

E. Soothing — 96 32 18 82 72 37 7 114 52

F. Colorado RR tunnel — 16 155 77 117 34 144

G. 'The King's' comeback song: 3 wds. — 76 126 58 69 29 103 38 17 157 150 134

H. Largest food company founder — 13 132 4 93 24 46

I. 1917 Arabian revolt leader: alt. sp. — 160 137 125 84 151 10

J. Clinton cabinet member — 110 74 31 53 145

K. Birdie abode — 102 66 120 1 78

L. Since: 2 wds. — 87 119 8 140 108 26 54

M. Oblivion: 2 wds. — 152 9 129 88 36 56 147 133 15 73 95

N. Frequent soap opera subject: 2 wds. — 41 3 62 104 91 139 156 122

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P. Medieval Russian republic — 100 89 45 127 49 162 64 136

Q. Crabby and cranky — 21 83 33 101 61 131 112

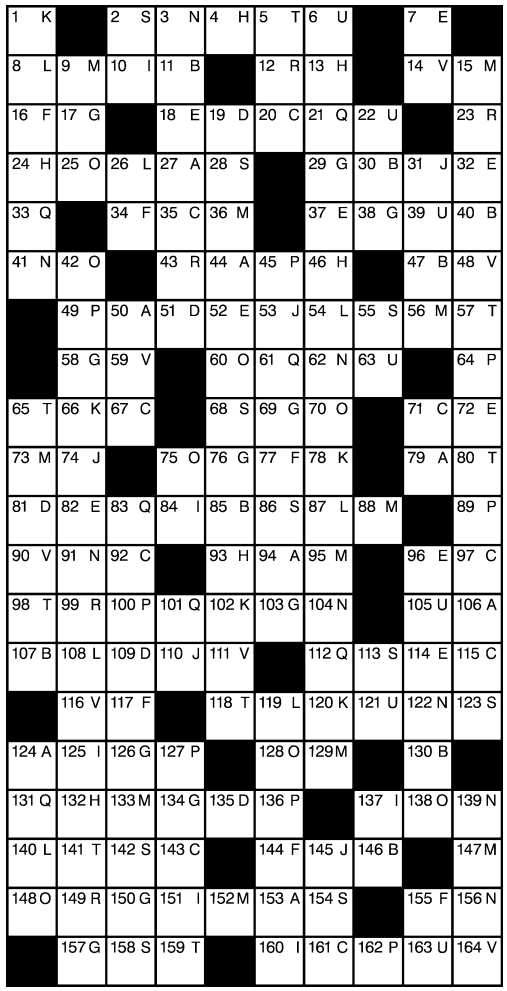
R. Muhammad's favorite wife — 99 12 149 43 23

S. Iran produces most in the world — 2 55 154 68 113 123 158 86 142 28

T. Indicatory — 80 65 141 57 118 5 98 159

U. Cheerful — 121 39 163 63 105 6 22

V. Very untrue: 3 wds. — 14 116 90 48 164 111 59



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Punny Rhymes

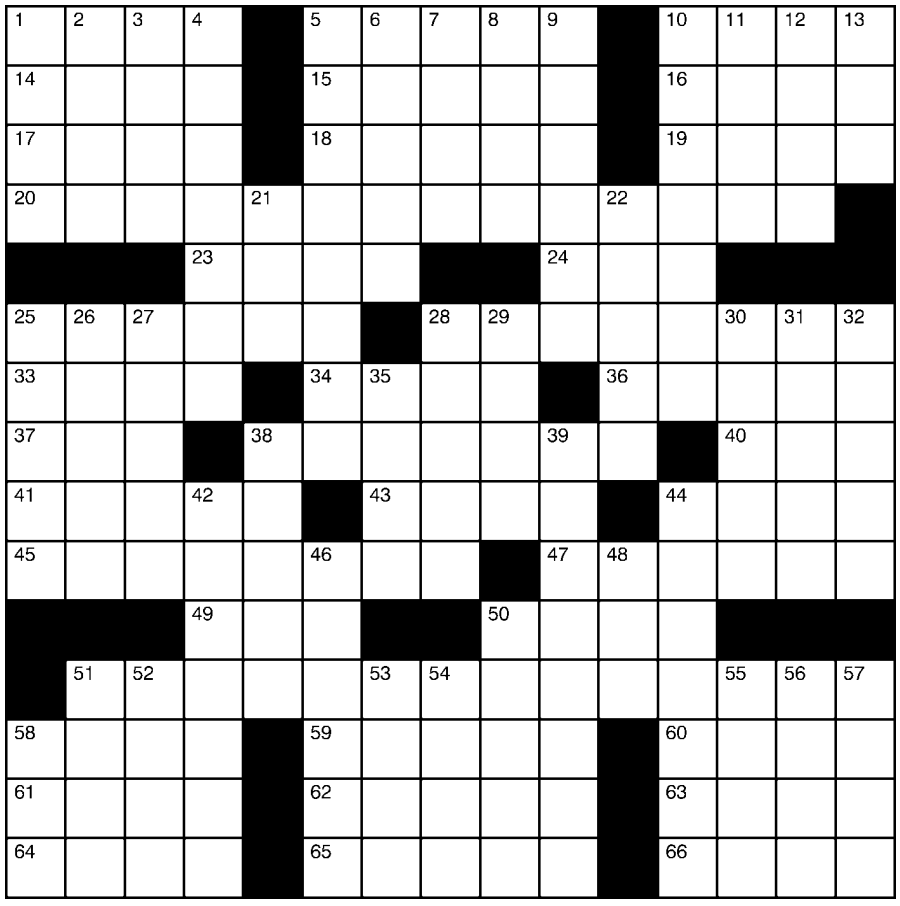
By Charles Preston

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1 Spiny-finned fish
5 Native American language group
10 Asterisk
14 Baptism, *e.g.*
15 *Swan Lake* character
16 Ness or Inverness
17 Concert halls
18 Resounds
19 Wild goat
20 Cakes that are works of art
23 Decorate
24 Small morsel
25 Sleeve type
28 Narrow: arch.
33 Toward shelter
34 Italian wine center
36 Balance
37 Bolt
38 Free
40 Oars maneuver
41 Vacant
43 To ___: exactly
44 *Essay on Man* author
45 Abandoned
47 More ingenious
49 Chronic
50 Follows road
51 Artistic negligee?
58 Genuine
59 Painter Rembrandt
60 Napoleonic stopping place
61 Site of Vulcan's forge
62 Consumed
63 Eriksson
64 Kind of street?
65 Used up
66 Forfeited

Down

1 Forehead
2 Verdi's Ethiopian princess
3 Let it stand
4 Mariners' home
5 Of glacial piles
6 Stigma
7 Intone
8 Pond growth
9 Wisest old Greek
10 Leg-pain nerve
11 Proscribe
12 Tip
13 Film reviewer Reed
21 Epoch
22 Obliterate
25 Fast
26 Type of skirt
27 Ms. Rowlands' namesakes
28 Position
29 Antler branch
30 Seer's cards
31 Flee
32 More unfamiliar
35 Abode
38 Casals' instrument
39 Capable of fine distinctions
42 When shadows are shortest
44 Irish nationalist leader
46 Animal fats
48 Brain rec.
50 Moon: comb. form
51 Roster
52 Ages
53 Harvest
54 Toupee site
55 TV backdrop
56 Wading bird
57 Float
58 Turn right



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Substitute Measures

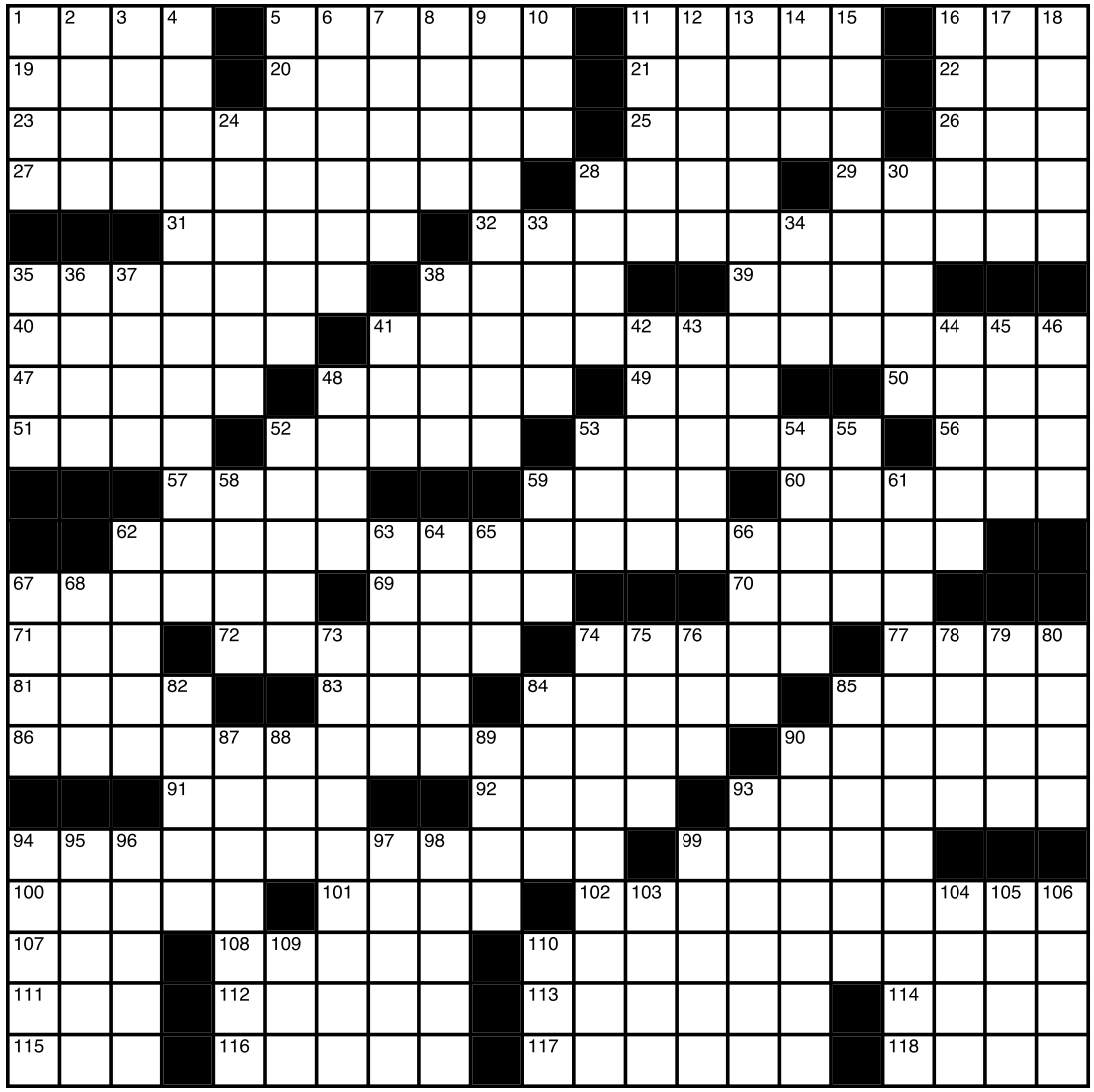
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Across

1 Hindu "sir"
5 Beaucoup
11 Engineer's details
16 Shortening letters
19 Abba not known for singing
20 From the top, to Tiberius
21 "Yes __": 2008 campaign slogan
22 Boomer's kid
23 Measly treat for Polly?
25 Marinade used in Spanish cooking
26 __-Magnon
27 Lizard-like amphibian
28 Latin trio word
29 Breakers in semis
31 Ceremonies
32 Work required to raise kids?
35 Decked out
38 Sextet in the Senate
39 Levelheaded
40 Math useful for cooks
41 Advantage in kickboxing?
47 Fragrant compound
48 Ancient jewelry staples
49 Be an incredible speaker?
50 President Taft's birthplace
51 Not dressed for swimming, generally
52 Small 27-Acrosses
53 Snake oil hawker, say
56 Wing
57 They're heard in herds
59 Straight
60 2012 presidential candidate
62 The buying power of cash?
67 Like much folk music
69 Face or race
70 Mad king of the stage
71 One in a golfer's bag
72 Certain winner
74 Some 'Vette roofs
77 Musical ending
81 Divided sea
83 Crowded-room atmosphere
84 Longtime name in catalogs
85 "The Exorcist" actor Max von __
86 Cub soda?
90 Former mid-sized Chevy
91 "A creel of __, all ripples": Sylvia Plath
92 Fruit pastry
93 Reddened, perhaps
94 Polished pearls?
99 Barbecue brand
100 Popular type
101 Cleanup hitter's stats
102 Milk choice
107 Non's opposite
108 Popular type
110 Bad snippets of Miss Muffet's memory?
111 Topper for Rumpole of the Bailey
112 Thicket of trees
113 Persevered in
114 Traveler from 76-Down
115 Sign before Virgo
116 Lugged
117 Treatment for some causes of backache
118 Puts to bed

Down

1 More than just asks
2 Start of a magical chant
3 Canaanite idol
4 Certain singles bar frequenter, in theory
5 Spot charges
6 Showed bias
7 How many boxed sets are recorded
8 Blackjack table gratuity
9 Puts too much in the fishtank
10 On behalf of
11 Hindu title
12 Organ part
13 Coral reef, e.g.
14 Hailed wine?
15 Cool, colorful treat
16 Reign supreme
17 Land at Orly?
18 Dracula repellent
24 Key with three flats
28 Shells on Omaha Beach
30 Good, in Guadalupe
33 Painting and dancing
34 Preserves holder
35 Trojan War god
36 Mrs. on a spice rack
37 Germany's von Bismarck
38 Suckling's milk source
41 How many are chosen?
42 Ground grain
43 Muscle-bone connection
44 Belgian treaty city
45 4-point F, for one
46 Word with Ghost or Grail
48 First lady before Mamie
52 Tally-keeping cut
53 Wine label word
54 City NW of Marseille
55 Pelican St. acronym
58 Mayberry tippler
59 Little one
61 Marvin Gaye classic subtitled "The Ecology"
62 Gluten source
63 Texas Hold 'em declaration
64 Mustang sally?
65 Tokyo dough
66 Hurdle for Hannibal
67 "More than I can list" abbr.
68 Actress Hatcher
73 Ad-libbed
74 Unwraps excitedly
75 Political asset
76 Home to 114-Across
78 One-eyed Norse deity
79 Ready to eat
80 Lots (of), as cash
82 '90s daytime talk show
84 Brief quarrel
85 Unrivaled
87 Bring to life, in a way
88 From the past
89 Ones affected by bad weather, briefly
90 First word in France's motto
93 Opposite of pass
94 One might elicit a nervous "Nice dog"
95 "Taxi" dispatcher
96 La Paz paisano
97 Belittle
98 Nettled
99 Single-minded about
103 Little snorts
104 Berkshire school
105 Socially awkward one
106 Sounds of disapproval
109 Jack, jill or joey
110 One of a pair on a rack



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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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PLUARB

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PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

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Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

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No etiquette precedent for making guests pay for dinner



Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: My husband and I got a Facebook invitation to attend my sister-in-law's wedding rehearsal dinner. Since our children are in the wedding, we RSVP'd that four would be attending. Under the menu was "$30."

I had never heard of a wedding party being asked to pay for their own rehearsal dinner. When I asked about it, she was furious: "Of course you are paying for your own meal! You really need to check wedding etiquette. We're not going to pay for everything!"

Honestly, I thought I knew wedding etiquette. But I frantically searched the internet. I was hoping to smooth things over by letting her know that I was now up-to-date on my wedding etiquette, hadn't realized what I was asking was in poor taste and that I was just trying to budget. The best I could find was something called a "no host" party.

We had budgeted buying the kids' clothes for the wedding, and for a gift. Now we're also paying $120 for one meal. My husband says we should only give them a card, since we are paying for the dinner. I'm left with two questions:

1. Is it new etiquette to ask a bridal party to "BYOD" — buy your own dinner?

2. Is my husband right in suggesting that we shouldn't give her the monetary gift, since we are spending it on the rehearsal dinner?

Gentle reader: So many etiquette rules are being violated here that Miss Manners hardly knows where to start. Suffice it to say, using the internet to validate rudeness disguised as etiquette is confirmation bias at best. She is relieved that you consulted her instead.

To answer your questions:

1. No. It was invented to allow people who want to have a party thrown for themselves to make others pay for it. As you point out, it is not only rude, but it adds to the already considerable burden of the guests. Always beware of acronyms that require large purchases.

2. Yes and no. A wedding present should not be monetary in the first place — another incorrect assumption created for personal gain. Presents are always voluntary. However, if you choose not to give one for your husband's reasons, you would be validating yet another made-up rule: that the price of the dinner should be the amount spent on a present. Only in this case, you are doing it in reverse.

Your best recourse would be to give a small, token gift that you think the couple might like. And not to consult the internet.

Dear Miss Manners: My daughter just moved into a newly developed neighborhood. Her neighbor, who moved into her new home only a few weeks prior, gave my daughter a housewarming gift. Should my daughter reciprocate with a gift, or just with a thank-you note?

Gentle reader: Chronology takes precedence with housewarming, and since your daughter was the last one to move in, she is the more logical choice for the present. A thank-you note from her is sufficient, but a neighborly treat to accompany it, or an invitation to the house to visit, would be charming. As would, Miss Manners feels compelled to add, paying the gesture forward for the next new neighbor.

Dear Miss Manners: I went to a restaurant with an elderly friend who was using a cane and had recently had a stroke. There was a waiting list to be seated.

The entryway had two benches, both of which were filled with 20-something couples and their young children. Some of the children were about 5 years old and lounging between their parents as they used up every inch of the seating. No one offered my elderly friend a seat.

I thought about saying something to the parents, or asking the 5-year-old boy, "Would you like to learn how to be a gentleman?" but decided not to say anything. I felt there was no way, no matter how gently I phrased it, to address this without causing problems. How should I have handled this?

Gentle reader: While these families certainly appeared to be rude and inconsiderate, Miss Manners thinks it more likely that they were just oblivious. Probably the parents were just grateful that their children were not actively causing a public scene and did not even notice your friend.

Assuming this, you could reasonably address a family directly without it sounding harsh: "I wonder if you might make some room for my friend to sit down. He has trouble standing."

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

"THINK A HEAD"

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"Classics"

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"Right for the Job"

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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

M(argaret) THATCHER: OUR GREATNESS: Unless we change our ways, our greatness will soon be a footnote in the history books, a distant memory of an offshore island, lost in the mists of time like Camelot, remembered kindly for its noble past.

Last week's Sudoku

5	4	6	3	9	8	1	2	7
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7	2	5	9	3	1	6	8	4
2	5	3	1	6	9	7	4	8
9	6	4	5	8	7	3	1	2
8	1	7	4	2	3	9	5	6

This week's Jumble

POCKET OUTWIT SHADOW
DEGREE BURLAP MIGHTY

When the Mars colony opened its first restaurant, customers really liked its —

GOOD ATMOSPHERE





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Truly special sauce



Leah Eskin
Home on the Range

Special sauce travels with an entourage, sandwiched between "two all-beef patties" and "lettuce cheese pickles onions on a sesame seed bun." Despite such high security, burger behemoth McDonald's managed to lose the recipe. And later re-create it.

Now special sauce is smeared everywhere — Big Mac, resume, corporate slogan. Life coaches, college counselors and CEOs like to invoke "special sauce" — meaning not pink mayo, but a unique trait. An intriguing, if messy, concept.

At my work site, the CEO likes to invoke pan sauce. It's a recipe that scrapes the essence of a dish — as expressed in the browned bits stuck to the pan — into a sauce swirled bright with wine and smooth with butter. It's uniquely quick and delicious. In other words, special.

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Chicken with pan sauce

Prep: 10 minutes (plus 3-24 hours rest)

Cook: 25 minutes

Makes: 3 servings

For chicken:
- 6 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

For pan sauce:
- ½ cup water
- ½ cup dry white wine (the better the wine, the better the sauce)
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cubed and tossed with 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
- A squeeze of lemon

1 **Prep:** Season chicken, using ½ teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper per pound. Set on a rack and let rest, uncovered, in the fridge, 2-24 hours. One hour before cooking, pull out of fridge. Heat oven to 450.

2 **Crisp:** Settle chicken, skin side down, into a dry, cold cast-iron or nonstick skillet. (Use two skillets, if need be.) Set skillet over medium-high heat until skin turns golden brown, 5-6 minutes. Turn chicken and slide pan into oven. Roast until cooked through, about 20 minutes. While breast meat is best at a max of 165 degrees, thighs can reach 200 and remain juicy.

3 **Serve:** Cover loosely with foil and let rest while you make an easy pan sauce: Pour off much of the fat from the pan. Set pan over high heat. Pour in water and wine, scraping up browned bits from the bottom. Cook until reduced by half, about 3 minutes. Drop in butter and cook until thickened, about 1 minute. Stir in parsley. Taste and add a squeeze of lemon, if you like. Pour onto a serving platter, arrange chicken on top.

Some craft brewers apply creativity to a macro style

By John Verive
Los Angeles Times



FOUNDERS BREWING CO.

Founders Brewing Co., of Grand Rapids, Mich., is releasing a new lager, Solid Gold, that will be available March 1. The beer, billed as a "premium lager," will be sold across the brewery's national distribution network.

For decades, America's craft brewers have offered full-flavored counterprogramming to the ubiquitous light lagers made by multinational brewing companies. The so-called macro brews, from brands such as Bud Light, Coors Light and Miller Lite, are powerhouses with global markets, but they're typified more by marketing slant than flavor profile.

Craft brewers built an industry brewing the styles they wanted to drink, whether IPAs, imperial stouts or new takes on Old World imports. But after pushing the limits of bitterness, alcohol and offbeat flavors, some independent brewers are applying their creativity to making beer that tastes more like those macro lagers they once railed against. Those brewers range from giant Boston Beer Co. with its Sam '76 to regional brewer Founders of Grand Rapids, Mich., with its just-announced Solid Gold.

Light in body with little hop bitterness, macro styles are approachable and unchallenging. Unexciting, perhaps, but also undeniably refreshing — a quality often lacking in intense craft brews.

For many independent brewers and their supporters, years of fighting a battle of David versus Goliath made the light lager antithetical to the craft ethos. But beer is beer, and sometimes you're just thirsty.

"It's the pendulum swinging back," says Ting Su, co-founder of Eagle Rock Brewery in Los Angeles. "There's a time and a place" for macro lager.

Over the past year, more craft brewers have set sights on those occasions when beer drinkers are more interested in slaking their thirst than exploring complex flavor profiles. "It's about hydration," Su says. "How cerebral do you want to be?"

Santa Barbara's Figueroa Mountain Brewing Co. suggests that brewers and drinkers lighten up, with their riff on the light lager style. Fig Mtn Light is an attempt to create a beer that's approachable enough for any drinker and interesting enough for someone already accustomed to craft beer. Simple and streamlined, the ale drinks like a light lager with a crisp finish. Solid Gold, a lager that Founders is launching March 1, will be available across the brewery's national distribution network, the company says.

When pressed, most in the craft beer industry admit to enjoying the occasional light lager from the other side, though some are more forthcoming with their acclaim.

"It's not a guilty pleasure. It's beer that makes me happy," says Brian White, head of sales and marketing at Brewery Rex in Santa Barbara, Calif. "You know what you're getting."

White said he particularly loves the lagers of Mexico and believes brands such as Pacifico and Corona, which evoke a vacation state of mind, inspire brewers to craft their own versions. Brewery Rex's Cerveza El Whaler, for example, is a light and bright lager (currently only available on draft); White says it should be served with a lime.

The biggest innovation in crafted light lager may be from one of craft beer's largest breweries. Boston Beer Co., maker of Sam Adams Boston Lager, launched a new brand that applies its experience with lager brewing to some cutting-edge ale brewing techniques. Sam '76 is light-bodied and pale with a crisp finish, but the aroma and flavor is all hops.

It's tricky to make a brew with low-impact drinkability and compelling flavor, but lessons learned from old rivals are making for some interesting new beers. Craft takes on the light lager seem to be gaining in popularity because, as Rich Ferrell, a research and development brewer at Boston Beer Co., says: "Drinkers deserve to be interested in their beer."

John Verive is a freelancer.

10 neglected cleaning tasks

Often overlooked, but worth the time and effort to help with home upkeep

By Daniel Bortz
The Washington Post

About 8 in 10 Americans say it's important to keep a clean home, a recent survey by global cleaning technology company Karcher found. But some parts of the house get more TLC than others.

Your kitchen countertops might be spotless, for instance, but can you remember the last time you cleaned your oven racks or the inside of your dishwasher? Did you even know you could clean the inside of a dishwasher?

Well, don't fret — we spoke to housekeeping experts and got the dirt on how to clean 10 often-neglected home items.



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Ceiling fan cleaning should be done on a bimonthly basis, wiping the blades with water and dish soap using a microfiber cloth.

Ceiling fans

Ceiling fans should be cleaned every other month, says Beth McGee, author of "Get Your House Clean Now: The Home Cleaning Method Anyone Can Master." Clean them monthly if you live in a particularly dusty environment or often keep your windows open, she says.

Wipe the blades with water and dish soap using a microfiber cloth, rinsing the cloth after each blade, McGee says. To clean most light fixtures, remove and wash in warm water and dish soap, rinse, air-dry and reinstall.

Baseboards

Baseboards can accumulate dirt easily, particularly if you have pets or small children. First vacuum up hair, dust and debris using a horsehair-brush attachment, then scrub with a microfiber towel and all-purpose cleaner, says Melissa Homer, chief cleaning officer at the house-cleaning franchise MaidPro. You can use a melamine sponge, such as the Magic Eraser, to remove scuff marks, "but be careful not to scrub so hard that you remove the paint," Homer says.

Shower heads

Shower heads should be wiped down at least once every two weeks and deserve a deep clean twice a year, McGee says.

You don't have to remove the shower head to clean it. Homer's tip: Pour one-half cup each vinegar and water into a quart zip-lock bag, then place the shower head inside the bag, twisting a hair elastic or rubber band around the bag and the pipe behind the head to hold the bag in place. Let the shower head soak for at least 10 minutes, then remove the bag, scrub, rinse and wipe down.

Washer and dryer

Mold, mildew and lint can build up inside a washer and dryer. For a newer washer with a sanitizer setting, run an empty cycle with a quarter-cup of bleach, McGee says. For older washers, run a quarter-cup of bleach in a cycle for the largest load with the hottest water setting, McGee says. Afterward, open the door and let it air-dry. Routine attention should be paid to the rubber seals around the washer door, which can collect mold and mildew.

Clean the dryer's lint trap after each use to prevent odors and lessen the risk of fire, McGee advises.

Dishwasher

To banish bad odors, use a dishwasher detergent. Prefer a do-it-yourself approach? Remove the filter screen in the bottom of the dishwasher and soak it in warm water, says Debbie Sardone, co-owner of SpeedCleaning.com.

Use a scrub brush to scrape off



JENN-AIR

Dishwasher odors can often be eliminated by using a dishwasher detergent. A scrub brush will usually take care of embedded food and debris.



WHIRLPOOL

Washers and dryers need regular attention to prevent the buildup of mold, mildew and lint in the machines.

embedded food and debris. Then place a small dish filled with a cup of white vinegar in the top rack and run an empty cycle with hot water; open the door afterward to let it air-dry.

Oven racks

There are a number of ways to clean oven racks, which can become layered with grease, grime and baked-on food. If you have an oven with a self-cleaning function, you're all set; racks can also be cleaned in the dishwasher.

If they don't fit, lay them on the counter and spray them using a spray bottle containing a mixture of one-quarter cup of white vinegar, one-quarter cup of grease-cutting dishwashing liquid and one cup of water, McGee says. Let them sit for at least 20 minutes, then use a steel pot-scrubbing pad to remove any cooked-on mess. Can't get everything off? McGee recommends scrubbing with a microfiber cloth and Bar Keepers Friend Cleanser & Polish. Rinse and air-dry before reinstalling.



JON RAWLINSON PHOTO

Shower heads require regular maintenance, and a deep cleaning is recommended twice a year, according to experts.

Mattresses

The best way to keep your mattress clean is to invest in a quality mattress protector that guards against bedbugs, liquids and dust mites, Homer says. Most covers are machine washable and should be washed every three to four months.

Find a stain on the mattress? Scrub with a microfiber towel and diluted laundry detergent, Homer says. Then rub the spot with a damp towel to "rinse." Make sure the mattress is fully dry before replacing the cover.

Hampers

Hampers can be tricky to clean, since the method depends on the material. Some hampers are made with fabric liners or bags that can be washed on a delicate cycle. If the hamper is made of plastic, "wiping it out with a disinfecting all-purpose cleaner and a microfiber towel should be all it needs," Homer says. Let the disinfectant sit for at least 10 minutes to remove bad odors.

To keep hampers smelling fresh, place a few laundry scent beads in a small fabric pouch tied with ribbon or string in the bottom of the hamper, McGee recommends.

Refrigerator coils

Regularly cleaning your refrigerator's coils can improve its efficiency, Homer says, but it requires some legwork.

"These days, most new refrigerators hide the coils behind a metal plate in the back that has to be unscrewed," she says. Once you gain access, clean them with a long spiraled bristle brush and a vacuum. "Just loosen the dust with the brush and then suck it out with the (vacuum's) crevice tool," Homer says.

When the coils are clean, screw the plate back on and roll the machine into place.

Knife block

This often-overlooked area cries out for a cleaning because food crumbs and debris can accumulate over time, Sardone says.

Tip the knife block upside down and use canned air to spray out any food or dust particles, McGee says. Soak the block for 30 minutes in hot water with a tablespoon of grease-cutting dish soap. Rinse thoroughly and again tip the block upside down to drain. Air-dry overnight before replacing the knives.

Daniel Bortz is a freelancer.

A week of things to do with the kids

By Web Behrens | Chicago Tribune

Monday

MEET 'WORDY BIRDY' AUTHOR TAMMI SAUER

In this brand-new picture book (illustrated by Dave Mottram), the titular Wordy Birdy is the kind of friend who never shuts up. Thank goodness she's got a trio of patient friends — Squirrel, Rabbit and Raccoon — to help her when she gets into trouble. Author Tammi Sauer reads aloud at this bookstore appearance. 7 p.m. at Anderson's Bookshop, 123 W. Jefferson Ave., Naperville. Free to attend; $17 for "Wordy Birdy." **tinyurl.com/yazcdapv**

Tuesday

CHICAGO THEATER WEEK: 'JUNIE B. JONES IS NOT A CROOK'

An annual wintertime promotion, Chicago Theater Week offers discounted tickets to a wide range of shows — including several family offerings, such as DePaul University Theatre School's production of this Junie B. Jones adventure. (The character has long anchored her own middle-grade books series.) 10 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 2 p.m. Saturday at Merle Reskin Theatre, 60 E. Balbo Drive. $5 with promo code THWEEK. **tinyurl.com/ybk5vpha**

STROLLER GROOVES: THE LUCKY TRIKES

Parents and caregivers to toddlers have a new midweek activity to lure them out of the house. Stroller Grooves, a live music series sponsored by Navy Pier and Chicago Children's Museum, is every Tuesday through the end of March. This week's performers: the Lucky Trikes, an inventive chamber band that combines music with storytelling. Noon to 1 p.m. at the Crystal Gardens inside Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave. Free. **tinyurl.com/y78blb8l**

Wednesday

"DON'T WORRY, BE SAPPY"

Here's a unique twist on a sweet way to spend Valentine's Day: tap maple trees to yield syrup. Families get to see just how it's done and taste the delectable results during this popular Chicago Park District program. It's gratis, but you must register in advance for one of the four dates. 10-11 a.m. Wednesday — and repeating Feb. 19, Feb. 23 and March 6 — at North Park Village Nature Center, 5801 N. Pulaski Road. Free. **tinyurl.com/ybu4typj**

JUICEBOX: AYODELE DRUM AND DANCE



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The city's Juicebox series for little ones (big siblings welcome) continues its winter focus on movement with the arrival of Ayodele (http://www.ayodeledrumanddance.com), an ebullient group of women who celebrate and teach African drum and dance traditions. The sisterhood named itself for a Yoruba concept; Ayodele means "joy in the home." Experience them twice: 11 a.m. Friday at the Chicago Cultural Center (Preston Bradley Hall), 78 E. Washington St.; 11 a.m. Saturday at Garfield Park Conservatory (Horticulture Hall), 300 N. Central Park Ave. Free. **tinyurl.com/ybsgnrl9**

Thursday

KOHL CHILDREN'S POP-UP MUSEUM

Visitors to Kohl Children's Museum typically have to head to Glenview. But this month you can also find the institution about 30 miles north, as a free pop-up version appears in Waukegan. Families with kids ages 3 to 8 are invited to explore Kohl's beloved "Chagall for Children" exhibit, featuring replicas of 14 Chagall works, each with an accompanying hands-on activity. Kids can also learn about the properties of air in "Air-Mazing" or get busy with building blocks. Visit three days a week: 5-7 p.m. Thursdays and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through Feb. 25, at Urban Edge, 220 W. Clayton St., Waukegan. Free. **tinyurl.com/ybv785vq**

Friday

'ADVENTURES IN STORYTELLING' FESTIVAL

Adventure Stage Chicago hosts this inaugural festival, a two-day affair celebrating storytellers of all ages and nationalities. Following the opening showcase at 7 p.m. Friday, the bulk of the events are Saturday. In between workshops and performances, hit the lobby to participate in a variety of activities. At Vittum Theater, 1012 N. Noble St. $12-$17 for opening and closing performances; other events range from $5-$30. **tinyurl.com/y94tb6gc**

Saturday

CLASH OF THE SEQUINS

Naperville North's third annual all-day competition brings together show choirs large and small, mixed and unisex, for a pizazz-packed invitational. Watch 20 high school groups from Iowa, Nebraska, Indiana and Illinois get their "Glee" on, in half-hour segments beginning at 7 a.m. Following a dinner break, finalists compete at 7:45 p.m., with winners announced at 11:30 p.m. (Naperville North's choirs perform, too, but not for the title.) At Naperville North High School, 899 N. Mill St., Naperville. $15. **www.theclashcomp.com**

NORTHERN ILLINOIS LEGO TRAIN CLUB

Lego fans and rail enthusiasts, unite! You'll find the best of both worlds this weekend when members of the Northern Illinois Lego Train Club display their creations. Individual vignettes built of the plastic mini-bricks — everything from realistic cityscapes to cartoon landmarks to "Star Wars" cantinas —are joined through the magic of one long toy locomotive. Check it out from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Grace Lutheran School Gymnasium, 7300 Division St., River Forest. $5, or $20 per family ($1-$4 discount for advance online purchase). Proceeds benefit Chicago Choral Artists. **tinyurl.com/yd56xeyg**

UMOJA BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Music, dance and spoken-word performances are the highlights of this daylong drop-in event, a Chicago Park District celebration of Black History Month. Visitors will also find a marketplace featuring wares from the African diaspora, plus activities. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Homan Square Park, 3559 W. Arthington St. Free. **tinyurl.com/y842yosk**

HOMEWOOD CHOCOLATE FEST

Cupid might have a thing for roses and sweets, but the village of Homewood says: Hold the flowers and bring on the chocolate. The annual fest includes activities spread across two locations. The cooking demo, along with the ever-popular opportunity to taste the confections entered into the bake-off, takes place at the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Auditorium. The nearby Science Center has crafts and food-themed science challenges. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Auditorium, 2010 Chestnut Road, and the Homewood Science Center, 18022 Dixie Highway. Free admission; donations required to participate in bake-off tasting, which benefits the high school orchestra. **tinyurl.com/y7rh9amr**

CHICAGO THEATER WEEK: 'PAW PATROL LIVE'

The animated stars of Nickelodeon's hit show leap to life in "Paw Patrol Live: The Great Pirate Adventure." Watch the four-footed heroes work together to find a pirate treasure. Regular single-ticket prices reach into triple digits, but the special Chicago Theater Week price is $30, valid for four of the six performances: 2 and 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St. $30 with promo code CTW18. **tinyurl.com/yckgereg**

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When do shrubs bloom? Find out before you prune

By Beth Botts
Chicago Tribune

Many homeowners are confused about pruning flowering shrubs. They fear that by pruning at the wrong time, they might prevent blooming.

"That's a real concern, but the solution isn't complicated," said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. "You just need to identify your shrub and find out when it forms its flower buds."

Most trees and shrubs start building their next set of flower buds along new twigs soon after they finish blooming in spring or early summer. By the time winter comes, the buds are already formed, waiting on the branches to bloom the following spring or summer. It's sometimes said that these plants bloom on "old wood."

This category includes spring-flowering shrubs such as viburnum, mock orange, lilac and forsythia, Yiesla said, as well as some shrubs that bloom in early summer.

Other plants don't create flower buds that live through the winter. They wait until springtime to sprout new branches with flower buds that will bloom the same summer. These plants, such as rose of Sharon, are said to bloom on "new wood." Most of them bloom in mid- to late summer or fall.

Plants in both categories can be pruned in winter when they are dormant, Yiesla said. However, if you prune out branches of a plant that blooms on old wood, you will be removing buds that would have become spring flowers. Winter pruning will not actually damage the shrub, she said, but it will reduce the number of blooms you get to see this year.



MORTON ARBORETUM

Smooth hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*) doesn't form its flower buds until spring, so it can be pruned in winter without costing any flowers.

"Most people prefer to wait to prune until after the shrub blooms," Yiesla said. "It's not a matter of health. It's just a matter of getting as many flowers as possible."

Shrubs that bloom on old wood can often be pruned more heavily, she said.

For pruning purposes, it's important to know the exact species of shrub you have, because different species set their buds at different times. The Plant Clinic can help you identify your plants, if you have samples or good photographs (call 630-719-2424 or e-mail **plantclinic@mortonarb.org**).

Not all hydrangeas are the same, for example. Smooth hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*), such as the popular variety Annabelle, and panicle hydrangea (*Hydrangea paniculata*), such as the variety Limelight, bloom on new wood. You can prune them in winter without reducing their summer bloom.

However, classic varieties of bigleaf hydrangea (*Hydrangea macrophylla*) — the one with the big, round blue or pink flower clusters — bloom on old wood. So does oakleaf hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*). If you prune these shrubs in winter, you will be cutting off flower buds and reducing the number of flowers you will see. Some newer varieties bloom on both old wood and new wood.

Keep the plant label when you purchase a shrub so you know both the botanical name of the species and the cultivated variety name. Check whether it blooms on old or new wood.

If a plant blooms on old wood, when should you prune it?

"Prune it within two weeks after flowering ends," Yiesla said. "If you wait too long, it will start forming new buds, and you'll be cutting off next year's flowers."

*For tree and plant advice, contact the arboretum's 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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Slowly back away from those bucket hats



Ellen Warren
Shopping



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Just because you see runway models wearing bucket hats doesn't mean you wouldn't look silly wearing one.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I follow fashion coverage (actually, I mostly just look at the pictures), and I saw recently that Prada is showing bucket hats as the height of style — on both men and women.

To me, they look like something you'd wear to go fishing.

What is your take on the comeback of this style?

— *Dale G.*

Dear Dale: Since you're familiar with runway looks, you know that the styles that designers show in Paris and Milan are often silly or extreme. I'd say the return of the bucket hat is in the "silly" category.

For starters, you can't take the thing off in public for fear of the dreaded hat hair.

And then there's the price. I looked at Prada's website, and the women's version in Prada's signature black nylon is $295. And, get this, they're sold out there and on the Saks Fifth Avenue website. So somebody is buying them.

I can't tell from your name whether you're male or female, but whatever your gender, I'm betting you have the common sense not to spend $295 on something that you'll promptly regret or — worse yet — accidentally leave in a restaurant or Uber. And, if you're considering buying a cheaper nondesigner version of the bucket hat, you can probably find one at Goodwill for $3 or under. But you'll still look silly in it.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: As my 50s fly past, I keep finding new (and usually unwelcome) changes in my body. Lately, I'm noticing my eye shadow tends to crease not long after applying.

I have big eyes and have been using light, shimmery taupe powder shadow on my lids up near my brows, applied with my finger. I guess my lids now are too dry and wrinkly for this, huh? So what's the answer: creams, primer or something else?

— *Lora*

Dear Lora: Eye cream is definitely no friend of eye shadow or any other eye makeup. It just makes the eye makeup run onto your cheeks. Use the cream at night but definitely not as a base for the shadow. (There are plenty of eye-friendly dry-skin creams at the drugstore. I like CeraVe and Eucerin.)

Yes, eye-shadow primer is one solution. You can find a huge array of brands at cosmetic superstores like Ulta (**www.ulta.com**) and Sephora (**www.sephora.com**). Check the drugstore too. Revlon and Maybelline, among others, also make eye-shadow primer. Face powder applied under the shadow will also help prevent creasing. I put a little drugstore Neutrogena Mineral Sheers Powder Foundation on my lids as a base for the shadow.

It is normal for women of all ages to see shadow creases after many hours of wear, which is why I always carry a Q-tip or two for touch-ups.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I have a nice collection of semiprecious jewelry set in both silver and gold. I love to mix the colored stones, but can I also mix metals?

— *Judy T.*

Dear Judy: Yes, you can! Jewelry designer David Yurman mixes gold and silver in his popular (and often copied) pieces. Just make sure the pieces you mix have the same vibe. For example, you wouldn't want to mix a sterling and turquoise American tribal piece with jewelry more suitable for super-dressy events.

If you're thinking of an armload of bracelets, and you're still not sure you want to mix your gold and silver metals, consider buying a costume jewelry bracelet — check Charming Charlie (**www.charmingcharlie.com**) for good frugal choices — that incorporates both metals to add to the mix and pull it all together. Or wear silver on one wrist, gold on the other.

I just hate to see jewelry sit in dresser drawers waiting for the right moment. It is meant to be worn. I'd like to see every woman go through the jewelry she's been waiting to wear and vow to start using it. I did that recently with the pearls my grandmother gave me for my 19th birthday. What was I waiting for? Every time I wear them, I think of her. And that is a joy in itself.

Angelic readers

Many of you had suggestions for Judith A., who complained that one chunk of gray hair right at her part wouldn't take dye.

Mary B. says, "I had experienced a similar problem, and my wonderful hairdresser found a preparation that addresses just that difficulty, how to deal with a spot that does not want to take the color. It is called the Resistant Assistant and is applied before the color. This has worked well. I am pleased, as being short, I was aware that everyone could see this white patch." (Powertools Beauty Salon TRA The Resistant Hair Color Assistant, **www.amazon.com**, $24.95).

Robin R. had the same problem with a stubborn white streak: "I've learned to use clarifying shampoo on that part to keep it bright and white, and it's become my calling card. I get tons of compliments all the time. I still color the rest of the gray though!"

Liz C. suggests, "Bleaching gray or white hair first makes it more receptive to holding on to the color." Charlene and Rita B. say to part the hair on the other side (but that's not as easy as it sounds).

Reader rant

From Ginny G.: "Why do women's slacks/pants have so many hooks, buttons, etc.? Honestly, my pants have never fallen down when they only have a button/snap and a zipper! It makes going to the bathroom a pain, especially when you really have to go!

"Also, why do people still have their cellphone ringer tones and alerts on? So annoying! The worst was at a wake, and the minister was doing a prayer service with the sound of ringtones and bings in the background. If you own a phone, learn how to silence it people!!!"

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 freelance writer.

Hearts, kisses and roses

We've got you covered with these last-minute Valentine's Day gifts for women

By Jessica Moazami
Chicago Tribune



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By Jessica Moazami | Chicago Tribune

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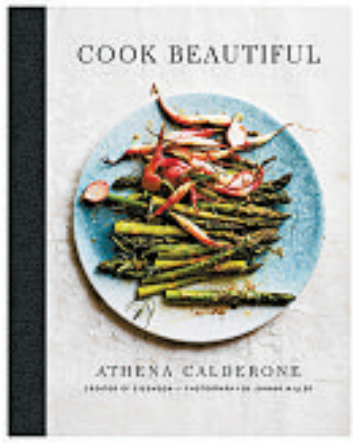
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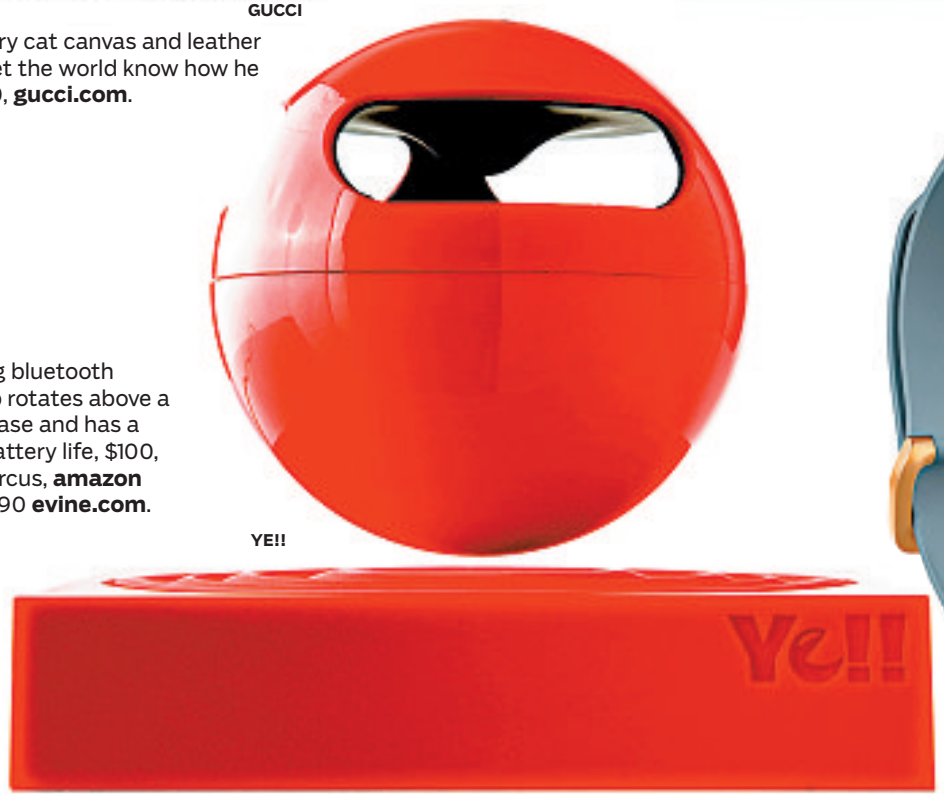
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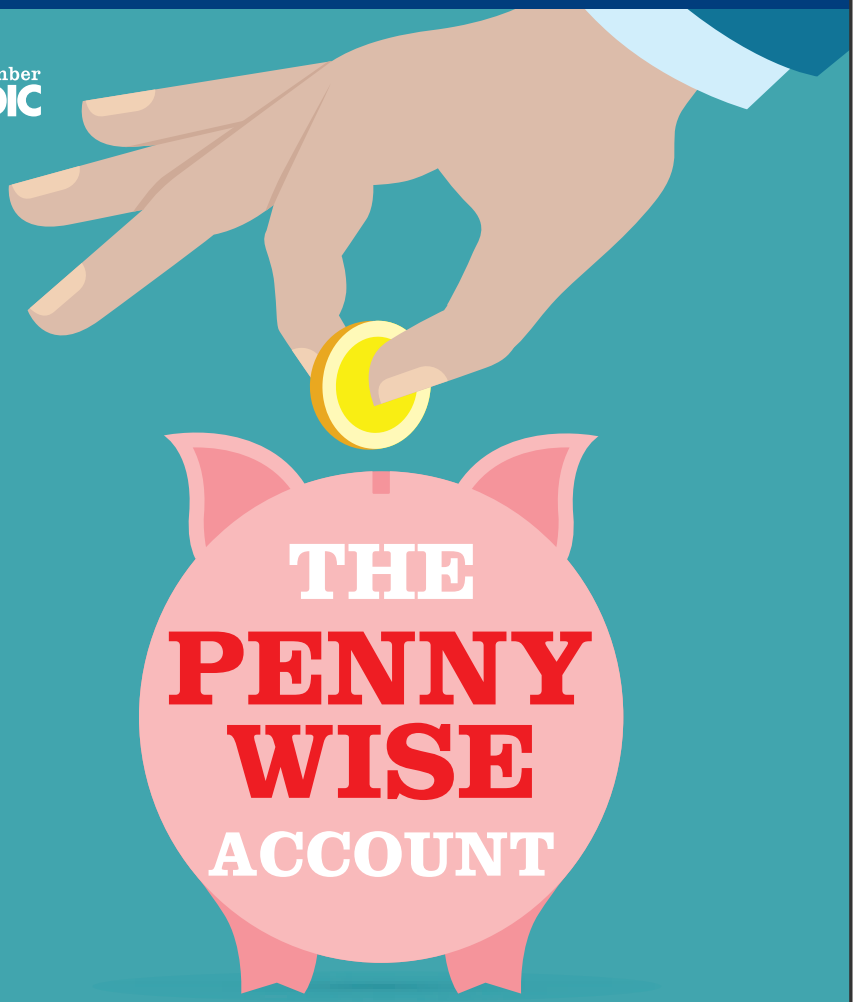
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Jim Dower and Alpana Singh


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Ella Ralston, from left, Jamila Davey, Alex Salsky, April Lillstrom, Amy Turner and Alison Hung


Kurt Wittmeyer, Bree Atwood and Ronnie Westmoreland


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Candid Candace



By Candace Jordan
Chicago Tribune

Urban Initiatives scores big with its Soccer Ball

Urban Initiatives, along with presenting sponsor Allstate Insurance, hosted the 12th annual Soccer Ball with more than 1,100 enthusiastic supporters Jan. 26. Held at Morgan Manufacturing in the West Loop, this nonprofit's signature event supported its sports-based mentoring program for at-risk youths and honored outstanding students and community leaders.

During a reception, young guests had the opportunity to play soccer on a converted dance floor inside the 32,000-square-foot industrial warehouse.

ABC-7's Dionne Miller offered welcoming remarks as master of ceremonies and said, "Urban Initiatives is about meeting kids where they're at and showing them a future that they couldn't see without it."

Jim Dower, Urban Initiatives co-founder and executive director, shared the organization's history and achievements. "We started about 15 years ago as a way to use soccer to increase economic success, build community and really get kids and family excited about school. ... For the last five years, we've supported students from the time they're in the second and third grades all the way into high school and beyond," he said.

Larry Cowley, an eighth-grader at Claremont Academy, was this year's Troy Cameron Team Captain of the Year Award recipient. His coach Maureen Fernandez, Claremont's on-site program director, presented him with the award, calling him a "role model and big brother of the team."

"UI has done everything for me," Cowley said. "It's taught me respect, how to get up in the morning and walk into school by myself, and it's helped me get into high school."

The event raised a record-breaking $650,000 for Urban Initiatives, which serves more than 17,000 children each school year in 38 underserved Chicago communities.

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved with many local organizations, including some whose events she covers.

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Homebuyers should be wary of what they say to an agent. If that individual isn't specifically representing them as a buyer's agent, information they share could get back to the seller.

As (not) seen on TV

Here's how to negotiate when buying a home. (Spoiler alert: It's not like you see on HGTV.)

By Joanne Cleaver
Chicago Tribune

"Don't try this at home" applies just as much to real estate reality shows as it does to daredevil stunts.

Viewers might think they're too savvy to take the shows seriously, but real estate and negotiation experts say that many do take their cues from HGTV's "House Hunters," Bravo's "Million Dollar Listing," and other buy, sell and flip shows.

In the fourth quarter of 2017, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the homeownership rate rose to 64.2 percent from 63.7 percent a year earlier — that represents the first increase in homeownership since 2004. If you're among first-time buyers looking to secure a home, rid yourself of ruinous negotiation strategies. Here are five do's and dont's, and two show strategies that actually do translate to real life.

1. Don't limit your options to just a few houses. Do review your options methodically, so you know the right house when you see it.

"I can barely watch those shows," says Brad Farris, 51, a principal with small business consulting firm Anchor Advisors and a longtime Chicago homeowner. He coaches entrepreneurs in negotiation and other tactics and applied his own advice when looking for his current Jefferson Park house a decade ago.

Farris recommends scouting out neighborhoods and the kind of house you need well in advance. The better you understand your top priorities (Price? Condition of the house? Location? Size? School district? Commute?), the better equipped you are to mix and match those priorities when negotiating for any particular house, says Farris.

"Get yourself in a flexible situation, so you can move fast when the right house comes on the market," he says. When he was looking for a house for his growing family, the father of five spent months going to open houses and tracking sale prices. When the right place came on the market, he identified it immediately, made a strong offer and got the house right away.

Part of Farris' aversion to realty reality shows is how the buyers often fixate on

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Real estate market unfazed by tax law changes



Kenneth R. Harney
The Nation's Housing

Were fears overblown that changes to the federal tax law would trigger plunging home values?

You might recall the scary predictions from the realty industry and some independent economists that began last fall: Cutting tax benefits for homeowners would inevitably lead to declines of 4 to 10 percent in home prices, and maybe even more for upper-bracket properties in high-tax areas.

So how are those dire warnings holding up? It's still early in the game for hard statistical answers. But it's not too early to gather anecdotal evidence on whether buyers — citing higher tax burdens — are pushing asking prices downward, or whether sellers are caving or resisting.

To get answers, I contacted realty agents and economists who keep a close eye on consumer behavior in markets around the country. The consensus was summed up best by Ralph McLaughlin, chief economist of Trulia, a San Francisco company that tracks prices and local market trends in hundreds of communities. Price declines are nowhere in sight yet and cannot be totally ruled out, he said, but "we think the potential negative impacts (of the tax law) will be muted by the likely fact that most households will actually have more money in their bank accounts at the end of the year because of the tax plan."

That, plus the ongoing shortages of inventories of homes for sale — along with strong buyer demand, low unemployment and wage growth — may offset whatever tax deduction concerns might otherwise be taking shape. Cheryl Young, senior economist at Trulia, cited the latest Standard & Poor's CoreLogic Case Shiller index, which documented steadily rising prices in most markets.

"Early versions of the tax-reform bill in November threatened to put downward pressure on prices in expensive and high-tax areas as proposals on caps to

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Home prices in San Francisco, considered one of the most vulnerable cities for price declines under the new tax law, rose by 9.1 percent year-over-year. Case Shiller's 10-City index rose by 6.2 percent in November.


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Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, has proposed prohibiting unit owners from getting other owners' contact information.

Q: I live in a Chicago condominium. I received a letter from Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, addressing the uproar over recent revisions to Section 19 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act, specifically the provision that allows unit owners to obtain a list of other unit owners' email addresses and phone numbers. The letter says he and Ald. Brendan Reilly, 42nd, introduced a Chicago ordinance to prohibit the release of email addresses and phone numbers. Will the ordinance reverse the objectionable portions of Section 19?

A: On Jan. 17, Hopkins and Reilly did introduce an ordinance that would prohibit Chicago unit owners (other than board members) from obtaining a list of unit owners' email addresses and phone numbers, among other personal information. The ordinance goes even further and allows a condominium association to opt out of other mandated Section 19 disclosure requirements with a two-thirds vote of the unit owners.

The ordinance is in direct contradiction to Section 19 provisions, and while the aldermen believe the city possesses the authority to do so under a legal doctrine called "home rule," the proposed ordinance is quite aggressive in its breadth. There is disagreement among attorneys as to whether the ordinance can outright nullify mandated provisions of Section 19.

If the ordinance is adopted, it is likely there will be litigation to follow for a judicial determination regarding whether the ordinance can accomplish its objectives. Candidly, the preferred route to address the privacy concerns raised by the recently revised Section 19 is via an amendment by the Illinois legislature.

Q: I am a condominium unit owner, and my board recently entered into a five-year bulk cable contract. I have experienced constant service issues, and the cable service technicians have been unable to resolve the problems. Is there any way I can be exempt from the bulk service contract?

A: According to Section 18.4(o) of the Condominium Property Act, a condominium board is granted the authority to enter into bulk cable and internet service contracts that bind unit owners to pay a monthly fee for such services as a part of their monthly assessments. Unfortunately, unit owners have no legal basis to opt out of a properly approved bulk cable or internet service contract.

However, if a unit owner is having continuous service issues, the board should be notified to pressure the provider. The standard terms of a cable contract should provide the board and unit owners a process to address service issues. Additionally, unit owners can request a copy of the bulk cable contract from the board.

Q: I live in a self-managed condominium association. Our board does not properly notice board meetings, routinely makes decisions outside of board meetings and fails to provide unit owners annual accountings and budgets. What can unit owners do to stop such behavior?

A: A condominium board of directors acting in a manner described above is subjecting itself to claims of breach of fiduciary duty. Board members are not only violating standard condominium declaration and bylaws provisions, but multiple parts of Section 18 of the Condominium Property Act and applicable case law, specifically the 2014 Palm v. 2800 Lake Shore Drive Condominium Association appellate case.

Unit owners can file a declaratory lawsuit to obtain a judicial decree to prevent the board from continuing such actions, but the cost of legal fees to do so is economically unfeasible for most individuals. A more practical option is to educate other unit owners about the board's conduct, and with the coordination and approval of at least two-thirds of the unit owners by unit percentage, call a unit owner meeting to remove and replace the directors serving on the board.

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In this self-governed association, condo board abuses run rampant



Benny L. Kass
Housing Counsel



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A unit owner wonders whether his condo board is corrupt. Board members seem to enjoy special perks that others don't in the form of waived condo fees.

Q: I realize you cannot provide specific legal advice but am interested in your opinions regarding some recent events in our self-managed condo association.

Our five-member board of directors insists that the president, vice president/secretary and treasurer are entitled to waived condo fees because "that's the way it has always been done," even though the bylaws specifically state "no compensation."

In the 30-plus-year history of the 64-unit condominium building, there has never been a full audit of the condo association's books and financial records. A certified public accountant does the taxes each year but not an in-depth audit. The treasurer also gets very defensive when this issue comes up and appears to take it personally when a full audit is even mentioned. Most of the board operates in a cliquelike fashion.

When unit owners vote for the board each year, the voting procedure has been an all-or-nothing approach — vote in all five members or none at all. Paper or electronic ballots with individual choices are not part of the routine. As owners, shouldn't we be voting for each individual on a paper or electronic ballot to see the strength of votes for each candidate?

At the recent annual meeting, the vice president/secretary used her position as a microphone-equipped bully pulpit and went on a personal tirade against a member of the community. Numerous owners left the meeting early, and the venue communicated that our meetings were less than welcome there in the future.

One cannot help but feel an air of corruption and impropriety surrounding this board. Any options? Your thoughts?

A: I certainly hope you are not making this up. This situation should be a sequel to the book "Escaping Condo Jail" by Sara Benson and Don DeBat. This is a book I highly recommend, but it is over 600 pages, and you cannot digest it in just one sitting.

First, you should contact your state's attorney general. From my experience, most have an office of consumer protection. Some actually have enforcement power; others may not. But when a board of directors gets a letter from that office, they usually sit up and take notice.

Next, you should consider the power of the press. Talk to the real estate editor of your local paper and give him or her the story. From what you have written, I believe the story should make headlines.

Next, how much support do you have within the community? Can you get more than 50 percent of unit owners to join you in an effort to recall the board and "throw the rascals out"?

Finally, you should retain an attorney to represent you — and hopefully get many others to join you to establish a legal defense fund. I rarely guarantee anything when it comes to court and lawsuits. However, if your bylaws specifically say something along the lines of "board members cannot get paid" and if they are being paid (indirectly, by not paying their condominium fees), I think that's a winner. You may even be able to get your attorney fees paid by the board if you win. And if you are going to file suit, your lawyer should throw in absolutely every bylaw violation you can think of.

Finally, I strongly suggest you review your state's condominium act. You may find other violations.

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Although the difference might seem small, it can sometimes help you choose between two otherwise equal CDs.

The other aspect of CD interest to consider is the ability to tap interest before maturity. Most CD buyers will keep their interest accumulating within the CD, growing the balance and benefiting from compounding.

But some CDs allow you to siphon the interest into a separate account each time the CD earns an interest payment. Here again, the terms of the CD will stipulate how often that happens. Though a CD might compound daily, most banks will apply interest payments monthly or quarterly.

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Despite tax law, no price declines

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the mortgage-interest tax deduction and state and local tax deductions ding demand," according to Young. "But the proposals didn't cause a ripple in November home prices." In fact, prices in San Francisco, considered one of the most vulnerable cities for price declines because of super-jumbo-sized mortgages and high taxes, rose 9.1 percent year-over-year. Case Shiller's 10-City index rose 6.2 percent in November.

None of this is to suggest that the financial impacts of the tax law are being ignored by buyers and sellers. To the contrary, realty agents say clients, especially those preparing to enter the marketplace, followed the tax provisions carefully as they moved through Congress, and they have a good sense about what the changes mean to them in practical terms.

Noah Goldberg, an agent with Redfin in Jersey City, N.J., says clients "were waiting on the sidelines at the end of the year due to the uncertainty around tax reform." But "now that (they've) had a chance to calculate the monthly costs, income taxes and deductions," they're streaming back. Some buyers have told Goldberg that the lower federal income taxes they're likely to owe will offset the real estate deductions they're likely to lose. So the net effect could be a wash.

Some sellers and buyers, however, are definitely factoring higher real estate taxes into their transaction equations — either as a reason to price their properties more reasonably at the listing stage or to urge sellers to lower their price during negotiations. Chicago real estate broker Alexis Eldorrado says some sellers of upper-bracket properties have become more flexible on their initial asking prices, knowing full well that buyers may come in with Excel spreadsheets detailing how their tax bills are going up. Jill Eber, a Miami broker, said that tax law may actually be driving some owners from high-tax states to tax-friendlier Florida.

Some buyers "are trying to use taxes and the predictions that prices will fall as a negotiating point, but sellers aren't buying it."

— Kris Paolini, Redfin agent in Bethesda, Md.

"We're hearing from more people from New York, the Northeast and California than usual," she said, and some are specifically citing the tax law as a reason for considering switching domiciles. What impact that might have on pricing isn't yet clear, however.

In the Washington, D.C., suburbs, the revised tax rules are changing some buyers' and sellers' behavior, say agents. Kris Paolini, a Redfin agent in Bethesda, Md., says some buyers "are trying to use taxes and the predictions that prices will fall as a negotiating point, but sellers aren't buying it."

Bottom line: The post-tax-bill real estate scene is still evolving, and any price declines aren't visible yet, if indeed they are even coming. Other factors — inventory pressures, growth in the broader economy and interest rate changes — could prove to be at least as important as taxes in influencing home prices as the year takes shape.

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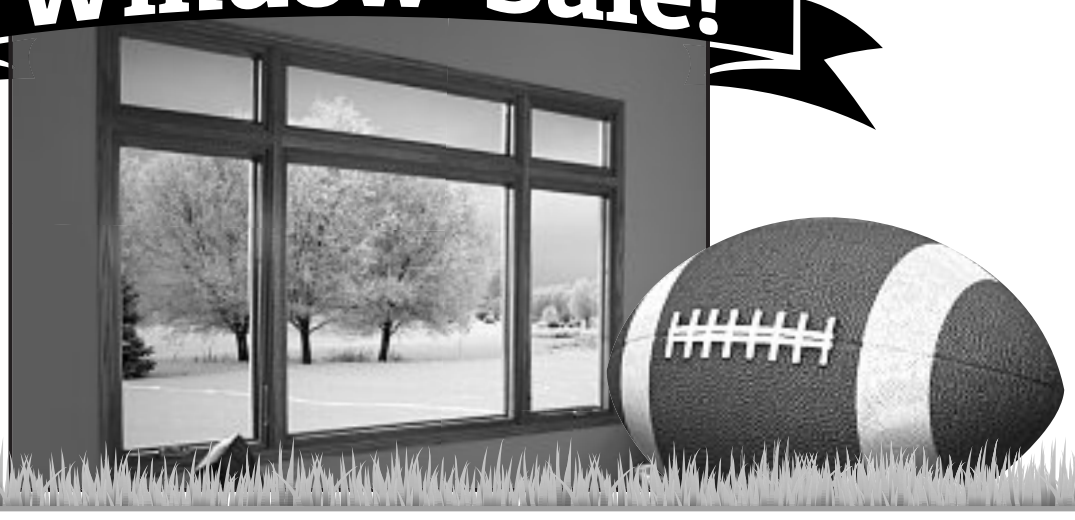
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ELITE STREET

$8.95M Lincoln Park mansion hits market

By Bob Goldsborough
Chicago Tribune



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This five-bedroom Lincoln Park mansion is up for sale for $8.95 million, the second-priciest active listing in the area. Among its amenities is a guest suite.

A five-bedroom, 7,800-square-foot mansion made of exposed brick and industrial metal in Lincoln Park listed Monday for $8.95 million.

Built in 2010 and designed by Chicago-based Liederbach & Graham Architects, the house is owned by Novak Construction founder John Novak, who also was the contractor for the mansion. Set on a 45-foot-wide lot, the mansion is set back from a walled garden, and the entire first floor opens to the outdoors.

Features include 6 ½ baths, three fireplaces, steel Hope's Windows, a 900-bottle wine cellar and tasting room, a recreational room with a sauna and an attached three-car garage with a brick floor. Above the garage is a guest suite with a full kitchen and living room.

Listing agent Emily Sachs Wong of @properties called the mansion "classic Chicago" and noted that Novak modeled the home's exterior on an old warehouse in the neighborhood. The interior, however, is "really modern," she said, with "very clean lines."

"It is one of the coolest homes I have ever been in. It is ridiculously high-end inside, with finishes that are not typically done in the city," she said. "It is one of the most private, beautiful houses in Lincoln Park. It's just like a secret garden behind the wall. The house was set back to allow for an open feel, with lots of light."

Wong said that Novak, who did not immediately respond to a request for comment, is selling because he "doesn't need as large of a house right now."

"It's really a find for the next owner," she said. "There's nothing else like it in the city."

The mansion is one of the highest-priced active listings in Lincoln Park. The only higher-priced one is a $9.9 million listing for a 10,000-square-foot mansion on North Wayne Avenue that also was designed by Liederbach & Graham. However, that mansion is only available for $9.9 million including adjoining land that has an income property on it; without that adjacent parcel, that mansion is available as a standalone for $8.5 million.

34th-floor Near North condo sells for $9.9 million: A five-bedroom, 7,100-square-foot condominium unit on the 34th floor of the nearly complete Near North building at 9 W. Walton St. sold Thursday for its $9.91 million asking price.

The full-floor unit, which sold as raw space, is immediately below the four floors that billionaire Ken Griffin bought in November as raw space for $58.75 million. Apart from Thursday's sale of the 34th floor and Griffin's purchase of the 35th, 36th, 37th and 38th floors, the only other sale that has closed in the 38-story luxury condominium tower is a recent sale of the entire 21st floor for $12.1 million. That floor sold as raw space.

Katherine Malkin of Compass Real Estate, who represented the buyer of the 34th floor, declined to comment on the deal but confirmed that Griffin was not her client. Public records do not yet identify the buyer.

With 70 units, the luxury condominium tower is known as No. 9. The vast majority of buyers in the building have signed contracts for finished space and will close on those units as they take delivery of them in the coming weeks. Residents of finished units are expected to move in around March 1.

WGN radio host Pete McMurray buys North Center home for $957,500, sells another for $950,000: Chicago radio host Pete McMurray, who is working fill-in shifts on WGN-AM, and his wife, Sara, sold their two-story, five-bedroom house in Roscoe Village for $950,000 Jan. 23 and on the same day paid $957,500 for a four-bedroom, 4,300-square-foot house in the Horner Park neighborhood. Both homes are in the North Center community area.

McMurray's last full-time radio gig was a stint as a morning host on WDRV-FM from 2015 until 2016. He previously had been an evening host at WGN from 2013 until 2015, and prior to that had held shifts on WCKG-FM, WLUP-FM and WKQX-FM.

The McMurrays' new Horner Park two-story house was built in 2003 and sits on an extra-wide lot. The house has 3 ½ baths, a Honduran mahogany front door, cherry floors, three fireplaces, smart home features, a kitchen with Wolf and Bosch appliances, a master suite with custom closets and a private deck, and a deck off the kitchen that links to a pergola-covered roof deck.

The house was initially listed last May for $1.05 million and was later reduced to $1.025 million and $995,000 before selling.

Meanwhile, the brick house that the McMurrays sold in Roscoe Village has custom built-ins, bay windows on two levels, custom window treatments throughout, two gas fireplaces, a play area on the lower level and a new kitchen with Caesarstone quartz counters and a marble backsplash. Outside, the property has a canopy over a large deck off the family room, a new in-ground sprinkler system and two new air conditioning units.

The couple paid $790,000 in 2007 for the Roscoe Village house. They first listed it in October for $978,000 and cut their asking price the following month to $965,000.

Pete McMurray declined to comment on the transactions.

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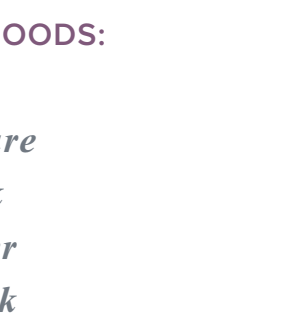
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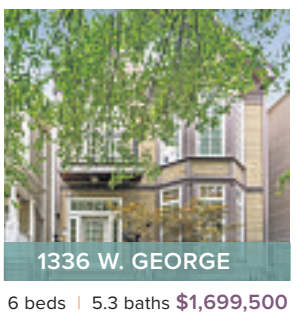
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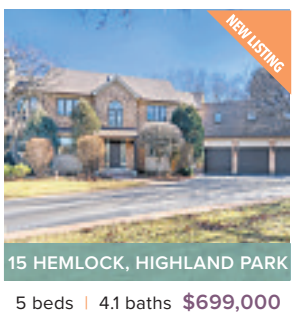
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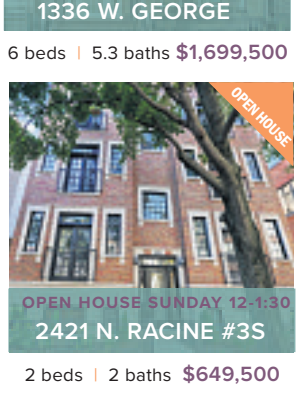
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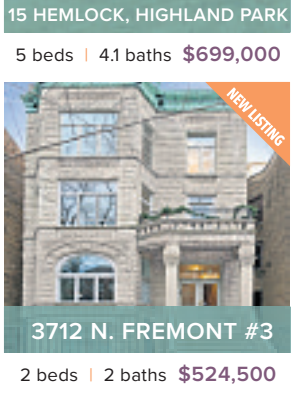
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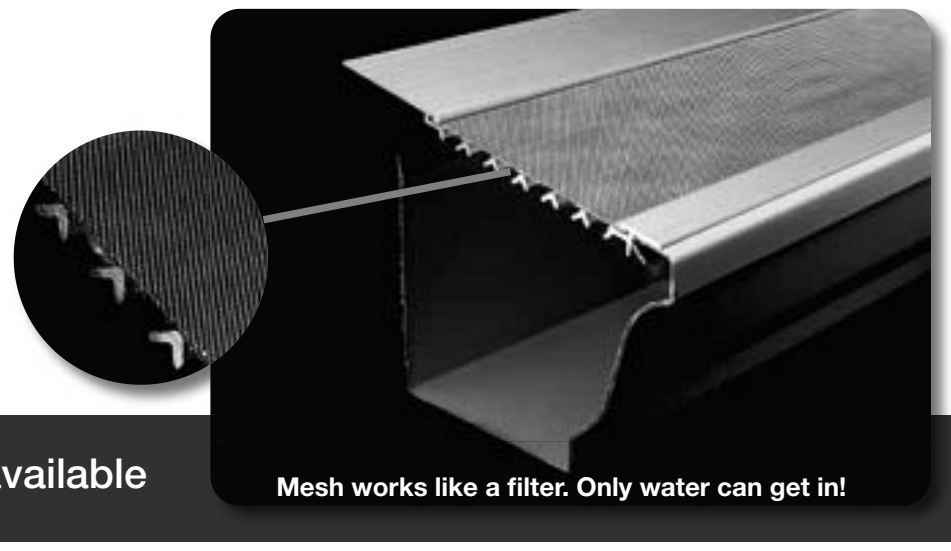
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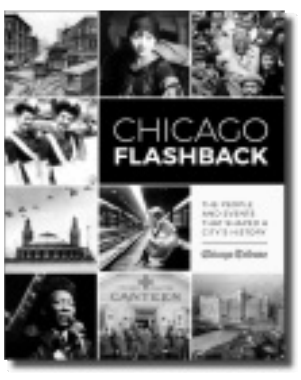
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Asking price alone isn't what counts

Reality, *from Page 1*

one property and decide they must have it, regardless of their previously stated budget.

"You have to have a Plan B for any property," he says. "Knowing what your Plan B is lets you negotiate. If your Plan B is significantly worse than the house you are considering, you're at a negotiating disadvantage."

And, he adds, don't complicate things by inflicting false deadlines on yourself, as the homebuyers in the shows often do by claiming they want to move before they get married, have a baby or start a new job.

2. Don't negotiate on the basis of asking price. Do negotiate on the basis of total cost of the transaction and total cost of owning the house.

Realty reality shows spotlight two numbers: what the sellers want and what the buyers pay. But those aren't the numbers that matter, says Richard Harty, 52, a Highland Park-based agent who is on the board of the National Association of Exclusive Buyer Agents, which works only with homebuyers.

Getting the house for less than the asking price — considered a win by TV home shoppers — might be a false victory if the house is expensive to fix or maintain, Harty points out. For buyers, the initial most important number is how much they'll have to pay to buy the house, including fees, points (upfront fees paid to the lender to lower the mortgage interest rate) and closing costs. The other equally important number is how much it will cost monthly to own that house, he says.

Sellers need to concentrate not on the gross sale price but on both how much they will capture after selling fees and commissions are deducted, and how much net equity they'll have once they sell, Harty says.

3. Don't focus on the house that fits just right, right now. Do focus on a home that can grow with you.

Maurice Hampton, 35, who runs Chicago agency Centered International Realty and who trains other agents in negotiation skills in conjunction with the Chicago Association of Realtors, says he went through the same HGTV shock cycle that most reality-TV fans do when they take the show literally.

"Before we bought our first home, we were HGTV junkies," he says. "Then we did our first transaction, and it was nothing like what we saw on TV."

With more first-time buyers expecting to stay in their houses longer, Hampton recommends adding "room to grow" as a key negotiating factor. That means, for instance, that a house in the right neighborhood might be worth more to you in the long run if you can update its finished basement, thus avoiding the costs of moving to a bigger house. That also means that buyers need to understand the short- and long-term equation of improvements.

4. Don't negotiate just about money. Do negotiate with an array of terms.

The more you know about what is important to the other party, the better you can offer terms that will win the deal, says Mike Walker, 37, New York-based president of the Real Estate Negotiation Institute.

All-cash deals often trump other offers in television show negotiations, but in real life, most buyers rely on a mortgage lender. That doesn't have to be a barrier to winning a deal, says Walker, if you understand nonfinancial factors that are also important to the seller.

For instance, you can underscore your intent by having more of the earnest money become nonrefundable as the deal survives critical phases, such as the appraisal and the home inspection. That gives the seller more incentive to be patient with your lender's process, says Walker.

And if you're the seller, don't spurn any offer, even if your first reaction to a low offer is indignation. "Find out what the buyer's rationale is. Maybe they're seeing something in the market or house that you're not," he says.

Use the long process of negotiating to understand the other side's priorities and point of view, and the negotiation should get easier as you come closer to agreement, he says.



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Don't negotiate on the basis of asking price. Do negotiate on the basis of total cost of the transaction and total cost of owning the house. Crunch the numbers. For buyers, getting the house for less than the asking price might be a false victory if the house is expensive to fix or maintain. And sellers need to consider how much fees and commissions will be.

5. Don't spill your budget and priorities to every agent you meet. Do contract with an agent to represent you and you alone.

When it comes to real estate reality TV, "I watch it because my clients do," says Andi DeFelice, a Savannah, Ga., agent and president of the National Association of Exclusive Buyer Agents.

"I do tell people to not get too excited," she says. On the shows, buyers eagerly react to everything from asking price to stainless steel kitchen appliances, but endless chatting can undermine your negotiating power, especially if you're chatting to the wrong agent.

The shows don't include disclaimers about who the agents really represent, points out DeFelice: Are the same agents who listed the houses showing the houses, or are the buyers working with agents who represent their own interests?

First-time buyers, especially, don't realize that any agent who isn't specifically representing them as a buyer's agent actually represents the seller — and in fact, is obligated to tell the seller anything that the buyer shares.

Having a buyer's agent who is responsible only to you, the buyer, is especially important as you work through price adjustments to offset flaws discovered in the home inspection, and other complications, says DeFelice, 57.

"I've had listing agents say in the first negotiation that they'll just take care of any flaws as a credit," she says. "That's what they do on the high-dollar shows. But that's not automatic, and you might not want that house if there are too many flaws and too many credits."

What you can learn from the small screen:

Realty reality TV does offer two strong strategies for house hunters.

The first: Expect to compromise, especially on easily addressed finishes.

"I'm always amazed when people walk through a house and say, 'This will never work because of the paint color,' says self-described HGTV addict Shawn McCormick, 56, of Chicago. A serial homebuyer and flipper, he zeroes in on the fundamentals of a house — the foundation, roof and mechanical aspects — as the most important features and most expensive to correct.

"When I look at a house, I'm crawling around under it to see if anything's leaky," he says. "But that would make for a boring TV show."

A second strategy from television: Just like those folks on TV, you should remember you're on the record as you tour properties. In fact, you may be on the seller's private television channel, whether you know it or not. DeFelice recently learned that every word of her three tours through a house last fall with a client was recorded surreptitiously — and without permission — by the seller.

After the client bought the house, neighbors informed him that the seller was listening to every reaction and comment. "Now I tell clients that if we're in the house we're on the record," says DeFelice. "We take private conversations to a private office."

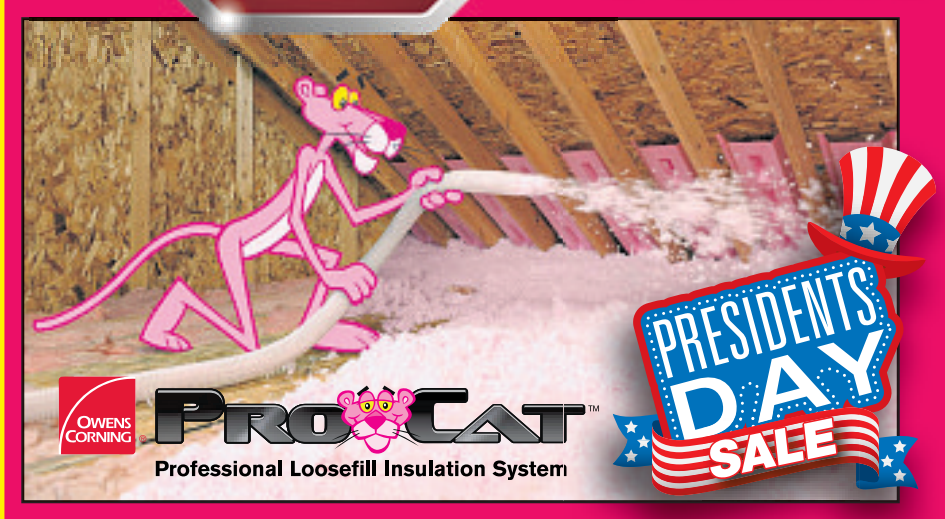
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The most exciting feature of this sedan is the price. **Page 3**

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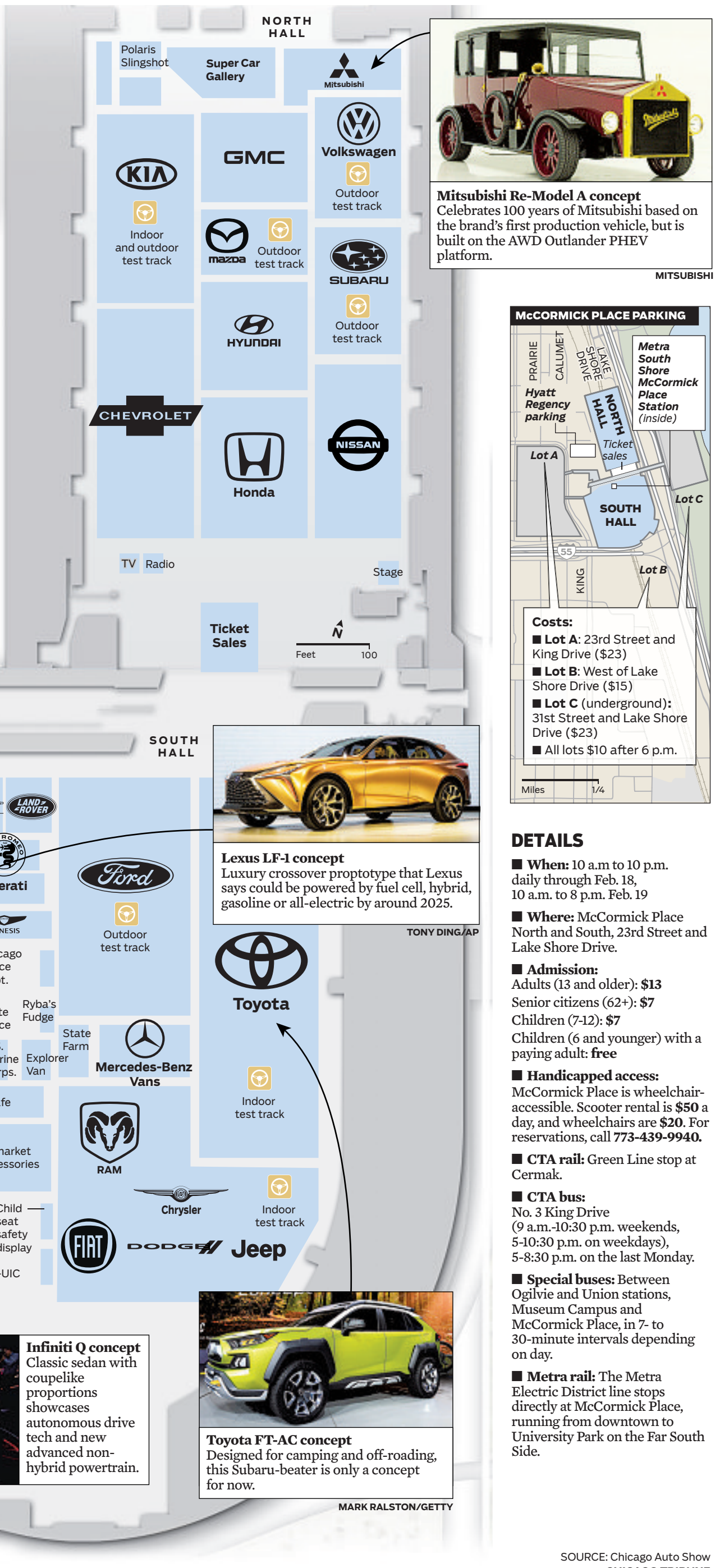
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Cadillac Escala concept
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Lexus LF-1 concept
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Infiniti Q concept
Classic sedan with coupelike proportions showcases autonomous drive tech and new advanced non-hybrid powertrain.

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Harley-Davidson: Electric motorcycle by 2020

By Charles Fleming
Los Angeles Times

Motorcycle manufacturer Harley-Davidson's retail motorcycle sales were off sharply, according to the company's latest quarterly earnings report, but the Milwaukee motorcycle giant is looking toward a future that includes an electric motorcycle.

Company Chief Executive Matt Levatich said in January that the company is "on target" to launch its first battery-powered motorcycle "within 18 months."

"The EV motorcycle market is in its infancy today, but we believe premium Harley-Davidson electric motorcycles will help drive excitement and participation in the sport globally," Levatich told investors in the report. "As we expand our EV capabilities and commitment, we get even more excited about the role electric motorcycles will play in growing our business."

The report did not state whether the electric bike under discussion will be based on the LiveWire, an electric prototype Harley demonstrated in 2014.

But a spokesperson said after the report, "Harley-Davidson's LiveWire is an active project that we are preparing to bring to market within 18 months."

That motorcycle was a silent rocket with wickedly fast acceleration and a depressingly short range.

The LiveWire was capable of jetting silently from zero to 60 miles per hour in under 4 seconds.

The new model, when completed, will have to compete with electric motorcycles and scooters already being produced by California's Zero Motorcycles and Alta Motors, Germany's BMW and Italy's Energica, among others.

Harley reported fourth-quarter profit of $8.3 million, or 5 cents a share, compared with profit of $47.2 million, or 27 cents, in the year-earlier quarter. Worldwide retail motorcycle sales declined 9.6 percent; in the U.S., they were down 11.1 percent.

The company blamed the shortfall in part on tax law changes and almost $30 million in charges related to a product recall.



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Harley-Davidson's LiveWire is seen at its Wauwatosa, Wis., research site in 2014. It may hit the market in 18 months.

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The 2018 Hyundai Sonata in top-of-the-line 2.0T Limited trim sports a refreshed exterior.

Hyundai Sonata is exciting — if a good deal thrills you

By Robert Duffer
Chicago Tribune

New cars are special. Baked into that new car smell is a feeling of excitement. Why else would we pay thousands of dollars more for something that loses 10 percent of its value the first time we use it? Compared with the redesigned Honda Accord and Toyota Camry, the refreshed Hyundai Sonata fails to excite, even in its top-of-the-line Limited trim.

That doesn't mean the midsize sedan is bad. In fact, it is all-around good in terms of performance, spaciousness, safety, fuel economy and all those other functional items important to car shoppers. But car sales are made — and marketing departments built — on something that often counters logic: emotion.

The feeling of the revised Sonata is of exceptional value without sacrificing quality. This stokes wallets more than hearts, which makes for a compelling emotion all its own: the deal. The Limited trim is priced $3,000 to $4,000 less than the similarly equipped but less stylish 2018 Honda Accord Touring and 2018 Toyota Camry XSE.

The last generation Sonata from 2011 to 2014 might have more to do with the flat feeling of this Sonata. It made the competitors take notice and reconsider the need for both dull design and a V-6 engine.

2018 HYUNDAI SONATA LIMITED 2.0T

Midsize sedan

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Transmission: Eight-speed automatic

Parting shot: You can get a deal.

While the 2018 Sonata is technically a midcycle refresh, it is about as close to a redesign as you can get without changing engines. The only change under the revised chiseled hood is pairing the 245-horsepower turbocharged four-cylinder engine to a more efficient eight-speed transmission.

The changes are mostly cosmetic, though significant, in an attempt to keep pace with Accord and Camry. The grille is a broader mesh honeycomb pattern on the sporting 2.0T Limited trim. The headlights start narrow and wrap around the side, and the daytime running lights rise up from the lower bumper toward the rear, so everything appears to flow back, which is then complemented by wraparound taillights tapering to the revised rear.

It looks sharper than the 2015, matching the refined suspension with more stiffness and more direct steering.

It's snappy off the line with no lag and 260 pound-feet of torque available at just 1,350 rpm. Output is a tad shy of the 2-liter turbo Accord, and V-6 Camry XSE, yet it's noticeably slower. It feels more nimble in turns than the Camry, but not as powerful. The Accord is the benchmark for the midsize sedan, and at 27 mpg combined it beats the Camry and Sonata — even with the eight-speed — by 1 mpg.

On the inside the controls are easy to use and intuitive, the advanced safety assist systems aren't obtrusive, and the overall layout is sleeker and sharper.

It's everything a refreshed sedan should be. Its most exciting feature is the price, which is the most compelling factor for many new car shoppers. That's special enough.

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Heated floor mats? Why not?



Bob Weber
Motormouth

Q: Have you heard of heated car floor mats? My wife says she thinks they would be immensely popular. My search has netted nothing so far.
— C.K., Woodstock, Ill.

A: No, we have never heard of heated floor mats, but we could see the draw of slipping off your shoes and getting your toes all warm and toasty.

Q: I accidentally found a product called Fluid Film and it stays where you spray it. Online there are reports of it being sprayed on the underside of vehicles in climates where there is snow and ice. I have no connection with the product but can report success. I spray it on my garage door spring hoping to keep it working for a long time.
— S.W., Plantation, Fla.

A: Some time ago, we had only one experience with this product. Thanks for jogging our memory. At the time, it seemed to work well, but we cannot vouch for the long-term usefulness. One thing we do remember is the odor. Whew. It must be due to the lanolin base of the stuff.

Q: While driving on the freeway recently, my 2016 Buick Lacrosse suddenly lost power and felt sluggish. A dashboard message read, "Engine power is reduced." After getting to my destination I parked for several hours. Upon restart, the car drove as normal, however the light remained on. The next day the dealer replaced the high pressure fuel pump and all is well.

For a couple of months now I have occasionally used E-85 (my car allows it) since the nearly $1 difference in price from regular unleaded seems to justify the sacrificed mpg. Could the E-85 have contributed to the problem?
— J.L., Homer Glen, Ill.

A: We doubt that the high (85 percent) ethanol concentration would have caused the pump to go bad. Engines have been running on the stuff for over a decade and this is the first time we have gotten such a question.

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Q: Four years ago I took my 2011 VW Jetta to the dealer for a hum from the front wheels. They didn't find anything. Six months later I took it back and they said it was the tires. After replacing the tires and an alignment, the hum was still there.

A private garage told me to bring the car back when it gets louder and suspected a wheel bearing. Any insight? If it is a wheel bearing, should both be replaced?
— B.T., Westwood, Ill.

A: We think the garage guy is probably right. A bad bearing starts with a hum and will eventually growl when it is really shot. So, as it becomes louder, take it in and replace just the one bearing which, by the way, comes complete with a hub.

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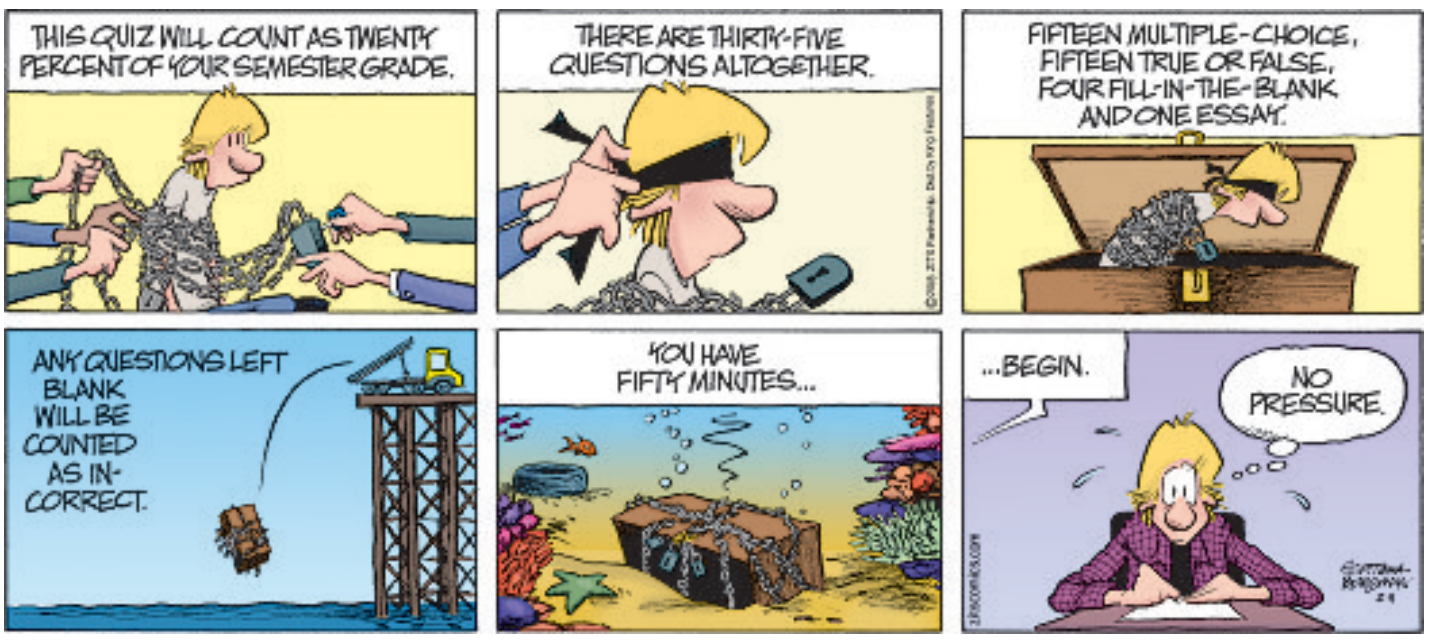
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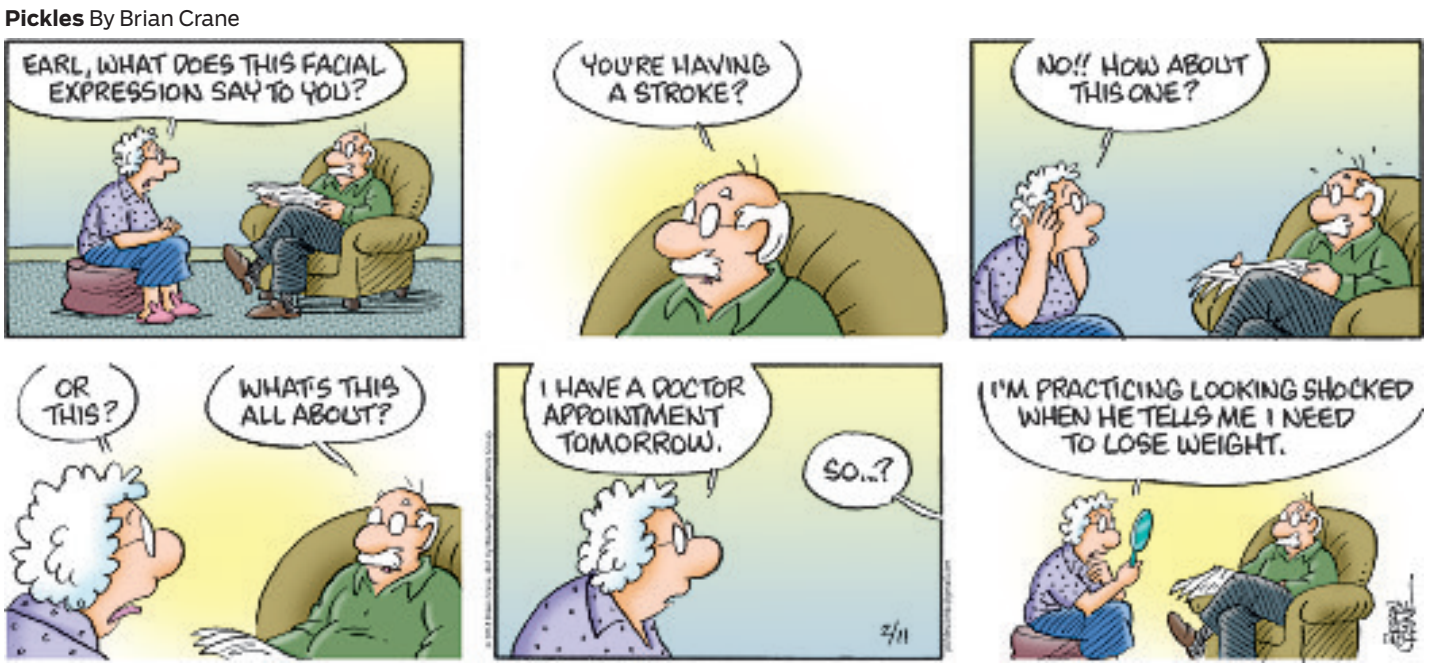
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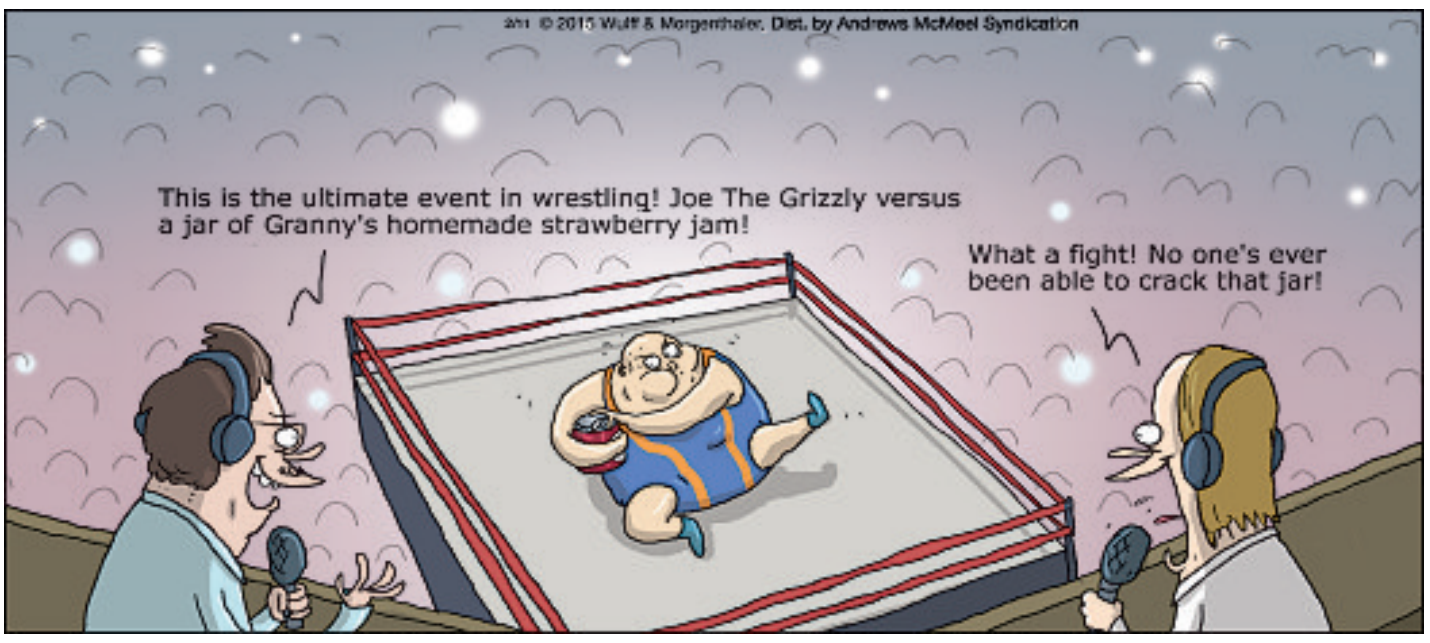
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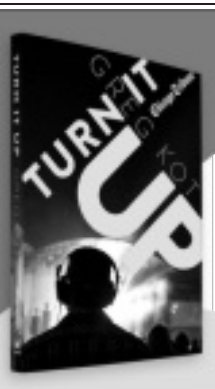
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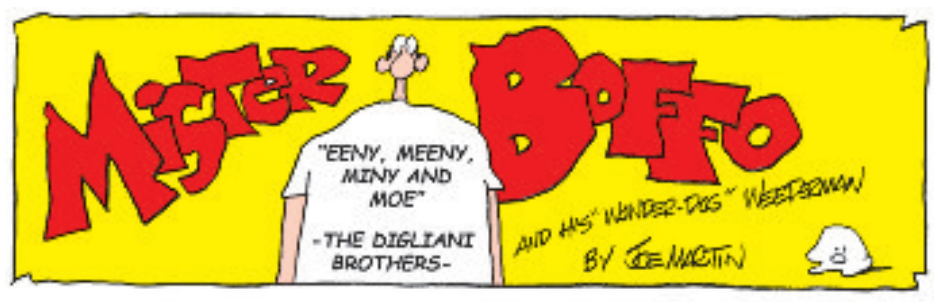


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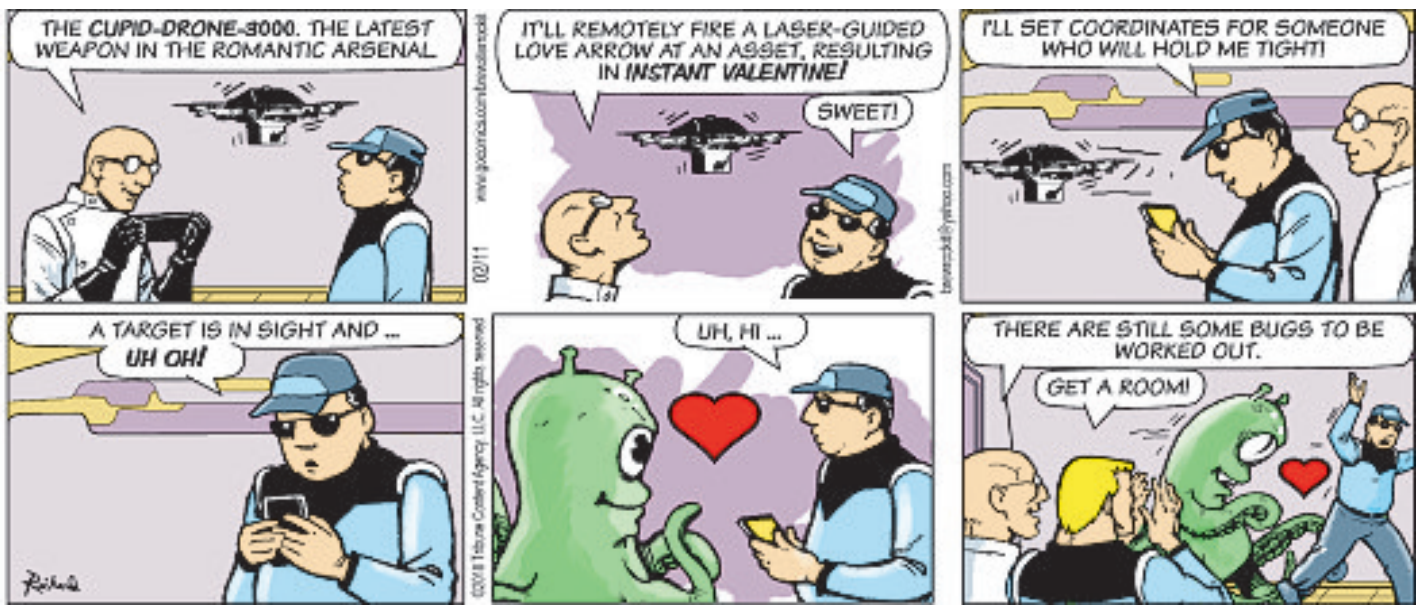


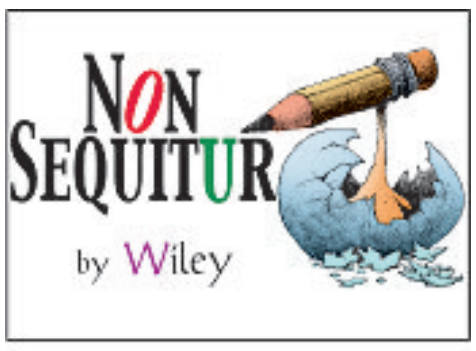


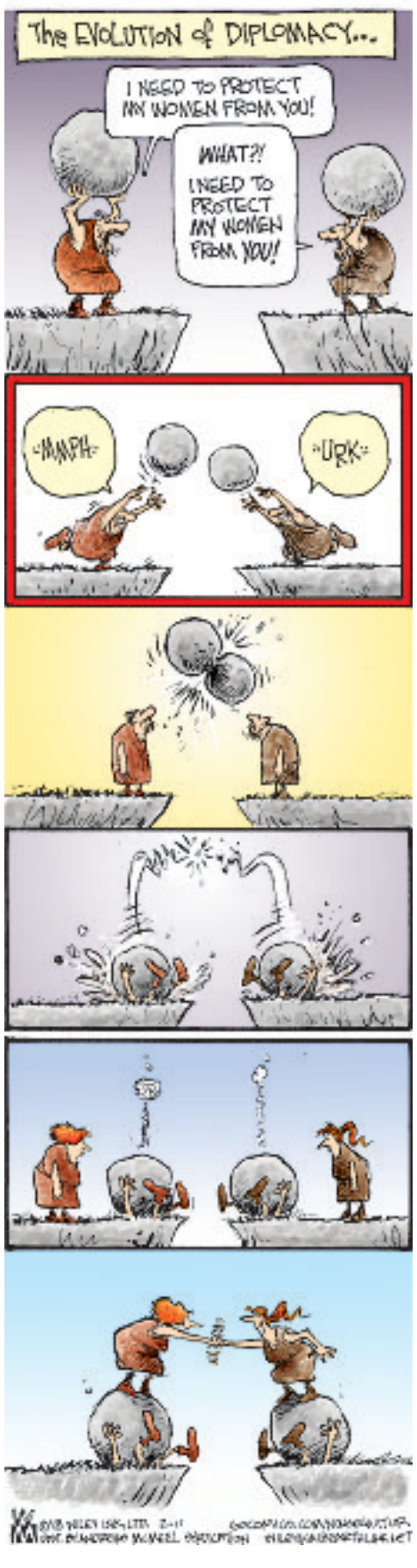




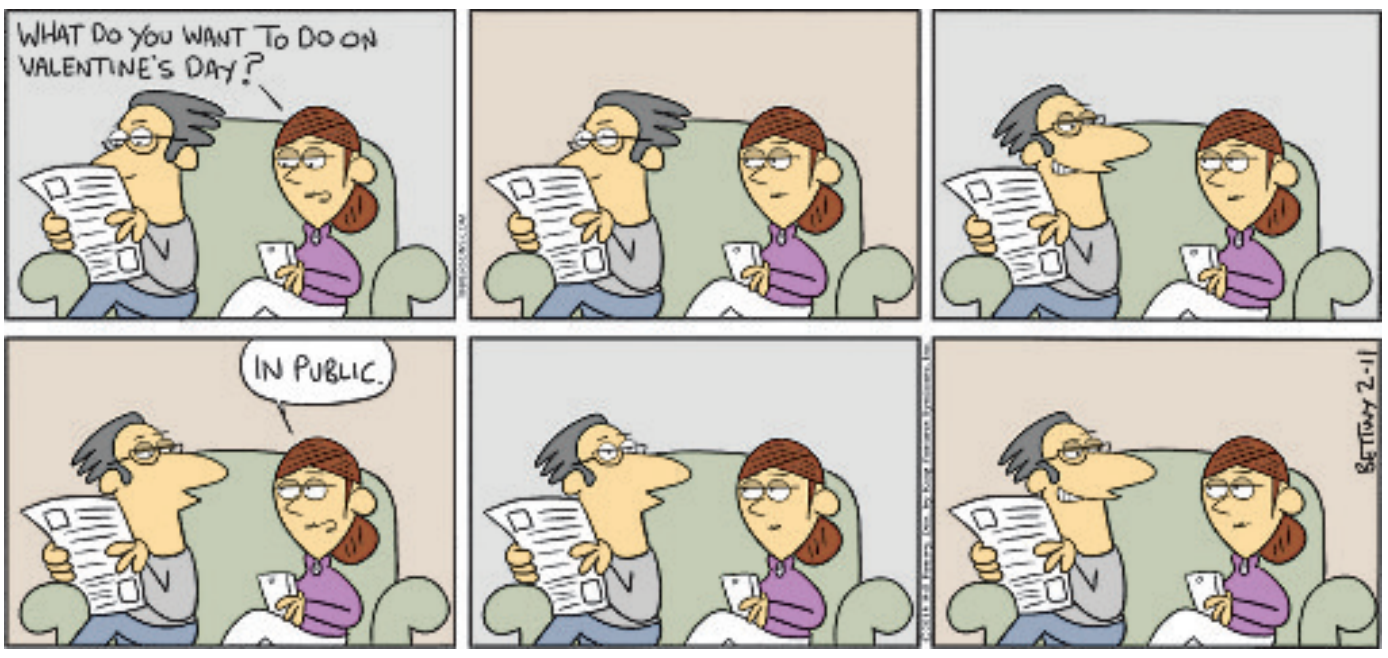




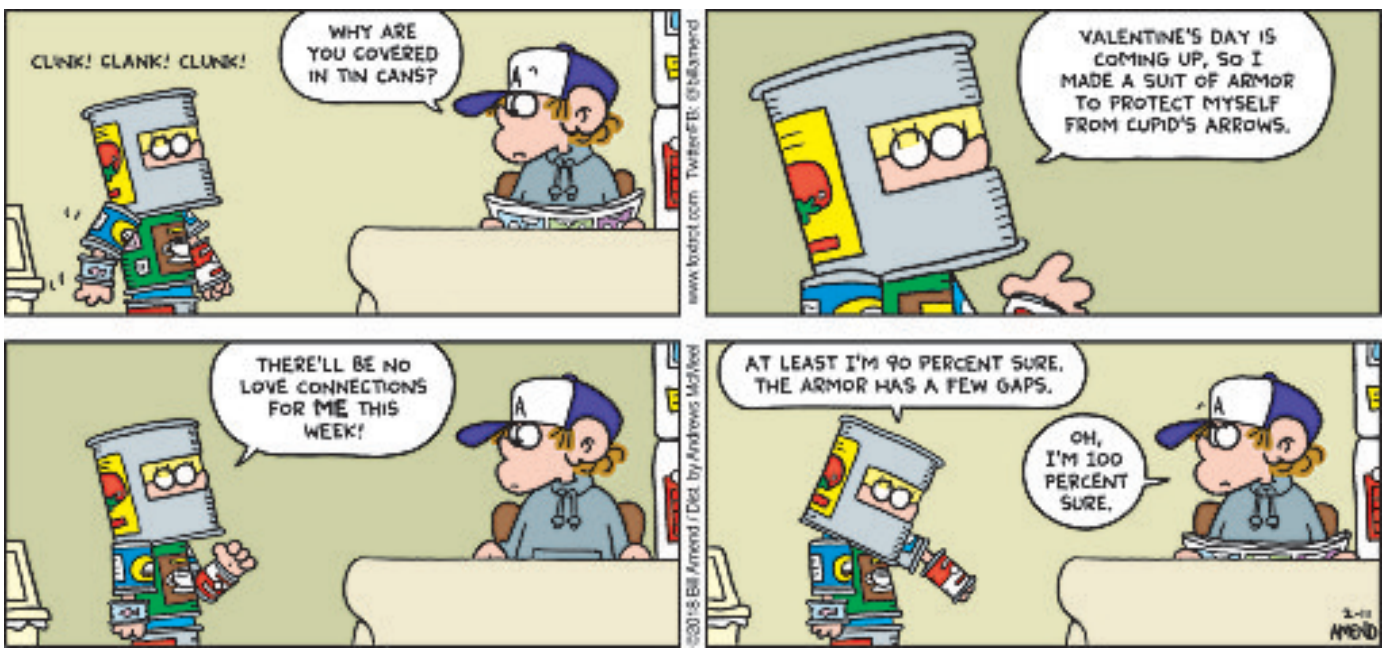




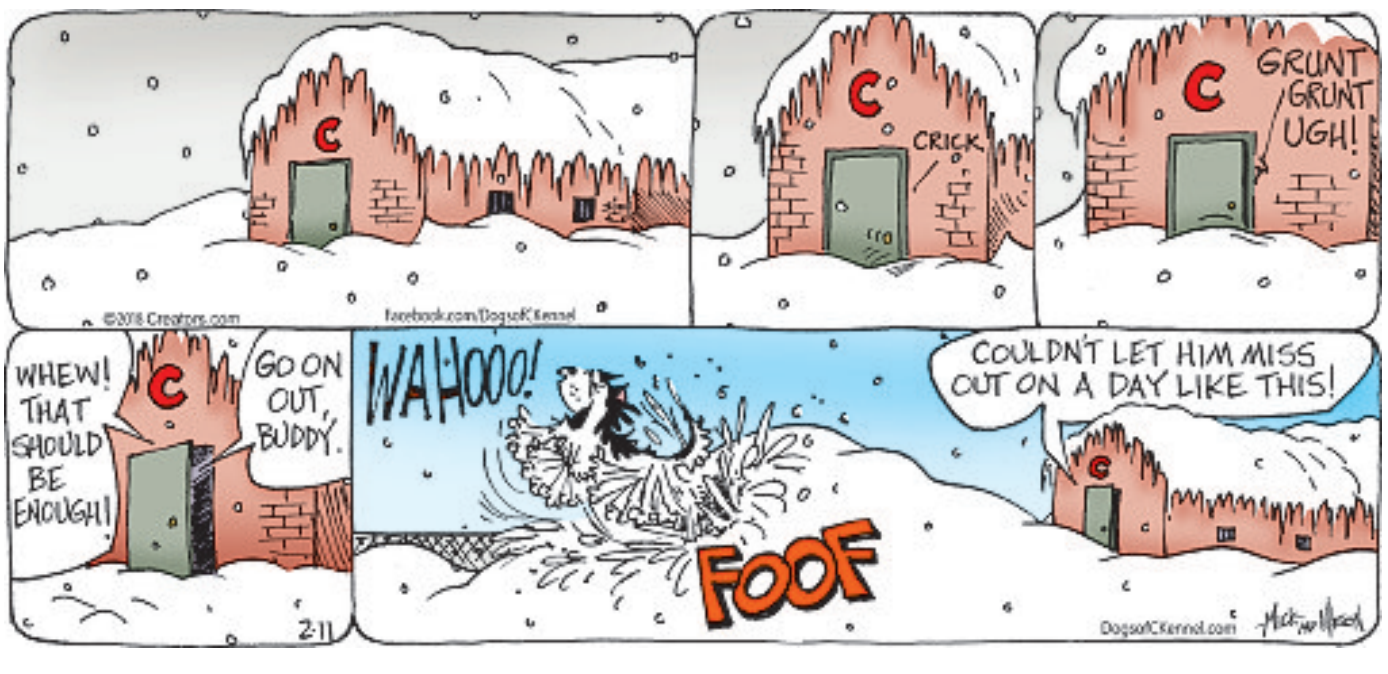
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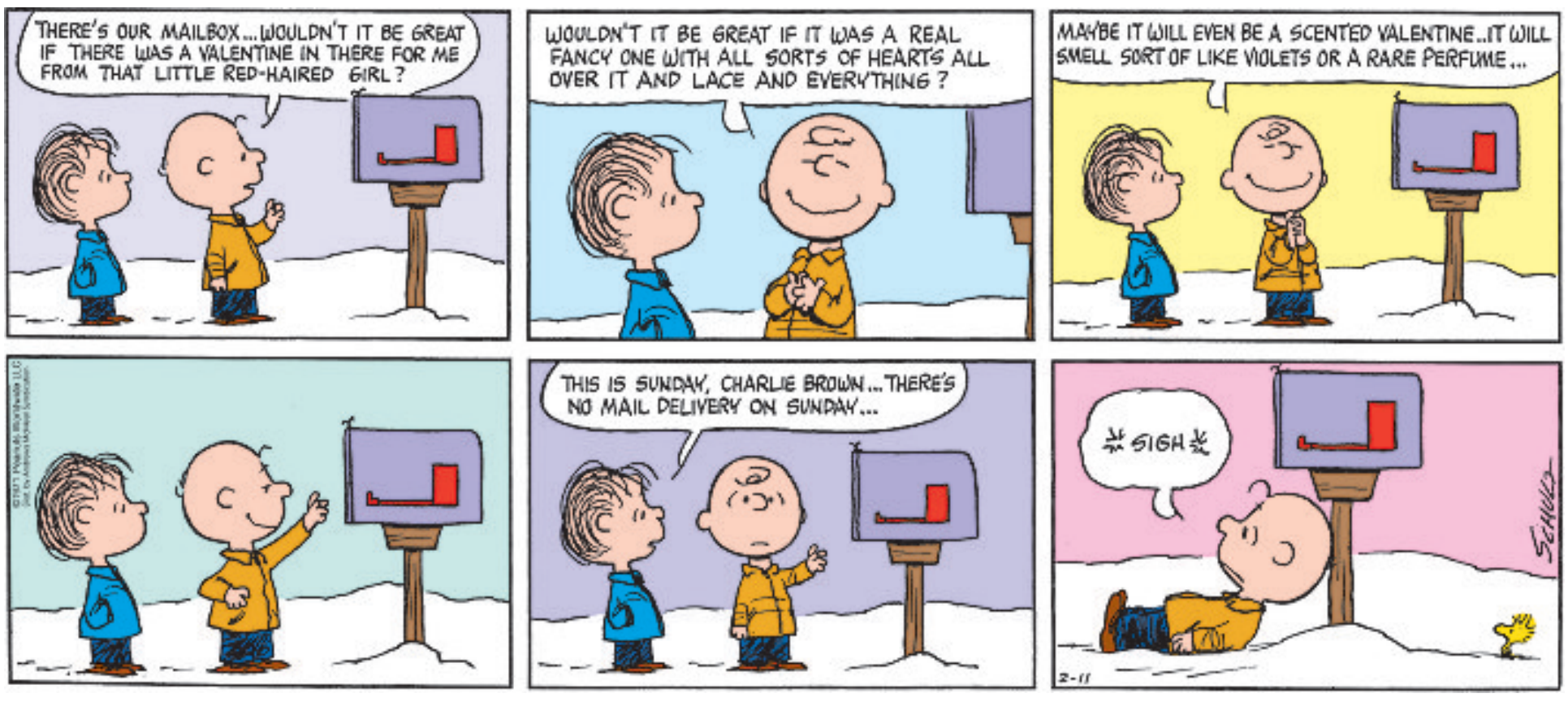
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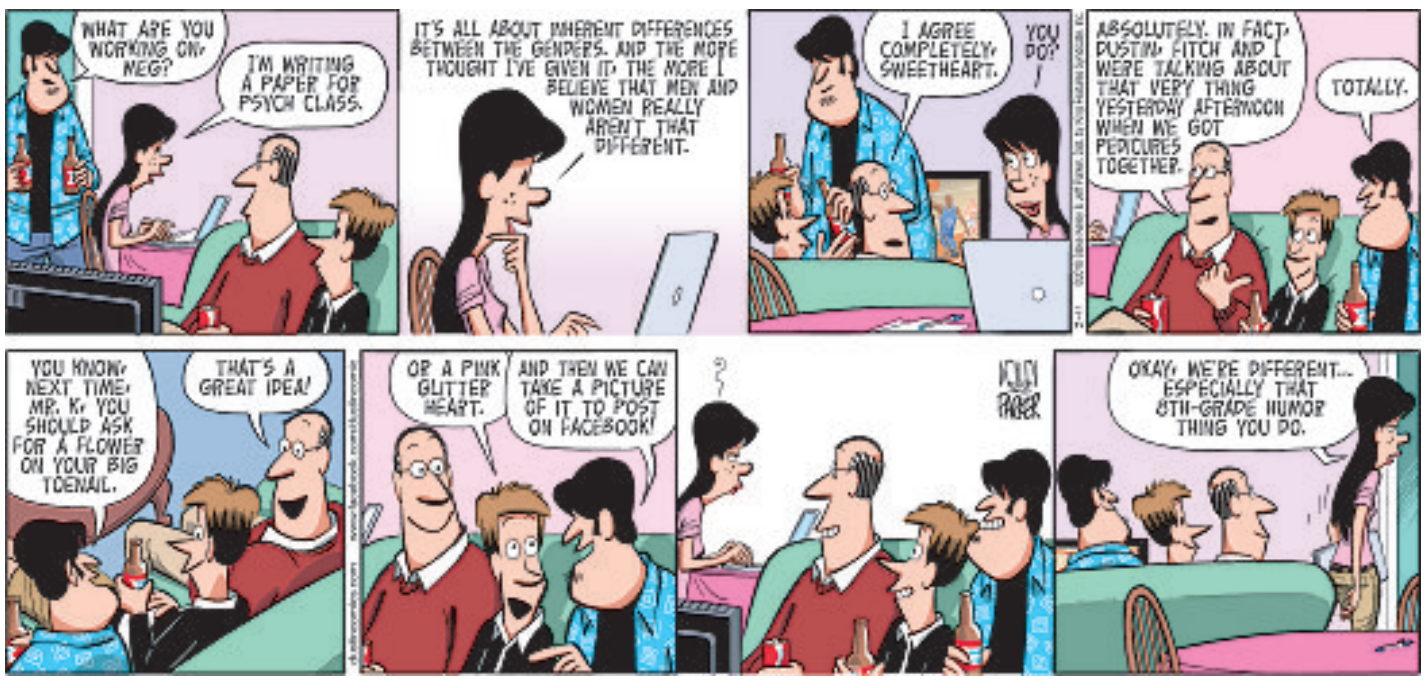


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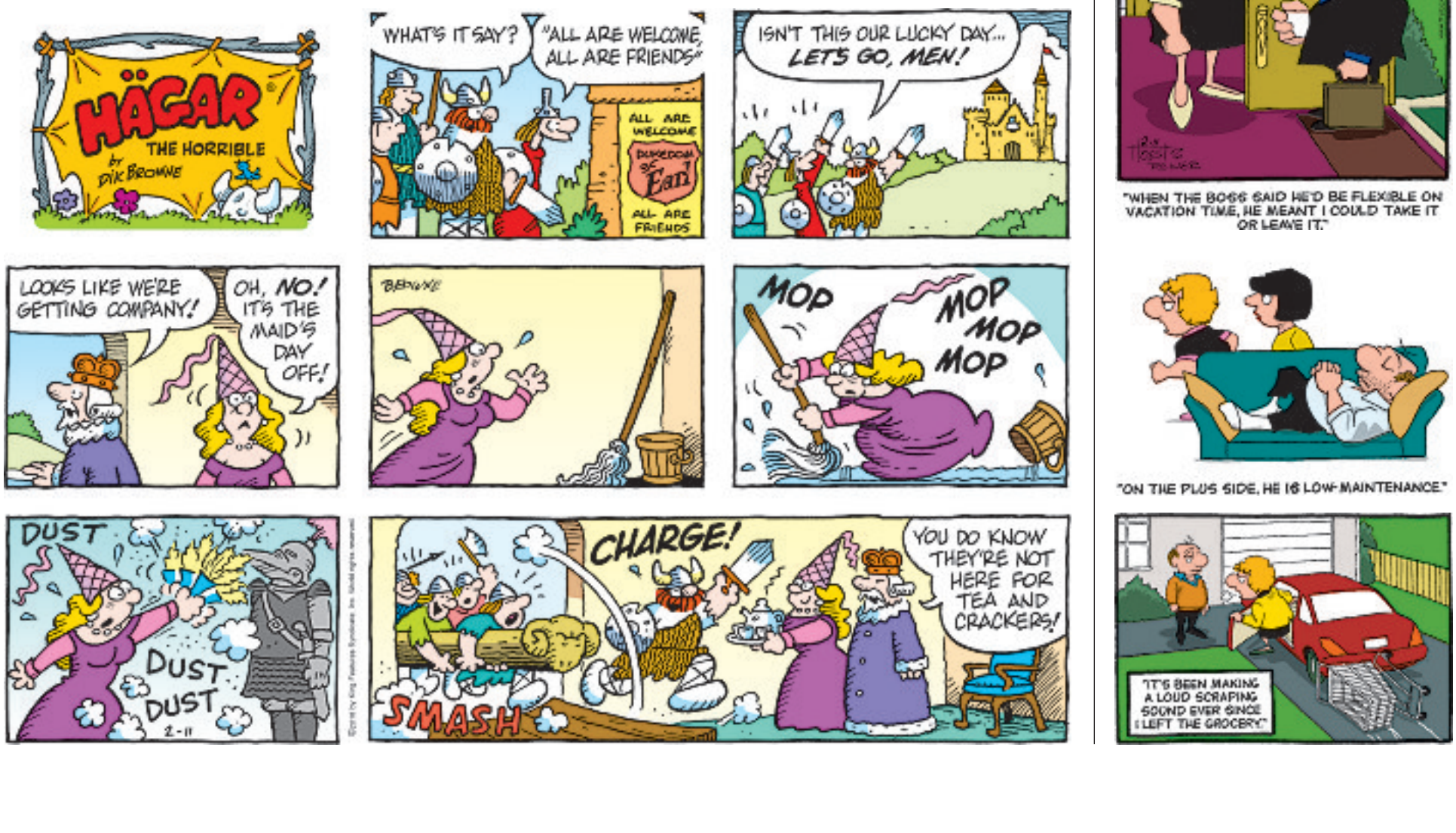


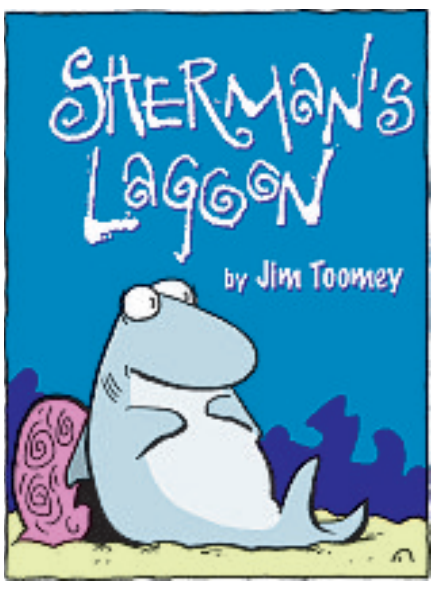
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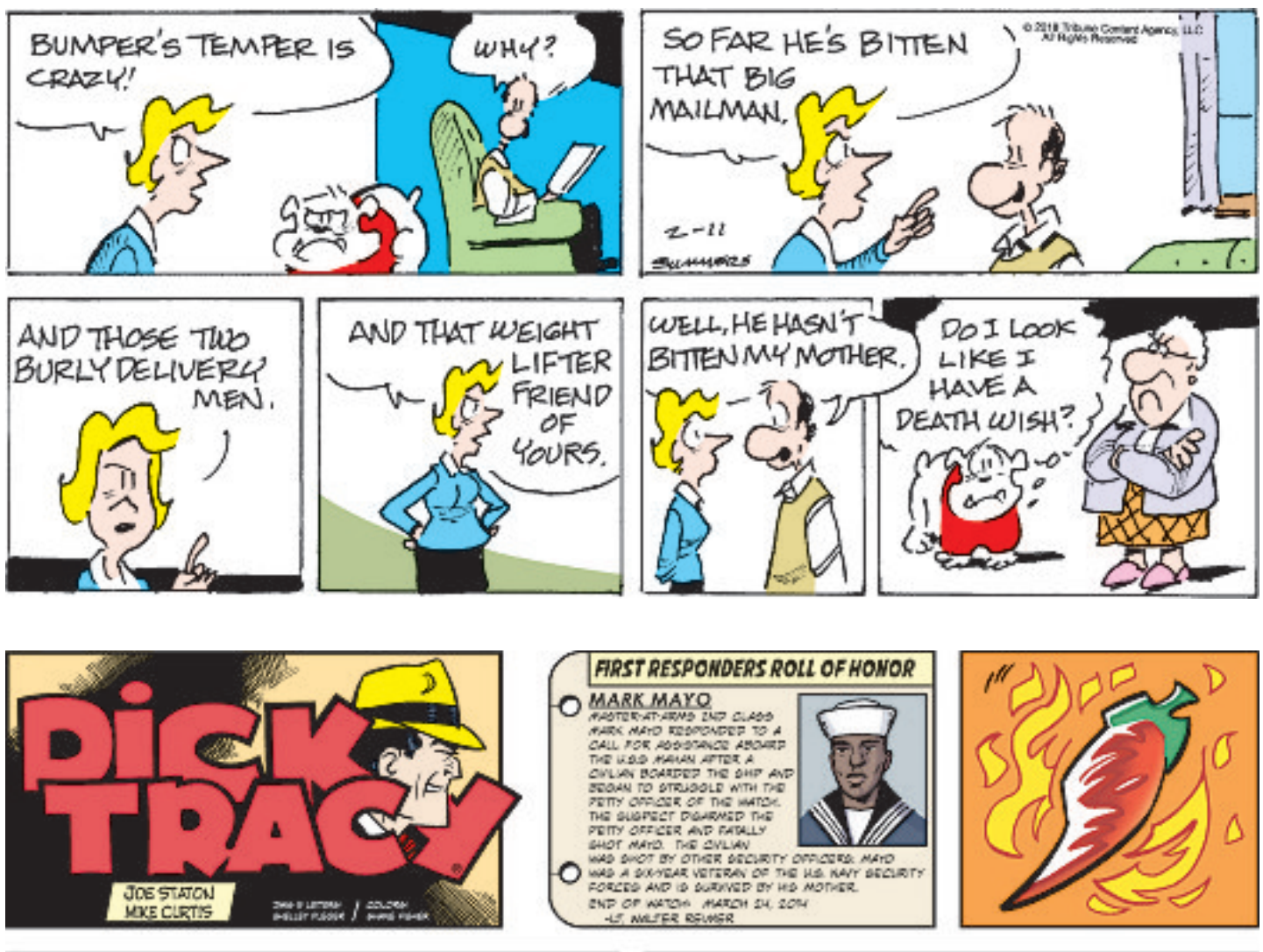
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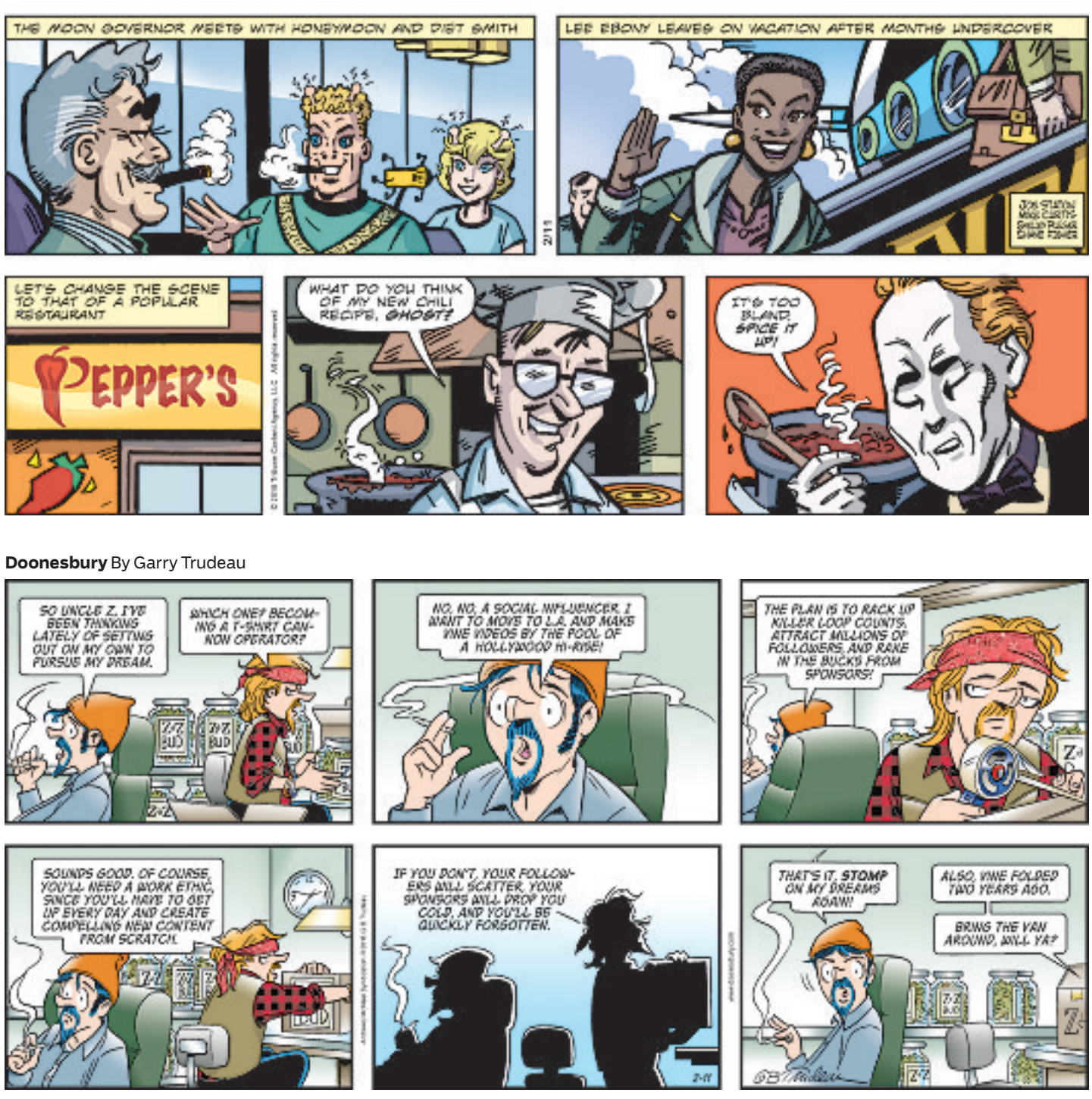


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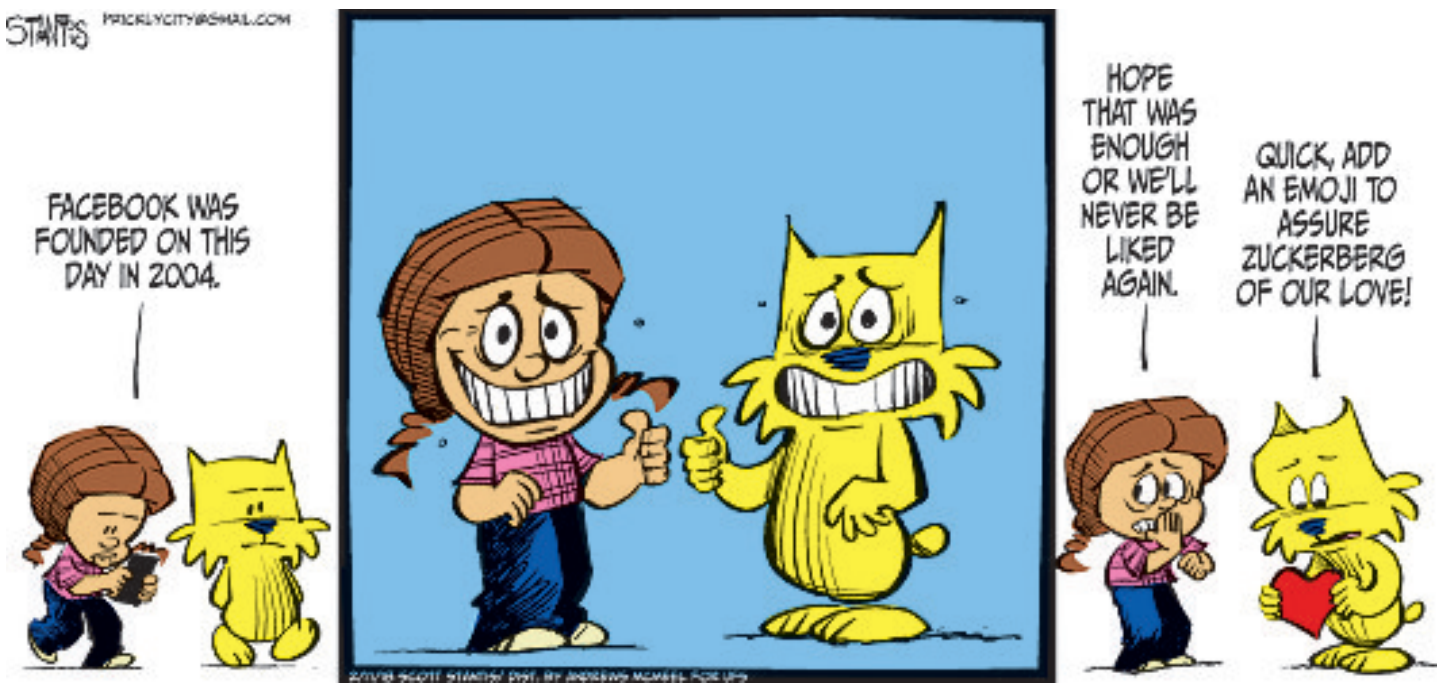
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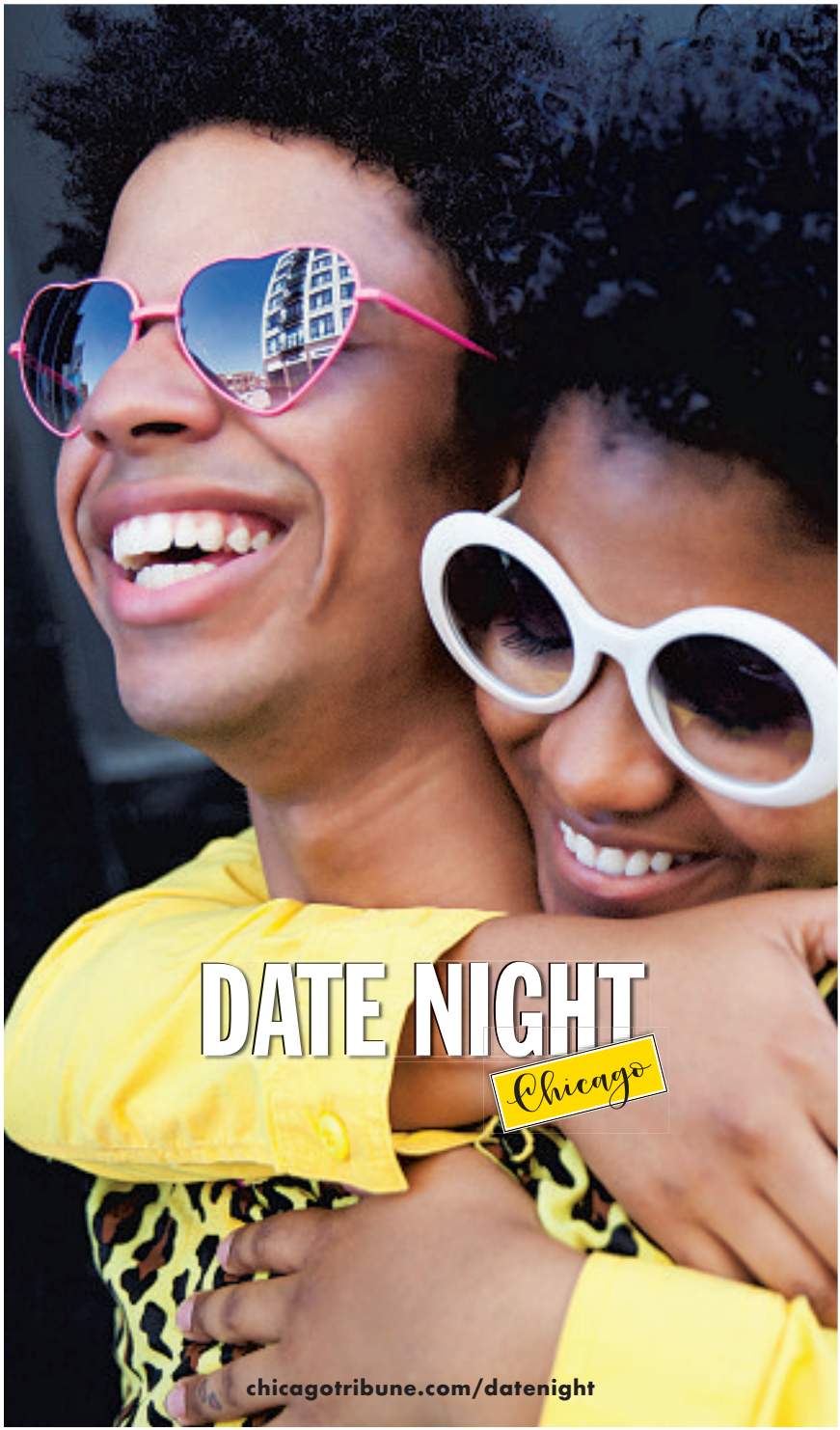
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Are you up to date?

Single, dating or married, here are our 139 picks for the best date night you've ever had

If you ask your mother (or even if you don't), she'll tell you dating isn't like it used to be. The rules have changed or dissolved altogether. Online dating and social media have given us more options but also new customs to navigate. Which app is the right fit? When do you follow a person of interest on Instagram? How many dates before you talk politics?

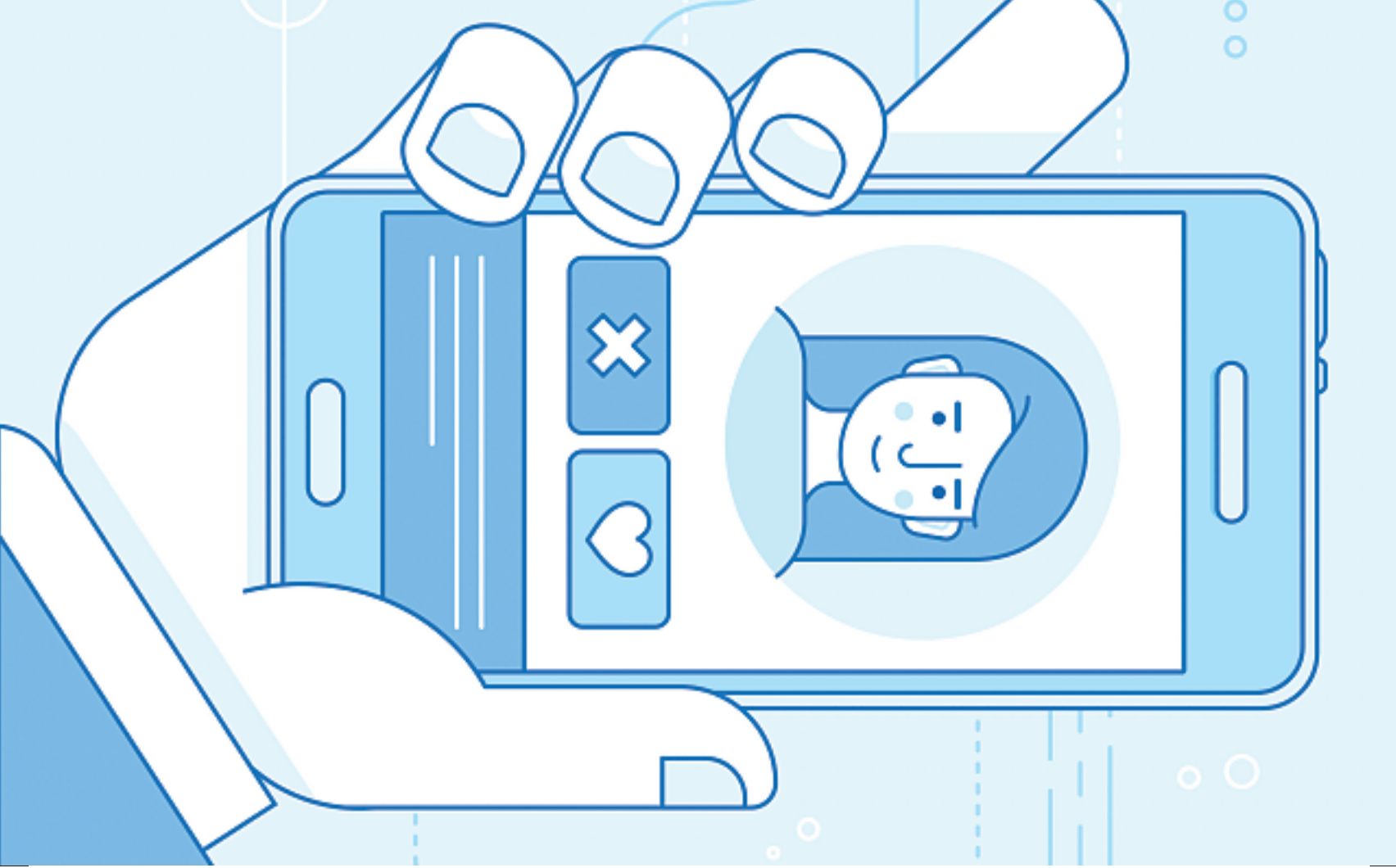
The dating landscape might have changed, but at the heart of it, you still have two people trying to make a connection without looking like idiots. And if you think Tinder offers a lot of choices, we've got news for you: Chicago is an unending playground of potential dates. Dining, drinking, dancing. Movies and museums. It's all here.

It doesn't matter if you're single or you've been married for decades — this book has it all. It's filled with everything you need to be romantically savvy, from the city's sexiest restaurants to gift ideas that are sure to impress. Or maybe you just want suggestions on how to craft a perfect night at home. Sprinkled throughout are bits of dating and relationship advice from our expert sources.

There's nothing worse than a bad date, but there are ways to avoid having one. — *Lauren Chval*

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How to master dating app etiquette

By **Erin Ben-Moche**

Q: When you meet someone on a dating app, who makes the plans? The person who invites or the person who accepts? What are the rules for navigating online dating apps?

Online or offline, the rules of engagement remain essentially the same. The person who initiates contact on the dating app should also propose plans for the date and follow through with arrangements. It's not about power dynamics; it's a way of simplifying the matter of bringing two people together in a busy world.

It's also common courtesy. If you met someone at a friend's barbecue and asked him or her out, you would never expect the other person to make the arrangements.

At the same time, the person proposing the date does need to stay flexible. A proposal is a negotiable pitch. Busy lives, along with personal likes and dislikes, mean that some or even all factors must be worked out between the two of you. Proposing actual times and venues simplifies things for your date and offers a springboard for options.

— Lee Wallender and Sharon Kroll, founders of the dating and relationship advice site The Dating Gurus

We want people to make the first move without saying, "I don't know, what do you want to do?" just to please the person. Be a person who can make a plan by saying, "What are you allergic to? What do you like eating? I'll try to come up with a few places."

Offer to pay because it means you respect the date enough and you aren't expecting the other person to always take care of it. I think the more we learn to be flexible and learn from experiences, without only choosing things based on what didn't go well in the past, we can move forward in dating. Both people can offer suggestions to show effort and involvement in a relationship. Women and men should try to understand their partner's thought processes. ■

— Bela Gandhi, president of Smart Dating Academy

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The percentage of 18- to 29-year-olds who identify as single

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The percentage of men that age who identify as single and never married

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The percentage of women that age who identify as single and never married

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Expert tips give singles a winning edge in online dating

By **Sarah Polus**

If dating is a game, online dating is a game of strategy. Message someone "hey," and you'll probably be ignored. Send the wrong emoji — or apparently any at all if you're male — and you're as good as gone.

The protocol can be daunting, especially to someone new to the game. With the beginning of a new year, we figured there's no better time to ask online dating experts to share their tips for success.

Your odds are good during the winter: According to Lauren O'Reilly of OkCupid, people tend to end relationships going into the holidays and want to start fresh in the New Year.

"Everybody starts their New Year's resolution, and a lot of times it's: Get online or go out more, proactive stuff to really meet somebody," said Jess McCann, author of "You Lost Him at Hello: From Dating to 'I Do' — Secrets from One of America's Top Dating Coaches."

Pressure from family members during the holidays or wishing they had someone to spend the holidays with encourages people. The weather also plays a factor: It is "cuffing season," after all, the time of year when humans are more apt to want to stay in and cuddle up.

Your odds are even better on Sundays: Add perusing dating apps into your "easing into the weekday" Sunday night routine. According to O'Reilly, 7 p.m. Sunday is the average peak of traffic for OkCupid, aka your best chance of striking up a conversation with a potential suitor.

Don't procrastinate: "Messages sent within the first 24 hours (of matching) are twice as likely to receive a response,"

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said Jean-Marie McGrath of Hinge. The majority of users take up to 2.5 days to start a conversation, however.

Be genuine: Look at a dater's profile and write to them about something specific, so they know that you're not just randomly throwing out opening lines to every single person that is on the app, McCann suggests. "If they say they're a foodie; hit them with, 'So I see you're a foodie. What's the best Mexican restaurant in town?'" McCann said.

Give them something to work with: Starting a conversation with a question works best. But say more than, "Hey, what's up?," which puts the pressure on the other person to come up with something to talk about. Encourage a match to answer by feeding them material.

"You can say something like 'Katy Perry or Taylor Swift?' or a cute opening line with two choices that kind of gives you a little idea of who they are," McCann said.

Play it cool: People tend to word-vomit exactly what they're looking for in their bios: a life partner or someone to cuddle with at night. Less is more, warns Laurie Davis, chief executive of eFlirt, an online dating consultancy.

"You would never say that to somebody when you first meet them at a bar, so don't say that online either," she said. Keep it light and simple, and never be negative. Listing what you don't want in

Women look for confidence in a man, and relying on emojis to show emotions doesn't exude confidence.

a relationship is "just going to make you look cold," she adds.

Get offline ASAP: Many people like the idea of online dating in theory but don't find success because they never meet people face-to-face. Which is why McCann likes the sense of urgency that location-based apps like Tinder present to users. "You're only going to be in the same place and time for a very short, finite period," she said.

Try to keep virtual chatting to a minimum. Davis' rules of thumb are six messages back and forth on dating sites, 20 to 30 text exchanges if you're on a dating app. If by two weeks of messaging, you haven't met up, someone's got to pull the trigger and suggest a date.

"You really want to get to meeting each other and make sure that there really is some sort of real connection before you develop a virtual fantasy of the relationship in your head," McCann said.

Hit them with your best shots: When it comes to your photos, "you need to look like you're ready to walk out the door and go on a great first date," McCann said.

That means avoiding group photos, wearing sunglasses or only including pictures of your face.

"You're 203 percent more likely to get messages when you have one full body shot," Davis advises.

Be sure to include pictures that show what your life is like when you're not just sitting around your living room taking selfies. Active lifestyle shots make for great conversation starters.

Emojis are your friend, but only if you're a woman: "Men shouldn't be using emoji at all," Davis said. "If they use a smiley face in a message, their response rate drops 66 percent." Ouch, what gives? According to Davis, women look for confidence in a man, and relying on emojis to show emotions doesn't exude confidence.

But for women the opposite is true. According to Davis, when women use a smiley face in their profile, it will increase messages by 60 percent. "For women, when they use emoji, it comes across as being warmer."

Davis, however, warns women to avoid use of flowers, hearts or any emojis that seem lovey-dovey. "It's like the text version of too much too soon."

Momentum is important: "If there's going to be things that are barriers to the momentum, you want to make that clear up front," Davis said. If you're going away, make a plan to meet up when you get back — having something to look forward to could keep a fledgling relationship from fizzling out. ■

Chef's night out

THEY SERVE UP EXCELLENCE AT SOME OF CHICAGO'S HOTTEST RESTAURANTS, BUT WHEN THESE CULINARY MASTERS WANT A ROMANTIC NIGHT OUT, THEY HAVE THEIR OWN GO-TO SPOTS



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Bill Kim
Belly Q and Urbanbelly

Cultured and cozy

"Date night with my wife is usually an all-day plan since I typically have only one day off a week. We start off with a walk to our favorite place for breakfast, Stax Cafe on Taylor Street, followed by a visit to a museum or the movie theater. We love going to any restaurant and sitting at the bar, no reservations required. The bar is the best place to sit because you get to sit very close to your significant other. Some of our favorite places to hang out, eat and drink are El Che Bar and La Sardine."

Sarah Grueneberg
Monteverde

Oysters and jazz

"When we're not at home cooking up some pasta from the pantry, my fiance, Jaime, and I will head to Shaw's Oyster Bar for date night. It's such a fun, classic Chicago atmosphere. We'll go on nights with live jazz, have ice-cold martinis and enjoy some of the best oysters in Chicago. If we leave room, we'll order the lobster roll and clam chowder. Whether we stay at home or dine out, we'll typically have a nightcap of whiskey or bourbon from our at-home bar." — *Morgan Olsen*

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DINNER AND A MOVIE? YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT. CHICAGO IS FULL OF ACTIVITIES THAT MAKE FOR A GREAT DATE.

► Distillery tour, then pie

Main attraction: KOVAL Distillery tour

5121 N. Ravenswood Ave. 312-878-7988

Take an hourlong tour of one of Chicago's oldest distilleries, where you'll taste test Koval's organic whiskeys, spirits and liqueurs while learning all about distillation, small-batch spirits and more. Added bonus: You'll leave the Ravenswood booze factory with a nice little afternoon buzz.

Don't stop: Bang Bang Pie & Biscuits

4947 N. Damen Ave. 773-530-9020

Looks like you need something to soak up all those whiskey samples. Head just around the corner to Chicago staple Bang Bang Pie & Biscuits for a treat. Indulgent pot pies are shareable, or opt to chow down on your own biscuit creation. Don't forget to save room for a slice of pie. If available, key lime never fails to impress.

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Bang Bang Pie & Biscuits

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Spanish food, then a speakeasy

Main attraction: Black Bull

1721 W. Division St. 773-227-8600

Impress your date with an authentic Spanish meal at Black Bull — and by authentic, we mean executive chef Marcos Campos himself hails from Spain. Try the braised lamb shoulder with wine sauce, black garlic mashed potatoes, slow-cooked baby carrots and hummus and don't skip out on trying a Spanish-style gin and tonic like the Sota with blackberries and basil. If you start to drift into a lazy food coma, don't sweat it — your second destination is closer than you think.

Don't stop: Bordel

1721 W. Division St. 773-227-8600

Head to the second floor of Black Bull to enter Parisian and prohibition era-inspired speakeasy, Bordel. The velvet accents and dim lighting make for a cozy end to the date. The bar features a variety of entertainment during the week, including live music, burlesque and cabaret. Save room for "dessert" — the bananas foster old fashioned with rum, cinnamon, maple and walnut bitters will be calling your name.



►Theater, then contemporary American fare

Main attraction: Royal George Theatre

1641 N. Halsted St. 312-988-9000

Just looking to relax? Catch a show at the Royal George Theatre. Located conveniently off the North/Clybourn Red Line stop in Lincoln Park, it's the perfect spot to watch an afternoon or evening performance with your family, friends or bae. The four-theater complex boasts four distinct stages, each offering a diverse array of theatrical events. If a pair of "Hamilton" tickets is still out of your budget, a production at the Royal George is sure to scratch your theater itch without breaking the bank.



Boka

Don't stop: Boka

1729 N. Halsted St. 312-337-6070

On the same block as the theater, you'll



Royal George Theatre

find Boka, one of Food & Dining critic Phil Vettel's Top 50 Restaurants in Chicago. Chef Lee Wolen brings an exciting menu to a restaurant that's been a Chicago mainstay for more than a decade. While the ingredients he uses are familiar, the execution is beautifully complex. Don't overlook Meg Galus' imaginative pastries. Cocktails are first-rate, too, and an eye-candy dining room and flawless service don't hurt, either.

Sultry dance class, then Jamaican cuisine

Main attraction: Kizomba class at The Silver Room

1506 E. 53rd St. 773-947-0024

The first time you watch a couple dance Kizomba, you might feel like a voyeur witnessing a private intimate moment — the Angolan dance is known for its slow, rolling hips and gyrations, so it's perfect



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for a date when you're already comfortable with your partner and want to turn up the heat. The Hyde Park store, art gallery and event space hosts lessons every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m., so bring your dance shoes and get ready to learn some new sexy moves.

Don't stop: Ja' Grill

1510 E. Harper Court 773-752-5375

Take a short walk over to Ja' Grill to satiate the appetite you just worked up. Try a couple patties filled with seasoned beef, curry chicken or veggies, then the signature jerk chicken with rice and peas, plantains, cabbage and carrots and Jamaican hard dough bread or the vegetarian Ital stew with callaloo, butter beans, carrots, onions, mixed vegetables and coconut cream. Wash it all down with the Ja' Rum Punch with white, dark and coconut rums and tropical juices.

Ice skating, then hot chocolate

Main attraction: Maggie Daley Skating Ribbon

337 E. Randolph St. 312-552-3000

The Maggie Daley Skating Ribbon is open all throughout winter for ice skating, and the classic activity feels



Maggie Daley Skating Ribbon

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especially enjoyable in view of the Chicago skyline. Grab a date — or a friend — and either bring your own skates at no charge, or rent skates at the park ($12 skate rental weekdays, $14 weekends). Once you've skated yourself exhausted or you're ready to warm up, it's time to head to your next destination.

Don't stop: Goddess and the Baker
33 S. Wabash Ave. 312-877-5176

After ice skating in chilly Chicago weather, you'll be ready to warm up with a mug of hot chocolate. Goddess and the Baker — just a couple blocks from Maggie Daley Park — serves up rich hot chocolate in addition to an extensive menu of other specialty drinks. Try the Hot Mama Elixir with "liquid chocolate," chipotle, cayenne and cinnamon for a drink with a kick or the Goddess Gringo Horchata for something more mild ($4.95).

Comedy, then craft beer

Main attraction: The Second City
1616 N. Wells St. 312-337-3992

They say laughter is the best medicine, so have a couple chuckles at The Second



Slurping Turtle

City. This club is a Chicago staple when it comes to comedy, putting on live shows every night. Comics perform a variety of sketch and improv comedy in a number of theaters. Shows start at 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. depending on the day.

Don't stop: The Vig Chicago

1527 N. Wells St. 312-982-2186



The Vig, located just a block south of The Second City, is the perfect spot to pop in for a beer and appetizer before or after a show. The loft-like sports bar, equipped with large TVs, serves up gastropub eats (think lobster deviled eggs, salmon BLTs and baby back ribs) and weekend brunch. With an extensive craft beer, wine, cocktail and spirit list, you're sure to find something that quenches your thirst.

Ramen, then disco

Main attraction: Slurping Turtle

116 W. Hubbard St. 312-464-0466

How could you go wrong with a late dinner at Slurping Turtle? This River North spot is the perfect place to get your hands on some delicious ramen, stir fry or sushi. You can start your meal



Kiss Kiss Cabaret

with some fried Brussels sprouts, bao or duck fat fried chicken. Or, if you're not in a snacking mood, go straight for an entree like the Spicy Miso Tonkotsu, complete with chicken, buttered corn, bamboo shoots, wood ear mushrooms and scallions. Don't forget to take a peek at the dessert menu before you head out. You know, just in case.

Don't stop: Celeste/Disco

111 W. Hubbard St. 312-828-9000

After dinner, jet across the street to Celeste, a sophisticated multilevel hotspot that's perfect for a late-night cocktail or snack. When you're done with your drinks, head on up to Disco where the LED-lit floor and disco balls may just keep you dancing until the early morning hours. Pack in the fun of two completely different spaces without needing to step outside.

Chinese-American Museum, then Chinese food

Main attraction: Chinese-American Museum of Chicago

238 W. 23rd St. 312-949-1000

Looking for an educational date night away from Museum Campus? Plan a visit to the Chinese-American Museum of Chicago in Chinatown. The "Great Wall to Great Lakes: Chinese Immigration to the Midwest," a permanent exhibit at the museum, tells the stories of immigrant journeys from China to the Chicago area and elsewhere in the Midwest. "The Way We Wore: Celebrating Chinese Fashion Heritage" immerses guests in Chinese-American cultural life through exploration of Chinese fashion. Garments and accessories on display date back to the 19th century.

Don't stop: Lao Sze Chuan

2172 S. Archer Ave. 312-326-5040

Chicago's Chinatown is full of great places to eat, but if you're new to the neighborhood dining scene, Lao Sze Chuan is the place to start exploring. Since opening in 1998, Lao Sze Chuan has been a staple of Chinatown and it's one of the best spots in the neighborhood. Try the pork potstickers to start, and the chef's special dry chili chicken for the main course. The hot pot option is a great build-it-yourself way to try multiple things on the menu. The base broth for the hot pot is $10, with added charges for each meat, vegetable, seafood and noodle addition.

Sushi, then burlesque

Main attraction: Agami Sushi

4712 N. Broadway 773-506-1845

First up is Agami Sushi for a quick bite. This chic Uptown sushi joint dishes up classic and specialty rolls as well as cocktails. Pay homage with the Chicago Bulls roll with spicy blue crab, baked scallops, grilled tiger shrimp, guacamole, pico de gallo and golden aioli. The menu is rounded out with a robust selection of salads, ramen, appetizers and buns.

Don't stop: Kiss Kiss Cabaret at Uptown Underground

4707 N. Broadway Ave. 773-867-1946

Next, heat up your night with a steamy striptease courtesy of Kiss Kiss Cabaret. Enjoy a vaudeville-inspired burlesque variety show, offering a mix of music, magic, comedy and the Kiss Kiss Coquettes. This weekly comedy and burlesque cabaret plays Friday and Saturday nights at Uptown Underground. The explosion of entertainment is suggested for guests ages 18 and up. ■

— Sadé Carpenter, Rianne Coale and Audrey Gorden

DATE AT HOME NIGHT

FROM THE RIGHT PLAYLIST TO AN IMPECCABLE BOTTLE OF BUBBLY, 5 GREAT WAYS TO CREATE A PERFECT NIGHT IN

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SIP A SPARKLER

No matter your price point, pop a bottle to get things going.





CHEAP AND CHEERFUL

● **Charles Ellner "Carte Blanche" Brut Champagne Nonvintage** ($27.99)
This is as close to sighting a unicorn as you can come: Real-deal Champagne for under $30.



CHEAP AND CHEERFUL

● **Tenuta di Tavignano "Il Pestifero"** ($19.80)
By law, not a prosecco, but this blend of verdicchio, malvasia and sangiovese is a unique wine with intriguing citrus peel and herb flavors.



MIDRANGE PICK

● **Jacques Lassaigne "Les Vignes de Mongeux"** ($43.99)
Made from100 percent chardonnay, this expressive Champagne can stand up to some of the finest wines produced by bigger names.



THE SPLURGE

● **Henri Goutorbe "Special Club" Grand Cru 2005**
($75.99)
Only two dozen (out of approximately 5,000 Champagne grape growers) are members of the Special Club, some of the most prestigious bottles around.

— Joseph Hernandez



2 PRESS PLAY

This custom playlist will help set the mood.

"To Make You Feel My Love" *Bob Dylan*
Fragile, heartfelt, desperate. It's everything.

"To Bring You My Love" *PJ Harvey*
Love should be unsettling, and scary.

"I Just Want to Make Love to You" *Etta James*
Oh, come on. You know why.

"In Love" *Cheryl Lynn*
The greatest love song known to mankind.

"Sweet Love" *Anita Baker*
The second greatest love song known to mankind.

"Voyage to Atlantis" *Isley Brothers*
Slow dance heaven. The rhythm is perfect.

"The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face" *Roberta Flack*
Oh, dear me. The feels. So many feels.

"Simply Beautiful" *Al Green*
Falsetto is for love. You know this.

"Love So Soft" *Kelly Clarkson*
Because you have to get off the sofa at some point.

"Stay" *Sugarland*
Because love sometimes goes wrong. And you will cry.

— Kevin Williams

DATE AT HOME NIGHT

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OPEN AN OYSTER

Prepare a natural aphrodisiac. Two pros share their favorite techniques.



COLD

While mignonettes are classic — "something anyone can do," says Matt Danko, former executive chef at SinkSwim — you can up the ante with creme fraiche and caviar. "The Moscow celebrates luxury," he added. For home entertainers, it's easy to pull off: You can sub good-quality roe for expensive caviar, says Danko, while a dollop of creme fraiche hides your oyster shucking sins.



HOT

Chef and proprietor John Manion puts the wood-fired hearth to delicious use at El Che Bar. Manion throws the shuckers directly on the coals for a quick hit of heat before topping them off with a compound butter of watercress, garlic and miso. "Miso plays well with oyster," says Manion. "It brings out some funkiness." If you're cooking oysters at home, Manion suggests placing the just-shucked oysters — resting in half a shell and all of their juices — in the broiler or directly on the grill. "They're done when they bubble — it's a fast cooking method and really forgiving." Top 'em with a flavored butter, aioli or breadcrumbs, and you've got an impressive appetizer.

— Joseph Hernandez



Neil Burger

Neil Burger



DATE AT HOME NIGHT

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MAKE A
MOUTH-WATERING MEAL

Everybody wants someone who can cook. Set a menu that's sure to impress.

THE APPETIZER

LOBSTER TACOS WITH GREEN ONION-CILANTRO SAUCE

Makes: 4 servings

This recipe from Heather Christo, author of "Heather Christo's Generous Table: Easy & Elegant Recipes through the Seasons" makes enough to serve four, but you can save leftovers for lunch the next day.

Green onion-cilantro sauce

6 green onions, roughly chopped
1 jalapeno, roughly chopped
1 cup fresh cilantro, packed
½ cup vegetable oil
⅓ cup fresh lime juice
Kosher salt

Cilantro radish salad

2 green onions, thinly sliced
½ cup chopped fresh cilantro
1 bunch radishes, thinly sliced
2 tablespoons lime juice
2 teaspoons vegetable oil
Kosher salt

Lobster

1 tablespoon oil
Zest of 2 limes and 1 tablespoon lime juice
2 green onions, thinly sliced
12 ounces cooked lobster, chopped
8 corn tortillas
Lime wedges, avocado slices

1. For the sauce, combine the onions, jalapeno, cilantro, vegetable oil and fresh lime juice in a blender. Puree on high until you have a smooth green sauce. Season to taste with salt. Set aside.

2. For the salad, gently combine the green onions, cilantro, radishes, lime juice and oil in a small bowl. Toss to coat; season to taste with salt. Set aside.

3. For the lobster, heat a medium skillet over medium heat; add the oil. Then add the lime zest and the green onions. Stir in the cooked lobster; gently warm the lobster with the onions and lime zest. Season well with kosher salt; sprinkle with the lime juice.

4. Heat the corn tortillas (do this by toasting them in a dry nonstick pan on both sides or on a flat top griddle).

5. Spoon some of the cilantro-radish salad onto the tortillas. Top with a generous amount of the lobster and then drizzle with the green onion sauce. Serve immediately with avocado slices and lime wedges.



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THE MAIN COURSE

SCALOPPINE IN LEMON SAUCE

Makes: 2 servings

Adapted from "Lidia's Italy in America," by Lidia Matticchio Bastianich (Alfred A. Knopf, $35).

4 slices chicken or veal cutlets, about ¾ pound
¼ teaspoon kosher salt
½ stick unsalted butter
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
Flour
2 cloves garlic, crushed, peeled
½ lemon, with rind, thinly sliced
¼ cup pitted green olives, cut into strips
2 tablespoons tiny capers, drained
½ cup white wine
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1½ tablespoons chopped parsley

1. Pound meat slices between pieces of waxed paper to an even ¼-inch thickness. Season with salt. Melt 2 tablespoons butter with olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Spread flour on a plate; lightly dredge meat in flour, tapping off excess. Lay slices, in batches, in skillet so pieces don't touch. Cook until edges caramelize, 1-2 minutes. Turn to caramelize other side; transfer to a plate. Repeat with remaining slices.

2. Increase heat to high. Add garlic and lemon slices to skillet; turn lemon to caramelize both sides. Add olives and capers; let sizzle 1 minute. Pour in wine and lemon juice. Heat sauce to a boil. Add ½ cup hot water. Boil sauce until reduced by half. Whisk in remaining 2 tablespoons butter in pieces. Reduce heat to a simmer. Return meat slices to pan. Simmer to heat through; do not overcook. Arrange meat on a warm platter. Stir parsley into sauce; pour sauce over meat.



DESSERT

CLEMENTINE PAVLOVAS WITH CANDIED PISTACHIOS

Makes: 6 servings

Make all the components in advance for quick assembly. Instead of candied clementines, you can top the dessert with fresh clementine segments and a drizzle of light agave syrup or honey.

Meringues
3 large egg whites, at room temperature
6 ounces confectioners' sugar, sifted (about 1 ¾ cups after sifting)

Clementine curd
6 tablespoons butter, softened
1 cup granulated sugar
1 large egg
3 eggs yolks
½ cup freshly squeezed clementine juice (4 to 6 clementines)
1 cup heavy whipping cream
Candied clementines, see recipe
Candied pistachios, see recipe
Fresh mint sprigs

1. For meringues, heat oven to 250 degrees. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. Beat egg whites in a large bowl of electric mixer (or with a hand mixer) until foamy. Gradually beat in confectioners sugar and continue beating until mixture holds stiff peaks, about 15 minutes.

3. Use a wet ice cream scoop to spoon 6 large dollops of the meringue onto the baking sheet. With the back of the scoop, make an indent in the center of each meringue, forming a nest shape. Bake meringues until crisp and bottoms are lightly golden, about 1 hour, 15 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Store in an airtight container up to several days.

4. For the clementine curd, beat the butter and sugar together in a medium bowl with an electric mixer. One at a time, beat in the egg and egg yolks. Beat for 1 minute. Add clementine juice. Transfer to a medium, heavy-bottomed saucepan. Cook on low until mixture is smooth (curdled appearance will resolve when butter melts). Increase heat to medium and cook, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens enough to coat the back of a spoon, about 15 minutes. Do not boil. Strain through wire mesh sieve into a bowl. Cover and refrigerate until completely cool. (Curd will keep refrigerated for several days.) Makes 1½ cups.

5. Shortly before serving, beat whipping cream in a small bowl just until soft peaks form.

6. To assemble, put one meringue onto each plate. Divide clementine curd equally among the meringues; top with whipped cream. Top with candied clementines and their syrup. Garnish with candied pistachios and mint; serve immediately.

Candied clementines Put ½ cup each sugar and water, 1 teaspoon ground cardamom (or ½ teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg) and a pinch of ground allspice into a small saucepan. Heat to a boil to dissolve the sugar into a syrup. Add the segments from 6 clementines. Cook, stirring often, until the clementine segments turn translucent, about 10 minutes. Cool the segments in the syrup. Makes about 1 cup. Refrigerate covered up to a week.

Candied pistachios Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and spray the paper with nonstick spray. Put ⅓ cup each sugar and water into a small saucepan. Heat to a boil, then cook, carefully swirling the pan, until mixture turns a deep golden color, 3 to 5 minutes. Immediately stir in ½ cup pistachio nuts and pour onto prepared baking sheet. Spread the nuts out in a single layer. Cool completely. Use a large knife to roughly chop. Store in a plastic bag for up to 2 weeks.



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PICK A FLICK

Cue up a love story to enjoy on the couch.



"AN AMERICAN IN PARIS" (1951): Postwar Paris serves as the backdrop to this MGM musical featuring Gene Kelly, Leslie Caron and the expressive camera of director Vincente Minnelli.

"BEFORE SUNRISE" (1995): Traveling to Vienna, two young strangers (Julie Delpy and Ethan Hawke) strike up the fateful conversation that launched director Richard Linklater's trilogy.

"CALL ME BY YOUR NAME" (2017): Sexual awakening and long al fresco lunches in the Italian sun are two hallmarks of one of last year's most compelling love stories.

"HOLIDAY" (1938): The Park Avenue socialites played by Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant are about to become in-laws — but Cupid has other plans.

"THE BIG SICK" (2017): Can an inconvenient coma keep two people apart? Based on a true story, the comedy-drama featuring Kumail Nanjiani and Zoe Kazan offers a clear, improbably romantic answer to that question.

"ONCE" (2007): A Dublin busker (Glen Hansard) falls, slowly, for a Czech emigre (Marketa Irglova) in this beguiling musical love story.

"THE WAY WE WERE" (1973): My wife's favorite bittersweet love story stars Barbra Streisand and Robert Redford, and that's good enough for me.

— Michael Phillips

DATE NIGHT

HIT THE TOWN

MAKING A RESERVATION IS EASY WHEN YOU HAVE THE PERFECT PLACE IN MIND. SEXY OR FUN, INTIMATE OR CASUAL – NO MATTER YOUR FOCUS, WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.

BEST BARS FOR A FIRST DATE

Striking the right mood for a first date can be tough. You want something casual but intimate, a place that's cool but not trying too hard. But pick a bar with great drinks and an even better atmosphere and you're in for a night to remember.

Band of Bohemia ►

Settle into a craft beer flight in an eclectic room with your date. The combination of the cozy environment, live music and warm service is sure to put you both at ease. Try The Noble Raven Ale with the baked foie-laska, made with seared foie gras, roasted parsnip, pear relish and charred meringue.
4710 N. Ravenswood Ave., 773-271-4710, bandofbohemia.com

Ladies Room at Fat Rice ►

This bakery-during-the-day bar gives off a "gotta be in the know" vibe with its globally inspired cocktails and house-made components. Try The Bizarro Jerry, made with aged avua cachaca, guotai baiju, creme de peche and lemon chile salt. They're also known for their large format drinks, which you can share with your date. Warm things up with their hot tea, made with Onu Tuica romaneasca, Letherbee gin and Rare Tea Cellar's Freak of Nature oolong.
2957 W. Diversey Ave., 773-661-9170, eatfatrice.com/menus/ladies-room



Band of Bohemia

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Ladies Room

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Press Room


Press Room

If you want to impress your date with Prohibition-era cocktails in a historical hotel lounge, bring them to Coq d'Or at the Drake.

Rogers Park Social

The cocktail menu is seasonal so you always know what you're getting is going to be exciting and fresh. Also, this is a dog-friendly bar, which will help you determine if your date is even worth your time (Do you even want to date someone who doesn't like dogs? The answer is no). Get something to eat at one of the food trucks that are there every Friday or one of their three versions of a pisco sour.
6920 N. Glenwood Ave., 773-791-1419, rogersparksocial.com

Press Room

Wine and charcuterie in a stylish environment sounds like the epitome of an intimate first date. When the conversation thins, you can always comment on the work happening in the open kitchen. The wine list, organized by style, features 80 bottles with many of them available in by-the-glass pours. Pair your wine with lamb meatballs, boquerones or meat pies.
1134 W. Washington Blvd., 331-240-1914, pressroomchicago.com

Coq d'Or at the Drake

If you want to impress your date with Prohibition-era cocktails in a historical hotel lounge, bring them to this Drake Hotel bar adorned with cozy wood paneling and leather accents. Try the "Old" Old Fashioned cocktail made with Woodford Reserve bourbon, rich sugar syrup, angostura bitters, orange bitters and citrus oils. If the date is going well, order one of the shareable dishes, such as a prosciutto, goat cheese and fig flatbread. If you just don't want the date to end, have something sweet, like the Madagascar mille-feuille.
140 E. Walton Place, 312-787-2200, thedrakehotel.com

Drawing Room at Chicago Athletic Association

Featuring comfortable couches and giant fireplaces, the Drawing Room makes for a cozy date. Cocktails are created by Paul McGee and wines are curated by Andrew Algren. Order an Old Fashioned or a Negroni to start and end the date on a sweet note with delicious desserts, like a dark chocolate creme brulee.
12 S. Michigan Ave., 312-792-3515, lsdatcaa.com

Scofflaw

Free fresh-baked cookies at midnight are a pretty great incentive if your first date is scheduled for a little later in the evening. This gin bar is equipped with a fireplace and comfortable vintage couches. Don't skip out on the fries, served with a side of aioli, and tell one of the bartenders to surprise you with

Big Chicks is a place that is both familiar and comfortable, which helps you shake those first-date jitters.

something.
3201 W. Armitage Ave., 773-252-9700, scofflawchicago.com

Big Chicks ►

Big Chicks is your favorite neighborhood cash-only bar, a place that is both familiar and comfortable, which helps you shake those first-date jitters. The vibe is laid back and there's a wide assortment of bar food and drinks that won't break your wallet. Try the dollar burger on Mondays or speciality cocktails at Saturday or Sunday brunch.
5024 N. Sheridan Road, 773-728-5511, bigchicks.com

The Sixth

Enjoy fun and funky cocktails in a modern environment with mirrors you can slyly use to check if your hair still looks good. The Sixth is known for specialty ice, which comes in different colors and shapes. Try the Silly Rabbit, made with gin, mint and four different flavors of ice. For something salty to go with the sweet drink, try their duck fat frites.
2202 W. Lawrence Ave., 773-645-4949, thesixthbar.com



Big Chicks

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Income Tax ►

This is an intimate wine bar with a moody, handsome interior and a great staff that makes you feel welcome. Peruse their extensive wine list and cocktail menu. They're known for their "bottle share" program where you can pop open any bottle of wine, enjoy as much as you want, and the rest will be available to others by the glass. Try wines with your date while enjoying dishes from Spain, Italy, France and Germany. We recommend the carrot agnolotti.
5959 N. Broadway, 773-897-9165, incometaxbar.com





Income Tax

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Spin

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BEST BARS WITH ACTIVITIES

Good conversation is key, but nothing stimulates a date like a fun activity. Roast s'mores, play some Ping-Pong, catch a movie — there are plenty of ways to add some entertainment to your night.

Spin ▲

The 1970s-chic, cavernous club features graffiti murals and pricey Stiga Ping-Pong tables. A casual lineup of salads, sliders, flatbreads and specialty cocktails offer sustenance while you and your date play. With big ball-filled baskets in arm's reach, and club staff to collect the balls that invariably bounce away, this isn't your childhood Ping-Pong game.

344 N. State St., 773-635-9999, chicago.wearespin.com



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Emporium

Pinball, air hockey and other video games are front and center at this arcade bar. Some locations have food truck pop-ups to go with your beer. They have a wide selection of ciders and beers, both local and from around the country, and you can't go wrong with a brew from Revolution Brewing Company. If you're not into beer, Emporium also has whiskey and other liquors.

1366 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-697-7922; 2363 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-360-8774; 839 W. Fulton Market, 312-733-2222

Guthrie's Tavern

Have a beer and play some board games at this neighborhood favorite. Pick a classic like Monopoly or something contemporary like Apples to Apples. When you get hungry from that local beer or glass of wine, dig through their coffee can stuffed with menus of eateries nearby that will deliver.

1300 W. Addison St., 773-477-2900, guthriestavern.com



Game Room



Carbon Arc

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Game Room

In this space carved out of the vast Chicago Athletic Association hotel, a bocce bay and billiards, chess and checkerboards, card tables and table soccer vie for attention. Big-screen televisions blasting the latest sporting encounter? Look elsewhere, for in ambience the Game Room is your granddaddy's athletic club — with 21st-century hip factor intact.
12 S. Michigan Ave., 312-792-3515, gameroomchicago.com

Replay

Channel your competitive spirit to keep your date exciting. Play a number of nostalgic video games, challenge your date on a pinball machine or see who is the better skee-ball player.
2833 N. Sheffield Ave., 773-665-5660, replaylincolnpark.com

Carbon Arc/ Davis Theater

Have some bar bites at Carbon Arc before catching a movie at the Davis Theater. Try their Thai mussels, served with a warm crusty bread, garlic, pepadew rouille and tom yum broth. To get a bit buzzy before your movie, have a classic cocktail or an original like the De "Peche" Mode, made with St.-Germain, Combier Peach and Pinot Project rose.
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-961-8946, davistheater.com

FTW: For the Win

Play classic carnival games like Down the Clown and Go Fishing while sharing some American comfort foods. Try the smothered fries with various toppings or one of their cocktails, like the peach gin fizz. There's a large selection of craft beers on tap if you're feeling hoppy.
322 E. Illinois St., 312-245-8331, forthewinentertainment.com

Park & Field

Whether it's s'mores in the wintertime, bocce ball courts or cornhole, Park and Field will have activities for you and your date while you sip on a cocktail or beer at this vintage sports-inspired bar. Try the quinoa cake sliders or a frozen cocktail in the summer.
3509 W. Fullerton Ave., 773-360-7373, parkandfieldchicago.com

Point and Feather

With small alcoves each designated with a dartboard, step into this cozy bohemian restaurant and bar and challenge your date's skills. Try the build-your-own botanical gin and tonic or order some elevated comfort food like blue crab corn dogs.
113 W. Hubbard St., 312-644-0113, pointandfeatherchicago.com

Hamburger Mary's

HamBINGO is a weekly event hosted by drag queens at Hamburger Mary's. For $15, you can play all night and support Chicago charities. Sip on Mary's Fruit punch made with jolly rancher infused vodka or try a burger like the the "Queen Mary" Burger, with cheddar and jack cheese, caramelized onions, applewood bacon, lettuce and Mary's sauce.
5400 N. Clark St., 773-784-6969, hamburgermarys.com

Ace Bounce

Challenge your date to a game of Ping-Pong in a sexy, industrial-chic space. Try the pan-roasted salmon with Heray saffron risotto, pickled fennel, roasted tomato and fried parsley, or sip on a "Hits from the Pong" cocktail, made with Banhez Mezcal, Roots Tentura cinnamon liqueur, horchata, habanero and lime.
230 N. Clark St., 773-219-0900, acebounce.com

Maria's/Kimski

Play board games while drinking beer with your date. You'll find hundreds of beers that rotate and a list of seasonal cocktails, so you know there will be

something new to try. Feeling hungry? Order Korean Polish street food like scallion potato pancakes or the Maria's Standard, a polish sausage with soju mustard, Kraut-chi and a side of fries.
960 W. 31st St., 773-890-0588, community-bar.com

The Promontory

Before you catch a show at the same place, get dinner and drinks at The Promontory restaurant. The menu is seasonal so just ask your server for recommendations. For a drink, try the Monkey Business, made with Blackwell & Hamilton Jamaican rums, creme de banana, saigon and walnut bitters.
5311 S. Lake Park Ave. West, 312-801-2100, promontorychicago.com

SEXIEST RESTAURANTS

You want a place to get you in the mood? Oh, we've got you covered. From sexy spaces to sexy dishes, these restaurants help turn up the heat.

Baptiste & Bottle Restaurant ►

With views of Michigan Avenue, this restaurant on the top floor of the Conrad Chicago is anything but a hotel restaurant. It's serving up whiskeys, cocktails and contemporary American food. Try the New York strip or the roasted carrot salad.
101 E. Erie St., 312-667-6793, baptisteandbottle.com

Brindille

This tree-branch themed French fine dining restaurant is sure to impress your date. Try the oyster dish, served in-shell with soft scrambled eggs and dollops of caviar, or the guinea hen with morels and sunchokes. Brindille also offers wine and cocktails, like the French 75, made with Ford's gin, lemon and Jacquart brut.
534 N. Clark St., 312-595-1616, brindille-chicago.com


Baptiste & Bottle

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Moody Tongue

You have to go here — at least for dessert. And by dessert, we mean the legendary chocolate cake served to you in a sleek hedonistic room once described by the *Tribune* as a place where "you half expect Hugh Hefner to traipse in at any moment, flanked by bunnies."



Baptiste & Bottle

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Vincent

Obviously, try a beer or maybe have some oysters before you dive into the decadent dessert.
2136 S. Peoria St., 312-600-5111, moodytongue.com

Vincent

With mirrors and vintage photographs on the walls, this classy but fun restaurant will surely put you and your date in the mood. Try the mussels and frites, which you can have made in one of five ways. Or sip on some Bubbles & Flowers, a cocktail made with prosecco, elderflower and lemon peel.
1475 W. Balmoral Ave., 773-334-7168, vincentchicago.com

Nico Osteria room service at the Thompson

You can have delicious pasta, seafood and desserts delivered to your room. Splurge and try the whole branzino or the octopus carpaccio. Or you can't go wrong with the lobster spaghetti. Make sure you don't skip dessert — the tiramisu is made with white coffee mousse, marscarpone, rum-coffee sponge cake, frozen sabayon and hot fudge. Pair with a wine from their extensive list.
1015 N. Rush St., 312-994-7100, nicoosteria.com

Heritage

Caviar is said to be an aphrodisiac, so head to a restaurant where there's caviar on almost everything. Try the 1871 Oysters, made with quail eggs, bacon, cheese and escargot pearls. Pair that with a wine from Croatia, Slovenia, Macedonia or the Republic of Georgia.
2700 W. Chicago Ave.,773-661-9577, heritage-chicago.com

Marisol

If you're of the opinion that art is sexy, bring your date to Marisol, located in the Museum of Contemporary Art. The restaurant is part of the artsy museum space. Try the roasted half chicken or the chilled octopus. And for dessert, try the date cake, made with chocolate, preserved apricots and tipped with a scoop of frozen kefir.
205 E. Pearson St., 312-799-3599, marisolchicago.com

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Swift and Sons ►

With long tables, a sleek design and a warm atmosphere, you're sure to impress your date at this steakhouse. Try the beef wellington to share, or the seafood towers, either hot or cold, which are priced per person. Pair that with a wine or a cocktail, like the stone fruit Old Fashioned, made with George Dickel No. 8, cherry, peach, cinnamon and nutmeg.

1000 W. Fulton Market, 312-733-9420, swiftandsonschicago.com

FMK

This art gallery, bar and restaurant mashup is sure to set the mood with its fun decor and interesting food. Try the foie mousse, which is presented to look like a mandarin orange and served with sourdough, or the tuna and tripe, which has been called a "post-modern salade nicoise." To top off the dinner, try the butter cake or a cocktail, like the Cool Story Bro, made with bacon-washed bourbon and fernet.

311 N. Sangamon St., 312-733-6900, fultonmarketkitchen.com



Swift and Sons

Boarding House ►

When you arrive, you'll realize that there are four different rooms at the Boarding House. Make your way upstairs to the third floor, where the ceiling is made from almost 4,000 wine bottles and the mood is most certainly sexy and sleek. Try the honey-glazed chicken with piquillo-pepper puree, hashed Yukon Gold potatoes and Calabrian chilies. For dessert, try the chocolate bar, a flourless cake with ganache and crunchy chocolate feuilletine.

720 N. Wells St., 312-280-0720, boardinghousechicago.com

Piccolo Mondo

Argentinian grilled meats are seasoned with sea salt and cooked over a slow charcoal fire. Try the Piccatina Al Limone, which is veal scaloppini sauteed in lemon and white wine sauce with red roasted peppers and capers. Pair that with wine by the glass or split a bottle with your date.

1642 E. 56th St., 773-643-1106, piccolomondo.us

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Boarding House

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Maple and Ash

George Trois

This five-table dining room inside Restaurant Michael serves traditional French cooking. Let the restaurant chart your meal by choosing the six-course or nine-course menu. We recommend the nine-course so you avoid skipping dessert.
64 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, 847-562-6105, georgetrois.com

Maple and Ash

Eat some luxurious food in a sexy and sophisticated environment that draws an energetic crowd. The dining room is beautiful, with a distressed wood ceiling, a looping chandelier resembling a pearl necklace and candle-topped tablecloths. Try the roasted seafood platter or the potato gratin. Or if you're feeling something sweet, try the caramel-apple tart with apple, frangipane, caramel sauce and chopped nuts.
8 W. Maple St., 312-944-8888, mapleandash.com

Margeaux Brasserie

French is sexy and this spot in the Waldorf Astoria hotel is inspired by 1920s Paris. A champagne cart patrols the dining roo; lighting is subdued and romantic. Try the wood-roasted Atlantic oysters made with pernod cream, bacon and leek, or the lobster bouillabaisse, which is served with mussels, calamari, grilled prawns and squid-ink focaccia. Top off your meal with a chocolate macaron, made to share, and filled with raspberry and milk-chocolate cremeux, warm chocolate sauce and cocoa nibs.
11 E. Walton St., 312-646-1300, michaelmina.net

Found Kitchen and Social House

This intimate and moody space is not too dark and not too loud, as sexy restaurants can sometimes be. Way in back you'll find the bookcase-lined library and the salon privee, a sultry private

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Autre Monde

room that, when not in use, serves as a comfortable waiting area. Enjoy great drinks in elegant glassware, like the Despearado, made with pears, merit chiles, mezcal, lillet and celery bitters. The food menu changes seasonally, depending on farm availability, and is very shareable.
1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, 847-868-8945, foundkitchen.com

Autre Monde ▲

Inspired by the Mediterranean, charcuterie platters, flatbread pizzas and lightly crusted oysters beckon you to dive in. The space is charming and warm in a way that encourages intimacy, and the room resounds with excited chatter when full. We recommend the pasta trio, which includes tortelacci with goat cheese and black truffle over a brown-butter sauce, and tagliatelle with shrimp and scallops. End with a light dessert like the honey-lavender cheesecake or a chocolate hazelnut pot de creme.
6726 W. Roosevelt Road, Berwyn, 708-775-8122, autremondecafe.net

RESTAURANTS WITH A VIEW

Nothing takes your breath away like a gorgeous view, except perhaps a gorgeous date. These restaurants give you the opportunity to have both.

Chicago Cut Steakhouse

Beyonce and Jay-Z dined here, so take a page from their book and check out this restaurant overlooking the river. They ordered the tuna tartare, sliders, steak and salmon, and if those things are good enough for Beyonce and Jay-Z, then they're good enough for us.
300 N. LaSalle Drive, 312-329-1800, chicagocutsteakhouse.coms

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Take in views of the city and Lincoln Park Zoo while sipping on some cocktails from the rooftop of Hotel Lincoln. Try the Sister Carrie gin cocktail or the Razor's Edge rye cocktail. If you're feeling hungry, go downstairs to The Kennison for a burger.

1816 N. Clark St., 312-254-4747, jparkerchicago.com

Cindy's

With a patio and a glass dining room area, take in views of Millennium Park and the lake while enjoying libations from the apothecary-style bar. The dishes approach catering portions, and these aren't so much shareable plates as shareable platters. If the roof is crowded, head down to the Game Room on the same level as the Chicago Athletic Association's lobby. Try the Old Fashioned at both.

12 S. Michigan Ave., 312-792-3502, cindysrooftop.com

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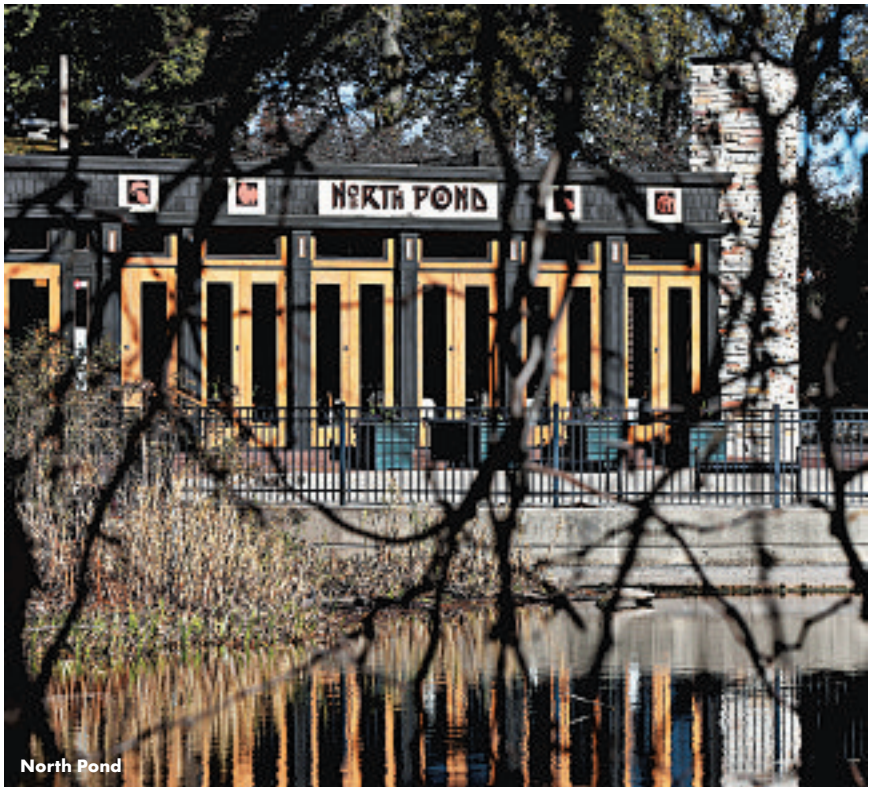
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Cindy's

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North Pond



Gibson Italia

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a restaurant with two Michelin stars. Try the tasting menu while watching the city lights sparkle on the river.
401 N. Wabash Ave., 312-588-8030, trumphotelcollection.com/chicago

North Pond

With gorgeous views of North Pond in Lincoln Park, this restaurant is serving up clean and creative contemporary American food. Go for the tasting brunch and dine on items like a poached farm egg on a Yukon Gold potato cake, with duck tenderloin in a bacon shallot cream sauce.
2610 N. Cannon Drive, 773-477-5845, northpondrestaurant.com

NoMi

With an outdoor garden, this restaurant overlooks Michigan Avenue and is perfect for a summer rooftop brunch. Try the NoMI benedict, made with chilled crab salad, pico de gallo, arugula, poached egg and hollandaise. Or go for dessert and split a skillet cookie with your date.
800 N. Michigan Ave., 312-239-4030

Gibsons Italia

Overlook the river from three levels while dining on steak and Italian food. You can enjoy an outdoor dining area with a retractable roof. Try the grass-fed Australian New York Strip or the double-baked potato, stuffed with cheese and covered in black-truffle shavings.
233 N. Canal St., 312-414-1100, gibsonsitalia.com

Spiaggia

Elegant Italian food is served with views that overlook Michigan Avenue. Named "Chicago's finest Italian restaurant" by Tribune restaurant critic Phil Vettel, you're sure to impress your date here. Try the the black truffle gnocchi.
980 N. Michigan Ave., 312-280-2750, spiaggiarestaurant.com

Waydown

With two patios, cocktails and bar plates, the Waydown is situated at the top of the Ace Hotel with views of the city. Try the French onion patty melt or the Bird's Eye cocktail, made with four roses bourbon, grapefruit, raspberry, sweet vermouth and angostura.
311 N. Morgan St., 312-764-1919

DESTINATIONS WITH A FIREPLACE

A date in the glow of a firelight is the very definition of ambiance. Cozy up by the fire at one of these restaurants.

Moody's Pub

With not one, but two fireplaces, cozy up with your date at this ski lodge-inspired bar. Try the bleu cheese burger and MoodyMama cocktail, made with rum, coconut, orange and pineapple juices, triple sec and grenadine.
5910 N. Broadway St., 773-329-5694, moodyspub.com

The Moonlighter

If you want to sit by a fireplace, you have indoor and outdoor options at this laid-back neighborhood bar. Try the sour beers or the rose on tap. Also check out the bar bites, including waffle fries and burgers.
3204 W. Armitage Ave., 773-360-8896, themoonlighterchicago.com

The Grafton

With a great fireplace in the back, this Irish pub is the frequent haunt of Old Town School of Folk Music students, who play music around the fire. Try a burger, like The Joyce, made with Dubliner white cheddar cheese, and sip



Elske



on a whiskey drink of an Irish, Japanese, Canadian, Scotch, or American style.
4530 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-271-9000, thegrafton.com

Tre Kronor

When it's chilly but you still want to sit outside with your date, cuddle up under a blanket provided by the restaurant. This Swedish bistro serves meals all day with menu items like Swedish pancakes, quiche and crab cakes. Sip on a latte or a hot cocoa.
3258 W. Foster Ave., 773-267-9888, swedishbistro.com

Gogi

Nothing says romance like grilled meats, so gather around some glowing charcoal and cook your dinner together. Try the galbi, marinated beef short ribs, or the samgyeopsal, the sliced pork belly.
6240 N. California Ave., 773-274-6669, gogichicago.com

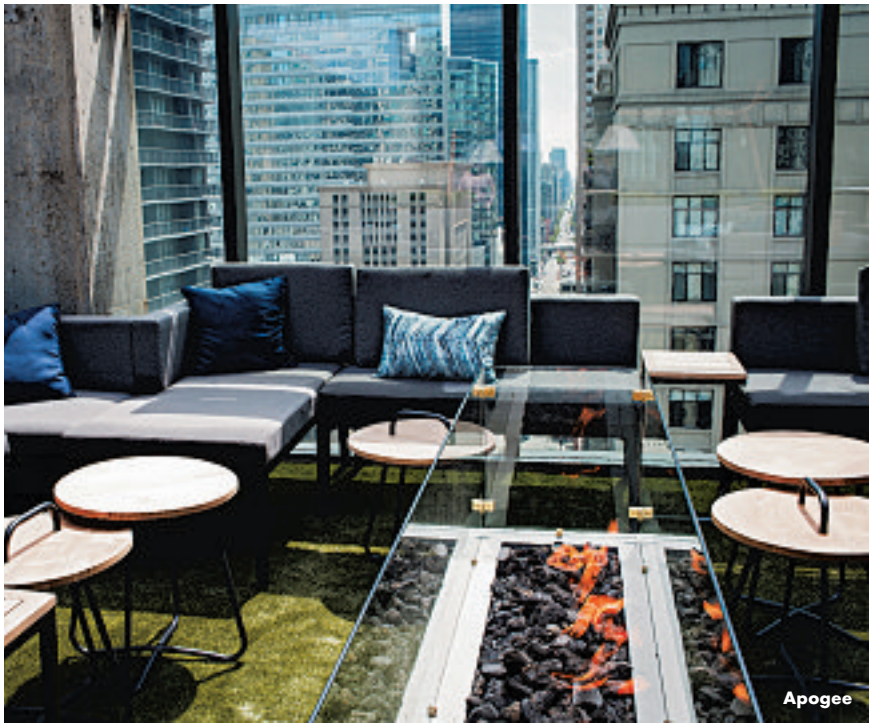
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The entrance to the restaurant is at the end of a small courtyard, which boasts a curved fireplace that's lit every night, no matter how foreboding the weather. Try the duck tart, a sliver of silky-smooth liver mousse both exotic and comforting.
1350 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1314, elskerestaurant.com

Chicago Firehouse

A two-for-one here. Upstairs you'll find

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Apogee

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Nothing says romance like grilled meats, so gather around some glowing charcoal at Gogi and cook your dinner together.

what they call the Mayor's Room, with a fireplace that predates the building. A second-floor veranda offers more outdoor space, with an outdoor fireplace. So pick your spot and feast on oysters Rockefeller or the lobster bisque, with what the chef calls a puff pastry top hat.

1401 S. Michigan Ave., 312-786-1401, chicagofirehouse.com

Cantina Laredo

Fireplaces sprinkled throughout add warmth to this space, where walls of stone, brick, wood and marble create an otherwise cool atmosphere. Enjoy the fire over a round of mojitos and guacamole.
508 N. State St., 312-955-0014, cantinalaredo.com

Apogee

The 26th-floor rooftop lounge at the Dana Hotel is more than an Instagrammer's paradise. The menu specializes in large, gorgeous cocktails meant to be shared between two, four or more. Snag a seat by the fire pit while you sip.
2 W. Erie St., 312-202-6060, apogeechicago.com ■



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6 ways to wow a woman

By **David Syrek**



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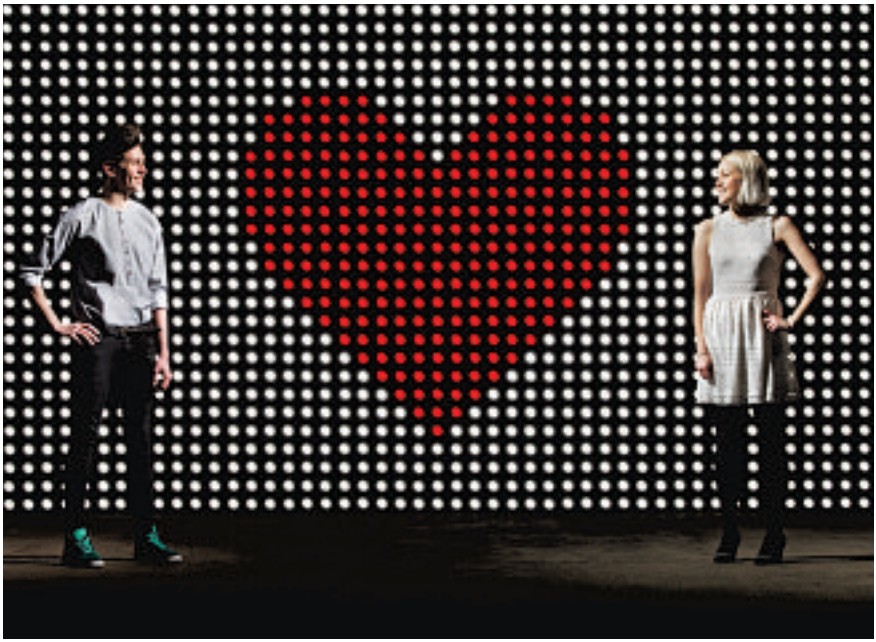


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Can you date someone who doesn't share your politics?

By **John Kass**

If there's one thing you can be sure of, it's that in a few months, you'll be overwhelmed by news stories with headlines like these:

She's a liberal Democrat — maybe a commie! — can I bring her home to meet my parents?

I just married a conservative, and my friends dropped me.

I just married a liberal — her friends let me pick up the check — but they still hate me.

Whatever would we do without those stories on political biology in Sunday lifestyle sections?

How can we live without advice columns calming the turgid panic surrounding the American political mating rituals?

You've seen them. They're all about hand-wringing over dangerous liaisons between men and women who find themselves ideologically opposed.

Often, they involve guilt, a liberal woman dating a paleo conservative and not knowing how to tell her friends the ter-

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rible news. They'll drop me from the book club!

And sometimes, they're not tales of forbidden political love, but obnoxious bragging about how she married a conservative out of pity and was surprised to find he treated her with respect and knew how to use a knife and fork.

Whether you like it or not, such themes will be pushed on you relentlessly despite your loudest inner screams.

Your eyes will skim some. Talk show hosts will use them as program fodder. Can you date a Republican? Can you marry a Democrat without a pre-nup?

Soon we'll understand that our species is not long for this earth. Because what's natural is natural. And letting politics divert you from staring into her eyes and holding her hand is unnatural.

But politics doesn't care about what comes naturally. Politics has a mission.

Politicos may fight about tax cuts or Russian spies in our closets, but with the midterm elections coming in 2018, the sociopolitical herding will be on the increase.

So there will be more studies and stories and polls. And because the media leans left — don't even try to argue otherwise; that's like being a wild-eyed science denier — most political mating stories will reflect a certain antipathy toward "those people," meaning Republicans.

So gather around, let me put on my favorite cardigan, fill my pipe and pour myself a mug of mulled wine, and I'll tell you of ye olden days.

Back then, "mixed marriage" had nothing to do with politics. It meant Episcopalians dating Methodists.

And later, "mixed marriage" involved Italians marrying Irish, Greeks marrying Jews, blacks marrying whites, and the most difficult mixed marriage of all, Sox fans marrying Cubs fans.

Now the divide is politics, because politics is our new secular American church. There's much evidence of this already. Read or listen to the hysteria in the media. It has the ring of a crusade.

Each sect or denomination has its own particular catechism, dogma, priests (politicians) and stern bishops (pundits) who shepherd the faithful away from the temptations of libertarians.

Over on the NPR news site — yeah, I visit to find out what liberals are really thinking — I found a story about political dating sites, one for Republicans, another for Democrats.

"There's more activity now than ever," said the liberal dating site boss. "I knew liberals would only find comfort in each other's arms." The conservative dating site guy sounded the same.

Don't ask me for statistics. The internet is full of surveys. Some say that almost half of America wouldn't date someone with opposing political views. Others say that young Democrats don't want young Republicans in the same college dorm. Or at least I heard that on a talk show, so it must be kind of true.

Anyone who lets politics interfere with romance is probably too idiotic to raise children and should probably be chemically altered for the greater good.

Some of the more ridiculous advice I've seen includes talking about politics on your second date, "to get it out of the way." You're going to talk tax policy on a date? Loser.

Happily, not everyone feels this way. Right now I bet there's some generic young Republican college student reading The Nation, just so he gets the buzzwords right so he might date that girl in Madison with the big brown eyes.

And there must be a liberal young woman going back to school in Yellow Springs, Ohio, in the fall, thinking about gender studies, yes, but also about that boy who shocked her with his National Review.

Politics is so small compared to love, but you wouldn't know it sometimes with all the stridency aimed at guilting people apart.

Betty and I have been married for more than 30 years. She was a modern dancer marching in no-nuke parades. I admired Ronald Reagan. We're still together. We still hold hands.

It's a good thing there was no social media then. She might have been shamed out of our second date. ■

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Best cultural spots for a date

By **Steve Johnson**

Pretty much any of the world-class museums and nature parks in the Chicago area makes for a great potential outing. Planning a visit to one can make you seem smart in the eyes of your date. And they put you amid culture, but not so much that you can't talk to each other. Indeed, with the emphasis on new information and new



experience, they encourage talking. So picking just a handful from the area's bouquet of offerings is a challenge. But here are five with the potential to nudge a date to the next level.

1

Garfield Park Conservatory: Garden stroll

It may be cold outside, but walking the intricate pathways in Jens Jensen's magnificent, glass-ceilinged greenhouse on the West Side will warm you both up.

300 N. Central Park Ave., garfieldconservatory.org



2

Adler Planetarium: "Planet Nine"

The latest image-filled sky show in the Adler's central domed theater, detailing the science going on at the outer reaches of our solar system, will fill you both with cosmic wonder.

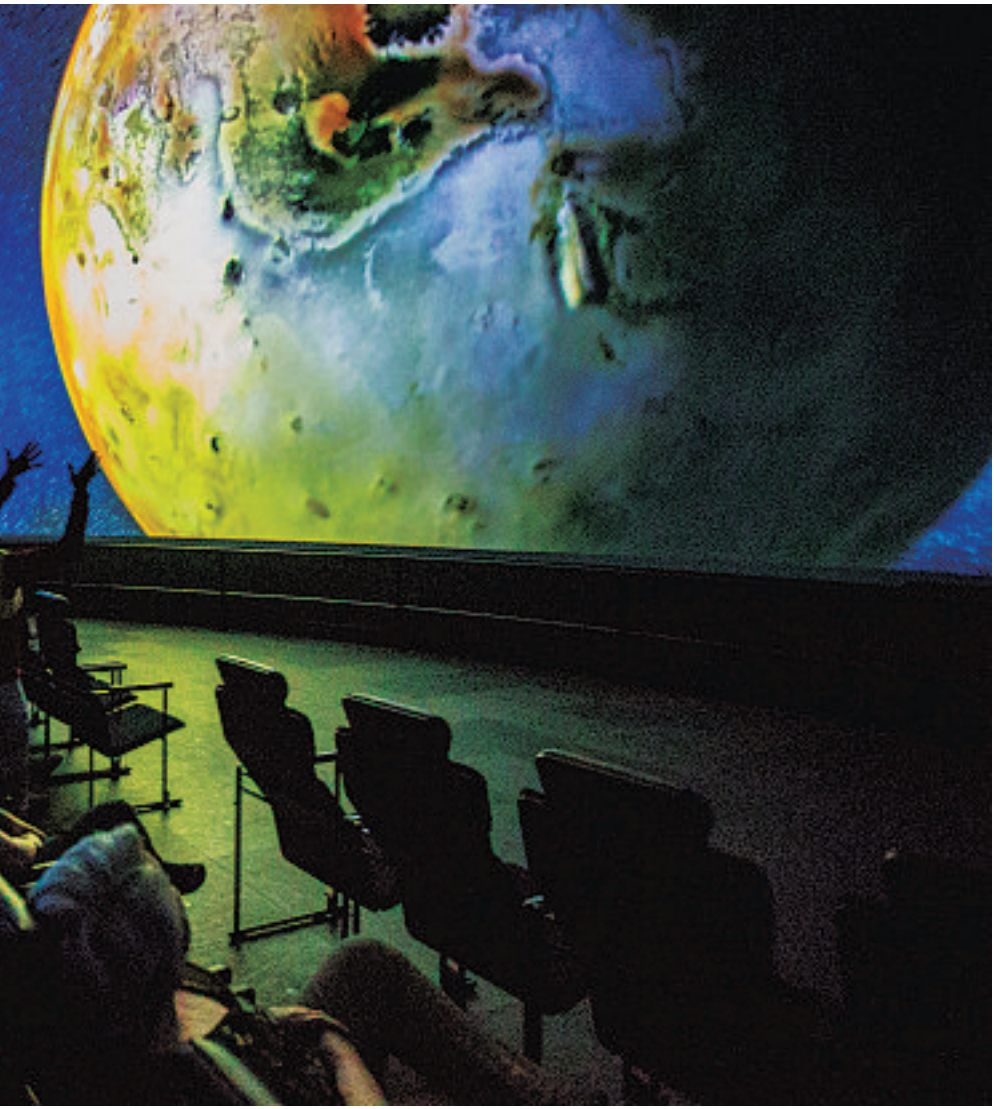
1300 S. Lake Shore Dr., adlerplanetarium.org

3

Morton Arboretum: Heritage Trail

This 1.1-mile woods-and-fields loop connects to other trails, and it passes Big Rock, one of the most apt places in Chicagoland to pull out a, you know, big rock and ask a certain question.

4100 Illinois 53, Lisle, mortonarb.org



4

National Museum of Mexican Art: "Nuestras Historias"

This artistic deep dive into Mexican identity in North America, highlighting works from the Pilsen museum's permanent collection, is not only bold and enlightening, it's free. *1852 W. 19th St., nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org*

5

Driehaus Museum

This small museum just west of the Michigan Avenue shopping district showcases its home, a gilded-age mansion that any couple might aspire to live in, as well as rotating special exhibitions. *40 E. Erie St., driehausmuseum.org*

Should you be best friends with your spouse?

By **Danielle Braff**

Julia Rohan sits just 1 foot away from her husband in their home office — but after the work day is over, she doesn't want a break from her best friend.

"I worried that working together would affect our friendship — we spend so much time together — but it's actually strengthened our friendship," said Rohan, who lives in Chicago and has been married for six years.

She's far from the only person who relishes marrying her BFF (best friend forever). On their 25th anniversary, Michelle Obama told Barack Obama, "You're still my best friend," in an Instagram post.

And at an iHeartRadio awards show, Justin Timberlake thanked his "best friend" and wife, Jessica Biel.

Yet when actress Anna Faris split from Chris Pratt after eight years of marriage, she said she didn't consider him to be her best friend.

"The idea of your mate being your best friend — it's overhyped," she wrote in a controversial essay for her recently released memoir, "Unqualified." "I really believe that your partner serves one purpose and each friend serves another."

So does the lack of a best friendship with a spouse ultimately lead to a divorce? Or are we putting too much pressure on one person in our lives?

"Never before in history have we expected our spouses to be all things to us: our passionate lover, best friend, therapist, provider, equal partner, co-parenter," said Dusty Williams, a mental health counselor in Jacksonville, Fla. "It's not realistic, nor is it healthy."

If your spouse is amazing at listening to a problem and giving good advice, then you should go to him for that; but if you have another friend who is a rock star at empathy and can listen for hours, there is nothing wrong with going to that friend first, Williams said.

With that in mind, your spouse should still be one of your closest friends, but he or she shouldn't be your only friend, she said.

But there's no hard and fast rule.

"Some people are content having a lover, confidant, cheerleader and buddy all rolled up in one," said Julie Wadley, a certified relationship coach and owner of a matchmaking and coaching company in Charlotte, N.C. "Others rely on their spouse for intimacy and partnership while counting on their buddies to satisfy specific interests."

As long as your spouse is fulfilling the needs of an intimate relationship and is



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your top priority, then there's no need to exclude everyone else, Wadley said.

The problem arises when one person wants his or her spouse to be everything, but the spouse wants to be close to others.

"These are the couples whose friends whisper about a controlling or clinging partner, who find themselves in conflict when one wants to go out with other friends and hang out with folks after work," said Toni Coleman, a psychotherapist, relationship coach and divorce mediator in McLean, Va. "When two people require something different, this incompatibility is often a deal breaker."

But if both partners have an understanding of how their relationship will work in terms of outside friendships and dependency, then it won't be a problem. In fact, Coleman said, many happy couples have close or best friends they brought into the relationship, and it's not an issue.

"A spouse may feel grateful that their partner has someone else to talk to who can be more objective, and offer them feedback and support," Coleman said.

Some enjoy their time spent apart with close friends who aren't their partner, and would feel confined without this outlet and social support system, she said.

At the end of the day, the marriage partner has a unique place and role: It's your physically intimate partner; it's your person in a way and to a degree that no one else is; it's the person who has your back and whom you will always give priority to over anyone else, Coleman said.

"There is a specific boundary around the marital relationship that no one else should ever be allowed to cross," she said.

Because once you strip marriage of these things, all you're left with are the bills and the chores. And hopefully a marriage offers more than this. ■

Let's get away

8 Midwestern trips to take your romance on the road

Few things trigger Chicagoans' wanderlust like the doldrums of winter, but you don't need to buy plane tickets to scratch the adventure itch with your partner. Whether you're looking to get away for a weekend or a day, we've got destinations for four kinds of escapes: romantic, relaxing, active or foodie. So pick a place, put some gas in the car and blow this popsicle stand.

● ROMANTIC

Let's be honest, all you really need to fan the flames of passion is your special someone and a "Do Not Disturb" sign. But a relaxing trip away can help rekindle the romance that has likely taken a back seat to your busy daily life. Whether you're nestled in for a night at a B&B or sipping cocktails at sunset, the most important thing is that you're together.

Day trip: Lake Geneva, Wis.
(80 miles, 90 minutes)

This lakeside resort town may be less than 100 miles from Chicago, but it feels like a world away. Stroll down lakefront paths, snuggle up and stargaze at the Yerkes Observatory, or get fancied up for dinner at an elegant inn. If you're looking for pure romance, book a room at the no-kids-allowed SevenOaks hotel, with suites featuring a two-person soaking tub, king-size bed and fireplace.

Weekend trip: Minneapolis-St. Paul, *(400 miles, 6 hours)*

You won't have to search long to find romantic happenings in the Twin Cities. Nestled along the Mississippi River, this urban escape comes with an abundance of intimate eateries, activities and scenery. They say oysters are a natural aphrodisiac, so plan to stop at Meritage, a decadent seafood spot in downtown St. Paul. *—Rianne Coale*

● RELAXING

Your job has you wiped, your commute is from hell, your friends are all causing drama ... maybe it's time to get away? Vacations can be full of pressure to see and do as much as you can, but sometimes you just need to get out of town to recharge. Rather than over-planning, commit to taking a breath and unwinding on this trip.

Day trip: Michigan City, Ind.
(60 miles, 70 minutes)

Visit the other side of Lake Michigan, where things are slower and the air is better. Stroll along the beach or the pier, or sample new reds and whites at Shady Creek Winery. Or if you relax more by shopping, the Lighthouse Premium Outlets will be easy on your wallet while you find new threads.

Weekend trip: Nashville, Tenn.
(475 miles, 7 hours)

Known for its nightlife and music scene, Nashville might not be the first place that comes to mind when you're thinking of relaxing, but hear us out. The city is full of small shops, brunch spots, and



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breweries and wineries. There are also plenty of golf courses if you want to take advantage of the warmer weather or spas if you want to find your bliss.

—Lauren Chval

● ACTIVE

The winter funk of Netflix, takeout and hibernating can be a struggle to escape. But there's a lot less competition on the trails in the winter and plenty of wonders to behold. If you're looking to get as far away from your couch as possible without breaking the bank, slap on your hiking boots, grab handful of Clif bars and hit the trails.

Day trip: Devil's Lake State Park, Wis.

(200 miles, 3 hours)

Don't let the name scare you — Devil's Lake isn't actually a portal to hell or the setting of a teen horror movie. This park is the largest in the state and is known for its amazing views, bluffs and, of course, its eponymous lake. Be sure to check out Parfrey's Glen, the oldest state natural area of Wisconsin, in the southeast corner of the park; there's also the Devil's Doorway trail, a short hike to the iconic rock formation that looms over the lake off of the East Bluff trail. When you've had your fill of the outdoors, head to nearby Baraboo's Driftless Glen Distillery for handcrafted gin, brandy, rye or bourbon.

Weekend trip: St. Louis

(300 miles, 4.5 hours)

If you're not sold on just communing with nature but still want to get moving, St. Louis is the perfect spot for a weekend away. It's home to the City Museum, a playhouse museum made of repurposed architectural and industrial objects — complete with a ropes course — for you to climb on and channel your inner kid. Once you've had your fill of that, hit the St. Louis Riverfront Trail for walking, running or biking along the Mississippi River, starting at the Gateway Arch and heading north to the Chain of Rocks Bridge.

—Shelbie Lynn Bostedt

● FOODIE

Look, we get that you don't have to leave Chicago to have a great meal. But if you're itching to get out of town and you appreciate quality eats, there are plenty of other food-loving cities in the Midwest.

Day trip: Milwaukee

(90 miles, 90 minutes)

Our neighbors to the north offer more than just cheese curds and beer. Instead of driving, take the Amtrak Hiawatha train to Milwaukee — it's a smooth 90-minute ride and the train is BYOB. If it's your first time in Milwaukee, you'll want to work up an appetite at the Milwaukee Art Museum, an architectural gem on the lakefront. Consider Sobelman's Pub & Grill or the Milwaukee Public Market for lunch. Continue your adventure in the historic Third Ward, where you'll find lots of opportunities to shop and drink the day away. Dinner is a tougher choice with awe-inspiring restaurants such as Odd Duck, Morel, All Purpose and La Merenda. End the night with scoops at Purple Door Ice Cream. There's lots of ground to cover, but rest assured, there's always next time.

Weekend trip: Indianapolis

(180 miles, 3 hours)

What's that you say? Indiana isn't a foodie destination? We beg to differ. The Circle City is home to some exciting breweries and dynamic eateries, and there's enough there to make a weekend trip of it. First stop: beer. Black Acre Brewing, Sun King Brewing, Centerpoint Brewing and Deviate Brewing are all producing suds that will impress even the pickiest Chicagoan. When it comes time to eat, you can't go wrong with Tinker Street, a wine and tapas bar, or Bluebeard, a cozy American gem. Don't skip brunch before you head back to Chicago. Milktooth, Open Society and Cafe Patachou are all sure bets. ■

—Morgan Olsen

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Stop and smell the roses

5 rose-scented perfumes that will last longer than a bouquet



1) Diptyque Eau Rose A blend of rose and cedar, $48, Neiman Marcus, Chicago
2) Jo Malone Red Roses A blend of seven different roses, $135, Nordstrom, Chicago
3) Prada Tainted Love A unisex spin on the classic rose scent, $300, Prada, Chicago
4) Heeley Hippie Rose Rose infused with incense and patchouli, $149, jamesheeley.com
5) Fresh Cannabis Rose Bulgarian rose esscence in an artisanal glass bottle $90, Nordstrom, Chicago

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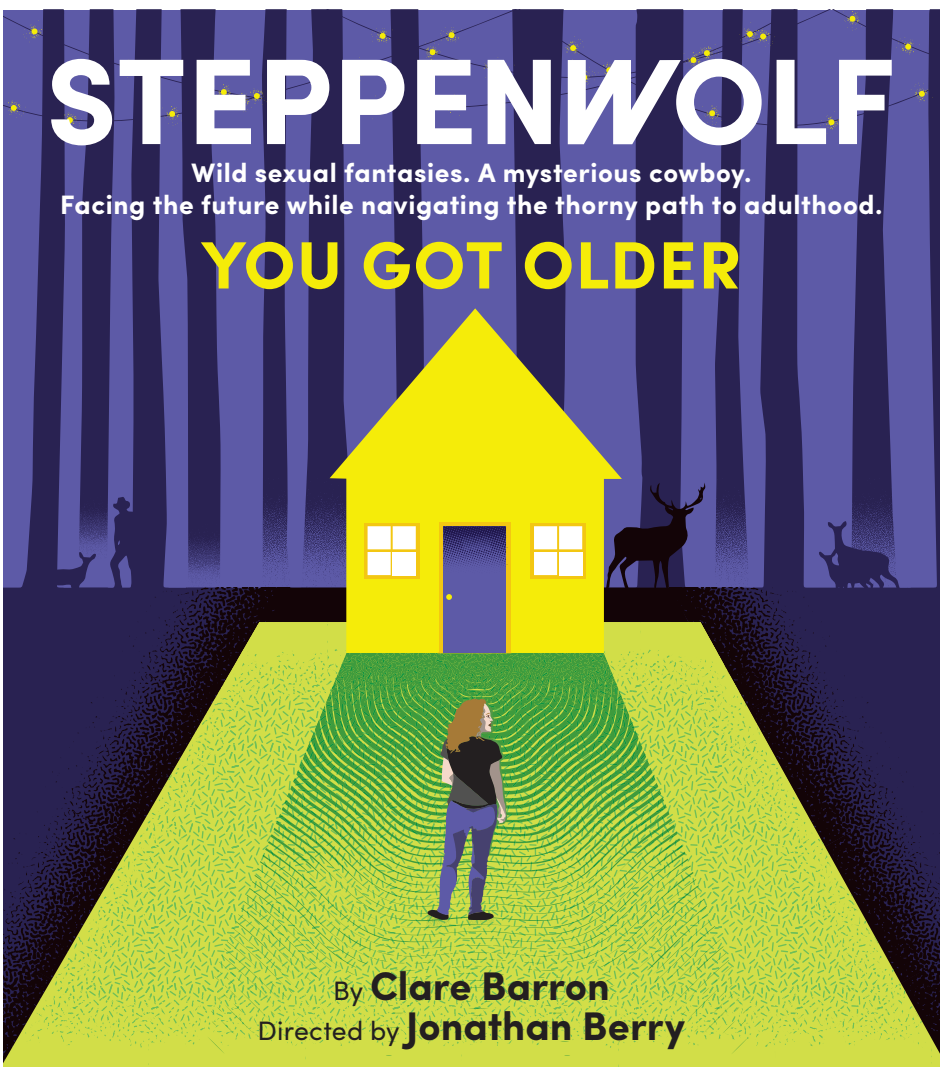
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Boseman Is the Black Panther



Chadwick Boseman, 41, has cornered the market on black heroes—and superheroes. He was baseball legend Jackie Robinson in *42*, Godfather of Soul James Brown in *Get On Up* and Thurgood Marshall, the first black Supreme Court justice, in *Marshall*. Now he's the title character in Marvel's *Black Panther* (Feb. 16), who first appeared onscreen in *Captain America: Civil War*. Here are five facts about the South Carolina–born actor.

1. Taking a class taught by Phylicia Rashad at Howard University made him consider an acting career.
2. Boseman traces his ancestors to Sierra Leone in West Africa.
3. His first television role was on an episode of *Third Watch* in 2003.
4. With only Little League experience playing baseball, he spent five months training for the movie *42*.
5. Boseman says playing James Brown takes more energy than playing the Black Panther: "You can be tired in the suit, but not singing a song."

Catherine Keener Gets Nostalgic



It was a busy 2017 for Keener, 58, who starred in *Little Pink House*, *We Don't Belong Here*, *November Criminals* and the surprise low-budget critical smash *Get Out*. Now you can see her in her next project, *Nostalgia* (Feb. 16), with Jon Hamm, which weaves together several stories about love and loss.



WALTER SCOTT ASKS

Cheryl Hines

The *Curb Your Enthusiasm* star, 52, plays Stella, a sophisticated PR maven, in the groundbreaking Sundance Now original dramedy *This Close* (Feb. 14), written and directed by and starring deaf actors Shoshannah Stern and Josh Feldman. The series, which also stars Oscar-winning Marlee Matlin, will be subtitled.

This Close is almost like watching a foreign film. If you don't know American Sign Language, you can read subtitles. It's a bold concept, but I think people will be interested in seeing life through a different lens, and it's fun to take a look at someone else's experience. It's eye-opening and it can be funny and it can be heartbreaking.

Tell us about your character, Stella. She stepped on a lot of bodies as she was climbing to the top. She's a very driven woman who has her own issues. Sometimes when somebody is successful and they're calling the shots, the people around them act like those issues are normal, which they're not.

You returned to *Curb Your Enthusiasm* in 2017 after it "ended" in 2011. What was it like coming back? Pretty seamless. Our characters hadn't really grown in any way. None of us learned any lessons or moved on in our lives.

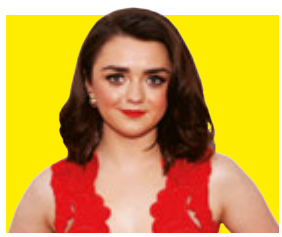
You married [environmental activist] Bobby Kennedy Jr. in 2014. Has that made you more politically active? Definitely. That, coupled with being a mother and raising kids and thinking about the future more, has made me more politically active.

What's her idea of a perfect Valentine's Day? Go to ***Parade.com/hines*** to find out.

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Game of Thrones' Maisie Williams Goes Back in Time

After seven seasons as Arya Stark on *Game of Thrones*, Williams, 20, goes even further back in time for her role in *Early Man* (Feb. 16). She provides the voice of the plucky prehistoric protagonist Goona in the stop-motion movie, set at the dawn of time, about a tribe of cavemen who unite against the villainous Lord Nooth (Tom Hiddleston).





Did Gael García Bernal play the violin before working on *Mozart in the Jungle*?

—Alejandro M., Las Cruces, N.M.

A: No. Bernal, 39, who most recently provided the voice of Héctor in the movie *Coco*, didn't play the violin prior to working on the award-winning Amazon Prime series set in the world of classical music. He believes anyone who really knows music can tell that what he's doing is mostly faked—even though he was coached for the role of Rodrigo De Souza, loosely based on the real-life conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. *Mozart in the Jungle* returns for its fourth season Feb. 16.

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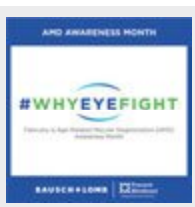
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Sunday With...



NORAH O'DONNELL

The co-host of *CBS This Morning* on truth in journalism and Sunday traditions. *By Alison Abbey*

Norah O'Donnell, 44, has co-hosted *CBS This Morning* for more than five years, is a regular contributor to *60 Minutes* and has covered the last six presidential elections. The mom of three (with her husband, chef Geoff Tracy), who splits her time between New York and Washington, D.C., chats with *Parade* about a tough news year and her Sunday rituals.

Have you always been a news junkie? I was really fortunate to grow up in a military family, so what happened in the world always mattered in my household. My parents always read the newspaper. I grew up respecting the people who report the news, and in many ways that led me to become a journalist.

How did you spend Sundays growing up? I grew up going to a Catholic church, St. Pius X in San Antonio, Texas, with my family. I wasn't allowed to miss a day of church, and the routine of that was incredibly important.

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Afterwards, my parents would treat us to McDonald's and then we would watch *60 Minutes*.

And how do you spend Sundays now? Sunday mornings with my kids are usually pancakes and bacon. And we have family dinners and watch *60 Minutes*. That's one thing that's remained constant in 40 years. It was one of my dreams for my entire life to be a *60 Minutes* correspondent.

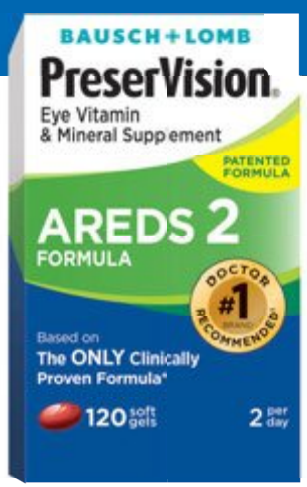
What was your first job? I've had a job since I was 10 years old. We lived in Seoul, South Korea, and they needed people to make tapes and appear on an English-teaching television program, so I got a job doing that. That was the first moment when I understood that work resulted in pay, and that was freedom to go buy Lionel Richie tapes.

Did you have a mentor? Tim Russert hired me as a correspondent for NBC News when I was 25. He was always such a strong supporter. The first thing he would always say to me—other than good morning—he would say, "What do you know?" That sticks with me to this day. He passed away nine years ago, but I think of him every day. It's that simple question, what do you know? My job every morning is to say what I know that's different than what's already been reported.

What's your relationship with your co-hosts, Gayle King and John Dickerson? Gayle has an enthusiasm about work that is infectious. I met John [in] 2000. Time has passed by; my admiration of him as a friend and journalist has only strengthened. I am as hopeful as ever about our show's mission and that we are without a doubt the newsiest choice for viewers in the morning.

Does covering the tough stuff stay with you? Last year was hard for me in a way that I've





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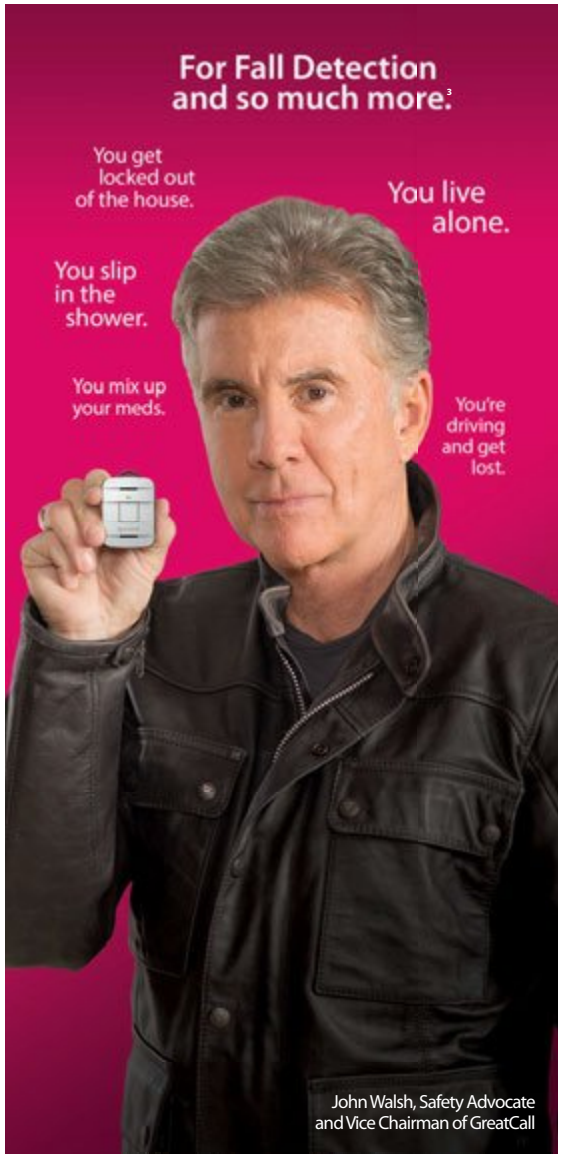
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never experienced in my career. We went from covering Hurricane Harvey to the *60 Minutes* piece on [House Majority Whip] Steve Scalise, who nearly died from a gunshot wound, then to [the shooting in] Las Vegas. And I have to tell you, it's affected me psychologically. When you sit in someone's hospital room, like I did with Kristin [Babik], who was nearly paralyzed [in the Las Vegas shooting], and you sit there and you cry with them, and you hold their hand, it changes the way you report stories.

How do you talk to your kids about the issues you cover? My children are 10 [twins] and 9, and they know what their mom does, and I don't shield them from it. I don't dwell on some of the more tragic things that I cover, but I want them to have an understanding of the world.

How hard is it to be a journalist in the time of "fake news"? We have a president who is challenging the norms a lot—whether it's governing or communication styles, he's doing things very differently—but I think the fundamentals of journalism remain the same. They go back to truth and trust, and that we are journalists reporting instead of storytelling.

Who is your dream interview subject? Kim Jong Un, the despotic leader of North Korea. The greatest foreign policy challenge for President Trump is North Korea. I grew up in South Korea, so I've been fascinated with the Korean Peninsula for more than three decades. My more fun one is Justin Timberlake. I admire his work, I admire his music and he does very few interviews. So, Justin, if you're reading *Parade*, please grant me an interview. We can do it on *60 Minutes*.

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by nicole pajer

Winter days are dark, cold and dreary. The news can be too. The antidote? Something heartwarming with a happy ending.

"Who doesn't enjoy a good love story?" asks Cameron Mathison, 48, who stars in the Hallmark Channel's *Very, Very, Valentine* (which aired Feb. 10 and will be rebroadcast Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. ET). "It's a bit of escapism in today's world, and a lot of people need that, now more than ever," says Mathison, who played Ryan Lavery on *All My Children* from 1998 to 2011 and appeared in season five of *Dancing With the Stars*.

He's not kidding about the "a lot of people." With an audience of 90 million, the Hallmark Channel is TV's fastest-growing non-sports-oriented cable network. It's a magnet for fans who want to cozy up to feel-good stories and characters who always end up happily ever after. Enthusiastic viewers have created fan clubs, Pinterest boards of leading men and flooded the channel's Facebook page with love.

Stars like a little romance too. In addition to a whole stable of regulars, the network's movies have featured James Brolin (he also directed), Adrian Grenier, Kimberly Williams-Paisley, Danny Glover and Andie MacDowell.

"There is a lot of programming out there that's darker and edgier," says

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Michelle Vicary, the executive vice president of programming and network publicity for Crown Media Family Networks, Hallmark's parent company. "We strive to represent the more positive, celebratory side of life." And that means something for everyone—girlfriends watching with champagne, a couple cozying for date night or someone home alone flipping through the channels.

hopeless romantics

The network's many viewers are not the only ones who love happy endings.

"I love playing characters that get to fall in love, and I love being a part of stories that highlight the romance people have in their lives," says Hallmark regular Lacey Chabert, 35, who is proud to call herself a "hopeless romantic." She began her acting career as a child actor in the TV drama *Party of Five* and voiced the character of Eliza in *The Wild Thornberrys*. Chabert has starred in 12 Hallmark movies, most recently *My Secret Valentine* (Feb. 3), which will return Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. ET.

Andrew Walker, 38, another frequent Hallmark star, also admits to gravitating toward uplifting storylines. "There is so much turmoil in our world right now and I just really love how these stories end," says the Canadian actor, who has been in 11 Hallmark movies after a run of appearances in TV shows including *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*, *Maybe It's Me* and *Hot Properties*.

Former *Full House* and now *Fuller House* star Candace Cameron Bure, 41, who has starred in 15 Hallmark originals, agrees. "I love my heart feeling warm after watching a movie that ends well," she says. "It lifts your spirit and gives you hope, even if it's just for a few hours."

"It doesn't matter how many of these films you watch, you're gonna have a little lump in your throat, a tear in your eye and a big smile on your face at the end," says Hallmark star Alicia Witt, 42.

musical chairs

One thing that's fun for viewers is watching Hallmark movie mainstays—including Chabert, Bure, Witt and Danica McKellar, 43—paired with new love interests.

"I'm a big sports fan, and it's almost like a game," says Walker of seeing which Hallmark actors get matched up. "It's like watching my favorite quarterback take the field with a good receiver for the first time." Walker recently starred opposite Chabert in *My Secret Valentine*. He admits he'd been gunning to share the screen with her for some time. "She's like the very essence of Hallmark, and I've wanted to work with her forever."

McKellar, who played Winnie Cooper in TV's *The Wonder Years*, jokes that the women share Walker's sentiments and that there might be a little innocent gossip about the men behind their backs. "Lacey and I will call each other and say, 'You gotta work with this guy. He's a sweetheart. He's really talented,'" she says. "And I'll call up another Hallmark star and say, 'What was it like working with this person?' and get some insider tips."

When it comes to creating chemistry with their onscreen partner, the actors each have their own tricks. Witt, who began her career as a child actor in the 1984 movie *Dune* and most recently had a recurring role on the TV series *The Exorcist*, likes to wing it. "I'm not big on lots of rehearsals. I'm very happy with meeting people and just going with it," she says. McKellar writes bios for each of her characters to help her delve a little deeper into the mind-set of a romantically conflicted female lead.

And if Chabert has time—Hallmark movie shoots average just 15 days—she will pull her male co-star aside to bond. She admits, however, that she's definitely had her share of flubs when it comes to transitioning between co-stars. "I've accidentally called an actor the name of a

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CANDACE CAMERON BURE



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ANDREW WALKER



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DANICA McKELLAR

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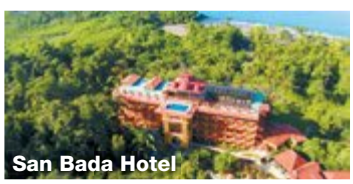
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previous character," she says with a laugh. "Heck, I've even referred to *my* character as the wrong name!"

But for some, swapping love interests is not always as glamorous as it looks. "I love watching the movies and I love the feelings that I get from watching them. But as an actor, sometimes it's not always fun to fall in love over and over," admits Bure. "When you make so many of these, you have to find the chemistry with a brand-new person on the first day you're thrown together."

She says that it's not uncommon to be paired with an unfamiliar male co-star, then asked to act out the script's

countdown to heart day

Cooking With Love (Feb. 11, 9 p.m. ET) stars Ali Liebert and Brett Dalton. "It's a comedy, and romance blossoms," says Liebert, who portrayed detective Nickole Bilson on the ABC television series *Ten Days in the Valley*.



Very, Very, Valentine (re-airs Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. ET) features Danica McKellar, Cameron Mathison and Damon Runyan. McKellar calls the tale "a modern-day Cinderella story."

My Secret Valentine (re-airs Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. ET) stars Lacey Chabert and Andrew Walker. "I love the secret-romance aspect of this film," says Chabert.



Wedding March 3: Here Comes the Bride (Feb. 17, 9 p.m. ET), starring Jack Wagner and Josie Bissett, keeps the love fest brewing. "*Someone* will be getting married," teases Bissett, who also starred on *Melrose Place* and appeared for five years on TV's *The Secret Life of the American Teenager*.



Season five of ***When Calls the Heart*** with Lori Loughlin debuts Feb. 18 at 9 p.m. ET, followed at 10 p.m. by the premiere of the network's new reality series, ***Meet the Peetes***, about the love story and family life of actress Holly Robinson Peete and her retired NFL football-player husband, Rodney Peete.

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most intimate scenes first. And Bure jokes that as an actress, she much prefers being in her five-film relationship with Canadian actor Yannick Bisson, 48, on her Hallmark Movies & Mysteries *Aurora Teagarden Mystery* series.

strong relationships

That's also been the case for Bure's *Fuller House* co-star Lori Loughlin, 53, who enjoys portraying a 20-plus-year relationship on Hallmark's *Garage Sale Mystery* franchise. "I love showing a marriage that is intact and people that are still in love and still having a good time," Loughlin says, noting that the arc is representative of what she has with her real-life husband, Mossimo Giannulli. On the popular series, her character, antique shop owner Jennifer Shannon, is married to engineer Jason (Steve Bacic).

She also appreciates that her character Abigail Stanton in *When Calls the Heart*—the Hallmark Channel series that follows the journey of a young educator (Erin Krakow) who leaves her high-society life behind to teach school in a small coal-mining town—is paired with different romantic prospects. "I really like the idea that Abigail has encounters with different people. And while they don't turn into full-blown romances, I love that dance right up until the kiss," she says.

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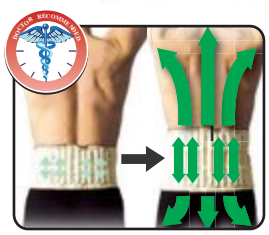
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stantly and say, 'We love your Hallmark movies,' " says McKellar. "I love the idea that I get to make people's days a little brighter." As a thank-you, she live-tweeted during the premiere of *Very, Very, Valentine* and gave away signed cards from the film's flower shop to 10 participants.

"It's fun to see people root for the different couples," says Jack Wagner, 58, who stars with Josie Bissett, 47, in *Wedding March 3: Here Comes the Bride* (Feb. 17, 9 p.m. ET). The No. 1 question he gets asked lately is, "When are Olivia and Mick getting married?"

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The Hallmark Channel skews heavily female (75 percent of its viewers), but the stars are proud to be expanding to a more generalized audience. "I have so many men approach me and say, 'My wife loves your movies. But I love them just as much; I just don't tell everyone,'" Bure says.

Walker and Bissett have had similar experiences.

"I was in a café in New Mexico a while back and there was a big burly guy in line next to me," Walker recalls. "He kept looking over like he was going to pummel me. But then he leaned in and said, 'You're the Hallmark guy!' He told me he spends most of his time on the road as a trucker but turns on Hallmark for the feel-good

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happy endings any chance that he gets."

Bissett lives in Seattle but frequently crosses the border into Canada to film. She says that even the most stone-faced border guards have admitted to being moved by her romantic comedies. "They are so intimidating, but when I mention Hallmark, they completely lighten up. It's cute!" she says.

Loughlin has been blown away by the support for *When Calls the Heart*. "Our fans are unlike anything I've ever seen before," she says. And Chabert explains that the sequel to *All of My Heart* came about because fans were vocal about wanting to see the storyline continue.

"They are so loyal and kind and I love hearing from them," she says.

And if some people turn on a Hallmark movie to laugh at the sometimes-implausible showers of sunshine that tend to end all the storylines, the stars are perfectly OK with that.

"I know people also watch these because they're cheesy," admits Bure, who says she laughed at the recent Hallmark Christmas movie parody on *Saturday Night Live*. "A Hallmark drinking game came out this year," she says. "If those are the reasons you tune in, then great—just watch and have fun. Either way, it's making you feel good!"

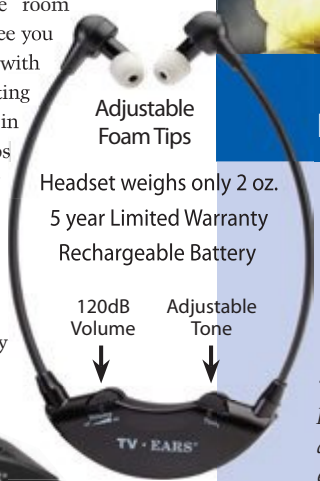
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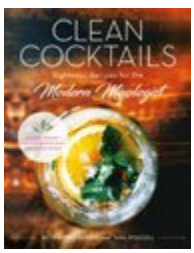
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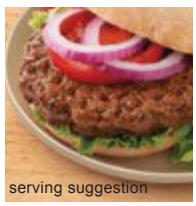
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