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VICTORY IS SWEET

Another dramatic end-of-game shot sends Ramblers into the next round

On Thursday, No. 11 seed Loyola won on a buzzer-beater to top No. 6 seed Miami. On Saturday, Loyola did it again and is headed to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 1985. Clayton Custer hit a jump shot with 3.6 seconds left in the game, falling to the floor on the defended play for a dramatic 63-62 victory over No. 3 seed Tennessee. After the game-winning shot Custer, above center, is embraced by teammates. Next up, the Ramblers head to Atlanta to play either Cincinnati or Nevada. **Chicago Sports**

McCabe has notes of Trump meetings

President hails firing of FBI's No. 2; lawyer urges end to Mueller probe

By Joseph Tanfani and Chris Megerian
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Saturday celebrated the firing of Andrew McCabe from the FBI as a "great day for Democracy" and a victory in his battle with the special counsel leading the Russia investigation that has overshadowed the White House.



McCabe

But Trump's problems with McCabe may be just beginning.

Unleashed by his Friday night dismissal, the former FBI deputy director issued a furious rebuttal — and made clear he kept memos that support former FBI Director James Comey's claims that Trump pressed him to call off at least part of the Russia probe — accounts Trump has denied.

Brusque firings and sudden resignations have become a blood sport in the Trump era, with the president stoking the chaos with scornful tweets. Trump fired Secretary of State Rex Tillerson with a Twitter post Tuesday, and White House officials last week warned

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Enhanced Deep Tunnel swamped by Feb. storm

5.1B-gallon system beset by rain, melting snow, records show

By Michael Hawthorne
Chicago Tribune

Despite a new $1 billion flood-control reservoir more than 20 times bigger than Soldier Field, rain and melting snow swamped the largest section of the Deep Tunnel project in less than a day last month, according to records obtained by the Tribune.

Starting on Feb. 20, more than 2 inches of rain flushed a torrent of sewage mixed with runoff from rooftops, streets and parking lots into stormwater tunnels stretching from Wilmette to Westchester, rapidly filling the McCook Reservoir built to hold wastewater until it can be treated.

After the 5.1 billion-gallon system swelled to capacity, leftovers from the storm surge began backing up in basements and pouring out of overflow pipes into the Chicago River and other area streams during the next two days.

Nearly 4 billion gallons of raw sewage, debris and runoff gushed

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Baseball teams the Rhinos and the Sparks, made up of 9- and 10-year-olds, play a midnight game in Lockport earlier this month.

Seeking edge, kids teams play into the wee hours

In pursuit of year-round drills, lower space costs, midnight madness reigns

By John Keilman
Chicago Tribune

Not long after the clock struck midnight at Bo Jackson's Elite Sports dome in Lockport, the 9- and 10-year-old baseball players on the artificial turf field looked like they were finally starting to flag.

The chatter from the benches had quieted. The sprints to first base weren't as fleet as they had been when the game started at 10:19 p.m. In the outfield, a player yawned and cradled his chin in his throwing hand.

"Come on, let's go!" shouted Brian Powers, coach for the Romeoville-based Rhino Baseball travel team, a beacon of energy even as he approached his 21st hour without sleep. "Let's have a little fun!"

So it goes at the strange but increasingly popular frontier of youth sports: games that end — or even start — in the wee hours of the morning.

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President a factor in governor primary

GOP hopefuls try to tap into 2016 victory; Dems count on protest energy

By Rick Pearson
Chicago Tribune

President Donald Trump isn't on Tuesday's ballot, but as the final weekend of the Illinois primary campaign arrives, his persona looms large.

As University of Illinois political scientist Christopher Mooney puts it: "There's a Trump aspect to everything in American politics at this moment."

For Republicans, it's a question of whether the enthusiasm that gave Trump more than 2 million votes and victories in 91 of the state's 102 counties in 2016 (despite an overall loss to Hillary Clinton here) will manifest itself in the primary for governor.

For Democrats, it's a matter of ensuring that the protest energy that followed Trump's election through such groups as Indivisible and others have a demonstrable follow-through with people showing up at the polls.

But the Trump factor comes with contradictions for some candidates.

When Republican state Rep. Jeanne Ives explains to voters why she's challenging Gov. Bruce Rauner in the primary election, she cites the honor code of her West Point alma mater: "A cadet will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate those who do."

The governor, Ives contends, lied to her and other social conservatives in 2014 when he said he had no social agenda, and she points to his signature on a law to expand abortion rights.

At the same time, however, the Wheaton legislator has embraced Trump and urges what

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‘The Godfather’ guide to the Illinois primaries



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Amerigo Bonasera asks a favor of Don Corleone in 1972’s “The Godfather.” The film’s wiseguys provide good preparation for Tuesday’s primary voters.

Sane Illinois voters will prepare for Tuesday’s primary elections by hiding inside, staying off the roads and watching a classic movie at home over the St. Patrick’s Day weekend.

“The Great McGinty” is OK. It involves a homeless drunk who is made alderman, then mayor by the political machine. “The Candidate” and “The Last Hurrah” are also fine American political films.

But there is only one “Godfather.” Well, actually, three of them. And they might be the best preparation of all.

“These things gotta happen every five years or so, 10 years. Helps to get rid of the bad blood.” — “Fat Pete” Clemenza on the Illinois Republican race for governor

In the contest between state Rep. Jeanne Ives, the conservative from Wheaton, and Gov. Bruce Rauner, it seems that Ives is surging.

She was just endorsed by the conservative National Review, which previously labeled Rauner “the worst Republican governor in America.”

And Rauner’s negative ads on Ives — ludicrously claiming she’s a Boss Madigan sleeper agent — are being exposed as lies by journalists across the political spectrum.

If there’s worry in the Rauner camp, there’s good reason.

Ives’ base — the base of the Republican Party of Illinois — is conservative. And they’re motivated to come out and vote against him and for her.

The Republican base is angry at what they say are betrayals: Rauner’s signing of HB 40, providing for taxpayer-funded abortion on demand after he said he wouldn’t, and of sanctuary state legislation.

Rauner voters might feel tempted to cross into Democratic territory and cast votes against Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios, or for Democratic gubernatorial candidates Daniel Biss or Chris Kennedy.

Ives voters are with Ives.

“Rauner’s going to win this, isn’t he?” said a Republican lawyer, comfortable along the North Shore.

In a primary election, the base decides. Rauner has spent millions, and has yet to release his own polls. If he loses, it will be one of the biggest upsets in Illinois history.

“Leave the gun. Take the cannoli.” — Clemenza on the Illinois Democratic primary for governor

Let’s be honest about the liberal Democrats running for governor and guns. They’re not all that crazy about the Second Amendment. They’d never take the gun. That’s what armed bodyguards are for.

But who doesn’t like cannoli?

Unfortunately, you can’t binge and stuff your face with cannoli or you’ll become ill.

That’s kind of like stuffing millions upon millions upon millions of dollars into secret offshore accounts. And then, when Chicago Tribune reporters ask you about it, you run away with a fit of nausea:

“You’re going to have to talk to my campaign about it,” said candidate J.B. Pritzker, walking away from Tribune reporters. “I know you guys are writing something and you’ve been talking to the campaign, and I really don’t have the details with me.”

I bet that’s when your stomach really hurts, right, Pritzker?

Pritzker had a terrible performance in the last “Chicago Tonight” debate on WTTW, insisting his offshore accounts were all about “charity” and not about hiding money from the taxman.

Who believes that? Nobody.

Biss did well, though he may have been just a bit too smooth. Whatever happens Tuesday, we haven’t heard the last of Biss.

But it was Kennedy who hit the home run. He’s not slick but seemed direct, real. Will it translate to votes?

I think so. And I’ve got a feeling that African-American voters will go for Kennedy at the end.

Whoever wins will have to sit down with Boss Madigan.

House Speaker Mike Madigan isn’t a big cannoli guy. But he does like Palermo’s on 95th pizza. And apples. Just sayin’.

“Finance is a gun. Politics is knowing when to pull the trigger.” — Don Lucchesi on the Cook County assessor’s race

Democratic incumbent Berrios, Fritz Kaegi and Andrea Raila (back on the ballot, isn’t Berrios happy?) are fighting for the worst job in the world.

The assessor is critical to powerhouse law firms (some with real political clout) that make their money reducing real estate taxes for clients.

But a University of Chicago study determined that low-income homeowners were overtaxed by $2.2 billion, while wealthier property taxpayers were undertaxed by that same amount.

And African-Americans still continue to vote Democrat?

“I can handle things! I’m smart! Not like everybody says ... like dumb ... I’m smart and I want respect!” — Fredo Corleone on the Democratic race for Illinois attorney general

Former Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn has the name recognition, and he’s slugging it out with state Sen. Kwame Raoul. Also in the race is state Rep. Scott Drury, the former federal prosecutor who, in Springfield, was the only Democrat who refused to back Boss Madigan for speaker of the Illinois House.

There are other fine Democratic candidates including former federal prosecutor Renato Mariotti, who created a national buzz for himself as a cable news legal analyst; former federal prosecutor Sharon Fairley; Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering; and former Chicago Board of Education Vice President Jesse Ruiz.

If Quinn wins the primary, I’m going to demand some things:

That he immediately investigate former Gov. Pat Quinn over what the heck happened to $55 million in those so-called violence reduction “anti-gang” funds that were spent with little if any oversight.

I’d also like Quinn, the populist, to make a speech in a Fredo voice and explain in detail how his Cutback Amendment of years ago — reducing the size of the state legislature — led to the rise of Springfield political bosses, chief among them Boss Madigan.

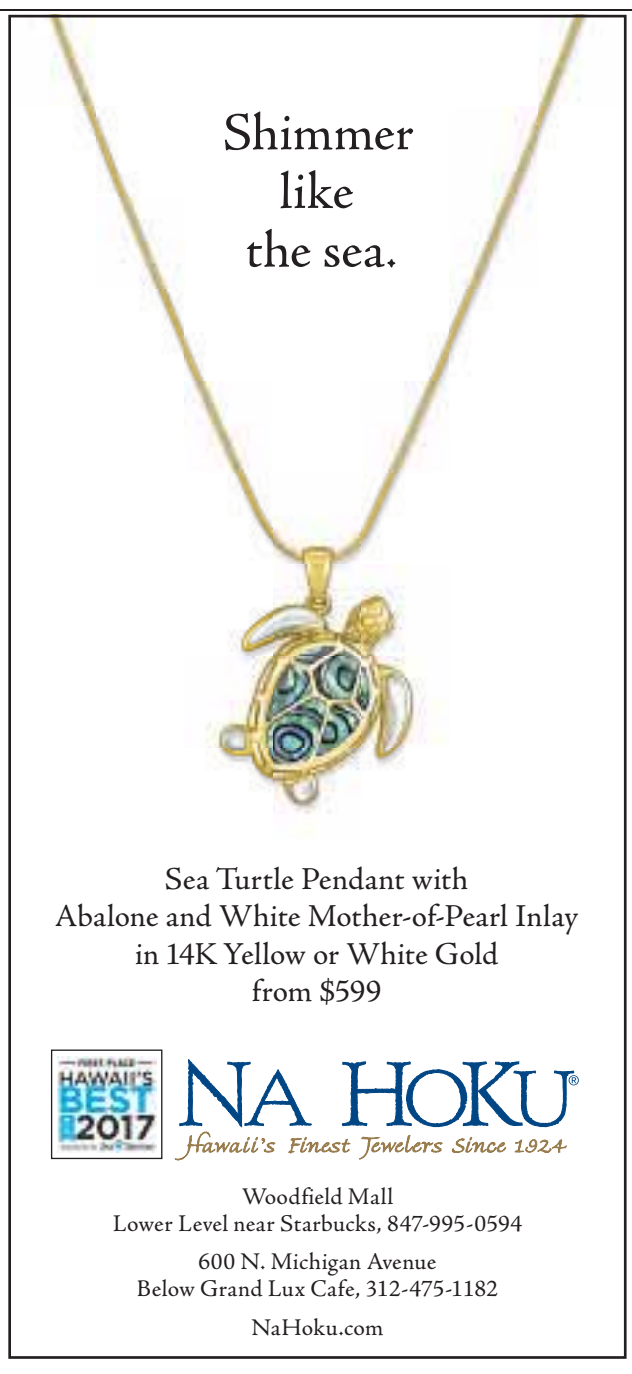
That’s another column. Let’s get through this election first. But remember this about politics:

“Never hate your enemies. It affects your judgment.” — Michael Corleone

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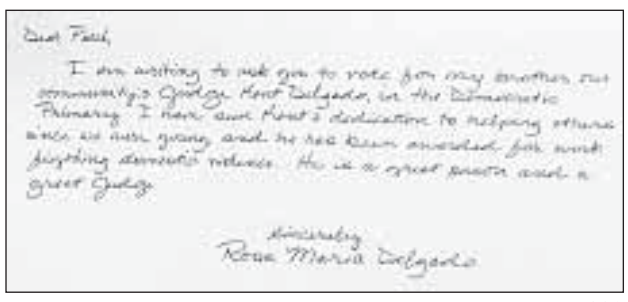
Machines help campaigns get personal

Admit it — at this point in the Illinois primary season, you've probably seen enough campaign mailers.

Seasoned politicos know it. So they've come up with a new trick to get past your instinct to immediately trash any mail that looks like it's seeking your vote: handwritten, personalized letters.

Or something that looks a lot like them.

Thousands of apparently handwritten notes, individually addressed "Dear ..." to voters by name in "handwritten" envelopes at their homes and encouraging them to back judicial candidates including **Kent Delgado** and **Lindsay Huge,** have been circulated in recent weeks.



PAUL BIASCO

A machine-made letter was received by voter Paul Biasco from Kent Delgado's campaign for Cook County judge.

Some voters have been fooled into thinking candidates and their families have been wearing out their arms writing the highly convincing letters themselves.

But though they bear all the hallmarks of a neighborly, handwritten letter the letters are actually made by a machine.

"It's a proprietary process," said **Thom Karmik**, a veteran communications consultant hired alongside **Sean Tenner** of KNI Communications by several judicial candidates including Delgado, Huge and **Gerald Cleary**. "The company that invented it has done a lot of testing with it, and we are very happy with the results."

Karmik was reluctant to share details of the process he uses with Inc. for fear of losing his competitive advantage, but recent technologies that allow users to create convincing handwriting on a large scale include "Bond," a robot that markedly improves on 20th-century autopen designs that have been used for decades by U.S. presidents and executives to sign documents.

Karmik rejected the suggestion that the practice was deceitful, arguing that the machine simply automates a tradition of having supporters handwrite letters that are then signed by the candidate.

"Voters don't think that **J.B. Pritzker**, **Chris Kennedy** or **Daniel Biss** are composing the campaign emails they sign," he said.

"There's no deception involved here."

— Kim Janssen

Loyola alum Bill Rancic flashes Ramblers loyalty

Loyola University has several notable alumni, and one of its most famous, Bill Rancic, has hopped onto the Ramblers' NCAA tournament bandwagon.

The Chicago restaurateur and winner of the debut season of the "Apprentice" hadn't posted about Loyola on social media in a while, but he took to his Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts to post a pro-Ramblers poster before their win against Tennessee in the second round of the NCAA tournament Saturday.



Rancic

"Good luck Loyola!" it reads with a picture of LU Wolf.

Friday morning, Loyola alumnus and WSCR-AM 670 host Mike Mulligan invited Ramblers coach Porter Moser on his radio show. "It makes me proud to be from a school with (team chaplain) Sister Jean (Dolores Schmidt) there, with the kids running off the bench to celebrate with the 'Created by Culture' T-shirts," Mulligan said. "Everything about this story, it's like the best story in college basketball right now. And you've earned it and you've delivered it to us. Thanks a ton."

Moser added, "It's just so great to see the pride in Loyola alumni and Chicago. I can't tell you how many Chicago people are just saying they're so proud of what's going on. ... Being from the Chicago area and being a longtime sports fan, this means a lot to me too, man."

Loyola's alumni base has some star power in actor Leslie David Baker (Stanley Hudson on "The Office"), state Attorney General Lisa Madigan, WVON radio President Melody Spann-Cooper, and "House" and "Once Upon a Time" actress Jennifer Morrison. Could comedian and Loyola alum Bob Newhart become this year's version of Julia Louis-Dreyfus (provided Sister Jean hasn't already staked that claim)?

So far it has been radio silence for the most part online, but perhaps that changes now that the Ramblers are in the Sweet 16.

Last week, former CBS anchor Dan Rather tweeted, "Well, one possible upset choice did not disappoint. Loyola-Chicago beats favored Miami with last-second heroics. A Cinderella dances..."

And former President Barack Obama tweeted, "Congrats to @Loyola Chicago and Sister Jean for a last-second upset — I had faith in my pick!"

— Phil Thompson



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Ch. 5 news anchor-turned-Lyft driver Anthony Ponce will be taking his "Backseat Rider" podcast to TV on Ch. 32.

Lyft gig drives Anthony Ponce back to local TV

News anchor **Anthony Ponce** set media tongues wagging a couple of years ago when he quit his well-paid gig at NBC-owned WMAQ-Ch. 5 to drive a car for Lyft.

Now his passion project — a podcast called "Backseat Rider" in which Ponce interviewed paying passengers who randomly hailed his car through the ride-sharing app — is bringing Ponce back to Chicago TV.

Fox-owned WFLD-Ch. 32 has hired Ponce to bring a televised version of the podcast to its weekday morning show "Good Day Chicago."

"I've given almost 1,000 rides," said Ponce, who will finally be able to move back out of his parents' home with his wife, **Maggie,** and 2-year-old son, **Theo**, now that he is again making TV money. "I'm a 5-star driver!"

Ponce quit WMAQ-Ch. 5 in 2016 after he was passed over for a promotion, saying he was tired of TV news' "15-second soundbite" culture.

Long term, Ponce dreams of a multicity franchise.

He recently told former WLS-Ch. 7 weatherman **Jerry Taft**, who is driving for Uber in retirement in Florida, that "there is a standing offer for him to become a correspondent."

— Kim Janssen

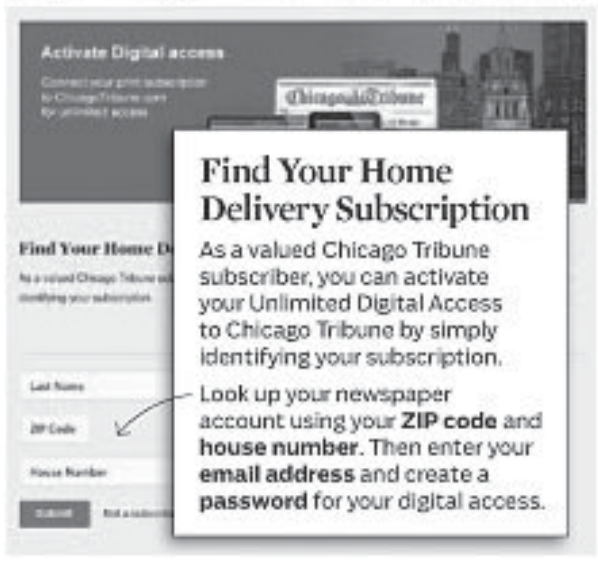
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What would we do without our brothers?



MARY SCHMICH

I'd like to take a break today from the snort and snarl of the stuff we call news to say something nice about some of the best guys I've ever met.

My brothers.

I have five. Well, technically only four now, but four sounds wrong, so even though my brother Bill no longer walks visibly among us, I include him in the count. If you grow up saying and thinking, "I have five brothers," you will always have five. Anyone with siblings gets that.

A couple of days ago, I was interrupted by a text from one of those brothers as I was flitting through various news reports on my phone.

"Having a hard time removing tub," Michael wrote. "Turns out it's steel and not cast iron. So I can't shatter it with a sledge hammer."

He'd attached a photo of an ugly, old, pinkish-brown bathtub sitting next to walls he'd just destroyed. I recognized it. It's at the Oregon home of our youngest sister, Gina, who has had trouble lately getting in and out of it. She'd accepted our suggestion that we replace it with a walk-in shower. I'd pay for the materials. Michael would supply the labor.

As someone who can't hammer a nail straight, I'm mystified that anyone could install a shower, but I'd seen my brother do it before, so I had faith. Sure enough, shortly after the ominous text arrived, I got another photo, this one showing the tub in the back yard.

Which left me thinking: What would I do without my brothers?

I depend on all my brothers in different ways, and in different ways they're the best brothers I could imagine.

A couple of years ago when I wanted to repaint my condo, I asked my brother Andrew if, for a fair wage, he'd do it. He'd grown up painting houses with my dad, and I knew he was the most meticulous workman I could find. He flew to Chicago from Colorado for a few days while I was on vacation. I came home to find walls covered in fresh paint, not a wayward spot on the floor or ceiling or baseboards.

Last year on my birthday, when a vase of flowers arrived on my doorstep, I opened the card to find it signed, "Love, Andrew."

What would I do without my brothers?

And Joe. So much I could say about Joe, but for now I'll just say this:

When our mother was in her final months, and most of her children lived far away, unavailable to tend to her daily needs, Joe was there. At his urging, she'd moved next door to him for the last two years of her life, and he took care of her. He made sure she had food, took her shopping and to the doctor, and when the time came, helped her bathe and go to the toilet. Without him, my mother would have spent her dying time in the hands of strangers.

Really, what would I do without my brothers?

And then there's Chris. He lives in Russia, far from his big sister's pleas for handyman help, and he's not the handy type anyway. But he speaks several languages fluently and loves the vast wonders of the planet. He has been my best travel pal since we were in our 20s.

With him, I've journeyed through France, Japan and Russia, always grateful for his sense of adventure and knack for finding a good cafe. Without him, I'd know less of the world.

My brother Bill is gone now. He was the sibling closest to me in age. We saw our parents in the same light, watched our family grow and change from the same vantage point. When he got sick with cancer, he let me help him. It was the greatest gift he could have given me, to let me ride through those last months by his side.

One day a few weeks before he died, I came home to a big, unexpected package on the landing. Inside, with no explanation, I found a portrait he'd painted of me.

What would I do without my brothers?

Growing up with so many brothers, all of them younger, shaped me in ways I can only guess at. I think it trained me to see boys not as some mysterious other, but as companions and sparring partners, as people I could fight with and still love, as helpers and people I could help.

Living among them toughened me up, just as, I like to think, living with three sisters made them a little more tender.

All of these thoughts were triggered by Michael's photo of that ugly tub, and his struggle to remove it, on behalf of our youngest sister, despite his middle-aged back.

We're not an overtly sentimental clan, so my brothers may be embarrassed that I've said these things. It embarrasses me a little to say them.

But that ugly tub carried a message:

There are days when you need to step away from the churn and take a moment to thank the people who make the effort to make your life better.

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Rare challenge for GOP's Durkin

In primary, party leader faces well-financed conservative foe

BY RICK PEARSON
Chicago Tribune



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Illinois House Republican leader Jim Durkin, a 20-year veteran lawmaker from Western Springs and an ally of Gov. Bruce Rauner, has had a large TV presence in the campaign.



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Burr Ridge Mayor Mickey Straub is challenging Durkin in Tuesday's Republican primary, with financial backing from conservative Dan Proft and his Liberty Principles PAC.

At a recent fundraising event in southwest suburban Homer Glen, Illinois House Republican leader Jim Durkin acknowledged that leading the minority party in a chamber controlled by Democratic Speaker Michael Madigan wasn't easy.

"I like to think my job is threefold," said Durkin, a 20-year veteran lawmaker from Western Springs. "I've got to work on policy. I've got to raise money. But I'm also an unlicensed psychiatrist at times in Springfield."

Psychiatry isn't necessary to diagnose an Illinois Republican Party facing deep ideological divides, however. In some respects, the GOP split mirrors the one on the Democratic side — insurgents from a far wing of the party pushing against the establishment.

Tuesday's election already was unusual, as a sitting governor faces a potentially difficult primary challenge. But rarer still is the year when a longtime legislative leader also faces a well-moneyed challenge in his home district.

That's the case for Durkin.

Many of the same forces behind state Rep. Jeanne Ives' challenge to Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner are backing Durkin challenger Mickey Straub, the village president of Burr Ridge. Dan Proft, a radio talk show host and political operative, has spent more than $1.2 million to back Straub through a political action committee.

It's part of a larger play by Proft and his Liberty Principles PAC, which is involved in at least 12 House Republican districts. That includes challenging four sitting lawmakers, backing candidates in four open-seat races and supporting four Republican candidates in Democratic-held districts.

The political move also represents fallout from last summer, when 15 House Republicans broke ranks with Durkin and Rauner to vote for a major income tax increase that helped end a record budget impasse. Three of the four sitting GOP members opposed by Proft's PAC voted for the tax hike. And the four vacated seats were held by Republican lawmakers who opted not to run again after voting for the tax hike.

Durkin voted against the tax increase, but Proft blames his weak leadership for not keeping the House GOP unified on the issue.

Durkin is a Rauner ally, and the governor had a rough summer in 2017. Following an override of Rauner's tax hike veto, the governor dumped his governmental and political staff, replaced many of the staffers with personnel from the libertarian-leaning Illinois Policy Institute, then shed many of those folks less than two months later.

Enter Straub, known as "Mayor Mickey" during his five-year tenure in Burr Ridge. He acknowledged speaking to Proft, a failed 2010 GOP primary governor candidate, about running against Durkin.

Proft has served as a senior fellow at the policy institute and a co-founder of the tax-exempt Illinois Opportunity Project, which does not have to disclose its donors. The opportunity project was founded by John Tillman, the policy institute's CEO. Both fell out with Rauner.

Since announcing his campaign, Straub raised nearly $150,000, with more than $95,000 coming from the Illinois Opportunity Project. At the same time, Liberty Principles has spent more than $1.25 million independently for Straub and against Durkin, state records show.

Durkin has raised $1.7 million since Straub announced his candidacy, and also has been helped by nearly $250,000 from the state Republican Party, which Rauner heavily subsidizes. Durkin also gotten nearly $100,000 in help from charter school groups and the state's Realtors. Durkin has had a large TV presence in response to Proft, though the spending won't be revealed on state records until after the primary under election law.

All told, Liberty Principles has raised more than $5.8 million since January 2017, nearly all of it from Richard Uihlein, a Lake Forest packaging company magnate and conservative megadonor.

Besides Durkin, Proft is backing challengers to Republican Reps. Norine Hammond of Macomb, Terri Bryant of Murphysboro and David Reis of Willow Hill in southeastern Illinois.

Straub owns a faith-based management message company and has called GOP lawmakers who voted for the income tax hike "surrender Republicans."

Proft used his PAC to run an ad titled "Madigurkin," featuring a cartoon representation of Madigan and Durkin morphed into a Frankenstein monster-type creature. The ad also featured headlines from the Proft publications to buttress its allegations.

Durkin's campaign ads and flyers labeled Straub "Madigan Mickey," using Rauner's chief nemesis to try to stain the challenger, as well as Proft and others supporting him. That includes the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150, which plays politics on both sides of the aisle.

Local 150 opted to enter the contest against Durkin after the minority leader teamed up with Rauner to block an override of the governor's veto of a bill that would have banned municipalities from adopting laws weakening organized labor.

Then late last month, Proft's PAC launched another ad trying to link Durkin to Madigan. It featured Denise Rotheimer, who accused Democratic state Sen. Ira Silverstein of sexual harassment. A legislative inspector general report cleared Silverstein of harassment but found his conduct "unbecoming" of a legislator.

Rotheimer, who also was featured in Proft ads in other contests, contended Durkin and Madigan "ignored" claims of sexual harassment. "I called Jim Durkin to ask for his help," she said in the ad. "I received none."

On the Friday before Christmas, Straub recorded his weekly video to Burr Ridge residents in front of a Nativity scene inside St. James at Sag Bridge Catholic Church near Lemont. Straub touted his meeting with Donald Trump Jr. at President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort prior to a Florida meeting of the youth conservative group Turning Point.

The controversy over the contest has reached Burr Ridge Village Hall, as Durkin flyers alleged the municipality had been mismanaged under Straub. Some Village Board members threatened a lawsuit, contending Durkin's campaign was slandering the suburb, while some constituents questioned if the board was in the tank for Straub.

Straub has the public backing of — if not any big campaign cash from — one notable constituent: Chicago Bears Hall of Famer Dan Hampton.

"He stands with the flag for what we believe is the greatest country on the planet Earth," Hampton, a 15-year resident of Burr Ridge, said at a fundraiser last fall.

"He stands for the conservative beliefs that we all, you know, we all treasure in this room — hard work, doing things the right way, being honest," said Hampton, who appeared on a piece of Straub's campaign literature.

Straub's campaign account shows no record of a contribution from Hampton. Donations of $150 or more must be reported to the state.

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Amazon team to scout Chicago sites this week

BY BILL RUTHHART AND JOHN BYRNE
Chicago Tribune

An Amazon advance team will hit Chicago late this week to visit some of the proposed locations for a new headquarters, a source familiar with the visit who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly said Friday.

Company officials will visit a handful of the 10 sites city and state officials have pitched, the source said. It's not clear how long the team will be here as it tries to decide where to build a second headquarters to complement the company's first one in Seattle.

Officials in Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration have declined to discuss details of the impending visit or what steps they are taking to make their sales pitch to Amazon.

One of the reasons they've been so tight-lipped: They are operating under nondisclosure agreements with the company, the source said.

After marching in the downtown St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, Emanuel declined to address any specifics of the visit but acknowledged his team has been preparing for months.

"It's not just me, the city is ready. I got to respect the process, and they're big about the process," Emanuel said. "The city has all the strengths that Amazon is looking for when it comes to talent, the pipeline for talent, the affordability, livability of a major city. So, when you look at everything they need and they've asked for, Chicago has it."

The mayor also said his recently announced $8.5 billion overhaul of O'Hare International Airport had caught the company's attention

"They've done their job, which is to study. They knew exactly what we've been doing on the airport, and they've been following it," Emanuel said. "So, they know about the fundamentals and we're also going to talk to them about the strengths of our neighborhoods."

Chicago is vying against 19 other cities that made the cut. The company plans to announce a location this year. The so-called HQ2 will bring as many as 50,000 high-paying jobs to the chosen city.

Emanuel has been in pitchman mode for months, taking every opportunity to talk up Chicago's well-educated residents and proximity to universities, public transportation, well-connected airports and inexpensive housing as good fits for Amazon owner Jeff Bezos' vision for the new headquarters.

John Schoettler, who oversees Amazon's real estate, said at an event in Seattle that the company envisions "a combination of buildings and facilities probably within walking proximity to one another," according to a Jan. 19 story in the Puget Sound Business Journal.

Schoettler also expressed an aversion to bids that propose spreading 8 million square feet of offices onto several sites, unless those sites can be expanded or connected.

And he indicated Amazon would heavily weigh factors such as availability and cost of housing and proximity to public transportation.

The Chicago bid proposed 10 potential sites, including some that would combine and connect buildings and land controlled by multiple owners.

The two suburban options are the Oak Brook campus that McDonald's is set to vacate as it moves its headquarters to Chicago, and land on the longtime Motorola Solutions campus in Schaumburg.

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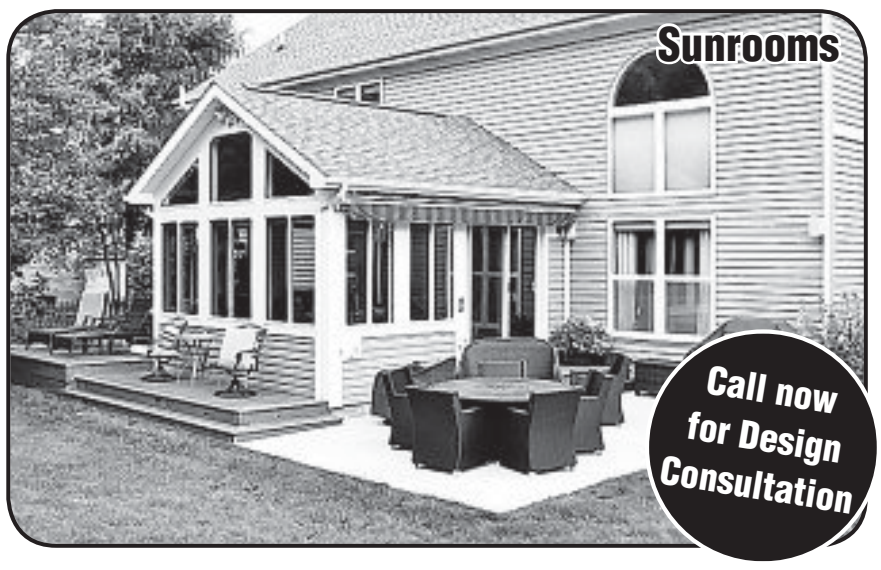
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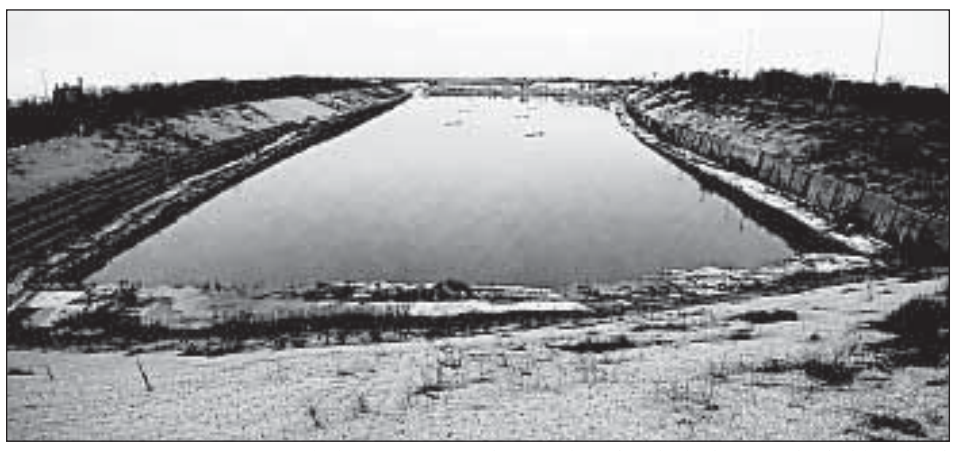
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The McCook Reservoir, at top, starts to fill with rain, melting snow and sewage during a storm Feb. 20. The influx hit the 3.5-billion-gallon capacity, above, in less than a day.

Deep Tunnel swamped by storm in February

Deep Tunnel, *from Page 1*

into the waterways, most of it from a pair of pumping stations that convey waste from homes and factories on the North and South sides to the district's treatment plants, according to a summary compiled by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District at the Tribune's request.

Another government agency, the Chicago Department of Water Management, fielded 510 reports of basement flooding during and after the storm, and recorded 240 cases of standing water on city streets.

Officials at the water reclamation district said the Deep Tunnel worked as planned. By diverting 3.5 billion gallons into the McCook Reservoir and holding another 1.6 billion gallons in the stormwater tunnels, the system limited flooding and other damage in Chicago and suburban Cook County, said David St. Pierre, the district's executive director.

Yet the February storm also highlighted the shortcomings of a system billed as an engineering marvel and model for flood-prone communities throughout the nation.

Frank Pajak, director of the Central Stickney Sanitary District in the southwest suburb, said his constituents were repeatedly assured that one of the nation's most expensive public works projects would solve their chronic flooding problems.

"I've been hearing about Deep Tunnel forever," said Pajak, who posted a complaint on the district's Facebook page about the system's performance during the storm. "I was at the ribbon-cutting (for the reservoir), and it looked great. So why am I still getting calls about people standing in ankle-deep sewage in their basement?"

While the reservoir will be able to hold 10 billion gallons after a nearby quarry is mined out by 2029, officials at the water reclamation district were alarmed by the rate of sewage and runoff rushing into the section that opened in December. If the storm had dumped a little more rain on the area, St. Pierre acknowledged, even the larger reservoir would have been filled within a day.

But without the reservoir, St. Pierre said, the district likely would have been forced to release sewage and runoff into Lake Michigan — the outlet of last resort when streets and basements are flooded.

"Before McCook came online, we would start seeing (sewage overflows) almost as soon as it started raining," he said. "This time the system held on for 20 hours, which makes me fairly optimistic that what we saw last month will be relatively rare."

With the bulk of the project completed, even some of the project's most ardent backers say the city and county need to start focusing more intensely on neighborhood-focused improvements that allow runoff to soak into the ground before it reaches sewers.

Yet state legislative leaders have blocked measures that would authorize the water reclamation district to spend taxpayer funds on the smaller-scale initiatives, which can help prevent sewage from backing up into basements and take pressure off the larger system of sewers and stormwater tunnels.

Meanwhile, staff turnover at the city has slowed progress on a pilot project in the low-lying Chatham neighborhood on the South Side, where the nonprofit Center for Neighborhood Technology has drafted plans to direct downspouts away from homes, seal foundation cracks and install rain gardens and other landscaping improvements to absorb runoff.

"They are good at what they do," Scott Bernstein, the center's co-founder, said of the Deep Tunnel's operators. "But we are seeing more intense storms like what happened in February, and it's clear we still aren't ready to deal with all of that rain."

"We are seeing more intense storms ... and it's clear we still aren't ready to deal with all of that rain."

— Scott Bernstein, whose nonprofit wants to help prevent flooding through neighborhood projects

St. Pierre agrees. "We are not going to be able to solve this with pipes alone," he said. "Once again, this storm shows why you shouldn't build a large city in a swamp."

The problem starts with sewers in Chicago and older suburbs that combine runoff with waste from homes and factories. When it rains, the combined sewers quickly fill up and begin spilling the waste through dozens of overflow pipes into local streams.

A Tribune analysis last year found that sewage and runoff flowed into the Chicago River and connected waterways about once every six days during 2016, and even more frequently during the May-to-October recreation season.

Lake Michigan has been hit more frequently since 2008 than it was during the previous quarter-century, district records show.

The Deep Tunnel is supposed to sharply reduce, if not fully eliminate, those problems. Technically known as the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan, the project has been in the works since the mid-1970s and became the metropolitan area's official response to the federal Clean Water Act.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel often cites the Deep Tunnel as an example of the region's commitment to protecting Lake Michigan and revitalizing the city's long-abused river.

Two separate, smaller sections of the project, serving the Calumet region and communities near O'Hare International Airport, have essentially put an end to raw sewage and runoff pouring into local waterways during and after rainstorms. But there are lingering questions about whether the larger system can handle quick, powerful storms hitting the region more frequently as the climate changes.

The Calumet and O'Hare systems collect runoff from 102 square miles combined. By contrast, the McCook Reservoir's service area is more than double that amount: 252 square miles, stretching from Wilmette south and west across a vast swath of Chicago and including western suburbs along the Des Plaines River.

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Silverstein facing tough primary challenge

Fallout from sexual harassment claim hits state senator

By Kim Geiger
Chicago Tribune

Democratic state Sen. Ira Silverstein, the only member of the General Assembly to have been publicly accused of sexual harassment in the #MeToo movement that's swept through Springfield, faces the fight of his political life on Tuesday.

Fallout from the accusation led to his first primary election challenge in the 20 years he's comfortably held the Far North Side and north suburban seat. And the outcome of the four-person contest could be an early sign of whether pro-woman and anti-establishment sentiments have taken hold among voters in a district that's both liberal and highly diverse.

Silverstein has had to revive a dormant campaign operation and turn to party leaders for fundraising help after he was nearly kicked off the ballot in January for barely having enough nominating signatures.

The race also features Caroline McAteer-Fournier, who's running as a political outsider; Ram Villivalam, a union lobbyist who has the backing of several congressional Democrats and prominent liberal groups; and David Zulkey, a lawyer campaigning as a fiscal conservative who was the only candidate planning a bid before the allegations against Silverstein.

The winner of Tuesday's primary election is all but assured victory in November in a Democrat-dominated district that stretches from Chicago's West Ridge neighborhood to Glenview.

Silverstein appeared to be easily headed toward a seventh term until late October, when victim rights advocate Denise Rotheimer told a panel of lawmakers he had used her push for legislation in Springfield to pursue an inappropriate relationship with her that included sending hundreds of Facebook messages late into the night.

But a freshly appointed legislative inspector general concluded that "even if Rotheimer was internally cringing at the messages Silverstein sent her and did not welcome them, she gave no outward sign of that at all, and no one — including Silverstein — would have had any way of knowing that she was not a fully willing participant in the discussions." Rotheimer blasted the investigation as "rigged."

While the watchdog found that Silverstein had behaved in a way "unbecoming of a legislator," it did not rise to the level of sexual harassment. The inspector general recommended that Silverstein seek ethics counseling, and he said he did so through a Senate staff attorney.

Still, the allegation angered people in his district and created an opening for challengers.


McAteer-Fournier


Silverstein


Villivalam


Zulkey

"What I found is that in talking to women about it, they're mad that this could go on," McAteer-Fournier said. "And that is not the state senator I want representing my 8-year-old."

Silverstein acknowledged that he was facing an unusually competitive primary but said he wasn't encountering angry constituents as he walked precincts. "It's behind me," he said. "People are very receptive, very responsive."

The veteran lawmaker, who is married to 50th Ward Ald. Debra Silverstein, was caught by surprise by the primary challenge. He'd raised just $62,000 last year.

Party leaders and allies have scrambled to come to his defense. Senate President John Cullerton has pumped $66,000 into Silverstein's campaign fund. Another $55,400 came from what was listed as the State Democratic Victory Fund, which is likely the Cullerton-controlled Senate Democratic Victory Fund. That backing has rankled some Democrats who say party leaders shouldn't be throwing their muscle behind Silverstein, given the allegations made against him.

There's also been controversy surrounding a union that endorsed Silverstein. A political action committee with ties to the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150 has spent more than $55,000 on mailers boosting McAteer-Fournier. The move has been viewed as an attempt to help Silverstein across the finish line by splitting the vote between the other challengers. The winner doesn't need to collect 50 percent plus one, just the most votes.

McAteer-Fournier, of Sauganash, works in the career counseling department at DePaul University. She's served on the boards of Personal PAC, the abortion-rights advocacy group, and the State of Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan. She's hoping that being the only woman in the contest will help boost her candidacy.

"I think what we're seeing is women want more women sitting around the table when bills are being made, when laws are being passed," McAteer-Fournier said. "And the only way to do that is to send more women to Springfield."

She's also playing up her political outsider status, pointing to her lack of endorsements from party leaders and allied groups as proof that she'd be an independent voice.

The challenger who's racked up the most endorsements is Villivalam, a former lobbyist with Service Employees International Union Healthcare. The child of immigrants who came to the U.S. from India in the 1970s, Villivalam says he'd be the first Asian-American elected to the Illinois Senate.

He's got endorsements from U.S. Reps. Jan Schakowsky, Brad Schneider, Mike Quigley and Luis Gutierrez, as well as from the Chicago Teachers Union, Planned Parenthood and the Sierra Club. Villivalam also is the best-funded candidate in the race, having raised about $270,000, including nearly $40,000 from SEIU political action committees.

Villivalam, who lives in Mayfair, said he's been frustrated with Silverstein's approach.

"With his lack of leadership on issues, I ask people to point to a signature piece of legislation he's passed — folks can't," Villivalam said. "But secondly, I think he's wrong on some issues."

The district was divided between Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in 2016. Villivalam said the fact that Silverstein did not vote on a bill that allows transgender people to change the gender designation on their birth certificate puts him at odds with progressive voters.

Despite his backing from prominent allies, Villivalam is trying to cast himself as an independent voice, criticizing Silverstein's campaign cash infusion from Cullerton.

"The party helps them out and then sure enough, the next legislative session, the party leaders come to them and says, 'Hey, I really need you to vote for this even though it's against your district,' and the incumbent feels an obligation," Villivalam said. "People don't want elected officials that are loyal to the party leadership, they want elected officials that are loyal to the district."

Also in the contest is Zulkey, a Sauganash lawyer who also is banking on voters' frustration with the status quo.

"I'm tired of people, of me and other people complaining about the way the government is and yet we have the same people running for office," said Zulkey, who hasn't reported much in the way of campaign contributions. "My main issue is fiscal responsibility," he added. "That might seem odd from a Democrat, but right now it's something we're missing."

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ST. PAT'S FESTIVITIES

Boats move through the water, above, as the Chicago River is dyed green for St. Patrick's Day on Saturday. Later in the day, David Westerby of Kenosha, Wis., at left, cheers the floats in Chicago's St. Patrick's Day Parade along Columbus Boulevard.

#MeToo moment arrives for architects

Chicago's Barney reflects on culture, Meier accusations



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Cityscapes

The #MeToo movement that sprung up after last October's revelations about Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein has now hit the architecture field, with The New York Times reporting that five women are accusing Pritzker Prize winner Richard Meier of sexual harassment.

Chicago architect Carol Ross Barney, whose award-winning work ranges from the Chicago Riverwalk to the Oklahoma City Federal Building, wasn't surprised.

"Architects, especially women architects in New York, have been talking about it for a long time," Barney told me Wednesday. "I've heard more than one woman architect talk about his reputation."

Meier is one of the world's most celebrated architects, renowned for projects ranging from exquisite, white-on-white homes to the hilltop Getty Center arts complex in Los Angeles. His best buildings, like the Douglas House in Harbor Springs, Mich., which sits on a forested slope overlooking Lake Michigan, have a machined elegance that leaps out from their surroundings.

Long before the word "starchitect" was coined, the white-maned, elegantly turned-out Meier, who exhibited at the 2015 Chicago Architecture Biennial, personified its glamour. He dated the sister of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Lee Radziwill. He was photographed for Vanity Fair. He designed tableware, including plates in a color called "Meier White."

But the Times' report punctured his image. It cited accounts alleging that the architect had exposed himself to two female employees who were sent to his apartment. A third woman, the story said, recalled that Meier "grabbed her underwear through her dress at a firm holiday party, and a fourth said he asked her to undress at his apartment so she could be photographed." The fifth woman, who did not work for Meier, said she once "had to flee his home after he forcefully pulled her onto a bed," the Times reported.

In response, some art world institutions cut their ties to the once-magnetic architect. Sotheby's closed an exhibition of his works at one of its New York galleries. The J. Paul Getty Trust canceled a dinner that would have honored Meier on the Getty Center's 20th anniversary.

Meier, 83, said he would take a six-month leave from his firm, Richard Meier & Partners Architects. "I am deeply troubled and embarrassed by the accounts of several women who were offended by my words and actions," he said in a statement. "While our recollections may differ, I sincerely apologize to anyone who was offended by my behavior."

With #MeToo's humbling one of architecture's top figures, I had to wonder: Is there anything about the field that creates a uniquely toxic variation on the theme of powerful older men hitting on young women? After all, surveys consistently show male architects tend to hold positions of authority. Typically, they decide who gets raises, who gets promoted and who gets top assignments. Meier may not be the only one to take advantage of this imbalance.

I read Barney an excerpt from the Art Institute of Chicago's oral history of the late Chicago architect Gertrude Kerbis, who designed innovative structures like the Rotunda Building at O'Hare International Airport. In the interview, Kerbis said she was fired in the late 1950s from the Chicago firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill after rejecting the advances of her male boss.

"That was business then. You had to suck it up. It wasn't considered a fatal flaw to chase women inappropriately," Barney said, comparing the architecture firms of that era to Sterling Cooper Draper Pryce, the martini-laced, sex-crazed New York advertising agency portrayed on the AMC show "Mad Men."

When Barney worked for the Chicago firm of Holabird & Root in the 1970s, she recalled, she had "my own tormentor," a senior architect who went to job sites with her and would maneuver her to the back of parking lots, where he would try to kiss her. "It went to the point where I couldn't be with him alone," she said. "I'd be harassed."

While the field has changed for the better, with women like Barney and Chicago architect Jeanne Gang running their own firms, some things remain the same, including architects' habit of working together, deep into the night, as a deadline nears. That can be a double-edged sword.


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Five women accuse Pritzker Prize-winning architect Richard Meier of sexual harassment.

"You do live intensely together," Barney said. "There are a number of women architects who are married to their partners. It's a vocation. It's much more than a job. I know I've had several marriages in my studio where they met working those late nights. (But) that's no excuse for harassment or unwanted advances."

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Details of Markham slaying emerge in court

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The south suburban man who was the subject of an Amber Alert last week for allegedly kidnapping two children after fatally shooting his estranged wife had followed her to a bar and then to a gas station where he shot her, prosecutors said Saturday.

Lynn Washington said nothing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building as prosecutors laid out their case before Judge John F. Lyke Jr. Washington, 40, who faces first-degree murder and parental abduction charges, is accused of shooting Lakisha Roby, 27, about 1:35 a.m. Wednesday at a gas station at 167th Street and Pulaski Road in Markham.

After the shooting, authorities said, he briefly took Roby's two young children, Jordyn Washington, 2, and her 3-year-old brother, Lynn Roby. Jordyn is Lakisha Roby and Washington's daughter.

A short time before the shooting, prosecutors said, Roby was at a bar in south suburban Oak Forest with friends when Washington entered. He approached Roby, grabbed her by the neck and pulled her in for a conversation, Assistant State's Attorney Maria McCarthy told the court. Roby had an active order of protection against Washington, who was barred from contacting her or her two children, McCarthy added.

Roby and a companion left the bar, with Washington captured on surveillance video circling the parking lot in another vehicle waiting for them to drive away, McCarthy said. His vehicle, registered to the mother of one of his other children, followed the car Roby was in to the gas station in Markham. After pulling up beside it, Washington rolled down his window and said, "Y'all doing too much. Y'all gonna get f----d up," McCarthy said.

Moments later, according to McCarthy, he pulled out a handgun and fired toward Roby and her companion. They fled, and the driver noticed a short time later that Roby had been struck, prosecutors said. Roby managed to call 911 and tell a dispatcher she was shot and was being followed. Asked by whom, Roby told the dispatcher "my ex-husband," McCarthy said.

Hours later, Washington contacted a family friend who was watching the two children and told them to drop them off at his mother's home in Harvey, authorities said. He picked them up and took them to an apartment building in Hammond, Ind. The Amber Alert was issued that evening and an arrest warrant for Washington was issued. The next day, the children were recovered unharmed and Washington was arrested in Chicago Heights.

Washington, who had two prior felonies, also had five prior domestic battery arrests, McCarthy said.

His attorney, Frank Kostouros, denied the murder charges against his client, saying he hadn't seen any of the evidence that prosecutors alleged. He also denied that Washington abducted the children, saying his client had parental and visitation rights for them.

In denying Washington bail, Judge Lyke lamented how Roby had received a protective order yet "everything she did right failed." He allowed the $1 million bond to stand and approved a violation of bail bond request related to a pending drug case and his own bail denial. Washington is expected to appear before a judge at the Markham Courthouse this week.

Meanwhile, friends and family of Roby held a vigil around 5 p.m. Saturday near the gas station where police said she was killed.

About 50 people gathered to remember her and release dozens of balloons.

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Conner Powers helps dad Brian load gear into their pickup truck after a late-night game this month between youth ball teams the Rhinos and the Sparks.



Rhino baseball players watch Sparks pitcher David Kundrat during the midnight game at Bo Jackson's Elite Sports dome in Lockport. The last pitch came at 12:35 a.m.



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Adrian Ortega, 10, of the Romeoville-based Rhino team, plays left field during the Lockport game. Enthusiasm appeared to sag after midnight, both on the field and in the viewing area.

MIDNIGHT MADNESS SPREADS

Youth sports, *from Page 1*

The phenomenon is driven by several factors: a gaggle of travel teams hunting for cheap indoor field time; sports complexes eager to increase their revenue; and kids who savor the novel experience of playing on a vampire's schedule.

"I always scratch my head and say, 'You sure you want to do this?' " said Frank Cargola of the Dome at the Ballpark in Rosemont, where youth softball teams hold tournaments that run until nearly 6 a.m. "But the organizations, they love coming here and playing overnight. The girls, they love it."

This post-midnight madness appears most widespread in softball and baseball. Ice rinks and facilities that specialize in indoor soccer told the Tribune that adults occasionally play into the early morning hours, but not children.

Coaches say youth softball and baseball have become year-round pursuits, and as the spring season and high school tryouts approach, athletes who spend the winter drilling want to sharpen their skills with competition.

But with only a few local facilities big enough to host the games, daytime field space carries a premium cost. Hence, some teams decide to save money by playing long after most kids have gone to bed.

Tom Clifford, owner of the Ultimate Sports Dome in Aurora, said overnight games can be a good deal for the facilities, too, which rely on heavy traffic in the winter to make the bulk of their revenue.

"The thing about indoor sports complexes is that you have five or six months (to make money)," he said. "You almost have to rely on stuff like that to keep you in business."

High-level players face similar weather-driven dilemmas. Honorio Diaz, a coach with the Antioch-based Bordertown Bandits softball team, said his squad of 17- and 18-year-olds had all but one of their fall tournaments rained out or canceled.

They wanted to make up for that lack of playing time, he said, so they signed up for three late-night tournaments at Rosemont's dome, a 6-year-old facility that has two full-size softball fields.

"In the winter, you don't have outside," Diaz said. "You just have to take what you can get."

The games started at 11 p.m. on a Saturday night and ran until 5 a.m. the next morning. His girls prepared by napping beforehand and bringing snacks and blankets to the dome, he said, and tried to adopt a Spartan mindset to deal with the grueling schedule.

"By the time 4 a.m. comes, it's an awesome test for them," he said. "We always joke around that it's like Navy SEAL training."

Brianna Negrete McGinley, a 17-year-old shortstop from Round Lake, said one weekend was especially punishing, mixing an all-day cheerleading competition with the softball tournament and her shift at a pizza parlor.

"I was exhausted," she said. " ... (But) I definitely think I'll look back at it and think it was a lot of fun. Not many sports get to play so late. It's a cool experience."

Hanna Buchan, co-founder of the Royal Swings Ravens softball team in Harwood Heights, said her players also enjoy the tournaments, treating them as a camaraderie-building endurance test. But recuperation can take a while, she said, and that cuts into important training time on the weekend.

"It's kind of like a missed opportunity," she said. "There is a cost."

Dr. David Gozal, a University of Chicago pediatrician who specializes in sleep disorders, said coaches can't expect young players to play at their best when they're sleep-deprived. And athletes' reaction time inevitably erodes, he said, something to consider in a sport that features hard projectiles.

He said parents should realize that children need two or three days to recover from a night of sleep deprivation, so they could suffer consequences if they have a school exam early in the week.

But those concerns aside, he said, an occasional bout of late-night athletics is no big deal. "I wouldn't say there's evidence that doing this on a sporadic fashion will have major health impacts."

The young baseball players who gathered at the Lockport dome one recent Friday night seemed chipper enough when the game began. Wired on the novelty, they cheered loudly when teammates got a hit or made a good play in the field.

The kids' parents and relatives began the evening bright-eyed, too, fortified by giant cups of coffee and king-size sodas. Some even said they were jealous.

"When I was playing baseball growing up, I would have killed to have something like this," said Chris Pucci, whose 10-year-old nephew, Anthony Santangelo, patrolled left field for the Rhinos. "I would have stayed up all night to play. This is beautiful."

That opinion, though, was not unanimous.

"I thought it was a typo," said Jessica Chavez, whose son Adrian Ortega, 10, played for the Rhinos. "(Playing until) 1 o'clock in the morning? It's a Friday, a long day of school. They get up early, come home, eat and then come play. By the time they get home, it's just been a very long day."

Coach Mike Mecher of Lockport's Cangelosi Sparks, the Rhinos' opponent for the night, predicted the boys' adrenaline would carry them through the first 90 minutes, and he was correct: One wily first baseman even tried to pull the hidden ball trick at 11:15 p.m.

But the enthusiasm appeared to sag after midnight, both on the field and in the viewing area — "I feel like I'm going to turn into a pumpkin," one parent mumbled — and the coaches decided to wrap up the planned doubleheader early. The last pitch came at 12:35 a.m.

Yet even as some kids trudged to their families' cars, others kept running around the field until their parents commanded them to leave.

"It was good," said Eddie McClain Jr., 10, a member of the Rhinos who had been up since 5:30 a.m. "I wish we could have played longer."

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Rauner cash an issue in Republican AG race

Beneficiary Harold's opponent questions her independence

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Erika Harold, who got a recent $305,000 jolt from Gov. Bruce Rauner, cites abortion as among the issues they part on.



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2010

Gary Grasso says his rival's acceptance of Rauner's money makes it appear that she is "beholden to the governor."

When asked at a debate this month to name the top five donors to her attorney general campaign, Republican Erika Harold said she couldn't identify them.

"Obviously I have received support from the party, and I am very proud to receive support of the party," she said, adding she "couldn't say an exact amount."

There was one precise figure, though, that Harold offered: $305,000 she received a day earlier from Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, leading the moderator to ask her whether she could be independent from the governor.

"I have a record of already standing up for the things that I think are right and opposing him," Harold said. "And that's a record, so if you wanna heckle in the audience, you can look and see my record."

The exchange highlighted a double-edged sword facing Harold as she runs against DuPage County Board member Gary Grasso. Big contributions from Rauner and the state party he funds help get her message out amid a noisy primary election season. But the money also allows Grasso to question her ability to act independently of a governor who has alienated conservatives.

Rauner has said he "personally recruited" Harold to run for the seat being vacated by Democrat Attorney General Lisa Madigan, an endorsement that's provided Grasso with a key line of attack. The former Burr Ridge village president has accused Harold of softening her stances on several controversial issues, saying she has avoided criticizing Rauner for signing laws to expand taxpayer funding of abortion and provide protection for immigrants living in Illinois illegally.

"The semblance of impropriety seems to be there, looking at being beholden to the governor," said Grasso, who is self-funding his campaign.

For her part, Harold said she criticized Rauner the day he signed the bill and she's "an independent person, and I make independent choices."

"I have been unflinching in being willing to stand up to people within my own party when I thought it was necessary," she said.

As of last month, the overwhelming majority of Republican voters — 65 percent —were undecided between Harold and Grasso, according to a poll conducted by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University. Harold was favored by 18 percent of voters to Grasso's 14 percent, a gap that falls within the poll's margin of error.

While the eight Democrats seeking the job have gotten much of the attention on the airwaves and in public debates, the race between Harold and Grasso has remained relatively low-key. They've appeared at just a few public events together. Both say they want to focus on rooting out corruption, contending that Madigan, the daughter of House Speaker Michael Madigan, has let that effort go by the wayside.

Harold is best known for winning the Miss America pageant in 2003 and using the scholarship to attend Harvard Law School. Addressing a crowd of about 60 people during a recent Lincoln Day Dinner in Menard County, Harold used the pageant win to showcase herself as self-made, saying the experience gives a sense of her "core values."

"So, I announced my candidacy for attorney general in August of 2017, and exactly one month to the date, Lisa Madigan announced that she was no longer seeking re-election after all," Harold said at the dinner. "What that means is we have one Madigan down, and one more Madigan to go."

An incident that brought a lot of attention to Harold is when she said last month that Winfield Township GOP Chairman Burt Minor asked her if she was a "lesbo" and repeatedly used the N-word when he met with her after she launched her statewide candidacy. He said, "It was in no way meant to be offensive."

"He said, 'Are you married?' I said I'm not. He said, 'Have you ever been married?' I said no. And he said, 'Well then, are you a lesbo?' " Harold said.

"I told him I was not. But I also made clear that in our party, someone's sexual orientation should not be used to disqualify them from running for public office," she said.

Harold works for a Champaign-based firm where she specializes in business law. She has been eyeing elected office for several years, losing a Downstate Republican primary for Congress to U.S. Rep. Rodney Davis of Taylorville in 2014.

At the time, Harold didn't have the backing of the party establishment. She said then that she did not support marijuana legalization and was against abortion rights.

She now says the state should "explore" legalization of marijuana, saying she believes it's "inevitable" and may help address the state's opioid crisis. She remains opposed to abortion rights and points to both issues as proof that she's willing to split from Rauner.

The governor does not support legalization of recreational pot, and he angered conservatives when he signed legislation last year that would expand the availability of taxpayer-funded abortions for state employees and Medicaid patients.

Harold's stance against same-sex marriage has served as a flashpoint in her bid to be the state's chief legal officer. According to the book "Being Miss America: Behind the Rhinestone Curtain" by former Miss America Kate Shindle, Harold's "ultra-conservative views" had kept her from winning the Miss Illinois pageant for several years.

Shindle writes that Harold was asked in a pageant interview about adoption by same-sex couples. "Harold reportedly stated that she would choose to place a child in an abusive heterosexual home rather than with a loving gay couple," the book says.

Harold's campaign said she does not remember those comments, and she said, "I strongly support same-sex adoption and I strongly support same-sex parenting."

Even so, Grasso criticized her over the book's accusation.

"She said that she would put a kid in harm's way with known child abusers, to be what?" Grasso said. "Physically abused? Mentally abused? Sexually abused? Certainly permanently harmed. That's her choice? You can't excuse that with someone who wants to represent the values of Illinois."

He's also questioned Harold's qualifications to be attorney general, noting he's been licensed to practice law in Illinois for nearly 40 years and has held several elected positions.

"I bring the credentials, I bring the experience, and therefore I'm going to be the better advocate for the people in dealing with many of the problems we have," Grasso said in an interview with the Tribune.

Grasso said his priority would be looking into the Cook County property tax assessment system, saying he would investigate it, file lawsuits where necessary and work with the legislature to limit conflicts of interest.

Grasso has funded the bulk of his campaign by lending himself roughly $351,500, saying it demonstrates his dedication and independence. He, however, has faced questions regarding his own campaign fund. State election officials said he must pay a $7,500 fine for reporting two contributions too late.

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2 seek DuPage sheriff GOP nomination

Both candidates tout experience, prominent backers

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The two Republican candidates for DuPage County sheriff have a lot in common. Both have years of experience working for the office. Both want to end the opioid epidemic and improve school safety. And both are longtime Republican committeemen with political connections.

But only Undersheriff Frank Bibbiano has the endorsements of retiring Sheriff James Zaruba and former Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan, a prominent DuPage County Republican. And only patrol Cmdr. James Mendrick has the backing of county board Chairman Dan Cronin, former Sheriff Richard Doria, and sheriff's employee unions for both jail officers and law enforcement deputies.

"That's everything to me," Mendrick said. "I would not want to be sheriff without their support."

That fundamental split in support in Tuesday's primary election is also reflected in their campaigns, where Mendrick has numerous deputies working or contributing, but where Bibbiano says he turns down donations from deputies. That was a sticky issue in the past, because Zaruba was accused previously of pressuring and promoting deputies who contributed to his campaign.

Since Zaruba decided to retire after more than 20 years as sheriff, his campaign fund has pumped $55,000 into Bibbiano's campaign.

"Frank is the only candidate for sheriff who has the leadership, experience and community trust to keep DuPage County safe," Zaruba said in a statement on Bibbiano's website. "He is the only candidate who I wholeheartedly endorse."

The sheriff also promoted Bibbiano to the newly created position of Undersheriff just last April. As a result, Bibbiano is featured prominently on the sheriff's website, and he was highlighted in a recent news release, whereas Mendrick's name is nowhere to be found.

Mendrick considers that an unfair advantage, using state resources to promote his opponent. Zaruba, who has been sheriff for more than 20 years, didn't respond to requests for comment.

In the past, Zaruba trusted Mendrick to put together the sheriff's budget as commander of the administrative bureau, experience Mendrick considers "critical" to running the office. When Mendrick, now 47 and living in Woodridge, had to devote more time to therapy for his son's autism, he said, he stepped down to become a commander in the patrol division.

But he says his endorsement from board Chairman Cronin and numerous board members is important, because Zaruba has clashed repeatedly with the board, which cut the department's workforce by 28 to a total of 491 employees. Mendrick said he would find a way to improve the working relationship with board members.

Cronin said the election marked an opportunity to leave behind the policies of Zaruba, who he said refused to work with the county and was "stuck in the 1970s." Electing Mendrick would make it possible to work more closely with local police departments, he said.

"Jim is a tough, smart, honest, resourceful man," Cronin said. "I'm so anxious to close the chapter on Zaruba's influence and transform that office into a sophisticated crime-fighting agency."

Bibbiano, 44, of Elmhurst, whose son has Down syndrome, has been active in causes for that condition. Both men say their children's health has made them more aware of mental health and developmental issues in policing, with Mendrick proposing treating mentally ill patients in private treatment centers rather than the jail, a policy the county is working to implement.

Bibbiano, a former head of investigations, took credit for managing the cracking of the 1985 cold case murder of Kristy Wesselman, which resulted in charges against a man who pleaded guilty to the murder and was sentenced this year to 80 years in prison.

On policy issues, the two men have proposed several changes.

With the department in line to lose its only police dog, Mendrick proposed adding more drug-sniffing canines, to both catch more drug dealers and, by finding contraband, help the police seize more drug money that can help fund the department.

He also promised to share information more openly and promptly with the public.

Mendrick opposes body cameras for police, saying they are potentially valuable but are expensive and can invade the privacy of both officers and crime victims.



JAMES MENDRICK PHOTO

James Mendrick has been endorsed by the county board chairman and two sheriff's employee unions.



FRANK BIBBIANO PHOTO

Frank Bibbiano has been endorsed by former Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan and the retiring sheriff.

Bibbiano would like new cameras in the jail, more training for deputies against active shooters, and expansion of a partnership with a state police drug task force, since the county no longer has an undercover drug unit. Bibbiano said he would be open to putting more police in schools, if school officials requested it.

One other bone of contention has been over discipline. Mendrick criticized Bibbiano for receiving a written reprimand in 2015, when Bibbiano was head of internal investigations, for failing to properly complete performance evaluations of deputies, which Mendrick said can hurt their chances for promotion. "That upset a lot of people," Mendrick said.

Bibbiano countered that Mendrick shouldn't be sharing disciplinary actions publicly and called it a minor matter of not filling out paperwork in a timely fashion, for which he received no suspension.

While both candidates are Republican precinct committeemen, Mendrick has raised much more campaign money. Election records show 400 people have contributed almost $300,000 to his campaign since 2015.

Bibbiano had raised $120,000 by the end of 2017, mostly on the strength of donations from Zaruba, and $45,000 that Bibbiano lent his own campaign.

The winner of Tuesday's primary will face Democrat Gregory Whalen in the Nov. 6 general election. Whalen is running unopposed in the primary.

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Trump a factor in Ill. governor race

Governor, *from Page 1*

she calls the "silent majority" that elected him to rise up against Rauner.

Trump's lies in office are well-chronicled — just Wednesday he boasted that he made up facts on trade during a meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Trump also has a history of cheating, including his affair with actress Marla Maples that broke up his first marriage, and the current fallout from $130,000 paid by his lawyer to a porn star who goes by the name Stormy Daniels as "hush money" about an alleged affair.

How does Ives reconcile campaigning on an honor code that prohibits lying and cheating as a rationale to take on Rauner, while not only tolerating but actively promoting Trump? Asked that question recently, Ives paused for several seconds.

"For me, it's a personal affront to what Gov. Rauner has done because I'm part of that Republican caucus he lied to, OK?" she said. "So, it's a very personal thing. That's the thing. I can affect him (Rauner) and the outcome of this election. I can't necessarily affect Donald Trump."

On the Democratic side, Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth of Andersonville, the state coordinator of the umbrella group Indivisible Illinois, said the route of the 2017 women's march held a day after Trump's inauguration ultimately runs through the polling place in 2018 and beyond. The group has conducted voter registration efforts and pre-election candidate forums.

"Look, we can turn out for women's marches every single weekend, but if we don't change who's at the table making these rules, then we're just never going to make any progress," Manaa-Hoppenworth said. "We can't have folks at the table who have no sympathy for women, for marginalized groups."

The rejuvenated women's rights movement that followed Trump's election, coupled more recently with the #MeToo effort to combat sexual harassment, also has found increasing numbers of women seeking public office.

"It seems to me that if women are more represented when these rules are getting made that our government will be more transparent and maybe more efficient and more representative of the 51 percent of us that exist in this nation," Manaa-Hoppenworth said.

Democrats across the ballot have used Trump as a political pinata to seek energized support and to burnish liberal credentials, while blasting some primary opponents and the Republican governor for being "Trumplike" or Trump's "silent partner."

Much like the president's own rhetoric, the attack language Democratic candidates use against him can be harsh.

"Donald Trump is a racist and a xenophobe and a misogynist and a homophobe," Democratic governor candidate J.B. Pritzker often says in his stump speech. A longtime Clinton backer and mega-donor to her 2016 campaign, Pritzker contends "there's no candidate running for governor that's done more to fight against Donald Trump."

Another Democratic governor contender, state Sen. Daniel Biss of Evanston, has been courting the groups spawned by Trump's victory as he seeks progressive backing from those who supported Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' unsuccessful 2016 presidential bid.

"The Trump administration threatens the core values that we have held as a nation since our founding — the values of pluralism, the values of inclusion, the values of equality, the values of justice. And worse, he threatens the core of our democracy," Biss said at a recent candidate forum.

Rival Chris Kennedy, looking to play the role of an outsider despite being a product of the iconic Massachusetts political family, has made similar attacks on Trump.

"It is possible to be the president and un-American at the same time. Trump's presidency has made this very clear," the Kenilworth developer told supporters in an email. "Since the beginning of his campaign, and throughout his presidency, Trump's rhetoric and policies continue to disavow everything we stand for as Americans."

And that's just rhetoric from the Democratic governor's race. In the eight-candidate field for Democratic attorney general, each hopeful has pledged to use the state's top law-enforcement position to position herself or himself against Trump policies on a state and national level.

Given the widespread anti-Trumpism in the Democratic primaries, it could be difficult for voters to decide which specific brand they like best.

"I think the problem in any election is about differentiating candidates. I don't know if they can differentiate themselves on that," Mooney said.

"These two primary races at the governor's level are pretty good examples of this issue of differentiation. Jeanne Ives has been very clear and very pointed about differentiating herself from Rauner in very specific ways," he said. "Whereas the Democrats have to say, 'Well, I've got this slightly different take on (things).' Nuances are a problem."

With Ives, there's not much nuance to her support for the president.

"I think we should have a working relationship with (Trump)," she said after a recent gathering of the Streeterville Organization of Active Residents at Water Tower Place.

"And look, I've been disappointed by a lot of other politicians who have lied about what their intentions are, have done the wrong thing. But you still work with them. You still work with them," she said. "But in the case of Rauner, I can actually affect change where he has personally lied about his policies."

Ives has supported Trump attacks on sanctuary cities and illegal immigration while criticizing Rauner's approval of legislation that would prevent local law enforcement from holding someone based solely on their legal status or detaining someone without a judicially issued warrant.

Ives' challenge means Rauner's attempts to distance himself from Trump have become a factor for the governor ahead of the primary, Mooney said.

"Rauner's spent his time ignoring (Trump), (the president) is sort of a pariah in the state, and that's annoyed the Trump supporters in the state, and then Jeanne Ives comes along," Mooney said.

"If she wouldn't have been there, raising (Rauner's) ambiguity about Trump and all of that, in the fall, the Democrat, whoever it would be, would definitely hammer him on Trump, associate him with Trump," he added. "But without Ives putting out these sort of RINO (Republican In Name Only) criticisms and so forth, those (Trump) people might have just gone ahead and would vote for (Rauner)."

Trump presents a problem for a Republican governor running in a Democratic-leaning state. For nearly two years, Rauner routinely has avoided using the president's name in public, and he skipped the 2016 GOP convention that nominated Trump.

Asked by reporters about Trump-proposed policies on immigration, health care and other issues, Rauner regularly demurs — at one point saying he had "no obligation" to discuss "every policy change in Washington."

Instead, Rauner has focused his primary campaign on his frequent political target, veteran Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan, going so far as to try to link Madigan to Ives despite vast ideological differences between the Democratic leader and the GOP challenger. The assertion rated a "Pants on Fire" lie from PolitiFact Illinois.

The election, Rauner told reporters, is "about the people against a corrupt, broken system. It's about the people of Illinois demanding more value for their taxes and a lower tax burden, the people of Illinois demanding more jobs, more economic opportunity and the people of Illinois demanding an end to the corruption in our system by getting term limits."

The governor said his campaign message is one of "unification" that transcends party labels.

But Rauner has had difficulty finding a base. His approval of legislation expanding taxpayer-funded abortions to women covered by Medicaid and state employee health insurance motivated Ives to challenge him. GOP conservatives viewed Rauner's move as a betrayal after he had vowed to veto the bill.

On the other hand, Rauner's support of the measure could help him if he makes it to the November general election, winning favor with GOP-leaning moderate suburban women, a critical demographic in an evolving collar county landscape.

Rauner followed that up, however, with his Tuesday veto of legislation that would have required the state licensing of gun shops. That's legislation those same suburban women, many of them mothers of school-age children, would support. Before then, however, Rauner has to win the primary election, and he knows the voting power of Downstate gun-rights supporters.

David Yepsen, the former head of the Paul Simon Public Policy Center at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, said the Trump impact in the primaries may only be the beginning heading toward the outcomes of the November general election.

"There is a Trump effect, and it can be a harmful one to Republican chances in Illinois in November. There is a Democrat wave starting to form, and it manifests itself in the energy you see in these groups, the turnouts in primaries in other states," said Yepsen, a former national columnist for The Des Moines Register.

"It's history. It's the midterm election, and the party in power (in the White House) is going to take a hit." he said. "In Illinois, Republicans don't have a lot of margin."

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J.B. Pritzker, Democratic candidate for governor, talks to media before Saturday's St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Chris Kennedy, another Democratic governor candidate, also talks to news outlets at the Chicago parade.



State Sen. Daniel Biss, Democratic candidate for governor, shakes hands with parade onlookers.



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Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, who seeks re-election, walks in the parade with Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti.

Candidates out in full force at St. Patrick's Day parade

Pritzker defends $69.5M self-funded campaign while opponents pounce

By Kim Geiger and Hal Dardick
Chicago Tribune

Political candidates for governor on down the ballot engaged in the election-year ritual of marching in Chicago's St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, shaking hands and jockeying for the attention of TV cameras just days away from Tuesday's primary election.

Prior to hitting the parade route along Columbus Drive, Democratic governor candidate J.B. Pritzker defended putting $6.3 million more of his fortune into his campaign, a move he disclosed Friday night. It brought the record-setting, self-funding total of the billionaire heir to the Hyatt Hotel fortune to $69.5 million.

Pritzker tried to make light of the latest cash infusion. "We simply are trying to make sure that we're paying the bills in the campaign, and we're very excited about the opportunity to simply get our message out," he said.

Rival Chris Kennedy did some quick math and said the large sum "means he's spending, I guess, $2 million a day to try to buy this election. And we have to decide whether we want to send a message from Illinois to the rest of the country, the rest of the world, that a democracy can be bought."

Another contender, state Sen. Daniel Biss of Evanston, tried to make fun of Pritzker and the last-minute money dump.

"I was sort of confused about where the other half-million was," Biss said. "I was hoping that J.B. would get to $70 million during the course of the campaign. It's only, only 69.5. What a cheapskate."

Biss also accused Pritzker of doing the bidding of House Speaker Michael Madigan, who also serves as state Democratic chairman. "J.B. Pritzker is trying to buy this election because Mike Madigan told him to," Biss said.

And to play up his theme of being a middle-class guy in a race dominated by wealthy candidates, Biss joked that the brown-green shirt he wore to the parade was all he could afford. "As a middle-class governor, I don't have an enormous wardrobe, but this is as green as it gets at my house," Biss said when asked by a reporter why he wasn't wearing green.

On the Republican side, a re-election-seeking Gov. Bruce Rauner contended Pritzker was behind the decision of the Democratic Governors Association to launch two ads in the GOP primary — one attacking him and another ostensibly criticizing, or potentially reinforcing, the conservative views of his rival, state Rep. Jeanne Ives. The DGA's ad contends Ives, a three-term lawmaker from Wheaton, is "too conservative."

"We know that Pritzker is now very involved in our primary. He's got the Democratic Governors Association starting to spend big money supporting my opponent because they know they can beat her in November. They know they're going to have a hard time beating me," Rauner said.

"So we need everybody to get out and vote, support our campaign. We can win on Tuesday, and we're going to beat Pritzker and Madigan in November," he said.

Ives campaigned at Palatine's parade, opting to get in front of GOP voters in the northwest suburbs. The West Point grad wore a camouflage cap with a black A for Army, and a supporter carried her regular yellow-and-black campaign sign with a "Madigan's Worst Nightmare" placard affixed to the top. Rauner has attacked the three-term state lawmaker as Madigan's "favorite Republican" despite a conservative record and ideology that's in sharp contrast to the Democratic leader.

"I need to be here with Republicans who are going to decide who the Republican nominee is," Ives said. "We're not going to let anybody else but Republicans decide who should represent our party." As for the DGA ad asking whether she is too conservative for the state, Ives said, "We have no problem being called a conservative."

Also in Palatine was Rauner-backed Republican attorney general candidate Erika Harold. She said she hoped the final weekend of campaigning and a new TV ad would help push voters her way against opponent Gary Grasso, a DuPage County board member and former Burr Ridge village president. Harold, an Urbana attorney and former Miss America, said a large number of undecided voters was "to be expected in a race where neither of us have ever run for office statewide, and a lot of the media attention towards the beginning was focused on the Democratic primary because there were eight candidates."

Turnout at the Chicago parade among the crowded Democratic field for attorney general wasn't great. But former Gov. Pat Quinn, who is seeking the state's top legal office, basked in the attention of parade-goers who posed for selfies with him. As the parade stepped off, Quinn found himself a place in the middle of the contingent of elected officials who led the march.

Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios also marched in the Chicago parade, after whipping up his campaign troops to get out the vote "first thing this morning." At the same time, Berrios presented a counterpoint to a TV ad being aired in the final campaign stretch by challenger Fritz Kaegi.

The commercial is narrated by Jacky Grimshaw, an aide to the late Mayor Harold Washington. It notes that during the Council Wars era, Berrios was allied with old-guard, anti-Washington Democrats.

Berrios countered by saying that before Washington's death in late 1987, the mayor backed Berrios for his 1988 run for the Board of (Tax) Appeals. By then, Council Wars had ended with Washington's victory, and Washington had a good relationship with George Dunne, head of the Democratic Party that backed Berrios for the office.

Kaegi instead attended the St. Patrick's Day festival at the Irish American Heritage Center. Andrea Raila, another challenger, marched in the parade as her campaign aired last-minute radio ads praising Raila and knocking her two opponents.

At odds over gun legislation, Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Rauner also marched in the Chicago parade, but they did not engage in conversation. Both appeared in full campaign mode as they spent about 15 minutes greeting onlookers near the parade's end.

Former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, who is expected to announce a 2019 mayoral bid against Emanuel next week, also marched — but far back from the pack of prominent politicians at the front. He walked the route with the Emerald Society.

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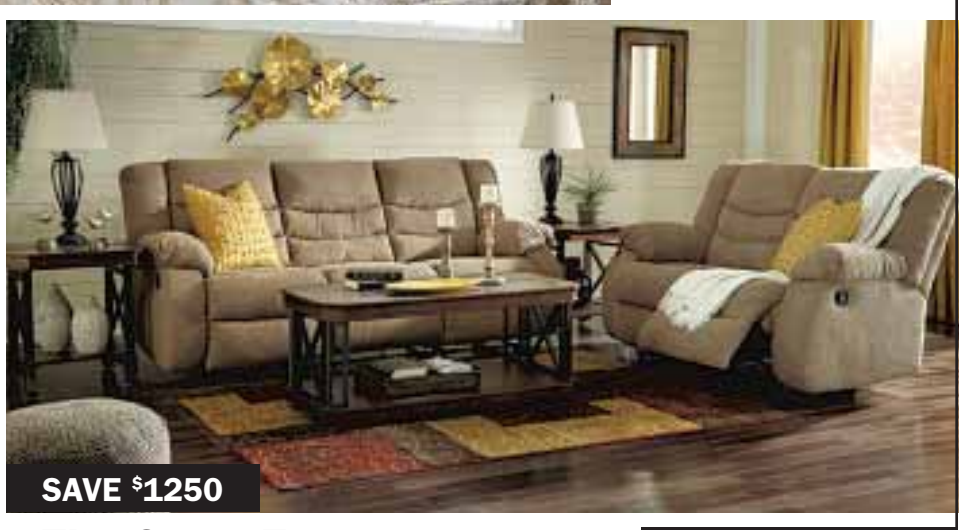
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Crowded fields of Dems compete to face Roskam, Hultgren

By Katherine Skiba
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Most of the leading Democrats in the crowded field running to take on veteran Republican lawmaker Peter Roskam of Wheaton have made personal health crises central to their campaigns, seizing his longtime opposition to the Affordable Care Act in what they see as a rare shot at flipping a suburban district that has long favored the GOP.

Kelly Mazeski of Barrington Hills, 58, survived breast cancer. Carole Cheney of Naperville, 57, had neck surgery in 2012 and said she was unable to work for a year and a half and "lost her life savings." Amanda Howland of Lake Zurich, 65, learned she had kidney cancer two years ago and had one removed during treatment.

And while clean energy entrepreneur Sean Casten, 46, hasn't run on his personal health, he's lent his campaign $630,000, giving him cash to pay for TV ads to get his name before voters and criticize President Donald Trump. Mazeski has lent herself nearly $300,000.

Howland lost to Roskam in 2016, when the district went for Democrat Hillary Clinton by 7 percentage points after going for Republican Mitt Romney by 8 points in 2012. That shift has given Democrats some hope in the western and northwest suburban 6th Congressional District, despite Roskam's history of big wins in his 11-year congressional career.

But first, one of the Democrats has to emerge from a seven-candidate primary. The size of the field means the winner won't have to capture much of the vote to prevail.

"It's hard to say who the front-runner is," said Melissa Mouritsen, an assistant professor of political science at the College of DuPage in the district.

The top Democrats in the race largely hold similar views on the issues, and most haven't held elected office. Each, though, has a background she or he hopes will stand out.

Cheney was a former top aide to Democratic U.S. Rep. Bill Foster of Naperville. Howland has campaign infrastructure in place from her last run and is an elected College of Lake County trustee. As a business owner, Casten could appeal to more conservative Democrats. And Mazeski has held appointed government posts in the suburbs.

Also in the mix: Naperville City Councilwoman and bookstore owner Becky Anderson Wilkins, attorney Jennifer Zordani and data analyst Ryan Huffman.

Casten's campaign stresses stopping Trump and climate change deniers he said "have declared war on our environment." He has the backing of environmentalists, scientists and academics and some suburban officials.

Howland has picked up endorsements from state Rep. Will Guzzardi of Chicago, Indivisible Elgin, and the Sheet Metal Workers Local 73 and Northwest Suburban Teachers Union Local 1211.

Cheney is a former partner at the Kirkland & Ellis law firm and was Foster's district director. She's won endorsements from him, U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly of Matteson and two newspapers.

Mazeski has attracted endorsements from EMILY's List, U.S. Reps. Jan Schakowsky of Evanston and Cheri Bustos of Moline and the Feminist Majority PAC. She lost a state Senate race in 2016.

The 6th District primary campaign has been relatively civil. Numerous candidate forums have drawn hundreds of people shopping for a candidate. One difference is that only Howland and Huffman support a single-payer, taxpayer-supported health care system.

"The candidates are aligned on abortion, climate change, guns (control)," said Reid McCollum, one of the leaders of the Coalition for a Better Illinois 6, an umbrella organization of 24 Democratic groups. The coalition is neutral in the primary.

The state's 6th Congressional District is one of two in the Chicago suburbs that the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, the House Democrats' campaign arm, views as competitive as the party tries to retake the House.

But the DCCC isn't playing favorites, said Jacob Peters, a committee spokesman. Nor is the group backing a Democrat in a neighboring 14th District. There's also a seven-way Democratic primary underway there in an effort to defeat Republican U.S. Rep. Randy Hultgren of Plano.

Neither Roskam, 56, nor Hultgren, 52, has a primary rival. They trounced their 2016 general election opponents by nearly the same percentage: more than 59 percent of the vote for the Republicans to almost 41 percent for Howland and Hultgren challenger and Gurnee salesman Jim Walz, 55.

Walz is in the primary race again, but other strong candidates have emerged.

Lauren Underwood of Naperville is a nurse and former Health and Human Services official under President Barack Obama. Matthew Brolley, 36, is a civil engineer and village president of Montgomery.

Underwood, 31, leads the Democratic field in the 14th in fundraising and has endorsements from EMILY's List and the Congressional Black Caucus Political Action Committee. Brolley has endorsements from Reps. Foster and Schakowsky, the Illinois AFL-CIO and other labor groups.

The 14th is a mix of suburban, rural and exurban turf, running from the Wisconsin border and wrapping around Chicago's collar counties including parts of DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will.

Also running in the 14th: high school teacher Victor Swanson of Batavia and retired chemical engineer George Weber of Lakewood, who has called his candidacy a "long shot."

Two other candidates haven't filed a campaign finance report with the Federal Election Commission: John Hosta of Spring Grove, who lost a three-way primary to Walz in 2016, and Daniel Roldan-Johnson of Volo. Reports are required when a candidate raises or spends $5,000.

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Repealed pop tax spawns two races for Cook County Board

By Hal Dardick
Chicago Tribune

The controversial soda pop tax that was repealed last year by the Cook County Board amid a public backlash has spawned two fierce Democratic primary election contests fueled by $1.8 million in campaign cash.

Union-backed challengers Brandon Johnson and Bridget Degnen are taking on tax-opposing Commissioners Richard Boykin and John Fritchey, contending layoffs triggered by the pop tax repeal have diminished vital county services. Both cite finding new ways to raise more government revenue as priorities.

That raises a key question: Can two candidates calling for more government spending win office in an era of tax fatigue after a state income tax hike, record city property tax increases and the short-lived pop tax?

Campaign contributions to all four candidates this election cycle come to nearly $1.4 million, even though it's not unheard of to win a County Board seat for $100,000 or less. And political action committees have poured an additional $442,000 in independent expenditures into the race. Most of the money comes from public employee unions that opposed the repeal of the pop tax and business interests that fought to eliminate it.

The two contests are among several hotly contested Democratic primary races, including three for open seats and one with an appointed commissioner as the untested incumbent. Together, they could change the face of the 17-member County Board.

Boykin, the most outspoken Democratic opponent of the now-repealed penny-an-ounce sweetened beverage tax backed by County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, faces a challenge from Chicago Teachers Union organizer Johnson. They are battling to represent a district on the city's far West Side and near western suburbs.

Although Johnson says he would not have supported the pop tax, he also says "funding county services" like health care is his "No. 1 priority." To do that, he advocates a head tax — a per-employee tax on county businesses — with breaks for companies that employ people in economically struggling areas. One of those would be Austin, where he lives.

"I'm saying: Hire from our neighborhoods, and that head tax would be less," Johnson said. "You would generate revenue in the immediate. We would begin to confront unemployment."

Boykin, of Oak Park, doesn't like the idea of a head tax. The city eliminated it in 2014 after decades of criticism focused on the idea that it deterred job creation. "A head tax would discourage businesses from coming (to the county), and it would draw businesses out of the county," Boykin said. "And it would be a job killer."

Johnson paints Boykin, a Washington, D.C., lobbyist who also voted in 2015 against the Preckwinkle-backed 1 percentage-point sales tax increase, as a Republican in Democrat's clothing who favors "austerity budgets."

Boykin chafes at that description, saying both the sales and pop taxes hit poor people the hardest. Boykin, a former chief of staff to Democratic U.S. Rep. Danny Davis, also noted his votes for government labor union contracts and sponsorship of minimum wage and paid sick leave legislation. And he said the budget cuts and layoffs triggered by the pop tax repeal did not harm delivery of core county services.

But the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 31 sees it differently. The union is supporting Johnson because its members "were extremely impressed with his commitment to public services and working family issues," spokesman Anders Lindall said. "In contrast, our members had watched as Boykin misled the public about the county budget, falsely claiming that cuts wouldn't harm public services."

Boykin is getting help from an unlikely ally for a Democrat. The JOBS Political Action Committee backed by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association has spent nearly $250,000 on radio ads, mailers, digital ads and canvassing to support Boykin and oppose Johnson. Boykin had $172,000 in his campaign fund at the start of the year and has since raised $138,000, including $40,000 from Citizens for a More Affordable Cook County, a PAC funded by the beverage industry.

Boykin makes no apologies for the spending by JOBS PAC, noting that it doesn't coordinate with his campaign. "I prayed to God that He would send somebody that could help offset the unions' money against me, and God answered my prayers," Boykin said.

Johnson has raised $423,000 for his campaign. Most of the money came from unions, many of which opposed the pop tax repeal and the closing of vacant budget positions for which Boykin advocated. Preckwinkle, who also enjoys strong union support, endorsed Johnson on Friday.

Meanwhile, JOBS PAC also has gone in big for Fritchey, a former state lawmaker and current state and city lobbyist who also voted against the sales and pop taxes. He first campaigned for County Board on a pledge to repeal an earlier sales tax hike and now says cuts resulting from the pop tax repeal did not affect "front-line services."

JOBS has spent nearly $150,000 to back Fritchey and oppose Degnen, a former medical marijuana dispensary regulator for the state of Illinois. Fritchey had $87,000 in his campaign account at the start of the year, and has raised $244,000 since, including $54,000 from Citizens for a More Affordable Cook County.

Degnen, who's challenging Fritchey to represent a district that zigzags from downtown to the Northwest Side, has raised $289,000 for her campaign, with about $118,000 coming from unions. The labor-affiliated Working America Political Action Committee has spent about $31,000 to canvass on her behalf.

Degnen said she would have voted against the pop tax. But she favors expanding health care services and finding new revenue sources to prevent further cuts. "It's not about taxes," she said. "It's about finding revenue that's not tax based." She has proposed expanding environmental enforcement, which she did as a former assistant attorney general, and bringing in more money through related fines.

Fritchey responds by saying Degnen's "campaign may be the first time I've seen somebody wanting to run on the platform of making county government bigger and raising taxes. ... Just one of the reasons I voted against the soda tax is my constituents were clear they were taxed out."

Degnen also criticizes Fritchey for working as a lobbyist while holding a government post, including listing Lincoln Towing as a client on his state lobbyist registration.

Fritchey said his lobbying has not interfered with his government work. He said he only made a telephone call to help arrange meeting with state officials and Lincoln Towing as it fought the suspension of its license. It was a favor for another lawyer he's known for 25 years, he said.

"I never advocated on behalf of Lincoln Towing," Fritchey said.

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CHICAGO WEEK



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A "swatting" hoax brought heavily armed officers to a Northwestern University dorm.

Drug stash house stings run by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are "tinged with racial overtones" and should be eliminated, a federal judge said. "It is time for these false stash house cases to end and be relegated to the dark corridors of our past," said U.S. District Chief Judge Ruben Castillo. Castillo, however, did not dismiss charges against the eight defendants whose cases he is overseeing.

Chicago police SUVs being rolled out now are sporting a new look courtesy of a design contest won by 12-year veteran Officer Jennifer Jacobucci, who said her work was inspired by her world travels and the history of the department.

A city paramedic changed his account of where he found the bodies of two people killed in a controversial 2015 shooting by a Chicago police officer, according to attorneys for families of the victims. The details are important in a case that has turned on how close Quintonio LeGrier, who was carrying a baseball bat, came to Officer Robert Rialmo before the officer opened fire, killing the 19-year-old LeGrier and Bettie Jones, 55, an innocent victim.



FAMILY PHOTO

Afghan War veteran Miguel Perez Jr.'s efforts to win U.S. citizenship ended in failure.

Immigration officials denied citizenship to a green-card holding Afghan War veteran who's poised to be deported because of a felony drug conviction. Miguel Perez Jr., 39, has powerful supporters including U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth.

A "swatting" hoax led swarms of heavily armed officers to descend on a Northwestern University graduate dorm to investigate reports of shots fired. Swatting is the practice of placing hoax emergency calls to draw a large law enforcement response.

The Democratic controlled state Senate continued to push firearms restrictions after Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner vetoed legislation that would have established new state licensing requirements for gun shops.

More than $12,000 has been raised to support a dozen feral cats that had been cared for by a homeless man who froze to death in January.

After a late night deal was reached with American Airlines, the Chicago City Council approved an $8.5 billion renovation of O'Hare International Airport. American had balked at the initial deal, which it claimed favored United Airlines. Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who promoted the plan, framed it as a normal negotiating technique.

An autopsy showed slain Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer was shot six times, including twice in the head. The first paramedic on the scene of the Feb. 13 slaying near the Thompson Center found Bauer had no pulse, the medical examiner's report said.

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TRUMP, THE WIMP

President keeps confirming he's a weak man posing as a tough guy



STEVE CHAPMAN

There are all sorts of possible reasons to admire Donald Trump, but none more imaginative than one offered by a fan attending his Pennsylvania rally before Tuesday's congressional election. Trump's planned meeting with North Korea's Kim Jong Un, said retiree Paul Ambrose, was the product of his unflinching toughness.

"To me, Obama was a butt-kissing liberal," he told a Washington Post reporter. "Trump is Teddy Roosevelt. He just might go in there and kick some ass. Kim's kind of (pooping) his pants because Trump's put the fear of God into him. Obama would have come and bowed."

Oh, would he now? If toughness is proved by threatening or taking military action— an assumption I don't share — Obama certainly qualifies. He began bombing Islamic State. He escalated the war in Afghanistan. He used air power to topple Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi. He was not bowing when he authorized the raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

North Korea? Obama repeatedly tightened sanctions on Pyongyang in response to its nuclear tests, and he ordered a secret effort to sabotage its missile tests through cyberwarfare. He refused to enter talks with North Korea because he saw no evidence it was willing to give up its nukes.

Teddy Roosevelt led a cavalry unit in the Spanish-American War and tried to get permission to fight in World War I — at age 58. Trump, given the chance to fight in Vietnam, got student deferments and a medical one — for bone spurs on his heels.

He has tweeted out threats against Kim, but when South Korean officials came to the White House to relay an invitation to meet with him, Trump melted like a chocolate bar on a hot sidewalk. Even some conservatives were aghast at Trump's eagerness to grant the North Koreans something his predecessors had withheld.

"What has Kim done to deserve this honor?" asked National Review. "Over the last nine months or so, he murdered Otto Warmbier, threatened Guam, and launched multiple missile tests, including two that flew over Japan."

All Trump got in return, wrote Stephen Hayes, editor of The Weekly Standard, was "a promise from a regime that doesn't keep promises, to do a thing it has avoided doing for decades."

Trump has confirmed over and over that he's a wuss masquerading as a tough guy. He pleaded with Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto not to say publicly that Mexico would never pay for a border wall. He talked tough on China, but after meeting President Xi Jinping, he gushed, "We had a great chemistry — not good but great."

When members of Congress came to the White House after the Parkland, Fla., massacre, Trump told them he favored raising the minimum age for buying rifles and shotguns, chiding a Republican senator for being "afraid of the NRA."

But before long, the president dropped the idea, in meek deference to the gun lobby.

The most incriminating display is his treatment of Vladimir Putin, who U.S. intelligence agencies say has carried out a systematic campaign to subvert American democracy. What has Trump done in response? "I can't say that I've been explicitly directed to, quote, blunt or help stop" it, National Security Agency Director Mike Rogers told a Senate committee.

After he finally raised this delicate matter with the Russian president, Trump reported: "He said he didn't meddle. I asked him again. You can only ask so many times." He added, "And I believe, I really believe, that when he tells me that, he means it."

Trump has often expressed doubt about Russian interference and rarely shown a desire to punish it. Obama placed economic penalties on Russia before leaving office. But after Congress passed a measure authorizing new sanctions against Russia, Trump refused to impose them.

His reaction to the poisoning of a former Russian spy in Britain, which Prime Minister Theresa May furiously blamed on the Kremlin, was to waffle. He initially declined to blame the Russians until "we get the facts straight, if we agree." On Thursday, agreeing to impose sanctions, he offered the limpest possible rebuke: "A very sad situation. It certainly looks like the Russians were behind it."

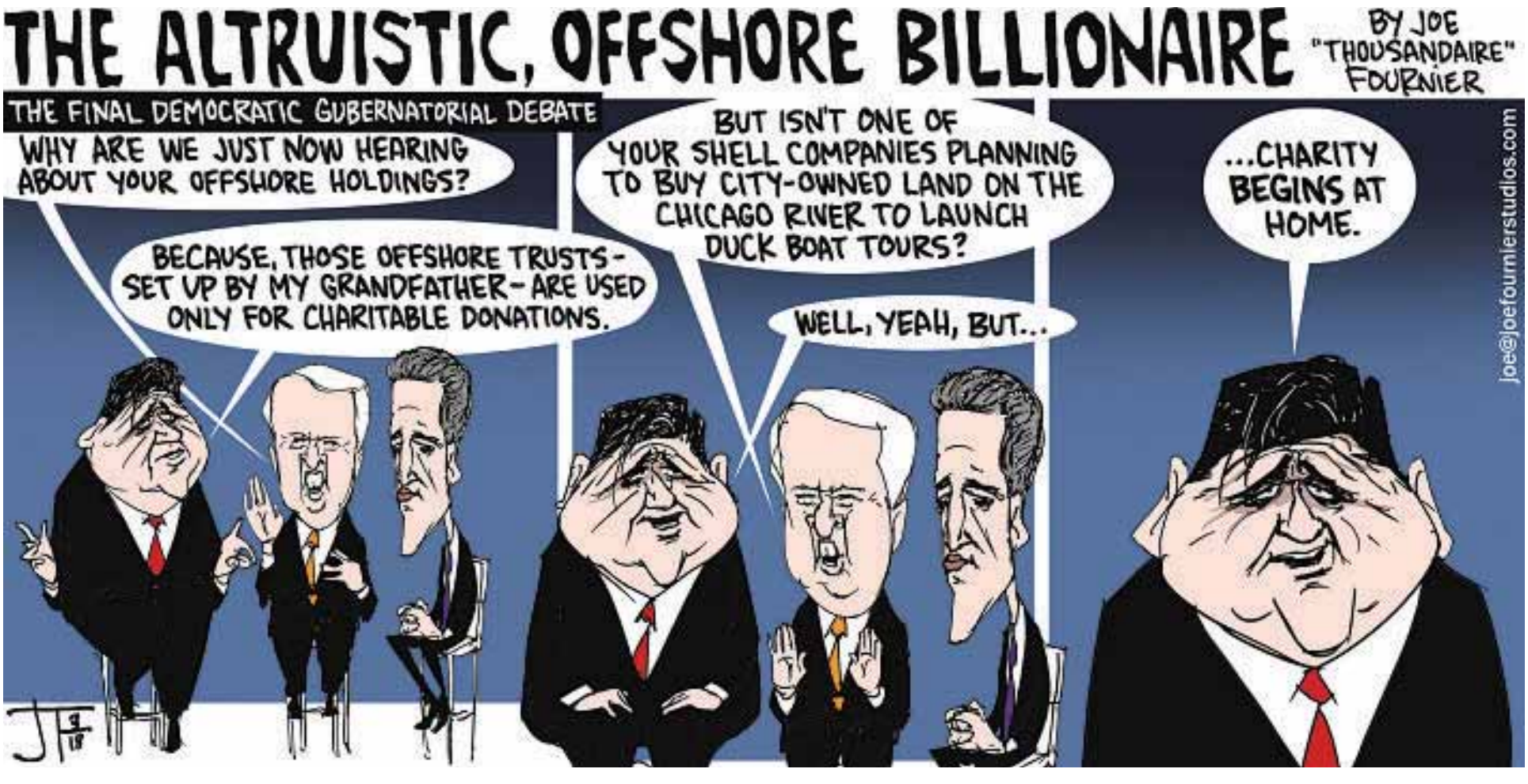
Yet he somehow fools his followers. If you want to gauge how much of a backbone he has, remember when radio host Howard Stern asked on the air whether he could call Trump's daughter Ivanka "a piece of ass." Replied Trump: "Yeah." In the long annals of weakness, nothing tops that.

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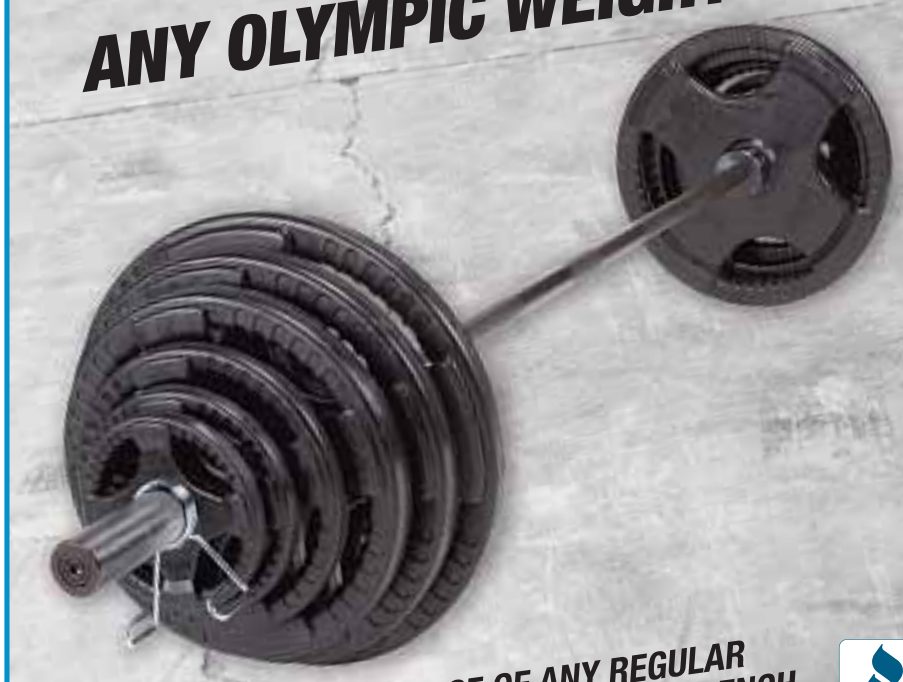
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CHANGE OF SUBJECT

By Eric Zorn



Br'er Democrats beg voters: Don't vote for Ives, whatever you do!

There's a new political commercial you're likely to see in the next few days that attacks Republican gubernatorial hopeful Jeanne Ives. The on-screen notice at the end says it's paid for by the Democratic Governors Association.

But evidence suggests it was written by Uncle Remus.

Ives, a state senator from Wheaton, is challenging socially moderate incumbent Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner in Tuesday's primary by running hard to his right. She's attacked him for, among other things, signing laws expanding abortion rights and limiting enforcement efforts against immigrants living in the U.S. illegally.

And the DGA ad unloads on Ives as being "too conservative for Illinois."

The announcer says, "She's been rated as one of the most conservative (lawmakers) in the state. Ives wants to ban abortions, she has an 'A' rating from the (National Rifle Association), (is) pushing to arm teachers and stop new gun laws. And on immigration, Ives marches in lockstep with President (Donald) Trump, trying to eliminate protections for undocumented immigrants."

Most Democrats watching this ad — scheduled to be in heavy rotation leading up to the vote — will be dismayed by the particulars and energized to vote against Ives.

But wait!

Democrats will be voting in their own primary on Tuesday, choosing among six hopefuls for governor, eight for attorney general and a raft of other candidates in other races. Their view of Ives won't matter until Wednesday if she wins and won't matter ever if she loses.

Many Republicans watching this ad, however, will feel their heartstrings plucked.

Ives wants to ban abortions? *That sounds good!*

An "A" rating from the NRA? Pushing to stop new gun laws? *Heck, yeah!*

She's in lockstep with Trump's effort to stop protections for those in the country illegally? *Sign me up!*

Folks, this is a lightly disguised ad designed to promote Jeanne Ives.

One clue is the language.

Democrats don't usually talk about "abortion" when touting their candidates. They talk about "reproductive rights" and "choice."

When Democrats raise the specter of the NRA, they tend to invoke the threat of violence and the need for safety and limits. Conservatives tend to be the ones who use the phrase "gun laws," particularly when they want to conjure images of a totalitarian government seizing personal firearms.

And when Democrats want to inspire concern for immigrant rights, they use such adjectives as "hard-working" and "patriotic," and they avoid even such gentle terms as "undocumented."

Another clue is the tone.

The voice of narrators in actual attack ads is sepulchral and dripping with contempt, as though the speaker is straining not to let loose with a string of flabbergasted profanity at the mere thought that the opponent is permitted to walk freely in civil society. But here the narrator is mild and matter-of-fact.

Another clue is the imagery.

Actual attack ads feature black-and-white images of candidates captured in unflattering poses. But Ives is shown in color in the DGA spot, smiling pleasantly in one scene, listening thoughtfully in another, twinkling a bit in the last.

In contrast, a companion DGA attack ad against Rauner — part of a nearly $500,000 blitz in the final days of the primary campaign — shows him in black and white in four out of five images, with the fifth a slo-mo stroll reminiscent of a perp walk. And of all the sources available to cite to remind viewers of the state's terrible credit rating, the DGA chose the conservative Illinois Policy Institute, indicating that the ad is genuinely aimed at discouraging support for Rauner.

The Rauner campaign has responded with a "conservative voter alert!" commercial in which the announcer says, "The same Washington liberals that support (Democratic hopeful) J.B. Pritzker are now helping Jeanne Ives with last-second ads."

Rauner's commercial explains that Ives is actually in league with veteran Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan, the same tired, phony line he's been peddling for weeks.

But no, the real reason Democrats are meddling in the GOP primary — which, for the record, DGA's local communications director Sam Salustro denies — is they think Ives is so far to the right on the political spectrum that she'll be easier to beat in November than the more centrist (and fabulously wealthy) Rauner.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A political ad seeming to attack gubernatorial hopeful Jeanne Ives could be trying to steer voters toward her.

It's similar to the reason that Rauner has meddled in the Democratic primary, pouring millions into a far less subtle series of attack ads against Pritzker. Rauner believes Pritzker's main challengers, Chris Kennedy and Daniel Biss, will be easier for him to beat in November.

The Democrats' use of reverse psychology reminds me of the most famous story attributed to Uncle Remus, the fictional teller of African-American folk tales. In that story, Br'er Rabbit, trapped by his nemesis Br'er Fox, cunningly begs Br'er Fox not to fling him into a briar patch, whatever he does. Br'er Fox, wishing to do the most harm, flings him into the briar patch. And, because the briar patch is exactly where Br'er Rabbit can find safety, he escapes.

Here the Democrats are the rabbit, begging primary voters not to support Ives. And the Republican primary voters are the foxes who will vote for Ives just to show those mean old Democrats.

But I'm also reminded of 2015 and 2016, when many us on the political left were hoping Republicans would nominate the absurd, extreme, ignorant, bloviating reprobate Donald Trump for president because he'd be the easiest candidate for a Democrat to beat in the general election.

We were almost gleeful, in our churlish, foxlike opacity, at Trump's early successes.

The bitter lesson: In politics, be careful what you wish for.

Predictions

These are not necessarily wishes but predictions: The winners in the most-watched races will be Rauner, Biss, Kwame Raoul (in the Democratic attorney general race), Fritz Kaegi (in the Democratic Cook County assessor race) and Marie Newman over U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski in the 3rd U.S. Congressional District Democratic primary.

My fellow panelists on the award-deserving Mincing Rascals podcast offer their predictions on most of these races in this week's episode, available free at **wgnam.com**, on iTunes or wherever else fine podcasts are served.

Re: Tweets

It was a close election this week among 15 finalists for best tweet. Third in the online click balloting with 10.3 percent of the vote was "Thank you for translating 'mucho' for me. It means a lot," by @ElleOhHell. Second, with 11.6 percent, was "I don't engage in gossip at work, but I can tell you who does," by @Scott_Towel. And the winner, with 13.2 percent support, was the oft-plagiarized, "Pro cooking tip: if you stir a little coconut oil into your kale it makes it easier to scrape into the garbage."

Voters from around the world participate — we had six votes from Thailand this week, for example, and 90 from the United Kingdom — and if you'd like to join the fun, go to **chicagotribune.com/newsletters** to sign up for the weekly Change of Subject alert when each new poll goes live on our site.

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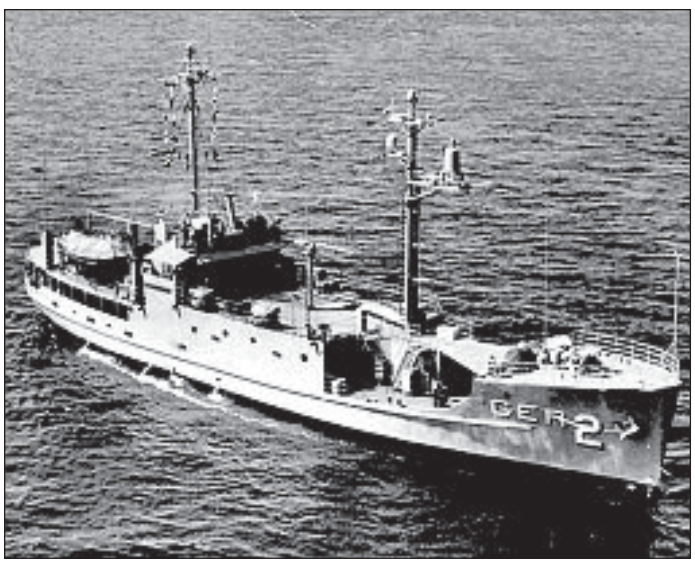
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In December 1968, Pueblo crew members are welcomed home by loved ones after their release. North Korea kept the ship and turned it into a regime tourist attraction.

Ship of Cold War pawns

North Korea's capture of USS Pueblo began a tumultuous year for U.S.

By Ron Grossman

Edward Murphy's memories of the USS Pueblo are especially poignant and painful this year, as 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of North Korea's seizure of the American spy ship on which he served. It was one of a series of tragic incidents that made 1968 seem like a year of endless disasters. At the time, though, Murphy knew nothing of what else was happening in the world.

"The North Korean guards only told us a few derogatory things about America," Murphy recalled in a recent phone interview. Until he was released on Dec. 23, 1968, he didn't know that the Viet Cong's Tet Offensive had undermined White House claims that victory was at hand in Vietnam. Or that, as a corollary, President Lyndon Johnson threw in the towel, declining to run for re-election.

Murphy and his shipmates knew little of the assassinations of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and U.S. Sen. Robert Kennedy, the bloody urban riots of 1968 or the tumultuous Democratic National Convention, when police and anti-war protesters clashed on Chicago's streets.

For 11 months after the Pueblo's capture on Jan. 23, its crew was cut off from the outside world.

On May 25, the Tribune reported that the parents of crew member Richard Rogala, who lived in Niles, had received a letter from him. He asked them to seek a formal apology from the U.S. government for the Pueblo incident.

"Dick's phrasing was not like he usually writes," his father said. "But it is similar to the way he writes when he is under tension."

Rogala ominously noted that the North Koreans "have been lenient with us so far." In fact, torture was an ever-present reality for the Pueblo's crew.

Another crew member, Lee Roy Hayes, said in an interview a few days after their release: "One day, they would treat you nice and the next day beat you for no apparent reason."

When the 83-man crew's ordeal began, the Pueblo, a freighter newly outfitted with sophisticated electronic equipment, was monitoring North Korean communications from a position just offshore. Murphy, who was second in command, was wary of the mission. He questioned the judgment of the ship's captain, Lloyd Bucher, and thus his fitness for command.

"I wrote a letter of resignation," Murphy said in the recent phone interview. "It was still in the ship's 'out box' when we were captured."

From the start, things hadn't gone according to plan. Murphy said they were supposed to abort the assignment if the ship was detected by the North Koreans, which occurred Jan. 22. But after Bucher moved the Pueblo farther out to sea for the night, he returned the ship to its listening post the following day.

Several North Korean vessels surrounded the Pueblo and demanded its surrender. When Bucher stalled for time, they opened fire, killing one crew member and wounding several others. The Pueblo was hopelessly outgunned and offered no resistance to a boarding party that bound and blindfolded the Americans, then brought their ship to a North Korean port.

The news hit the U.S. like a shock wave. No American ship had been captured in international waters since 1812. Taking note of how the crew in that earlier case put up a stubborn fight against a British boarding party, a Tribune editorial sadly concluded: "The old breed had a tradition of intelligence as well as courage."

The Pueblo's crew had become pawns in the Cold War.

In the 1950s, the U.S. had fought a bitter war to keep North Korea from taking over South Korea. In the 1960s, it was fighting to keep North Vietnam from taking over South Vietnam. It was tempting to see a link between the U.S. struggles with the two communist regimes, the Tet Offensive so closely following the Pueblo incident.

The Tribune reported that U.S. Sen. Everett Dirksen, R-Ill., insisted that the capture of the Pueblo and developments in Vietnam were related. "There are facts and circumstances ... which certainly give validity to the belief that this was part of a package involving North Korea, North Vietnam and the Viet Cong," he said.

Dirksen's fellow Republicans pounded away on the theme that force must be met with force. California Gov. Ronald Reagan wanted the U.S. to say "that ship better come out of that harbor in 24 hours or we are coming in after it." Richard Nixon, who would be the Republican presidential candidate that year, said the communists discounted the United States as "overextended, overcommitted and underprepared to act."

In his memoirs, President Johnson would say that the Pueblo incident began a series of tragic events "that added up to one of the most agonizing years any president has ever spent in the White House."

Initially, Johnson gave the impression he contemplated military action. Ships were moved into position before the White House decided that diplomacy was the better choice. That led to months of fruitless negotiations, the North Koreans demanding that the U.S. admit its ship had violated that nation's territorial waters. The U.S. insisted the Pueblo was in international waters.

For the crew's families, it was nearly a year of agony.

Shortly after the Pueblo's capture, Our Lady of Ransom grade school in Niles sent students home with letters for their parents to send to Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., and Rep. Roman Pucinski, D-Ill., asking them to support their effort to free Niles' Richard Rogola.

On May 26, the Tribune reported on a Chicago march around the Picasso sculpture in what is now Daley Plaza, where a Prospect Heights clergyman accused Washington liberals of betraying the ship's crew. "Remember the Alamo. Remember the Pueblo," the Rev. Paul Lindstrom chanted.

In September in Roscoe, Ill., friends and family of Pueblo crew member Tom Massie blanketed the town with banners urging Americans to "remember the Pueblo because we remember Tom."

In captivity, the Pueblo's crew members sustained themselves by playing tricks on their captors. Put on display, they "flipped a bird" as the camera clicked. Unfortunately, Time magazine explained the defiant gesture, provoking the North Koreans to beat the Americans.

Edward Murphy recalled that other beatings resulted simply from their captors' deep hatred of America.

His beatings also derived from the guards' ignorance of the outside world, he said. Because units in communist military forces have a "political officer" as a second in command, they assumed America did too.

"As I was second in command on the Pueblo, they were convinced I was a CIA agent," Murphy recalled.

Finally, in late December, the torture and interrogations came to an end. Pen in hand, the American negotiator said: "I will sign this document to free the crew, and only to free the crew." And with that, the U.S. accepted full responsibility for the affair, and on Dec. 23, the Pueblo's crew was allowed to walk across a bridge to South Korea.

There were some loose ends. North Korea kept the USS Pueblo and turned it into a regime tourist attraction. Murphy refused to accept the Navy Commendation Medal given to the ship's crew members. And Navy brass made Bucher the affair's scapegoat. (Bucher died in 2004.)

But for the moment, at the end of 1968, all that mattered was that the 82 surviving crew members were home, as the Tribune reported of their Christmas Eve arrival at a California airport. Bucher debarked first, reporting that their fallen comrade's last words were that he had been privileged to serve in the U.S. Navy.

"The other men followed quickly behind him, and within a few moments they were bouncing children, some they had never seen before, and reassuring mothers that they were all right."

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Flashback idea?

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EDITORIALS

Illinois' next governor

In a matter of hours Tuesday night, the field of eight gubernatorial candidates will narrow to two. As six candidates leave the race, the survivors will be aware of another exodus count: 33,703. That's the net total of residents Illinois lost in 2017, the fourth consecutive year this state has bled population.

No, it's not the bone-chilling winters that are driving residents to places such as Crown Point, Ind., or Kenosha, Wis. Rather, the next governor will confront an Illinois whose high taxes, exploding debt, government dysfunction and in some communities crime are driving residents away.

The next governor will be expected to reverse outmigration before it accelerates beyond repair. The next governor will need to build coalitions in Springfield to advance pro-growth policies. The next governor will need to find allies in the legislature to stabilize government and not reflexively raise taxes.

The next governor will need to again make Illinois a land of opportunity. Who can drive the wrenching choices necessary to do that?

We've endorsed Kenilworth developer Chris Kennedy in the Democratic primary. Although we disagree with many of his policies, he wouldn't be a "yes" man to House Speaker Michael Madigan and other Democratic swells in Springfield. Kennedy is the likeliest of the leading Democrats in this race to be an anti-establishment governor. He has shown spine on the campaign trail. He was the first to call out Cook County Assessor and county Democratic Party Chairman Joseph Berrios for his clouted, discriminatory property assessment system, and Madigan for profiting from it.

We wrote: Kennedy rocked the cozy world of valuations and appeals by declaring that, if elected, he'll seek a ban on elected officials serving as tax appeals lawyers. That's a dart tossed at Madigan, whose law firm wins assessment reductions for many of Chicago's most expensive properties.

Today we again recommend Kennedy.



Chris Kennedy



Gov. Bruce Rauner

On the Republican side, Gov. Bruce Rauner, whom we also endorsed, finds himself in a tightening race with Rep. Jeanne Ives of Wheaton. Rauner didn't expect her to gain traction, but she is tapping into a restless and frustrated Republican base. Rauner exasperated many in his party by signing a bill expanding taxpayer funding of abortion after vowing to veto it.

He also has struggled to sell his economic agenda to a Democrat-led legislature. Of 44 items on his wish list when he was elected in 2014, none has been signed into law as he proposed.

He still appeals, however, to more moderate GOP voters than those in Ives' base, and moderate Republicans historically do better than conservatives statewide.

Whatever unfolds, whichever candidates win the nomination, one thing is clear: This state needs leaders with spine, with independence, with a strategy to reverse the exodus.

Ask James Edwards, a U-Haul field manager interviewed last month by Champaign-based WCIA-TV. Edwards explained the difficulty of keeping his U-Haul fleet in stock. Why? The trucks, the trailers, they're always leaving. "It is a challenge for us to try to get the inventory back into Illinois to meet the demand of everyone wanting to move," he said.

Illinois is in crisis, and losing. That should haunt all of us Tuesday. Voters, choose wisely.

REASONS TO FIRE ASSESSOR BERRIOS

His power to silence 'progressives' Pritzker, Emanuel, Preckwinkle ...

Next in a series of 10 compelling reasons why Democratic voters should defeat Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios in the March 20 primary election.

Reason 8: Mere mentions of Berrios' unjust assessment system steal the breath of J.B. Pritzker, Rahm Emanuel and Toni Preckwinkle. Caring progressives — as these three and many other Democratic leaders see themselves — would condemn the Berrios system's blatant discrimination against poor and minority communities. But many Chicago Dems instead have fallen as silent as Lot's wife in the Book of Genesis, turned to a pillar of salt when she glanced back at the wicked city of Sodom.

A cynic would say Berrios' pet pillars are desperate to stay in the good graces of his patron, Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan. Sure, these Democrats are courageous progressives when they rail at a distant Donald Trump. But confronted with a social injustice that exploits income inequality right here in Cook County, well, they just can't formulate much of a thought beyond *Hush-a-bye, I'm changing the subject*.

Come Tuesday, will voters who take Democratic ballots break whatever spell paralyzes Berrios' pillars? Will Berrios' defeat magically liberate Pritzker, Emanuel, Preckwinkle and all the others from the fate of Lot's wife?

Time to go, Joe. The better ballot choice is Frederick "Fritz" Kaegi, right, a financial analyst from Oak Park.



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2018 Illinois primary

Here are the **Chicago Tribune endorsements** in the March 20 election. Endorsements are made only in contested races.

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT

U.S. HOUSE

2nd District: **Robin Kelly**
3rd District: **Dan Lipinski**
4th District: **Sol A. Flores**
5th District: **Mike Quigley**
6th District: **Carole Cheney**
7th District: **Danny Davis**
12th District: ***No endorsement***
13th District: **Erik Jones**
14th District: **Lauren Underwood**
15th District: **Kevin Gaither**
16th District: **Amy "Murri" Briel**
18th District: **Darrel Miller**

ILLINOIS

Governor: **Chris Kennedy**
Attorney General: **Sharon Fairley**

ILLINOIS SENATE

18th District: **Ram Villivalam**
20th District: **Bart Goldberg**
27th District: **Ann Gillespie**

ILLINOIS HOUSE

1st District: **Aaron M. Ortiz**
4th District: **Delia C. Ramirez**
5th District: **Dilara Sayeed**
14th District: **Kelly M. Cassidy**
17th District: **Candance Chow**
19th District: **Robert Martwick**
24th District: **Robert Rafael Reyes**
25th District: **Curtis J. Tarver II**
27th District: **Tawana J. (T.J.) Robinson**
28th District: **Mary Carvlin**
29th District: **Corean Davis**
31st District: **Mary E. Flowers**
38th District: **Cecil Matthews Jr.**
47th District: **James M. "Jim" Caffrey**
59th District: **Susan Malter**
67th District: **Maurice A. West II**
70th District: **Paul Stoddard**
76th District: ***No endorsement***
104th District: ***No endorsement***

COOK COUNTY

President: **Toni Preckwinkle**
Clerk: ***No endorsement***
Assessor: **Frederick "Fritz" Kaegi**
Treasurer: **Maria Pappas**

COOK COUNTY BOARD

1st District: **Richard R. Boykin**
2nd District: **Dennis Deer**
3rd District: **Bill Lowry**
4th District: **Gaylon Alcaraz**
5th District: **Audrey Lynn Tanksley**
6th District: **Donna Miller**
7th District: **Angeles Sandoval**
10th District: **Bridget Gainer**
12th District: **John Fritchey**
13th District: **Larry Suffredin**
15th District: **Kevin B. Morrison**

COOK COUNTY METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

Six-year terms (vote for three)
Marcelino Garcia
Debra Shore
Kari K. Steele

In the two-year term with no candidate listed, write in: **Cam Davis**

COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Countywide

Brewer vacancy: **Oran F. Whiting**
Clay vacancy: **Kathaleen Theresa Lanahan**
Dooling vacancy: **Timothy John Leeming**
Flanagan vacancy: **Preston Jones Jr.**
Hartigan vacancy: **Cecilia Anne Horan**
Jordan vacancy: **Clare Joyce Quish**
McGinnis vacancy: **Peter Michael Gonzalez**
Rooney vacancy: **Jack Hagerty**

COOK COUNTY SUBCIRCUIT RACES

1st, Hambright Jr. vacancy: **Litricia Payne**
2nd, Lampkin vacancy: **Fredrick H. Bates**
2nd, Laws vacancy: **Adrienne Elaine Davis**
2nd, Rhodes vacancy: **Toya T. Harvey**
2nd, Turner Jr. vacancy: **Travis Richardson**
2nd, Willis vacancy: **Debra A. Seaton**
2nd, Turner vacancy: **Devlin Schoop**
3rd, Delehanty vacancy: **Patrick Thomas Stanton**
4th, Davy vacancy: **David R. Navarro**
4th, Riley vacancy: **John Andrew O'Meara**
5th, Banks vacancy: **H. Yvonne Coleman**
5th, Jones vacancy: **David L. Kelly**
5th, Washington II vacancy: **Robert Harris**
6th, Chevere vacancy: **Kent Delgado**
6th, Cooke vacancy: **Charles "Charlie" Beach**
6th, Lopez Cepero vacancy: **Stephanie K. Miller**
8th, Fabri vacancy: **James "Jamie" Shapiro**
8th, Liu vacancy: **Michael A. Forti**
8th, Pethers vacancy: **Myron "Mike" Mackoff**
10th, O'Neill Burke vacancy: **Stephanie Saltouros**
10th, Suriano vacancy: **Gerald Cleary**
11th, Kennedy vacancy: **Joanne F. Rosado**
12th, Maki vacancy: **Joel Chupack**
14th, Garcia vacancy: **Marina E. Ammendola**
15th, Scully Jr. vacancy: **Michael B. Barrett**
15th, Zelezinski vacancy: **Anthony C. Swanagan**

COLLAR COUNTIES

DuPage County
18th judicial circuit, Fawell vacancy: ***No endorsement***

Kane County
Sheriff: **Ron Hain**
16th judicial circuit, Akemann vacancy: **Lark Cowart**

Lake County
Clerk: **Adam R. Broad**

Will County
Clerk: **Denise Mushro-Rumchak**
12th judicial circuit, Rozak vacancy: **David Garcia**

REPUBLICAN BALLOT

U.S. HOUSE

2nd District: **Patrick Harmon**
7th District: **Jeffrey A. Leef**
9th District: **Sargis Sangari**
10th District: **Jeremy Wynes**
11th District: **Nick Stella**
12th District: ***No endorsement***
16th District: **Adam Kinzinger**
18th District: **Darin LaHood**

ILLINOIS

Governor: **Bruce Rauner**
Attorney General: **Erika Harold**

ILLINOIS SENATE

54th District: **Jason Plummer**
57th District: **Tanya Hildenbrand**

ILLINOIS HOUSE

42nd District: **Amy L. Grant**
46th District: **Gordon (Jay) Kinzler**
49th District: **Tonia Jane Khouri**
53rd District: **Eddie Corrigan**
56th District: **Jillian Rose Bernas**
59th District: **Marko Sukovic**
62nd District: **Adam Solano**
82nd District: **Jim Durkin**
89th District: **Steven R. Fricke**
93rd District: **Joshua L. Griffith**
100th District: **Jonas Hicks Petty**
101st District: **Dan Caulkins**
105th District: **Dan Brady**
107th District: **Blaine Wilhour**
108th District: **Don Moore**
109th District: **Darren Bailey**
110th District: **Chris Miller**
112th District: ***No endorsement***
115th District: **Paul Jacobs**
118th District: **Samuel K. Stratemeyer**

COOK COUNTY BOARD

8th District: ***No endorsement***
11th District: ***No endorsement***

COOK COUNTY SUBCIRCUITS

12th, Maki vacancy: **David Studenroth**
13th, Crane vacancy: **Gary William Seyring**
13th, Lawrence vacancy: **Michael Perry Gerber**

COLLAR COUNTIES

DuPage County
Sheriff: **James Mendrick**

Kane County
Clerk: **Stanton J. "Stan" Bond**
Sheriff: **Kevin Tindall**
16th judicial circuit, Akemann vacancy: **Elizabeth Flood**

McHenry County
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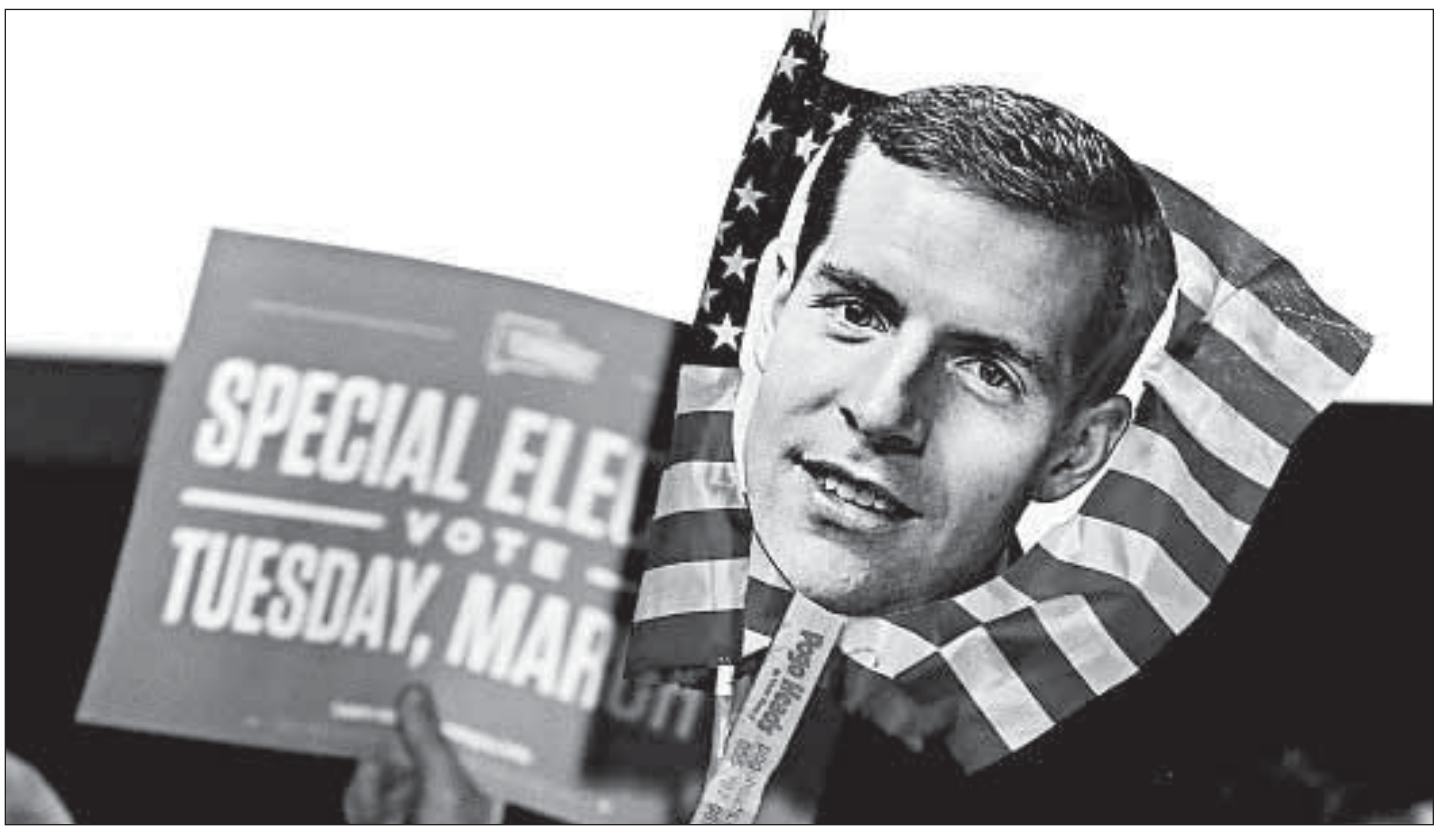
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PERSPECTIVE

Can Democrats reboot their winning ways?



Clarence Page



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Democrat Conor Lamb's supporters hoist signs at his party Tuesday, when he won Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District seat.

Yes, says Democratic campaign consultant Paul Begala, "Democrats can walk and chew gum at the same time."

By which he means, yes, the party can respond to its famously diverse constituencies while also reaching out to the working-class, middle-class and mostly white voters who have swung mostly to Republicans, and most recently to President Donald Trump, since at least the mid-1960s.

That new surge of outreach optimism among Democrats such as Begala follows a surprisingly strong performance by Democrat Conor Lamb in Tuesday's special election in Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District, a district that Trump won by 20 points in 2016.

Although Lamb's victory margin was as thin as a coat of paint and he still could face a recount, his win added another dramatic victory to the three statewide victories Democrats scored in Virginia, New Jersey and Alabama last year.

Suddenly the Pennsylvania race that normally would be a nothingburger was transformed into a contest that gained national importance. The race became a promising indication that the Democrats might have a pulse.

Republicans spent more than $8 million on television advertising for their nominee, state House member Rick Saccone — twice as much as the Democrats did on their nominee. President Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and other Grand Old Party stars flew in to endorse Saccone — and he still failed to score a victory.

Democrats appear to be doing things right again. Hopes look even brighter for the "blue wave" that Democrats hope will win back at least one house of Congress and in 2020 the White House.

But can the famously fractious liberal party pull it off without fighting too much among themselves?

The Lamb campaign reveals some new rules shaping into a campaign playbook for Dems who want to win:

■ Nominate a uniter, not a divider. Lamb, a 33-year-old Marine Corps veteran and former federal prosecutor, combined a strong biography with a clear economic message of the sort that Democrats failed to deliver in 2016.

■ Dance with those who brought you. Democratic and labor leaders approached Lamb about running in October, after longtime Congressman Tim Murphy resigned in a scandal. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee quietly slipped his campaign an early $1 million, but the campaign deliberately avoided attracting national attention and a possible backlash from the right.

Democrats can hold the blue-collar center, again. On the issues, GOP super PAC mailers said Lamb opposed new gun laws in the wake of school shootings and that he had broken with his labor supporters by opposing a $15 minimum wage — because small businesses were against it, Lamb said. He also opposed the brief government shutdown that Democrats hoped would lead to a vote on protections for undocumented immigrants brought to the United States as children.

On the always incendiary issue of abortion in the pro-choice party, Lamb, a Catholic, calls himself "personally opposed to abortion" but also promises to uphold the Supreme Court and Constitution. Lamb also has said he does not support returning Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi to her post, which further enhanced his appeal as an outsider.

Yet despite these deviations from the usual party line, there was no apparent liberal backlash. Instead, various analysts noted, his turnout in Democratic Allegheny County was higher than in the more conservative parts of the district.

We're still talking about special elections, which are hard to predict or analyze. But the apparent swing of energy and enthusiasm from the Republicans to the Democrats, quite the opposite of 2016, offers little to comfort Republicans.

Trump's base-oriented presidency has left a lot of room in the political middle. Trump promised everything, including such contradictions as expanded health care at lower cost and tax cuts with deficit reduction. But the self-described "stable genius" is looking more like the "chaos candidate" described by his 2016 Republican rivals.

Yet campaigning against Trump is not enough. Democrats have to offer voters something — and someone — to vote for. Conor Lamb wouldn't be the right candidate for every district. He points the way, though, to the sort of swing-voter appeal the party too often seems to forget about — until it's too late.

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QUOTABLES

"(Rex Tillerson) apparently felt he was dealing with a broken institution that needed massive surgery. Not only did it not cure it, it left the patient flatlined."

— Jeffrey Hawkins, a career State Department official, on Secretary of State Tillerson's tenure. President Donald Trump fired Tillerson on Tuesday.

"The experience here can't be replicated elsewhere, unless you have a major land invasion."

— Dr. Faran Bokhari, chairman of the trauma and burn unit at Stroger Hospital, on a program the Navy is developing that uses the hospital to train battlefield medics.

"When I named my son Donald Trump, they were not happy. They told me, 'How you can select the name of an infidel for your son?' "

— Sayed Assadullah, of Afghanistan, who with his wife named their third child Donald Trump, on his relatives' reaction to the non-Muslim name.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

'Fair' isn't always fair

A word of caution regarding politicians who promote the idea that a "progressive" income tax in Illinois is more "fair."

Remember that "fair" is often just a personal opinion, and it's possible that not everyone would agree.

The Illinois Constitution calls for a flat income tax rate for all citizens. If your Illinois taxable income is $10,000, you pay $495. If you earn $100,000, you pay $4,950. If you earn $1 million, you pay $49,500. So, someone who makes 100 times more pays 100 times more tax.

I suspect that the person who makes $1 million is not getting back $49,500 of benefits from the state of Illinois.

I also suspect that the real reason certain politicians believe a progressive income tax is more "fair" is they simply want more tax revenue and more government spending. Maybe they also believe that income inequality needs to be eliminated by the government, and everybody should end up with the same amount of "after tax" income.

A more pertinent question might be whether a public pension in excess of $100,000 per year (with a guaranteed 3 percent cost-of-living adjustment per year) is "fair." It seems that because of the career politicians in Springfield, we cannot get pension reform, "fair" legislative maps, or term limits. But some politicians believe we should amend the Illinois Constitution to allow for "progressive" income tax rates. Is it any wonder why our state has the highest level of out-migration compared to any other state in the country?

— Tim Beck, McHenry

Abuse of power

The op-ed piece by Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, "Jailhouse blues: Here's what real jail reform looks like," fails to address the fact that he continues to jail those who should be freed on bond.

Dart has given himself sole power to continue incarcerating people who are designated to be freed.

Dart is not judge, jury and jailer. Dart has flouted the Cook County Circuit Court policy stipulating that bail be affordable so that the pretrial system is equitable for all — not just the rich.

Why does he ignore this issue in his op-ed? Because the real jailhouse blues are those impacted by his refusal to comply with their right to freedom?

Dart as sheriff is administrator of the jail, nothing more.

He need not lose focus of his role nor abuse his power.

— Scott G. Burgh, Chicago

Party over principle

In the pantheon of horrible Illinois politicians, Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios stands out as the worst of the worst. His naked cynical ad touting his supposed stance against the National Rifle Association is a testament to his lack of integrity.

Yet, look at the support he's receiving from the Democratic Party establishment. These so-called progressives place their party over principle.

The lot of them deserve contempt, not votes.

— Roger W. Peck, Long Grove

Do more guns work?

Instead of arguing over whether teachers carrying guns to protect schools will work or not, let's perform a simple test that will provide real proof:

I suggest allowing senators and members of Congress to carry guns in the U.S. Capitol and remove all the metal detectors at the entrances.

What better way is there to test the ability of armed citizens in a group setting to defend themselves against a mass shooter?

Lawmakers who think more guns in schools is the solution should jump at this opportunity to prove it to everyone else.

— Joe Corbett, Arlington Heights

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Trump tariffs may threaten WTO

Other nations may use security rule to skirt trade system

By Don Lee
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — By justifying sweeping tariffs on imported metals in the name of national security, President Donald Trump has lobbed what could be a grenade into the global trading order.

For decades that order has been underpinned by the World Trade Organization, whose 164 member-states have agreed to abide by WTO rules for open trade and settling disputes.

The United States has been the Switzerland-based group's chief architect in establishing the principles and procedures governing international trade.

But the Trump administration has repeatedly upbraided the organization as slow and incapable of resolving problems, like China's mercantilist behavior. Unhappy with the outcome of many WTO decisions, the U.S. has blocked appointments of judges to fill vacancies, rendering the appellate body ineffective.

Now the president is playing the national security card — and some fear that could do serious damage to the multilateral trading system, even blow it up by encouraging other countries to use the same rationale to bypass WTO rules or give Trump an excuse to back out of the group.

"It is putting a lot of pressure on the WTO in a very sort of existential way," said Jennifer Hillman, a Georgetown law professor and former WTO appellate body member.



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U.S. official Robert Lighthizer, center, Canada's Chrystia Freeland and Mexico's Ildefonso Guajardo Villarreal report after 2017 NAFTA talks. Canada and Mexico may not face tariffs.

The Trump administration justified the tariffs — 25 percent on foreign steel and 10 percent on aluminum — on the basis that imported metals presented a threat to the country's ability to domestically produce what is needed for the military, invoking a rarely used national security provision of a 1962 U.S. trade law.

Some are skeptical about that threat.

Despite a rise in imports, U.S. mills still churn out much more than what's needed for the military.

"There's enough (domestic) steel and aluminum for the ships, the armored vehicles, the aircrafts that we build," said Nayantara Hensel, former chief economist for the Navy.

Trade statistics also show that much of the imported steel and aluminum comes from Canada, Germany and other allies in Europe and Asia that have military agreements with the U.S.

That was part of the thinking underlying the Bush administration's finding that steel imports, which in 2001 also were weighing on U.S. producers, did not pose a threat to national security.

But the Trump administration took a broad interpretation of "national security," arguing that ensuring sufficient domestic supplies of steel and aluminum is crucial not just for national defense but also for economic security, which includes U.S. infrastructure like transportation networks, electric power grid and water systems.

"You don't have steel, you don't have a country," Trump said in issuing the tariff orders March 8.

Trump has exempted just Canada and Mexico from the metals tariffs, and only conditionally.

Others have begun negotiating with the administration about how they also might avoid the hit, although it's still not clear what the criteria are for excluding certain countries or products from the duties.

At least some trading partners are likely to contest the tariffs with the WTO. The duties are set to take effect March 23.

The question is, what can the WTO do about it?

Trade lawyers say the Trump administration's metals tariffs are illegal under the WTO. The U.S. didn't first negotiate through the Geneva-based organization, as required.

In granting exemptions to some countries, the administration has violated a cardinal rule of giving equal treatment in trade.

But there is an escape clause.

According to one of the WTO's articles adopted from the earlier General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, a member nation can break the rules of trade and take actions that it "considers necessary for the protection of its essential security interests." This provision, Article 21, doesn't specify what those interests are, or who determines them.

What is striking, said Georgetown's Hillman, is that the Trump administration has taken the position that once Article 21 is invoked, that instantly removes the WTO's authority to settle the dispute.

"What I don't know yet, and nobody knows yet, is whether the rest of the members of the WTO are willing to go along with that," Hillman said.

If the WTO agrees with the U.S. position, many worry that other countries will raise tariffs or erect trade barriers under the same banner of national security, which could ultimately undercut the foundation of the WTO.

But if the WTO decides to take up the case, speculation is rife that the U.S. could simply walk away from the WTO.

Trump could have chosen a different route to protect steel and aluminum manufacturers, whether giving them grants or turning to the more common trade remedy of levying "global safeguard" tariffs to stem the tide of imports.

That is what Trump did earlier this year on imported solar panels and washing machines.

But to apply safeguard tariffs, the independent U.S. International Trade Commission has to find that increased imports threaten to cause serious injury to the domestic industry. And it's not clear the commission would have come to that conclusion on steel.

Last year the three largest U.S.-based steel makers were profitable, helped by a stronger global economy and higher steel prices. The largest, Charlotte, N.C.-based Nucor Corp., reported a profit of $1.4 billion on a 25 percent jump in sales to $20 billion.

Dean Pinkert, a trade lawyer and former International Trade Commission member, pointed to another reason Trump may have gone with the national security justification: Unlike global safeguard tariffs, limited to four years, duties based on national security can last indefinitely.

The WTO's head, Roberto Azevedo, has raised concerns about the new U.S. tariffs and urged restraint from all parties, worried about retaliation.

"The potential for escalation is real, as we have seen from the initial responses of others," he said.

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From Russia, with no love: Britons booted

23 diplomats ousted as row over attack grows

By Angela Charlton and Jill Lawless
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia on Saturday announced it was expelling 23 British diplomats and threatened further retaliatory measures in a growing diplomatic dispute over a nerve agent attack on a former spy in Britain.

Britain's government said the move was expected, and that it doesn't change their conviction that Russia was behind the poisoning of ex-agent Sergei Skripal and his daughter in the English city of Salisbury.

Prime Minister Theresa May said Britain will consider further retaliatory steps in the coming days alongside its allies.

The Russian Foreign Ministry ordered the 23 diplomats to leave within a week. It also said it is ordering the closure in Russia of the British Council, a government-backed organization for cultural and scientific cooperation, and is ending an agreement to reopen the British consulate in St. Petersburg.

The announcement followed Britain's order last week for 23 Russian diplomats to leave the U.K. because Russia was not cooperating in the case of the Skripals, who were found March 4 poisoned by a nerve agent that British officials say was developed in Russia.

They remain in critical condition while a policeman who visited their home is in serious condition.

Britain's foreign secretary accused Russian President Vladimir Putin of personally ordering the poisoning of the Skripals.

Putin's spokesman denounced the claim.

Britain's Foreign Office said Saturday that "Russia's response doesn't change the facts of the matter — the attempted assassination of two people on British soil, for which there is no alternative conclusion other than that the Russian State was culpable."

The British Council said it was "profoundly disappointed" at its pending closure. The organization has been operating in Russia since the 1991 fall of the Soviet Union.

"It is our view that when political or diplomatic relations become difficult, cultural relations and educational opportunities are vital to maintain on-going dialogue between people and institutions," it said.

The Russian statement said the government could take further measures if Britain makes any more "unfriendly" moves.

Britain's National Security Council will meet this week to consider the next steps, May said.



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British envoy Laurie Bristow was called in by Russian officials in Moscow over the ousters.

Western powers see the nerve-agent attack as the latest sign of alleged Russian meddling abroad.

The poisoning has plunged Britain and Russia into a war of recrimination and blame.

British Ambassador Laurie Bristow, who was summoned by the Foreign Ministry in Moscow on Saturday to be informed of the moves, said the poisoning was an attack on "the international rules-based system on which all countries, including Russia, depend for their safety and security."

"This crisis has arisen as a result of an appalling attack in the United Kingdom, the attempted murder of two people, using a chemical weapon developed in Russia and not declared by Russia at the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, as Russia was and is obliged to do under the Chemical Weapons Convention," he added.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova denied that Russia or the Soviet Union had ever developed Novichok, the class of nerve agent that Britain says was used to poison the Skripals.

But a Russian scientist disclosed details of a secret program to manufacture the military-grade nerve agents in the 1990s, and later published the formula.

British police appealed Saturday for witnesses who can help investigators reconstruct the Skripals' movements in the crucial hours before they were found unconscious. It is still not clear how the Skripals came in contact with the nerve agent.

New tensions have also surfaced over the death Monday of a London-based Russian businessman, Nikolai Glushkov.

British police said Friday that he died from compression to the neck and opened a murder investigation.

Russia also suspects foul play in Glushkov's death and opened its own inquiry Friday.

Vote kicks off in Putin's bid to stay

MOSCOW — Polls opened in Russia for Sunday's presidential election in which Vladimir Putin seeks a fourth term.

With Putin all but guaranteed to win another term despite facing seven challengers, authorities are conducting get-out-the-vote efforts to ensure a good turnout. Some Russian workers say they are coming under intense pressure to prove to their employers that they have voted.

Streets empty, airport closes for Bali's Day of Silence

Associated Press

BALI, Indonesia — Indonesia's normally bustling Bali has shut down social media, turned away flights and shuttered all shops and businesses for a Day of Silence that marks New Year on the predominantly Hindu island.

"Nyepi" began at 6 a.m. Saturday, emptying streets and beaches for 24 hours except for special patrols to ensure silence is observed.

This year for the first time, phone companies have agreed to turn off the mobile internet on the island that's home to more than 4 million people.

Aside from no Facebook, Instagram or instant messaging apps, television and radio broadcasts cease, and Balinese stay indoors.

The windows are covered, and not one light is turned on during the day of reflection that is the most sacred in Balinese Hinduism.

"Nyepi is the time for us to wash our hearts and minds of bad thoughts and deeds, plead with God to purify ourselves, human beings and the universe," said Kadek Chantini, a Bali tour guide.

Not everyone was happy with the decision to disrupt internet access, saying it was going too far and an inconvenience for tourists and non-Hindu residents of Bali.

But others welcomed it.

"It will certainly provide a quieter atmosphere, so we can focus and concentrate on perfecting our meditation and prayers," said Komang Suda, a resident of Denpasar, the Bali provincial capital.

"The decision also really helps us in disciplining our teenagers who sometimes sneak off to play with their gadgets during Nyepi," he said.

The night before Nyepi is marked by noisy "ogoh-ogoh" processions of giant scary figures representing evil spirits.



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Children perform the Kecak dance before a parade ahead of the Day of Silence on Indonesia's resort island of Bali

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Loss of embryos brings heartbreak

Fertility clinic failures may have cost many a last chance to start families

By John Seewer
Associated Press

Many of them had already endured their share of heartache.

Some had been trying for years to get pregnant, suffering through multiple miscarriages.

Others had undergone cancer treatments that destroyed their fertility.

Now, hundreds of these women and couples have learned that the eggs and embryos they froze for eventual use in starting or expanding a family may have been destroyed by storage tank failures March 4 at two fertility clinics in suburban Cleveland and San Francisco.

Authorities are investigating what went wrong to cause the biggest such loss in the U.S. since in vitro fertilization began nearly four decades ago.

But some of these patients at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center and the Pacific Fertility Clinic fear their last, best chance of having children may be gone.

Devastating news: Marlo Emch didn't grow up with a brother or sister near her age.

That's why she desperately wanted another child after giving birth last April to a son conceived through in vitro fertilization.

She imagined her son having a partner to help navigate life, and someone who would be there after she and her husband were gone.

"It makes me sad to think he may never have a sibling close to his age," she said.

Emch and her husband, Jeremy, married in their late 30s and struggled to have a child, losing one pregnancy after three months, before turning to a fertility clinic.

"People who are able to conceive naturally have no idea of the level of despair a woman has when they can't become pregnant," she said.

Everything worked perfectly with the birth of their son, and they planned trying for just one more this spring until being told last week that their seven remaining embryos may no longer be viable.

The couple, both now 42, won't know until the embryos are thawed and tested.

"Chances are very, very low. The mother in me has to find out for sure. I almost feel like I'm going to have to grieve all over again," said Emch, who lives in Burton, Ohio.



TONY DEJAK/AP

Marlo Emch and her husband were told that their seven embryos may no longer be viable.

Since receiving the devastating news, she started a Facebook support group open to the 700 affected patients from the suburban Cleveland clinic.

One woman told of how her husband has died since the couple froze their embryos.

"That was her last connection to him," Emch said.

All hope gone instantly: Before undergoing chemotherapy at age 23 for a rare cancer that affects bones and soft tissue, Elliott Ash decided to have his sperm frozen.

He hadn't even met his future wife but knew he wanted children someday.

Married five years ago, he and his wife decided in 2014 to start the process of having a child through in vitro fertilization while in their early 30s.

Their son was born the next year, and two frozen embryos remained in storage at University Hospitals.

"In an instant, everything was taken away," said Amber Ash.

Doctors have told the couple the embryos did not survive the thaw.

Her first thought was about her son and his lost opportunity to have a genetic sibling.

While her husband's cancer is in remission, chemotherapy left him sterile.

Creating new embryos with his sperm is no longer an option.

The Bay Village, Ohio, couple was among the first to file a lawsuit against the hospital.

"So many of us were cheated, cheated of the opportunity to start families or expand our families," said Amber Ash.

"Our motive really is we want to prevent this from happening again. To prevent another family from going through this complete nightmare."

Answers sought: Katie Miller has had two children using her frozen embryos and was starting treatments at Pacific Fertility Clinic so she could have a third when she was got an email saying something went wrong.

She was among 500 people who have been told their embryos were in a storage tank that had dangerously low liquid nitrogen levels.

The clinic said the embryos were transferred to a new tank.

"You don't even think about what's happening in the lab. You just assume that that's really being taken care of and that's not something to worry about," Miller told KGO-TV in San Francisco.

The extent of the damage has not been disclosed.

"There really are so many questions at this point, and hopefully, there will be some good news," she said.

"But at the same time, there have to be people who have already received probably very devastating news."



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Recovery operations continue Saturday at the site where a bridge collapsed Thursday.

3 cars, 3 bodies pulled from collapsed Miami span debris

By Adriana Gomez Licon and Jennifer Kay
Associated Press

MIAMI — Two vehicles with three bodies inside were removed from the wreckage of a collapsed bridge Saturday as authorities continued to remove debris in attempt to extract more cars still trapped since the span fell two days earlier in Miami.

A third vehicle was pulled from the wreckage Saturday night, but police did not say whether remains were found inside. At least three more cars remain.

The recovery came after police used cameras to locate five bodies in the rubble of a pedestrian bridge under construction at Florida International University. At least six people were killed when the structure fell onto a highway Thursday.

"Right now we're just chipping away," said Miami-Dade Police Director Juan Perez.

Perez said DNA evidence, fingerprints and photos might be needed to identify the victims.

Authorities are continuing to investigate the collapse and whether cracking that was reported before the span fell contributed to the bridge failure.

An engineer left a voicemail two days before the collapse to say some cracking had been found at one end of the concrete span, but the voicemail wasn't picked up until after the collapse, Florida Department of Transportation officials said Friday.

The voicemail wasn't heard by a state DOT employee until Friday because the employee was on an assignment, the agency said.

In a transcript released Friday night, Denney Pate with FIGG Bridge Group said the cracking would need repairs "but from a safety perspective we don't see that there's any issue there so we're not concerned about it from that perspective."

On Saturday, FIU released a statement saying representatives from the university and DOT met with a FIGG engineer for two hours Thursday to discuss the cracking and determined there wasn't a safety issue. The bridge fell soon afterward.

On Friday night, officials from the National Transportation Safety Board said they cannot say whether any cracking contributed to the collapse. They also said workers were trying to strengthen a diagonal member on the bridge when it collapsed.

The cables supporting the span were being tightened following a "stress test" when it collapsed, authorities said. The Florida DOT said Friday that it had not been notified of any stress test.

A victim's uncle raged against what he called the "complete incompetence" and "colossal failure" that allowed people to drive beneath the unfinished concrete span.

"Why they had to build this monstrosity in the first place to get children across the street?" said an anguished Joe Smitha, whose niece, Alexa Duran, was crushed. "Then they decided to stress test this bridge while traffic was running underneath it?"

Scheduled to open in 2019, the bridge would have provided safe passage over a canal and six lanes of traffic and created a showpiece architectural feature connecting the campus of FIU with the community of Sweetwater.

The $14.2 million project was supposed to take advantage of a faster, cheaper and safer method of bridge-building promoted by the university.

Authorities have not confirmed the victims' names.

Stone tools from Kenya give early human insight

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stone tools and other items from ancient sites in Kenya give a glimpse at the emergence of some key human behaviors, perhaps including a building of relationships with distant neighbors, new research says.

Scientists can't be sure whether the objects were made by our species, Homo sapiens, or some close relative that's now extinct.

But at 320,000 years old, they're roughly the same age or a bit older than the earliest known H. sapiens fossils, which appeared in Morocco.

They show "foundations of the origin of modern human behavior," said Richard Potts of the Smithsonian Institution, one of the researchers reporting the find in three papers released last week by the journal Science.

The tools are much smaller and more sophisticated than the older, teardrop-shaped stone tools found in the same area in southern Kenya.

Some were made of a volcanic rock, obsidian, that didn't come from the area, meaning the toolmakers traveled miles to get it.

Those excursions must have led them to encounter groups of H. sapiens or close evolutionary relatives. The toolmakers likely made connections with them, so they wouldn't be threatened when they showed up on somebody else's turf, the researchers said.

"I don't think you would last very long if you went around grabbing someone else's obsidian without their permission," said Alison Brooks, an anthropology professor at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and another author of the papers.

The newer tool style, known from other sites as Middle Stone Age technology, produced smaller stone flakes for uses like scraping and points on projectiles.



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Stone tools found in Kenya show "foundations of the origin of modern human behavior," says Richard Potts of the Smithsonian Institution, one of the researchers.

It required more planning to break off chips to a desired size and shape, and so indicates a level of mental sophistication, Potts said.

The findings include some small stone points that were carefully modified at the base, so they could be attached to something like a spear.

Potts stressed that the researchers don't claim that they've identified the birthplace of this tool style, but rather that the finds represent what was going on in at least one part of Africa.

The older stone tools are from 1.2 million to about 500,000 years ago. Then, because of the geology of the sites, nothing is preserved until 320,000 years ago, when "we have a total replacement" of the old tool style by a more advanced one, Potts said.

Analysis showed much of the obsidian was from places about 15 miles to 30 miles away in five different directions.

That means the toolmakers maintained mental maps of where to go find it, Potts said.

The volcanic rock was brought in as a raw material, and then turned into the sharp-edged chips. The rock was evidently valuable, and so it might have been traded, Potts said.

He also said the toolmakers may have been spurred to create a wide-ranging social network as a hedge against the unpredictability of water and food supplies, caused by shifts in the natural environment.

"Networks are the way that hunter-gatherers protect themselves against disaster in the future," said Brooks.

The researchers also reported finding evidence for use of pigments. Two rocks appeared to have been ground and chopped, evidently to produce a powder of the bright red ochre pigment they contained.

Experts not connected with the work called it significant.

The three papers "lead us towards a more nuanced understanding of our species' origins," said Sarah Wurz of the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg.

Eric Delson of Lehman College in New York said that when the new work is combined with other findings, "it is now clear that the time period around 300,000 years ago was a watershed for modern human (H. sapiens) origins across Africa."

Lack of evidence put Hawking's Nobel hopes in black hole

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Stephen Hawking won accolades from his peers for having one of the most brilliant minds in science, but he never got a Nobel Prize because no one has yet proven his ideas.

The Nobel committee looks for proof, not big ideas.

Hawking was a deep thinker — a theorist — and his musings about black holes and cosmology have yet to get the lockdown evidence that accompanies the physics prizes, his fellow scientists said.



Hawking

"The Nobel Prize is not given to the smartest person or even the one who makes the greatest contribution to science. It's given to discovery," said California Institute of Technology physicist Sean Carroll. "Hawking's best theories have not yet been tested experimentally, which is why he hasn't won a prize."

Hawking has often been compared to Nobel laureate Albert Einstein, and he died on the 139th anniversary of Einstein's birth.

But Einstein's Nobel wasn't for his famed theory of general relativity. It was for describing the photoelectric effect, and only after it was verified by Robert Millikan, said Harvard astronomer Avi Loeb.

The theory behind gravitational waves — suggested by Einstein — didn't win science's highest honor until there were direct observations of the faint ripples in space and time.

And Peter Higgs' theory postulating the so-called "God particle" named the Higgs boson didn't win its Nobel until the actual particle was discovered by a massive European particle collider.

"In all cases, there was an experiment-verified prediction," Loeb said

Hawking's greatest contribution— that not everything is sucked into a black hole but some radiation known as "Hawking radiation" escapes — could be proven if astronomers find the right-sized black holes.

Smaller black holes likely would produce more Hawking radiation than larger ones, Loeb said.

"People have searched for mini black holes of this mass, but have so far not found any," Hawking said in a 2016 lecture. "This is a pity because if they had, I would have got a Nobel Prize."

Hawking lost another chance when an experiment at first seemed to find waves from inflation in the early universe that would also have confirmed Hawking radiation.

But the observation didn't hold up, Loeb said.

NASA astronomer and Nobel laureate John Mather said he doubted it would have changed Hawking's life.

Anyway, he said, "everyone loves Stephen's work."

For police being sued, justices wield shield

Critics: Court wrongly invokes immunity ruling

By David G. Savage
Washington Bureau



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Frances Sheehan, with sister Joanne, talks outside the Supreme Court about their sister Teresa, who was shot by police.

WASHINGTON — It all happened in less than a minute. Three police officers arrived outside a small house with a chain-link fence near the University of Arizona campus in Tucson. They were responding to a "check welfare" report of woman hacking at a tree with a knife. They saw a young woman emerge from the house holding a large kitchen knife and walk down the driveway toward Sharon Chadwick, who owned the home.

The officers called out, "Drop the knife!" but Amy Hughes did not acknowledge them and kept walking. Cpl. Andrew Kisela dropped to his knees and fired through the fence, hitting her with four shots. Hughes was wounded but survived and later sued Kisela, claiming unreasonable seizure and an excessive use of force.

But the Supreme Court will decide whether she can take her claim before a jury. Lawyers for the Police Department have appealed a 9th Circuit ruling that allowed Hughes to sue, arguing her case should be tossed out because there is no proof of a "constitutional violation."

And they stand a good chance of succeeding. In recent years, the justices have regularly shielded police from being sued, even when officers wrongly shoot innocent people in their own homes.

They have done so by extending a rule adopted in the 1980s that gave government officials "qualified immunity" from being sued over constitutional violations unless they did something that the court already had clearly defined as illegal and unconstitutional. It is not enough to cite the words of the Constitution, such as its ban on "unreasonable searches and seizures." To bring a claim before a jury, the injured plaintiff must show the officer had obviously and unquestionably violated a recognized and specific right. In practice, this rule has served as a broad shield to prevent cases from proceeding.

It is a trend that has long drawn the ire of civil rights lawyers, who say it denies victims the right to hold officers accountable for an excessive use of force, particularly when cases don't result in criminal prosecution or disciplinary action. But in the past year, the precedent also has come under attack from University of Chicago law professor William Baude, a prominent conservative legal scholar, and from the libertarian Cato Institute for what it called the court's "unlawful assault on civil rights and police accountability."

Baude, a former clerk for Chief Justice John Roberts, contends the high court has "concocted" an immunity doctrine for the police that is not based on the law or history. "It's an unlawful invention, a judge-made doctrine, and it seems to be getting worse in the Supreme Court," he said last week.

At issue in this debate is one of the nation's most important but little-known civil rights laws. Shortly after the Civil War, the Reconstruction Congress passed the Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871 to extend the Constitution's legal protections to all Americans, including newly freed slaves. One provision said that "any person" who acts "under color of any law" and who deprives someone of "any rights, privileges or immunities secured by the Constitution shall be liable to the party injured." It includes no exceptions and gives no officials immunity.

The law remains on the books and is known to lawyers as Section 1983 of the U.S. Code. But since the 1970s, the high court has been unwilling to follow the law as it is written. It held that judges and prosecutors are immune from such suits. And more recently, the justices have said the police cannot be sued unless it is "beyond debate" they have violated "clearly established" law.

Three years ago, the justices tossed out an excessive-force lawsuit brought by a mentally ill San Francisco woman who was shot in her private room in a group home. A social worker had reported *Teresa* Sheehan was not taking her medication, but when two officers tried to force their way into her room, she reacted angrily and told them to get out. A few minutes later, they pushed the door open again, and when Sheehan grabbed a bread knife, they shot her five times.

The Supreme Court said they were entitled to immunity. This legal shield gives officers "breathing room to make reasonable but mistaken judgments," said Justice Samuel Alito. It "protects all but the plainly incompetent or those who knowingly violate the law. ... The Constitution is not blind to the fact that police officers are often forced to make split-second judgments," he added. (Sheehan later won a settlement from the city based on a separate claim arising from the Americans with Disabilities Act.)

Clark Neily, a vice president at Cato, says the "all but the plainly incompetent" standard is one that "protects police from misconduct that would send someone without a badge to jail. Would you wish to be treated in a hospital that held its doctors to that incredibly low standard?"

Last year, the high court overturned a $4 million verdict against two Los Angeles County deputies who fired 14 shots at a couple sleeping in a shed behind a house in Lancaster. The officers did not have a search warrant, but they were in the area looking for a wanted man. When they pulled back the curtain to the shed, Angel Mendez reached for a BB gun. Both he and his wife were shot several times, and Mendez lost his leg.

The 9th Circuit Court, based in San Francisco, has been less willing to shield the police from such suits. Its judges allowed Sheehan to sue the officers who shot her, and they upheld the verdict for Mendez because the officers "barged into the shack unannounced." But the Supreme Court disagreed, saying the officers reacted reasonably because Mendez was holding a gun. "The reasonableness of a particular use of force must be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, rather than with the 20/20 vision of hindsight," Alito wrote.

UCLA law professor Joanna Schwartz, an expert on police misconduct litigation, faults the court for refusing to set limits for the police. "When the Supreme Court announces new rules, police departments pay attention," she said. But repeatedly, the court has blocked suits that could establish clearer rules. This may "encourage a 'shoot first, think later' policy," she said. She noted that while lawsuits are brought against individuals, "officers never pay out of their own pocket." Liability claims are paid by the departments that employ them.

Often in recent years, the high court has issued short, unanimous decisions, without hearing arguments, to reverse rulings that allowed injured plaintiffs to sue the police. On Friday, the justices met privately to consider Arizona's appeal in Kisela v. Hughes.

The justices may act on the appeal as soon as Monday.

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McCabe said to have kept notes about president

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that national security adviser H.R. McMaster is on his way out.

But the seeming cruelty of McCabe's last-minute firing — barely 36 hours before he turned 50 and planned to take his pension after nearly 22 years at the FBI — sparked outrage among national security and law enforcement veterans.

"When the full extent of your venality, moral turpitude, and political corruption becomes known, you will take your rightful place as a disgraced demagogue in the dustbin of history," John Brennan, who headed the CIA from 2013 to 2017, wrote in a tweet directed to Trump. "You may scapegoat Andy McCabe, but you will not destroy America ... America will triumph over you."

The race to kick McCabe out before he could retire "violates any sense of decency and basic principles of fairness," said Michael Bromwich, McCabe's lawyer and a former Justice Department inspector general.

He said pressure from Trump and his allies had pushed Attorney General Jeff Sessions to fire McCabe, and the disciplinary process was rushed in little more than a week — far more quickly than normal.

McCabe is not going out quietly.

Like Comey, he kept detailed notes of his three meetings with Trump, according to a person familiar with McCabe's actions, as well as his conversations with Comey before Trump fired him last May.

The McCabe memos could become crucial evidence in the Russia investigation led by special counsel Robert Mueller. His team is seeking to determine if Trump obstructed justice, a potential crime, by trying to pressure Comey and others to influence or block an ongoing FBI investigation.

The notes also could bolster McCabe's credibility about his interactions with Trump since Sessions sacked him for allegedly making false statements during an internal inquiry into whether he had authorized two FBI officials to brief a reporter about an unrelated investigation.

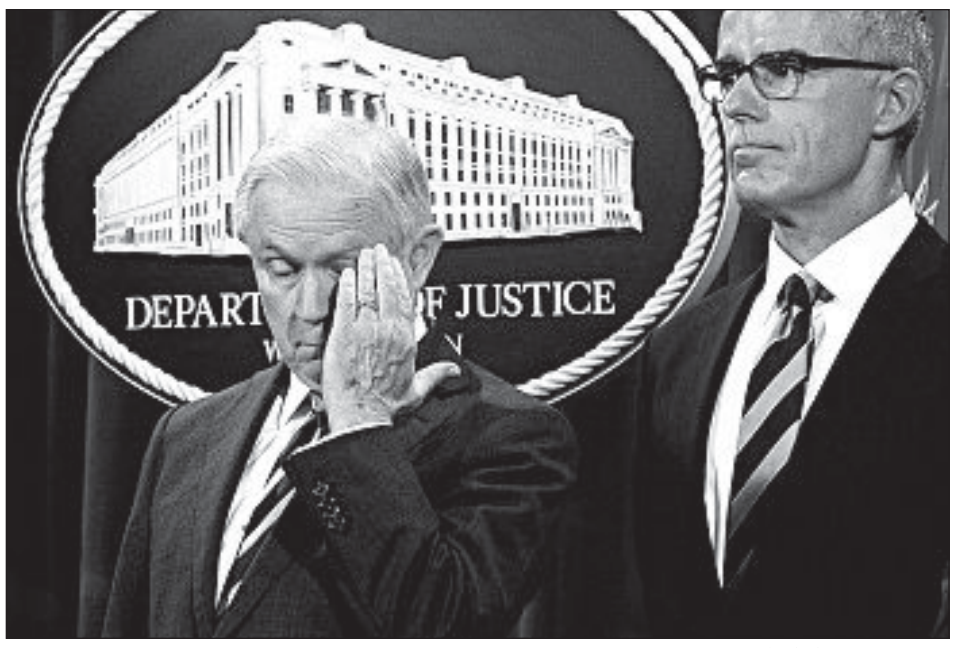
The existence of the McCabe memos was first reported by The Associated Press.

In his scathing rebuttal, McCabe portrayed himself as a victim of a partisan smear campaign led by Trump's tweets — and suggested he has eyewitness evidence about whether Comey or Trump is telling the truth.

"Here is the reality: I am being singled out and treated this way because of the role I played, the actions I took, and the events I witnessed in the aftermath of the firing of James Comey," McCabe wrote.

He said Trump had sought to discredit him as part of "this administration's ongoing war on the FBI and the efforts of the special counsel investigation."

McCabe said an inquiry into his actions was fast tracked at the Justice Department after he gave closed-door testimony to the House intelligence committee last December that backed Comey's account of his meetings with Trump.



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Attorney General Jeff Sessions fired ex-FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe on Friday, two days before his retirement date of Sunday. McCabe worked nearly 22 years at the FBI.

But Trump launched a sweeping attack Saturday, suggesting his enemies were burrowed across the federal government. "There was tremendous leaking, lying and corruption at the highest levels of the FBI, Justice & State," he wrote on Twitter.

A Trump lawyer, John Dowd, called on Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who oversees Mueller's probe, to "follow the brilliant and courageous example" of Sessions in firing McCabe and "bring an end to alleged Russia collusion investigation."

Dowd initially told The Daily Beast he was speaking for the president, but he later told The Washington Post that he made the statement on his own.

Either way, it suggested a far more combative approach by Trump's legal team days after it was reported that Mueller had issued a subpoena in recent weeks seeking records from the Trump Organization, the umbrella group that holds the president's businesses.

Trump's lawyers previously insisted they were offering full cooperation with Mueller's team, highlighting their willingness to turn over documents and make White House officials available for interviews without subpoenas.

While Trump and his lawyers have consistently denied collusion with Moscow, they have occasionally struggled to speak with one voice on the Russia case. Dowd had previously sparked controversy when he suggested Trump could not obstruct justice because the president is too powerful and controls the Justice Department.

Dowd also belatedly claimed to have been the real author of a Trump tweet that suggested the president knew his former national security adviser, Michael Flynn, had lied to FBI investigators when he fired Flynn in early 2017. The tweet had raised awkward questions for the White House of what Trump knew about the Russia case at the time.

McCabe first came into the public eye last year after the Justice Department inspector general began a probe into whether the FBI mishandled a 2016 investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of a private server for government emails while she was secretary of State, and a separate probe into the Clinton Foundation, a charity.

As FBI deputy director, McCabe supervised those investigations, which concluded without criminal charges. But he had authorized two FBI officials to talk to a Wall Street Journal reporter about the Clinton Foundation probe, a potential violation of department rules because the investigation was still underway.

McCabe made false statements to the inspector general "under oath," Sessions said in a Justice Department statement late Friday announcing McCabe's dismissal.

In his statement, McCabe said he "answered questions truthfully and as accurately as I could amidst the chaos that surrounded me."

He also said that as deputy director, he was "fully authorized" to share information with reporters.

McCabe's testimony to the House intelligence committee made him a lightning rod in the partisan squabble over the so-called Steele dossier, opposition research on Trump's dealings with Russia that was collected by a former British spy then working for a Washington firm hired by Democrats.

In a declassified memo last month, Republicans on the committee wrote that McCabe had testified that the dossier was key to obtaining a surveillance warrant on a former member of Trump's campaign.

But McCabe said the Republican memo misrepresents his testimony.

Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., the committee's top Democrat, said Saturday that McCabe answered a "very awkward convoluted question" about the dossier. He urged the Republican majority, which has concluded its inquiry, to release transcripts of McCabe's interviews.

Schiff said McCabe had confirmed Comey's claims about Trump to the committee, and said the president's tweets had left a "foul taint" on the firing.

Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., said Sessions should appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee to explain "whether this is an attempt to target, punish or silence those investigating Russia and the Trump campaign."

But McCabe's ouster drew praise from some Republicans.

Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said more investigations are needed to "root out the problems in the FBI."

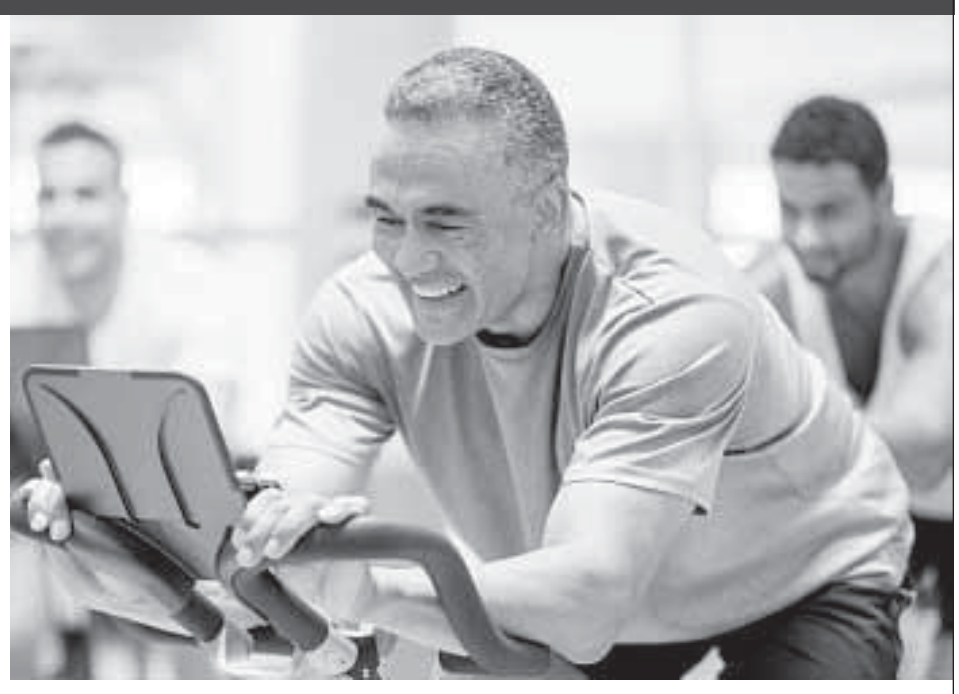
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Few options for abused military kids

Parents frustrated by lack of protocol for child-on-child civilian assaults

By Reese Dunklin and Justin Pritchard
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A mother whose daughter says she was sexually assaulted on a U.S. military base reflects in her daughter's bedroom at their new home in Colorado.

The three military fathers sat at the commander's conference table on the U.S. Army base in Germany, pleading for help.

They told the commander that their daughters were among a half-dozen girls sexually assaulted by a boy in their first-grade class at the base school. The principal had known about the boy's behavior for months, they said, but the abuse continued.

The girls' parents had already turned to Army police, military child-abuse authorities and sex-assault specialists. The response throughout the U.S. military's vast support structure was always the same, they said: Sorry this has happened; there's nothing we can do.

"It gives us a sense of hopelessness," one of the fathers, a soldier, said. "We can only do so much as parents."

Tens of thousands of children and teenagers live and attend school on U.S. military bases while their parents serve the country. Yet, if they are sexually violated by a classmate, a neighborhood kid or a sibling, they often get lost in a legal and bureaucratic netherworld.

That's because military law doesn't apply to civilians, and the federal legal system that typically handles civilian crimes on base isn't equipped or inclined to prosecute juveniles.

The Pentagon's response to addressing this problem stands in contrast to how it cracked down on sexual assault in the ranks following congressional scrutiny more than a decade ago.

"If this would have been a soldier, things would have happened much differently," the soldier's wife said.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense said it "takes seriously any incident impacting the well-being" of soldiers and families and promised, without elaboration, "appropriate actions."

The military's school system — the Department of Defense Education Activity, or DoDEA — said it had "zero tolerance for sexual assault" and that an investigation of what happened at the German base school showed staff "took the appropriate actions to best meet the needs of all students involved."

Yet, in a military that prizes procedure and protocol, the Pentagon's school system has no specific policy to respond to student-on-student sexual violence. It doesn't accurately track the incidents and affords students fewer protections than those assaulted in U.S. public schools, an Associated Press investigation found.

Three sets of parents interviewed for this story spoke on the record. But AP doesn't name victims of sexual assault without consent and, to protect their daughters' identities, that anonymity was extended to their parents.

"The one place you can feel safe with your child going is school," said another mother whose daughter was among those who reported being attacked, "and then you can't even trust school."

Problem emerges

The Army soldier and his wife were excited when they arrived in the southern German town of Grafenwoehr in 2014. The small outpost had housed U.S. troops since World War II, including a private named Elvis Presley.

Though isolated amid farmland, Grafenwoehr put the couple just a train ride away from Europe's great cities. They also liked that their 6-year-old daughter could attend an elementary school run by the military that offered Advanced Placement classes in math and reading.

Nothing seemed out of the ordinary as the school year progressed, though their daughter began acting temperamental after the Christmas break. They thought she might be homesick. Then one Thursday in July 2015, as the wife was watching a TV crime drama with her daughter playing nearby, an actor asked about the "sex" of a victim, and the girl giggled.

The question of how she would've known that word bothered the wife. So later that night, the wife gently inquired: Had anyone ever inappropriately touched her?

Tearfully, the girl confided that several times a week during the school year, a boy had forced kisses on her, penetrated her with his finger in class and on the playground, and coaxed her to touch him. He told her she'd get hurt if she talked about it, she said.

And, she added, other girls in her class were also abused.

The wife's discovery began a struggle that is documented in sworn statements by the soldier, law enforcement records and other documents they shared with AP, and supplemented by interviews with the couple and two other sets of parents.

The same night her daughter came forward, the soldier's wife contacted two of the other girls' mothers and learned that they hadn't known anything, either.

The next morning, the soldier and his wife went to an Army sex-assault response office, where they hit their first road block: A staffer told them their daughter didn't qualify for help because she was a minor.

Then they phoned the Family Advocacy Program, but its specialists handle child abuse reports only when allegations implicate a parent or caregiver. At the Army's Criminal Investigative Command they were told investigators lacked jurisdiction inside the military-run schools and were referred back to the offices they had already contacted.

Finally, the base office for the Army inspector general suggested contacting the principal or their congressman.

"We hit everywhere you could possibly go," the wife recalled. "It just felt like, 'Oh, well, kids will be kids.' "

On the eve of a meeting with the principal, the soldier and his wife talked to another set of parents and absorbed a new shock.

Those parents said the principal had called them six months earlier, around February 2015, to report an incident at recess between the boy and their daughter. He gave the impression it wasn't serious and promised to take "every step to ensure this never happens again," according to the father, an Army officer who was among those meeting with the commander.

But it did happen again, the officer said. In May, the principal called him about a second incident and said he had removed a class couch where the boy would squeeze next to girls and touch them.

When the parents pushed their daughter for details, the officer said, she described multiple incidents since February, including the boy reaching under her clothes to touch her genitals. She said that she'd told her teacher at least once about his misbehavior.

And she named five other victims, the officer said.

Fuming, he called the principal, naming each girl, including the soldier's daughter. "You need to contact them and let their parents know that this has happened," he recalled telling the principal.

After hearing that, the soldier's wife said she vomited.

School response

The soldier and his wife hadn't met Principal Matthew Kralevich before that day in early August 2015, when they recounted their daughter's story.

Kralevich had arrived at Grafenwoehr Elementary in 2012, his second posting in the Pentagon school system. Within two years, the National Parent Teacher Association recognized the school as a "true example of what can be accomplished when schools and families work together."

Armed with information from the other parents, the soldier and his wife pressed Kralevich about what he'd known when and what he'd done to stop further abuse.

Kralevich acknowledged dealing with a previous sexual assault incident involving the same boy, according to the soldier's sworn statements to military police and other agencies. When they asked about the other girls, Kralevich said he contacted the families of everyone named and their daughter wasn't among them, they recalled.

Kralevich's answers upset the wife. The officer insisted he shared her daughter's name with the principal months earlier. And the other parents said she, not Kralevich, had alerted them to the assaults.

"I know that you're lying," the wife recalled telling Kralevich.

"I'm sorry you feel that way," she said he replied, "because I did everything I was supposed to do, and I protected our students."

Kralevich said the boy might not return to school, but nonetheless he was thinking about offering staff training, increasing playground supervision and encouraging parents to talk to their children about proper touching. The Pentagon would not allow Kralevich to speak with reporters, and he did not respond to direct requests for comment.

Unsatisfied, the parents of the six girls began strategizing a response. They all met weeks later at a park and shared new information through a Facebook group chat.

Two of the girls, they learned, said they had told at least one teacher what was happening and were instructed not to tell their parents, according to records and interviews.

"I asked her, 'Did you ever tell anybody?' " one of those girls' mothers told the AP. "She said, 'Mom, I told (the teacher). She told me to stop tattle-telling.' "

In late August, the soldier, the officer and a third military father appealed to the base commander. Commanders can take administrative action in civilian misconduct cases, but he told them he lacked jurisdiction over the base school, according to the officer and soldier. Eventually, he said he would make a call.

"Go work it out with the principal was his bottom line answer," the officer recalled. "We said the principal is the problem."

Within a day, the commander, who now works at a different base and didn't respond to AP's messages, followed up to say the principal would be in touch. Some parents said they received a call but did not believe the principal's promises of change.

AP began investigating sex abuse among military children and teens after readers of its 2017 investigation on student assaults in U.S. public schools reported even more complicated problems on bases.

Unlike what's mandated in U.S. public schools, there is no detailed guidance when sexual assaults among kids occur in military-run schools.

The Pentagon has rules and support systems to combat sexual violence among service members, developed and refined over the last decade. Its school system has a 13-page regulation for investigating adult attacks on students.

But when it comes to student-on-student assaults, officials can only point to three paragraphs of guidelines that generally prohibit sexual harassment or "physical conduct of a sexual nature."

As a result, reports of student sex assault languish.

The best the Grafenwoehr parents could do was file a complaint with the Pentagon school system's Office of Investigation and Internal Review over how the incidents were handled.

The father who was an Army officer said he wasn't told anything about the outcome of the investigation. The soldier said he and his wife were told only that their complaint resulted in a finding that no policies were broken and the principal was "not at fault."

Both men recalled a regional administrator in the Pentagon school system telling them he couldn't discuss the matter because a minor was involved. The school system also declined to discuss details with AP.

"We completely felt like it was a cover-up from the very beginning," the officer said.

The soldier filed a Freedom of Information Act request that December for copies of school records generated by the complaint review process after the system said it had finished its review. The school system replied that no records could be found.

'Some kind of justice'

The military's far-flung system of some 165 schools worldwide collects "serious incident" reports to alert headquarters in Alexandria, Va., about possible crimes or incidents that may generate "negative media/community attention."

Sexual attacks among the system's 71,000 students are supposed to be reported. But the assaults at Grafenwoehr Elementary were among more than 150 that weren't disclosed in a serious incident report, the AP found. System officials wouldn't explain why there were no reports on Grafenwoehr in what they released to AP.

There was also no trace of the alleged assaults in a list of cases Army's Criminal Investigation Command provided AP, even though the soldier had written out a detailed, sworn statement for military investigators.

A spokesman for the Army's criminal investigators said they pursue all credible reports of sexual assault. But several former investigators told AP that agents sometimes shelve reports in a "raw data" file, which the spokesman said is later reviewed.

The mother of one of the Grafenwoehr girls filed a report with Army investigators and recalled being told, "It was a child-on-child crime and someone else would have to take over." She said she assumed it would be passed to another investigative unit, but "after that, we never heard."

The soldier learned his report had been forwarded to German authorities, who under an agreement with the U.S. military share jurisdiction over base crimes. German prosecutors sent him a letter in late November 2015, saying they couldn't help because, according to their law, children under 14 cannot form criminal intent.

"We expected some kind of justice," the soldier's wife said. "It was really discouraging and kind of disheartening to know the military kids, especially overseas, have no protection, and there was nothing we could do."

The family began trying to move elsewhere in Germany, so their daughter could attend a different school for second grade. Instead, they were stuck at Grafenwoehr.

Even though the boy didn't return to school — for reasons the girls' families never officially learned — their daughter struggled. A psychologist treating her wrote that she "has demonstrated a significant difficulty in adjusting her circumstances after being victimized by another child at this school."

In early 2016, the Army granted the family a compassionate reassignment to another base, noting that the girl "was sexually assaulted by another student during school several times this past school year" and that appeals for help to a half-dozen different agencies had failed.

In a final attempt to get answers, the soldier last fall asked his hometown congressman, U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett of Texas, to make inquiries to the Pentagon's school system.

Thomas Brady, the system director, responded in a three-page letter noting that the boy had unspecified "behavioral issues" that the principal had appropriately handled. But Brady did not make clear when the principal first learned of the boy's sexual aggression.

Brady called it a "highly unusual situation" and said he regretted that the soldier and his family left Grafenwoehr with the impression that "school officials do not have compassion for victims of sexual misconduct or their families."

Months after AP began questioning the school system's handling of student sex assaults, Pentagon school officials said they were developing new rules and guidance for reporting and responding to such violence. Officials also said the school system had appointed additional staff to advise families on their rights and available resources, among other reforms.

Lasting toll

Like the other parents who talked to AP, the soldier is reluctant to blame the military. But he noticed the disconnect of what happened to his family in an organization known for rallying around its own.

He wonders whether assaults at Grafenwoehr Elementary could have been stopped had the school done more, sooner. He also wonders whether the boy got the kind of treatment that experts say can prevent a child from becoming a lifelong offender.

"You're supposed to be the ultimate protectors of your kids," the soldier said. "You just feel like you failed."

The family lives in Colorado, in an off-base subdivision served by a public school. Their daughter, now 10, is still in therapy, they said.

Her third-grade teacher last year reported she wasn't nice to boys, so the soldier's wife had to explain what happened at Grafenwoehr, as she did to the fourth-grade teacher this year — one of the constant reminders they face.

The parents wrestled with whether to share their case publicly. They decided that they should.

"I do want her to know later that we did everything that we possibly could to fight for her and to fight for other people," the girl's mother said. "I don't want another family to have to deal with this."

‘No one marched when I was elected’

New Zealand PM inspires others with vision of hope

By Jessica Meyers
Los Angeles Times



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New Zealand leader Jacinda Ardern says she celebrated her win by heading home and eating a “pot of noodles.”

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — New Zealanders call their seat of power the Beehive, a sparkle of Kiwi humor for a spiraling concrete building that looks exactly as it sounds.

On the ninth floor, the country’s leader greets visitors in an unassuming office with posters of women in wartime and a view of the Wellington harbor.

“I’m Jacinda,” she says, extending her hand.

The calm belies a movie-worthy first 100 days for Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, who in October, at 37, became the world’s youngest female leader.

Ardern took control after jumping into the race seven weeks before the vote. She formed a coalition government of rivals, akin to Bernie Sanders sharing power with Ted Cruz.

Then, in January, Ardern announced her pregnancy — which means this year she’ll become the only elected world leader besides the late Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto to give birth in office.

She rose to power on a platform of positivity and optimism, more in line with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau than President Donald Trump.

It’s not just her age or pregnancy that has sparked the rush of adulation known as “Jacindamania.” It’s her message. Ardern offers a vision of hope for liberal democracy in a region where those values face a resurgent threat, and America’s role is shrinking.

“It’s about us ultimately being responsive,” she said. “Seeing what change is bringing and acknowledging the needs there are and doing something about it.”

Ardern began her tenure at a precarious time for the Asia-Pacific region, and the world.

China — New Zealand’s largest trading partner — just announced it would abolish term limits, setting up President Xi Jinping to stay in power indefinitely and wield greater control.

Strongman leaders in the Philippines and Cambodia threaten to unravel fledgling democracies.

Trump has pulled the U.S. out of a climate change agreement and the massive trade deal known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

When Trump met Ardern at a summit in Vietnam in November, he noted that her surprise win caused “a lot of upset in her country.”

She chuckled and replied: “No one marched when I was elected.”

Ardern has helped craft a new version of the trade deal. She trumpets the need to combat climate change and is reinforcing the country’s commitment to reduce nuclear weapons internationally.

“We feel quite proud that she is leading us, in comparison to the rest of the world,” said Ruby Topzand, 22, a communications student at Massey University’s Wellington campus. “She’s the rebellion.”

Ardern wasn’t even supposed to be in the election — at least not this one.

Last March, she took over as deputy leader of the Labor Party. By July, its head, Andrew Little, announced his resignation amid record-low poll ratings. That left Ardern to dive in mid-race and duke out a win for Labor against the conservative, longtime incumbent National Party.

Ardern’s slogan sprang from one of her social media sign-offs: “Let’s do this.”

Neither side won enough seats for a majority government, so the decision about the country’s future came down to the anti-immigration leader of the New Zealand First party, Winston Peters.

He became deputy prime minister and foreign minister as part of the deal.

Ardern told reporters she celebrated her win by heading back to her Wellington studio apartment and eating a “pot of noodles.”

Ardern, whose partner is fishing show host Clarke Gayford, discovered she was pregnant six days before learning she would become New Zealand’s third female prime minister.

“I certainly didn’t set out to necessarily do any of these things in this order,” said Ardern, flashing one of her wide, trademark smiles. “But I’m determined that people see that the trade-offs that women have been asked to make in the past don’t have to be.”

Her new role has drawn global attention to this former British colony: a congratulatory letter from Hillary Clinton, a Vogue photo shoot, an Australian interviewer who wanted to discuss her baby’s conception.

“In one way, I’m lucky because I didn’t have a choice,” Ardern said. “We didn’t sit at home and say, ‘Who is going to quit their job?’ ”

People then started crafting tote bags and internet memes. Jacindamania had begun.

“She’s captured the imagination of a lot of women out there who might have political ambitions,” said Jennifer Curtin, a University of Auckland professor who researches women in politics.

“I wouldn’t like to say Trump and Brexit gave her a halo, but her relentless positivity was able to give her more traction.“

New Zealand, with a population under 5 million and incredible natural beauty, is often cast as a paradise at the bottom of the world. The post office conducts a national Secret Santa gift exchange. Airport signs tell travelers to relax. Even the sheep look happy.

But Ardern faces a less serene reality. Housing prices rank among the highest in the world. Homelessness is the worst among developed countries. Signs on farmhouses warn against child abuse.

Ardern named inequality and child poverty as priorities for her administration. Last month, she became the country’s first prime minister to march in a gay pride parade.

But she must also find common ground with a coalition diametrically opposed to her on many issues. As one of her first deal-making moves, Ardern outlined a plan to ban foreign home buyers.

She said it followed through on a promise to lower soaring property prices and equalize opportunity.

Ardern’s path to politics went through New York; she volunteered for a workers’ rights campaign and assisted in a soup kitchen.

She served as a researcher for former New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark and a policy adviser for former British Prime Minister Tony Blair before entering the New Zealand Parliament in 2008. She was 28.

“My passion for social justice came from what I saw,” she said in her introductory speech. “My love of politics came when I realized that it was key to changing what I saw.”

Conservatives label her allure “stardust.” Ardern, to some, is not a refreshing breath of sincerity and openness but an untested, dangerously naive social democrat driven by idealism.

She ignores them.

“It’s just for us to do our bit, regardless of what anyone else is doing,” she said, before returning to her desk and the day that awaited. “I hope all the international community finds the path to make its contribution. That doesn’t change our duty.”

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In a wolf-eat-dog world, it's a new day

As predators have their way with livestock, imported canines deployed for U.S. study

By Keith Ridler
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Federal scientists are trying to decide if it's time to let the big dogs out.

Nearly 120 dogs from three large breeds perfected over centuries in Europe and Asia to be gentle around sheep and children but vicious when confronting wolves recently underwent a study to see how they'd react to their old nemesis on a new continent.

The dogs were gathered as puppies in Portugal, Bulgaria and Turkey and sent to the American West, where they spent four years guarding sheep.

"When we were first looking at doing this, a lot of people wanted to know: What dog do I use in dealing with wolves and grizzly bears?" said Julie Young, a Utah-based research biologist with the U.S. Agriculture Department's National Wildlife Research Center.

The department looked to areas where dog breeds developed to guard sheep against wolves and brown bears. Then scientists supplied Cao de Gado Transmontanos, a large though lean and agile dog developed in a mountainous region of Portugal; Karakachans, developed by nomadic sheepherders in a mountainous area of Bulgaria; and Kangals, another powerful breed with an instinct for guarding, this one originating in Turkey.

Dogs from all three breeds can weigh up to 140 pounds, about the size of a wolf. The dogs were sent to guard 65 herds in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

Scientists are still analyzing information from notes, remote cameras and GPS collars, Young said, with four or five scientific papers expected in the next year. But overall, she said, the dogs did well keeping away wolves and better than traditional guard dogs at deterring coyotes.

One dog died during the study. It was hit by a vehicle as sheep crossed a road.

For decades, most U.S. sheep producers have used large white dogs such as Great Pyrenees, Akbash or Maremma Sheepdogs.



JULIE YOUNG/U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 2013

The Kangal is a powerful dog breed originating from Turkey. The breed was among dogs sent to guard 65 sheep herds in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

Light brown Anatolian Shepherds are also used.

But the reintroduction of wolves in the American West in the 1990s has led to questions about whether those breeds are up to the task. Since wolves returned to Idaho in 1995, the Agriculture Department's Wildlife Services says, wolves killed 50 guard dogs through the end of last year and injured nearly 40 others in the state. Federal officials in 2017 killed 56 wolves in Idaho due to attacks on livestock.

Young said the study found wolves left areas when sheep bands, dogs and herders arrived, but their absence emboldened smaller predators such as coyotes.

Not all dogs in the study succeeded. Jill Swannack, president of the Washington State Sheep Producers, is a veterinarian who also has a ranch with about 800 sheep on private land in eastern Washington state. She received three Karakachans.

"When we came home, they preferred to be home with us," she said. "They really didn't bond to the sheep."

She also said the dogs were only about 70 or 80 pounds. One went to a young family with sheep near their house, and now that dog plays with the children and has successfully guarded those sheep against coyotes.

The dogs that work best at her ranch are Anatolian Shepherds, though wolves killed one in 2014.

Wolves are a "phenomenal predator," Swannack said. "I would be happy if we didn't have them, but I'm also a realist, and we do have them. So we need the tools to deal with them and the support."

Ranchers can call the Agriculture Department's Wildlife Services to kill wolves that attack livestock. Environmentalists, though, have been working to reduce the need for that and see guard dogs as one solution.

"Most of the year, the livestock guardian dogs are an excellent deterrent," said Suzanne Stone of Defenders of Wildlife, noting the exception is in the spring when wolves are guarding dens with pups.

The imported guard dogs cost about $500 apiece, including transportation to the U.S., Young said, and nearly all were just a few months old when they arrived.

She said the Karakachans tended to be more vigilant, the Kangals inclined to investigate, and the Cao de Gado Transmontanos better at assessing threats. Ultimately, she said, sheep producers might benefit from a mix of dogs that includes some that stick near the sheep and others that patrol the perimeter.

Another part of the study involved the relationship between dogs and herders, many Peruvians, which will be one of the scientific papers.

"There's a bond there," Young said. "Just from watching them and looking at data, the ones who were better bonded, the dogs just seemed to perform better."

Skulls show migration of medieval women

By Frank Jordans
Associated Press

BERLIN — The newcomers who arrived in the little farming villages of medieval Germany would have stood out: They had dark hair and tawny skin, spoke a strange language and had remarkably tall heads.

Now scientists who investigated the unusually shaped skulls say they provide evidence that women, not just men, migrated long distances across medieval Europe.

A genetic analysis showed the women traveled from what is now Romania, Bulgaria and northern Greece at a time when the continent was being reshaped by the collapse of the Roman Empire.

In a study published by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, researchers say the women's elongated heads — a result of binding done after birth — suggest they might have been high-class individuals.

"These women looked extremely different to the local women, very exotic if you will," said one of the researchers, Joachim Burger, a population geneticist at the University of Mainz, Germany.

With colleagues from Europe and the United States, Burger compared the genetic profile of almost 40 human remains unearthed from 5th and 6th century burial sites in Bavaria, along the Isar and Danube rivers.

They expected to find the telltale signs of centuries of Roman presence in the area — soldiers from the Mediterranean leaving their genetic mark on the local population. Instead, it looked "very central or northern European — blond and fair-skinned, like modern-day Scandinavians," Burger said.

The exception was a group with deformed skulls. Known from various cultures across the world, artificially elongated skulls may have been considered a form of beauty or denoted high status, said Burger.

While the practice is often associated with the Huns who swept into Europe from the East during the 5th century, the genetic makeup of the women found in Bavaria showed little Asian ancestry, suggesting that either head binding had been adopted by people living in Southeastern Europe or emerged there independently.

"This is a sound study with quite interesting results," said Jean-Jacques Hublin of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany. He had no role in the research.



AP

Skulls unearthed from early medieval sites show deformed, left, and non-deformed examples.

"Usually large-distance movements involve more males — explorers, soldiers, political elite, etc. — and short range movements are more common for females (spouses moving to their husband's family)," Hublin said via email.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Lawmakers quibble over details of $1.3 trillion U.S. spending bill

WASHINGTON — Top-level congressional talks on a $1.3 trillion catchall spending bill are reaching a critical stage as negotiators confront immigration, abortion-related issues and a battle over an $11 billion rail project that pits President Donald Trump against Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

The bill is loaded with political and policy victories for both sides. Republicans and Trump are winning a budget increase for the Pentagon while Democrats obtain funding for infrastructure, the opioid crisis and a wide swath of domestic programs.

The bill would implement last month's budget agreement, providing 10 percent increases for the Pentagon and domestic agencies. Coupled with last year's tax cut measure, it heralds the return of trillion-dollar deficits as soon as the budget year starts in October.

Advancing Syrian troops pile pressure on rebels in Ghouta

BEIRUT — Syrian troops captured a major rebel stronghold east of the capital Damascus Saturday and took large parts of another, squeezing insurgents and forcing thousands to flee to regions controlled by the government.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and Oways al-Shami of the Syrian Civil Defense said troops have taken Kafr Batna and parts of nearby Saqba.

The capture of Kafr Batna and parts of nearby Saqba is another blow to opposition fighters who have lost more than 70 percent of the area known as eastern Ghouta since President Bashar Assad's forces began a crushing offensive under the cover of airstrikes Feb. 18. The violence has left nearly 1,400 people dead and more than 5,000 wounded.

Sweden and North Korea end 3 days of talks on security issues

STOCKHOLM — Sweden's foreign minister concluded three days of talks Saturday with her North Korean counterpart, saying they discussed the "opportunities and challenges for continued diplomatic efforts to reach a peaceful solution" to the Koreas' security dispute.

Minister Margot Wallstrom stopped short of saying whether North Korean Ri Yong Ho's trip to Sweden had led to any further developments concerning a possible meeting between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

"The main focus for the talks was the security situation on the Korean Peninsula," Wallstrom said. The pair met Saturday at the Foreign Ministry in Stockholm as scores of reporters waited outside in sub-zero temperatures.



CHARLES MCQUILLAN/GETTY

A wee bit Irish: A spectator shows off her hat Saturday at the annual Saint Patrick's Day parade in Dublin. "Game of Thrones" actor Liam Cunningham was the grand marshal of Saturday's Irish parade, which was attended by Irish President Michael Higgins.

NHTSA investigates 4 deaths after car air bags fail to inflate

DETROIT — Air bags in some Hyundai and Kia cars failed to inflate in crashes and four people are dead. Now the U.S. government's road safety agency wants to know why.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it is investigating problems that affect an estimated 425,000 cars made by the Korean automakers. The agency also is looking into whether the same problem could happen in vehicles made by other companies.

In documents posted on its website Saturday, the safety agency said the probe covers 2011 Hyundai Sonata midsize cars and 2012 and 2013 Kia Forte compacts. The agency said it has reports of six front-end crashes with significant damage to the cars. Four people died and six were injured.

The problem has been traced to electrical shorts in air bag control computers made by parts supplier ZF-TRW.

The NHTSA wants to know if other automakers used the same computer.

On Feb. 27, Hyundai recalled nearly 155,000 Sonatas due to air bag failures, which the company has traced to a short circuit in the air bag control computers. Hyundai's sister automaker Kia, which sells similar vehicles, has yet to issue a recall. No deaths or injuries were disclosed in Hyundai's recall documents, which were posted by NHTSA in early March.

Hyundai spokesman Jim Trainor said the problem occurred in head-on collisions offset from the center of the vehicles. "It's very unusual to have that kind of collision," he said.

Dealers will consider offering loaner cars to owners until the problem can be repaired, he said.

U.K. probes Facebook after data firm suspended

LONDON — British Information Commissioner Elizabeth Denham is investigating whether Facebook data were "illegally acquired and used," after the social network suspended Cambridge Analytica, a firm that worked for President Donald Trump's 2016 campaign.

Facebook suspended the company over allegations it retained improperly obtained user data after claiming it had deleted the information.

The British probe is part of a broader inquiry into how political parties, data companies and social media platforms use personal information to target voters during political campaigns, including Britain's 2016 Brexit referendum.

Denham said it's important "the public (is) fully aware of how information is used and shared in modern political campaigns and the potential impact on their privacy."

16 migrants die as boat sinks, officials in Greece say

ATHENS, Greece — A smuggling boat sank Saturday off a Greek island, killing 16 migrants including children, and a search and rescue operation was underway to find two others believed missing.

The wooden boat was believed to have been carrying around 21 people when it sank for off the coast of the eastern Aegean island of Agathonisi, the Greek coast guard said. Three people — two women and one man —managed to swim to the island and alert authorities.

Despite a two-year deal between the European Union and Turkey designed to stop migrants from pouring into Europe from the Turkish coast to nearby Greek islands, dozens and sometimes hundreds of people make the journey each week. Most cross in rickety inflatable boats or other unseaworthy vessels.

No more guns: Superstore company Fred Meyer, a subsidiary of Ohio-based Kroger Co., will stop selling guns and ammunition. The Oregon-based chain said it made the decision after evaluating customer preferences. The company sells guns at nearly 45 of its more than 130 stores in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Credit card scandal: Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, president of the Indian Ocean nation of Mauritius — and Africa's only female head of state — resigned amid a $27,000 credit-card scandal. Gurib-Fakim, 58, submitted her resignation in the "national interest," her lawyer said. The resignation takes effect Friday.

OBITUARIES

BETTY JEFFREYS 1922-2018

Photographer founded own business in 1940s

By Graydon Megan
Chicago Tribune

Betty Stuart Rodgers Jeffreys founded her Evanston photography business, Stuart-Rodgers Photography, in 1945, at a time when film was hard to get because of wartime rationing and she got no encouragement as a female entrepreneur.

A local film sales representative declined to sell to her, suggesting she go home and start a family instead, according to her son Scott Rodgers, who has run the family business since the mid-1990s.

Jeffreys, at the time a recent graduate of what was the Medill School of Journalism, persisted, and initially kept busy by taking candid photos of classmates whose parents were eager for photos of their children at school.

"She started making lots of money doing that," Rodgers said. "Then people started asking her to do weddings."



STUART-RODGERS PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographer Betty Stuart Rodgers Jeffreys liked to interact with her subjects.

It was the beginning of her unique style of engaging the people she was photographing. She never shifted to a through-the-lens viewfinder, her son said. For her, photography was about interacting with people, talking to them and capturing the moment when it was right.

Jeffreys, 95, died of heart failure Feb. 23 in Glenbrook Hospital in Glenview, her son said. She was living at her home in Glenview until going into the hospital.

She was born Elizabeth Stuart in Indianapolis, moving with her parents to the Chicago area when she was 7 years old and settling in Evanston when she was 12. She went on to Medill after graduation from Evanston Township High School.

"She did talk about starting with little Brownie cameras as a little girl," her son said, "but Medill was where she really learned to love photography."

Jeffreys graduated from Medill with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1944. One of her photography teachers hired her back as an assistant, a break she spoke of in a book about the school, "Inventing Medill: A History of the Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, 1921-1996," by Alice W. Snyder. She said the job let her attend the class without paying the $25 fee and also gave her access to the school's cameras and equipment.

Jeffreys started her business in 1945 under the name Betty Stuart Studio. She married John Boyd Rodgers in 1946. He joined her in the business, which was renamed Stuart-Rodgers Studio in 1947. The business, still headquartered in Evanston, is now Stuart-Rodgers Photography.

Starting out, Jeffrey used a 4x5 Speed Graphic camera, lugging a case with wooden frames to hold the photo paper and flashbulbs to light her subjects.

Wartime efforts to conserve the silver used in photo papers meant supplies were rationed. Beyond that, the local film sales representative wouldn't sell to a woman-owned business. The owners of another Evanston business, the since-closed Hoos Drugs, helped her by joining with other area drugstores to increase their photo supply orders slightly, enough to get her some paper.

But her son said she was still limited to 30 to 40 frames of film, a minuscule number compared with the thousands of photos taken at many weddings today.

The bulky equipment made it difficult to get truly candid photos of weddings and similar events, so Jeffreys would guide her subjects to ignore the camera as she set up shots to capture the intimate details of the events she was covering.

In those days, the camera was held at waist level and focused on the basis of the photographer's estimate of distance from the subject and judgment about available light. For Jeffreys, that meant she was free to interact with her subjects, talking face to face with them instead of being removed from the action with a camera blocking her face.

She never abandoned that approach. "She never used cameras you held in front of your face for her work with clients," her son said. "She knew intuitively what was in her frame."

Scott Rodgers said his mother had photographed dozens of well-known people from presidents to movie stars. In the late 1960s, she ran the Stuart-Rodgers School of Photography in Evanston and hosted seminars by top photographers, including Ansel Adams.

She was not averse to technology, as her company was the first in the Midwest developing color film in its own lab. From the early 1960s to the mid-1970s, she and her husband were photography instructors at Medill. She and Rodgers divorced in the mid-1980s.

In 1994, she retired from active involvement in the business, which has helped generations of families celebrate and remember significant people and events.

A second husband, Lyman Jeffreys, who she married in the mid-1990s, died in 2016.

Survivors include her daughters, Holly Jordan and Betsy Smith; another son, Chip; and twelve grandchildren.

Services were held.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

DEATHS IN THE NEWS



AP

Fashion designer Hubert de Givenchy poses with props in his Paris shop in 1952. His fashions shaped haute couture.

Anthony Acevedo, 93, Army medic in World War II who was captured and sent to various German prison and labor camps while being mislabeled as Jewish and who after the war had to sign an affidavit pledging not to discuss what he witnessed — meant to be a short-term security measure. In 2008 he spoke publicly of his wartime experiences for the first time to CNN and in 2010 was recognized by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum as the first non-Jewish Mexican-American Holocaust survivor; Feb. 11, in Loma Linda, Calif.

Joaquin Avila, 69, civil rights and voter law attorney who fought discrimination as a leader of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and was awarded a MacArthur Foundation "genius grant" (1996); March 9, in Seattle, of cancer.

T. Berry Brazelton, 99, pediatrician whose best-selling guides to child rearing assured parents that they need not seek perfection and that the answers to many of their questions lay before them in their children's behavior, in books such as "Infants and Mothers" (1969), in his hit "Touchpoints" book series, in commentaries in magazines,and on the Emmy Award-winning TV show "What Every Baby Knows," and who received a Presidential Citizens Medal (2013); March 13, in Barnstable, Mass.

Floyd Carter Sr., 95, Tuskegee Airman who was awarded a Congressional Gold Medal (2007) and spent 27 years with the New York Police Department; March 8.

Nokie Edwards, 82, founding member of the Ventures, a band that helped create rollicking, infectious and influential hits in the 1960s, and was inducted in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (2008); March 12, in Yuma, Ariz., after complications from hip surgery.



SANTI VISALLI/GETTY 1979

Stephen Hawking in 2001 published "The Universe in a Nutshell," which included concepts like supergravity.

Ken Flach, 54, tennis player who won four Grand Slam titles in men's doubles and two in mixed doubles and formed with Robert Seguso one of the world's top teams in the 1980s as well as winning a gold medal for the U.S. in 1988; March 12, in California, after a brief illness.

Ronnie Franklin, 58, jockey who rode Spectacular Bid to victory in the 1979 Kentucky Derby and Preakness before their Triple Crown try was derailed in the Belmont; March 8, in Baltimore, of lung cancer.

Chris Gedney, 47, All-America tight end at Syracuse University who played seven seasons in the NFL for the Chicago Bears and Arizona Cardinals, was named to Syracuse's All-Century football team in 2002 and became Syracuse's senior associate athletic director in 2011; March 9.

Hubert de Givenchy, 91, French designer whose fashions influenced haute couture in the 1950s and '60s and transformed his friend Audrey Hepburn into a style legend and who in his later years led the restoration of Louis XIV's vegetable gardens at Versailles, served as president of Christie's France and received the Council of Fashion Designers award for lifetime achievement (1996); March 10.



Carter



Mack

Oskar Groening, 96, former German SS guard known as the "Bookkeeper of Auschwitz," convicted in 2015 of being an accessory to the murder of 300,000 Hungarian Jews at the Nazi death camp during World War II and who at trial said: "Because of my job in Auschwitz, I am without question morally complicit in the killing of millions of people, most of whom were Jews. I ask them for forgiveness. Whether I am legally guilty is a matter this court must decide"; March 9, before he could serve a four-year prison sentence.

Stephen Hawking, 76, British theoretic physicist who wrote so lucidly of the mysteries of space, time and black holes that his book "A Brief History of Time" became an international best-seller and made him one of science's biggest celebrities; taught at Cambridge University for decades; was inducted into the Royal Society (1974), received the Albert Einstein Award (1978) and was made a Companion of Honor by Queen Elizabeth II (1989); received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama (2012); defied medical expectations by living for more than 50 years with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS); and whose life inspired movies including "The Theory of Everything" (2014); March 14, in Cambridge, England.

Don Hoos, 81, pharmacist who started in his family's popular Evanston drugstore, Hoos Drugs (which closed in 1994) near Northwestern University but made a life out of music, especially bluegrass, by listening to it, recording it and sharing his enthusiasm for it; Feb. 25, in Skokie.

Craig Mack, 47, former rapper best known for the platinum and Grammy-nominated 1994 hit "Flava in Ya Ear" on the "Project: Funk da World" album, who released a second album in 1997 before leaving the music industry and devoting his life to religion; March 12, in Walterboro, S.C.

Richard Weinstein, 85, architect who studied under Louis Kahn and Robert Venturi, worked for architects I.M. Pei and Edward Larrabee Barnes and spent a year at the American Academy in Rome as a winner of the Rome Prize, advised New York City Mayor John Lindsay on urban design and became dean of the Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning at UCLA; Feb. 24, in Santa Monica, Calif.

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ON MARCH 18 ...

In 1766 Britain repealed the Stamp Act.

In 1837 Grover Cleveland, who was America's 22nd and 24th president, was born in Caldwell, N.J.

In 1858 engine inventor Rudolf Diesel was born in Paris.

In 1909 Einar Dessau of Denmark used a short-wave transmitter to converse with a government radio post about 6 miles away in what is believed to have been the first broadcast by a ham radio operator.

In 1922 Mohandas Gandhi was sentenced in India to 6 years' imprisonment for civil disobedience. (He was released after 2 years.)

In 1931 Schick Inc. marketed the first electric razor.

In 1940 Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met at the Brenner Pass, where the Italian dictator agreed to join Germany's war against France and Britain.

In 1959 President Dwight Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill.

In 1965 the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov left his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.

In 1974 most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their embargo against the United States.

In 1995 Michael Jordan, in a two-word news release saying simply, "I'm back," announces his return to the Chicago Bulls after an 893-day retirement.

In 1998 the Kosovar Albanian delegation signed a U.S.-sponsored peace accord following talks in Paris; the Clinton administration warned NATO would act against Serb targets if Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic rejected the agreement.

In 2002 a jury in Corpus Christi, Texas, cleared Bayer Corp. of liability in a $560 million lawsuit that accused the pharmaceutical giant of ignoring research linking the cholesterol-lowering drug Baycol to dozens of deaths. **Also in 2002,** in Salt Lake City, Brian Mitchell and Wanda Barzee were charged with aggravated kidnapping, sexual assault and burglary in the abduction of Elizabeth Smart, who was found with them six days earlier.

In 2005 doctors in Florida, acting on orders of a state judge, removed Terri Schiavo's feeding tube. (Despite the efforts of congressional Republicans to intervene and repeated court appeals by Schiavo's parents, the brain-damaged woman died March 31, 2005, at age 41.)

In 2008 Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama confronted America's racial divide head-on with a speech in Philadelphia in which he urged the nation to break "a racial stalemate we've been stuck in for years."

In 2014 President Barack Obama awarded 24 Army veterans the Medal of Honor at a White House ceremony. Only three, all from the Vietnam War, were still alive. (The recipients were originally passed over because of discrimination.)

In 2016 the boat of two Florida boys who went missing at sea in July 2015 was found about 100 miles off the coast of Bermuda by a Norwegian ship; there was no indication of what happened to the missing 14-year-olds.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
March 17
Powerball ..... **22 57 59 60 66 / 07**
Powerball jackpot: $455M
Lotto ..... **07 12 21 27 36 37 / 23**
Lotto jackpot: $7.75M
Pick 3 midday ..... **512 / 3**
Pick 4 midday ..... **5411 / 0**
Lucky Day Lotto midday **04 14 30 34 35**
Pick 3 evening ..... **963 / 2**
Pick 4 evening ..... **0532 / 7**
Lucky Day Lotto evening **02 22 25 27 34**
March 16
Mega Millions ..... **01 13 26 33 52 / 11**
Mega Millions jackpot: $345M
Pick 3 midday ..... **025 / 8**
Pick 4 midday ..... **5186 / 6**
Lucky Day Lotto midday **01 21 24 29 31**
Pick 3 evening ..... **053 / 1**
Pick 4 evening ..... **2612 / 9**
Lucky Day Lotto evening **02 19 38 42 43**

March 20 Mega Millions: $377M

INDIANA
March 17
Lotto **05 10 14 18 39 44**
Daily 3 midday ..... **053 / 9**
Daily 4 midday ..... **2609 / 9**
Daily 3 evening ..... **628 / 4**
Daily 4 evening ..... **3125 / 4**
Cash 5 ..... **12 14 32 39 45**

MICHIGAN
March 17
Lotto **01 14 27 32 39 40**
Daily 3 midday **907**
Daily 4 midday **3877**
Daily 3 evening **246**
Daily 4 evening **0087**
Fantasy 5 ..... **06 10 19 20 24**
Keno **02 08 10 14 17 18 22 23 25 27 32 44 45 49 52 64 65 66 69 71 73 77**

WISCONSIN
March 17
Megabucks **13 18 25 32 40 46**
Pick 3 ..... **218**
Pick 4 ..... **3626**
Badger 5 ..... **01 03 11 24 26**
SuperCash **11 20 25 31 34 37**

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Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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Death Notices

Achepohl, Keith Anden

Keith Anden Achepohl, 83, of Eugene, Oregon, passed quietly in his home surrounded by his family on February 24, 2018.

He was born April 11, 1934 in Chicago, Illinois, raised his family in Iowa, and lived a rich life as an educator, mentor, artist, traveler and collector.

Preceded in death by his wife Patricia, brothers Grant and Allen. He is survived by his brother Gary (Hilde), daughter Hanna, twin sons Adam (Cindy) and Jared (Jennifer), and life partner Jeffrey.

There will be a public reception Sunday, April 22, 2018 between 1 pm and 4 pm at Lensing Funeral Home, 210 Holiday Rd, Coralville, IA, to allow friends, family and all others to celebrate the life, creativity and legacy of Keith. In addition there is a reception Sunday, March 18, 2018 between 1:30 pm and 4:30 pm at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Eugene, OR.

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Alaia, Salvatore

Salvatore Alaia, 84, passed away on March 15, 2018. Sal was a Minister of Care for St. Alexis Church of Bensenville for many years. He was the beloved husband of Mary Lou for 58 years. Loving father of Sue (Jeff) Skender, Chris (Marisol) Alaia and Rose (Jaime) Abaroa; cherished grandfather of Jenny and Emily Abaroa, the late Nicky, Noah and Hanna Alaia; dear brother of Peter Stocco, the late Josephine Lasalle and the late Robert Alaia. Visitation Monday, March 19, 2018 from 3-9pm at Grove Memorial Chapel, 1199 S. Arlington Hts. Rd. Elk Grove Village. Chapel prayers Tuesday, March 20 at 9:15am followed by a 10am Mass at St. Alexis Catholic Church, 400 W. Wood St, Bensenville. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery - Palatine. In lieu of flowers donations to Catholic Charities would be appreciated. Sal will be forever missed. Info 847-640-0566 or grovememorialchapel.com

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Antepenko, Margaret



Margaret Antepenko, nee Hammatt, age 77 of Brookfield. Kind and loving mother of Mark (Jacqueline) Antepenko and Rodney (Wendy) Antepenko; dear grandmother of Brody & Ethan and Todd & Jason Antepenko; sister of the late Dr. Robert W. Hammatt. Margaret was a Science Teacher at Jefferson Junior High and later Jackson Junior High, School District 45, Villa Park. Margaret will be greatly missed. Her compassion and kindness was greatly appreciated by her family, loved ones and students. Private burial at Chapel Hill, Gardens West Cemetery. Memorials appreciated to the Alzheimer's Association, 8430 West Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631. **Hitzeman Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 9445 W. 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com

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Bastian, Phyllis R.

Phyllis R. Bastian (nee Finland) age 92, passed away on March 14, 2018 at Resurrection Medical Center, Chicago. Married 54 years to the late Arthur C. Bastian, they lived in Peoria and South Bend. She is survived by first cousin Maureen Sadowski, children Mary (Ted) Marszalek, Carol (Steve) Barry, John (Nancy) Bastian, grandchildren Amanda (Ted) Appleton, Anastasia (Tricia Lemelle) Fort, Elizabeth, Audrey, and Clifford Bastian, great-grandchildren Isabella and Johanna Appleton. Born at St. Francis Medical Center, Evanston, Phillis graduated from St. Mary Grade School and St. Patrick High School in Des Plaines. She studied at Mundelein College for two years, and was a bookkeeper. Phyllis enjoyed sewing and bridge.

The family request memorial contributions to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60654 or www.catholiccharities.net/donate. Visitation on Monday, March 19, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until time of mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 794 Pearson Street, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016. Entombment will be at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016. Funeral care by **G.L. Hills Funeral Home**. For info please call (847) 699-9003 or glhillsfuneralhome.com.

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Boetticher, William H.

William H. Boetticher, age 89, late of Orland Park. Born October 16, 1928 at rest March 14, 2018. Loving husband of the late Roberta E. Boetticher nee Anderson. Caring father of Mark Boetticher, Ellen L. Boetticher-Scanlon and Elizabeth A. Boetticher-Angel. Proud grandfather of Rebecca E. Scanlon and Jessica N. Scanlon. Dear uncle of Karen Greene nee Boetticher

Wendy Colby nee Boetticher Gail Stokes nee Boetticher and Leslie Boetticher.

Kind companion of Jane Murray. Visitation Wednesday March 21, 2018, 3:00-9:00 PM at the **Vandenberg Funeral Home** 17248 Harlem Avenue Tinley Park, IL. 60477. Funeral Thursday March 22, 2018, 11:00 AM at the Funeral Home. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society. For information on services, 708-532-1635 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com

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Brija, Richard R

Richard R Brija, 88, beloved husband of the late Julie (nee Costabile), late of Lemont, formerly of Dolton and Las Vegas, passed away peacefully March 13, 2018. Loving dad to Denise (Mike) Williams, Bob (Mary Gennett), Cynthy (Tom Monteith), and Lisa-Marie. Adoring Papa to 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. Rich is also survived by his brother, Jerome (Marie) as well as many loved nieces and nephews. He was also met in heaven by his brother, Louis, his sister, Loretta, and his grandson, Jason Weaver. Rich attended Lewis College, playing on the baseball, basketball and football teams, and moved on to a long career in finance. A celebration of Rich's life is planned for Saturday, March 31, 2pm, at Christ Lutheran Church, 60 W 55th St, Clarendon Hills, IL

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Burgert, Elaine P.



Elaine P. Burgert nee Petersen, passed peacefully on March 12, 2018. Elaine was the beloved wife of the late Raymond "Jim"; loving mother of Patricia (Robert) Romero and Russell (Kym) Burgert; devoted daughter of the late Emma and Henry Petersen, and daughter-in-law of the late Vera and Raymond Burgert; dear sister of Henrietta (the late Ray) Drager, the late LaVerne (the late John) Malarz and the late Delores (the late Frank) Randazzo; loving grandmother of Beth, Russell Jr., Rachel, Kiara and Shannon; fond sister-in-law, aunt, cousin and friend of many. Married for 55 years, Elaine worked as a legal secretary prior to becoming a full-time mom. An accomplished pianist, Elaine taught piano to family and neighbors, and often played at church. The love of Christ guided her life, teaching Sunday school at Wilmette Lutheran for 23 years. She had a passion for flowers and birds, a beautiful spirit and sense of humor, and deeply treasured time spent with her family and dear friends. Visitation will be Friday, March 23, 4-8 PM at **Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home**, 1100 Greenleaf Avenue, Wilmette, where service will be held on Saturday, March 24, at 11 AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Info: 847-251-8200.

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Cain, James Byron



James Byron Cain, 81, born in Wilmette Illinois, passed away Friday, March 2, 2018, of complications from heart disease and cancer.

Jim was married to Suzanne Bruns Cain in 1957 at Saints Faith Hope and Charity.

Jim was the father of three children: James Byron Cain of Traverse City, Michigan, Cyndy Cain Salgado of Chicago Illinois, and Kevin Patrick Cain (deceased). Jim was brother to John (Jack) H Cain, Patricia (Patti) Cain Penn, and Mary Cain Gurry (deceased).

Jim was uncle to many nieces and nephews.

He attended Loras College and proudly served in the U.S. Marines.

He was President of Uptown Federal Savings and Loan for many years and later moved to Florida where he and his wife Susie developed Indian Trails, Vero Beach.

Jim was a talented pianist who loved to travel and spend time with family and friends. Those who knew him well will remember his unique and contagious laugh, his fun sense of humor and adventure, and his "glass is half full" resilient spirit.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held Sunday April 8th; with a special prayer and remembrances beginning at 1pm, and a light reception from 2pm - 4pm. Sunset Ridge Country Club, 2100 Sunset Ridge Road, Northfield, Il.

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Callahan, Daniel J.

Daniel J. Callahan, age 81 of Forest Park. U.S. Army Veteran. Loving brother of Mary (Robert) Fabrie, BettO'Connor, Colleen Mullvihill, Michael Callahan and the late William Callahan and fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Private cremation services have been held. Funeral arrangements handled by **Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home**. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.KuratkoNosek.com. Info: (708) 447-2500

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Cozzi, Paul A.

Paul A. Cozzi age 95 of Oak Park and Ascension Parish died March 14, 2018 surrounded by his family. Paul was an accountant who owned Trade Recorders Bookkeeping Company in Chicago and Forest park. Precede in death by his wife, Eileen, Paul was a loving father to Paula (Ed Goedert), Bob (Kate), Peg, Barbara (Dennis Hudson), Liz (Peter Tarcha), Phil (Darlene), Nancy (Lou Freda), and Larry. Loving grandfather and great grandfather to many. Visitation 3-8 p.m. Sunday March 18th at BELMONT FUNERAL HOME / GAMBONEY & SON FUNERAL DIRECTORS 7120 W. Belmont Ave, Chicago. Family and friends are asked to meet Monday 9:30 a.m. for Mass of Christian Burial at Ascension Church 808 S. East Avenue, Oak Park. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Info: 773.286.2500 or www.belmontfuneralhome.com

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De Santo, Agnes

Agnes De Santo, 88, of Edison Park. Beloved daughter of the late Emilia and Antonio De Santo. Dear sister of the late Mario De Santo and Mary De Santo. Fond sister-in-law of Norma De Santo. Proud aunt of Carla De Santo, Elizabeth (Tim Robinson) De Santo, David (Linda) De Santo, Laura (Steven) Wagner and Michael De Santo. Great aunt of Patricia Sullivan, Nicholas and Julianna Robinson, and Maximilian Wagner. Retired employee of Sunbeam Corp., Bantam Books, Seren Machine & Kropp Forge. Visitation Monday, March 19, 2018 from 3-9 PM at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, IL. Funeral Tuesday, March 20. 9:30 AM prayers at the funeral home to St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 10 AM. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 appreciated. For further information 877-631-1240 or www.suerth.com

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Denwood, James B. 'Jim'

James B. "Jim" Denwood, age 90, U.S. Army Air Force veteran 1947-1948, a resident of Plainfield, IL since 2003, formerly of Cicero, IL, passed away on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, IL. He was born on December 23, 1927 in Chicago. Arrangements by **Overman-Jones Funeral Home Cremation Services, Plainfield, IL**. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.overman-jones.com or call (815) 436-9221.

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Deutsch, Danna K.

Danna K. Deutsch, passed away peacefully on March 15, 2018 surrounded by her family and friends. Danna is survived by her loving parents Kay Randall Mattox of Minneapolis, MN and Jules (Elizabeth) LaBrie of Lake City, FL. Dearest sister of Julie LaBrie of Houston, TX, Nicole (Michael MD) Covert of Lake City, FL, Danielle (Pat Snell) Radcliffe of High Springs, FL and Louis (Kim) LaBrie of Blackburn, England. Cherished aunt of Sydney Burgoyne, Skyler Covert, Josh Radcliffe, Maddy, Grace and Dylan LaBrie. Loving niece, cousin and friend of many. The family would like to extend a special thank you to her devoted friends Lisa Krinninger, Frank Palmer, and Trisha Joule.

Danna was born in Minneapolis, MN and has left her legacy in many cities. Danna was passionate about everything she did. Danna was a firefighter for Village Fire Department in Houston, TX from 2001-2004. She was also a volunteer firefighter for the Houston Fire Department and competed in Masters powerlifting. Danna had a huge passion for animals. She was the founder of Ralphie's Place Animal Rescue, she was an Animal Control Officer at Chicago Animal Care and Control and she served as the Animal Warden in the City of North Chicago Animal Control from 2014 until she passed. Danna volunteered with countless organizations for the well being of animals and went on rescue missions for both Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Harvey areas with a group called "Operations Bring Animals Home." She spent 5 months on the ground at Hurricane Katrina; disaster response was her passion. A celebration of life service will be held Tuesday, March 20, 2018 from 5pm to prayer service at 6:30pm at the Chapel-Grayslake 25270 IL-60 Grayslake, IL. In lieu of flowers donations for the animals of North Chicago Animal Control can be sent via paypal DanaKaysDogs@gmail.com Info: 773-936-4057

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Dispensa, Nicholas



Nicholas Dispensa, age 80; beloved husband of Sandra nee Sennebogen; loving father of Mary Fox, Jane Kopecky and Linda (Steve) Hill; father-in-law of Matt Kopecky; cherished grandfather of Robin (William) Yzaguirre, Laura (Ian) Dimayuga and Audrey (fiancé Read Thomas) Kopecky; dear great-grandfather of Cecilia and Hermione Yzaguirre; fond brother of Louise, Mary and the late John Jr. Lying in State Monday from 10:30 A.M. until time of Mass at 11:30 A.M. at St. Francis of Assisi Chapel at Franciscan Village, 1270 Village Dr, Lemont. Please no flowers. Arrangements entrusted to **Modell Funeral Home**: (630) 852-3595 or www.modell-darien.com.

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Dockery, Lola

Dockery, Lola Marie (nee Koerting) Born 1926 in Chicago to the late Hans and Emma Koerting, passed away March 11, 2018 at 91 years in Chicago. Devoted wife of late Lawrence Dockery for 49 years. Mother to Robert Dockery (late Brigitte), Donna Dockery (Roger Johnson) and step-mother to late Larry Dockery. Grandmother to Susanne (Ronald) Cameron, Michael (Wen-Chi) Dockery and Emily Dockery. Preceded in death by her brother Hans Koerting. She was a hard worker for many years at Oak Mfg. and Mercoid Corp. in Chicago. She had a great smile and laugh and always put herself in the other's shoes. She loved dancing and all types of music from Hank Williams to Madonna. Also a big fan of British dramas and police crime shows. She will be missed by her family and all who knew her. Private services have been held.

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Drizd, Hazel A.

Hazel A. Drizd nee Badgley 94 of Lincolnshire, beloved wife of the late Edward Drizd; loving mother of Alan (Sandy) Drizd, dear grandmother of Shannon (Joseph) Inserra and Dale (Logan) Drizd and great-grandmother of 5; fond sister of James Badgley and the late Robert and George Badgley. Visitation Tue., from 10 am until time of Funeral Mass 11 am at St. Mary Parish, 10 N. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove. Interment St. Mary Parish Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions to St. Mary Parish appreciated. Funeral Information and condolences www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Dyson, Barbara Beug

Barbara Anne Beug Dyson of Kenilworth, IL, passed away on March 11, 2018. She was born on April 16, 1952, to Lucille and Theodore Beug in Western Springs, IL. In 1974, she married Peter Dyson. She is survived by her brothers James, Thomas, and John, her sister Virginia, and her four children, Karen, Lisa, Brian, and John. Services will be held in April. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the NorthShore Brain Tumor Fund, BrainUp, or your favorite charity. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.

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Ehlman, Diane Greer

Diane Greer Ehlman nee Schubert of Mt. Prospect. Born into eternal life on March 7, 2018. Beloved wife of Paul Ehlman for 53 years; loving mother of Lesley D'Ann (Daniel) Brewster, Todd Jay (Gina) Ehlman, Brett Drew Ehlman and Paige Lindsay Ehlman; cherished grandmother of Madison, Jack, Lane, Peri, Dean and Evan; dear sister of Joy (the late John) Armbrust; fond aunt of Alan Armbrust and Lynley (Thomas) Kleiner. Diane was the daughter of Chicago Fire Department Division Marshal Arthur Schubert and Susan Schubert nee Pinnello. She was a graduate of Queen of Angels School, Immaculata High School and Mundelein College, and taught at St. Alphonsus School, all in Chicago. She loved Italian cooking, fashion, interior design, rescue dogs, baby name books, the Cubs, telling stories and laughter. She loved being a mom, a grandmother and a Catholic. Visitation Friday, March 23, 2018, 10:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:30 a.m. at St. Raymond de Penafort Church, Elmhurst Rd., (Rt. 83) & Lincoln St., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Rev. Robert J. Loftus Endowment and Scholarship Fund, c/o St. Raymond de Penafort Church, 301 S. I-Oka Ave., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com.

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Einfalt, Eugenie

Eugenie Einfalt nee Kinast, Beloved wife of the late Joseph, loving mother of Melinda Einfalt, and Michael (Shari) Einfalt; dearest "Oma" of Derek and Blaire Einfalt; fond sister of the late Edwin (the late Erika) Kinast, Lydia (the late Otto) Drews, Ella (the late Adolf) Mueller, the late Gustav (Irena) Kinast, and Erna Strak; loving "Tante" to many. Visitation Thursday 4:00pm until 9:00pm at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles. Funeral Friday 11:30AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society appreciated. Funeral info 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Enger, Katherine 'Kay'

Katherine Enger, 103, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at Alden Des Plaines surrounded by family. She enjoyed frequent visits from her family that included sharing a bag of popcorn and a bowl of ice cream. Katherine is preceded in death by husband Robert A. Enger, and son Bob (Casey). She is survived by her devoted son, Ron and daughter in law Sophie. Her grandchildren, Bob, Tracy Cecola, Natalie (Rob) Cotner and Leah. Great grandchildren, Toby, Rachel, Tyla, Jack, Anthony, Kaitlyn, Payton and Laina.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Alden Des Plaines and Hospice.

A private memorial will be held this summer.

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Farmilant, Edward



Edward Farmilant born in Chicago, IL on November 3, 1931, died peacefully in his home in Tucson, AZ on February 15, 2018.

Celebration of Life in Tucson, AZ on Sat., March 24 at 2:00 pm at the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, 2175 N. Sixth Ave.

Celebration of LIfe in Oak Park, IL on Sat., March 31 at 12:00 pm at Unity of Oak Park, 405 N. Euclid Ave.

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Frodin, Anita

Anita Marie Frodin (Flynn) 84, peacefully passed away on Wednesday March 14th at home with her family. She was proceeded in death by her loving husband Richard V. Frodin. Adored mother of Blake P (Sally) Frodin and the late Richard V. Frodin, Jr. Proud "Grams" of Erin M, Reed R. and Maggie M. Frodin. Fond sister of Gwen (the late Donald) Torchin. She was also preceded in death by her parents Paul and Helen Flynn, and brothers Paul and Errol Flynn. Anita had a full life with her family and enjoyed traveling the world. Services for Anita are private.

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Gannon, Alfred P.

Age 81, U.S. Army Veteran. Beloved husband of Jacquelyn (nee Stutts). Devoted father of Catherine, Alfred (Rosa), Phyllis (Michael Small), Thomas (Kathleen), and Patrick Gannon. Proud grandfather of Sophia, Brian, Dana (Brad), Ryan, Kelly, and Ray. Loving great-grandfather of Mason and Avery. Cherished brother of Mary, Bernadette, Leo, and the late James, Thomas and John. Dear uncle and cousin of many. Proud member of IBEW Local #9. Visitation Monday 3-9 p.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Family and friends to gather Tuesday at St. Cajetan Church, 2445 W. 112th Street, Chicago, IL for Mass of the Resurrection 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Good Shepherd Manor, 4129 IL-1, Grant Park, IL 60940 would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Glazer, Helen

Helen Glazer, nee Karp, beloved wife of the late Theodore; loving mother of Fern (Mitchell) King and Barry (Nancy) Glazer; cherished Bubie of Joel (Staci), Scott (Sara) and Alec King and Dana, Samantha and Tracy Glazer; adored great Bubie of Grayson, Eleanor and Chase; dear sister of Alice (the late Herbert) Gross and the late Gertrude Karp; a very special thanks to Dee, Debbie and Zarina. Chapel service 2:30 PM Monday at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org). For Information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Griggs, Darlene Louise

Darlene Louise Griggs nee Colen age 74 of Wheeling formerly of Chicago. Loving wife of Thomas Griggs. Beloved mother of Donnie (Julie) Phillips, Tiffany (Aslam) Khan, Lindsey Griggs and Megan Griggs. Dear Mema of Brayden, Jordan, Ethan, Audrey, Alex, Ashley, Adam, and Quran. Fond sister of NorRene (Michael), Paula (Moni) Seal, and Karen Douglas. Aunt and cousin of many.
Memorial Visitation Saturday, March 24th at 9:00 am at **Kolssak Funeral Home**, 189 S. Milwaukee Ave (2 Blocks South of Dundee Road) Wheeling followed by an 11:00 am Life Celebration. Inurnment private. In lieu of flowers donations to American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org appreciated. For more information 847.537.6600 or www.funerals.pro

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Hartnett, Thomas Michael 'Tom'

Thomas ("Tom") Michael Hartnett, 91, of Lisle, Illinois, a long-time resident of Aurora, died peacefully on Thursday, March 15, 2018 in his home with family by his side. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Monastery Chapel, 1920 Maple Avenue, Lisle, Illinois at 11am on Tuesday, March 20, pre-Mass visitation beginning at 10am. A wake will be held on Monday, March 19 from 4-8 pm. at the **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 516 S. Washington Street, Naperville, Illinois. Internment private. Tom was born April 3, 1926 in Richland Center, Wisconsin to Michael and Gertrude (Burke) Hartnett. He graduated from De La Salle Institute in Chicago in 1944. On April 23, 1949, he married Rosemary Elizabeth Sullivan. Together they brought into this world and raised five children. Tom worked as an accountant for most of his adult life. He enjoyed work and only fully retired when he was well into his 70s. He was an avid Mr-Fix-It, and also enjoyed reading, music, traveling, cooking, yard work, and most of all spending as much time as possible with his family. Tom was preceded in death by his brothers Fran and Jim Hartnett, and his daughter Margaret (Brian) Winders of Aurora. Tom is survived by his wife of 68 years, Rosemary; his daughter, Kathleen Roe (William) of Colorado, sons Daniel (Amanda) of Evanston, James (Elizabeth) of Batavia and Thomas (Ann) of Chicago, and son-in-law Brian Winders of Aurora; brothers Bernard, Harold (Diane) and Raymond (Joyce); 9 grandchildren, Kelly, Dan, Kate, Arthur, Dave, Brian, Declan, Nora and Maeve; and 2 great-granddaughters, Jo and Rosie.
The family gratefully acknowledges the skilled, compassionate and generous assistance provided to Tom by the staffs at Villa St. Benedict in Lisle, Transitions Hospice and BrightStar Care of Naperville.
In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please consider a donation to The Skin Cancer Foundation.

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Hazucha, Rudolph S 'Rudy'



Rudolph S. (Rudy) Hazucha, 98, of Sleepy Hollow, (formerly of Niles, Arlington Heights, and Rockford), died peacefully in his sleep while surrounded by family at home on February 20, 2018. Rudy was born January 9, 1920, in Chicago, to Rudolph and Anna (Fako) Hazucha. He is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Winifred, nee Hassmann. Other survivors include a sister, Lorraine McClintock; his four children, Julie (Mark) Westbrook, John Hazucha (Joy Fisher), Andrew Hazucha, and Karen Hazucha (Becky Boudreaux); six grandchildren, Katrina (Mike) Benjamin, Stephen Hazucha, John-Marc Hazucha, Liana Hazucha, Benjamin Hazucha , and Patrick Hazucha; one great-grandchild, Charles Benjamin; and many nieces and nephews and their children and grandchildren. A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Elgin, 39W830 Highland Ave., Elgin, 60124 on Saturday, March 24 at 1:30P.M. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to Heifer International, Doctors without Borders, or Amnesty International. To see full obituary or sign the guestbook online, go to http://www.cremation-society.com/obituary/Rudolph-Hazucha/Sleepy-Hollow-Illinois/1783568.

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Headrick, Timothy R.

Timothy R. Headrick, age 56. Beloved husband of Theresa "Terry". Cherished son of Catherine and the late Thomas L. Headrick. Dear son in law of Karl and Jean Niebling. Loving father of John "J.J." and grandfather of Wyatt. Dearest brother of Cathy (Dennis) Hunt of Carrier Mills, IL; Coleen (Bill) Walen of Homer Glen, IL; Tommy Headrick of Summit, IL; Eileen (Jim) Hunt of Harrisburg, IL and Dennis Headrick of Carrier Mills, IL. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, relatives and friends. Visitation Monday 3-9 PM at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral Tuesday 11 AM service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to American Cancer Society, 17060 S. Oak Park Ave. Tinley Park, IL 60477. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest book at www.palosgaidasfh.com (708) 974 4410 with funeral home logo

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Homberg, Steven L.

Steven L. Homberg. Age 61. Beloved husband of Gayle nee Sichling. Loving father of Richard, Ryan (Mary), Nicholas and Nathan. Proud grandfather of Kasandra and Logan. Loving son of Ronald and Norma Homberg. Dear son-in-law of Violet (late Lloyd) Sichling. Fond brother of Michael (Nicole) Homberg, Gary (Sharon) Homberg and Rhonda (Chris Klebba) Homberg. Loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Lying-in-state Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 12:00 Noon until time of funeral services 1:00 P.M. at Faith Lutheran Church 18645 Dixie Highway Homewood, IL. Visitation Tuesday 2-9 P.M. at The Brady-Gill Funeral Home 16600 S. Oak Park Ave. Tinley Park. In lieu of flowers donations to GiGi's Playhouse 16800 S. Oak Park Ave. Tinley Park, IL 60477 appreciated. 708-614-9900 or www.bradygill.com

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Hope, Dorothy '"Dottie"'



Dorothy "Dottie" Hope, nee Welter, beloved wife of the late LeRoy E.; dear mother of David (Sandy), Susan (Thomas Engel) Hope Engel and Katie (Dan) McCrudden; loving grandmother of Kristen, Thomas, Kyle and Kaylie; cherished great grandmother of 6. Memorial visitation will be held Wednesday 4 to 8 pm at **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove. A Memorial Service will be held Thursday 10 am at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations to Maryville Academy 1150 River Rd. Des Plaines, IL 60016 appreciated. Sign online guestbook at www.simkinsfh.com 847-965-2500

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Jacobson, Paul Douglas

March 12, while vacation on Sullivan's Island, S.C. Paul Jacobson 78, of Lake Forest, Il. passed away. Born January 13, 1940 in Chicago. Paul had a long successful career at Coldwell Banker in upper management. Later, he worked at the Coldwell Banker office in Lake Forest.
Paul is survived by his wife, Stevie Clark; brother Roy (Catherine) Jacobson; of Paradise Valley, Az.,son, Mark Jacobson; daughters, Paula Dale; Carrie Ortlieb; Carol Streetz; Laura Rose Morgan; and grand children, Maggie Schultz; Kelly Stevens; Christy Stevens; and Billy Stevens;
He was preceded in death by his father Paul Jacobson and mother Eleanor Jacobson.
Paul was a very gentle, kind man who loved life. He always wanted to take care of his family. Paul was the first to send a birthday card and to call to see if you needed anything. He never hung up without saying I love you. We all will miss his expressions of love and support, but know he will always be watching over us.
Donations may be sent to Parkinson's research.

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Jaderholm, Lois D.

Lois D. Jaderholm, nee Schreuder, age 91, went home to her Lord and Savior on March 16, 2018. Beloved wife of 70 years to Robert "Bud" Jaderholm. Loving mother of Linda (Bert) Broekstra, Debra (Steve) Raimondi, Lori (Phillip) Cavallone, Joan (Ray) Larsen and Paul (Annette) Jaderholm. Cherished grandmother of Michael and Emily Broekstra; Ellen, Lisa and Stephen (Cathy) Raimondi; Kathy Turney; Phillip, Robert and Allison Cavallone; Laura, Ben and Bethany Larsen; Mary, Anna and Grace Jaderholm. Dearest great-grandmother of Katelyn, Jimmy, Patrick, Bridget, Aiden, Logan, Gavin and Phillip. Fond sister of Thomas (Virginia) Schreuder and the late Marge (late Harry) Clark. Fond cousin and aunt of many. Lois will also be missed by her friends and neighbors in Florida, Illinois and Wisconsin where her friendship and graciousness was valued. The family wishes to express their appreciation to the staff at Palos Hospital and Palos Hospice. Visitation Monday 4-8 p.m. Funeral Service Tuesday 10:00 a.m. at **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Memorials to Covenant Harbor Bible Camp, 1724 W. Main St., Lake Geneva, WI 53147 preferred. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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Jeantet, Colette, MD

Jan. 1, 1924-Feb. 28, 2018



Dr. Colette Jeantet passed away peacefully in her 95th year at a nursing home in Haute Savoie (France) on February 28th.
Dr. Jeantet studied medicine in Dijon and Lyon during WWII and completed her residency in Paterson New Jersey before settling in Chicago as a trauma surgeon and ENT. She had a private practice and worked also at Michael Reese Hospital during a long and distinguished career that spanned nearly half a century. As a woman doctor and specialist of the middle ear, she was a pioneer in her field and developed innovative surgical techniques that saved the hearing of countless patients. In her retirement in her native France she devoted herself to the study of nature and contributed generously to wildlife charities.
She leaves two nephews, Robert and Ronald, who watched over her in her final years. rj@jeantet.net

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Jodlowski, Elaine W.

Elaine W. Jodlowski, age 79, a long-time resident of Willow Springs, IL; beloved wife to Eugene for 58 years; loving mother of John (Annemarie) & Kristie Jodlowski, and Joy (Peter) Walke; dear grandmother of Ava, Jonah, and Declan Jodlowski; preceded in death by her son Mark and daughter Jill. Visitation 3 to 9pm Sunday, March 18 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral prayers 10:30am Monday, March 19 from the funeral home to St. John of the Cross Church, Western Springs. Mass 11:15am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice. Memorial donations may be given to the American Heart Association. Funeral Info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Kaplan, Joel M.

Joel M. Kaplan, 52, loving father of Betsy and Benjamin; beloved son of Neil and Arlene; dear brother of David (Meredith); former husband of Denise Kaplan. Private service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Erika's Lighthouse, www.erikaslighthouse.org. For information or condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home** (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Karas, George James



George James Karas of Boca Raton, FL passed away surrounded by his wife and children on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at the age of 79. Born in Chicago, IL on March 3, 1939, he was the son of the late Chris and Constantina Kalopeses and brother of Sophie Pontikis. George was a successful business owner, dedicated and hardworking, but always had time for fun with family and friends. George loved life and his kind heart and infectious smile drew others to him. He was a friend to everyone and the light in any room he was in. George was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather and his family brought him immeasurable pride and joy. George's memory and the way he lived his life will be treasured and celebrated by his wife of 42 years, Carol Karas, son Chris Karas, daughter Carrie Bosco, son-in-law Gary Bosco, grandchildren Hannah, Ella, Grace, and Jack, along with numerous extended family and thousands of friends. George made this world a better place and he will be deeply missed. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at Ascension Catholic Church, 7250 N. Federal Hwy, Boca Raton, FL 33487.

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Knightly, Robert A.

Robert A. Knightly; Native of Castlemaine, County Kerry, Ireland; Devoted husband of Bridget, nee Mulligan, for over 57 years; Loving father of Patrick (Eileen), John (Patricia), Robert Jr. (Rachael), Kevin (Shelley), Mary (John) Macis, and Maureen Knightly (Mike Spahn); Proud Papa of Erin (Wade), Mary Kate, Kyle, Kayla, Jared, Jeremy, Bobby, Ryan, Claire, Brian, Elise, Kiera, Gavin, Izzy, and Harper; Dear brother of Patrick (Maureen), late Mary (late John) Sheridan, late Una (late Tim) O'Callahan, late John (late Eileen) Knightly, and the late Kay Knightly; Fond uncle and friend to many; Longtime member of Gaelic Park, and the Kerry Association; Visitation Tuesday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Linus Church, 10300 Lawler Ave, Oak Lawn. Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Elim Christian Services, www.elimcs.org/donate In Memory of Bob Knightly, would be appreciated. For Funeral info (708) 422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com.

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Kocour, Ronald O.

Ronald O. Kocour of Oak Brook, age 80. Beloved husband of Sharon; loving father of Mark (Laurie), Matthew (Rose) and David (Carmela); proud grandfather of Katie, Michael, Lauren, Marissa, Peter and Christopher; great-grandfather of Issac and Cristian; dear brother of Leslie (Sonya) Kocour, Jr.. Retired after 50 plus years of service at the Kocour Company. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Monday, March 19, 2018 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Tuesday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Providence Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For further info 708-562-5900.

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Kral Jr., James



James Kral, Jr. went home to join his beloved wife Marge on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2018. Jim was born on January 25, 1932 in Veliki Zdenci, Jugoslavia. He lived on the family farm with his father, mother and younger sister, until he immigrated to America in 1939. He met Marge, the woman of his dreams, while attending Harrison High School and they were married November 24, 1955. Jim obtained a Bachelor's of Science degree from Eureka College and upon graduation went to work for Western Electric. He was a Senior Engineer and had been awarded 2 patents during his career when he retired. Jim and Marge raised 4 children, moving from Chicago to Hickory Hills, IL and then eventually to Thompson Station, TN. After Marge's death June 1, 1995, Jim found companionship and scrumptious Southern cooking with Louise Doss until her death August 29, 2014. During his 86 years, Jim pursued many varied interests, from fossils to bird-watching and astronomy, but his passion was fishing. At the time of his death he was living on the banks of Old Hickory Lake in Hendersonville, TN. Sunny afternoons found him on his pier with his pole in the water, "teaching worms to swim". Whether he caught any fish or not, Jim always said the fishing was wonderful. He is greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Jim was preceded in death by his father, James Kral, Sr., mother Goldie (nee Homolka), brother Frank, wife Marjorie (nee Daniels), son Joseph and niece Sandra Hamdani (nee Wood). He is survived by his sister Vera Wood, daughters Cynthia Griffis and Linda Moose, son James Leo (Mary) Kral; grandchildren Cole Griffis, Carson (Dana Parisi) Griffis, Lauren Moose and Daniel Moose; nephew Bill (Theresa) Wood. At Jim's request there were no services.

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Kreckler, Eugenia D.



Eugenia D Kreckler, age 91, passed away Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Hans Kreckler for 61 years. Loving mother of Judy Parker (Bill) and the late Warren Kreckler (Sophia Gates). Cherished grandmother of Christina Swain (fiance John Sinclair) and Julie Dickerson (Joshua). Loving great grandmother of Nicki Swain. Dear aunt of Jan Evans (Scott) and numerous other nieces and nephews. Loving sister-in-law of Don Schwartz. She was predeceased by her brothers, Josef and Bernard Kolodziej and her sisters Madeline Berger and Elizabeth Schwartz. She emigrated from Germany in 1954, worked for Diebel and Die Manufacturing for 30 years and for Kuhn's Deli and Cafe (as a cook) for 7 years. Above all she was devoted to her husband and family.Visitation Friday, March 23rd, 3;00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. at Friedrichs Funeral Home, 320 W. Central Rd., Mt. Prospect. Funeral service Saturday, March 24th, 10:30 A.M. at the funeral home. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Funeral information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Lasch, Dorothea E. 'Dot'

Dorothea E. "Dot" Lasch, age 90, beloved wife of the late Harold W. Lasch (2004). Loving mother of Charles (Janice), Barbara (late Al) Czuprynski, Janice (Lee) Hulting, Pari (Thomas) Fergus, Terry (Jennifer), Kevin (Victoria) and the late Jean (Don) Dumich. Cherished grandmother of 15 and great-grandmother of 14. Dear sister of Leona (Thomas) Gurrister, Betty (Mike Meredith) Gruba and the late Mildred Jaglowski and the late Judy Bauler. Dearest aunt and great-aunt of many. Visitation Tuesday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Wednesday 8:30 a.m. from **Colonial Chapel** 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr.& Harlem Ave.) in Orland Park, IL to St. Michael Church for Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital preferred. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonial-chapel.com 708-532-5400

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Lela, Lillian 'Lil'

Lillian Lela, 96, peacefully passed at home on March 16, 2018. Longtime resident of Darien and Westmont, and a graduate of Kelly H.S. Chicago. An active community member including Darien Women's Club stints as President, Secretary, and Treasurer, along with being instrumental in the creation of the Darien Public Library. Enjoyed knitting, sports, family cards, and travel.

Devoted wife to John Lela (deceased), loving mother to Tom, Wayne, Gary, Rob, grandmother to Chad (Jennifer) Lela and Brittany Zaremba, great-grandmother to Hunter and Kennedy Lela. Beloved family member to all.

Visitation Tuesday 3 to 9PM at **Coglianese Funeral Home** 7508 S County Line Rd (one block south of I55/Stevenson) Burr Ridge. Family and friends will meet Wednesday 10AM at Our Lady of Peace Church, 701 Plainfield Rd, Darien IL. Christian interment. Info: 630-654-8484 or www.coglianese.com.

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Lieber, Bess Ethel

Bess Ethel Lieber, nee Fleischman/Borok, 102 and living independently, beloved wife of the late Sanford for 65 years, cherished mother of Roz Lieber Ansher of WDM, IA and Norman(Linda) Lieber, the best Bubby of Dr. Jay (Becky) Ansher, Dr. Lynn Ansher, Ryan Lieber (fiancee' Allison Trowbridge), Scott Lieber and great-grandchild Alex Ansher. dearest sister of Leonard (Beverly) Borok and "amazing" aunt, cousin and friend to nieces, nephews and all who knew her. Bess volunteered tirelessly for Leukemia Research, Cancer Research working for 7 charity organizations at once making cobbler aprons and raising money all while being a "balabusta" extraordinaire Funeral Tuesday, March 20, at 1:00 PM Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Avenue, Northbrook. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. Contributions in Bess's name to Maot Chitim would be greatly appreciated. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824) or www.mitzvahfunerals.com

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Lutz, Thomas Edward



Thomas Edward Lutz, 77, of Glenview, passed away, February 26, 2018 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of 50 years to Margaret Lutz (nee Johnson); loving father of Christine Lutz-Thomas (Jason Thomas) and Michael (Aimee) Lutz; proud grandfather of Grayson Thomas Lutz and Sienna Leone Lutz; dear brother of the late Jack (Faye) Lutz. He was preceded in death by his parents John and Helen (nee Mac George) Lutz Tucker. Tom was a graduate of Albion College where he played on the championship winning football team and was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. Following extensive graduate work in English and Literature at Wayne State University Tom went on to become an Associate Professor. Other professional callings were an investigator, an editor, a publisher, a campaign manager and he worked in litigation support throughout his professional career. Tom was passionate about and actively involved in mission work and social justice and served as Chairman of the Mission's Board for the Glenview Community Church. Tom was a wonderful man, kind to everyone, greeting everyone with a warm, sweet smile and a twinkle in his eye. He was a man with unflinching integrity and honesty, was intelligent, wise, and had a quick wit; yet was a humble and caring person who faced his many health challenges without complaint. He is loved by many and will be sorely missed. It is the family's request that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Glenview Community Church, Missions Outreach. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 11 am at the Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm St. (at Glenview Rd.), Glenview, IL 60025. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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McAndrew, Ronald



Ronald "Ron" McAndrew, longtime resident of Northbrook, passed away February 28, 2018. Loving husband of the late Jean nee Sutton, and beloved father of Barbara and Robert. Born January 16, 1924, in Great Falls, Montana, Ron enlisted in the Marine Corps, shortly after graduating from high school in 1942, where he was deployed to the South Pacific, and served 4 years during wartime. After his discharge, he moved to Chicago in 1946, where he studied at the Chicago Academy of Art, and The American Academy of Art, and worked in the Lithography industry for nearly 50 years. During his retirement, Ron began painting watercolors, and participated in numerous watercolor classes and workshops. At 80, Ron became an active participant at the Northshore Senior Center, where his love of painting continued. A celebration of Ron's life will be held Sunday, March 25, from 3-6pm, at Hackney's Restaurant 1514 E. Lake Av. Glenview, IL 60025. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Ron's name to a favorite charity.

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Mercer, Geraldine

Geraldine Mercer, Age 71, retired insurance office manager, passed away on March 3, 2018 after suffering from a fall.
She is survived by her beloved domestic partner, Vernon Johnson, her brother, Michael Thompson and her sister, Cynthia Dunbar.
Memorial Service will be held at **Markham Lutheran Church**, 3518 W. 160th Street, Markham, IL at 6PM on April 12, 2018.

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Milstein, Robert L.

Robert L Milstein, Age 97. Beloved husband of the late Florence. Loving father of Andrea (Michael) Swidler and Helene (Paul) Acker. Proud grandfather of Sean Swidler, Evan (Susan) Swidler, and Stephanie Acker. Cherished great-grandfather of Gabi, Micah, and Avery. Service Monday 11 AM at Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, 1201 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL 60015. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to ATI Foundation, https://go.rallyup.com/TeamMemberFullPage/8aa3fa or Congregation BJBE Sisterhood, www.bjbe.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Moersch, George W.



George W. Moersch Jr. 90, passed away March 14, 2018. Devoted and loving husband celebrating 70 years of marriage on June 5, 2018 to his wife Elaine (Steirer) Moersch. Beloved father of George III (Mary Kay) Moersch and the late Bruce Moersch, cherished grandfather of Heidi (Craig) Butcher, Ashley Moersch and Tyler Moersch and proud great-grandfather of Craig Jr. and Madelyn Butcher. Caring brother of Richard (Debbie) Moersch and fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. George served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was a loyal employee of People's Gas Co. for 40+ years until his retirement in 1989. Some of George's favorite things were smoking his pipes, cussing out the Cubs and tending his vegetable garden. Visitation Sunday, March 18, 3-8 pm at **Cooney Funeral Home**, 625 Busse Hwy in Park Ridge. Funeral Monday, March 19, prayers at 10:45 a.m. at the funeral home then proceeding to Funeral Mass at St. Cornelius Catholic Church at 11:30. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove. Info 847-685-1002 or www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Molo, Aldo J.



Age 92, of Shorewood, passed away peacefully, on Friday, March 16, 2018. Surrounded by his family, Aldo was reunited with his beloved wife Natalie at the home he shared with Ron and Cathy.
Born August 30, 1925 to Abraham and Catherine (nee Cornolo) Molo in Chicago, IL. A WWII Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post #1080.
Survived by his children, Ann Marie (the late William) Clarey of Mt. Prospect; Thomas (Patricia) of West Chicago, and Ronald (Catherine) of Shorewood; proud and devoted grandfather of Laura (Scott) Conn, Patricia (Peter) Woods and Michael Clarey (Friend Krystal McShane), Theresa Molo (Fiancee Karl Kolzow), Sarah and Brian Molo, and Nicholas, Matthew and Emily Molo; great-grandfather of Isobel, Sydney Conn and Westley Woods; uncle of many nieces and nephews.
Preceded by his wife Natalie (nee Trevisan) (February 15, 2005); and his brother, Mario Molo.
A special thank you to Aldo's caregivers, Aileen,Cathy,Jody, the Joliet VA and Joliet Area Community Hospice.
Funeral Services for Aldo J. Molo will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 9:15 a.m. from the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home 3200 Black at Essington Rds. Joliet to Holy Family Catholic Church, Shorewood for a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, Alsip with full military honors under the auspices of the United States Army. In lieu of flowers, Masses or memorials in his name to Joliet Area Community Hospice would be appreciated. Visitation Tuesday, 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. For more information: (815) 741-5500 or visit his Memorial Tribute at www.fredcdames.com

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Morgan, Michael

Michael Morgan, age 91, of Des Plaines, passed away on February 16, 2018. Michael was born in New York City on June 7, 1926. His family moved to Chicago where he graduated early from Wells High School. A veteran of World War II, Michael served in the Marine Corps. Michael leaves behind his daughter Michelle Morgan (Rey) Rodriguez of Brentwood, California; his grandchildren Rachel, Alyssa and Ryan; many friends and loving family. Michael is preceded in death by his parents Ann Kalagian and John Manoogian, his brother Michael and his sister Victoria Green. Michael was a lover of jazz music and had once been a musician; he also enjoyed bowling and competed in several leagues throughout the Chicago area. He was a longtime fan of the New York Yankees and the Chicago Cubs baseball teams. His warm smile, generous heart and witty sense of humor will be missed by all that knew him. A private memorial will be held in his honor in Brentwood, California. Arrangements by **Giancola Funeral & Cremation** 800.975.4321

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Nassos, John P

John P. Nassos, 87, Army veteran, Beloved husband of the late Mary (nee Harbelis); Cherished son of the late Philip and Bessie (nee Kalogeropoulos) of Tripoli, Greece; Loving brother of late Louis (the late Charmaine) and the late Ernest (the late Helen); dearest uncle of Philip (Lisa); Dear brother-in-law of Arety (the late Bob) Bathje, Stella (the late Jim) Pierce and Georgia (Tony) Vitusa. Family and friends will meet Monday morning, March 19, 2018 for visitation from 10 a.m. until Funeral service 10:30 a.m., at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church 601 S. Central Ave. Chicago, 60644. Interment will follow to Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to Assumption Church appreciated. Arrangements by **NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD.**, Info: 773-889-1700

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Newhart, BVM, Sister Joan

Sister Joan Newhart, BVM (Joan Michael), 89, died March 13, 2018, at Marian Hall in Dubuque, Iowa. Burial is in Mount Carmel cemetery, Dubuque.
Sister Joan taught at The Immaculata in Chicago and Carmel Catholic HS in Mundelein, Ill. She served as Mundelein College Director of Academic Computing and as Coordinator for Loyola University Chicago Computer Center. She volunteered as congregational and high school computer consultant in the Chicago area and Dubuque. She taught secondary school in Lead, S.D.; Waterloo, Iowa; St. Louis Mo.; and Bogotá, Colombia.
She was born in Oak Park, Ill., on March 21, 1928, to George and Pauline Burns Newhart. She entered the BVM congregation Sept. 8, 1949, from St. Catherine of Siena, Oak Park. She professed first vows on March 19, 1952, and final vows on July 16, 1957.
She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by a brother, George Robert (Bob) Newhart and his wife Virginia Quinn, Los Angeles; sisters Pauline (James) Quan, Hoffman Estates, Ill., and Virginia (William) Brittain, Naperville, Ill.; nieces; nephews; and the Sisters of Charity, BVM, with whom she shared life for 68 years.
Memorials may be given to the Sisters of Charity, BVM Support Fund, 1100 Carmel Drive, Dubuque, Iowa 52003, or online at https://www.bvmcong.org/support_donate.cfm.

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Neylon, Mary E.

Mary E. Neylon nee Curry. Beloved wife of the late John Neylon. Loving mother of John (Reenie) Neylon, Judith (Chuck) Andrews, Susan Neylon, Mary Regina Neylon, James (Dawn) Neylon, Thomas (Cheryl) Neylon, & Timothy Neylon. Cherished grandmother of Jennifer (Sean), John, Cassie (Dan), Matthew, Joseph, Steven, Bridget, Patrick, Christopher (fiancée Brooke), & Kevin. Proud great grandmother of Xander, Sam, Charlie, & Kyle. Adored sister of the late Donald Curry, Lorraine & Albert Granholm. Fond aunt to many nieces and nephews. Resting at **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, where Services will be held on Wednesday at 10:00 am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday from 3 pm until 9 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Memorial & Honor Program, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN, 38105, (800) 822-6344, would be greatly appreciated. thompsonkuenster-funeralhome.com. 708-425-0500

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O'Hair, Donald W. 'Doc'

Donald "Doc" W. O'Hair, 73, of Elmhurst died on March 15, 2018. He was born in Chicago on April 10, 1944, son of the late Donald T. and Anne Marie (Frye) O'Hair. Don grew up on the south side and attended Fenger HS. He served in the US Air Force then worked for 30 years in air pollution control. Don read the paper and watched Jeopardy daily. He also was part of "The Herd", a Chevy Impala enthusiast group. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Patricia (O'Hair) Ganzer. He is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Judy (Zaio) O'Hair, daughters Stacy (Mike) Wrasse & Dawn (Jim) Czarnik, his six grandchildren, Paige & Brooke Wrasse, and Trinity, Storm, Christian & Eden Czarnik, and many nieces and nephews. Donations can be made in his honor to AMVETS. Services will be private.

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Ortiz, Jesus Manuel 'Manny'

Jesus Manuel "Manny" Ortiz, 82. Born in Gijón, Spain. Manny was an Assistant Professor of Spanish at Mundelein College from 1967 to 1974. He retired from CPS as Director of Warehousing and Distribution. Beloved husband of Charlotte Brucato Ortiz. Loving father of Sara (Scott) Sanders, Michael (Katie) Ortiz, Anita (Phil Barengolts) Maddali and the late John L. (Robyn) Ortiz, DDS. Special grandfather of Grace, Alec, Madeleine, Matthew, Allison, Jack, Amelia, Quin, and Xavier. Father-in-law of the late Chaitanya Maddali. Brother-in-law of Rosemary (Rolland) Bossert and Lu Ann (Tom) Vanderbilt. Dear brother of 5 and uncle to many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers donations to Rainbow Hospice, 1550 Bishop Ct., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 or to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 would be appreciated. Visitation Tuesday, March 20th from 3 to 9pm at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. A visitation will also be held on Wednesday, March 21st from 10am until time of Mass at 11am at St. Margaret Mary Church, 2324 W. Chase Ave., Chicago. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Manny's memorial at smithcorcoran.com

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Petrovic, Frank M.

Frank M. Petrovic, age 65 of Oak Park, formerly of North Riverside, passed away peacefully on March 13, 2018 at Rush Oak Park Hospital. Born on March 6, 1953, in Chicago, IL. Frank was the only son of Frank and Lillian Petrovic. He graduated from Concordia College. Frank was an avid fan of the theater. He acted and stage managed for the North Riverside Players. He loved to cook, bake and enjoyed making confections. Frank enjoyed spending time with his family and always loved playing games with his nieces and nephews. He was also a monumental influence in his church. He loved to travel, had a great sense of humor and was always there if needed. Frank is survived by his beloved sister, Carol Joy Harney, nee Petrovic, of Mt. Prospect, IL., his loving nephew Robert Harney of Chicago, his loving nieces Cynthia, nee Harney and husband Robert Keene, Jr., of Crystal Lake, IL., and Laura, nee Crane and husband Frank Malfitano of Allen, TX.; devoted great uncle of Michael, John Ryan, Courtney, Kaelynn, Robert, Thomas, Brittney, Brandon and Brian. He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Lillian, nee Stark, Petrovic, his sister RoseMarie Crane, nee Petrovic and his brother-in-law Roger Harney. Visitation will be on Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 9445 W. 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Funeral Sunday, March 25, 2018 at Unity Lutheran Church, 6720 31st St., Berwyn, IL. 60402 time of service 2 P.M. Interment Private Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorials appreciated to North Riverside Players, 2401 S. Des Plaines Ave., North Riverside, IL 60546 or Unity Lutheran Church. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com

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Porcaro, Louis M.

Louis M. Porcaro 89 of Park Ridge. At rest Saturday, March 17, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Phyllis. Loving father of Jim (Judy) and Jayne (Jimmy) Radek. Fond grandfather of Michael (Michelle), Bob (Jess), Krissy, Joey (Mellissa) and Anthony (Stephanie). Great grandfather of Sullivan, Saylor, Luciano, Grace, Valentina, Charlotte, Hudson and the late Nicholas. Dear brother of the late Josephine, John and Nick. Brother in law of Marge and Fred. Beloved companion of Lucy DiNicolo . Visitation Monday from 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Cumberland Chapels (**FRIEL FUNERAL DIRECTORS**) 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Service Begin: Tuesday 9:00 A.M. at the Funeral Home and will proceed to Our Lady on Ransom Church, Niles. Funeral Mass 10:00 A.M., Interment Private. Should friends desire memorials to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital appreciated. Info: www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708/456-8300.

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Preston, Dorothy C.

Dorothy C. Preston, nee Traba, age 98, beloved wife of the late Dr. John B. Preston; loving mother of the late Dr. John T. (Louella) Preston; dearest sister of the late Anne, Mae, Pauline, Charles, and Peter; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles on Sunday from 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Funeral Monday 11:00 am Mass at St. Isaac Jogues Church 8149 W. Golf Road Niles. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Radwan, Richard J.

Richard J. Radwan, born October 4, 1949, at rest March 9, 2018. Services Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL at 12 pm.

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Reade, Rex E.

June 29, 1924 ~ March 6, 2018



Rex Reade passed away peacefully with his wife, Joan, and his son, Scott, at his side. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II as a B25 pilot earning the Distinguished Flying Cross as well as the Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters.

Rex graduated from the University of Denver with a BS in Business Administration and earned his CPA degree from the University of Illinois. He worked for Arthur Anderson Accounting before beginning his career at Rust-Oleum Corp. where he rose to President, CEO and Chairman of the Board. After retiring in 1987, he moved to Monterey where he enjoyed playing golf, tennis and dominoes.

Rex is survived by his loving wife, Joan; sons, Scott (Ginger) and Rex, Jr. (Jennifer); grandchildren, Rex III, Matthew and Katie; his sister, Bonnie; his brothers, Radean and William and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass will be at Carmel Mission Basilica, 3080 Rio Road in Carmel on Friday, March 23 at 10:30 AM. The family would like to thank VNA & Hospice of the Central Coast and request any memorial gift be directed to them at P.O. Box 2480, Monterey, CA, 93942. To sign Rex's guest book and leave messages for his family, please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com.

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Resnick, Joyce

Joyce Resnick, age 86, beloved wife of the late Gerald L."Jerry" Resnick, happily married for 54 years; loving mother of Phillip (Nancy), Cheryl and Shelley Resnick; cherished grandma of Joshua (Lindsey), Ashley (fiancé Shane Massel) Blake and Alex Resnick, Evan (Cindy), Brett (Marisol) Paddor and Kiley Davis; doting great grandmother of Violet, Gianna, Penelope and Audrey; preceded in death by her twin sister Iris (Hank) Freidman. A heartfelt thank you for the love and care from Priscilla "Precy" Quetua for the past 17 years. Joyce was a favorite aunt and cousin to many. She touched everyone with her smile. Chapel services Monday, 12:15PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W Rand Road, Arlington Heights, interment will follow at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Sabo, Walter D.



Walter A. Sabo, 92, U.S. Army veteran WWII. Loving Husband for 63 years to Marge, nee Sowka. Beloved Father of Curt, Cliff (Diana), Cindy (Joe) Tarka, Laura (Kevin) Johnson. Proud son of the late Nicholas and Pauline Sabo. Devoted "Apa" of Steph and Erik Sabo, Kevin, Ava, and Valeria Tarka, Hanna, Emma and Ian Johnson. "Uncle Wally" to many nieces and nephews. Brother of the late Irene and Bob. Wally was a ball turret gunner on "The Virginia Gentleman" WWII B-17. On many missions he thought would be his last, this one is for keeps. "Blue Skies Ahead". Owner of W.A.S. Sales, emeritus member of the Society of Plastics Engineers, advisor of Explorer Post #3579. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago from 3- 9 PM. Funeral Wednesday, 9:30 AM prayers at funeral home to Immaculate Conception Church (Harlem and Talcott) where Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers memorials to your favorite charity appreciated. Interment Thursday at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, Illinois. For further information 877-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.

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Schaafsma, Mary Helen

Beloved and accomplished child of God, Mary Helen died Sunday, March 11, from cancer related complications. A service celebrating her life will be at 3pm, April 6, 2018, at Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago. A full obituary is at www.vermeulenfh.com.

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Schimel, Joan E.

Joan E. Schimel, nee Guinand, age 87, of Niles, beloved wife of the late Donald Schimel; loving mother of Susan Schimel, Donald Schimel, Robin (the late Dennis) Way, Fred (Sheila) Schimel and Jamie (Bill) McInerney; cherished grandmother of Christopher, Rebecca and David Way, Matthew (Jacqueline) and Kevin Schimel, Kyle and Kelly McInerney. Memorial Service at Niles Community Church 7401 W. Oakton St. Niles. Saturday March 24, at 11:00 am. In Lieu of flowers donations to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society or to Niles Community Church appreciated. For information 847-966-7302 or sign a guest book at www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Skouros, Chris

Chris Skouros, age 94, passed away on Thursday, March 15, 2018. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Beloved husband of the late Anne Skouros; loving father of Mia (Robert) Leibow; devoted son of the late Thomas and Mary Skouros; proud grandfather of Michael and Samantha; dear brother of Thomas (Lillian Lee) Skouros and the late Angeline (the late Donald) Turner; fond uncle of Tom (Margaret) Turner. Friends and Family will meet on Monday for visitation from 10:30 am until the time of the Funeral service at 11:00 am at Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Road, Glenview. Interment at Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive; Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60601. Arrangements by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director Ltd. For information 773-736-3833.

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Slattery, Mary

Mary M. Slattery, 79, of Chicago, died peacefully at home on March 8, 2018. She is predeceased by her husband, Frank J. Kuzel. She is survived by her sisters Lynn (Phil) and Kitty, her nieces and nephews, her grandnieces and grandnephews, her many dear friends and her dog Sadie. Mary was an avid gardener, lover of all creatures great and small, guardian of nature, advocate for the performing arts, public radio and public television, a community organizer, and a big Cubs fan. She had a passion for travel, experiencing new places and meeting new people; enjoyed skiing, playing tennis, sailing on Lake Michigan and savoring a glass of red wine with friends. She made friends easily, no one in her midst was a stranger for long. Memorial services are being planned in Chicago and Duluth, MN. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's name can be made to Hawk Ridge www.hawkridge.org (where she was a devoted volunteer) or WildWoods Wildlife Rehabilitation www.wildwoodsrehab.org



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Smith MD, Judith Perry 'Judy'

Judith Perry Smith, M.D. died peacefully on March 8th at her home in Burr Ridge, IL. She was born on January 27th, 1928 to Grace and Dwight Perry of Wilmette. She graduated from Mt. Holyoke College in 1949 and then attended Northwestern Medical School, one of seven women in her graduating class. It was here where she met her husband, Garth D. Smith, M.D., who preceded her in death by only ten days. She chose to specialize in ophthalmology and practiced in Hinsdale for 47 years.



Judy found joy in all areas of life. An avid reader and knitter, she also enjoyed the Chicago Symphony, tours with her art club, and regularly played tennis and skied. Later in life she became a competitive bridge player. She and Garth spent most summers sailing and golfing at their lake house in Glen Lake, MI. Her pride and joy were her four children: Dean, Brian, Greg and Stephanie (Evans). She was a proud Nana to 7 grandchildren, and left behind many friends and grateful patients.

A visitation for the couple was held at the Hinsdale Golf Club on March 10th.

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Smits, Sadie

Sadie Smits, nee Voss, age 93, of Burr Ridge, IL passed away March 14, 2018 at her winter home in Naples, FL. Beloved wife of the late Richard Smits (1997). Loving mother of Robert (Pam), Beverly (Henry) Jacobs, Jerry, John (Marygrace), Roger and the late Richard (Donna). Cherished grandmother of ten. Dearest great-grandmother of seven. Fond sister of Jennie Iwema, Grace Kamp, Peter Voss and the late Jacob, Henry, Ted, John Voss, Anna Haak, and Marie Pierik. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Together with her extended family, Sadie was actively involved in farming her entire life. A special thanks to all the exceptional caretakers from Amazing Care. Visitation Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at The Western Springs Christian Reformed Church, 5140 Wolf Road, from 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 11:00 a.m. Burial at Fairmount - Willow Hills Cemetery, Willow Springs, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Bethshan Association, 12927 S. Monitor Ave., Palos Heights, IL 60462 are appreciated. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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Stolspart, Judy Lynn

Judy Lynn Stolspart, 63, of Chicago passed away March 16, 2018. Beloved wife of James; loving mother of Lynn (Lou) Kuhn, Matt, Mark (Stephanie) and Samantha; cherished grandmother of Chloe, Madalyn, Eleanor, Ruby, and Joey; Visitation Monday, March 19, 2018 from 3pm to 8pm at Ridge Funeral Home, 6620 W. Archer Ave. Chicago, IL 60638. Funeral Mass Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 10am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 7240 W. 57th St. Summit, IL. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Evergreen Park, IL. Info: (773)586-7900 or www.ridgefh.com

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Sullivan, Lucy

Lucy Sullivan,nee Maddin, 94 of Arlington Heights, beloved wife of the late William Sullivan; loving mother of Jeffrey (Jodie) Sullivan and Judi (Ken) Petersen; dear grand-mother of Amy Fligel, Katy (Ryan) Weade, Ross (Sarah) Petersen, Ryan Petersen, Laura Troha, Arie Serota and Raphael Serota and great-grandmother of Connor, Griffin, Abby, Alex, Miles, Lucy and Max; fond sister of the late Rosemary Eastburn. Visitation Monday, March 19, 2018 from 9am until 11am at Glueckert Funeral Home, 1520 N. Arlington Heights Rd. (4 blocks south of Palatine Rd.) Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Interment Long Grove Community Church Cemetery, Long Grove. Funeral Information and condolences www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Sullivan, Renee Zeff

On December 18, 2017, our beloved Renee died two months before her 93rd birthday. Renee was born in Evanston, Il to Henry Samuel Zeff and Jennie Barnett. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jay Sullivan and brother, Jack Zeff. Renee is survived by her daughter Jane, nieces Jan Zeff (Jerry Lynch) and Anne Hrbek (Bill))and great nieces and nephews, Karissa (Henry), Kylie, Grace Renee, Dan, Sean, Brennan and Ceci and great-great nephew Leland. A celebration of Renee's life will be held at the Ethical Humanist Society, 7574 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, Illinois will be held on April 7, 2018 at 1:00pm. For more information email sullivanjane05@gmail.com

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Taylor, Dennis M.

Dennis lost his battle with cancer on March 15th. He fought the good fight with courage and optimism. Dennis was a retired police detective and Director of Security at Hawthorne Racecourse and member of the O.N.I.A.C. He was the best friend, one true love and hero to his wife Laura. He was an amazing and proud father of Dennis (Karen), and Daniel (Heather), and the devoted and doting grandfather of Nicholas and Dennis and he will be the guardian angel of his new grandchild expected this June. He was the loving brother of Charlene (Aurel), and Raymond. The proud son of the late Ann and Raymond Sanchez, godson to Rocky Fabrizio and will be missed by his cousins and niece and nephew. He also held a special place for Donna Taylor, the mother of his two wonderful boys. Dennis was a true friend to many, but he was the number one fan of Charles Scalise, his best buddy and loyal friend. Dennis touched many lives. If you met Dennis you never forgot him. If he liked you there was nothing he wouldn't do for you. He had a huge loving and generous heart. The world was a better place with him in it. And it will be a sadder one without him. Visitation Sunday 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., Funeral 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. Cremation Private. For Service Info (312)225-8500 or www.colettasonsfuneralhome.com

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Towner-Raffles, Rachel

Rachel Towner Raffles of Riverside, born 10/4/1922, in Chicago, Illinois, died Sunday, March 11, 2018. Rachel was a writer and activist and was beloved by her family and friends. Daughter of the late Albert and Zaidee Everett Bauman; daughter-in-law to the late Earl & Cornelia Mallum Towner. Sister of the late Everett Bauman. Widow of the late Lawrence William Towner, d. 6/1992 and the late Richard Raffles, d. 6/2009. Mother of: Wendy (Richard) Yanikoski, Kristin Towner, Lawrence Towner (d.1983), Elizabeth (Mark) Jackson, Peter (Bettina Fernandez) Towner, and Michael (Stephanie Bryant) Towner. Grandmother of: Sr. Laura Rachel, Catherine (Quinn) Adamoski, Kristin (Luke) Sherman; Joshua (Meghann Rowley), Daniel (Bess-Marie Moll) and Adam (Kathleen Russell) Moses; Carly Jackson; and William, Nicolas, Olivia, Mark, Peter, Jeffrey, and Rachel Towner. Great-grandmother of: Maeve, Franklin, Niko, Maria, Ophelia, and Bennett Moses; Rachel, and Matthew Sherman. Stepmother to: Mark (Cathy) Raffles and Scott (Vicky) Raffles. Step - grandmother to: John and Andrea Raffles. A private memorial in Trempealeau, WI. In lieu of flowers contributions to Southern Poverty Law Center @ www.splcenter.org. Funeral info 708-447-2261.

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Vargo, Mildred

Mildred Vargo (nee Krizan) age 96. Beloved wife of the late Alexander Vargo. Loving mother of Curtis (Karen) Vargo and Judy (Robert) Kosola. Cherished nana of Nellie and Bobby Kosola. Dear sister of Evelyn (the late Herman) Bergmann. Kind aunt of Dawn (Steve) Loiacono and Brian (Natalie) Bergmann. Visitation Tuesday 10:00 a.m. until 12 Noon at the **Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home** 4950 West 79th Street, Burbank, IL. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Vassilas, Vivian

Vivian Vassilas, age 85, nee Vulekas, passed away on Thursday, March 15, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Matthew Vassilas; dear sister of Anna Vulekas; sister in law of John (Manuela) Vassilas; fond aunt of Katherine Vassilas and Irene (Aric) Streeter; great aunt of Ian and Emma; fond cousin of several in Chicago, Greece and New York and dear friend of many in Chicago. Family and Friends will meet on Monday for visitation from 10:00 - 10:30 am at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 5649 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago. Interment at Elmwood Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church. Arrangements by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director Ltd. For information 773-736-3833.

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Vujasin, Srecko '"Lucky"'

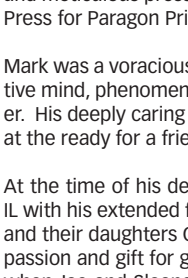
Srecko "Lucky" Vujasin, age 73. Loving husband of 48 years of Mary. Greatest father of Nick (Katherine) and Srecko Jr. (Jamie). Cherished and adored dido of Luka, Stella, Felix and Dario. Dear brother of Tomislav (Senka) and Slavka (Avdija) Hamza and brother in law of Josip Markulin in Croatia. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 3-9pm at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Funeral Monday 9:15am from the funeral home to Blessed Alojzije Stepinac Croatian Church for Mass at 10am. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. For info 773-736-3833 or visit Srecko's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

Smith-Corcoran Funeral Homes

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Ward, Mark Stephen

Mark Stephen Ward died suddenly February 5, 2018 at the age of 62. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond E. and Arlene M. (nee Valenzano) Ward, and his brother Raymond E. Ward. He is survived by his sister in-law Kathryn Ward (nee Noone) and his siblings Donna (Joseph Donofrio), Andrea Johnston, Paula (Gail Kirkland) and Matthew. Loving Uncle to Raymond (Karen), Joanna, Nathaniel, Elizabeth (Phil), Kathleen, Wren, Michael, Sophia, Erica, Russell and Nathaniel, great uncle to Evelyn, Lili and Raymond. He will be lovingly remembered by his 8 Edquist cousins and their families.



A native Chicagoan, Mark was born in the Austin neighborhood on Chicago's west side, Resurrection Parish, the 3rd of 6 children born to Ray and Arlene Ward. In 1965, the family moved to the Sauganash neighborhood on the northwest side where Mark attended Queen of All Saints elementary school and Notre Dame High School for Boys. Mark was a huge hockey enthusiast, playing in high school as well as adult leagues and skating his entire life. Also a dedicated Grateful Dead fan, Mark traveled to numerous shows to enjoy their legendary concerts. Mark went on to manage the iconic Bunny Hutch restaurant located at Lincoln and Devon for several years before embarking on a career as a highly skilled and meticulous pressman, operating the Heidelberg Press for Paragon Printing for many years.

Mark was a voracious reader with a brilliant, inquisitive mind, phenomenal recall and hilarious storyteller. His deeply caring and generous soul was always at the ready for a friend in need.

At the time of his death Mark was living in Seaton, IL with his extended family, Jae and Sloane Milewski and their daughters Carley-Jae and Morgan. Mark's passion and gift for gardening will be on full display when Jae and Sloane's yard comes into bloom this spring.

Memorial donations may be made to Quad City Animal Welfare Center, https://qcawc.org/

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Listen to the river sing sweet songs, to rock my soul.
– Jerry Garcia/Robert C. Hunter

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Waring, Patricia

Patricia Waring, née Jameson, aged 62, of Chicago, passed away surrounded by family and friends on February 26, 2018. Pat was the loving mother of Erik (Ashley) and Sarah. Beloved daughter of Elaine and the late John Jameson. Dear sister of Maureen (Steve), Doug (Joanne), Debbie, John (Laura), and Joan (Glen). Fond Aunt of many nieces and nephews.

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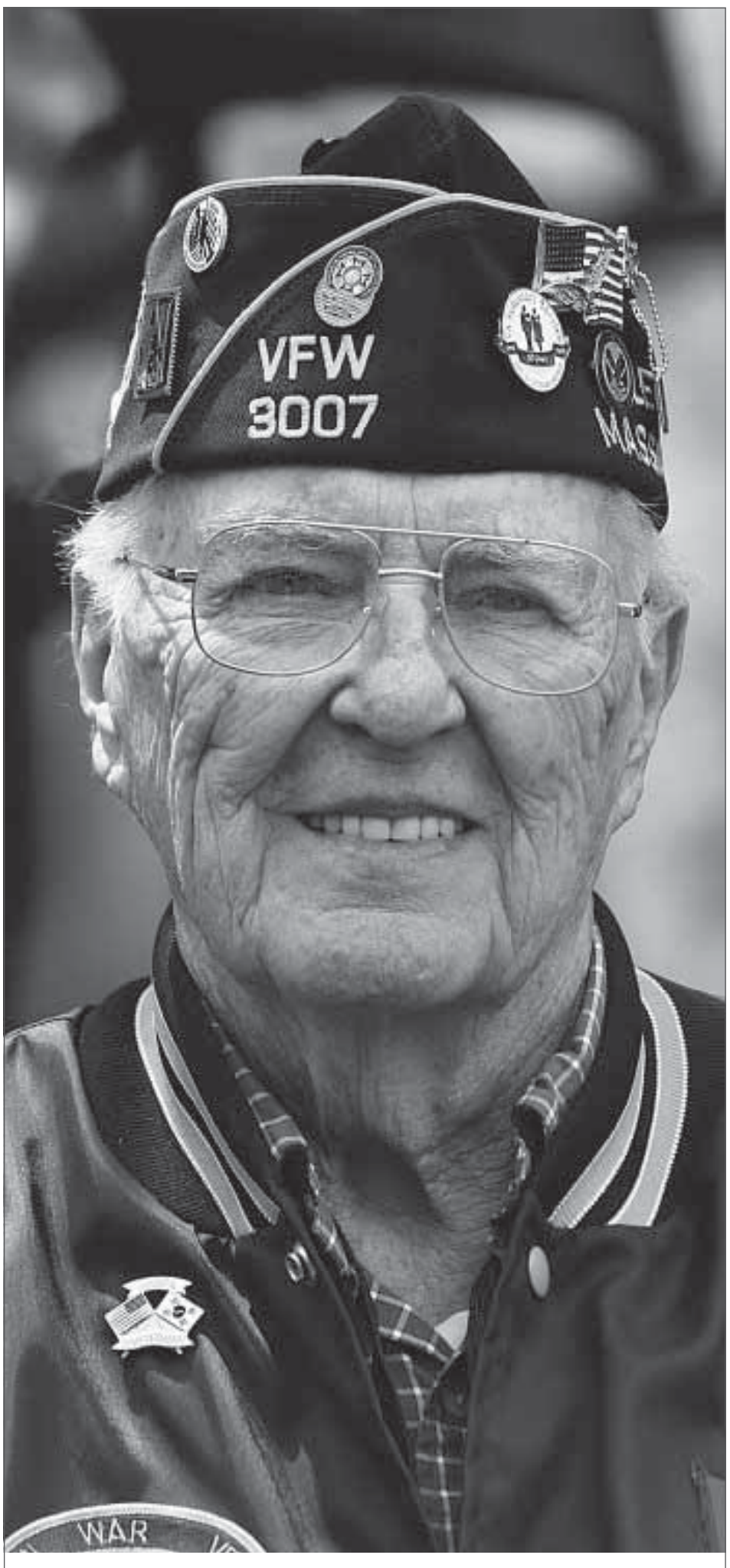
Wencel, Robert Anton 'Bob'

Bob died at his home on March 4, 2018 in Denver, Colorado at age 91. He was born in Chicago in 1926 to Anton and Barbara Wencel. He was an innovative businessman who spent many years in Chicago radio. He was an excellent athlete and excelled in football, boxing, wrestling, and baseball. He enjoyed sports and music all of his life. Bob was a well loved husband, father, grandfather and uncle. He leaves behind his loving wife, Carol, his daughters Gina Wencel and Laura Roam and seven grandchildren, Vincent, Kassi, Robert, Lily, Dyani, Tai and Dante. Loving uncle to Rod, Arthur, Barbara, Nicole, Miro and Kathi. Great uncle to Ryan, Courtney, Caiti, Theresa and Vince. He was preceded in death by his beloved parents and his sisters Elsie Klassovity and Harriet DeShon and his nephew Paul Klassovity.

He was a wonderful man who lived life well but no matter where he lived, his heart was always in Chicago. We will miss him very much.

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Wilson, Michael Jay



On Friday, March 16, 2018, Michael Jay Wilson died peacefully surrounded by his loving family in his home in Northbrook, Illinois, at the age of 52. Michael was born on July 28, 1965. He was born to Adia and Millard (Bud) Wilson, in his home town of Lincolnwood, Illinois. Michael graduated from Cornell College in 1987 and The DePaul University of Law in 1990. He concentrated his law practice in real estate taxation, as well as being an active member of the Chicago Bar Association's Real Estate Taxation Committee. On August 20, 1995 in Chicago, Illinois. Michael married the woman of his dreams, Suzie Baba Wilson. Over the years to come, the couple welcomed three children that they adored into their home, Matthew, Mitchell, and Nicole Wilson. His children remember him as being an honest, patient, hard-working father who was not only a role model, but an irreplaceable companion. Michael will be remembered fondly by all; notably by his wife, Suzie Wilson; His children, Matthew, Mitchell, and Nicole Wilson; His sisters, Sandra Norman, and Donna Wajda; His nieces and nephews, Marissa Norman, Ishtar, Danny, and Christopher Baba, Eric Wikstrom, and Jennifer Wikstrom; His mother in law, Sandra Baba; His sister in law, Swedlana Dass; His Brother in law, Ashoor Baba. Michael's memory will be cherished by all the family and friends, whose lives he touched.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to The American Heart Association in his loving memory.

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Wisniewski, Robert C. ''Bob"

Robert C. "Bob" Wisniewski, age 87, of Lake Havasu City, AZ, formerly of Chicago. Beloved husband of the late Florence (nee Dziedzic) and the late Eleanor (nee Kobitter). Loving father of Katherine (late Ronald) Zubkoff, Roberta (Kevin) Mallder, Ronald (Carole), Ken (Cynthia), Ray (Donna), and Joseph (Sherry). Cherished grandfather of 12 and great-grandfather of 15. Fond brother of Clara Lenart and preceded in death by ten brothers and sisters. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Wednesday 9:15 a.m. from **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL to St. Damian Church, 5300 W. 155th St., Oak Forest, IL. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL. Memorials to St. Joseph's Indian School, 1301 N. Main St., Chamberlain, SD 57325 preferred. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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Wolfmark, Rhea M.

Rhea M. Wolfmark nee Cooperman, age 84. Beloved wife of the late Sheldon. Loving mother of Howard (Penni) Wolfmark, Susan Lee and Debra (Gary) Cerfus. Proud grandmother of Julie (Adam) Snyder, Tracy (Bryan) Paull, Karen, Allison and Matthew Lee, Laura and Daniel Cerfus. Cherished great grandmother of Ruby, Lola, Liam, Milo, and Adalyne. Graveside service Tuesday, 2PM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Memorials in her name to Ronald McDonald House Charities Inc., 26345 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1263, www.support.rmhc.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com.

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Ziegenhorn, George J.

George J. Ziegenhorn, 93, U.S. Army Veteran; beloved husband of the late Margaret R., nee Di Maria; loving father of Margaret (Wesley) Reins and the late Eric Peter Ziegenhorn; proud grandfather of George (Morgan) Reins, Geoffrey (Kate) Reins, Kari (Andy) Martinez and the late Scott Reins; dear brother of the late William (Frances) Ziegenhorn and Marie Deering; also, fond uncle and true friend of many. Services will be private. Donations can be made in his honor to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago or Journey Care Hospice. For information 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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Zimmermann, IV, August J.

August J. Zimmermann, IV of Westchester, age 77. Beloved husband of Diane, nee Kaiser; loving father of Trayce and Jeff; proud grandpa of Dash; son of the late August Zimmermann, III and Rita, nee Frohan; brother of Paul (Naureen), Tom (Ellen), Sharon (Chuck) Cusick, Nancy (Jay) Johnescu and Judy (Jack) O'Malley; brother-in-law of Carol Kaiser (Patrick) Dwyer; uncle to many nieces and nephews. Graduate of the University of Illinois Champaign. Member Phi Kappa Sigma. Former owner of Industrial Wheel & Tool Co., Oak Park IL. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Monday, March 19, 2018 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass to follow at Divine Infant Church at 11:30 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to P.M. Smith & Sons, Donald R. Smith, Director.

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He was a well-known economist in the Midwest noted for his "Outlook for Interest Rates". He was Senior Vice President and Treasurer of La Salle National Bank, and a member of the Executive Committee in the Bank's Parent Holding Company, La Salle National Corp. He was a Senior Vice President and Chairman of the Asset and Liability Committee.

Before joining La Salle, he was a Vice President at The First National Bank of Chicago. He began his banking career in 1955 in the Trust Department's Management training program. He went on to become a fixed income securities analyst and later transferred to the Bond Department as part of the municipal underwriting group. He was later directed to start a money market operation which evolved into the Bank's Money Market Division where he became Vice President and Chairman of the Money Management Committee.

Upon retiring after thirty-five years in banking, he was invited by DePaul University's College of Commerce Department of Finance, where he received his B.S. and M.A., to join as an Executive in Residence, a position he held for fifteen years. He lectured in both the graduate and undergraduate divisions, including



the University's MBA Program in Hong Kong. He also assisted in the development of a special program (1993-1999) for banks in Poland, during its transition period.

He was a guest lecturer for seminars at the American Bankers Association Graduate School of Banking held at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He was a member of the committee on Specialist Assignment and Evaluation at the Chicago Stock Exchange.

As an advocate for the developmentally disabled, he was instrumental in the building of the Jack Mabley Developmental Center located in Dixon, Illinois. The facility was built as the result of a class action law suit filed in 1982 against Governor Thompson's decision to close the existing Dixon Developmental Center for the developmentally disabled and convert it to a prison, and transfer the Center's 700 residents into community facilities. His daughter Deborah was developmentally disabled and sensory impaired (deaf) and was one of the plaintiffs in a class action suit to prevent the closure. The suit resulted in a reexamination of the programmatic and habilitation programs for the developmentally disabled and the building of a new facility for 124 of the residents who were not only developmentally disabled but were also sensory impaired. The new facility opened in 1986 in Dixon, Illinois and is known as the Jack Mabley Developmental Center. The remaining residents had to be transferred to other State Facilities because the State could only find places for twenty-five of the original 700 residents in community facilities. In 1986, he was appointed by Governor Thompson to a Task Force to examine the Future of Mental Health in Illinois, and in 1989 to a Commission to examine the State's Mental Health Code. He was President of the Dixon Association for Retarded Citizens for twenty years.

From 1968-1982 he was a Trustee of the Foundation for Hearing & Speech Rehabilitation. He was a member of the Union League Club of Chicago since 1972. An avid collector of Sherlock Holmes memorabilia, he headed a Sherlock Holmes discussion group at the Edgebrook Branch of the Chicago Public Library. He is a United States Marine and served during the Korean War.

He is missed dearly by his wife Mary Ellen and his family.

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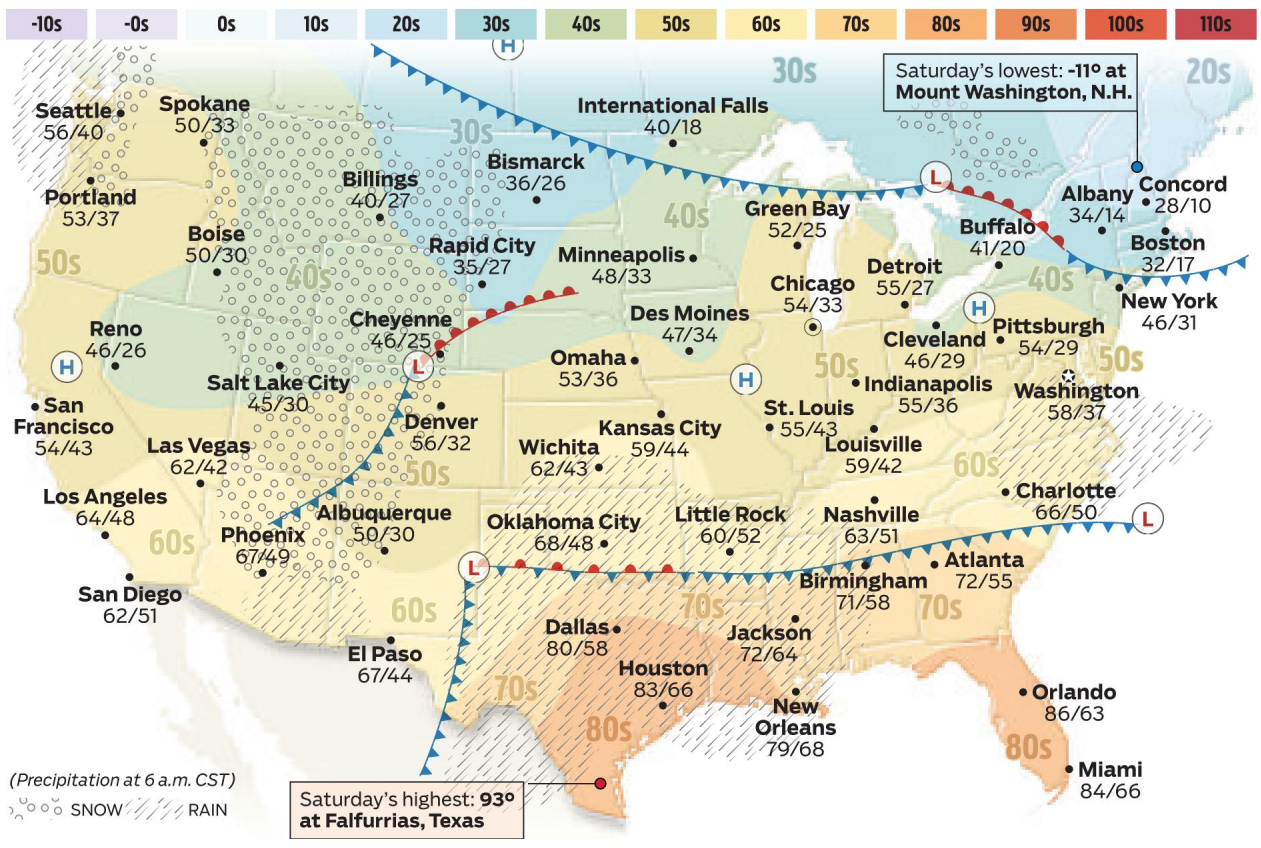
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■ Fair overnight. Lows range from the upper 20s inland to the middle 30s downtown.

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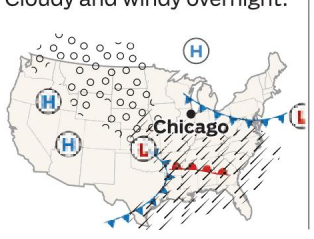
Through St. Patrick's Day, Chicago's highest temperature this March has been just 50 degrees, the lowest reading here since 2001 when it was also 50 degrees. Recent early Marches have featured some incredibly warm weather, including highs of 70 in 2016, 73 in 2015 and a summerlike 82 in the record warm March 2012. While readings could climb into the lower and mid-50s Sunday, spring-level temperatures in the 60s or 70s are not in the cards at this time.

The upcoming week will feature a preponderance of northeast winds keeping readings in the chilly 30s near the lake with inland temperatures hovering in the 40s. Current expectations for Election Day are for dry but chilly weather. The city's next chance of precipitation should arrive by Saturday with a chance of rain or snow.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

HIGH	LOW
43	30

Morning sunshine slowly fades as mid- and high-level clouds gather. Brisk E-NE winds increase to 20-30 mph. Chilly with low 40s inland; 30s near the lake. Cloudy and windy overnight.



TUESDAY, MARCH 20

HIGH	LOW
40	29

Astronomical spring begins (in name only) at 11:15 a.m. Partly sunny, windy and chilly for Election Day. Strong and gusty northeast winds hold readings in the 30s much of the day.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

HIGH	LOW
40	29

A lot of sun, but dimmed at times by passing cloudiness. Gusty northeast winds at 12-22 mph keep it chilly with temperatures mainly in the 30s, though warmest inland areas could reach lower 40s.



THURSDAY, MARCH 22

HIGH	LOW
44	30

Advancing high pressure brings ample sunshine and diminishing winds. Slightly milder as inland highs reach mid-40s, but once again chilly northeast winds keep lakeside readings in the 30s.



FRIDAY, MARCH 23

HIGH	LOW
46	35

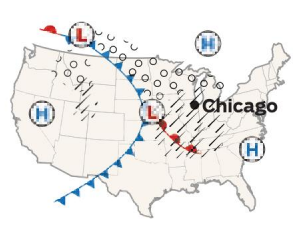
A sunny start, but clouds invade during afternoon. SE winds increase to 10-18 mph. Highs in the mid/upper 40s but hold in the 30s lakeside. Cloudy overnight with some rain or snow developing.



SATURDAY, MARCH 24

HIGH	LOW
43	33

Cloudy, some rain or snow likely. Windy and raw with gusty east-northeast winds at 15-25 mph. Highs in the lower 40s but chilly 30s near the lake.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,

When meteorologists measure relative humidity, do they take into consideration particles of pollution in the air?

— Bruce Ameismer, Chicago

Dear Bruce,

Air pollution is not taken into consideration. Actually, relative humidity is not directly measured. The air temperature and dew point temperature are measured, and the relative humidity is then calculated from those two values. The equation relating the three variables — temperature, dew point and relative humidity — is quite complex. Relative humidity is the ratio, expressed as a percentage, of the amount of water vapor in the air to the maximum amount it could hold *at the temperature of the air.* The complication is that as air is warmed, its capacity to hold water vapor increases dramatically. If no moisture is added, relative humidity drops as air warms.

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Marching to a very cold drummer: record cold of March 1960

While the first half of March 2018 has been averaging close to normal, it has been lacking in warm days, with the month's high to date just 50 on March 15, and no real warmth is in sight. However, this month's chill can't hold a candle to the frigid weather that gripped all of Illinois 58 years ago in March 1960 — the state's coldest March on record.

FRIGID NUMBERS THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH

During the first week of March 1960, Chicago's highs failed to reach 30 degrees. On four mornings, lows plummeted to single digits, with subzero readings in the suburbs. Downstate temps dropped even lower, with double-digit subzero cold common during that period.

CHICAGO'S WEATHER MARCH 1-7, 1960

DATE	HIGH/LOW	SNOWFALL
3/1	26/2	0.0"
3/2	27/18	0.2"
3/3	25/12	3.9"
3/4	21/11	Trace
3/5	21/3	0.0"
3/6	22/2	0.3"
3/7	27/7	0.4"

MARCH 1960 TEMPERATURE DATA

LOCATION	AVG. TEMP	DEP. FROM NORMAL	DAYS AT/BELOW 0°	MONTH'S LOWEST	RECORD LOWS*
Chicago	26.4°	-10.6°	None	2°	1
Rockford	22.5°	-12.5°	4 days	-7°	3
Moline	19.9°	-17.3°	8 days	-19°	8
Peoria	22.6°	-15.7°	4 days	-10°	5
Springfield	24.2°	-16.0°	4 days	-12°	7

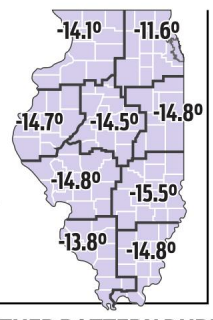
**Total number of record lows that are still in effect*

IMPACT OF SNOW COVER

March 1960 also was snowy, highlighted by a 6-inch snow March 15-16 that affected nearly all of central and northern Illinois. Persistent deep snow cover helped contribute to the month's record cold. The state did not lose all of its snow cover until the last few days of the month, when temperatures finally reached the 60s and 70s.

MARCH 1960 TEMPERATURE DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL

By Illinois climate district



COLDEST MARCHES

Chicago (since 1871)

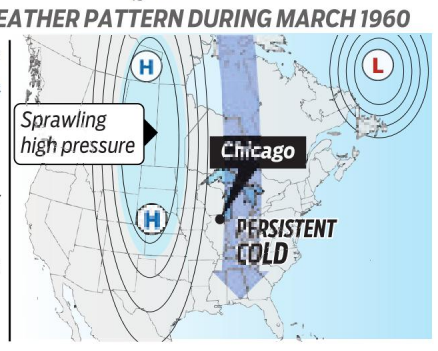
RANK	YEAR	AVERAGE
1.	1960	26.4°
2.	1872	28.0°
3.	1912	28.8°

Illinois (since 1895)

RANK	YEAR	AVERAGE
1.	1960	25.3°
2.	1906	30.0°
3.	1912	30.0°

OVERALL WEATHER PATTERN DURING MARCH 1960

Chicago's snow cover in March 1960 *Continuous snow cover through March 21: deepest, 7 inches on March 17; also 2 inches on March 26*



SOURCES: National Weather Service archives; Dr. Jim Angel, Illinois state climatologist; Frank Wachowski

STEVE KAHN AND JENNIFER M. KOHNKE / WGN-TV

CHICAGO DIGEST

SUNDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	48	32	Midway	45	33
Gary	41	32	O'Hare	46	33
Kankakee	40	32	Romeoville	45	31
Lakefront	42	33	Valparaiso	47	32
Lansing	42	31	Waukegan	43	25

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Saturday	Trace	0.08"
Month to date	1.21"	0.09"
Year to date	7.39"	4.82"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Saturday	Trace	0.10"
Season to date	32.9"	35.4"
Normal to date	33.3"	34.4"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
Wind	Var. 5-10 kts.	NE 20-30 kts.
Waves	1 foot	4-8 feet
Sat. shore/crib water temps		38°/37°

PAST WEEK PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	Moderate
Grass	0
Mold	Low
Ragweed	0
Weed	0

SOURCE: The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Joseph Leija

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Saturday reading	Good
Sunday forecast	Moderate
Critical pollutant	Particulates

SUNDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:57 a.m.	7:01 p.m.
Moon	7:50 a.m.	8:21 p.m.

NEW March 17 | 1ST Q March 24 | FULL March 31 | 3RD Q April 8

SUNDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:25 a.m.	8:33 p.m.
Venus	7:40 a.m.	8:22 p.m.
Mars	2:37 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
Jupiter	11:29 p.m.	9:28 a.m.
Saturn	3:06 a.m.	12:19 p.m.

BEST VIEWING	TIME	DIRECTION
Mercury	7:45 p.m.	8.5° W
Venus	7:45 p.m.	6.5° W
Mars	6:00 a.m.	23° SSE
Jupiter	4:30 a.m.	31° S
Saturn	6:00 a.m.	21.5° SSE

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois						
Carbondale	pc	55	45	rn	51	32
Champaign	su	55	36	pc	51	25
Decatur	pc	55	38	pc	51	27
Moline	pc	55	33	pc	51	27
Peoria	su	55	35	cl	50	28
Quincy	cl	54	40	sh	51	29
Rockford	pc	54	30	pc	45	25
Springfield	pc	57	40	pc	52	28
Sterling	pc	54	31	pc	49	26
Indiana						
Bloomington	su	57	38	sh	51	27
Evansville	sh	55	44	rn	48	32
Fort Wayne	su	53	29	cl	45	23
Indianapolis	su	55	36	sh	53	26
Lafayette	su	53	32	cl	49	24
South Bend	su	52	28	cl	46	21
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	pc	52	25	pc	34	21
Kenosha	su	52	30	pc	38	26
La Crosse	pc	54	30	pc	45	25
Madison	pc	54	27	pc	43	22
Milwaukee	pc	53	30	pc	37	25
Wausau	pc	49	23	pc	37	17
Michigan						
Detroit	su	55	27	pc	38	22
Grand Rapids	su	53	27	pc	41	24
Marquette	sh	29	16	cl	24	12
St. Ste. Marie	pc	35	11	su	29	8
Traverse City	su	42	23	pc	35	17
Iowa						
Ames	sh	45	30	pc	50	28
Cedar Rapids	pc	50	30	pc	51	25
Des Moines	sh	47	34	pc	52	30
Dubuque	pc	53	31	pc	48	25

OTHER U.S. CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	sh	81	48	pc	70	38
Albany	pc	34	14	su	35	14
Albuquerque	pc	50	30	pc	54	30
Amarillo	pc	72	40	pc	51	30
Anchorage	cl	42	37	rs	39	28
Asheville	pc	66	47	sh	58	45
Aspen	sn	38	20	cl	36	17
Atlanta	pc	72	55	ts	69	52
Atlantic City	su	49	32	pc	40	34
Austin	sh	86	60	pc	82	50
Baltimore	su	57	37	cl	49	34
Billings	sh	40	27	pc	43	30
Birmingham	sh	71	58	ts	76	50
Bismarck	rs	36	26	ss	32	22
Boise	ss	50	30	cl	52	35
Boston	su	32	17	su	36	18
Brownsville	sh	87	68	pc	87	60
Buffalo	pc	41	20	pc	31	18
Burlington	su	24	9	pc	25	9
Charlotte	pc	66	50	rn	58	47
Charlstn SC	pc	73	56	ts	67	61
Charlstn WV	su	56	35	sh	57	41
Chattanooga	pc	69	52	ts	67	51
Cheyenne	pc	46	25	sh	38	23
Cincinnati	su	57	37	sh	55	31
Cleveland	su	46	29	pc	37	28
Colo. Spgs	pc	55	30	pc	46	23
Columbia MO	pc	56	42	sh	50	32
Columbia SC	pc	73	53	sh	71	55
Columbus	su	53	32	sh	53	29
Concord	su	28	10	su	32	11
Crps Christi	sh	81	66	ts	87	56
Dallas	ts	80	58	pc	75	47
Daytona Bch.	ts	82	61	ts	83	67
Denver	sh	56	32	pc	47	25
Duluth	cl	36	23	cl	27	18
El Paso	pc	67	44	pc	66	42
Fairbanks	sh	33	22	ss	30	14
Fargo	pc	42	28	rs	37	24
Flagstaff	ss	37	16	pc	44	16
Fort Myers	pc	83	64	pc	83	70
Fort Smith	ts	59	51	pc	69	44
Fresno	cl	61	41	pc	70	48
Grand Junc.	rn	42	25	pc	49	28
Great Falls	ss	33	20	pc	41	25
Harrisburg	su	54	32	pc	50	31
Hartford	su	37	22	su	41	21
Helena	ss	37	25	pc	42	22
Honolulu	pc	80	71	sh	78	69
Houston	ts	83	66	pc	84	53
Int'l Falls	sh	40	18	sh	33	13
Jackson	ts	72	64	ts	82	50
Jacksonville	pc	83	66	ts	78	69
Juneau	cl	44	33	rn	39	31
Kansas City	pc	59	44	sh	56	36
Las Vegas	pc	62	42	su	66	46
Lexington	pc	58	41	rn	52	35
Lincoln	pc	55	36	sh	50	32
Little Rock	rn	60	52	pc	76	45
Los Angeles	pc	64	48	pc	70	52
Louisville	pc	59	42	rn	54	33
Macon	pc	79	56	ts	74	55
Memphis	sh	64	55	ts	71	44
Miami	pc	84	66	pc	83	72
Minneapolis	sh	48	33	sh	42	26
Mobile	ts	74	65	ts	79	59
Montgomery	ts	74	62	ts	79	53
Nashville	cl	63	51	ts	68	44
New Orleans	ts	79	68	ts	82	58
New York	su	46	31	pc	45	31
Norfolk	pc	53	35	sh	54	44
Okla. City	ts	68	48	pc	58	39
Omaha	pc	53	36	sh	53	34
Orlando	su	86	63	ts	88	70
Palm Beach	pc	84	63	pc	87	69
Palm Springs	pc	72	50	su	77	54
Philadelphia	su	52	32	pc	47	31
Phoenix	pc	67	49	pc	74	51
Pittsburgh	su	54	29	pc	52	30
Portland, ME	pc	30	11	su	33	12
Portland, OR	sh	53	37	pc	57	36
Providence	su	37	17	su	40	17
Raleigh	pc	61	42	sh	55	44
Rapid City	rs	35	27	ss	34	18
Reno	pc	46	26	pc	52	32
Richmond	pc	59	35	sh	53	37
Rochester	cl	39	17	pc	29	16
Sacramento	cl	59	37	su	66	45
Salem, Ore.	sh	51	35	pc	56	34
Salt Lake City	pc	45	30	pc	51	35
San Antonio	pc	91	63	pc	86	52
San Diego	pc	62	51	pc	66	52
San Francisco	cl	54	43	pc	62	49
San Juan	pc	87	71	pc	85	73
Santa Fe	pc	43	23	pc	46	22
Savannah	pc	84	58	ts	74	64
Seattle	pc	56	40	pc	56	37
Shreveport	ts	73	65	pc	76	50
Sioux Falls	pc	48	32	sh	42	29
Spokane	pc	50	33	pc	52	32
St. Louis	pc	55	43	sh	52	32
Syracuse	cl	31	9	su	28	11
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Topeka	pc	61	42	rn	55	34
Tucson	pc	64	41	pc	71	45
Tulsa	ts	60	49	cl	59	42
Washington	su	58	37	cl	51	36
Wichita	cl	62	43	rn	52	36
Wilkes Barre	su	44	19	pc	38	19
Yuma	pc	71	49	pc	78	52

WORLD CITIES

SUNDAY	FC	HI	LO
Acapulco	pc	85	71
Algiers	rn	58	47
Amsterdam	pc	36	24
Ankara	pc	72	46
Athens	sh	68	53
Auckland	pc	73	63
Baghdad	su	79	54
Bangkok	su	93	81
Barbados	pc	83	75
Barcelona	su	57	41
Beijing	pc	57	33
Beirut	pc	75	66
Berlin	su	35	21
Bermuda	ts	67	61
Bogota	ts	68	50
Brussels	sh	36	24
Bucharest	fr	39	26
Budapest	pc	32	20
Buenos Aires	ts	71	49
Cairo	pc	90	71
Cancun	su	85	73
Caracas	pc	82	61
Casablanca	rn	66	53
Copenhagen	pc	35	25
Dublin	ss	37	33
Edmonton	ss	35	20
Frankfurt	su	34	19
Geneva	cl	47	34
Guadalajara	pc	85	50
Havana	pc	87	66
Helsinki	pc	36	27
Hong Kong	sh	76	66
Istanbul	pc	66	48
Jerusalem	pc	76	56
Johannesburg	cl	72	58
Kabul	cl	64	42
Kiev	sh	16	10
Kingston	pc	85	75
Lima	pc	73	67
Lisbon	sh	58	50
London	pc	35	30
Madrid	pc	54	35
Manila	pc	93	76
Mexico City	pc	82	54
Monterrey	su	95	69
Montreal	pc	24	7
Moscow	pc	23	10
Munich	ss	33	22
Nairobi	ts	76	62
Nassau	su	82	69
New Delhi	su	91	62
Oslo	su	32	19
Ottawa	pc	25	6
Panama City	ts	90	73
Paris	ss	40	29
Prague	cl	28	17
Rio de Janeiro	pc	86	74
Riyadh	su	83	60
Rome	rn	56	45
Santiago	pc	79	50
Seoul	pc	57	35
Singapore	cl	92	77
Sofia	rn	55	42
Stockholm	su	35	24
Sydney	su	84	68
Taipei	pc	82	67
Tehran	su	63	46
Tokyo	sh	66	45
Toronto	pc	46	18
Trinidad	pc	88	70
Vancouver	pc	49	40
Vienna	sh	31	22
Warsaw	su	30	17
Winnipeg	cl	35	22

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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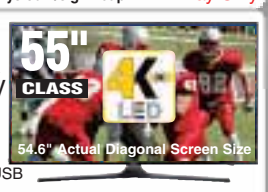
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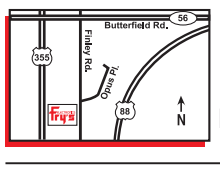
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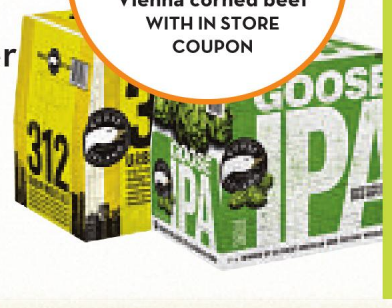
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You paid a business. Then it shut down. Now what?

Options for dealing with, recouping after an abrupt closure

By Samantha Bomkamp
Chicago Tribune

Consider this frustrating scenario: A business closes abruptly. You paid in advance for its services, but you haven't been able to reach the company to ask for a refund.

It's a familiar experience for some Chicago residents. Two local businesses — Logan Square Fitness and Language Stars, which offered foreign language classes for kids — shut down with little-to-no warning last month, leaving some customers who had prepaid thousands of dollars without classes or workout time.

Customers may feel helpless when a service business shutters unexpectedly, and the process of recouping money can involve a frustrating and lengthy legal fight.

So what do you do if this happens to you?

Call your credit card company

If you paid for a class or made any other sort of advance payment with a credit card, phoning the credit card company should be first on your to-do list. That's because credit card companies will pursue a claim — or legal action, if it reaches that point — on your behalf. Not all banks will do the same, so those who make similar payments on their debit card may not have the same protection.

"If you paid with a credit card, you have a little something extra in your back pocket," said Greg McBride, chief financial analyst at Bankrate.com.

In some cases, customers don't even have to pick up the phone. Some credit card charges can be disputed online.

For services that you paid for by credit card that weren't performed, like the remaining six months in your yearlong gym contract, you should be able to get your money back, McBride said.

In fact, Cassandra Burke Robertson, a law professor at Case Western Reserve University, said paying with a credit card is the single most

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Becky & Me Toys owner Ron Sebert plays with 22-month-old Heidi Schatz on Tuesday at his store in Evanston.

ERIN HOOLEY/ CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

A WORLD WITHOUT TOYS R US

Chicago-area toymakers and toy stores could be hit by ripple effect

By Lauren Zumbach
Chicago Tribune

For a retailer that is preparing to shutter all its U.S. stores, Toys R Us still has a lot of fans.

There are plenty of places consumers can shop for toys — that's part of the Wayne, N.J.-based chain's problem. But none of its mass-market competitors generate the same nostalgia for a toy emporium that was a family destination as well as a place to shop.

"No one wants to think of a world without Toys R Us," said Rick Woldenberg, CEO of Vernon Hills-based toymaker Learning Resources.

Toys R Us announced plans to close all remaining 735 U.S. stores, including 31 in Illinois, on Wednesday. About 200 top-performing U.S. stores could be saved if the chain succeeds in selling its stronger Canadian business, but in the meantime, it plans to move ahead with the liquidation.

The uproar over Toys R Us' financial distress isn't just about its iconic status. The retailer still accounts for an estimated 15 to 20 percent slice of the U.S. toy market — an unusually large share for a company seeking to go out of business.



Stuffed animals sit on a shelf at Becky & Me Toys in Evanston.

It remains enough of a heavyweight that even some competitors are wary of a world without Toys R Us kids.

Local toy retailers worry manufacturers could raise prices or shrink selection or that the absence of Toys R Us will make it that much easier for shoppers to shift toy purchases online. How big the impact will be depends on where the customers who shop at stores that are closing take their business. Toymakers, meanwhile, are worried about losing a retailer that stocked a wide variety and took chances on newer products.

Peggy Sebert, who owns Becky & Me Toys in Evanston with her husband and daughter, said independent toy shops

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"It's the smaller guy that can't get shelf space at Walmart who's going to be hurting."

— Brian Kujawski, a partner at Chicago's Big Monster Toys



The Slide Fire Solutions SSAR-15 rifle stock has a disclaimer from OpticsPlanet: "Demand for this product has just increased dramatically, and we want to let you know that we have no ETA."

As lawmakers pursue bump stock ban, demand overwhelms Northbrook retailer

By Robert Channick
Chicago Tribune

While efforts to ban bump stocks are gaining momentum in Illinois and other states, an online retailer based in Chicago's northern suburbs is doing brisk business selling the devices that allow semi-automatic rifles to emulate the rapid fire of machine guns.

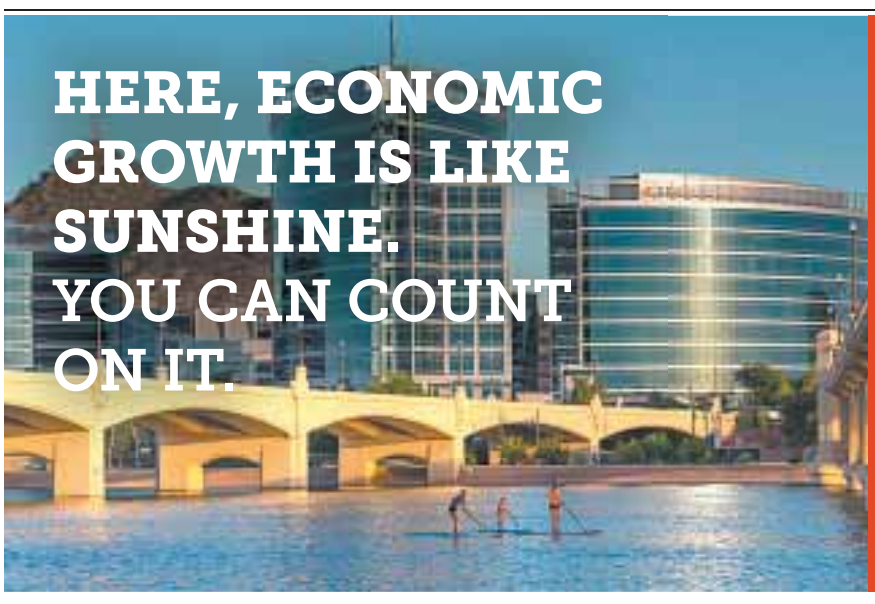
OpticsPlanet, an 18-year-old company based in a Northbrook industrial park, features everything from gun accessories and hunting gear to telescopes and sunglasses on its website.

Its eclectic offerings include about a half-dozen bump stock devices, such as the $270 Slide Fire Solutions SSAR-15, which is apparently selling so quickly OpticsPlanet can't keep it in stock.

"Demand for this product has just increased dramatically, and we want to let you know that we have no (estimated time of arrival)," the company says in a disclaimer on its website.

Big-name retailers like Cabela's and Walmart have pulled bump stocks from their shelves and websites. Banning them has become as close to common ground as it gets in the polarizing debate over gun control. But OpticsPlanet continues selling the controversial devices — which modify semi-automatic rifles by harnessing the recoil action to fire with the speed of a machine gun — out of its nonde-

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WEEK IN REVIEW

Summing up the Tribune's business coverage

Big riverfront restaurant plans

Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises is expanding its food empire into a huge, four-level space along the Chicago River that will be one of the largest projects in its 47 years. The space will include two restaurants and a private events space. The 35,000-square-foot space is part of a $50 million upgrade of the office tower at 321 N. Clark St., along the northern edge of the Chicago River. The restaurants are expected to open by summer 2019, said R.J. Melman, Lettuce Entertain You partner and president.

Illinois closings to lay off 1,000-plus: Store and plant closings drove Illinois employers to warn the state in February of more than 1,000 planned layoffs, according to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Carson's and Bergner's will lay off a total of 330 employees in Illinois. Siemens Industry, which makes controls and automated systems, said it expects to lay off 200 people at a West Chicago facility.



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Riverline project split into separate residential developments: Less than two years after breaking ground on one of Chicago's most ambitious residential developments, Riverline's owners have split the $2 billion plan into two projects along the Chicago River. Riverline's developers said the eight-tower South Loop mega-development is now two separately controlled projects, with Australia's Lendlease taking over work on the 7-acre portion north of River City Condominiums and Chicago-based CMK Cos. keeping the 8-acre parcel south of the Bertrand Goldberg-designed complex.

Caterpillar unit mulls plant closure: Progress Rail, a rail car maker owned by Caterpillar, said it is considering the closure of its engine manufacturing center near La Grange, which could mean the loss of 600 jobs. If it goes ahead with the closure, the company said it will move operations to other facilities in the U.S. and to some outside suppliers.

MB Financial Bank faces lawsuit over overdraft fees: A Chicago-area customer is suing MB Financial Bank for allegedly charging her $6,000 in "predatory" overdraft fees since 2015. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Chicago, seeks class-action status over what it claims is MB Financial's "crushing and punitive" overdraft fee policies for its checking account customers, including plaintiff Rhonda Boone.

Coalition pushes for 24-acre park: An anticipated burst of real estate development along the Chicago River also will include a 24-acre public park, if a coalition including two North Side aldermen gets its way. The group is pushing to have Mayor Rahm Emanuel back its effort to create the park on mostly industrial land along the east side of the river.

Six charged in ID theft: Six Florida residents have been charged in an identity theft ring that allegedly stole credit and debit card information from about 170 people who swiped their cards at gas stations across the Chicago area. The defendants allegedly used skimming devices at more than 100 gas stations in Cook, Lake, DuPage and Kane counties, Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office announced.

What else happened last week? Catch up on all the news at ***www.chicagotribune.com/business****.*

Microsoft: 20 people fired last year for harassment

By Rachel Lerman
The Seattle Times



TNS

Out of 118 gender-bias complaints filed in 7 years, Microsoft's internal investigation unit concluded just one of those complaints was "founded," according to plaintiff documents.

SEATTLE — Microsoft defended its handling of gender-discrimination complaints Thursday, and said it fired about 20 people last year after sexual-harassment investigations.

In an email to all employees late Thursday about its internal inquiry process for bias complaints, it addressed issues raised earlier this week in a gender-discrimination lawsuit against Microsoft.

The email, sent by Microsoft's chief of people Kathleen Hogan, sought to reassure employees that their voices would be heard when they filed a complaint.

"We strive to create an environment where everyone is respected, safe and able to do their best work," the email read.

The company also called "misleading" data disclosed earlier this week in a lawsuit, asserting in its email that "reports that we rarely reach a conclusion in favor of the complainant are based on a faulty reading of a partial data set."

Microsoft's internal investigation of complaints was thrust into the public spotlight earlier this week when some information in the lawsuit was unsealed, showing — according to the plaintiffs — that less than 1 percent of gender-discrimination complaints filed by U.S. technical women between 2010 and 2016 were found to violate company policy, according to court documents.

The case also addresses some instances of sexual harassment. In response, Hogan wrote Thursday that U.S. Microsoft employees filed 83 complaints about sexual harassment last fiscal year.

Nearly half were found to be "supported in part or in full." In more than half of the cases found to be supported, the offender was fired, the company said.

The newly unsealed information in the lawsuit alleges that female engineering employees had filed 238 complaints of gender discrimination, sexual harassment and sexual assault with the company's internal investigations unit during a seven-year period.

Of 118 gender discrimination complaints filed between 2010 and 2016, the company determined a policy was violated in only one case, according to the plaintiff's documents, which rely on partial logs of outcomes of the Microsoft investigative team.

Microsoft presented its own numbers in the email Thursday, saying that last fiscal year it had 84 complaints of gender discrimination and found about 10 percent of those to be "supported in part or in full."

Those numbers cover a different time period and a larger group of employees than those cited in the plaintiff's court documents.

The company is being sued by three women, current and former engineering employees, who claim that systemic gender discrimination throughout the tech giant has led to women losing out on promotions and hundreds of millions of dollars in pay.

The plaintiffs are seeking to make the lawsuit a class-action case, which would allow more than 8,600 women who have served in technical roles at Microsoft to join.

Microsoft has denied the lawsuit's claims, saying it has nearly equal pay between genders and does not systemically discriminate against women.

Hogan also said she had heard that some employees feel the process lacks empathy, and that the company was committed to improving.

The lawsuit was originally filed by Katie Moussouris of Kirkland in September 2015. The former Microsoft cybersecurity employee was joined by two other women, also engineering employees, the next month.

Since then, lawyers on each side of the case have filed thousands of pages of documents including expert studies, depositions of former employees and company memos.

The case has served as a window into Microsoft's operations surrounding gender in the workplace — a hot-button issue for the tech industry.

U.S. District Court Judge James Robart is expected to rule on whether the case will become a class action in the next several months.

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Lane Tech to host Apple for next product announcement

Apple will make an education-focused announcement in Chicago March 27 at Lane Tech High School.

The iPhone maker typically holds its product announcements in California, at its campus in Cupertino, or at nearby convention centers, making this an unusual event. Its last education-related event took place in New York City in 2012. The company said in an invitation Friday that it will share "creative new ideas for teachers and students" at the affair, which will take place at Lane Tech College Prep High School.

Currently, Apple offers a slew of services aimed at schools, including an app called Classroom for managing classwork, iTunes U for viewing recorded lessons from a number of colleges, Swift Playgrounds for learning how to code, and iBooks Author for designing books.

The company has been developing a revamped strategy for electronic books with a new iBooks application, Bloomberg has reported. The hardware maker also sometimes introduces new iPads, which it positions toward education, in March. Last year, Apple released cheaper iPads, which are easier to sell in bulk to schools and more affordable for students. It's possible that Apple could update the line at this event.



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Apple said it would share "new ideas for teachers and students" on March 27 at Lane Tech College Prep High School.

— Bloomberg news

Dick's has yet to feel gun backlash

Stock still down 26 percent in past year

By Matt Townsend
Bloomberg News

Dick's Sporting Goods Chief Executive Officer Ed Stack warned investors last week that its tougher stance on guns might hurt its business.

But so far, that hasn't come to pass — at least in the form of fewer store visits.

Trips to Dick's locations have risen 0.3 percent in the two weeks since the company ended the sales of assault-style firearms and tightened age restrictions on other guns, according to InMarket, which tracks consumer traffic through mobile phones.

"It definitely shows they have a loyal customer base," said Cameron Peebles, InMarket's chief marketing officer. "Consumers vote with their feet."

Shares of Dick's climbed as much as 2.7 percent to $35.76 on Friday. Still, they remain down more than 26 percent in the past year.

If this trend holds, the traffic trends may be welcome news for the retailer, which has been trying to convince investors that it can revive growth. The company is dealing with increasing competition from its own suppliers, like Nike, which have started to sell more merchandise through their own stores and websites.

The retailer's revised gun policy, which raises the required purchasing age for all firearms to 21, will negatively impact sales, the company has said. The fear is that pro-gun activists would stage boycotts or at least cut back on their purchases.

"We're going to have some blowback and some pushback on that businesses," Stack said during an investor conference on Wednesday. "It's going to be even softer than we had originally anticipated."

However, InMarket's data show the expected impact may not materialize.

On the other hand, the traffic doesn't suggest that a bunch of people applauding Dick's move are streaming into stores either.

"While Dick's Sporting Goods might be preparing for a massive backlash, the early data suggests things might not be as bad as they seem," InMarket said.



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Major U.S. airlines hired only 30 pilots in 2009, according to Future & Active Pilot Advisors, a career-counseling business.

Surge in airline hiring ups interest for aspiring pilots

Boeing predicts 117,000 new pilots needed by 2036 as retirements approach

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — Major U.S. airlines are hiring pilots at a rate not seen since before 9/11, and that is encouraging more young people to consider a career in the cockpit.

Hiring is likely to remain brisk for years. Smaller airlines in the U.S. are struggling with a shortage that will continue as they lose pilots to the bigger carriers, which in turn will need to replace thousands of retiring pilots over the next few years.

Aircraft maker Boeing predicts that the U.S. will need 117,000 new pilots by 2036. Just a decade ago thousands of pilots were furloughed and some abandoned the profession.

The shortage has been felt most keenly at regional carriers where many pilots start their airline careers.

Last summer, Alaska Airlines subsidiary Horizon Air canceled more than 300 flights over two months for lack of pilots. Republic Airways filed for bankruptcy protection in 2016, citing a pilot shortage that forced it to ground flights.

Many regional carriers fly smaller planes for American Eagle, Delta Connection and United Express. Signing bonuses and higher pay have helped them hire more than 17,000 pilots in the past four years, but that only replaced those who moved up to the major carriers, according to the Regional Airline Association.

Demand at the major airlines is expected to grow as thousands of pilots at American, Delta, United and Southwest hit the U.S. mandatory pilot-retirement age of 65 in the next several years.

American Airlines CEO Doug Parker believes the industry will cope.

"Economics is going to take care of this, and I think that's what is happening now," Parker says. "The (flight) schools are starting to fill up with people who realize, 'If I can get myself to 1,500 hours (the minimum flight hours needed to get an airline-pilot license), I can be assured of a career as a pilot.' That's not something people could convince themselves of from 9/11 on until now."

Pilot hiring nosedived after the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks that led to a decline in travel, and again during the global financial crisis in 2008-2009. Major U.S. airlines hired only 30 pilots in 2009, according to Future & Active Pilot Advisors, a career-counseling business for pilots.

The job market didn't pick up significantly until around 2014. Last year 10 of the largest U.S. passenger and cargo airlines hired 4,988 pilots, the most since 2000 when they hired 5,105.

"It's the best sellers' market I have seen in the last 45 years of monitoring airline pilot hiring," says Louis Smith, a retired airline pilot who runs the pilot-counseling outfit.

Smith says forums for aspiring pilots that once drew a couple dozen people now sometimes attract more than 150. Some hope to make a mid-career change, which was rare just a few years ago.

Aaron Ludomirski is one of those career-changers. The 31-year-old from Asbury Park, New Jersey, says he always wanted to be a pilot but studied business instead because the bleak job opportunities for pilots in the years after 9/11 didn't justify the cost of school and flight training. After college he started an online marketing business.

"Year after year I found myself less and less satisfied with my work," he says. "I started thinking about what kind of career would really lead me to feeling fulfilled and accomplished, and I kept coming back to aviation."

Ludomirski did some fresh research and learned that pilots were back in demand — and more would be retiring in the next few years. He quit his job and went to flight school. Now he is working as a flight instructor to gain the required flying time for an airline pilot.

"I can interview for and even accept a conditional letter of employment and know I have my dream job lined up for me when I'm ready," he says.

Applications for commercial aviation majors at the University of North Dakota, a big aeronautical school, have more than doubled in the last three years, says Elizabeth Bjerke, an aviation professor and one of the authors of the university's widely watched forecast on pilot supply.

Some students graduate early to take advantage of the job market and the chance to move up the seniority list quickly because so many older pilots are retiring.

"Our graduates will fly at the regionals for a very short period," Bjerke said. "They are getting picked up by the major carriers in their mid-20s, which would have been just crazy to think of 15 or 20 years ago."

Michael Wiggins, chairman of the aeronautical science department at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, says his school's graduates are getting multiple job offers from regional airlines.

Pilots who become captains on jumbo jets that fly international routes can earn more than $300,000 a year. But for anyone starting out in the profession, the training is expensive — upward of $100,000.

A few years ago, those who made it faced starting pay for first officers or co-pilots at regional airlines in the low-$20,000s. With bonuses and higher hourly rates, some regionals now claim to offer starting pay of $80,000 or more, but even that might not be enough to meet future demand.

The Regional Airline Association is pushing to change a 2013 federal rule that requires 1,500 hours of flying time — usually in small, single-engine planes — by replacing some of it with supervised classroom instruction. The group's president, Faye Malarkey Black, says supervised training would produce aviators with skills more relevant to piloting an airliner.

But a similar proposal appears stalled in Congress, partly due to opposition from families of the 50 people who died in the last deadly crash of a U.S. airliner, a Colgan Air plane in 2009. Black believes the Trump administration has the authority to change the minimum flight hours without waiting for Congress to act, but she admits that will be difficult "as long as those changes are successfully cast as rolling back safety."

JetBlue Airways is beginning a small-scale program of training people with no flying experience — an approach used by Lufthansa and other international airlines. The JetBlue program costs about $125,000, however, the airline says it is looking into providing financial assistance.

Even with assistance, however, life for newcomers can be taxing. In addition to flying smaller planes for lower wages, they work on holidays and spend lots of time away from home.

Starting pilots need "a passion for flying that drives the thrill of going to work," says Smith, the career adviser. "It's certainly not for everyone."

AP Videographer Joshua Replogle in Miami contributed to this report.

National security behind end of telecom deal

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Behind the U.S. move to block Singapore-based Broadcom's hostile bid for U.S. chipmaker Qualcomm lies a new global struggle for influence over next-generation communications technology — and fears that whoever takes the lead could exploit that advantage for economic gain, theft and espionage.

In the Broadcom-Qualcomm deal, the focus is on so-called 5G wireless technology, which promises data speeds that rival those of landline broadband now.

Its proponents insist that 5G, the next step up from the 4G networks that now serve most smartphones, will become a critical part of the infrastructure powering everything from self-driving cars to the connected home.

5G remains in the early stages of development. Companies including Qualcomm, based in San Diego, and China's Huawei have been investing heavily to stake their claim in the underlying technology. Such beachheads can be enormously valuable; control over basic technologies and their patents can yield huge fortunes in computer chips, software and related equipment.

"These transitions come along almost every decade or so," said Jon Erensen, research director for semiconductors at research firm Gartner. "The government is being very careful to ensure the U.S. keeps its leadership role developing these standards."

President Donald Trump said late Monday that a takeover of Qualcomm would imperil national security, effectively ending Broadcom's $117 billion buyout bid. Broadcom said that it is studying the order and that it doesn't believe it poses any national security threat to the U.S.

It's the second recent U.S. warning shot across the bow of foreign telecom makers. At a Senate intelligence committee meeting in February, FBI Director Christopher Wray said any company "beholden to foreign governments that don't share our values" should not be able to "gain positions of power" inside U.S. telecommunications networks.

"That provides the capacity to exert pressure or control over our telecommunications infrastructure, it provides the capacity to maliciously modify or steal information and it provides the capacity to conduct undetected espionage," he said.

Lawmakers in the House introduced a bill Jan. 9 that would prohibit government purchases of telecom equipment from Huawei Technologies and smaller rival ZTE, citing their ties to the Chinese military and backing from the ruling Communist Party. A few years earlier, a congressional panel recommended phone carriers avoid doing business with Huawei or ZTE.

Although its name isn't widely known outside the technology industry, San Diego-based Qualcomm is one of the world's leading makers of the processors that power many smartphones and other mobile devices. Qualcomm also owns patents on key pieces of mobile technology that Apple and other manufacturers use in their products.

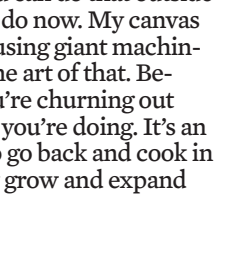
Compared to earlier generations of wireless technology, "we're seeing China emerge and start to play a bigger role in the standards developing process," Erensen said.

Given a wave of consolidation in the telecom-equipment industry, fewer companies are involved "and the stakes are bigger," he said.

BACK STORY

Finding the best path forward for grain-free growth

By Greg Trotter | Chicago Tribune



Kitchfix, a Chicago-based meal delivery service known for its gluten-free and paleo diet food, is at something of a crossroads.

Since founder Josh Katt launched the business in 2013, Kitchfix has survived a wave of meal delivery competitors in Chicago and now delivers about 7,000 meals per week. But its consumer packaged goods business — which includes grain-free products like granola, frozen waffles and, most recently, granola bars — is growing faster nationally in chains like Whole Foods Market and Sprouts Farmers Market.

Kitchfix, which has a West Town production kitchen for its meal delivery service, also operates a Gold Coast restaurant and a catering business. This multipronged approach has been successful so far, but it's also challenging, Katt said. The company is evaluating its strategy concerning the diverse ventures.

"They're all really different and they have different paths to success," said Katt, 34. "The challenge there is, which one do you choose? Do you grow each one separately or do you stop one?"

Katt lives in the Humboldt Park neighborhood with his wife, Britta, who also works at Kitchfix, and their 2-year-old son.

Q: What would you be doing if not Kitchfix?
A: I would probably still be cooking somewhere. I love the creative process of cooking. You can do that outside of the kitchen, too, which is what I do now. My canvas is different. Instead of a stove, I'm using giant machinery to crank out waffles, learning the art of that. Because there is one, even though you're churning out waffles or granola or whatever it is you're doing. It's an art form. It would be easy for me to go back and cook in the kitchen, but I'm trying to really grow and expand different skill sets.

Q: What do you worry about?
A: You just worry all the time as an entrepreneur because basically, every day, you're like gambling. There's really not a ton of security and you're kind of always just risking it all. And if you're not, you're probably playing it a little too safe.

Q: What's best perk of running this business?
A: I get to lead a team of amazing people. I get to do things that I'm passionate about every day. I get to choose that path every day. It's an adrenaline rush every day.

Q: What's your favorite Kitchfix dish?
A: I love our almond-crusted chicken strips. When we get the chicken, we brine it. And we toast the almond flour and then we bread it. And then we lightly bake the chicken and it tastes awesome. And we make a honey mustard sauce. So it's super comforting but also really healthy, because we're using the best ingredients and portioning them correctly.

Q: What are your favorite Chicago restaurants?
A: The go-to for a while was Longman & Eagle. My wife and I live over in that area and, for the last five years, we'd go there two or three times a year probably. We've been going to the Purple Pig, which I feel like is one of the most underrated restaurants in the city. Another place is Bad Hunter. Honestly, that's a good place for me to go because it's vegetable-focused. We do a ton of vegetables on our menu, so it's good to see how they're playing with different vegetables.

Q: What do you do for fun?
A: I have a 2½-year-old. So, wrestle. Throw him around. Tickle him. We love going to baseball games. Even just to go hang out at the Park at Wrigley. We've done that multiple times. (My son) can just run around. We'll get a glass of wine and just sit and relax.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

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Study: Happiness comes with needles in the boss

By Gene Marks
Special to the Washington Post



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Health insurance? Paid time off? Bonuses? Retirement plans? These all seem like good employee benefits that matter, don't they? But as it turns out another very inexpensive employee benefit may matter just as much: a voodoo doll of the boss.

Some 229 employees who participated in a recent study were asked to think of a workplace interaction that involved "abuse" from a supervisor or boss. As part of the study, some were then allowed to take out their job frustrations on a makeshift voodoo doll carrying their boss's name by sticking pins, burning it with candles and pinching it with pliers.

The theory is that people who feel wronged sometimes wish they could lash out at their abuser. The study wanted to prove that giving employees the opportunity to take this anger out on an inanimate object is therapeutic for them — and potentially less painful for employers.

And you know what? It worked. A third of the study's participants reported "lower feelings of injustice" and said they were "far less likely to still feel bitter" about their supervisor. Not only that but they performed better on cognitive tests as well.

"We found a simple and harmless symbolic act of retaliation can make people feel like they're getting even and restoring their sense of fairness," said Lindie Liang, an assistant professor of Lazaridis School of Business and Economics at Wilfrid Laurier University in Ontario, Canada, and one of the study's authors told the Telegraph.

What a pain in the neck.

Toymakers, stores wait for ripple effect

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already work together by pooling orders and calling around to find a competitor who can help them when a customer's desired item is out of stock.

"We don't want our competitors to go either, because if people don't know there's a good bunch of stores around, I fear the answer will be more online (shopping)," Sebert said.

When Toys R Us sought Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in September, it appeared optimistic about pulling off a turnaround. But disruption from the bankruptcy hurt U.S. holiday sales, which were "well below worst case projections," the retailer said in a bankruptcy filing.

"I am very disappointed with the result, but we no longer have the financial support to continue ... U.S. operations," Dave Brandon, Toys R Us Chairman and CEO, said in a news release.

Toys R Us is struggling with hefty debt load, much of it stemming from 2005 when three investment firms took the company private in a leveraged buyout. But like other traditional bricks-and-mortar chains, it has struggled to adapt as consumers increasingly left big-box chains that specialized in a single type of product for the convenience of online retailers like Amazon and one-stop-shop mass merchants like Walmart and Target, which also could compete fiercely on price.

Retail sales at stores specializing in traditional toys and games, like Toys R Us, fell 5.7 percent between 2016 and 2017, according to data from Euromonitor International. The firm forecast sales of traditional toys and games themselves would grow about 2.2 percent over the same period.

No one expects Toys R Us' shoppers to stop buying toys. The industry may lose some spur-of-the-moment purchases, but about 85 to 90 percent of the chain's sales came from shoppers on a mission to buy a specific toy or gift, said Stephanie Wissink, managing director and consumer products analyst at Jeffries.

Amazon and Walmart, which have seen growing toy sales, will likely pick up the biggest chunk of Toys R Us' business, Wissink said. Other retailers might compete more selectively, with stores like Kohl's and J.C. Penney carrying more toys around the holidays and retailers like Best Buy and GameStop expanding their selection of electronic toys.

The Toys R Us closures could create more "toy deserts," areas without any toy-specific stores where shoppers can get advice on items that are a good fit for a child's age and interests, said Kimberly Mosley, president of the Chicago-based American Specialty Toy Retailing Association.

The association is trying to help its smaller independent retailers market themselves to local customers as places where shoppers can still touch and feel toys before buying and get knowledgeable advice, Mosley said.

With Toys R Us set to shrink significantly or shut down altogether, some of those independent shops will have to decide whether chasing its sales means changing the types of toys they carry.

Geppetto's Toy Box in Oak Park carries few products made by big-name brands like Mattel, Hasbro and Nerf that are widely available at other stores. Specializing helps the store stand out, said Eric Masoncup, who owns Geppetto's with his wife. It's also tough for a small shop to compete with bigger chains' prices, he said.

Masoncup said he might consider bringing in a few new products, but he wants Geppetto's to stay true to its niche.

"I'm a specialty toy store; I'm not a mass toy store," he said.

Masoncup and Sebert, of Becky & Me Toys in Evanston, also said they're waiting to see whether the disruption to toy manufacturers trickles down in the form of higher prices or fewer new products.

For toymakers, Toys R Us' decision to close U.S. and U.K. stores knocks out a major path to get their products in front of shoppers. Toys R Us doesn't just sell a lot of toys, it stocks a wider range of items than retailers where toys account for an aisle or two.

Initially, that's likely to hit big companies like Lego, Hasbro and Mattel, which do a lot of business with Toys R Us, more than small toymakers that rely on specialty retailers and online sales, Matthew Hudak, senior toys and games analyst at Euromonitor International, said in an emailed statement. But over the long term, small companies could have a tougher time reaching a national audience if the big players compete even more fiercely for the remaining shelf space in national chains.



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Heidi Schatz, 22 months, plays with a train set at Becky & Me Toys on Tuesday in Evanston.



"We don't want our competitors to go either, because if people don't know there's a good bunch of stores around, I fear the answer will be more online (shopping)."

— Peggy Sebert, above, who owns Becky & Me Toys with her husband and daughter

Small toymakers often start in independent shops, move up to Toys R Us and from there make the leap to chains like Walmart and Target, Mosley said.

"It's the smaller guy that can't get shelf space at Walmart who's going to be hurting," said Brian Kujawski, a partner at Chicago's Big Monster Toys. Big Monster designs toys and games such as Uno Attack and the Batbot Xtreme, a Batman-themed robot, and licenses them to manufacturers, so it's a step further removed from Toys R Us and more insulated from the bankruptcy and store closures, Kujawski said.

Since online shelf space is unlimited, smaller brands with a hit product could have an easier time getting their product in front of customers, though online retailers also tend to have slimmer margins, said Wissink, the Jeffries analyst.

Woldenberg, the Learning Resources CEO, said Toys R Us has been a very good customer that gave the Vernon Hills company's toys good placement in its section for educational products. Learning Resources makes simple toys like doctor's kits and pretend cash registers, alongside coding robots and building sets with spinning gears.

Toys R Us secured financing to keep its business going while it attempted to restructure, and Learning Resources continued to fill orders. But recently Toys R Us has missed payments, Woldenberg said, and Learning Resources is asking the bankruptcy court to force Toys R Us to pay for about $881,747 worth of products.

"We're very frustrated by the situation, and hope they'll think clearly about their obligations and responsibilities," he said.

If Toys R Us goes away, Woldenberg said he's confident other retailers will compete for business it leaves on the table. But each retailer Learning Resources supplies — Toys R Us included — only sold a fraction of the company's full range of products.

That's why Learning Resources is working to adapt and build awareness of its own brand, regardless of what happens to Toys R Us.

"We can't be dependent on any one outlet. If we're to meet our mission of inspiring a love of learning, we've got to get to those kids one way or another," Woldenberg said. "We're just doing the best we can to ride the waves and get our products out there."

At least one Chicago-area toymaker found the ripple effects of Toys R Us' woes could be unexpectedly far-reaching.

Northfield-based Neat-Oh International thought it was in the clear when Toys R Us filed for bankruptcy. The chain had been planning to buy one of Neat-Oh's toys — Zipes Speed Pipes, with remote control vehicles kids can race through pipe-shaped tracks — but not until this year.

"We didn't have any open orders we were awaiting payment on, so we thought we were going to be OK," said Dee Farrell, senior vice president and co-owner at Neat-Oh.

But one of Neat-Oh's key factories gets the overwhelming majority of its orders from a major toy manufacturer that does a lot of business with Toys R Us. For Neat-Oh, that was part of the appeal — bigger toy manufacturers have high standards when it comes to quality and safety.

It also left the Hong Kong-based factory in a panic about replacing lost business when the bigger toymaker cut back in response to the Toys R Us bankruptcy, Farrell said.

The factory was worried enough about the state of the U.S. toy market to contemplate a switch to producing small appliances for consumers in China, she said.

Neat-Oh sent employees to meet with factory leaders in Hong Kong in November and reassure them that, despite Toys R Us' struggles, Americans are still buying their kids plenty of toys. But the factory's distraction made it tougher to work with and it began seeking faster payment, Farrell said.

"They are still very unsettled, and it has hurt us," she said.

Neat-Oh had been planning to aggressively expand distribution of Zipes outside the U.S. this year, but it's now being a little more cautious while it looks for ways to shift at least a portion of the factory's work to new suppliers, Farrell said.

"We're going to find a way; that's what we do," she said. "But we did not see this coming."

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Mass shootings reignite demands for bump stock bans in U.S.

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script headquarters, even as Illinois lawmakers move to make their sale illegal in the state.

The Oct. 1 Las Vegas massacre that killed 58 people and wounded 500 more brought bump stocks into the national debate. The shooter, Stephen Paddock, used a bump stock to speed up the carnage as he fired down on attendees at a country music festival from his 32nd-floor hotel perch.

Two days later, Cabela's, which had been acquired by Bass Pro Shops in September, issued a statement saying it had "initiated the process of discontinuing the sale of these devices at all retail locations and online." The company did not return multiple requests for comment about that decision.

Walmart issued a statement at the time saying it had pulled the devices, which were being sold by third-party vendors, from its website because they were prohibited by company policy.

The federal government has banned the sale of new automatic weapons since 1986. Efforts to ban bump stocks, however, gained little legislative traction at the state or national level until last month's school shooting in Florida, which reignited a broader debate about gun control.

The Valentine's Day shooting that killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., was carried out with an assault-style semi-automatic rifle. While alleged shooter Nikolas Cruz did not use a bump stock, banning the devices seemed to garner support on both sides of the debate.

On March 9, Florida Gov. Rick Scott, a Republican and a longtime gun-rights supporter, signed into law stricter gun regulations, including raising the minimum age to buy any firearm from 18 to 21, extending the waiting period to three days and banning bump stocks. The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act makes it illegal to own or sell a bump stock in Florida as of Oct. 1.

Within hours of the law's passage, the National Rifle Association sued the state of Florida, saying it is unconstitutional to ban adults under the age of 21 from purchasing firearms.

The NRA did not return a request for comment on bump stock bans.

Illinois legislators also are moving forward with a bump stock ban. While a previous measure stalled in October over concerns it was too broad, the Illinois Senate approved an amended House bill Wednesday that would ban the sale or possession of bump stocks and trigger crank devices, which attach to guns and allow them to be fired more rapidly by turning a crank, within the state. The measure now goes back to the House, which is in recess until April.

"We're going to review the bill and see if it needs to be changed or not," said Rep. Martin Moylan, D-Des Plaines, who sponsored the House bill.

With mounting political pressure, finding bump stocks to buy is getting harder.

Dick's Sporting Goods Chairman and CEO Edward Stack said in a Feb. 28 open letter that the chain would no longer sell assault-style rifles and would raise the minimum age to buy a gun in its stores to 21. He also expressed support for "common sense" gun reform that would enact such changes into law in the wake of the Florida school shooting.

That includes banning bump stocks, which the chain does not carry, according to the letter.

"We never have and never will sell bump stocks that allow semi-automatic weapons to fire more rapidly," Stack wrote.

The threat of bans on the devices, and a dearth of retail outlets selling them, has spiked demand for holdouts like OpticsPlanet, according to multiple news reports.

Founded in 2000 by Russian immigrant Mark Levitin, OpticsPlanet has been named to Inc. magazine's list of the 5,000 fastest-growing private companies seven times since 2008. In 2013, it had nearly $170 million in revenue and 300 employees, according to its most recent Inc. 5000 listing.

The company has nonetheless kept a low profile, supplying gun accessories and other gear to hunters, police and outdoor enthusiasts from its 110,000-square-foot facility, whose lobby is adorned with mounted deer heads and military paraphernalia.

OpticsPlanet executives did not respond to repeated requests for comment, including some made during in-person visits to the company's headquarters.

Northbrook Village President Sandra Frum said she was unaware of the company, much less that bump stocks were being sold out of a business in the village.

"Northbrook does not require business licenses, so we don't necessarily know all of the businesses that exist in town, or what they're selling," Frum said.

The proposed Illinois bump stock ban wouldn't necessarily end sales of the devices by OpticsPlanet, Moylan said.

"They could still sell them out of state, but not to anybody in Illinois," Moylan said. "In the state of Illinois, it would be illegal to own bump stocks."

In Illinois, under the proposed legislation, it would be illegal to own bump stocks and a company like OpticsPlanet would be prohibited from storing the devices in an Illinois warehouse prior to sale out of state, according to Michael Marks, legislative aide to Moylan.

It is unclear if Gov. Bruce Rauner would sign such a bill. On Tuesday, Rauner vetoed legislation that would have put in place a new state licensing system for gun shops, calling the measure "onerous" and "duplicative" in a news release.

A day earlier, the governor told reporters banning bump stocks was among his four goals for legislation dealing with firearms. The others are improving school safety, keeping guns out of the hands of criminals and people with mental illness, and providing better support for law enforcement. Rauner's office did not respond to requests for comment on the bump stock bill working its way through the legislature.

The first state law specifically banning bump stocks went into effect last month in Massachusetts. California has long outlawed multiburst trigger activators, essentially making bump stocks illegal in the state.

The state bans could be moot if a post-Parkland pledge by President Donald Trump to make bump stocks illegal at the federal level comes to fruition.

The Department of Justice on March 10 submitted a proposed regulation, backed by Trump, to reclassify bump stock devices as machine guns, which are prohibited by federal law. The proposal is likely to face lawsuits from gun rights advocates, experts say.

Moylan said given Trump's vacillation on a variety of policy issues, including gun control, he isn't banking on promised federal intervention to solve what he sees as a crucial step in enacting common-sense gun control. It is up to the states, he said, to take bump stocks off the market for good.

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Many factory towns suffer twice

Manufacturing jobs die, but flight of white collars stings

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Lord recently replaced its old plant in Erie, Pa., with a new factory nearby, but its headquarters remains in North Carolina.

ERIE, Pa. — With the abandoned smokestacks off the bay and ramshackle factories along 12th Street, it's easy to pin the blame for this industrial city's plight on the loss of manufacturing jobs to China and Mexico.

Many, including President Donald Trump, hold the belief that shuttered factories are what primarily ails Erie and other aging blue-collar company towns.

Yet since 2008, Erie has suffered a less-known and potentially more devastating exodus of well-paying white-collar jobs.

Half its CEOs — 220 jobs — have disappeared. The city has shed 8 percent of its accountants, 10 percent of its computer workers, 40 percent of its engineers and 20 percent of its lawyers, according to government data analyzed by The Associated Press.

They are the professional class jobs that buttressed Erie's manufacturing might.

They are the type of work that has become the backbone of the U.S. economy.

After reviewing Labor Department figures dating to 2008, the AP found that a third of major metro areas — nearly 80 communities — are shedding a greater percentage of white-collar than blue-collar jobs.

In Ohio, such cities as Toledo and Canton have had a harder time retaining jobs in offices than on factory floors. It's a similar story in Sheboygan, Wis.

And in Wichita and Topeka, Kansas.

And Birmingham, Ala.

And Decatur, Ill.

"That's one of the most painful aspects of the economic decline of these manufacturing centers: They get hit twice," said Enrico Moretti, an economist at the University of California at Berkeley. "First, they lose the factories. But second, and most importantly, they lose everyone who was supportive of those factories."

It's that second hit that matters nearly four decades since U.S. manufacturing employment peaked.

Without a foundation of white collar jobs, it becomes difficult for these areas to reinvent themselves in an era when the economy more and more requires specialized knowledge and technological skill.

"It's painful because it makes it even harder for the community to recover," Moretti said.

Trump had rallied voters on the promise that he would restore factory jobs to revive areas that had lost them. But the data show how higher-paying occupations are abandoning smaller cities, taking with them a generation of workers who could otherwise start new companies or serve existing businesses.

The AP reviewed data on employment by occupations from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics and compared metro area figures with national averages. Jobs that were categorized as white collar include managerial, administrative and sales positions.

Blue-collar occupations include production, craft, machine operation and transportation positions.

White-collar workers are shifting from smaller cities and settling in such thriving metro areas as Seattle, Nashville, Chicago and Silicon Valley.

As those higher-paying occupations become more highly concentrated, the wealth they generate is less likely to filter through the rest of the country to areas with a long-standing legacy of manufacturing. \

While Trump and other political leaders vow to boost businesses with tax cuts, lower taxes may do little for communities with fewer white collar workers who could plow them into new businesses.

In Erie, many business leaders say the city mainly needs to keep and attract more white-collar workers.

Its largest for-profit employer, Erie Insurance, recently restored an old armory and has been renovating old homes nearby, turning part of the city into a corporate campus.

Out of a headquarters built as a replica of Independence Hall, with hand-blocked French wallpaper depicting an American Revolution battle, the insurer is leading a private $40 million effort to fill the downtown with apartments and retail, in hopes that a friendlier streetscape will draw more employers and college graduates. For the company's CEO, the mission is personal. Tim NeCastro has five adult children; only one has chosen to stay local.

"If this is successful, 10 years from now, two more of my kids will move to Erie," he said. "They will find a reason to get back here."

It's the same high-stakes gamble many small- and mid-size cities face. Children who left for college aren't returning home as they once did. Many are choosing to live in metro areas or communities anchored by a major university, like Pittsburgh, 130 miles south of Erie.

In these larger cities, it's easier for white-collar workers to quit their jobs to join employers that offer more money or opportunities for advancement.

Community leaders in Erie note that manufacturing remains a strength for northwest Pennsylvania. But it seems impossible to restore a long-gone era of prosperity that was built on factory work.

Erie's General Electric locomotive plant peaked with 20,000 workers just after World War II, when whirling assembly lines had helped to secure an Allied victory and an economic boom that followed helped propel growth.

Hammermill Paper relied on trucks stacked with logs that rumbled through downtown to its paper mill.

Lord Corp. made industrial coatings.

Zurn made plumbing equipment.

But as the market for locomotives declined, the GE plant steadily downsized. It will soon have a headcount closer to 3,000.

Hammermill was bought by International Paper in 1986. Its jobs went to Memphis.

Lord recently replaced its old plant in Erie with a new factory nearby, but its headquarters remains in North Carolina.

Zurn decided in 2015 to move its base to Milwaukee because it saw Wisconsin as a hub for "global water industry leaders."

Many of the factory buildings are decades old, too dilapidated and maze-like to efficiently run an assembly line that needs wide-open spaces.

Some long-standing factory workers in Erie earn a healthy $35 an hour. But that's more than many companies are now willing to pay for factory work, thereby limiting how much manufacturing can fuel prosperity in cities like Erie.

Oil's big male-dominated event asked to #LetWomenSpeak

By Kelly Gilblom and Laura Blewitt
Bloomberg news

When one of the largest oil conferences in the Americas held a networking event to highlight "the prominent role women play" in the industry, the first speaker was a guy named Dan.

Dan handed over to Jack, who introduced a speech from Ryan, who then passed the microphone back to Jack. Eventually, Emma was able to get a word in.

To hear women do more than a quarter of the talking, you had to go 16 miles down the road from the CERAWeek by IHS Markit conference in central Houston to a separate event. It covered many of the same topics, but most of the speakers were female.

Twin oil conferences, separated by gender, are emblematic of an industry that's had trouble bringing women into the fold and keeping them there. None of the major oil companies has ever had a female CEO and four-fifths of all workers in the sector are men, a ratio that places it behind the agriculture and manufacturing businesses.

"In an ideal world, the global reach of this industry would be matched by an equally diverse workforce," Facebook Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg said in a videotaped keynote address at the HERWorld conference on the western fringes of Houston. "Unfortunately, that's not yet the case."

Companies speak often about their efforts to bolster diversity, but haven't come close to parity. New disclosures from the British operations of Royal Dutch Shell Plc and BP Plc show that in many of their divisions, male employees get paid at least 20 percent more on average than women. They attributed the gap to a lack of females in senior positions.

CERAWeek, which started almost 40 years ago, is attended by just about every major oil-corporation CEO and mirrors the industry's lack of diversity. More than 85 percent of the speakers at the conference this year were men, according to the event program.

Attempts to make it more inclusive have hit stumbling blocks. The CERAWeek women's networking event — where Exxon Mobil Vice President Emma Cochrane waited to speak until after IHS Markit Vice Chairman Dan Yergin, American Petroleum Institute President Jack Gerard and Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke — prompted complaints from some attendees.

"A man is speaking. He's followed by another guy. #letwomenspeak," tweeted Ellen Chang, a journalist at The Street.

The API, which organized the event, said Yergin and Zinke attended to "honor the contributions of women" to the industry.

"This is one of many events we support celebrating women in energy, and this year was one of the most widely attended," API spokeswoman Sabrina Fang said by email.

HERWorld was started in 2016 to celebrate International Women's Day. Spearheading the work is Katie Mehnert, the founder of women's energy organization Pink Petro, and a former employee of Shell and BP, where she focused on culture-change initiatives.

Mehnert said in an interview that the clash of schedules wasn't intentional — she didn't realize until after her conference had become well-established that it coincided with CERAWeek.

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Options if a business closes unexpectedly

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important way for a consumer to prevent a huge financial headache when a business they patronize closes.

A credit card company will often refund money from a disputed charge while it investigates, which means the card issuer would become a creditor if that business was headed toward, or in, bankruptcy. This is a far easier scenario because consumers aren't left fighting for their money.

"For the consumer, this may happen once or twice in a lifetime, (but credit card companies) deal with this every day," she said.

Small claims court is an option

If you paid in advance with a debit card or check, it can be far more complicated to get your money back, and the outcome can depend largely on your bank, Robertson said.

"There are very few remedies (to recoup lost funds) outside of a credit card company," she said.

If your bank won't offer you a refund, you have the option of taking a case to small claims court, where Robertson notes "you'll probably win."

The trouble is, if the business failed because it didn't have enough money to pay its debts, it may be difficult to collect any money the court awards you. If a company is insolvent, which means its debts are larger than its assets, or if it has filed for bankruptcy protection, it's illegal for that business to favor one creditor over another, Robertson said. That means, for example, that a school can't pay parents back for lost tuition before it pays ComEd for the overdue electricity bill.

Even if that fight for payment is eventually successful, Robertson said a consumer will likely wind up with "pennies on the dollar, if you're lucky."

Turn off any online payments

While many people may assume that automatic payments — like that monthly deduction of gym dues from your bank account — will stop after a business closes, that's not always the case. Sometimes the activity between accounts will continue, so it's important that you turn off any automatic payments to the business as soon as possible.

"You don't want them taking more of your money," McBride said.

Other avenues

There are additional ways to pursue a claim while alerting others about a failed business, but they take time and don't always produce results.

A number of parents of former Language Stars students say they've attempted to take action beyond disputing the charges through their credit cardcompanies. Five parents filed complaints with Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, according to a spokeswoman Eileen Boyce.

Boyce said the attorney general'soffice will investigate. The office has not received complaints from former members of Logan Square Fitness, she said.

Language Stars — which had multiple locations in the city and suburbs as well as the Washington, D.C., metro area — abruptly closed in February after sending an email to parents saying it could no longer service its debts and had "exhausted all sources of funding." It has not yet filed for bankruptcy protection.

Logan Square Fitness was evicted by a sheriff's order after its landlord claimed the gym owed more than $216,000 in rent.

Representatives from both companies have not returned multiple calls seeking comment.

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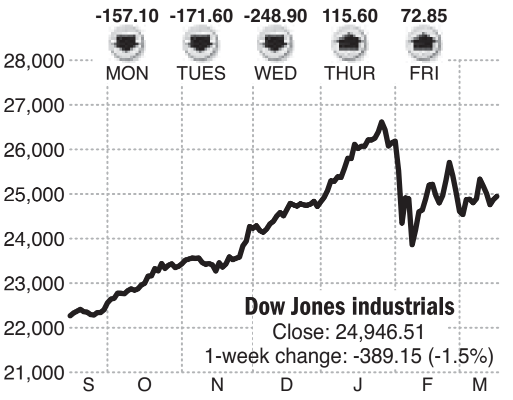
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Silver	-.34	$16.20
Crude Oil	+.30	$62.34
Natural Gas	-.04	$2.69
10-year T-note	-.05	2.85%
Euro	+.0020	to .8141/$1
Yen	-.67	to 106.10/$1

WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
26616.71	20379.55	Dow Jones industrials	25449.15	24668.83	24946.51	-389.23	-1.5	+0.9	+19.3
11423.92	8744.36	Dow Jones trans.	10837.51	10548.50	10683.82	-56.09	-0.5	+0.7	+16.8
778.80	647.81	Dow Jones utilities	692.67	671.25	691.82	+19.54	+2.9	-4.4	-0.7
13637.02	11324.50	NYSE Comp.	12963.08	12722.93	12784.39	-134.43	-1.0	-0.2	+10.3
6222.14	5037.80	NYSE International	5785.65	5710.39	5730.81	-20.51	-0.4	-1.1	+10.7
7186.04	5316.02	Nasdaq 100	7186.04	7010.01	7019.95	-81.23	-1.1	+9.8	+29.8
7637.27	5769.39	Nasdaq Comp.	7637.27	7463.19	7481.99	-78.82	-1.0	+8.4	+26.8
2872.87	2322.51	S&P 500	2801.89	2741.47	2752.01	-34.56	-1.2	+2.9	+15.7
2001.48	1673.30	S&P MidCap	1960.21	1918.43	1935.65	-13.41	-0.7	+1.9	+11.8
29760.60	24131.40	Wilshire 5000	29033.08	28403.33	28545.18	-314.37	-1.1	+2.7	+15.3
1615.52	1335.03	Russell 2000	1609.05	1572.16	1586.05	-11.09	-0.7	+3.3	+14.0
403.72	365.99	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	380.11	374.37	377.71	-0.53	-0.1	-3.0	-0.2
7792.56	7062.13	FTSE 100	7254.87	7122.76	7164.14	-60.37	-0.8	-6.8	-3.5

Most active

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Gen Electric	14.31	-.63
Chesapk Engy	3.06	-.04
Bank of America	32.17	-.55
Ford Motor	11.15	+.42
Pfizer Inc	36.78	+.01
Kinder Morgan Inc	16.41	+.08
Twitter Inc	35.58	+.23
AT&T Inc	37.00	-.05
Rite Aid Corp	1.61	-.13
Sthwstn Energy	4.46	+.11
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.58	-.06
Snap Inc A	17.01	-.87
Exxon Mobil Corp	75.12	+.56

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Micron Tech	60.58	+5.99
Adv Micro Dev	11.47	-.23
Neovasc Inc	.13	-.06
Microsoft Corp	94.60	-1.94
Intel Corp	51.17	-1.02
Apple Inc	178.02	-1.96
Cisco Syst	45.01	-.36
Comcast Corp A	35.83	-1.30
Oclaro Inc	9.93	+2.08
Qualcomm Inc	60.62	-2.41
Facebook Inc	185.09	-.14
Jaguar Health Inc	.21	-.01
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.48	-.06

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Alps Alerian MLP	9.89	-.32
Barc iPath Vix ST	39.50	+1.22
CS VS 2x Vix ShTm	6.88	+.28
iShs China Large Cap	49.19	+.18
iShs Emerg Mkts	49.21	-.54
iShares Rus 2000	157.80	-1.12
PowerShs QQQ Trust	171.02	-2.14
ProShs Ultra VIX ST	14.36	+.69
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	274.20	-4.67
SPDR Financial	28.87	-.83
SPDR Utility	50.25	+.85
US Oil Fund LP	12.55	+.08
VanE Vect Gld Miners	21.43	-.14

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc	37.00	-.05
AbbVie Inc	113.71	-5.58
Alibaba Group Hldg	200.28	+9.73
Alphabet Inc C	1135.73	-24.31
Alphabet Inc A	1134.42	-26.42
Amazon.com Inc	1571.68	-7.21
Amgen	188.24	-2.86
Apple Inc	178.02	-1.96
BP PLC	39.48	-.18
Bank of America	32.17	-.55
Berkshire Hath A	310630.03	-8969.98
Berkshire Hath B	206.96	-5.98
Boeing Co	330.47	-24.05
Chevron Corp	115.40	-1.82
Cisco Syst	45.01	-.36
Citigroup	73.47	-2.64
CocaCola Co	43.46	-.97
Comcast Corp A	35.83	-1.30
Disney	102.87	-1.86
Dow DuPont Inc	67.96	-4.27
Exxon Mobil Corp	75.12	+.56
Facebook Inc	185.09	-.14
Gen Electric	14.31	-.63
Home Depot	178.96	-3.20
Intel Corp	51.17	-1.02
IBM	160.26	+.95
JPMorgan Chase & Co	115.44	-2.60
Johnson & Johnson	133.68	-.12
MasterCard Inc	182.55	-.69
McDonalds Corp	162.36	+5.12
Merck & Co	55.67	+1.01
Microsoft Corp	94.60	-1.94
Netflix Inc	318.45	-12.99
Nvidia Corporation	250.48	+5.15
Oracle Corp	52.27	-.70
PepsiCo	111.64	-.90
Pfizer Inc	36.78	+.01
Philip Morris Intl	103.46	-4.84
Procter & Gamble	78.97	-1.32
Royal Dutch Shell A	62.17	-1.08
Source Cap	41.65	-.27
3M Company	237.22	-4.13
Unitedhealth Group	227.86	+2.43
Verizon Comm	48.56	-.45
Visa Inc	124.53	+.02
WalMart Strs	89.17	+.45
Wells Fargo & Co	55.90	-2.33

Largest mutual funds

Based on Total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	33.86	-.44	+22.8
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	27.16	-.32	+11.2
American Funds AmrcnMutA x	40.87	-.75	+12.2
American Funds BdfAmrcA m	12.59	+.01	+1.0
American Funds CptWldGrIncA	m52.71	-.50	+19.7
American Funds CptlIncBldrA	m61.51	-1.02	+7.9
American Funds EuroPacGrA	m 58.11	-.02	+24.1
American Funds FdmtlInvsA x	63.88	-1.04	+18.9
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	53.26	-.68	+25.1
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.02	-.36	+8.6
American Funds InvCAmrcA x	41.33	-.83	+15.3
American Funds NewWldA m	69.37	-.27	+24.8
American Funds NwPrspctvA	m45.73	-.45	+24.8
American Funds SmCpWldA m	57.91	-.50	+21.8
American Funds TheNewEcoA	m49.19	-.50	+33.5
American Funds WAMtInvsA x	46.03	-.97	+15.6
Baird AggrgateBdInstl	10.61	+.02	+1.8
Baird CorPlusBdInstl	10.96	+.01	+2.3
BlackRock EqDivInstl	22.89	-.25	+12.0
BlackRock GlbAllcIncInstl	20.01	-.11	+9.8
BlackRock GlbAllcIncInvA m	19.89	-.11	+9.5
BlackRock StrIncOpIns	9.95	-.02	+3.9
DFA EMktCorEqI	24.04	-.07	+24.4
DFA EmMktsValInstl	32.38	-.17	+21.1
DFA FvYrGlbFIIns	10.80	+.01	+1.0
DFA IntlCorEqIns	14.57	-.08	+19.4
DFA IntlSmCoInstl	21.46	-.17	+21.6
DFA IntlSmCpValIns	22.73	-.21	+17.5
DFA USCorEq1Instl	23.52	-.26	+18.0
DFA USCorEqIIInstl	22.14	-.24	+16.4
DFA USLgCpValInstl	39.59	-.55	+14.9
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Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	96.60	-1.17	+17.8
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Fidelity Contrafund	131.47	-1.68	+30.5
Fidelity ContrafundK	131.41	-1.68	+30.6
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Fidelity InvmGradeBd	10.98	+.02	+2.0
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Fidelity Magellan	110.25	-1.60	+24.3
Fidelity OTCPortfolio	120.53	-1.41	+35.7
Fidelity Puritan	24.00	-.20	+15.1
Fidelity TotalBond	10.41	+.01	+2.0
Fidelity TtlMktIdxF	78.98	-.88	+17.7
Fidelity TtlMktIdxPrm	78.97	-.88	+17.7
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	11.29	+.02	+1.4
Fidelity Advisor NewInsI	33.58	-.38	+26.3
First Eagle GlbA m	59.16	-.47	+7.7
Franklin Templeton CATxFrIncA	m7.28	+.01	+3.2
Franklin Templeton GlbBdAdv	11.82	-.05	-.5
Franklin Templeton IncA m	2.32	-.01	+3.9
Franklin Templeton IncC m	2.35	-.01	+3.3
Franklin Templeton RisingDivsA	m61.40	-.82	+14.8
Harbor CptlApprecInstl	76.92	-.61	+37.1
Harbor IntlInstl	68.16	-.54	+15.2
Harding Loevner IntlEqInstl d	23.38	-.13	+23.0
JPMorgan CoreBondR6	11.35	+.03	+2.0
JPMorgan MCapValL	40.55	-.26	+9.3
Lazard EMEqInstl	20.83	-.28	+19.6
Lord Abbett ShrtDurIncF b	4.20	-.01	+1.6
MFS ValI	40.94	-.73	+11.0
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	10.41	+.01	+1.3
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdM	b10.41	+.01	+1.0
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdPlan	9.80	+.02	+1.5
Oakmark EqAndIncInv	32.54	-.26	+9.9
Oakmark IntlInv	28.63	-.01	+18.8
Oakmark Inv	87.32	-1.36	+18.9
Old Westbury LgCpStrats	14.80	-.13	+14.6
Oppenheimer DevMktsY	44.85	-.35	+28.1
Oppenheimer IntlGrY	44.57	-.22	+21.5
PIMCO AlAstInstl	12.11	-.04	+10.1
PIMCO IncD b	12.17	-.01	+5.0
PIMCO IncInstl	12.17	-.01	+5.4
PIMCO IncP	12.17	-.01	+5.3
PIMCO TtlRetIns	10.05	...	+2.6
PRIMECAP Odyssey Gr	42.21	-.06	+37.5
Principal DiversIntlIns	14.00	-.09	+20.0
Prudential TtlRetBdZ	14.19	+.03	+3.6
Schwab SP500Idx	42.58	-.51	+17.8
T. Rowe Price BCGr	107.81	-.85	+38.3
T. Rowe Price CptlAprc	28.89	-.14	+11.6
T. Rowe Price EqIdx500 d	74.10	-.90	+17.6
T. Rowe Price EqInc	33.58	-.46	+12.2
T. Rowe Price GrStk	68.74	-.61	+32.3
T. Rowe Price InsLgCpGr	40.89	-.34	+38.0
T. Rowe Price IntlStk d	18.93	-.09	+18.4
T. Rowe Price MdCpGr	93.14	-.71	+23.5
T. Rowe Price NewHorizons	57.32	-.41	+30.4
T. Rowe Price NewInc	9.26	+.01	+1.9
T. Rowe Price Rtr2020	22.87	-.10	+12.0
T. Rowe Price Rtr2025	17.92	-.09	+13.6
T. Rowe Price Rtr2030	26.51	-.16	+15.2
T. Rowe Price Rtr2035	19.46	-.13	+16.4
T. Rowe Price Rtr2040	28.02	-.19	+17.3
T. Rowe Price Val	37.67	-.58	+13.0
TIAA-CREF EqIdxIns	20.31	-.23	+17.6
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	255.13	-3.09	+17.8
Vanguard 500IdxInv	255.08	-3.09	+17.7
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	35.17	-.20	+11.1
Vanguard CptlOppAdmrl	164.97	-.13	+27.8
Vanguard DevMIdxAdmrl	14.42	-.06	+17.8
Vanguard DevMIdxIns	14.44	-.06	+17.7
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.88	-.29	+13.2
Vanguard EMStkIdxInAdm	39.96	-.23	+23.5
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	77.53	-1.42	+12.4
Vanguard ExtMktIdxAdmrl	87.82	-.55	+16.8
Vanguard ExtMktIdxIns	87.82	-.55	+16.9
Vanguard GNMAAdmrl	10.23	+.01	+.7
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	76.89	-.77	+23.9
Vanguard GrIdxIns	76.90	-.76	+23.9
Vanguard HCAdmrl	89.61	...	+11.0
Vanguard HYCorpAdmrl	5.78	-.02	+4.2
Vanguard InTrBdIdxAdmrl	11.02	+.01	+1.0
Vanguard InTrInGdAdm	9.47	-.01	+1.3
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.87	...	+2.7
Vanguard InflPrtScAdmrl	25.10	-.03	+.7
Vanguard InsIdxIns	250.66	-4.05	+17.8
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	250.67	-4.06	+17.8
Vanguard InsTrgRt2020Ins	22.72	-.08	+10.7
Vanguard InsTtlSMIInPls	61.50	-.69	+17.7
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	102.48	+.13	+37.3
Vanguard LfStrGrInv	34.26	-.21	+14.8
Vanguard LfStrModGrInv	27.42	-.11	+11.6
Vanguard LtdTrmTEAdmrl	10.83	-.01	+1.1
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	197.72	-1.67	+15.6
Vanguard MdCpIdxIns	43.68	-.37	+15.6
Vanguard MdCpIdxInsPlus	215.42	-1.81	+15.6
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	142.59	-.69	+27.4
Vanguard RlEstIdxAdmrl	108.52	+1.41	-2.7
Vanguard STBdIdxAdmrl	10.27	...	+.4
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.50	-.01	+1.0
Vanguard STTEAdmrl	15.71	...	+.9
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	72.75	-.48	+15.1
Vanguard SmCpIdxIns	72.75	-.48	+15.1
Vanguard StarInv	27.32	-.09	+14.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2015Inv	15.40	-.04	+8.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.65	-.11	+10.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.71	-.08	+12.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.10	-.18	+13.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.03	-.13	+14.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Inv	36.47	-.25	+15.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Inv	22.97	-.16	+16.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Inv	36.96	-.27	+16.5
Vanguard TrgtRtrIncInv	13.52	-.06	+6.4
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	10.48	+.02	+1.5
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	10.48	+.02	+1.5
Vanguard TtBMIdxInsPlus	10.48	+.02	+1.5
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	21.74	+.09	+3.5
Vanguard TtInBIdxIns	32.62	+.14	+3.5
Vanguard TtInBIdxInv	10.87	+.04	+3.5
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	30.83	-.14	+19.0
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	123.28	-.55	+19.0
Vanguard TtInSIdxInsPlus	123.30	-.56	+19.1
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	18.43	-.08	+19.0
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	69.00	-.76	+17.7
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	69.01	-.77	+17.7
Vanguard TtlSMIdxInv	68.96	-.77	+17.6
Vanguard ValIdxAdmrl	41.86	-.57	+13.1
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	72.06	-.93	+10.3
Vanguard WlngtnInv	41.73	-.53	+10.2
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	63.66	-.62	+6.1
Vanguard WlslyIncInv	26.28	-.25	+6.1
Vanguard WndsrAdmrl	81.41	-.60	+14.8
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	67.41	-1.11	+11.0
Vanguard WndsrIIInv	37.99	-.62	+10.9
Western Asset CorPlusBdI	11.53	+.02	+4.0

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, March 16, 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	194,478	330.47	▼ -24.05	+88.8
2 AbbVie Inc	180,568	113.71	▼ -5.58	+76.5
3 McDonalds Corp	128,994	162.36	▲ +5.12	+29.9
4 Abbott Labs	110,333	63.18	▼ -.42	+42.9
5 Caterpillar Inc	93,504	156.46	▼ -1.79	+71.9
6 Kraft Heinz Co	79,639	65.36	▼ -1.87	-26.9
7 Walgreen Boots Alli	66,918	67.57	▼ -3.03	-19.3
8 Mondelez Intl	64,542	43.19	▼ -1.08	-1.9
9 ITW	58,390	170.96	▲ +.66	+29.3
10 CME Group	56,082	165.12	▼ -6.30	+37.3
11 Deere Co	52,975	163.88	▼ -4.05	+50.2
12 Exelon Corp	37,037	38.38	▲ +.88	+10.4
13 Baxter Intl	36,670	67.89	▼ -1.00	+33.3
14 Allstate Corp	34,570	97.53	▲ +1.50	+19.6
15 Discover Fin Svcs	27,153	76.54	▼ -1.88	+9.7
16 Nthn Trust Cp	24,381	107.21	▼ -3.49	+21.0
17 Arch Dan Mid	24,309	43.50	▲ +.20	-.1
18 Equity Residential	22,174	60.23	▲ +.72	-1.8
19 United Contl Hldgs	20,179	70.88	▼ -.67	+4.9
20 Ventas Inc	17,863	50.15	▲ +.46	-13.2
21 Motorola Solutions	17,555	108.83	▲ +.26	+30.1
22 Grainger WW	16,200	288.75	▲ +8.32	+19.9
23 Dover Corp	15,454	100.08	▼ -2.61	+28.5
24 ConAgra Brands Inc	14,668	36.61	▼ -1.45	-9.7
25 CNA Financial	14,089	51.95	▼ -1.63	+24.5
26 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	13,532	221.88	▲ +15.96	-22.5
27 Gallagher AJ	12,883	71.01	▼ -1.62	+27.7
28 LKQ Corporation	12,222	39.55	▼ -.09	+30.1
29 CDW Corp	11,607	75.84	▲ +1.46	+26.4
30 IDEX Corp	11,305	147.72	▲ +.27	+60.9
31 Packaging Corp Am	11,181	118.51	▼ -.72	+31.0
32 TransUnion	10,869	59.20	▲ +1.18	+56.8
33 CBOE Global Markets	9,690	119.22	▼ -5.32	+49.5
34 GrubHub Inc	9,637	110.53	▲ +1.97	+220.3
35 CDK Global Inc	9,564	69.54	▼ -1.94	+5.4
36 Ingredion Inc	9,522	131.82	▼ -1.43	+11.9
37 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	9,433	62.08	▼ -1.44	+2.9
38 CF Industries	8,942	38.33	▼ -3.17	+37.7
39 NiSource Inc	7,905	23.43	▲ +.47	+3.3
40 Jones Lang LaSalle	7,904	174.07	▲ +2.39	+56.9
41 Zebra Tech	7,632	143.34	▲ +2.16	+57.0
42 Equity Lifesty Prop	7,626	85.95	▲ +.28	+13.5
43 Middleby Corp	7,268	129.99	▼ -1.28	-6.9
44 Hill-Rom Hldgs	5,751	86.92	▼ -.27	+27.3
45 Old Republic	5,737	21.30	▼ -.04	+13.6
46 Aptargroup Inc	5,599	90.15	▼ -.72	+18.8
47 Littelfuse Inc	5,539	223.19	▲ +3.79	+38.9
48 Stericycle Inc	5,439	63.59	▼ -1.08	-23.6
49 Brunswick Corp	5,394	61.61	▼ -.85	+2.3
50 Wintrust Financial	5,106	91.31	▼ -.10	+26.7
51 USG Corp	4,841	34.32	▼ -.62	+.3
52 Morningstar Inc	4,218	97.98	▲ +.71	+23.1
53 Hyatt Hotels Corp	3,847	79.98	▼ -.16	+49.4
54 John Bean Technol	3,846	121.80	▲ +4.50	+38.6
55 Equity Commonwlth	3,727	29.96	▼ -.38	-3.8
56 MB Financial	3,707	44.19	▼ -.48	+1.1
57 Tribune Media Co A	3,605	41.21	▼ -.38	+13.2
58 First Indl RT	3,599	29.95	▲ +.36	+16.3
59 Navistar Intl	3,484	35.31	▼ -2.03	+28.6
60 KapStone Paper	3,389	34.81	▼ -.11	+52.2
61 Teleph Data	2,983	28.73	▼ -.07	+11.7
62 Adtalem Global Educ	2,947	48.90	▼ -.75	+44.5
63 Kemper Corp	2,923	56.80	▼ -1.95	+39.4
64 Cabot Microelect	2,870	113.22	▼ -1.00	+59.9
65 Paylocity Hldg	2,846	54.11	▲ +1.39	+47.2
66 Tenneco Inc	2,834	55.11	▼ -.97	-16.3
67 RLI Corp	2,828	63.93	▼ -.06	+12.0
68 Fst Midw Bcp	2,707	26.36	▼ -.05	+8.7
69 Anixter Intl	2,675	80.35	▲ +2.60	-1.5
70 GATX	2,664	70.11	▼ -1.22	+20.9
71 Retail Prop Amer	2,573	11.73	▼ -.15	-15.1
72 Envestnet Inc	2,571	57.50	▼ -2.00	+60.6
73 Groupon Inc	2,568	4.60	▲ +.10	+11.7
74 Allscripts Hlthcare	2,381	13.17	▼ -.59	+7.3
75 Akorn Inc	2,352	18.78	▼ -.20	-17.7
76 TreeHouse Foods	2,335	41.41	▼ -.61	-51.8
77 US Cellular	2,118	40.64	▲ +.30	+9.6
78 Stepan Co	1,901	84.46	▼ -2.18	+9.2
79 Century Aluminum	1,819	20.83	▲ +.68	+64.5
80 Horace Mann	1,814	44.50	▲ +.74	+10.0
81 First Busey Corp	1,531	31.49	▼ -.10	+5.7
82 Hub Group Inc	1,530	45.75	▲ +.65	-4.4
83 Methode Electronics	1,529	41.50	▲ +.25	-8.0
84 Coeur Mining	1,511	8.15	▼ -.03	+1.5
85 AAR Corp	1,504	43.33	▼ -1.57	+29.0
86 Acco Brands Corp	1,415	13.30	▲ +.40	+1.2
87 Federal Signal	1,366	22.78	▼ -.05	+61.9
88 Knowles Corp	1,246	13.93	▼ -.60	-26.7
89 Tootsie Roll	1,185	30.25	▼ -1.35	-18.3
90 Career Education	951	13.76	▼ -.32	+68.4
91 Navigant Consult	918	20.39	▼ -.46	-12.2
92 SP Plus Corp	845	37.50	▲ +.50	+8.7
93 Consolidated Commun	840	11.86	▼ -.34	-43.7
94 Titan Intl	816	13.65	▲ +.06	+25.6
95 Gogo Inc	812	9.36	▲ +.11	-22.3
96 Huron Consulting Gp	803	36.30	▼ -.20	-13.6
97 Echo Global Logis	768	27.55	▲ +.65	+28.7
98 SunCoke Energy Inc	750	11.63	▼ -.35	+15.3
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File No.
D18153637 on the
D**ate: February 26, 218**
Under the Assumed Name of: **Vireo Home**
with the business located at:
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Chicago, IL, 60640
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Laura Schneider**
5315 N. Clark St. #175
Chicago, IL, 60640

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals
Location: 118 N Clark St., 22nd Floor, Chicago, IL
Date & Time: 4/4/2018 at 1:00pm

Reference: V 18-09
Subject Property: 8030 W. 130th St., Palos Park, Illinois
Variance Request: reduce rear side setback

Reference: V 18-11
Subject Property: 1101 Holly Lane, Glenview, Illinois
Variance Request: reduce right interior side yard

Reference: V 18-12
Subject Property: 4917 S. Central Ave., Stickney, Illinois
Variance Request: reduce front yard setback

Reference: V 18-13
Subject Property: 1208 S. Cook St., Barrington, Illinois
Variance Request: reduce lot area, reduce lot width, reduce distance btwn principal and accessory structure, reduce left interior side yard setback, reduce right interior side yard setback

Reference: V 18-14
Subject Property: 7953 W. Balmoral Ave., Chicago, Illinois
Variance Request: reduce corner side setback, reduce rear yard setback

Reference: SU 17-07
Subject Property: 10405 W. Diversey (Ste C), Illinois & 2748 N. Mannheim Rd. Melrose Park, Illinois
Special Use Request to operate a used automobile sales and leasing dealership

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD) seeks proposals for the development of four national certification assessments in communication design, product design, interaction design, and interior architecture + design plus, five digital badges in apprenticeship job related coursework. This proposal is related to the $3M American Apprenticeship Initiative Grant awarded to MIAD from the U.S. Department of Labor to create 300 American Apprenticeships. To request a copy of the RFP, please email: rfp@miad.edu

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The personal information potentially viewed could include the patient's name, contact information in the account (such as postal address, email address, and phone number), date of birth, insurance information, and limited prescription history (such as name of prescription medication filled by Walmart, name of prescriber, and refill dates). No social security numbers, driver's license numbers, or credit or debit card numbers were affected.

We have addressed the error and we are also continuing to evaluate additional safeguards to help prevent this type of incident from occurring in the future.
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Case No. 2002-1878NA

To: JACK BRYANT (09/27/1965)

IN THE MATTER OF: NAISHAWN WILLIAMS (10/13/05) NIGEL WILLIAMS (01/14/07)

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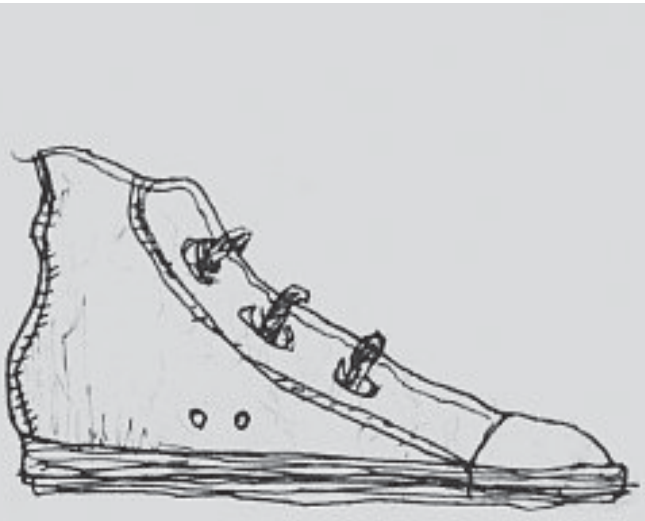
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'Where do you see yourself in 5 years?'

There's a question that seems to pop up all the time, and you can count on hearing it from inquiring bosses, curious colleagues, friends and family members, and perhaps most often — and most importantly — on job interviews. It's 'Where do you see yourself in five years?" How you answer this can say plenty about you. Want to learn how to best handle this question if you're ever confronted with it and there's a lot depending on your answer, like possibly getting a new job? If so, then keep reading!

Typically, this question arises on interviews in an effort to gauge your long-term career aspirations, as well as your ability to be self-reflective and think quickly on your feet. If you were faced with this question, would you be able to competently answer it in a way that would reflect positively on you? You certainly should be, because your answer may reveal a lot about you to the hiring personnel who are evaluating you as a potential candidate.

If you're starting to get anxious about whether or not your ability to answer this question effectively passes muster, don't be — there are several strategies you can take advantage of in order to handle it well and improve your position during interviews. The Balance published an article that covers some helpful strategies for letting the world know where you see yourself in 5 years. Make the most of the advice presented here to knock this question out of the park when it comes your way!

Be honest

The first thing to do when confronted with this question is to take a deep breath and relax. Why? Because it's not a trick question and it's not designed to be. You shouldn't feel pressured into making up a fantastical answer that demonstrates a desire to be on some unrealistic career trajectory. At its core, of your answer should reflect an honest but carefully considered and logical look at how you'd like to see your professional goals expand and evolve over time. It's ok to reflect a level of ambition; in fact, your answer should show a desire for growth — no one fully respects a stagnant mindset. Just make sure that your answer shows a deep understanding of the industry you're pursuing, reflects a level of growth that someone can reasonably hope to achieve in 5 years (going from the mailroom to the CEO's desk may not be the best response, even if it's what you're aiming for), and includes a plan for making it all happen if pressed to elaborate.

Don't hop over the position in front of you

Yes, you want your answer to this question to highlight the fact that your ambitious and hope to achieve professional growth over the next 5 years, but you don't want your answer to make it seem as if the current job in front of you is merely a brief stepping stone that you hope to leapfrog past quickly. Make sure your answer doesn't come across that way.

Mind your body language

Always be sure that your delivery is just as strong as the content of your answer, because your audience will certainly be paying attention. Be sure to answer confidently and succinctly with impeccable body language and focus, and you'll be doing you and your well thought out answer a real service.

Highlight your gifts

Whenever there's a good opportunity to highlight your skill set and abilities on a job interview you should take it — it really doesn't hurt to remind an interviewer what makes you a great candidate who potentially stands out from the crowd of applicants. So make sure that you back up your five-year plan with reasons how and why your talents will help make it all possible.

A few good answers

Uptowork published an article that highlights several well-crafted answers to the question "Where do you see yourself in 5 years?" Consider adapting these sample responses to fit your situation and goals.

"In five years, I want to complete the internal training program for my position. I've read about it on your website, and I think it's a fabulous program. Not only would I get all the training for my role, but I would be on the fast track to becoming a project manager. That's my top career goal. Plus, my ideal path would include working abroad for a couple of years. I understand that it's of value to you to find people prepared to do so."

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HOOPS ... YES OR NO?

NOTHING FUELS OFFICE ANIMOSITY LIKE THE TOURNAMENT

It's just not fair. You, working so hard while the rest of the office gets a pass.

First, your co-workers with kids get all those day care-fueled sick days. Or wait, maybe you're mad because you have to go home and coach floor hockey while the single people get to stick around and order Thai food with the boss. What about the smokers, with their 15 minutes of tobacco time every hour? Or how about that guy with the bad back who has the $1,000-chair? Your back hurts, too. And since when did we start letting people wear jeans? Or work from home? And use their work phone to check in on their mom? You call your mom from home. Why can't everyone else?

Well, if you're the type of person who feels a constant, internal burn about how you're getting screwed over by The Man, get ready. The 2018 NCAA men's basketball tournament is upon us.

Social schmocial

"For years, I've had to listen to co-workers tell me how I should be in this pool or that pool, how I'm missing out on all this social time with my co-workers but that's a load of crap," says Erin Myers, a 38-year-old marketing planner in Santa Ana. "I'm not an old curmudgeon and what I'm telling you is all kinds of tongue-in-cheek because my friends at work know I can't stand basketball so I make sure I point out how much time they waste every year when the tournament starts."

Anthony Diaz rejects that "wasting time" notion. "How can you possibly be wasting time when you're participating in social interactions with the people you work with? We've done drafts and we do pools and yes, we have games on at the office on Thursdays and Fridays," says the 28-year-old Chicago paralegal. "Someone complained last year and one of the partners said 'too bad' because we were engaging in a great American tradition. I'm OK with that."

Diaz's co-worker, Tim Sole, isn't so sure. "I'm not really a basketball fan but I enjoy the tournament. I think it's fun. But I do think we go overboard. I think that the fact that everyone has a computer right in front of them and basically has a game on the entire afternoon is kind of annoying," he says. "I don't really follow sports too much but it's not like I'm watching episodes of 'The Crown' all day long. That really wouldn't be fair, would it?"

Show some restraint

Brian O'Conner, a workplace consultant in Baltimore, says there's nothing wrong with some basketball-based bonding during the month of March, but he cautions that it's up to the employer to make sure things don't get out of hand.

"Anything that is sanctioned by the company that involves gambling is a definite no-no but it's OK to have a few events, like a lunch or a viewing party, during the tournament," O'Conner says. "But whatever you do, you need to consider the interests of the employees who may not care about basketball. It's okay to do something around the tournament as long as there are ways for uninterested co-workers to participate. If you offer free sandwiches or free pizza one day while you turn the games on, you're basically offering a free lunch and it's up to your employees whether or not they want to participate."

While O'Conner says it's not a form of discrimination not to include all employees in every single company event, he did say that it is easy for employees to feel slighted when their interests aren't represented. "You're trying to build camaraderie at work, not destroy it. If managers are mindful of that, they'll be fine," he says.

Myers agrees. "I don't mind the parties or the lunches," she says. "But it's not like the company is going out of its way to support all of my interests. If they let me blow off two afternoons a week for a few weeks so I could take my bike to the beach that would be different. But they don't. I sit at my desk doing my work while everyone else is huddled around a TV. Companies just need to be fair."

Sole has a slightly different take. "You can watch all the basketball you want," he says. "I'll be outside walking up and down Michigan Avenue or sitting in a Starbucks reading a book. You're not working, so don't expect me to, either."

— Marco Buscaglia, Tribune Content Agency

Hey, it's our lunch break, and we're NOT wasting time. How can we possibly be wasting time when we're participating in social interactions with people we work with? And yes, I did bring this ball to work, okay?





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Sweet Jesus!

Merciful bounce from the heavens keeps the Ramblers' miraculous run alive



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

Rocky toppled: Custer lifts Loyola to Sweet 16

DALLAS — Extending both arms as wide as they would go, Loyola coach Porter Moser faced his adoring fans Saturday at the American Airlines Center and broke into a smile that really did seem bigger in Texas.

"I love you guys!" Moser shouted.

Moser applauded the crowd and reached over a railing to join hands with his wife, Megan. He hugged Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, the 98-year-old team chaplain whose prayers were answered in Loyola's last-second 63-62 NCAA tournament thriller over Tennessee. He looked up into the cheering section full of maroon and gold scarves and T-shirts, soaking in the school's first Sweet 16 appearance in 33 years.

"I don't want to leave," Moser said to nobody in particular.

Now he doesn't have to.

With 3.6 seconds left, guard Clayton Custer got the luckiest bounce of his basketball career when his 15-foot jumper from the right side near the free-throw line fell through the net and Tennessee players dropped their heads. Rocky toppled.

Two days earlier, against Miami, teammate Donte Ingram etched his name into NCAA lore with a buzzer-beating 3-pointer and this was Custer's turn to play hero.

Down 62-61 with 11 seconds left, Custer left the timeout determined this would not be his last stand. The play called for Custer, the Missouri Valley Conference player of the year, to receive a ball screen from Cameron Krutwig and create something dribbling to the right against Tennessee guard Jordan Bone. Hearing Custer describe the plan at the postgame po-

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OPENING SHOT
Steve Rosenbloom
Clayton Custer, your table is still ready. More, **Page 2**



MORE LOYOLA
Drama kings: Another last-second basket sends Ramblers to the Sweet 16 against Cincinnati or Nevada. **Page 3**

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No. 7 **Nevada**
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UMBC!
After pulling off the unlikeliest of upsets, the 16th-seeded Retrievers don't want their 15 minutes of fame to end. **Page 5**

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No. 16 **UMBC**
6:45 p.m. Sunday, truTV

MORE NCAA
Gonzaga's 90-84 win over Ohio State hands the Big Ten its first loss. Kansas survives a scare, while Villanova, North Carolina and Duke all cruise. Saturday's roundup, Sunday's previews, plus the bracket, **Pages 4-5**



Loyola's Clayton Custer puts up the winning basket with 3.6 seconds left.
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TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLOOM

Pace's plan? Chase to the cut

Celebrating the legend that says St. Patrick chased all the snark out of Ireland:

The Bears introduced their new free agents Thursday, and Bears general manager Ryan Pace gave good reasons for being excited about each player he just signed, which is Pace's job — being excited and signing new players. But if Wednesday's moves are any indication, then the new guys would be the best group of future former Bears that Pace could be cutting in a year.

The Cardinals cut Tyrann Mathieu and signed Mike Glennon, and I'm thinking, whatever Pace has is contagious.

Chase Daniel or Colin Kaepernick? Guaranteeing $7 million to a quarterback with one career touchdown pass or apparently offering nothing to a quarterback with a Super Bowl appearance?

Geez, new Bears tight end Trey Burton has as many career touchdown passes as Daniel, and his came in a Super Bowl.

Two teams have signed Glennon before one has signed Kaepernick. The Bears signed Glennon instead of Kaepernick after winning just six games and signed Daniel instead of Kaepernick after winning just five. I don't know if the Bears are going to be witnesses in Kaepernick's collusion case, but whoever gets called, they ought to sell luxury suites for the depositions.

Did Bruce Arians retire from the Cardinals because he knew Glennon was coming?

I assume the Bears gave new kicker Cody Parkey a tour of the left upright.

We always will have that fumble at the 1-yard line celebrating a touchdown you still haven't scored, Marcus Cooper.

Take heart: No matter how this weekend closes out, your brackets still won't be as bad as TBS' selection show.

Is Joe Lunardi's 2019 bracketology out yet?

Georgia State coach Ron Hunter, on the life of his 15th-seeded Panthers playing the underdog to second-seeded Cincinnati: "Cincinnati stays at Hyatt and we stay at Comfort Inn. Cincinnati eats at Ruth's Chris, we go to eat at Wendy's."



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General manager Ryan Pace is all smiles before introducing his new crop of free agents.

Hunter, whose team upset Baylor in 2015, was asked about potential jobs that come out of tournament success: "Before we left for the tournament, my wife said, 'Hey, when you get back I have a job for you. I need you to paint the basement.' "

Does Illinois know Brad Underwood seems to be a better studio analyst than a coach and recruiter?

Stevie Sunshine's Weekly Power Rankings:
- 1. Luscious.
- 2. Bacon-wrapped, sausage-stuffed zucchini.
- 3. Tiger Woods.
- 4. San Cristobal Elegancia Imperials.
- 5. Sister Jean.
- 6. UMBC.
- 7. Southern Cut Barbecue's chopped brisket.
- 8. Ricky Renteria going all Bobby Cox on Avisail Garcia.
- 9. The I'm Fat podcast.
- 10. Chicken divan.

A majority of NHL general managers favors expanding the playoffs from the current 16 teams, according to The Athletic. The league could expand to include every team, and the Blackhawks still wouldn't qualify without Corey Crawford.

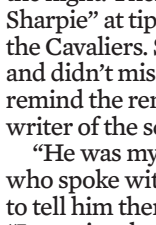
Tweet from Neil deGrasse Tyson: "In five-billion years, as the Sun begins to die, its outer layers of glowing plasma will expand stupendously, engulfing the orbits of Mercury, then Venus, as the charred ember that was once the oasis of life called Earth vaporizes into the vacuum of space. Have a nice day!" That's a colorful and scientific way of explaining the only way the Hawks finally will get out of the Brent Seabrook contract.

What's up, Stephane Matteau?

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THE LINEUP

UMBC's tweet Jesus



The University of Maryland, Baltimore County didn't just beat Virginia in the first victory by a No. 16 seed over a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

The UMBC Athletics Twitter account put a friendly beating on CBS Sports analyst Seth Davis too.

While the Retrievers made history Friday by knocking off the nation's No. 1 team 74-54, a series of tweets jabbing skeptics such as Davis and celebrating the biggest victory in school history helped put UMBC on the map like never before. Followers were treated to as many nothing-but-net one-liners on social media as UMBC dropped on Virginia.

From his courtside seat in Charlotte, N.C., **Zach Seidel** documented one of the biggest upsets in NCAA history tweet by tweet as the voice of UMBC. The cascade of retweets, likes and mentions showed he was doing a good job of entertaining a growing audience.

"That's just normal me," said Seidel, director of multimedia communications and digital media for UMBC athletics. It just happened to be a bigger stage, but I didn't change anything."

Seidel earned his bachelor's degree from UMBC in 2012 and his master's in 2015. When he found out he'd be running the @UMBCAthletics account during the opening-round game, he initially didn't know how he'd approach the night. Then Davis tweeted "Virginia, Sharpie" at tipoff to predict a victory for the Cavaliers. Seidel saw his opening and didn't miss an opportunity to remind the renowned college basketball writer of the score from time to time.

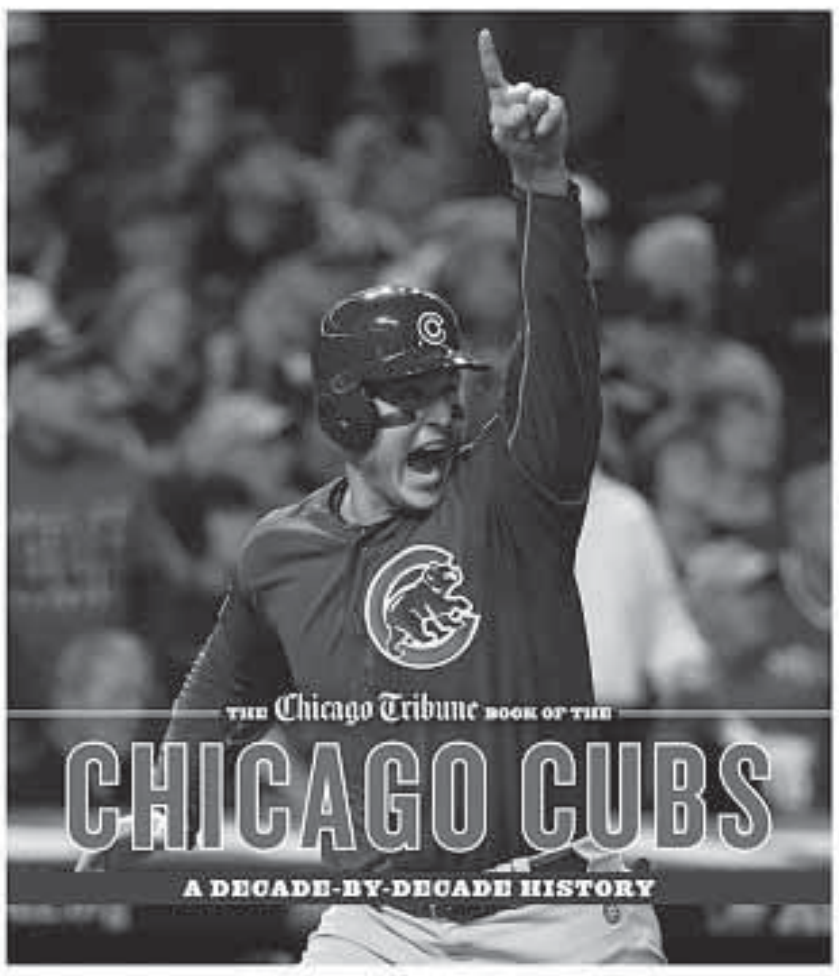
"He was my muse a bit," said Seidel, who spoke with Davis briefly Saturday to tell him there were no hard feelings. "It was just having fun. Seeing him playing along and the other reporters playing along was fun."

Seidel said the UMBC athletics website crashed during the second half, and the Twitter account went from 5,000 followers at tipoff to more than 83,000 on Saturday. *AP*

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Rocky toppled: Custer, Loyola in the Sweet 16

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dium, Moser interrupted his star.

"We still got another game — you can go left," Moser cracked.

Regardless of where Loyola goes for late-game heroics these days, somebody emerges. But as Custer's shot bounced off the front of the rim and off the glass before falling through, it was fair to wonder ever so briefly if the Ramblers were going home.

"I knew it fell kind of short but I thought it might rattle in," Custer said. "For all that hard work to result in that lucky bounce, the basketball gods helped that one go in."

Perhaps, but as tightly as Sister Jean might have clutched her rosary beads, Loyola prevailed because of precise execution more than divine intervention and players as talented as they are blessed. Every time Tennessee threatened, Loyola thwarted it. When little-used Bruno Skokna buried a 3-pointer for his first points with 10:03 left to give Loyola a 50-41 lead, Ramblers fans rose to their feet and a sense of inevitability arrived. This was their night. This is their year, no matter what happens next.

Against a physically superior Tennessee team, Loyola focused on everything that makes its offense fun to watch and hard to guard: ball movement, shot fakes and blockouts. If it wasn't Custer's shooting or Ingram's creating, it was Aundre Jackson's maneuvering for a game-high 16 points, Krutwig's keen passing or Ben Richardson doing whatever Moser asked.

"We talked about not settling, shot-faking, going downhill, and that fits into what we have been doing all year," Moser said.

An out-of-bounds alley-oop to Ingram out of a timeout with 6:47 left reminded everyone why coachable teams are so capable of upsets every March.

This was a statement about the beauty of basketball when executed by smart and selfless players following a detailed plan, a nod for aesthetics over athleticism, a victory for the middle guy. This was another mid-major step forward for college basketball, an instructional video Loyola turned into a highlight reel. This was teamwork at its finest and NCAA sports at their best. This was L-U-C-ing is believing for the top program in Chicago and Illinois.

A reporter asked Loyola players about winning despite being "not the most imposing-looking team."

Richardson interjected.

"We're not scary looking?" he kidded.

Miami and Tennessee would argue otherwise, but the point about Loyola resembling a team you might see in a sequel to "Hoosiers" underscored how much



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Clayton Custer looks to pass as he is guarded by Tennessee's James Daniel III.

Moser did more with less this weekend. And it's something the rah-rah coach used to his advantage before the biggest game of his players' lives.

"Coach was preaching it's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog, and I know that's cliche, but that's something we've really embraced," Richardson said.

The Ramblers relied on that resolve to pull through a shaky start. Salute Tennessee's Admiral Schofield for that. The Zion-Benton product showed no interest in adding another chapter to the feel-good story back in his hometown, scoring three 3-pointers and a breakaway dunk in the first 4:23 to give the Vols a 15-6 lead.

"I think he said, 'I'm an Illinois guy, I'm going to give it to them right out of the gate,' " Moser said. "Wow, he was hot. We had to regroup."

During a timeout, Moser reamed his players as badly as he had in a month. The tough love worked.

"You can get on kids if they know you love them," Moser said.

Added Krutwig: "He just said, 'This isn't us. This isn't the way to go out,' and our mindset changed."

Over the final 35 minutes, Loyola outscored Tennessee by 10 and Schofield scored only three more points. The Vols played without injured starter Kyle Alexander and Schofield ran into foul trouble, but nothing can diminish what Loyola accomplished. Give Maryland-Baltimore County its due for becoming the first No. 16 seed to win an NCAA tournament game, ousting top-seeded Virginia, but Loyola deserves all the national attention coming its way.

Moser looked forward more to the local reaction.

"I can't imagine St. Patty's Day in Chicago," Moser said, laughing. "Wow, my younger self would have loved to have been there."

Moser's older self is having the time of his life in the middle of the madness, with no plans to leave anytime soon.

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Loyola guard Clayton Custer reaches out to hug Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt after hitting the winning shot in the Ramblers' second-round upset of Tennessee on Saturday in Dallas.

SOUTH LOYOLA 63, TENNESSEE 62

Wingin' a prayer

Custer's 'lucky bounce' falls in final seconds as Ramblers make Sweet 16

By Shannon Ryan | Chicago Tribune



Loyola coach Porter Moser celebrates with fans after his team pulled out a 63-62 victory and advanced to its first Sweet 16 since 1985.

DALLAS — Different day. Different hero.

Loyola did it again with a 63-62 NCAA tournament thriller against No. 3 seed Tennessee to advance to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 1985 — the last time the Ramblers were in the tournament.

On Saturday night, it was guard Clayton Custer who delivered a game-winning 15-foot jumper with 3.6 seconds left on the clock. In the first round two nights before, it was senior Donte Ingram who nailed a 3-pointer with 0.3 seconds remaining against No. 6 seed Miami to make Loyola a tournament sweetheart.

If Thursday's victory goes down in Loyola history as "The Shot," this one will be known forever as "The Bounce."

Custer's shot from the right side near the free-throw line ricocheted high off the rim to the top of the backboard before rattling through the basket — stunning the Volunteers and adding to what has been a wild NCAA tournament littered with defeated higher seeds.

"The only thing I can say is glory to God for that one," Custer said. "That's all the hard work that I put in to get in a situation like this, all those hours, those (mornings) waking up early and working out. For all that hard work to come down to that lucky bounce is worth it. The basketball gods helped that one go in."

Luck, religion or destiny. Something seems to be working in Loyola's favor.

The Ramblers celebrated another upset in front of boisterous fans at American Airlines Center. The players rushed to hug Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, the team's 98-year-old chaplain, who has become the tournament's Cinderella nun. Like she did Thursday, she gave them thumbs-up from her wheelchair and congratulated them.

Coach Porter Moser thrusted both arms in the air and let out a scream before reaching out to clasp hands with his wife and tell his four children he loved them.

In the locker room, Loyola players FaceTimed with hometown friends and family. They interrupted interviews to embrace each other and chuckle about how their dreams have come true.

The Ramblers now have a program-record 30 victories with only five losses. They're making up for a 33-year tournament absence.

The victory advances them to a Sweet 16 matchup in Atlanta against either No. 7-seeded Nevada or No. 2-seeded Cincinnati.

"It just means the world to us to bring that pride back to this program," senior guard Ben Richardson said.

Even without starting 6-foot-11 forward Kyle Alexander, the Volunteers looked overpowering in the opening minutes. Before Loyola could blink, muscular 6-5 forward Admiral Schofield had scored 11 points in the first 4:30.

The Zion-Benton product knocked in three 3-pointers and followed up a monstrous dunk by roaring at the Loyola fan section. But he picked up his second foul shortly after and scored only once more — on a 3-poitner with less than four minutes remaining.

"They punched us in the mouth at the beginning of the game," said Custer, who finished with 10 points and three assists. "People thought we would roll over and they would handle us and win by 10 or 15.

"Coach challenged us and we responded. I think teams are starting to realize we play defense and move the ball and have a lot of good players on the team."

The secret should be out.

Through two tournament games, the Ramblers have 36 assists on 48 field goals (17 on 22 against Tennessee).

Against the taller Vols, they won the rebound battle 27-24.

And, yes, Loyola has scorers.

Playing near his hometown of Fort Worth, senior forward Aundre Jackson made strong and swift moves around the rim to finish with a game-high 16 points on 5-of-7 shooting.

"I spotted all my friends and family in the crowd," he said. "It was just crazy."

At the end, the Jesuit school needed another miracle.

Loyola held a 58-48 lead with 4:03 remaining, but Tennessee began playing like it did in the first five minutes of the game. The Volunteers used a 14-3 run to take a 62-61 lead on a three-point play from Grant Williams with 20.1 seconds left.

Loyola called time out with 11 seconds left and designed a play for center Cameron Krutwig to set a screen for Custer after Marques Townes inbounded the pass. Richardson said Custer, the Missouri Valley Conference player of the year, makes shots like this 98 percent of the time in practice.

With Jordan Boone's hand stretching toward him, Custer released the shot and he tumbled backward to the court.

He was still able to watch the most important shot of his life unfold from his back.

"When I saw it hit the front of the rim, I was hoping someone would crash and get a tip in," Custer said. "I thought it might rattle in. I knew it didn't feel like it was going to be a swish. I saw it hit the rim and thought, 'Ah, that's not good.' But then I saw it pop up and it bounced really soft."

"I knew," he added, "it might have a chance."

Just like Loyola.

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DALLAS
- 4 Wichita State 75
- 13 Marshall 81

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DALLAS
- 6 Florida 77
- 11 St. Bonaventure 62

Florida 66

Texas Tech

DETROIT
- 3 Texas Tech 70
- 14 Stephen F. Austin 60

Texas Tech 69

DETROIT
- 7 Arkansas 62
- 10 Butler 79

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- 2 Purdue 74
- 15 CS Fullerton 48

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP — SAN ANTONIO *April 2*

WEST — LOS ANGELES *March 22 and 24*

NASHVILLE, TENN.
- 1 Xavier 102
- 16 Texas Southern 83

Xavier

WICHITA, KAN.
- 8 Missouri 54
- 9 Florida State 67

Florida State

Xavier

BOISE, IDAHO
- 5 Ohio State 81
- 12 S. Dakota State 73

Ohio State 84

WICHITA, KAN.
- 4 Gonzaga 68
- 13 N.C. Greensboro 64

Gonzaga 90

Gonzaga

CHARLOTTE, N.C.
- 6 Houston 67
- 11 San Diego State 65

Houston 63

Michigan

WICHITA, KAN.
- 3 Michigan 61
- 14 Montana 47

Michigan 64

CHARLOTTE, N.C.
- 7 Texas A&M 73
- 10 Providence 69

Texas A&M

Texas A&M

- 2 North Carolina 84
- 15 Lipscomb 66

North Carolina

MIDWEST — OMAHA, NEB. *March 23 and 25*

WICHITA, KAN.
- 1 Kansas 76
- 16 Penn 60

Kansas 83

Kansas

SAN DIEGO
- 8 Seton Hall 94
- 9 N.C. State 83

Seton Hall 79

SAN DIEGO
- 5 Clemson 79
- 12 New Mexico State 68

Clemson

Clemson

DETROIT
- 4 Auburn 62
- 13 Charleston 58

Auburn

DETROIT
- 6 TCU 52
- 11 Syracuse 57

Syracuse 81

Syracuse

PITTSBURGH
- 3 Michigan State 82
- 14 Bucknell 78

Michigan State

PITTSBURGH
- 7 Rhode Island 83
- 10 Oklahoma OT 78

URI 62

Duke

- 2 Duke 89
- 15 Iona 67

Duke 87

Duke

SUNDAY'S GAMES

SOUTH REGION
(2) Cincinnati (31-4) vs.
(7) Nevada (28-7)
5:10 p.m. | TNT
With Virginia's loss, Cincinnati is the top remaining seed in the South and the top remaining defensive team, yielding 57 points per game. The offensive-minded Wolf Pack erased a 14-point second-half deficit to defeat Texas in the first round.

(9) Kansas St. (23-11) vs.
(16) UMBC (25-10)
6:45 p.m. | truTV
The first game between No. 9 and No. 16 seeds in tournament history thanks to UMBC's incredible upset of tournament top seed Virginia on Friday. Both teams had success shooting from the perimeter in their openers with the Retrievers hitting 50 percent on 3s. Will Kansas State be without injured scoring leader Dean Wade again? It didn't hurt the Wildcats against Creighton.

WEST REGION
(2) N. Carolina (26-10) vs.
(7) Texas A&M (21-12)
4:15 p.m. | CBS-2
This one will be played above the rim. The Aggies dominated the boards in their first-round victory over Providence, but North Carolina is a different challenge. The Tar Heels own a plus-10.2 rebounding margin, second best in the nation. And there's this: North Carolina is 34-1 in NCAA games played in the state, 12-0 in Charlotte and 5-0 in the Spectrum Center.

(1) Xavier (29-5) vs.
(9) Florida State (21-11)
7:40 p.m. | TNT
Interesting what the bracket brings. A year ago, Xavier was a No. 11 seed and knocked off the third-seeded Seminoles in the second round. The roles are reversed this time, and Florida State gets a chance to be the dream crushers. Florida State led Missouri by 22 at halftime and cruised to an easy victory.

— Kansas City Star



ROB CARR/GETTY

Villanova's Mikal Bridges, center, celebrates with Dhamir Cosby-Roundtree, left, and Donte DiVincenzo on Saturday.

SATURDAY'S ROUNDUP

SOUTH
Loyola 63, Tennessee 62: Clayton Custer's jumper took a friendly bounce off the rim and in with 3.6 seconds left, and the 11th-seeded Ramblers (30-5) advanced to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 1985.

The Volunteers (26-7) took their only lead of the second half on Grant Williams' three-point play with 20 seconds left. After Loyola almost lost the ball on an out-of-bounds call confirmed on replay, Custer pulled up and let go a short jumper that hit the front rim, bounced off the backboard and went in.

Aundre Jackson led Loyola with 16 points, and Custer finished with 10. Schofield scored 14 for Tennessee.

Kentucky 95, Buffalo 75: Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 27 points on 10-for-12 shooting to go with six rebounds and six assists as the Wildcats (26-10) pulled away from the upstart 13th-seeded Bulls.

Hamidou Diallo added 22 points and eight rebounds for Kentucky, which went on a 23-8 run in the final eight minutes.

With the Wildcats leading 72-67, Gilgeous-Alexander converted a three-point play with 7:36 left to ignite the game-closing surge.

Wes Clark led the Bulls (27-9) with 26 points and six assists.

WEST
Gonzaga 90, Ohio State 84: Zach Norvell Jr. had career highs of 28 points and 12 rebounds and Rui Hachimura added 25 points to lift the Bulldogs (32-4) back into the Sweet 16 for the fourth straight season.

Norvell, who hit the late tiebreaking 3-pointer against UNC-Greensboro in the opening round, made 6 of 11 from the arc against the Buckeyes (25-9).

The Bulldogs jumped out to a big early lead, withstood a second-half Ohio State charge and made the big plays down the stretch to earn a spot in the regional semifinals against the Xavier-Florida State winner.

Keita Bates-Diop had 28 points for Ohio State, which rallied from an abysmal start and an 11-point halftime deficit to take a brief second-half lead before Gonzaga went on an 11-0 run.

Michigan 64, Houston 63: Freshman Jordan Poole's buzzer-beating 3-pointer lifted the third-seeded Wolverines past the No. 6 seed Cougars (27-8) and into the Sweet 16.

Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman missed a layup with 10 seconds left and Michigan (30-7) down one. But Houston's Devin Davis missed two free throws with four seconds left.

EAST
Villanova 81, Alabama 58: Mikal Bridges hit five 3-pointers and finished with 23 points to help the top-seeded Wildcats (32-4) put the field on notice that they're the ones to beat.

Collin Sexton scored 17 points to lead the Crimson Tide (20-16), who failed to make it two No. 1s KO'd in less than 24 hours.

After scoring just one point in the first half, Bridges scored the first five of the second half and then finished a thunderous alley-oop on a pass from Booth that pushed the Wildcats' lead to 41-27.

Texas Tech 69, Florida 66: Keenan Evans scored 22 points and hit a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 2 ½ minutes left as the Red Raiders (26-10) moved on to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2005.

Zhaire Smith had 18 points, nine rebounds and seven assists, and was on the receiving end of an alley-oop pass from Evans with 29 seconds left for an emphatic dunk.

Egor Koulechov and Ke-Vaughn Allen each missed 3-point attempts in the final 10 seconds for the Gators (21-13).

Jalen Hudson scored 23 points to lead Florida, which didn't advance past the second round for the first time in its last six tournament appearances.

MIDWEST
Duke 87, Rhode Island 62: ACC player of the year Marvin Bagley III scored 22 points to go with nine rebounds, and fellow freshman big man Wendell Carter Jr. added 13 points to lead the second-seeded Blue Devils (28-7) to their 26th trip to the Sweet 16.

Freshmen guards Gary Trent Jr. and Trevon Duval combined for 29 points and 11 assists for Duke.

The victory gave Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski 1,098 wins during his Hall of Fame career, breaking a tie with Tennessee women's coach Pat Summitt for the most by an NCAA basketball coach.

E.C. Matthews' 23 points led the Rams (26-8).

Kansas 83, Seton Hall 79: Malik Newman scored 28 points, Udoka Azubuike stood toe-to-toe with Seton Hall's bruising Angel Delgado, and the top-seeded Jayhawks (29-7) held off the plucky Pirates.

Svi Mykhailiuk added 16 points, Lagerald Vick had 13 and Azubuike 10 for Kansas, who converted on every crucial play down the stretch to advance to its third straight Sweet 16.

Delgado finished with 24 points and 23 rebounds in a virtuoso effort for the No. 8 seed Pirates (22-11).

Khadeen Carrington finished with 28 points, many of them on 3-pointers in the closing minutes.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

EAST REGION
(2) Purdue (29-6) vs.
(10) Butler (21-13)
11:10 a.m. | CBS-2
Could Purdue big man Isaac Haas play with a fractured right elbow? That's the speculation. It appeared his season had ended in the first-round victory over Cal State Fullerton, but now he might play. The Boilers defeated Butler 82-67 in December. The Bulldogs were impressive first-round winners, beating Arkansas by 17.

(5) West Virginia (25-10) vs.
(13) Marshall (25-10)
8:40 p.m. | TBS
The schools are separated by 157 miles of hilly West Virginia highway and they used to play every year in Charleston. That ended after the 2015 meeting, when Mountaineers coach Bob Huggins said he was no longer interested in the matchup. As for this feud, styles contrast. The Mountaineers apply pressure and the Thundering Herd present a free-wheeling attack.

MIDWEST REGION
(3) Michigan St. (30-4) vs.
(11) Syracuse (22-13)
1:40 p.m. | CBS
Syracuse kept alive the streak of a First Four winner advancing to the Round of 32. It has happened in all eight years of the expanded bracket. The Orange, playing their third game in five days, are an underdog for the third straight game. This one matches two of the seven active coaches — the Spartans' Tom Izzo and Syracuse's Jim Boeheim — who have won NCAA titles.

(4) Auburn (26-7) vs.
(5) Clemson (24-9)
6:10 p.m. | TBS
A College Football Playoff semifinal? No, this battle of Tigers is a second-round NCAA tournament match between teams that have taken a similar path, including an injury to a key player that forced both teams to change their approach. Auburn will look to push, Clemson will try to keep the game low scoring.

— Kansas City Star

NCAA TOURNAMENT

NOTES

Painter: Haas likely still done

Associated Press

A bit of mystery now surrounds the status of Purdue center **Isaac Haas.**

That could be encouraging news for the No. 2-seeded Boilermakers, who had announced Friday that Haas would miss the rest of the NCAA tournament with a broken right elbow. On Saturday, a CBS reporter tweeted that Haas had practiced with the team, although coach **Matt Painter** tried to keep expectations low for a possible return by his star.

"He ran up and down today, did a few things and worked out," Painter said. "I don't see him playing."

Still, Painter said he thinks Haas will dress and go to warmups for Sunday's game against 10th-seeded Butler.

"I would think he wants to do that to stay connected," he said.

Haas fell during Purdue's victory over Cal State Fullerton on Friday and appeared in a good deal of pain. But he left the game only briefly before returning. So it was a surprise afterward when the Boilermakers ruled him out.

Painter said Saturday that Haas will still need surgery, and if he were to play, he'd need to have a brace approved.

Feeling Virginia's pain: This will be a tough offseason for Virginia.

The No. 1 overall seed made history Friday for the wrong reason, losing to UMBC by 20 points. It was the first time a No. 16 seed won a game in the men's tournament.

Syracuse coach **Jim Boeheim** has an idea of what his Virginia counterpart, **Tony Bennett,** might be going through. The Orange became the first No. 2 seed to lose to a 15 seed, falling to Richmond in 1991.

Now that's just an asterisk in the record book, overtaken by Virginia's shocking loss.

"I've been there," Boeheim said. "It's a heartbreaking tournament. That's the only way to describe it."

Stanford women's coach **Tara VanDerveer** can relate too. The only other time a No. 1 seed lost in the first round was in 1998, when Stanford fell to Harvard on the Cardinal's home court.

VanDerveer said Bennett and his team should be "exceedingly proud of their season."

"Coach Bennett is a class act. He will only get better," VanDerveer said. "Pain is a great motivator."

It happened: North Carolina coach **Roy Williams** was out to dinner in Charlotte, N.C., with his staff Friday night watching the first half of the game between UMBC and Virginia.

Although the game was tied at 21 at halftime, Williams told his staff he was heading back to his hotel room to begin preparations for the Tar Heels' second-round game Sunday against Texas A&M.

"There is no way that's going to happen," Williams told his staff of UMBC's upset bid.

But after settling back into the hotel room he flipped over the channel to catch the second half — and had the same sort of reaction most of the country did.

"Oh, my gosh," said Williams, who watched the last four minutes. "Unbelievable. I was shocked. ... I didn't know what was going on."

Williams has been able to avoid that first round upset during his career. His teams are a combined 28-0 in the first round.



STREETER LECKA/GETTY

UMBC players storm the court Friday after becoming the first No. 16 tournament seed to defeat a No. 1 seed.

Retrievers enjoy golden moment

UMBC's shocking upset of No. 1 Virginia still talk of NCAA tourney

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press



CHARLOTTE, N.C. — As the sun rose on the Saturday morning celebration of UMBC's unprecedented NCAA tournament upset, Ryan Odom implored his suddenly famous basketball team to get some sleep.

It was time for family and friends to leave the hotel and for the Retrievers to return to their rooms. On any other night, they would have started a "Fortnite" video game battle to unwind.

The gamers sat this one out. The only devices the Retrievers were tethered to were their phones.

UMBC made history as the first No. 16 seed in NCAA men's tournament history to knock off a No. 1 seed, routing Virginia by 20 points, and the texts and calls never stopped.

The Retrievers play No. 9 seed Kansas State (23-11) on Sunday with a Sweet 16 berth at stake. They are a 10-point underdog after entering Friday's game against the Cavaliers as 20½-point underdogs.

The odds are probably worse that the casual fan even knows what UMBC stands for. It's the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, not — as newspaper headlines and TV analysts suggested — U Must Be Cinderella.

UMBC is a commuter school in Baltimore — one in which the chess team reigns supreme, no less — and the bracket-busting sweethearts were suddenly linked with Buster Douglas, the Miracle on Ice and Chaminade on the short list of all-time sports upsets.

The pithy tweets from its Twitter account made highlight reels. The school website crashed. Virginia turned into a punchline.

For these players, the ones no other teams wanted, it simply was surreal.

"I'm getting so many notifications that my phone froze," said K.J. Maura, the emotional floor leader who played all 40 minutes Friday night.

"I'm getting so many notifications that my phone froze."

— K.J. Maura, above, who played all 40 minutes Friday night

Joe Sherburne, who drained three big 3-pointers against Virginia, spent his newfound time in the spotlight hoping NFL quarterback Aaron Rodgers would notice him. Sherburne is a Wisconsin native who wasn't recruited by any school except UMBC.

On one of his few chances to shine on the sport's biggest stage, Sherburne hit a second-half 3 and mimed Rodgers' trademark "discount double-check" celebration.

"I'm his biggest fan," Sherburne said. "I want him to see it on TV."

Odom isn't going to deny his players their time in the spotlight.

"I'm not the type of guy (who is) going to take their phones," Odom said. "They've got to learn how to do the right thing. We've got to encourage our guys, and I've already told them, 'Do you want to be done now or do you want to try to put your best foot forward and continue on?' "

They certainly want to seize as many March moments as possible.

Jarius Lyles did so Friday. A graduate student who could have left UMBC to play for a bigger program, Lyles was committed to the Retrievers and led them against Virginia with 28 points on 9-of-11 shooting.

He stayed because of his fondness for school President Freeman Hrabowski III. Hrabowski leads a school whose chess team boasts six national championships and in February finally moved its basketball team to a state-of-the-art arena instead of its decades-old fieldhouse. UMBC's new facility seats 5,000 — a far cry from the stage it played on Friday night in front of 20,200 in Charlotte, N.C.

But Lyles insisted this team doesn't get nervous and that the connection between the players is real.

The players are so connected, they claim, that they twice blew off Odom's game-closing call against Vermont in the America East tournament final. With an NCAA tournament berth on the line, Odom wanted Maura to run a handoff play.

"We wanted to isolate Jairus and let him take it," Maura said. "Then he called another play and we also said, 'No, we don't want to screen.' We knew he was going to take the shot and make it."

Lyles buried a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give UMBC the upset.

GONZAGA 90, OSU 84

Gonzaga back in familiar position

Simeon grad Norvell leads Bulldogs into 4th straight Sweet 16

By John Marshall
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Zach Norvell Jr. had 28 points, Rui Hachimura added 25 and Gonzaga is headed back into the Sweet 16 with a 90-84 victory over Ohio State in the West Region on Saturday night.

Norvell, a Simeon grad, hit the late tiebreaking 3-pointer against UNC Greensboro in the opening round to help the Zags advance.

The confident freshman made 6 of 11 from the arc against Ohio State to lead Gonzaga (32-4) into the Sweet 16 for the fourth straight season — two wins from a return trip to the Final Four.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a big early lead, withstood a second-half Ohio State charge and made the big plays down the stretch to earn a spot in the West Region semifinals in Los Angeles against the Xavier-Florida State winner.

The resilient-all-season Buckeyes (25-9) rallied from an abysmal start and an 11-point halftime deficit to take a brief second-half lead before Gonzaga went on an 11-0 run to snatch it back.

Keita Bates-Diop had 28 points and Kam Williams 19 for Ohio State.

Ohio State and Gonzaga met four months ago in the PK80 Invitational.

It did not go well for the Buckeyes.

The Zags shredded Ohio State's defense while shooting 59 percent and held the Buckeyes to 35 percent in an 86-59 thrashing.

The Buckeyes said they are a better team now.

Their record reflects it, too: 25 wins, a second-place finish in the rough-and-tumble Big Ten Conference and a return to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2015.

The Zags looked a little rusty in their opening 68-64 win over UNC-Greensboro.

They looked more like the team that blew out BYU in the West Coast Conference title game early against the Buckeyes.

Gonzaga scored the game's first 15 points while hitting six of nine shots and blocking two of Ohio State's.

The Buckeyes had three of their first seven shots roll off the rim early and didn't score until Jae'Sean Tate hit a 3-pointer at 14:18

Ohio State righted itself on offense, but struggled to slow the zigging Zags, who made 18 of 31 shots to lead 44-33 at halftime.

The Buckeyes got even more shots to fall coming out of halftime and forced a rash of Gonzaga turnovers during a 12-2 run to go up 58-54.

Gonzaga answered with an 11-0 run, going up 73-67 on Hachimura's 3-pointer at the shot clock buzzer.

Ohio State came up short of its first Sweet 16 since the 2013 tournament, but the season could hardly be considered a failure.

The Buckeyes were picked to finish 11th in the Big Ten in coach Chris Holtmann's first season, but ended up with a No. 2 seed in the Big Ten tournament before falling to Penn State, and won a game in the NCAA tournament, an 81-73 victory over San Diego State.

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

UConn scores 140 points, wins by 88 in record performance

Tribune news services

Azura Stevens scored 26 points and 10 rebounds to lead six UConn players in double figures and the top-seeded Huskies opened tournament play with a record-setting 140-52 rout of visiting Saint Francis (Pa.) in the Albany Region.

UConn (33-0) established marks for most points in a quarter (55), half (94) and game. Its 88-point victory margin is second all time.

"I don't think we were really aware," said Katie Lou Samuelson, who had 18 points and 10 assists. "We were aware of how quickly we were going up and down the court at that first media timeout. But we were just getting a lot of opportunities and taking advantage of them whenever we could."

UConn players had watched Friday night's men's game between Virginia and UMBC that the No. 1 Cavaliers lost by 20 points and didn't want to suffer a similar fate.

"I don't think that game put extra pressure on us," Stevens said. "But watching a No. 1 go down motivated us to come out from the start ready to go."

Napheesa Collier added 25 points and nine assists for the Huskies, while Megan Walker had 19 points and eight rebounds. UConn shot 65 percent from the floor and held a 96-10 advantage over the Red Flash (24-10) in points in the paint.

Westbeld game-time decision: Notre Dame is calling forward Kathryn Westbeld a game-time decision for Sunday's second-round matchup against Villanova.

Westbeld rolled her left ankle in Friday's opening win against Cal State Northridge. Following treatment, she returned to the bench in the second half but didn't play.

X-rays taken Saturday revealed no serious injury.

Buffalo springs upset: Cierra Dillard scored a career-high 36 points and 11th-seeded Buffalo won its first tournament game by beating sixth-seeded host South Florida 102-79 in the Albany Region.

The Bulls (28-5) topped 100 points for the first time since 1995 and became the first Mid-American Conference team to ever do so in a tournament game.

Kitija Laksa led South Florida (26-8) with 28 points.

2015 RYAN PACE'S 11 BIGGEST MOVES AT T

By Dan Wiederer | Chicago Tribune

PRIMARY TARGETS

#1 2015
BRANDON MARSHALL
Traded to the Jets
(March 6)
What it meant: When Pace arrived, he pushed to weigh Marshall's passion and drive against his reputation for being self-absorbed and melodramatic. It didn't take long for that scale to tip. When the talented receiver adamantly pushed for permission to continue as an in-season analyst on Showtime's "Inside the NFL" — a responsibility that required Marshall to spend Tuesdays in New York — the Bears front office questioned his priorities. A separation became inevitable, even though the Bears received only a fifth-round pick in the trade.

#3 2015
KEVIN WHITE
Drafted No. 7 overall
(April 30)
What it meant: Pace was beaming the night he made his first draft pick as an NFL GM. "I know I spoke to you about getting impact players in the draft, especially when you're picking in the top 10," he said. "And that's exactly what Kevin White is." But White's first three seasons in Chicago have been a nightmare mired by injuries. He has missed 43 of 48 games and now enters the final year of his rookie contract.

#6 2017
ALSHON JEFFERY
Allowed to hit free agency
(March 9)
What it meant: The Bears paid Jeffery $14.6 million on the franchise tag in 2016, hoping he could overcome injury interruptions. Jeffery proved more durable in 2016, but he was hit with a four-game suspension for using performance-enhancing drugs, and he finished the year with only 52 catches. The Bears chose not to use the franchise tag again, so Jeffery hit the open market and chose to play for the Eagles on a one-year, $14 million deal. The veteran was a solid addition to the offense and cashed in with a four-year, $52 million extension in December, then helped the Eagles win their first Lombardi Trophy. Happily ever after for Jeffery. For the Bears, though, it's a cautionary tale about letting a talented homegrown playmaker go.

#11 2018
ALLEN ROBINSON
Signed to a 3-year, $42M contract
(March 14)
What it means: If Mitch Trubisky gets a break from his training in California, he might want to pick up a package of thank-you cards. He can write one to Pace for supplying a proven big-play receiver with a large catch radius and an ability to win consistently against man-to-man coverage. Robinson is coming off a season-ending ACL tear, so his progress will be under the microscope. Complementing the Robinson addition with the signing of Taylor Gabriel is notable as well.

THE BIG 1

Solemn vow

As WR *Allen Robinson* rehabs from a torn ACL, he pledges to return to his Pro Bowl form

By Rich Campbell | Chicago Tribune

Concealed beneath the cuffs of Allen Robinson's navy pinstripe suit and white dress shirt were two bracelets: a green one on his right wrist and an orange one on his left. They are souvenirs from his hospital stay last September, when he had the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee surgically reconstructed.

He won't remove them until he is cleared to play football again. That time is coming soon, he promises.

Until then, as the big wide receiver begins his Bears career after signing a three-year, $42 million contract, the bracelets will remind him every day of the work required to re-establish his dominance and be the offensive force the Bears need him to be.

"I understand it's a question for the media, but not for me," Robinson said Thursday at his Halas Hall introduction. "I know how I'm going to go about this thing, and I know the type of player I'm going to be."

His confidence is noteworthy, even admirable. But this team's fans, battered by losses and groggy from watching last year's offense, ache for passing pyrotechnics. So there's an understandable anxiety about lengthening their list of receivers who missed most of last season with a major injury.

Fans here would welcome as much reassurance as possible. How can Robinson be so sure he not only will be ready for training camp but also will regain his Pro Bowl form?

"I know myself," he said.

Pain before gain

The play's simplicity makes it that much more painful to digest. It was the Jaguars' third snap of the season.

Third-and-2 from the Jaguars' 33-yard line. Robinson, in man-to-man coverage against Texans cornerback Kevin Johnson, ran a 16-yard out route. Johnson had his hands on Robinson, but Robinson, as he has done repeatedly to NFL defensive backs, used his 6-foot-3, 211-found frame to power through the contact and separate.

He leaped for Blake Bortles' high throw and pulled it in. As Robinson landed on his right leg and regained his balance, Johnson pushed him out of bounds.

That's when it happened.

The left-footed step didn't even look awkward or unnatural, but Robinson instantly was in pain. He tried to limp back to the sideline but fell in a heap.

In a recent TV interview with First Coast News in Jacksonville, Robinson recalled lying on the turf.

"It was a moment where I was like, 'Gosh, why did this have to happen, especially right now?' " he said.

Right now, meaning the start of his contract year and the season he and Bortles were supposed to rekindle their connection and, through that, Robinson's Pro Bowl form. It was to be the season that would serve as his closing argument for a new multimillion-dollar deal.

Robinson believed the 2017 offseason was his best as a pro. It showed in training camp, as he repeatedly caught balls against a pass defense that ended up leading the NFL in yards per game, yards per pass and interception rate. For as good as the Jaguars were in 2017, Robinson was their best player in camp.

Hearing the diagnosis of an ACL tear and being out for the season was the first challenge on a road he's still traveling. He was determined to be mentally strong.

"I could just start this next chapter as far as getting healthy, and that's what I did," Robinson said in the TV interview. "From the time I had surgery ... I knew what type of recovery I was going to have, especially from a mental standpoint. I wasn't going to let it eat at me."

The nature of Robinson's torn ACL was such that he didn't have to wait long for surgery. That was good, not only because Robinson could begin his recovery but because he doesn't like to wait.

"The thing I was most concerned about when he was injured was him working too hard," said Roosevelt Barnes, his Fort Wayne, Indiana-based agent. "He's just wired like that."

Rams running back Todd Gurley was one peer who helped Robinson by mapping out the rehabilitation process. That comforted him, knowing Gurley had returned from the injury to play at an elite level.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Allen Robinson should give the Bears a top-level threat at wide receiver if his knee is fully healed.

"He has been attacking his rehab the same way he attacks catching the football," Barnes said. "He didn't look at it as a negative. He was disappointed he didn't get to play, but he never has had any doubt that he would come back stronger and better than ever."

Once Robinson started hitting meaningful milestones in his recovery, he began to publicize more of it. His Twitter and Instagram feeds are a window into the grind of injury rehabilitation.

On Dec. 5, there was a video of Robinson running in a pool while watching screens showing the feeds from underwater cameras. On Jan. 9, he jumped on hard ground for the first time. Two weeks later, he ran on the treadmill, and last month came the box jumps and straight-line running. Now he's doing sprints, jump training and explosive jumps.

Were all those videos one big sales pitch to teams such as the Bears, who needed a top free-agent receiver? And so what if they were?

For the Bears, the progress is what's important. General manager Ryan Pace is comforted that Robinson won't turn 25 until Aug. 24, understanding that youth should facilitate healing. The timing of the ACL tear means Robinson is already six months into his recovery, and Bears team doctors examined him before he signed Thursday.

"Knowing more about his work ethic, his professionalism, how he's attacking it, we feel very good about that," Pace said. "Until we get him here with our trainers, physical therapists (and) strength coaches, I won't give you an exact timeline, but we feel good about it."

Good nightmare

Given the 2017 void on Robinson's resume, anticipating his Bears tenure requires looking back. And the distant view is quite good.

In 2015, Robinson's 14 touchdown receptions tied for most in the NFL. His average of 17.5 yards per catch ranked fourth. His 1,400 yards that year — well, that would look pretty good on the Bears' stat sheet and within quarterback Mitch Trubisky's totals.

"He's just a big target who knows how to get open," Pace said. "He's a savvy route runner who can set up (defenders), and he's just a proven receiver. He's a physical guy who can body and out-position guys."

All of that is true — when Robinson is healthy. A skeptic would highlight he'll be three years removed from his best season when opening day arrives.

But Robinson left an impression in 2016 on cornerback Prince Amukamara, his teammate then and now.

"Allen Robinson was a nightmare at practice, and I say that in the best way possible," Amukamara said. "He's very, very competitive. He just works extremely hard. He's so raw, and he's super young. I think he's definitely what this team needs."

The Bears have bet on that. Robinson insists it's a sure thing, but they must wait to cash in until his hospital bracelets come off, his cleats are back on and footballs once again fly in Chicago.

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HE WIDE RECEIVER POSITION

In chronological order, noted by #s

HAIL MARYS

SECONDARY TARGETS

#4 2015
CAMERON MEREDITH
Undrafted free agent
(May 3)
What it meant: At the time, Meredith's union with the Bears generated no buzz, part of the team's undrafted free agency haul in the hours after the 2015 draft. Meredith, a quarterback-turned-receiver from Illinois State, eventually won a roster spot and chipped in with 11 catches and 120 yards as a rookie. Meredith then led the team in catches (66) and receiving yards (888) during his second season. But his ascent was halted in August when he tore the ACL in his left knee during an exhibition game. Now Meredith will have to successfully complete rehabilitation and earn an opportunity in a new offense under a new coaching staff.

#2 2015
EDDIE ROYAL
Signed to a 3-year, $15M contract
(March 12)
What it meant: Pace's first big swing at adding talent at receiver was acquiring the veteran Royal, who had played with Jay Cutler as a rookie in Denver in 2008. Royal also had played for John Fox in 2011 with the Broncos. And in 2015, then-Bears offensive coordinator Adam Gase envisioned Wes Welker-like production from Royal. "Eddie's got a special explosiveness that a lot of inside guys don't have," Gase said. But after the Bears guaranteed Royal $10 million, he never provided an acceptable return on investment.

#5 2016
DANIEL BRAVERMAN
Drafted in Round 7
(April 30)
What it meant: Braverman turned heads as a rookie in Bourbonnais with his quickness and reliable hands. But the buzz was short-lived. The 5-foot-10 receiver from Western Michigan never mastered his route precision and spent most of his rookie year on the practice squad. The Bears cut Braverman in September.

#7 2017
MARKUS WHEATON
Signed to a 2-year, $11M contract
(March 9)
What it meant: Wheaton missed 13 games for the Steelers in 2016 and needed surgery to repair a torn labrum in his shoulder. So durability questions were well-established when the Bears brought him aboard. But Wheaton's slow recovery delayed his assimilation into the offense. He then had a nightmarish training camp, needing an appendectomy July 30 and then breaking his left pinkie finger and needing another surgery shortly after he returned to practice a few weeks later. His 2017 totals — three catches, 51 yards — are astounding given the money he was paid. The Bears released him Wednesday.

#9 2017
VICTOR CRUZ
Signed to a 1-year, incentive-laden $4M conract
(May 25)
What it meant: Cruz arrived as a 30-year-old veteran trying to extend his career after knee and calf injuries derailed him with the Giants. But his stay in Chicago lasted only 14 weeks. Signing him was a low-risk dice roll that cost the Bears only $500,000, but it also illuminated their desperation at the position.

#10 2017
DONTRELLE INMAN
Traded a conditional draft pick to the Chargers
(Oct. 25)
What it meant: The Bears receiving corps was in shambles when Pace made the midseason move to get Inman. On the day of the trade, the Bears were seven games into the season and desperate to jump-start the passing attack after injuries to White, Meredith and Wheaton had pushed players such as Tanner Gentry and Tre McBride into action. Inman wasn't special nor was he a waste of time. He helped plug a hole temporarily.

#8 2017
KENDALL WRIGHT
Signed to a 1-year, $2M contract
(March 11)
What it meant: The Bears needed a slot receiver and saw potential in Wright, who had enjoyed a career season in 2013 with the Titans when paired with offensive coordinator Dowell Loggains. The reunion in Chicago wasn't nearly as fruitful. Wright's production was ordinary, and he is again a free agent.

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AROUND THE NFC NORTH

For fall season, some new looks

Free-agency makeovers underway for Bears as well as division rivals



Brad Biggs
On the NFL

The NFC North will look decidedly different in 2018 with two new head coaches, new coordinators with the other two teams and evolving rosters.

The Bears have been the busiest team in the North through the first 48 hours of free agency, signing seven players from the outside and re-signing five of their own players, six if you count cornerback Kyle Fuller, who signed an offer sheet with the Packers that the Bears quickly decided to match.

The Vikings made the biggest splash of any team in the league, signing Kirk Cousins to a three-year, $84 million contract that is fully guaranteed in a pioneering move from the quarterback and Chicago-based agent Mike McCartney. Cousins had played the last two seasons on the franchise tag for the Redskins and is a rare upper-tier player to reach the open market.

"He bet on himself several times and won and those things are really important to me," Vikings coach Mike Zimmer said. "He always has played with a chip on his shoulder."

It was a huge commitment for the Vikings and fully expected when you consider how aggressive general manager Rick Spielman has been in trading to acquire first-round draft picks over the years. The Vikings had a different primary starting quarterback each of the last three seasons and were seeking a guy to thrive in the role long-term.

Case Keenum captured lightning in a bottle for the NFC North champions last season, catapulting him to a two-year deal with the Broncos, but Cousins is a better pure passer and hasn't missed a start the last three seasons.

The Vikings believe they have a Super Bowl-ready defense, although it failed them in the NFC title game against the Eagles, and now they have a quarterback they believe keeps them in contention for seasons to come.

"All I can do is what is right in front of me," Cousins said. "I can't win the Super Bowl today."

The Vikings can dream about it though.

Here's a review of the NFC North teams and their moves with comments from a general manager and pro personnel director:

Bears

Additions: WR Allen Robinson, WR Taylor Gabriel, TE Trey Burton, K Cody Parkey, QB Chase Daniel, OLB Aaron Lynch, QB Tyler Bray.
Re-signed: CB Kyle Fuller, CB Prince Amukamara, OLB Sam Acho, P Pat O'Donnell, TE Daniel Brown, OL Bradley Sowell.
Key departures: LB Christian Jones, DE Mitch Unrein, LS Andrew DePaola.
Comments: "They have some weapons, that's for sure, and I like Robinson," the general manager said. "He's a good player. Good ball skills and he can get vertical. We liked the tight end, not at $8 million (per year), but he will give them a little juice and that's free agency — you overpay everyone in the first wave. Getting Fuller back was important, but I'm interested to see how the money is laid out. Lynch can rush when he's not too heavy and the coordinator (Vic Fangio) knows him. I like the kicker and that has been a need for them. They were really busy again. At some point it has to come together. They're getting great reviews."

Lions

Additions: LB Christian Jones, CB DeShawn Snead, LB Devon Kennard, G Kenny Wiggins, RB LeGarrette Blount.
Re-signed: DE Ziggy Ansah (franchise tag), CB Nevin Lawson, QB Jake Rudock, RB Zach Zenner, LB Nick Bellore, S Tavon Wilson.
Key departures: TE Eric Ebron, DT Haloti Ngata, LB Tahir Whitehead.
Comments: "They seem to be in the market for the over-the-hill running back (Lions have had Frank Gore, DeMarco Murray, Jonathan Stewart and LeGarrette Blount in for visits and signed Blount)," the pro personnel director said. "Keeping Ansah was the key for them because they don't have much in the way of a pass rush. Kennard can help a little in that regard but he's a straight-line speed guy. It seems like they're kind of bargain shopping and they have to find a tight end. Maybe they do that in the draft."

Packers

Additions: TE Jimmy Graham, DL Muhammad Wilkerson, QB DeShone Kizer.
Re-signed: CB Herb Waters.
Key departures: WR Jordy Nelson, CB Damarious Randall.
Comments: "They were rarely players in free agency with (former GM) Ted Thompson and it worked," the GM said. "Who knows if this will work? It's easy to say it's a new day but be careful because you have to pick the right guys. How did it work for the Bears last year? (Wilkerson) was a complete embarrassment last year and on a one-year deal they might get his best. Graham should help in the red zone and on third down. Maybe they're going to look for a young guy (Geronimo Allison, Trevor Davis or Michael Clark) to step up at receiver with Jordy gone."

Vikings

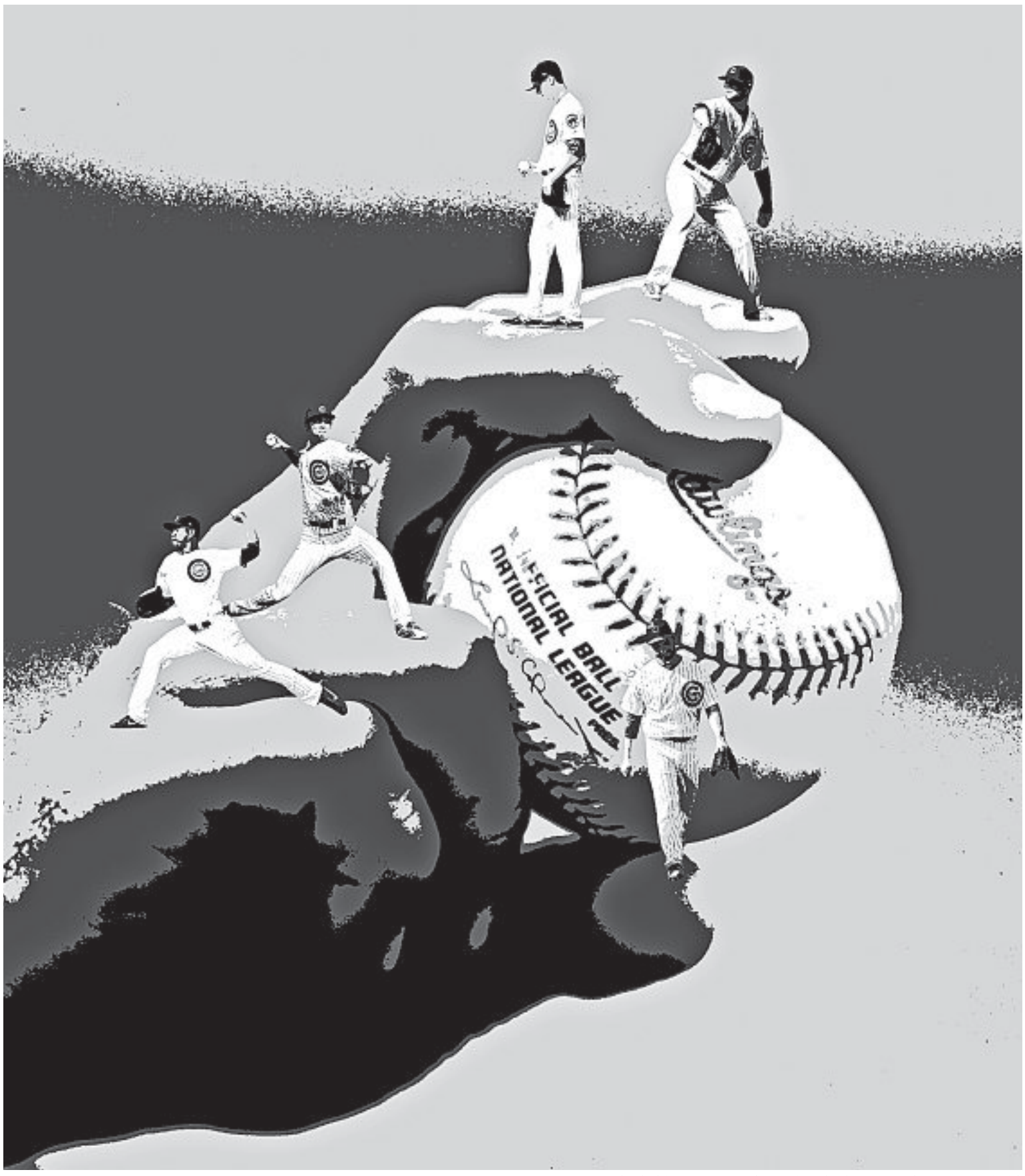
Additions: QB Kirk Cousins, DT Sheldon Richardson.
Re-signed: G Nick Easton, S Anthony Harris.
Key departures: RB Jerick McKinnon, QB Case Keenum, QB Teddy Bridgewater, QB Sam Bradford, DT Sharrif Floyd.
Comment: "If the Redskins were right about Cousins, (the Vikings never) are going to get where they think they're headed," the pro personnel director said. "If the Redskins were wrong, Minnesota will be a powerhouse for a couple of seasons. I like McKinnon, he had almost 1,000 yards offense last year, but San Fran way overpaid him. Getting Richardson is going to give them more pass rush up the middle and that ought to benefit the guys on the edge."

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CUBS

It's in their hands

Cubs rotation has talent to match 2016 champs, but if they want to put a ring on, they must meet great expectations



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Earned-run average of the Cubs' top five starters in 2016. The quintet of Jon Lester, Kyle Hendricks, Jake Arrieta, John Lackey and Jason Hammel started 152 of the team's 161 games on the way to a title. The 2018 rotation has two pieces from that championship team. From top: Lester, Hendricks, Yu Darvish, Jose Quintana and Tyler Chatwood.

By Mark Gonzales
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. – To surpass the Cubs' starting pitchers of 2016 as manager Joe Maddon's best rotation, the current crop at least must match that group's 81 victories while compiling a 2.96 ERA.

"Going into the year, it might be the best we've looked on paper, but it's still about what you do once you get on the field," Kyle Hendricks said.

Those lofty marks represent the bar the Cubs' 2016 rotation set en route to the club's first World Series championship since 1908. The addition of Yu Darvish and Tyler Chatwood at the front and back ends of the 2018 rotation, however, prompted Maddon to declare five weeks ago that this is his best starting five since taking over in 2015.

"That's my scouting part of it," said Maddon, applying the evaluating eye that he started to develop nearly 40 years ago while appraising the Four Corners section of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Nevada for the Angels.

"It's hard to beat the results of that (2016) group; they were outstanding. (But) I'm just thinking (Jon) Lester is going to be stronger, Kyle has another year under his belt, (Jose) Quintana is with us for a full season, Chatwood is going to be very good on sea level (after pitching in high altitude for the Rockies), and then you add Yu Darvish.

"I just think (the overall) stuff is better — that's what it comes down to. When I'm talking about the best staff ever, I have my scouting hat on. More than anything, it's hard to beat the results we've shown."

The comparisons between former ace Jake Arrieta and Darvish will persist, and Arrieta posted an 18-8 record and 3.10 ERA in 197⅓ innings during the Cubs' run to the Series title. Those numbers are realistic for Darvish to attain, although he gives the Cubs a dominant strikeout dimension they haven't had since Arrieta's 2015 National League Cy Young Award-winning season.

Darvish, 31, already has shown the Cubs his ability to work out of jams with strikeouts and groundball double plays, as he did in a spring outing against the Athletics on March 11.

Moreover, the Cubs are banking on the resources they can provide to help Darvish maximize his talents. Continuing his stint in the NL also should benefit him as Darvish's ERA dipped from 4.01 in 22 starts for the Rangers to 3.44 in nine starts after moving to the Dodgers at the trade deadline last season.

But Arrieta has developed a big-game reputation, as evidenced by his 2015 NL wild-card victory, two triumphs in the 2016 World Series and a 3-2 win over the Dodgers in the fourth game of the 2017 NL Championship Series that helped the Cubs hold off elimination.

Part of Darvish's motivation is redeeming himself after failing to last two innings in either Game 3 or Game 7 of the 2017 World Series.

Meanwhile, Lester is determined to pitch 200 innings this season after doing so in eight of the last 10. He fell short of the mark in 2017 and took responsibility for his inability to preserve the bullpen early in the year. That goal will take care of itself if he can improve his sharpness, as his hits and walks average per nine innings climbed by 2.8 from 2016.

"Everybody looks good on paper with all these projections and computer programs that people spit out now," Lester said last month. "But it's about what you're going to do that season. It looks great, (but) we still have to show up and pitch."

One of the biggest challenges for the current rotation is to match the consistency of 2016. Each of the five starters made at least 29 starts that year, and the Cubs didn't use a sixth starter (Adam Warren) until the 84th game.

Hendricks posted the majors' lowest ERA (2.13), but perhaps his biggest asset was saving the bullpen at critical times.

Hendricks threw 117 pitches in 6⅔ innings less than 24 hours after the bullpen worked 7⅓ in a 15-inning victory over the Reds in Cincinnati. Five weeks later, Hendricks threw a 123-pitch shutout one night after the bullpen was needed for nine innings of a 12-inning win.

Quintana and Hendricks have stressed consistency as their major goals. Quintana's inability to pitch deep into games in August cost him a shot at 200 innings, a mark he had achieved the previous four seasons, as he threw 188⅔. Hendricks missed seven weeks with a right middle finger injury, which limited him to 139⅔ innings.

Chatwood's 96 mph fastball, 2.57 road ERA over the last two seasons and knack for inducing ground balls spark optimism that he will experience a breakout year. But Chatwood, 28, has yet to pitch more than 158 innings in a season. That's 8⅔ innings fewer than Jason Hammel threw for the Cubs in 2016.

"It comes down to in-game stuff," Hendricks said. "That's where we police ourselves: the competitiveness and importance of every pitch. If we can coax that out of ourselves, we might get to where we were in 2016. But in '16, we were so detail-oriented on each situation. That's tough to do."

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Harper to Cubs? It's a bit early to bet the ranch



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On the Cubs

LAS VEGAS — The two old pals were back in their hometown last November, hanging out at a hockey game and wearing Golden Knights sweaters like other fans.

When the team sent a photo of the two together on its Twitter account, it quickly went viral.

Of course, anytime Kris Bryant and Bryce Harper are photographed together, it adds another layer to the non-stop guessing game as to whether Harper will be joining Bryant in Chicago in 2019.

Harper's upcoming free agency means it probably will be now or never come this November.

It makes sense the Cubs would want to add another star to their collection, and Harper and Bryant seem like inseparable pals who can't get enough of each other.

The only problem is that not every picture tells a story.

"I really only hung out with him a couple of times in the offseason," Bryant said. "He lives on the bad side of Vegas."

Bryant laughed and corrected himself.

"Not a bad area, really," he said. "But I guess you're loyal to the other side of town."

Bryant returned home to Las Vegas this weekend for the Cubs' exhibition games Saturday night and Sunday against the Indians at Cashman Field. It's a trip that he relishes because of all the family and friends who get to see him play.

This is the 14th straight year the Cubs have played spring games here, and Bryant's homecoming has become an annual affair since his first return in 2015, when he was tearing up the Cactus League as the club's top prospect. Bryant was scratched from the starting lineup because of a fatigued right shoulder in one game that weekend but came off the bench and hit two home runs.

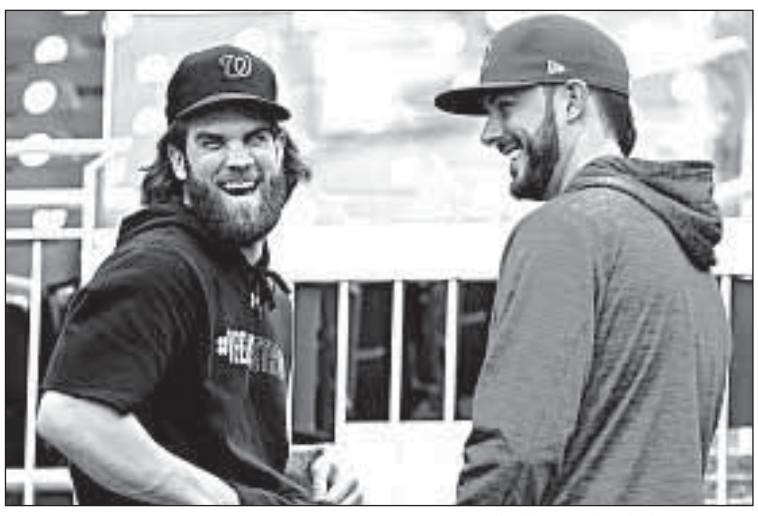
Bryant always said playing at Cashman Field "seemed so much larger than life" when he came here as a kid, recalling how he tried to grab foul balls down the line and ate overpriced concessions.

So playing here is still a bit "surreal" for him.

And the latest subplot features another Vegas kid, that guy from the "bad" side of town. It all started last summer when Peter Gammons reported Harper had let it be known he wanted to play for the Cubs, before Harper posted a photo of himself and Bryant on his Instagram with the caption "#Back2BackOneDay."

The suggestion was obvious: They eventually would be in the same lineup, hitting back to back.

Harper later admitted he was just trolling the media for speculating on his future. The rumors eventually died down only to resurface in the playoffs last year when the Cubs and Nationals met in the division series.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Could the Las Vegas roots shared by Nationals outfielder Bryce Harper, left, and Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant lead to a reunion in Chicago?

Bryant recalled in Washington during the NLDS that Harper was a "freak of nature" when they were playing ball together as kids in Las Vegas.

"I can't even explain how intimidated I was to watch him hit in the batting cage," he said. "The sound coming off his bat was something you never hear."

And that was when Harper was only 7.

The two really are closer now, bonded by their status as two of the best young stars in the game and their allegiance to Las Vegas. They appeared together in a public service announcement during the 2017 postseason, supporting the Vegas community in the wake of the tragedy in which a gunman killed 58 concertgoers and injured more than 500.

Speculation figures to spark up again in 2018, and with the Yankees having acquired Giancarlo Stanton, the Cubs may have one less big-market team to compete with in an eventual bidding war, if they decide to go for it.

Harper started his spring by trying to put an end to all the questioning about his future so he could focus on trying to finally get the Nationals to the promised land.

"I will not be discussing anything relative to 2019 at all," he told reporters at the start of Nationals camp in West Palm Beach, Fla. "If you guys have any questions about 2019 or anything past 2018, you can call (agent Scott Boras) and he'll answer you guys. If you guys do ask anything, I'll be walking right out the door."

Harper escaped the questions that day, but with so much interest in his upcoming free agency, it'll be interesting to see if he holds to his vow the rest of the season.

Unless he signs an extension, the speculation is certain to continue.

"I feel for him," Bryant said. "He's in a tough situation this year because next year and free agency that comes along with it, he's going to answer a lot of questions.

"Anybody who gets him is instantly going to be a contender and a better team. I just don't know if that's going to be here or what. But any player here I think would love to have Bryce."

No one knows how it will all play out.

The Dodgers seem to be the best bet, and the Nationals figure to pull out all the stops to keep Harper.

The Cubs may be underdogs in the Harper sweepstakes, in spite of the Instagram trolling and rumors of his "preferred" interest in winding up in Chicago.

But if we've learned anything from the Cubs' low-speed pursuit of Yu Darvish, it's not to count them out of anything.

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CUBS AND WHITE SOX

CUBS NOTES

Baez back in lineup, says he feels great

By Mark Gonzales
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — **Javier Baez** quickly shook off any signs of rust Saturday at Sloan Park in his first game since suffering a left hamstring cramp on March 8.

Baez moved laterally with ease as he made a backhanded stop near second base and fired an accurate off-balance throw to retire **Erik Gonzalez** of the Indians in the third inning of a 5-1 split-squad loss to the Indians and he ran out of the batter's box without discomfort after singling in the bottom off the frame against **Trevor Bauer.**

Kris Bryant led another group of Cubs against the Indians on Saturday night in his hometown of Las Vegas.

"I feel great now," said Baez, who tested his leg running the bases before team workouts. "No more sugar drinks and a lot of water."

Baez attributed his cramp to poor hydration. He wanted to return sooner, but Cubs insisted he limit himself to a series of agility drills.

Assuming Baez feels well, he will start Sunday at shortstop against the Royals at Sloan Park, while the other group faces the Indians again in Las Vegas.

"I was fine with it," Baez said of moving to shortstop, his original position. "It gives me good arm strength, too, throwing from short."

But Baez has no intention of moving to short permanently, especially after working more cohesively with shortstop **Addison Russell** and an alteration in his throwing motion.

"We have great communication on the field, and he has been throwing the ball very well," Baez said.

Baez will have more than a week to polish his skills with the comfort of getting a majority of the starts at second base.

"Last year I was trying to make a lot of adjustments in a short time, and now that I don't have that pressure of not knowing if I'm going to play (the next day) or not, it's going to help me a lot," Baez said.

Bullpen battle: **Eddie Butler** pitched three scoreless innings before walking three consecutive batters with one out in the fourth. Butler is competing for a long relief role and is out of minor-league options. ... **Anthony Bass,** who hasn't pitched since March 5 because of tightness in his right lat muscle, is scheduled to pitch Monday against the Reds in Goodyear. Bass hasn't allowed a run in four appearances.



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Reynaldo Lopez throws during a workout at Camelback Ranch in Glendale, Ariz.

No rush: Patience is part of the plan

In rebuild, Sox willing to let Lopez work way through early struggles

By Mark Gonzales
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — A White Sox-Cubs exhibition game might mean more only to the fanatics that have invested heavily in the fates of their prospects.

But for Reynaldo Lopez, the lessons that he learned Friday eventually should help him and the Sox in their goal to climb into the American League elite.

Before a sellout crowd of 13,044 at Camelback Ranch, Lopez struggled during a four-run fourth inning, though he was allowed to finish it.

In some situations, manager Rick Renteria and pitching coach Don Cooper might not have been so patient. But the Sox are in their growing phase, so they believe letting Lopez try to find ways out of his struggles will benefit him when there's more at stake.

"It's not the first time I pitched through an inning like that," Lopez said. "I've had innings (like that) in the minors and even in the majors. But having those innings here in spring training is a good way to prepare for a season. Now you know how to handle it, survive it or pass through that inning.

"And I only have to think in a positive way, even though things sometimes don't go your way. Just keep grinding and thinking in a positive way. That's the only way you can pass through those bad stretches. As a baseball player or pitcher, you can get frustrated. But there are things you can control. You just pass on and be focused on the next inning."

Renteria sent out Lopez to start the fifth and he retired Willson Contreras on a fly to right field before he was pulled.

Retiring Contreras in a spring training game might not seem like a major feat, but Lopez was able to gain some redemption after hanging a curve that Contreras launched well over the left-field fence to start the four-run fourth.

Cooper was satisfied Lopez at least was able to get enough work in to prepare for his final start of the spring before assuming a bigger role.



"I want to keep working on all my pitches. I don't take that for granted."

— Reynaldo Lopez, right, with White Sox pitching coach Don Cooper

Lucas Giolito and Lopez are at the forefront of the Sox's revamped rotation, with top prospect Michael Kopech possibly joining them at some point this season.

And until the rough fourth inning Friday, Lopez has given the Sox indications that he's ready to advance in his development.

Before Contreras' homer, Lopez had thrown 10⅓ scoreless innings this spring and had pitched efficiently through the first three innings Friday.

This season will mark the first time Lopez will start the year on the major-league roster after spending parts of two seasons with the Nationals and Sox, posting an 8-6 record and 4.81 ERA in 19 games (14 starts).

Lopez even got a sample of the postseason in 2016 when he pitched in Game 4 of the National League Division Series, in which he struck out three and allowed one run in two innings.

But Lopez knows the expectations are greater now, especially when it comes to his repertoire and refinement of his pitches.

"I wasn't as aggressive with some pitches that (fourth) inning as I was before, and I paid for it," Lopez said. "I want to keep working on all my pitches. I don't take that for granted. If you want to be calm and be a good pitcher, you have to stay at that level."

Lopez's composure was put to the test Friday after Mike Freeman launched a two-run homer, and Peter Bourjos and Yu Darvish followed with soft singles that Lopez noted.

"In those situations, you must have confidence in yourself and the belief in the things you're doing," Lopez said. "Because sometimes you can't control a few things and if you get attached to those things, it's going to get worse."

For Lopez, he will have plenty of chances to fine-tune his pitching in more meaningful games, such as during a three-game series against the Cubs on May 11-13 at Wrigley Field.

"It's a good experience," Lopez said. "You can feel the energy, and competing against a team like the Cubs — a very good team — is good for you and your preparation."

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MLB

Game was all in the families

Associated Press

It could have been called the "Legacy Game" or "Name Game" when a Blue Jays split squad played the Canadian Junior National Team on Saturday in Dunedin, Fla.

The Blue Jays' starting infield Saturday was Clemens, Biggio, Bichette and Guerrero, with a Grudzielanek as the designated hitter and a Smith in left field.

Talk about bloodlines for a group of Blue Jays prospects.

Kacy Clemens, son of pitching great Roger Clemens played first. Cavan Biggio manned the same second base spot as his Hall of Fame father Craig Biggio.

Former slugger Dante Bichette's son Bo was at shortstop and Vladimir Guerrero Jr., whose father is headed to the Hall, got the call at third. Longtime infielder Mark Grudzielanek's nephew, Brandon, was the DH and Dwight Smith Jr. was in left, where his dad played.

One pitcher who fared well against the Blue Jays: Braden Halladay, son of late Blue Jays ace Roy Halladay. The teen got a standing ovation after working a 1-2-3 eighth.

Roy Halladay died in a small plane crash off the coast of Florida on Nov. 17.

Shields 'all in' as opening-day starter

Chicago Tribune

White Sox manager Rick Renteria named James Shields as his opening-day starter Saturday, opting for experience over youth.

Shields will make his eighth opening-day start, pitching the first game against the Royals on March 29 in Kansas City.

"He has gone through a lot, put himself back on track, the second half of the (2017) season for him was a huge boost," Renteria told media members at Camelback Ranch in Glendale, Ariz.

"He has been around a while. It's an exciting moment for him like it is for anybody."

Shields told mlb.com he was honored to get the nod. After his only Cactus League start in Surprise, Ariz., a couple of weeks ago, Shields acknowledged he has struggled in his two seasons on the South Side, where he has gone 9-19 with a 5.99 ERA in 43 starts.



Shields

"I haven't really been pitching well the last couple of years, but at the end of the day if they want to give me the nod, I'm all in," Shields said. "I'm just worried about staying healthy and pitching every five days."

Lucas Giolito, with a 3.18 ERA in three starts this spring, is expected to follow Shields in the rotation. Reynaldo Lopez and Miguel Gonzalez will likely be Nos. 3 and 4, with Carson Fulmer trying to keep the fifth spot.

Shields likely is in his final year with the Sox. They acquired him from the Padres in 2016 before they began the rebuild, but his contract was too much of an albatross for the Sox to deal him in the offseason.

He makes $21 million in 2018, and the Sox have a $16 million option for 2019 they won't exercise. If Shields pitches well to start the season the Sox could deal him before the July trade deadline.

GOLF

ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL

Big-time names crowd Stenson

McIlroy, Rose, Woods rally in 3rd round, close gap at Bay Hill

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Henrik Stenson gets his third chance in four years to finally win the Arnold Palmer Invitational, and the final hour Saturday reminded him it won't be easy.

Part of that feeling came from three putts he narrowly missed — two for birdie, one for eagle — that could have given him some separation going into the final round at Bay Hill. Stenson settled for a 1-under 71 and a one-shot lead over Bryson DeChambeau (72).

"The only frustrating part was ... I felt like I left one or two out there coming in, and I definitely could have wrapped up a two- or three-shot lead, which would have been a nice cushion," said Stenson, who was at 12-under 204. "But I guess it didn't happen, and we've just got to go out and play solid to try and have a chance to win it."

And part of that feeling was seeing some of the names suddenly in the mix.

Four-time major champion Rory McIlroy made an eagle and birdied two of his last three holes, dropping a wedge into 3 feet on the 18th for a 67 to finish two shots behind. Former U.S. Open champion Justin Rose outplayed Tiger Woods before a raucous gallery, posting a 67 that left him three behind.

Woods isn't entirely out of it either. He hit another shot that had the fans buzzing, switching from a wedge to hit back to the fairway to a 5-iron he took over the lip, over the trees and over the water to set up a birdie on the par-5 16th. Woods had a 69 and was five shots behind.

"I'm within reach if I shoot a really, really low round tomorrow," Woods said.

Woods avoided falling behind early when he holed a 40-foot birdie putt on No. 3, hit a beautiful bump into a slope below the green on the par-5 fourth hole to set up birdie and holed a 15-foot birdie putt on the par-5 sixth. He managed his ninth straight round of par or better, his longest such stretch in five years.

"I played well, scored well — it was a good day all around," Woods said. "Can't complain about anything I did. I really hit the ball solidly, I controlled it, and I hit a lot of beautiful putts. Some went in, some didn't."

Of his record eight victories at Bay Hill, Woods has led six times and was tied for the lead another time. His lone comeback also was from five shots behind in 2009, when he rallied to beat Sean O'Hair with a 67 in the final round. Woods has played in the final group at all eight of his Bay Hill victories.

This time he has nine players in front of him, and they have some pedigree.

It starts with Stenson, who has reason to believe he is overdue at the Arnold Palmer Invitational. He had a one-shot lead with four holes to play in 2015 when he had consecutive three-putts — one for bogey, another for par — and Matt Every beat him with an 18-foot birdie on the last hole. A year later, Stenson was tied for the lead on the back nine until dropping two shots and tying for third.

"I've been up in the mix, and let's hope for a different outcome tomorrow," Stenson said.

DeChambeau hung with Stenson throughout the warm afternoon on greens that were getting crispy and fast. But with his lack of experience, DeChambeau couldn't help but look over his shoulder at McIlroy and Rose, or even Rickie Fowler at four shots behind.

McIlroy has gone 26 tournaments since his last victory at the Tour Championship in 2016 to win the FedEx Cup. He has a chance to change that, which is all he wanted.

"I started the day just outside the top 10 and wanted to at least give myself a chance, so it was a great day out there," he said. "I can't really ask for much more. I'll hopefully ... make a run at it."

BULLS SCORE

TANK WATCH
NBA STYLE

24-45

Bulls are 8th worst in the NBA

Streak: Lost 1 | **Last 10:** 4-6

■ With 13 games left, it will be tough for the Bulls to "fall" into the top five. Their one-point win over the Grizzlies on Thursday didn't help.

BOTTOM 10 IN THE NBA		
1	Suns	19-52
2	Grizzlies	19-50
3	Hawks	20-50
4	Magic	21-49
5	Mavericks	22-48
	Nets *(Cavs own rights)*	22-48
7	Kings	23-48
8	Bulls	24-45
9	Knicks	25-45
10	Hornets	30-40

Through Saturday

BULLS' NEXT 3 GAMES

■ Monday at Knicks
■ Wednesday vs. Nuggets
■ Friday vs. Bucks

ASK THE REPORTER
K.C. JOHNSON

Weighing guards in the draft

Will the presence of Kris Dunn and Zach LaVine prevent the Bulls from considering guards such as Trae Young, Collin Sexton and Lonnie Walker in the draft?

Tom, Lisle

I don't think you can limit yourself when you're on the front end of a rebuild. You have to take best player available. The Bulls are short on wings. In today's NBA, you could get away with playing Dunn and LaVine and any of the above players mentioned, although defensively, that could get ugly.

■ More answers at **chicagotribune.com/kc**

SABRES 5, BLACKHAWKS 3

TANK WATCH
NHL STYLE

30-34-8

Hawks are 8th worst in the NHL

Streak: Lost 2 | **Last 10:** 3-7-0

■ With 10 games remaining, the Blackhawks still can drop out of the top 10. The "race" for the top pick appears to be a three-team battle.

BOTTOM 10 IN THE NHL		
1	Coyotes	57 points
2	Sabres	58
3	Canucks*	59
4	Red Wings	63
	Senators	63
6	Canadiens	64
7	Oilers	67
8	Blackhawks	68
9	Islanders	70
10	Rangers, Hurricanes	71

** — Late game*

HAWKS' NEXT 3 GAMES

■ 6:30 p.m. Sunday vs. Blues
■ Tuesday vs. Avalanche
■ Thursday vs. Canucks



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cavaliers forward LeBron James dribbles behind his back to steer clear of Bulls guard Cameron Payne.

Blame James

Cavs star's 70th career triple-double biggest reason for Bulls' loss

By K.C. Johnson
Chicago Tribune

The Bulls played without Zach LaVine, Kris Dunn, Lauri Markkanen, Noah Vonleh and Robin Lopez on Saturday night at the United Center.

The Cavaliers were without Kevin Love, Rodney Hood, Kyle Korver, Larry Nance Jr., Cedi Osman and Tristan Thompson.

One team still had LeBron James.

That team won.

An engaged James finished with 33 points, 12 rebounds and 12 assists for his first regular-season triple-double in Chicago as the Cavaliers concluded a six-game trip at 3-3 with their 114-109 victory in quite the entertaining affair. It was the 70th career triple-double for James.

He also sank the dagger jumper over Paul Zipser with 39 seconds left to give the Cavaliers a six-point lead. And for good measure James saluted the United Center crowd after spiking Cameron Payne's shot into the first row on the ensuing possession.

"It's fun to watch him," coach Fred Hoiberg said. "It's not fun to play against him."

That certainly would be the case for Zipser, Payne and Cristiano Felicio, all of whom found themselves isolated against James to predictable results.

"It's kind of frustrating," Denzel Valentine said. "You're playing your hardest and you just can't do anything about it. He's hitting tough shots. That's why he's the best player on the planet."

The Cavaliers opened the second quarter with a 16-0 run and led by 17 at halftime. But the Bulls clawed back to tie the game twice in the fourth quarter on 3-pointers from Valentine and Payne.

Associate head coach Larry Drew guided the Cavaliers in the second half after coach Tyronn Lue didn't feel well. It's the second time this season Lue fell ill while coaching against the Bulls.

Insert punch line here.

Then again, Valentine's career-high night was stone-cold serious.

On the same day his older brother Drew, an assistant coach for Loyola, advanced to the NCAA tournament's Sweet 16, Denzel posted career highs with 34 points and eight 3-pointers. The latter fell just one shy of the franchise record Nikola Mirotic and Ben Gordon share.

"It just shows what I'm capable of," Valentine said. "I was just trying to be aggressive. With Zach and Kris out, I knew we needed to have a scorer and somebody to make plays."

But Valentine fouled Jordan Clarkson for a four-point play with 1 minute, 27 seconds left to kill the buzz created by Payne's tying 3-pointer. Guess who assisted?

James.

"I already had hit the switch before the trade deadline," James said. "I'm having a hell of a time playing the game right now, no matter who is in the lineup for us.

"We're not winning as much as we would like, but we're still figuring out ways to get wins, which is very tough in this league. The joy of the game is pretty high right now."

Payne posted his first career double-double with 13 points and a career-high 10 assists. Bobby Portis and Felicio posted double-doubles in points and rebounds.

With all the injuries, the Bulls started Payne, Justin Holiday, Valentine, Zipser and Felicio. Jerian Grant re-entered the rotation as the backup point guard.

None of the Bulls' injuries is considered serious.

Dunn said he hopes to return soon from what's basically turf toe on his right big toe. LaVine had a mild flareup of tendinitis in his surgically repaired left knee and Markkanen missed his third straight game with lingering back issues.

Hoiberg reiterated there are currently no plans to shut down any players.

Layups: With Holiday playing, Lopez landed on the inactive list. ... Dennis Rodman, in town for an autograph-signing session, stopped by the United Center pregame to "see some familiar faces" but didn't stick for the game. ... Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky, lineman Kyle Long, tight end Zach Miller and coach Matt Nagy also attended and stayed to watch. ... The Bulls had a moment of silence for Saints and Pelicans owner Tom Benson, who died this week.

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THE BOX SCORE

CAVALIERS	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Green	42:46	8-14	3-5	0-4	2	2	21
James	39:53	15-26	1-4	1-12	12	3	33
Zizic	20:12	7-9	0-1	4-6	0	2	14
Calderon	36:10	3-6	1-1	1-7	6	0	9
Hill	32:52	2-7	3-4	3-7	2	1	8
Clarkson	31:31	6-13	3-3	2-2	0	1	19
Smith	21:48	1-7	2-2	0-5	1	3	5
Holland	10:36	2-5	0-0	0-1	0	1	5
Perrantes	4:11	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	0
TOTALS		**44-87**	**13-20**	**11-44**	**25**	**14**	**114**

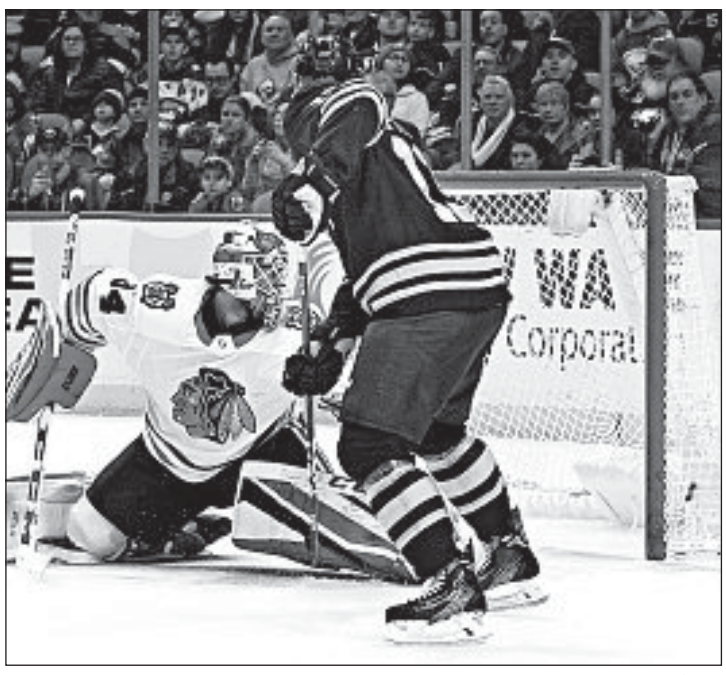
Pcts: FG .506, FT .650. **3-pointers:** 13-37, .351 (Clarkson 4-9, Calderon 2-3, Green 2-6, James 2-8, Smith 1-3, Hill 1-4, Holland 1-4). **Team rebs:** 5. **Team turnovers:** 13 (11 PTS). **Blocks:** 5 (James 2, Calderon, Green, Zizic). **Turnovers:** 13 (James 6, Smith 2, Zizic 2, Green, Hill, Perrantes). **Steals:** 4 (Green, Hill, James, Smith). **Technical fouls:** None.

BULLS	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Valentine	38:34	13-20	0-0	1-7	6	3	34
Zipser	23:55	4-9	0-0	0-4	2	5	11
Felicio	30:12	4-7	2-2	1-10	2	2	10
Holiday	17:12	2-6	1-1	1-2	3	2	5
Payne	31:48	5-12	0-0	1-2	10	2	13
Portis	34:53	7-15	0-0	4-15	2	4	15
Blakeney	27:22	4-14	1-2	0-1	3	1	10
Nwaba	19:52	2-6	1-2	3-4	1	1	5
Grant	16:11	0-3	6-8	0-0	1	1	6
TOTALS		**41-92**	**11-15**	**11-45**	**30**	**21**	**109**

Pcts: FG .446, FT .733. **3-pointers:** 16-36, .444 (Valentine 8-11, Zipser 3-5, Payne 3-7, Portis 1-2, Blakeney 1-6, Grant 0-2, Holiday 0-3). **Team rebs:** 10. **Team turnovers:** 12 (16 PTS). **Blocks:** 3 (Zipser 2, Valentine). **Turnovers:** 12 (Felicio 3, Payne 3, Holiday 2, Nwaba 2, Portis 2). **Steals:** 4 (Holiday 2, Blakeney, Felicio). **Technical fouls:** coach Bulls (Defensive three second), 9:51 first; coach Bulls (Defensive three second), 10:23 second.

Cleveland	**32**	**37**	**16**	**29 — 114**
BULLS	**31**	**21**	**29**	**28 — 109**

Officials: Tre Maddox, Bill Spooner, Courtney Kirkland. **A:** 22,983.



JEFFREY T. BARNES/AP

The Sabres' Nicholas Baptiste scores against Blackhawks goaltender Jean-Francois Berube during the third period of Saturday's game.

Hawks' woes hard to defend

Quenneville: Goalies have faced faced far too many pucks on net

By Paul Skrbina
Chicago Tribune

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Joel Quenneville has been pulling his goalies at an alarming rate this season.

Anton Forsberg has been benched in six of his 27 starts. He has allowed at least four goals the same number of times.

Jean-Francois Berube had been yanked once in his six starts before the Blackhawks fell to the Sabres 5-3 on Saturday at KeyBank Center.

By comparison, Corey Crawford was pulled once in his 27 starts, which happened to be his last one, Dec. 23, when he allowed three goals on seven shots in a loss against the Devils.

But Quenneville knew when he lost Crawford to an upper-body injury, reportedly concussion-related, in late December that it wouldn't have been fair to compare any of his backups to his All-Star starter.

"It's not an easy job for the other guys to come in and expect to be 'Crow,' but we still think we had stretches when our goaltending hasn't been a problem," Quenneville said. "Right now it could be a little better, but we're not complaining."

Berube stopped just 27 of the 31 shots he faced Saturday, two days after he relieved Forsberg in Winnipeg after the latter allowed three goals on six shots in 9 minutes, 26 seconds.

But Quenneville warned the Hawks' woes can't be pinned solely on the team's goalies.

The Hawks allowed at least five goals for the 14th time this season Saturday, and they have allowed six five times and seven on four occasions, meaning the defense has to absorb some of the blame.

"Crow was getting exposed," Quenneville said. "When I say exposed, he was getting some serious quantity against him this year that he's not used to. Found a way to get us games, get points as well.

"He's one of the top goalies in the league. You lose that, you all know the importance of goaltending and the timeliness of goaltending and big saves when the games get bigger."

Saturday's appointment between the last-place team in the Central Division and the last-place team in the NHL came under circumstances that were anything but a big game.

The Blackhawks, who occupy the bottom spot in their division, will miss the playoffs for the first time in 10 years. The Sabres, a team expected at least to contend for a playoff position, began Saturday with the worst record in the NHL.

When Jonathan Toews became the fifth Blackhawk — along with Artem Anisimov, Alex DeBrincat, Patrick Kane and Nick Schmaltz — to reach 20 goals this season, it looked like the Hawks might be in business.

Toews put in his own rebound 20 seconds into the third period to put the Blackhawks in position to top the Sabres for the 13th consecutive time.

His go-ahead goal proved to be short-lived, though, thanks to Nicholas Baptiste, who tied the score less than two minutes later and put the Sabres ahead for good one second after a power play ended with just less than two minutes left in the game.

"It's a similar scenario," Toews said. "We seem to be in a good position and we give up momentum right away."

Hawks defenseman Jordan Oesterle could relate.

He was on the receiving end of a perfect pass from Patrick Kane with 11 minutes, 45 seconds left in the second and made good on a goal to tie the score 1-1.

But Oesterle just about ran over Berube when Benoit Pouliot put the Sabres up 1-0 with 1:50 left in the first. He was on his back again after trying to clear the puck from the net on Jack Eichel's blast in the second. Instead, Ryan O'Reilly was credited with the goal that put the Sabres up 2-1.

"I felt like I was jumping in the play offensively but then I was out for four goals," he said. "Couple of bad bounces, but it was just a tough night.

"They get a minute or two in our zone and it ends up in the back of our net. It has been kind of the story throughout the whole season."

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PAUL SKRBINA'S THREE STARS

1. Nicholas Baptiste, Sabres: Scored two goals for winners.
2. Sam Reinhart, Sabres: Had a goal and two assists.
3. Jonathan Toews, Hawks: Had a goal, assist.

THE SUMMARY

BLACKHAWKS			**2**	**1— 3**
Buffalo	**1**		**1**	**3— 5**

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Buffalo, Pouliot 13 (Ristolainen, Reinhart), 18:10.
SECOND PERIOD: 2, BLACKHAWKS, Oesterle 5 (Toews, Kane), 8:15. 3, Buffalo, O'Reilly 20 (Eichel, Reinhart), 11:07 (pp). 4, HAWKS, Jurco 4, 14:15.
THIRD PERIOD: 5, BLACKHAWKS, Toews 20 (Saad, Kane), 0:20. 6, Buffalo, Baptiste 3 (Beaulieu, Antipin), 2:17. 7, Buffalo, Baptiste 4 (Larsson, Scandella), 18:04. 8, Buffalo, Reinhart 19 (O'Reilly), 19:21.

SHOTS ON GOAL:				PP:
BLACKHAWKS	**12**	**17**	**9—38**	**0-2**
Buffalo	**12**	**6**	**14—32**	**1-4**

Goalies: BLACKHAWKS, Berube 2-4-0 (31 shots-27 saves). Buffalo, Johnson 8-11-3 (37-34). **Referees:** Peter MacDougall, Kevin Pollock. **Linesmen:** Brad Kovachik, Mark Shewchyk. **T:** 2:29. A:19,070 (19,070).

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	EXH CLE, 3 NBCSCH KC, 3	EXH @CIN 8:05		EXH @TEX 3:05	EXH @SF 9:05 AM-670	EXH MIL 3:05 AM-670	EXH @SEA, 8:40 COL, 9 NBCSCH
	EXH @OAK 3:05	EXH @ARI 3:10 NBCSCH	EXH TEX 3:05 NBCSCH	EXH SD 3:05 NBCSCH	EXH @ARI 8:40	EXH SEA 3:05 AM-720	EXH @LAD 2:05
		@NY 6:30 WGN-9 AM-670		DEN 7 NBCSCH AM-670		MIL 7 NBCSCH AM-670	@DET 6 NBCSCH AM-670
	STL 6:30 NBCSN AM-720		COL 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720		VAN 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720		@NYI 6 WGN-9 AM-720
							NEXT: MARCH 31 POR, 5

SUNDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB EXHIBITION

3:05 p.m.	Indians at Cubs	NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670

NBA

6 p.m.	Rockets at Timberwolves	NBA TV
9:30 p.m.	Trail Blazers at Clippers	NBA TV

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

11 a.m.	NCAA second round	CBS-2, WMVP-AM 1000
11 a.m.	NIT second round	ESPN
1:30 p.m.	NCAA second round	CBS-2, WMVP-AM 1000
3:30 p.m.	NIT second round	ESPN
4 p.m.	NCAA second round	CBS-2, WMVP-AM 1000
5 p.m.	NCAA second round	TNT
6 p.m.	NCAA second round	TBS, WMVP-AM 1000
6:30 p.m.	NCAA second round	truTV
6:30 p.m.	NIT second round	ESPNU
7:30 p.m.	NCAA second round	TNT
8:30 p.m.	NCAA second round	TBS, WMVP-AM 1000

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: NCAA TOURNAMENT

11 a.m.	NCAA first round	ESPN2
1:30 p.m.	NCAA first round	ESPN2
6 p.m.	NCAA first round	ESPN
6 p.m.	NCAA first round	ESPN2
8 p.m.	NCAA first round	ESPN
8 p.m.	NCAA first round	ESPN2

GOLF

11:30 a.m.	PGA Arnold Palmer	Golf (more, 1 p.m., NBC-5)
5 p.m.	LPGA Founders Cup	Golf Channel

NHL

6:30 p.m.	Blues at Blackhawks	NBCSN, WGN-AM 720

AHL

3 p.m.	Iowa at Wolves	WPWR-50

MOTORSPORTS

2:30 p.m.	NASCAR Cup Auto Club 400	FOX-32

FA CUP SOCCER

11:20 a.m.	Chelsea at Leicester City	FS2

TENNIS

1 p.m.	ATPWTA BNP Paribas finals	ESPN

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: SPRING TRAINING

RECORDS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

WHITE SOX	11-10-2
Baltimore	13-8-2
Boston	13-9-1
Cleveland	13-10-2
Detroit	8-11-4
Houston	15-6-3
Kansas City	12-10-2
Los Angeles	10-15
Minnesota	10-11-2
New York	12-9-1
Oakland	11-9-2
Seattle	11-12-1
Tampa Bay	9-12-1
Texas	7-14-3
Toronto	11-11

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CUBS	14-8-3
Arizona	12-9
Atlanta	10-13-1
Cincinnati	8-15-1
Colorado	9-13-1
Los Angeles	11-11-1
Miami	12-7-3
Milwaukee	15-7-1
New York	6-15-3
Philadelphia	9-13-1
Pittsburgh	8-12-2
St. Louis	11-10-2
San Diego	10-9-3
San Fran.	10-12-2
Washington	10-10-2

Games vs. non-MLB opponents do not count in standings through Saturday

CALENDAR
March 29: Opening day. Active rosters reduced to 25 players.

SPRING TRAINING RESULTS, SCHEDULE

SATURDAY'S RESULTS	QUICK HIT
White Sox 5, L.A. Dodgers 2	Jose Abreu: 2 RBIs for White Sox
Cleveland* 5, **Cubs*** 1	Indians' Ro. Perez: grand slam
Cubs* 11, Cleveland* 4	Cubs' Jose Quintana: 8 SO, 6 IP
Philadelphia 10, Atlanta* 6	Phils' Carlos Santana: 2H, 2 RBIs
Houston 6, Miami 6	Astros' Anibal Sierra: grand slam
Pittsburgh 13, Minnesota 5	Bucs' Osuna, Luplow: 3 RBIs each
N.Y. Mets 9, Washington 7	Mets score 4 in top of 8th
Detroit 9, N.Y. Yankees 3	Yanks 29 LOB; Tigers 17
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 3	Sam Travis: 3-R HR for Red Sox
Toronto* 5, Baltimore 2	Each team with 13 LOB
St. Louis 3, Atlanta* 0	Six Cards combine for 1-hitter
Toronto* 11, Canada Jr. 3	Jays' Bo Bichette: 3H, HR, 4 RBIs
Kansas City* 7, Texas* 6	Royals' Lucas Duda: 3-R HR in 1st
Milwaukee 4, Colorado 3	Brewers' Jett Bandy: 2-R HR
Cincinnati 5, San Fran.* 4	Reds' Scott Schebler: 2-3, 2 RBIs
Seattle* 4, Oakland* 1	Mariners' Zach Vnicej: 3B, 3 RBIs
San Diego 3, Arizona 3	D-backs Andrew Goldschmidt: HR
Seattle* 7, L.A. Angels 0	4 M's combine for 4-hit shutout
Oakland* 8, San Francisco 3	A's Sheldon Neuse: 2-R HR
Kansas City* 5, Texas* 5	Rangers' Jose Cardona RBI in 9th

*-SPLIT SQUAD

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE	SITE	TIME
White Sox vs. Oakland	Mesa, Ariz.	3:05
Cleveland* vs. **Cubs***	Las Vegas, Nev.	3:05
Kansas City vs. **Cubs***	Mesa, Ariz.	3:05
Atlanta vs. Houston	W. Palm Beach, Fla.	12:05
Boston vs. Pittsburgh*	Bradenton, Fla.	12:05
Detroit vs. Tampa Bay	Port Charlotte, Fla.	12:05
Miami vs. N.Y. Yankees	Tampa, Fla.,	12:05
N.Y. Mets vs. Baltimore	Sarasota, Fla.	12:05
Philadelphia vs. Minnesota	Fort Myers, Fla.	12:05
Washington vs. St. Louis	Jupiter, Fla.	12:05
Pittsburgh* vs. Toronto	Dunedin, Fla..	12:07
Arizona vs. Cincinnati	Goodyear, Ariz.	3:05
L.A. Angels vs. Texas	Surprise, Ariz.	3:05
L.A. Dodgers* vs. Milwaukee	Phoenix, Ariz.	3:05
San Diego vs. L.A. Dodgers*	Glendale, Ariz.	3:05
San Francisco vs. Colorado	Scottsdale, Ariz.	3:10
Cleveland* vs. Seattle	Peoria, Ariz.	3:10

WHITE SOX 5, DODGERS 2

LAD	AB	R	H	BI	W. SOX	AB	R	H	BI
Toles dh	3	0	1	0	Mncda 2b	3	2	0	0
Scvuzzo ph	1	0	1	0	AGrcia rf	4	2	3	1
Pderson cf	3	0	0	0	JAbreu dh	2	0	1	2
Rbnsn ss	1	0	0	0	Dvdsn 1b	3	0	1	0
JTrnr 3b	2	0	1	0	Cordell lf	4	1	0	1
AnMora 3b	2	0	0	0	Andrsn ss	4	0	2	1
Grandal c	2	1	2	0	Snchz 3b	4	0	0	0
KFrmer c	1	0	0	0	Narvaez c	3	0	0	0
Hrnndz lf	3	0	0	0	Engel cf	3	0	2	0
JMeses lf	1	0	1	0	Rthrfrd cf	1	0	0	0
CUtley 1b	3	1	1	2					
Darvill 1b	1	0	0	0					
Thmpsn rf	3	0	1	0					
JPeter 2b	3	0	0	0					
Slano ss	2	0	0	0					
Verdugo cf	0	0	0	0					
TOTALS	**31**	**2**	**8**	**2**	**TOTALS**	**31**	**5**	**9**	**5**

LA Dodgers	000	200	000—2
WHITE SOX	320	000	00x—5

E: Utley (1). **DP:** LAD 3, WHITE SOX 1. **LOB:** LAD 4, WHITE SOX 7. **2B:** Toles (4), Thompson (3), Garcia 2 (7), Anderson (3). **HR:** Utley (1). **CS:** Toles (2), Abreu (1).

LOS ANGELES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ryu, **L** (1-1)	3	7	5	5	2	2
Copping	1	1	0	0	1	0
Jansen	1	0	0	0	0	1
Baez	1	1	0	0	0	1
Chargois	1	0	0	0	1	1
Alexander	1	0	0	0	1	1
WHITE SOX	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Gonzalz, **W** (1-0)	5,⅓	6	2	2	1	4
Volstad **H**, 1	1,⅔	0	0	0	0	2
Jones **H**, 3	1	1	0	0	1	1
Scahill, **S** (1-3)	1	1	0	0	0	1

Balk: Baez. **Umpires:** Home, John Libka; First, Lance Barrett; Second, Jordan Baker; Third, Paul Clemons.
T: 2:49. **A:** 13,199.

CUBS 11, INDIANS 4

CLE	AB	R	H	BI	CUBS	AB	R	H	BI
FLndr ss	3	0	0	0	DaBote 2b	5	1	3	1
Stamets ss	1	0	1	0	Brynt 3b	3	0	1	0
R.Davis dh	3	0	0	0	JVsler 3b	2	0	0	0
Paulino ph	1	0	0	0	Rizzo 1b	2	1	1	0
JKpnis 2b	3	0	2	0	Crtini pr	1	1	0	1
DMaggi pr	0	2	0	0	Russell ss	3	2	3	1
MNpoli 1b	3	1	1	2	CYoung ss	2	0	0	0
JSever 1b	1	0	0	0	Hywrd rf	3	1	2	1
YaDiaz 3b	3	0	1	0	TMrtin rf	2	0	1	0
Hankins pr	1	0	0	0	Gimenez c	2	0	0	1
Upt Jr. rf	2	0	0	0	Cstillo pr	0	1	0	0
BBrnes rf	2	1	1	2	ASolis ph	1	0	0	0
BZmmer cf	3	0	0	0	Zagunis lf	4	3	2	3
Ka'.Tom rf	1	0	0	0	CBurks ph	1	0	1	0
EHaase c	2	0	0	0	Hnmn cf	4	1	3	2
JMrphy c	1	0	0	0	Brnrd ph	1	0	0	0
G.Allen lf	3	0	0	0	Qntana sp	2	0	0	0
					Brkmyr ph	0	0	0	0
					Spngla ph	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	**33**	**4**	**6**	**4**	**TOTALS**	**39**	**11**	**17**	**10**

Cleveland	000	000	202—4
CUBS	224	100	20x—11

E: Tom (1). **DP:** Cleveland 0, CUBS 1. **LOB:** Cleveland 3, CUBS 10. **2B:** Stamets (1), Bote 2 (4), Rizzo (2), Hannemann 2 (4). **HR:** Napoli (1), Barnes (3), Russell (2), Zagunis (1), Hannemann (2). **SB:** Heyward (2). **SF:** Gimenez (1).

CLEVELAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Merritt, **L** (1-2)	3	11	8	8	0	5
McAllister	3	3	1	1	0	3
Beliveau	⅓	1	2	1	2	0
Hill	⅔	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall	1	2	0	0	0	1
CUBS	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Quintana, **W** (1-0)	6	1	0	0	0	8
Edwards Jr.	1	3	2	2	0	2
Alvarez	1	1	0	0	0	2
Rosario	1	1	2	2	1	2

HBP: by: McAllister (Rizzo), Hill (Caratini). **Umpires:** Home, Doug Eddings; First, Ed Hickox; Second, Kerwin Danley; Third, Pat Hoberg. **T:** 2:37. **A:** 10,651.

INDIANS 5, CUBS 1

CLE	AB	R	H	BI	CUBS	AB	R	H	BI
Nquin cf	4	0	1	1	Happ cf	3	0	0	0
Urshela 2b	4	0	0	0	JeBaez cf	1	0	0	0
Rmrz 3b	1	0	0	0	JaBaez 2b	3	0	1	0
Shffr pr	2	1	0	0	Bruno 2b	1	0	0	0
Encrncn dh	2	1	0	0	Schwbr lf	3	0	2	0
UCantu ph	1	0	0	0	Mtchll lf	1	0	0	0
YAlnso 1b	2	1	1	0	Zbrist rf	3	1	1	1
Rdrguez 1b	1	0	0	0	Rdmchr rf	0	0	0	0
RPerez c	3	1	2	4	LaStlla 3b	3	0	1	0
Hanigan c	1	0	0	0	Gmbne pr	1	0	0	0
Rfsnydr lf	3	0	0	0	Nvrro 1b	3	0	0	0
HNlson lf	1	0	0	0	Alamo 1b	1	0	0	0
Gnzalez ss	2	0	1	0	Frman ss	3	0	1	0
MEldio pr	1	1	0	0	Pnalver ss	1	0	0	0
CCapel rf	3	0	1	0	Bourjs dh	2	0	0	0
GMejia ph	1	0	0	0	Crnlius ph	1	0	0	0
					TDavis c	3	0	0	0
					IaRice ph	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	**32**	**5**	**6**	**5**	**TOTALS**	**34**	**1**	**6**	**1**

Cleveland	000	400	100—5
CUBS	010	000	000—1

E: Ramirez (3), Butler (0), Davis (1). **DP:** Cleveland 1, CUBS 0. **LOB:** Cleveland 4, CUBS 8. **2B:** Naquin (4), Schwarber (3). **3B:** Schwarber (1). **HR:** Perez (3), Zobrist (1). **SB:** Ramirez (1), Eladio (1), Giambrone (1), Bourjos (2).

CLEVELAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bauer, **W** (3-1)	5	6	1	1	1	7
Miller **H**, 3	1⅔	0	0	0	0	3
Allen	1⅓	0	0	0	1	3
Otero	1	0	0	0	0	0
CUBS	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Butler, **L** (0-1)	3⅓	2	3	3	3	2
Minch, **BS** (0-1)	⅔	2	1	1	1	0
Cishek	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wilson	1	0	0	0	0	1
Farrell	3	2	1	1	0	7

Umpires: Home, Dan Bellino; First, Mike Winters; Second, Brian Gorman; Third, Shane Livensparger. **T:** 2:39. **A:** 15,826.

NBA G LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Fort Wayne	27	20	.574	—
Grand Rapids	26	21	.553	1
WINDY CITY	23	24	.489	4
Wisconsin	21	26	.447	6
Canton	21	28	.429	7

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Memphis 121, **Windy City** 120 (OT)
Canton 109, Wisconsin 103
Fort Wayne 115, Erie 96
Grand Rapids 91, Westchester 89
Iowa 112, Salt Lake City 102
Austin 117, Sioux Falls 107
Oklahoma City 121, Reno 118
Raptors 114, South Bay 94

AHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OL	SOL	PT	GF	GA
Manitoba	38	18	4	4	84	220	165
WOLVES	33	20	7	2	75	192	166
Iowa	30	18	9	5	74	193	189
G. Rapids	33	24	1	6	73	195	182
Rockford	32	24	4	4	72	191	194
Milwaukee	32	27	4	1	69	177	196
Cleveland	21	32	5	3	50	150	208

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Rockford 3, **Wolves** 2
Charlotte 4, Binghamton 2
Hershey 4, Springfield 2
Belleville 4, Utica 3
Syracuse 5, Laval 2
Iowa 2, Grand Rapids 1
Hartford 4, WB/Scranton 1
Lehigh Valley 3, Providence 0
Texas 6, Manitoba 4
Ontario 3, Milwaukee 2
Tucson 2, Stockton 1
Bakersfield at San Diego, late

LATEST LINE

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		SUNDAY
at Toronto	6½	Oklahoma City
at New Orleans	off	Boston
Houston	7	at Minnesota
at L.A. Clippers	2½	Portland

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

		SUNDAY
N. Carolina	6	Texas A&M
Kansas St.	10	UMBC
Purdue	3½	Butler
Michigan St.	8	Syracuse
Cincinnati	8	Nevada
Xavier	5½	Florida St.
W. Virginia	12½	Marshall
Auburn	1	Clemson
at Baylor	6	Miss. St.
at Marquette	5½	Oregon
at N. Colorado	7	Drake
at Louisville	5	Mid. Tenn.
		MONDAY
at Oklahoma St.	7½	Stanford
at Utah	4	LSU
at Saint Mary's	10½	Washington
at USC	4	W. Kentucky
at Campbell	6	New Orleans
at C. Arkansas	Pk	Jacksonville St.
at North Texas	1	Mercer
Utah Valley	1	at San Fran.
E. Michigan	1½	at Sam Hou. St.

NHL

			SUNDAY
at **Blackhawks**	off	St. Louis	off
at Colorado	-175	Detroit	+163
at Vegas	-160	Calgary	+150
at Tampa Bay	off	Edmonton	off
at Philadelphia	off	Washington	off
at NY Islanders	-110	Carolina	+100
at Winnipeg	-158	Dallas	+148
at Anaheim	-161	New Jersey	+151

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
N.Y. City FC	3	0	0	9	6	1
Columbus	2	0	1	7	5	2
Atlanta	2	1	0	6	7	6
Philadelphia	1	0	1	4	2	0
N.Y. Red Bulls	1	0	0	3	4	0
Montreal	1	2	0	3	4	5
New England	1	1	0	3	2	3
D.C. United	0	1	2	2	4	6
Orlando City	0	2	1	1	2	5
FIRE	0	2	0	0	4	6
Toronto	0	2	0	0	0	3
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Los Angeles	2	0	0	6	6	1
Minnesota	2	1	0	6	6	5
Sporting KC	2	1	0	6	7	7
Vancouver	2	1	0	6	5	6
Houston	1	1	1	4	7	4
San Jose	1	1	0	3	5	5
LA Galaxy	1	1	0	3	3	3
FC Dallas	0	0	1	1	1	1
Real Salt Lake	0	1	1	1	2	6
Colorado	0	1	0	0	1	2
Seattle	0	1	0	0	0	1
Portland	0	2	0	0	1	6

Three points for victory, one for tie.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Minnesota 2, **Fire** 1
Houston 2, D.C. United 2
Columbus 0, Philadelphia 0
Montreal 1, Toronto FC 0
New York City FC 2, Orlando City 0
Atlanta 4, Vancouver 1
Sporting Kansas City 3, San Jose 2
Real Salt Lake 1, N.Y. Red Bulls 0
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Seattle at FC Dallas, 4

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Bournemouth 2, West Brom 1
Stoke 1, Everton 2
Huddersfield 0, Crystal Palace 2
Liverpool 5, Watford 0
Swansea vs. Southampton, ppd.
Leicester vs. Arsenal, ppd.
Burnley vs. Chelsea, ppd.

TENNIS

BNP PARIBAS OPEN

In Indian Wells, Calif.; hard-outdoor
Men's Semifinals
#1 Roger Federer d.
Borna Coric, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4
#6 Juan Martin del Potro d.
#32 Milos Raonic, 6-2, 6-3

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Texas: Named Eric McMahon assistant major league strength and conditioning coach. Released LHP Jonathon Niese from minor league contract.
Toronto: Signed INF Danny Espinosa to a minor league contract. Claimed LHP Sam Moll off waivers from Seattle.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati: Optioned C Stuart Turner to Louisville (IL). Reassigned LHP Kyle Crockett and RHP Jimmy Herget to Louisville (IL).
Pittsburgh: Extended their player development contract with the Altoona Curve (NYP) through the 2022 season.
San Francisco: Optioned IF Ryder Jones to Sacramento (PCL).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
NBA: Fined Phoenix Fs Jared Dudley and Marquese Chriss $25,000 each, for their roles in an on-court incident with 6:55 remaining in the third quarter of a March 15 game at Utah.
L.A. Lakers: Assigned C Thomas Bryant to South Bay (NBAGL).

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Arizona: Signed OL Justin Pugh to a five-year contract.
Baltimore: RB Danny Woodhead announced his retirement.
Indianapolis: Released DT Johnathan Hankins.
New England: Signed DE Adrian Clayborn, RB Jeremy Hill and OL Matt Tobin.
N.Y. Jets: Acquired a 2018 first-round (No. 3) draft pick from Indianapolis for a 2018 first- (No. 6), second- (No. 37) and (No. 49) draft picks, and a 2019 second-round draft pick.
Oakland: Signed LB Kyle Wilber and DL Tank Carradine.
Tennessee: Released DL Sylvester Williams.

HOCKEY

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
Hartford: Reassigned F Dawson Leedahl to Greenville (ECHL).
ECHL
Reading: Announced F Steven Swavely was recalled by Lehigh Valley (AHL).
Worcester: Signed F Jake Randolph.

SOCCER

NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE
Sky Blue: Placed D Erin Simon on the 45-day DL.

COLLEGE

Northwestern: Announced men's sophomore basketball G Isiah Brown will transfer.

NHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Nashville	71	47	14	10	104	232	178	25-7-4	22-7-6	17-4-2
Winnipeg	71	42	19	10	94	236	187	25-7-2	17-12-8	12-8-2
Minnesota	72	41	24	7	89	224	206	24-6-6	17-18-1	11-11-0
Colorado	71	38	25	8	84	226	208	24-9-2	14-16-6	10-10-3
Dallas	72	38	26	8	84	207	193	24-10-3	14-16-5	11-12-0
St. Louis	71	38	28	5	81	196	189	21-15-0	17-13-5	9-10-3
BLACKHAWKS	72	30	34	8	68	204	218	17-15-3	13-19-5	7-10-2
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**DIV**
Vegas	71	45	21	5	95	240	199	24-9-2	21-12-3	16-3-2
San Jose	72	40	23	9	89	219	199	21-11-3	1912-6	194-3
Los Angeles	72	39	27	6	84	207	181	19-14-3	20-13-3	11-10-4
Anaheim	72	36	24	12	84	202	195	21-10-5	15-14-7	11-6-7
Calgary	72	35	27	10	80	202	213	15-17-4	20-10-6	10-8-3
Edmonton	71	31	35	5	67	200	228	16-17-3	15-18-2	13-9-1
Vancouver	72	25	38	9	59	186	236	12-186	13-20-3	6-16-1
Arizona	71	23	37	11	57	170	228	14-20-4	9-17-7	7-10-6

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Tampa Bay	71	48	19	4	100	257	201	25-8-2	23-11-2	15-7-2
Boston	70	45	17	8	98	235	179	25-7-4	20-10-4	15-5-2
Toronto	72	43	22	7	93	243	204	25-8-2	18-14-5	13-6-3
Florida	69	35	27	7	77	210	216	22-11-3	13-16-4	12-6-2
Montreal	72	26	34	12	64	182	230	17-11-8	9-23-4	10-8-5
Ottawa	71	26	34	11	63	197	244	15-14-6	11-20-5	8-11-4
Detroit	71	26	34	11	63	183	219	13-14-8	13-20-3	6-13-4
Buffalo	71	23	36	12	58	172	232	11-20-5	12-16-7	10-8-3
METRO	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**DIV**
Washington	71	41	23	7	89	222	208	25-9-2	16-14-5	13-6-3
Pittsburgh	72	41	26	5	87	237	218	26-8-1	15-18-4	15-6-1
Columbus	72	39	28	5	83	200	199	24-11-2	15-17-3	13-10-3
Philadelphia	72	36	25	11	83	212	212	17-13-6	19-12-5	10-7-5
New Jersey	71	37	26	8	82	215	211	18-14-3	19-12-5	12-9-1
N.Y. Rangers	72	32	32	8	72	208	231	20-13-4	12-19-4	9-8-3
Carolina	71	30	30	11	71	190	222	16-14-6	14-16-5	8-10-5
N.Y. Islanders	71	30	31	10	70	228	258	16-13-4	14-18-6	10-11-2

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
BUFFALO 5, **Blackhawks** 3
Edmonton 4, FLORIDA 2
New Jersey 3, LOS ANGELES 0
Boston 3, TAMPA BAY 0
Philadelphia 4, CAROLINA 2
Ottawa 2, COLUMBUS 1
TORONTO 4, Montreal 0
ST. LOUIS 4, N.Y. Rangers 3 (OT)
Minnesota 3, ARIZONA 1
San Jose 5, VANCOUVER 3

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
St. Louis at **Blackhawks**, 6:30
Detroit at Colorado, 2
Calgary at Vegas, 3
Edmonton at Tampa Bay, 4
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 4
Washington at Philadelphia, 4
Dallas at Winnipeg, 6:30
New Jersey at Anaheim, 8

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
Columbus at Boston, 6
Nashville at Buffalo, 6
Florida at Montreal, 6:30
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 7
Calgary at Arizona, 9

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
WASHINGTON 6, N.Y. Islanders 3
OTTAWA 3, Dallas 2 (OT)
Nashville 4, COLORADO 2
San Jose 7, CALGARY 4
ANAHEIM 4, Detroit 2
Minnesota 4, VEGAS 2

home team in CAPS

CALENDAR
April 7: Last day of regular season.
April 11: Playoffs begin.
June 22-23: NHL draft, Dallas

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
x-Toronto	52	17	.754	—	10-0	W-11	29-5	23-12	34-8
x-Boston	47	22	.681	5	7-3	W-1	23-13	24-9	30-15
Philadelphia	38	30	.559	13½	6-4	W-2	21-11	17-19	24-18
New York	25	45	.357	27½	1-9	W-1	17-17	8-28	13-28
Brooklyn	22	48	.314	30½	3-7	W-1	13-23	9-25	14-27
SOUTHEAST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Washington	40	30	.571	—	5-5	W-2	20-15	20-15	26-18
Miami	37	33	.529	3	6-4	W-1	20-13	17-20	25-18
Charlotte	30	40	.429	10	3-7	L-1	19-17	11-23	18-24
Orlando	21	49	.300	19	3-7	L-1	14-19	7-30	13-29
Atlanta	20	50	.286	20	2-8	L-6	15-22	5-28	9-36
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Cleveland	40	29	.580	—	5-5	W-1	22-11	18-18	28-14
Indiana	40	30	.571	½	6-4	L-2	23-13	17-17	30-18
Milwaukee	37	32	.536	3	4-6	W-1	22-14	15-18	23-22
Detroit	30	39	.435	10	2-8	L-3	21-14	9-25	19-26
BULLS	24	45	.348	16	4-6	L-1	15-20	9-25	18-23

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
y-Houston	55	14	.797	—	9-1	W-4	27-6	28-8	35-8
San Antonio	40	30	.571	15½	5-5	W-3	26-8	14-22	23-20
New Orleans	39	30	.565	16	6-4	L-2	18-15	21-15	20-22
Dallas	22	48	.314	33½	4-6	L-2	14-22	8-26	12-33
Memphis	19	50	.275	36	1-9	W-1	14-23	5-27	16-27
NORTHWEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Portland	43	26	.623	—	10-0	W-12	25-11	18-15	25-15
Oklahoma City	42	29	.592	2	8-2	W-5	25-11	17-18	25-20
Minnesota	40	30	.571	3½	5-5	L-1	26-8	14-22	29-14
Utah	40	30	.571	3½	9-1	W-9	24-11	16-19	26-16
Denver	38	32	.543	5½	5-5	L-1	27-10	11-22	24-23
PACIFIC	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
y-Golden State	53	17	.757	—	7-3	W-1	27-8	26-9	30-14
L.A. Clippers	37	31	.544	15	6-4	L-2	20-14	17-17	22-21
L.A. Lakers	31	38	.449	21½	6-4	L-2	18-16	13-22	15-27
Sacramento	23	48	.324	30½	5-5	L-1	12-22	11-26	11-34
Phoenix	19	52	.268	34½	1-9	L-8	9-26	10-26	13-32

x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division through Saturday

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Cleveland 114, **BULLS** 109
MILWAUKEE 122, Atlanta 117
WASHINGTON 109, Indiana 102
Houston 107, NEW ORLEANS 101
BROOKLYN 114, Dallas 106
NEW YORK 124, Charlotte 101
MEMPHIS 101, Denver 94
SAN ANTONIO 117, Minnesota 101
Sacramento at Utah, late
Golden State 124, PHOENIX 109
PORTLAND 100, Detroit 87

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Oklahoma City at Toronto, noon
Boston at New Orleans, 5
Houston at Minnesota, 6
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 9:30

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
Bulls at New York, 6:30
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 6
L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 6
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 6
Memphis at Brooklyn, 6:30
Denver at Miami, 6:30
Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30
Detroit at Sacramento, 9

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE
Toronto at Orlando, 7
Dallas at New Orleans, 8
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8
Oklahoma City at Boston, 8
Atlanta at Utah, 9
Detroit at Phoenix, 10
Houston at Portland, 10:30

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Boston 92, ORLANDO 83
PHILADELPHIA 120, Brooklyn 116
TORONTO 122, Dallas 115 (OT)
OKLAHOMA CITY 121, L.A. Clippers 113
Miami 92, L.A. LAKERS 91
Sacramento 98, GOLDEN STATE 93

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GOLF

ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL

3d of 4 rds; At Bay Hill Club & Lodge; Orlando, Fla.; 7,419 yds; Par 72

204 (-12)	
Henrik Stenson	64-69-71
205 (-11)	
B. DeChambeau	67-66-72
206 (-10)	
Rory McIlroy	69-70-67
207 (-9)	
Justin Rose	69-71-67
Ryan Moore	71-67-69
208 (-8)	
Charley Hoffman	71-66-71
Rickie Fowler	67-71-70
Talor Gooch	65-70-73
Byeong Hun An	68-68-72
209 (-7)	
Grayson Murray	71-69-69
Tiger Woods	68-72-69
Bud Cauley	72-67-70
Patrick Reed	68-70-71
210 (-6)	
O. Schniederjans	71-71-68
G. McDowell	69-72-69
Chris Kirk	71-69-70
Sam Burns	69-70-71
211 (-5)	
John Huh	72-73-66
Austin Cook	72-73-66
Jason Day	73-71-67
Patrick Rodgers	72-71-68
Brian Stuard	74-69-68
Sam Horsfield	70-73-68
William McGirt	70-71-70
Jamie Lovemark	73-68-70
Zach Johnson	69-71-71
Billy Horschel	68-70-73
212 (-4)	
Keegan Bradley	72-72-68
Sean O'Hair	72-71-69
F. Molinari	72-71-69
C. Howell III	72-70-70
Bubba Watson	70-70-72
J.B. Holmes	68-71-73
Luke List	71-67-74
213 (-3)	
Kevin Streelman	73-72-68
Chesson Hadley	74-70-69
Harris English	72-71-70
Kyle Stanley	71-71-71
H. Matsuyama	70-72-71
Aaron Wise	65-76-72
Kevin Chappell	70-70-73
Marc Leishman	70-70-73
Curtis Luck	71-68-74
214 (-2)	
Sung Kang	78-67-69
T. Fleetwood	69-76-69
Brian Gay	73-71-70
Brandon Harkins	69-74-71
Brian Harman	68-75-71
Stewart Cink	72-70-72
Ernie Els	69-70-75
215 (-1)	
Collin Morikawa	72-72-71
Emiliano Grillo	69-75-71
M. Hughes	74-69-72
Lucas Glover	72-71-72
Adam Scott	73-70-72
Martin Laird	72-70-73
Tom Hoge	71-70-74
216 (E)	
David Lingmerth	77-68-71
Kevin Tway	74-71-71
C.T. Pan	74-71-71
Doc Redman	72-72-72
Davis Love III	73-71-72
Paul Goydos	70-74-72
Ian Poulter	73-70-73
217 (+1)	
Beau Hossler	71-73-73
Tyrrell Hatton	70-74-73
Jimmy Walker	67-76-74
HaoTong Li	73-70-74
James Hahn	71-71-75
Kevin Na	71-70-76
218 (+2)	
H. Swafford	73-72-73
T. Van Aswegen	72-72-74
Alex Noren	71-72-75
219 (+3)	
Anirban Lahiri	73-72-74
Peter Uihlein	73-72-74
221 (+5)	
Russell Knox	74-71-76
224 (+8)	
Ryan Armour	70-74-80

LPGA FOUNDER'S CUP

3d of 4 rds; At Wildfire GC Phoenix; 6,656 yds; Par 72

202 (-14)	
Inbee Park	68-71-63
203 (-13)	
Mariajo Uribe	68-68-67
204 (-12)	
Ariya Jutanugarn	68-68-68
205 (-11)	
Laura Davies	73-69-63
Chella Choi	67-72-66
206 (-10)	
Tiffany Joh	70-72-64
B. Lincicome	72-66-68
Marina Alex	70-66-70
207 (-9)	
Megan Khang	71-71-65
J. Ewart Shadoff	70-71-66
Caroline Inglis	71-68-68
Hee Young Park	68-70-69
208 (-8)	
Ally McDonald	74-69-65
Amy Olson	72-70-66
Amy Yang	71-71-66
Jeong Eun Lee	71-70-67
Erynne Lee	71-70-67
Jennifer Song	72-68-68
Lindy Duncan	71-69-68
Sung Hyun Park	69-70-69
Jessica Korda	69-68-71
Karine Icher	67-69-72
209 (-7)	
Ryann O'Toole	70-73-66
Austin Ernst	73-69-67
N. K. Madsen	72-69-68
Haeji Kang	71-69-69
In Gee Chun	71-69-69
Michelle Wie	70-68-71
Mo Martin	71-66-72
Cydney Clanton	68-67-74
210 (-6)	
C. Matthew	71-71-68
Caroline Masson	71-71-68
Beatriz Recari	71-71-68
Jane Park	70-72-68
Katherine Kirk	69-72-69
Seon Woo Bae	70-70-70
Dani Holmqvist	69-71-70
Jin Young Ko	70-69-71
211 (-5)	
Azahara Munoz	73-70-68
Charley Hull	71-72-68
Jacqui Concolino	73-69-69
R. Lillian Artis	72-70-69
Ayako Uehara	72-69-70
Lizette Salas	68-73-70
Lindsey Weaver	72-68-71
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Carlota Ciganda	71-72-69
B. Altomare	71-72-69
Hyo Joo Kim	73-69-70
Aditi Ashok	70-72-70
Lee Lopez	72-69-71
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Anna Nordqvist	69-73-73
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Yani Tseng	76-67-73
Cristie Kerr	75-68-73
B. M Benvenuto	70-71-75
217 (+1)	
T. Suwannapura	73-70-74
218 (+2)	
W. Meechai	76-67-75
Paula Reto	74-68-76
220 (+4)	
Angel Yin	72-70-78

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S POSTSEASON NIT

Saturday's second round
Penn State 73, Notre Dame 63
Sunday's second round
Mississippi State (23-11) at Baylor (19-14), noon
Oregon (23-12) at Marquette (20-13), 3:30
Middle Tennessee (25-7) at Louisville (21-13), 5:30
Monday's second round
Stanford (19-15) at Oklahoma State (20-14), 6
LSU (18-14) vs. Utah (20-11), 8
Washington (21-12) at Saint Mary's (29-5), 10
Western Kentucky (25-10) at Southern Cal (24-11), 10:30
Quarterfinals (Tue.-Wed.)
Penn State (23-13) vs. Oregon-Marquette winner, TBD
Baylor-Mississippi State winner vs. Mid Tenn-Louisville winner, TBD
So. Cal-Western Kentucky winner vs. Stanford-Oklahoma St winner, TBD
Saint Mary's-Wash. winner vs. LSU-Utah winner, TBD

COLLEGE BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

Monday's quarterfinals
Campbell (17-15) vs. New Orleans (16-16), 6
Central Arkansas (18-16) vs. Jacksonville State (22-12), 7
North Texas (16-17) vs. Mercer (19-13), 7
Utah Valley (23-10) vs. San Francisco (19-13), 9

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Saturday's second round
S. Diego 67, Portland St. 64
Sunday's second round
Drake (17-16) at. N. Colo. (22-12), 4
Monday's second round
E. Michigan (22-10) at Sam Houston St (19-14), 6:30

WOMEN'S NCAA D1 TOURNAMENT

ALBANY REGIONAL
Saturday's first round
UConn 140, St. Francis (Pa.) 52
Duke 72, Belmont 58
Florida State 91, Little Rock 49
Quinnipiac 86, Miami 72
Georgia 68, Mercer 63
Buffalo 102, South Florida 79
Sunday's second round
Virginia vs. South Carolina, 8
Monday's second round
UConn vs. Quinnipiac, TBD
Duke vs. Georgia , TBD
Buffalo vs. Florida State, TBD
SPOKANE REGIONAL
Saturday's first round
C. Michigan 78, LSU 69
Ohio State 87, Geo. Washington 45
Sunday's second round
Notre Dame vs. Villanova, 6
DePaul vs. Texas A&M, 1
Minnesota vs. Oregon, 9:30
Monday's second round
Central Michigan vs. Ohio State, TBD
KANSAS CITY REGIONAL
Saturday's first round
Oklahoma State 84, Syracuse 57
UCLA 71, American 60
Creighton 76, Iowa 70
Texas 83, Maine 54
Mississippi State 95, Nicholls 50
Sunday's second round
Maryland (26-7) vs. NC State (25-8), 1
Mississippi St vs. Oklahoma St , TBD
Creighton vs. UCLA, TBD
Arizona Statevs. Texas, TBD
LEXINGTON REGIONAL
Saturday's first round
Fla. Gulf Coast 80, Missouri 70
Stanford 82, Georgetown 68
Sunday's second round
Louisville vs. Marquette, 11*
Oregon State vs. Tennessee 1
Michigan vs. Baylor, 7:30
Monday's second round
Florida Gulf Coast vs. Stanford, TBD

WOMEN'S POSTSEASON NIT

Saturday's second round
TCU 86, Missouri St 51
James Madison 62, Radford 35
Sunday's second round
Geo. Mason (24-9) at Va. Tech (19-13), 1
Milwaukee (21-11) at Indiana (18-14), 1
Purdue (19-13) at Ball State (25-6), 1
Colo. St (21-11) at S. Dakota (27-6), 1
UAB (27-6) at Georgia Tech (19-13), 1
UCF (22-10) vs. Alabama (18-13), 2
Fordham (23-9) at Drexel (27-7), 3
UC Davis (26-6) at Wyoming (22-10), 3
St. Joseph's (19-14) at W. Virginia (22-11), 3
Utah (18-13) at Kansas State (17-15), 5
Monday's second round
Toledo (18-14) at Michigan St (18-13), 6
Duquesne (24-7) at Georgetown (16-15), 6
Penn (22-8) at St. John's (17-14), 6
Tuesday's second round
Rice (23-9) at New Mexico (24-10), 8

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

Sunday's quarterfinals
Weber St (21-10) at C. Arkansas (23-9), 5:30
Furman (18-13) at South Alabama (20-12), 7
Monday's quarterfinals
Nevada (18-16) at Fresno State (17-14), 9
Tuesday's quarterfinals
Yale (16-13) at Binghamton (20-11), 6

NFL NOTES

QB-needy Jets trade up to No. 3

Associated Press

The Jets shook up the draft Saturday by soaring three spots to No. 3 overall in a stunning swap with the Colts.

The Jets acquired the third pick in a strong sign that they intend to draft a top quarterback. They sent the Colts their first-rounder — No. 6 overall — along with two second-rounders this year and a second-rounder next year.

After losing out to the Vikings in the **Kirk Cousins** sweepstakes, the Jets re-signed veteran **Josh McCown** and agreed to terms with **Teddy Bridgewater.** But by moving up to No. 3, the Jets will have a shot at one of the top-rated quarterbacks available. USC's **Sam Darnold,** UCLA's **Josh Rosen,** Wyoming's **Josh Allen** and Oklahoma's **Baker Mayfield** are considered potential top-five selections.

The Jets are trying to improve on two straight 5-11 seasons and trying to end a seven-year playoff drought. The Colts now have nine picks and are rebuilding after going 4-12 and missing the playoffs for the third straight year.

Woodhead bowing out: Versatile running back **Danny Woodhead** announced his retirement in an Instagram post.

"10 years!" Woodhead wrote. "Wow, God had crazy plans for a small little kid from North Platte, NE! It's been a wild ride and feel so blessed He allowed me to do what I loved for so long. But now it's time to say goodbye to the game I love."

The 5-foot-8, 204-pound Woodhead had 2,238 yards rushing and 15 touchdowns plus 300 catches for 2,698 yards and 17 TDs while playing for the Jets, Patriots, Chargers and Ravens.

Scandrick gone: The Cowboys released 10-year veteran cornerback **Orlando Scandrick,** another move toward getting younger in the secondary.

Scandrick, 31, had asked for his release. He missed all of 2015 after tearing ligaments in his right knee late in training camp and struggled with injuries the last two seasons.

Extra points: The Cardinals signed free-agent OL **Justin Pugh** to a five-year contract. ... The Raiders signed free-agent LB **Kyle Wilber** and DL **Tank Carradine.** ... The Titans told DL **Sylvester Williams** they would release him. ... The Colts released DL **Johnathan Hankins.**

IN BRIEF SOCCER

Collier gets 1st goal, but Fire still winless

Associated Press

Ibson scored his first MLS goal in the second half, **Sam Nicholson** added another and Minnesota United beat the Fire 2-1 on Saturday at TCF Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

Ibson gave Minnesota (2-1-0) a 1-0 lead in its home opener. His header was saved by **Richard Sanchez,** but Ibson was first to the rebound for a finish with the outside of his foot.

The Fire tied it four minutes later when rookie **Elliot Collier,** making his first start, scored his first MLS goal. But then Nicholson finished **Ethan Finlay's** cross with an open header.

The Fire (0-2-0) played without midfielder **Bastian Schweinsteiger,** out for family reasons.
■ **Romelu Lukaku** and **Nemanja Matic** scored as Manchester United got to the semifinals of the FA Cup with a 2-0 win over Brighton. Tottenham joined Man U in the semis by beating Swansea 3-0 on **Christian Eriksen's** two goals. ... **Mohamed Salah** scored four goals and set up a fifth in host Liverpool's 5-0 victory over Watford in the Premier League. ... **Ismael Tajouri** and **Maximiliano Moralez** scored as New York City FC beat Orlando City 2-0 to open with three straight wins. ... Morocco said it would need to spend almost $16 billion to host the 2026 World Cup, with every proposed stadium and training ground built from scratch or renovated.

BASEBALL: Yankees RHP **Luis Severino** will start the opener March 29 against the Blue Jays. Severino was third in the AL Cy Young Award voting and went 14-6 with a 2.98 ERA in 31 starts last year. ... A's RHP **Jharel Cotton** will undergo season-ending surgery on his right elbow.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Tony Carr scored 24 points and Penn State (23-13) beat Notre Dame 73-63 in the second round of the NIT in South Bend, Ind. **Bonzie Colson** had 16 points and nine rebounds for the Fighting Irish (21-15). **Matt Farrell,** averaging 16.5 points per game, was held to nine on 4-of-14 shooting. ... Northwestern G **Isiah Brown** will transfer after finishing the academic year. Brown averaged 3.9 points per game as a sophomore after debuting at 6.3, and coach **Chris Collins** benched him for six straight games in the middle of the season.

NBA: Dillon Brooks scored 24 points to help the Grizzlies snap a 19-game losing streak with a 101-94 victory over the Nuggets. ... **James Harden** had 32 points and 11 rebounds and the Rockets won for the 21st time in 22 games, beating the Pelicans 107-101. ... The NBA fined Suns Fs **Marquese Chriss** and **Jared Dudley** $25,000 apiece for their roles in an altercation during Thursday night's game against the Jazz.

TENNIS: Roger Federer rallied past **Borna Coric** 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, extending his career-best start to 17-0 and putting him in the final of the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, Calif. Federer will try for his record sixth title against **Juan Martin del Potro,** who stopped **Milos Raonic** 6-2, 6-3.

ALSO: Inbee Park played the first five holes in 6 under and finished with a 9-under 63 to take a one-stroke lead into the final round of the LPGA Tour's Founders Cup in Phoenix. **Laura Davies,** 54, shot a 9-under 63. ... Jets D **Dmitry Kulikov** will undergo back surgery and miss at least eight weeks. ... Penn State edged Ohio State to win its seventh team title in eight years at the NCAA wrestling championships in Cleveland.

BOYS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES



BRIAN O'MAHONEY/DAILY SOUTHTOWN

Morgan Park players and coaches hold the Class 3A championship trophy on Saturday.

CLASS 3A MORGAN PARK 71, SPRINGFIELD SOUTHEAST 56

Twice is so nice

Dosunmu leads Morgan Park to 2nd straight state crown

By Mike Clark | Daily Southtown

PEORIA — If there were any doubt how much life has changed for Ayo Dosunmu and Morgan Park since the season's dog days, one moment Saturday afternoon removed it.

Dosunmu, already putting on one of his vintage offensive displays, launched a desperation shot from half-court at the third-quarter buzzer.

It swished through the net, and Dosunmu and the Mustangs never looked back en route to a 71-56 victory over Springfield Southeast in the Class 3A state championship game at Carver Arena.

"During practice, we'd be working on last-minute shots," said Dosunmu, a senior guard and Illinois recruit. "When it came off (my hand), it didn't feel good. But it went in."

It was that kind of day for Morgan Park (25-9), which survived a third-quarter comeback by Southeast (29-4) to win its second consecutive title and fourth in six seasons.

The Spartans had no answer for Dosunmu's mix of perimeter shots and drives to the basket. He made 8 of 14 shots, including three 3-pointers, and was 9-for-12 from the free-throw line for a game-high 28 points.

Cameron Burrell, Marcus Watson and Adam Miller added 11 points each for the Mustangs.

It was a far cry from the middle of the season, when Dosunmu was sidelined by a left ankle injury suffered in the first round of the Big Dipper Tournament on Dec. 26.

"I missed a lot of games," Dosunmu said. "But when I got back to practice, my teammates picked me up."

Dosunmu picked up the Mustangs when Southeast cut a 13-point deficit to 44-43 on Kobe Medley's 3-pointer at 2 minutes, 52 seconds of the third quarter.

"We were slow walking a little bit," Morgan Park coach Nick Irvin said. "I'm glad they made the run. It woke us up."

Dosunmu scored eight points in the last 40 seconds of the quarter, capped by the buzzer beater, to push Morgan Park's lead to 54-45. Southeast got no closer than seven after that.

■ Marian Catholic defeated North Chicago 58-48 in the third-place game. Sophomore Ahron Ulis, the brother of Phoenix Suns player Tyler Ulis, scored a career-high 30 points as the Spartans (26-6) won the first state trophy in program history. Ishaun Walker had 13 points to lead North Chicago (22-10).

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BRIAN O'MAHONEY/DAILY SOUTHTOWN

Young's players hoist their runner-up trophy after falling to Belleville West in overtime.

CLASS 4A BELLEVILLE WEST 60, YOUNG 56 (OT)

Repeat bid foiled

Dolphins come up just short of successful defense of title

By Mike Clark | Daily Southtown

PEORIA — Young pulled out all the stops Saturday night, but it wasn't enough to stop EJ Liddell and Belleville West.

Liddell, a consensus top-60 player nationally in the Class of 2019, delivered his usual dose of scoring, rebounding and defense as Belleville West rallied to edge Young 60-56 in overtime in the Class 4A championship at Carver Arena.

The Maroons (32-2) became the first downstate team to win a big-school championship since Peoria Central took first in Class AA in 2004. Young (28-8) fell short in its bid for a second consecutive title and third in five seasons.

Liddell, a 6-foot-7, 228-pound forward, already owns the Illinois Gatorade Player of the Year Award. His bid to become Mr. Basketball probably got a boost as he led the Maroons back from a 13-point first-half deficit and finished with 17 points, 10 rebounds and seven blocks.

"We've been down a lot this season," Liddell said. "We just had to keep our head and keep playing together."

He had to contend with Young's mix-and-match defensive tactics, which included a solid effort from seldom-used sophomore Sangolay Njie.

"We told him, 'Today it might be nine, 10 guys, and you might have to get in there,' " Young coach Tyrone Slaughter said of Njie. " 'And who you're going to have to play is probably the best player in the state.' "

Njie contributed six points, five rebounds and a block in 22 minutes.

Valparaiso recruit Javon Freeman led the Dolphins with 17 points, three steals, three assists and two blocks.

South Florida recruit Xavier Castaneda had 14 points, five rebounds, five assists and two steals.

"We made a long run this season, a lot of ups and downs," Castaneda said. "And I'm happy we came this far."

The back-and-forth game featured 13 ties and nine lead changes, most of them after Young raced to a 23-10 lead at 5:31 of the second quarter. Belleville West pulled ahead 26-24 at halftime, and neither team led by more than four until overtime.

Liddell, who picked up his fourth foul with 3:39 left in regulation, missed a potential game-winning shot in traffic with one second to go. But he put the Maroons ahead to stay 52-50 at 3:02 of overtime.

"Their game plan was to stop me, and they thought that would stop us as a team," Liddell said.

"But we're a great team. It's not just me."

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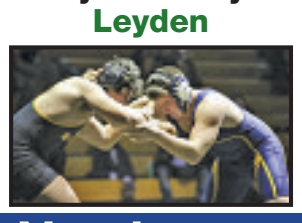
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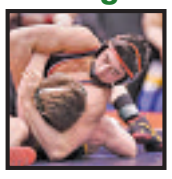
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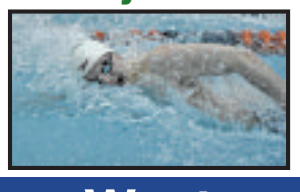
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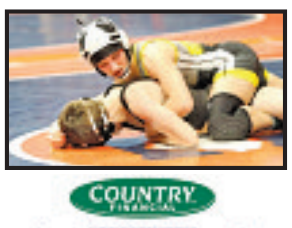
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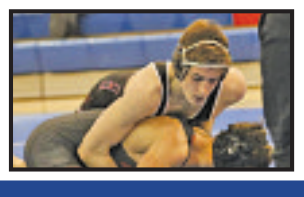
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A crowd cheers on four contenders during a turtle race in January at Tin Lizzie bar in Chicago. The first turtle to reach the outer white space is the winner.

SHELL GAME

Turtle racing has followed a long and winding road in Chicago

By Christopher Borrelli | Chicago Tribune

Chicago, clearly, is the American capital of turtle racing. Not that I can prove this. But as the kids say, come at me bro, tell me I'm wrong — prove that Chicago isn't the American capital of turtle racing. Sure, there are other contenders for the throne: Brennan's pub near Venice Beach in Los Angeles has been hosting turtle races in its parking lot since the waning days of the Nixon administration. In 1989, the Minnesota Legislature declared the tiny town of Longville (pop. 150-ish) was the "Turtle Racing Capital of the World," but there it's mainly a summer thing — and since when does the Minnesota Legislature get to make international law? Texas, too, has a long, rich tradition of turtle racing, though characteristically that tradition involved carving your initials into your turtle's shell, which sounds dispiriting.

So, Chicago.

No less than Wikipedia, that 21st-century repository of questionable knowledge, claims Chicago as the home to the "earliest known turtle race to occur in the United States."

Which sounded unlikely considering the sport has Caribbean roots, yet the Wiki referenced a 1902 Tribune article, complete with an illustration of children in Victorian frocks, each on the

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Neil Young rips into tech, hits silver screen

By Greg Kot
Chicago Tribune

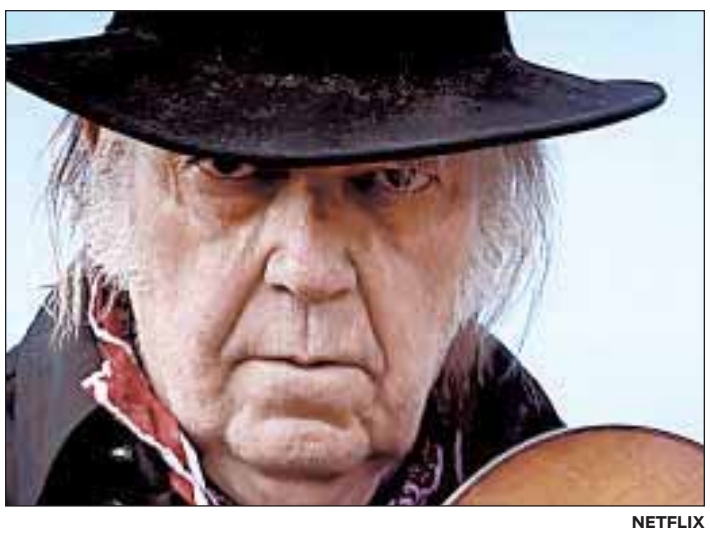
AUSTIN, Texas — "The man in the black hat, steer clear of him," says one of the crusty characters in a new movie, "Paradox," directed and scripted by actress Daryl Hannah.

He's talking about Neil Young, who happens to be Hannah's life partner and also the movie's ostensible "star."

"The characters we play, they're our alter egos in a way," says one of the actors, Lukas Nelson, son of Willie Nelson and a guitarist in Young's band, Promise of the Real. "Neil has always been that intimidating cowboy, with a sweet side. We all know that guy."

Hannah, Nelson and a couple of his bandmates, Anthony LoGerfo and Tato Melgar, share a laugh. They're gathered in a hotel suite overlooking the Colorado River, discussing what is essentially a modest art

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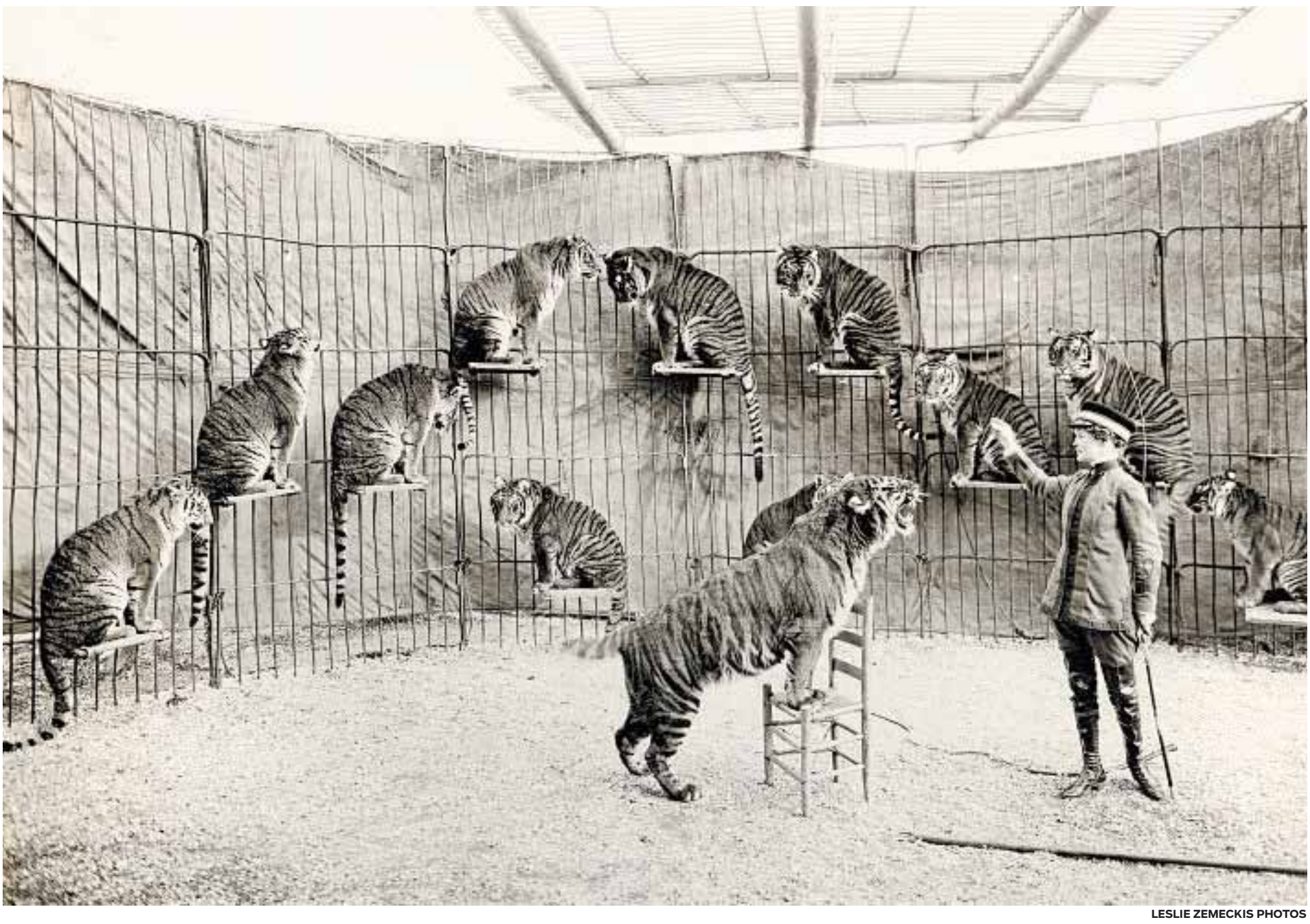
Singer-songwriter Neil Young stars in the upcoming film "Paradox," directed by actress Daryl Hannah, who is now his life partner.

'Mabel, Mabel, Tiger Trainer'
She was fearless, trained tigers and wouldn't take no for an answer.
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Two great Brits
Stephen Hawking and Ken Dodd could both see the bigger picture.
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Jimmy Buffett on Broadway
"Escape to Margaritaville" feels out of its element — where boat drinks and Parrotheads can be hard to find.
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LESLIE ZEMECKIS PHOTOS

Mabel Stark, who trained circus animals in the early 20th century, is the subject of the movie "Mabel, Mabel, Tiger Trainer," written, directed and produced by Leslie Zemeckis.

The lady and the tigers

Mabel Stark was fearless and wouldn't take no for an answer



Rick Kogan
Sidewalks

The Chicago History Museum in Lincoln Park is a relatively sedate place, a repository of items and exhibitions that chart the course of this place. It's an impressive gathering and one that compels people to quietly wander through it, mostly talking in whispers about the people, most of them men, who shaped and shared our piece of the planet.

But the place will be roaring March 25 during the premiere of a film about a woman named Mabel Stark. "Mabel, Mabel, Tiger Trainer" was written, directed and produced by Leslie Zemeckis.



Stark didn't always have an instinct for animal training. She was a nurse and a carnival dancer before she saw a tiger at a circus. She was hooked and learned to work with them, eventually doing movies and more.

"I have always been drawn to outsiders, those in popular entertainments who have been stigmatized or marginalized by what they have chosen to do and how they do it," Zemeckis says. "That is where I find these fascinating women."

Stark was a woman who didn't blaze but rather created a path no woman had traveled before, and few since. She was the first female tiger trainer who, of course, had to tame the cats before they could share the spotlight with her. In so doing, she rates a place alongside such other early feminist (before that word was common) icons as aviator Bessie Coleman, activist/reformer Jane Addams, journalist Ida B. Wells and suffragist Susan B. Anthony.

She did, throughout the decades, manufacture and embellish the details of her life, and Zemeckis has done the masterful job of separating fact from legend. Still, it is easy to understand why Stark (she was born Haynie) was open to reinvention.

Her origins could not have been more modest and bleak. Born one of seven children of a farming couple a bit before Christmas in 1889 in Kentucky, she was doing backbreaking work in bean fields while still a toddler. Following the death of her father and her mother getting carted off to a mental institution, she and her siblings were abused in almost every conceivable way by an evil, hard-drinking stepfather.

At 17, she split and worked as a nurse before eventually becoming a hoochie-coochie dancer in a carnival. Her epiphany came when she visited a circus and saw her first tiger. In that tiger's eyes she saw her destiny. Fueled by a burning ambition — "I will get to the top even if I have to sell my soul," she said — she began to work with the big cats, training them by positive reinforcement rather that with the whip. Often working with as many as 22 tigers at a time, she became the best in the world at her job.

"I like to do something that no other person can do," she said. "They say a woman didn't have brains enough to do that, and they dared me, so here I am."

And there she would remain, surrounded by her striped colleagues, for nearly 60 years. Working for big-name circuses here and in Europe, she was famous for a time, in part because she made herself available for any newspaper reporter or photographer wanting stories and smiles from, as one paper put it in 1923, the "Famous Trainer of Ferocious Beasts."

> ***"They say a woman didn't have brains enough to do that, and they dared me, so here I am."***
>
> *— Mabel Stark*

In 1938 she wrote an autobiography, "Hold That Tiger"; one book reviewer referred to her as "one of the most remarkable women of her day."

Her circus career led to work in movies — she was a double for the actress Mae West — and eventually a lengthy stay at Jungleland USA, a bygone zoo, animal training facility and theme park about 30 miles northwest of Hollywood.

There is, understandably, little film footage of Stark and her tigers in their prime, but Zemeckis makes good use of what she has and arrestingly employs clips of Stark's TV appearances on "What's My Line?" and, at greater length, "This is Your Life."

Stark had a much easier time with tigers than with men. She was married to four or five of them, a male menagerie that included an alcoholic who eventually "crumbled to the drink" and an auditor who also happened to be an embezzler.

Stark's life — she would die in 1968 at the age of 78 — is the powerful centerpiece of the film, but we also get insights into the peculiar business of training wild tigers and lions and of the circus during its golden age.

Zemeckis also makes fine use of Stark's scrapbooks and of the memories of those who watched or knew her, all of them admirers, none more so than Roger Smith, who worked closely with her in her final years.



Stark, left, was a double for actress Mae West, seen visiting the animal trainer and one of her big cats in an undated photo.

Naturally, Stark's chosen profession came with considerable risks. Tigers have claws and sharp teeth, and Stark was slashed and chewed until hardly an inch of her body remained untouched. One who knew her says, chillingly, in the film, "There was almost no flesh on her legs."

"She was a tough one," says Zemeckis.

This is her third film, which has already gathered awards on the film festival circuit and will be will be released on DVD and streaming platforms April 10 (cinemalibrestudio.com/mabeltigermovie).

"Mabel" follows 2010's "Behind the Burly Q," about the history of burlesque and its practitioners. In 2012 came "Bound by Flesh," a documentary about Daisy and Violet Hilton, conjoined twin sisters joined at the hip who were big stars in vaudeville before fading into a not-unwelcome obscurity. I wrote a review in this paper, saying that it was a film "likely to stay with you forever."

This one is too, and some credit has to go to the film's executive producer, Leslie's husband, Bob, who has also handled similar duties on her previous films.

A native of the Roseland neighborhood, Bob Zemeckis is the director of such films as "Back to the Future," "Forrest Gump" (for which he won an Academy Award), "Flight" and, most recently, "Allied." The couple have been married since 2001 and live most of the year in Santa Barbara, Calif., but for a decade have spent time here in a handsome apartment with a view of the lake.

"Bob always comes in at the end, after I've made the first cut," Leslie says. "He doesn't know the details of the story. And I am so close to it, so deeply involved, that I need to know if I am telling the story that I want to tell. He will give me some notes after he watches, and they are always great and so helpful. He really is the perfect audience for me."

"Mabel, Mabel, Tiger Trainer" screens 1:30 p.m. March 25 at the Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St., followed by a Q&A with director Leslie Zemeckis. More information at ***www.chicagohistory.org****.*

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CELEBRITIES

Weaver finds success in U.S.

By Sonaiya Kelley
Los Angeles Times

Veteran Australian actress Jacki Weaver, who gained fame stateside for her Oscar-nominated turn in 2010's "Animal Kingdom," never expected to break out into American cinema. That is, until a kind stranger predicted the Academy Award nod she'd garner after one of the film's earliest screenings.

"At Sundance, I was walking down the street, and a man came up to me and he said, 'I really loved "Animal Kingdom," and I think you're going to get an Oscar nomination,' " recalled Weaver, 70. Mistaking him for a fan, she laughed it off until one of the film's producers, who'd witnessed the exchange from across the street, set her straight.

It turns out the stranger was the Los Angeles Times movie critic Kenneth Turan, whom Weaver credits with helping her win the LA Critics Award that year. "And then on the strength of that I got a few offers here," she said.

Offers that led to a supporting role in 2012's awards season darling "Silver Linings Playbook," for which she secured a second Oscar nomination. Since then, she's appeared in films and on television, including a small role in 2017's "The Disaster Artist." Her latest is an Outback crime thriller involving race called "Goldstone."

We caught up with Weaver to talk. The following is an edited transcript.



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"Breaking into American films just seemed to me to ... be impossible."

— Australian actress Jacki Weaver

Q: What drew you to "Goldstone"?

A: The first thing was (director) Ivan Sen. He's a national treasure. He wrote to me a few times saying, "Please do the movie," and I'd always been an admirer.

Q: Why was it important to make a film about race?

A: Because it's the truth, and it's a story and needs to be told. And it's a cliche, but forgetting history ... you're doomed to repeat it.

Q: You play villains in "Goldstone" and "Animal Kingdom." Are those roles more fun to play?

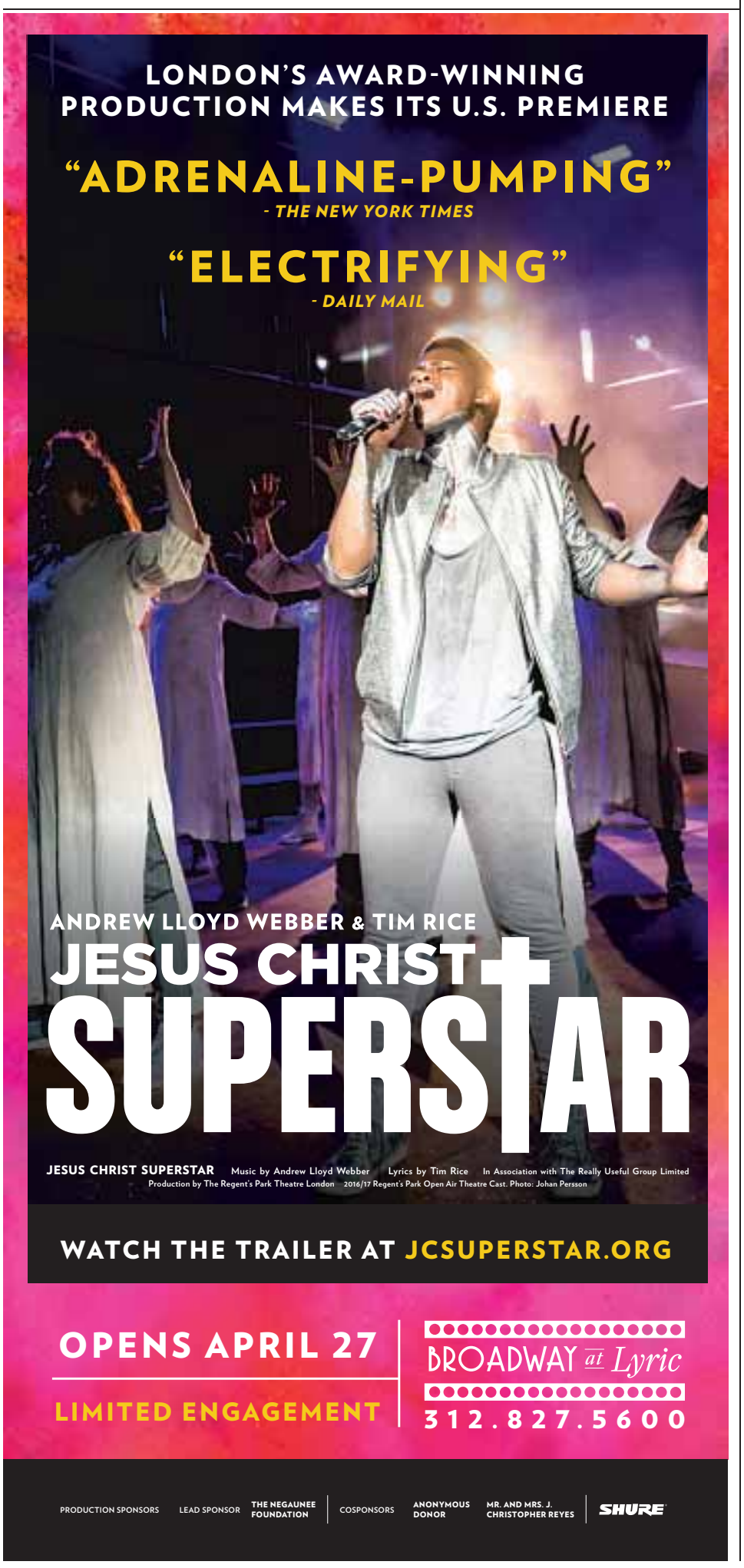
A: Real people have contradictions. And I think if you play someone like a cartoon villain with only one bad side to them, that's not as interesting as showing their surprisingly redeeming features. In the "Goldstone" case, she was a great baker. Somebody showed me a review in the Seattle Times saying that I was a cake-baking, smiling evil incarnate (laughs). I thought that was fabulous. My husband thinks we should put it on a T-shirt.

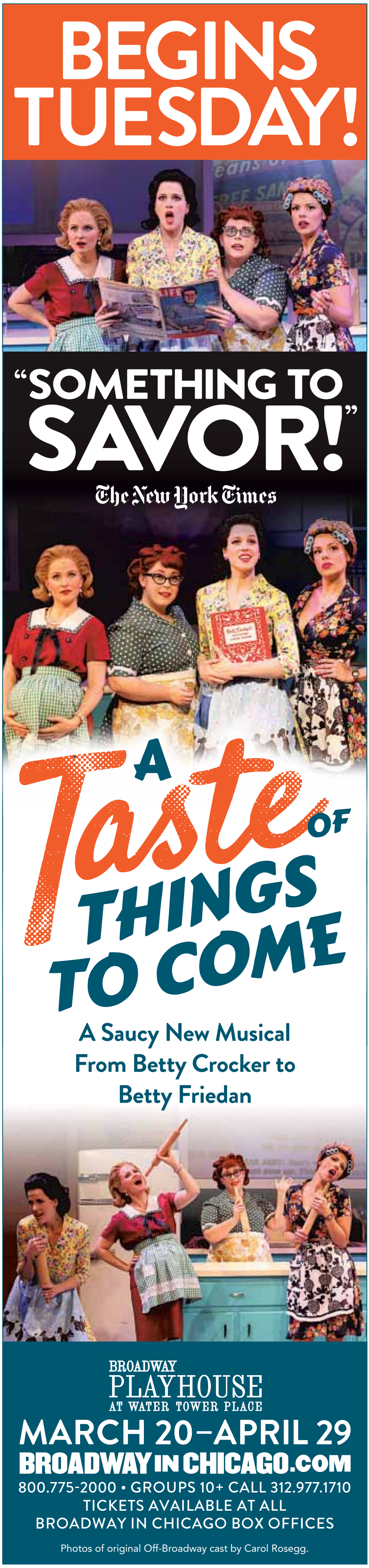
Q: The majority of your film career has taken place in Australia. Is it hard to break out here, or did you just prefer it there?

A: I didn't have America on my agenda. The idea of breaking into American films just seemed to me something that would be impossible, so I never even entertained the idea. I've loved coming here since '72, but it was always just to go to the theater because I was mainly a theater actor; I've done maybe 80 plays.

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March 18 birthdays: Country singer Charley Pride is 84. Singer Irene Cara is 59. Singer-actress Vanessa Williams is 55. Rapper-actress Queen Latifah is 48. Comedian Dane Cook is 46. Singer Adam Levine of Maroon 5 is 39. Actor Cornelius Smith Jr. is 36.







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Physicist and author Stephen Hawking died Wednesday in Cambridge, England.



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Ken Dodd, a popular comedian in Britain, died Sunday at his Liverpool home at the age of 90.

2 Brits who saw big picture

Physicist and comic both offered insights on life



CHRIS JONES

Two phenomenal Brits died this week. One, Steven Hawking, seemed to dwell among stars, planets — and black holes — that revealed their secrets only to him. The other, Ken Dodd, stayed firmly on the ground, the joke-telling squire of the jam butty mines of Knotty Ash.

And when you come from from a suburb of Liverpool with a ticklish name like that, what choice do you have but to become a comedian?

At first glance, the superhuman astrophysicist Hawking, whose fame was global and whom you surely know, and the stand-up comedian Dodd, whose buck-toothed celebrity was even longer-lived but more parochial, would appear to be from different cosmos. One had perhaps the most famous mind in the world; the other would carry a tickle stick (if you have to ask, you could never understand) and make up words like "tattyfilarious." But upon closer review, not so much.

Dodd, who died at 90, was a lot more famous in his day than you might think. He thought a lot deeper than it would first appear. And Hawking, who died at 76, was exceptionally funny.

As was widely recalled this week, Hawking greatly enjoyed "weaponizing his wheelchair," even once running over the toes of Prince Charles. There was the much-beloved time he answered a question posed by an Australian teenager as to the "cosmological effect of Zayn Malik leaving One Direction" by discussing the possibility of alternative universes wherein the heartthrob not only may remain a member of the band, but be married to the questioner. He appeared on "The Simpsons." He once mugged with Jim Carrey. He told John Oliver he was only funny in a parallel universe. He gave a party in Cambridge for time-travelers — replete with a "Welcome Time Travellers" banner and all — and then felt justified to be jilted.

He showed up on "Futurama," and on a recent BBC Radio adaptation of Douglas Adams' "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," maybe playing the titular role. He mugged about black holes and sucking on "The Big Bang Theory."

In the U.K., there were memories of an even darker sense of humor, including an alleged moment at the BBC when a producer had pulled out a miscellaneous cable and Hawking had slumped over in his wheelchair, feigning disconnection and causing momentary panic in the studio.

His aim, it usually was said, was to popularize scientific inquiry, to ensure that his work on the cosmos reached an audience beyond fellow academics (his book "A Brief History of Time" was on the U.K. best-seller list for 237 weeks, selling 10 million copies), and to help people understand the importance of wrestling with big questions (although he demurred on the complexities of Brexit).

But, more importantly, his entire life was a manifestation of the imperative of retaining both a sharp mind and a sense of humor, being as the body eventually lets all of us down. Hawking's death is to his family, friends and fans, deeply sad. But who else could be said to be as minimally confined to the corporal? Whom do we imagine could be more likely to dwell for an eternity in the cosmos?

In the 1960s and 1970s, Dodd, known by most Brits as Doddy, was phenomenally famous, telling jokes for months on end at the London Palladium and hanging out with the Beatles. In a warm, tweeted tribute to Dodd the other day, Paul McCartney released a picture of the five of them from back in the day, and used the tellingly phrased line, "We met him on a few occasions as The Beatles and always ended up in tears of laughter," suggesting an otherworldly remove from the group that defined his life almost worthy of Hawking.

Early in his career, Dodd was a singer of ballads — he was the only bucktoothed romantic pop star in the history of the charts, and music writers have been marveling this week at how a soppy Dodd ballad from 1965 called "Tears" turned out to be the third-best-selling single of the entire 1960s in the U.K., beaten out only by the Beatles' "She Loves You" and "I Want to Hold Your Hand."

See how many people at your local pub-trivia contest could get that one correct. "Tears" did better on the charts than "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction." Which explains how what we think of as the 1960s had barely started by 1965. And Dodd went on telling jokes for another half a century.

But what most people recall of Dodd, whom I saw live several times and whose death felt like the end of something that can never return, are his marathon performances, great feasts of joke telling that would last until the early hours of the morning.

Although there was one famous marathon performance in Liverpool where the audience saw the show in shifts, Dodd was known to comically berate anyone leaving before he was done, threatening to chase them down and start telling jokes through the mail slot in their door. It was, of course, a compulsion, a Dadaist impulse, an affinity for absurdist intellectualism, all hidden inside an old vaudevillian. There was a touch of the Andy Kaufman and the Billy Connolly, and a manifestation of Hawking's notions of how we all are in constant state of motion and change, whether we like it or not. As great thinkers like Hawking all the way back to Ovid have understood, we don't live and die. All we ever do is change shape.

A determination never to stop taking a joke also is a reminder, in the most accessible and hilarious way possible, that if you stop doing what you love to do, then you might as well bag everything.

Both of these great men understood that. They appreciated their audience, had no time for elitism, gave back, laughed at themselves, made you think, worked like heck and kept pursuing what they love.

And thus on they live.

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Neil Young rips tech, takes film role

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movie about a gang of outlaws hiding in the Rocky Mountains, scavenging for a living in a setting saturated with broken tech toys (cellphones, laptops) buried by some unidentified apocalypse. Music and the clan of women who keep them at arm's length are their sole salvation, their way of escaping their purgatory and their path to transcendence. The movie debuted this week at the South by Southwest Music Conference and will begin airing on Netflix on March 23. It will also be shown March 24 at the Music Box Theatre in Chicago, followed by a question-and-answer session with Hannah and Young.

The movie's themes serve as a metaphor of sorts for Young's deepest beliefs, the principles that have guided him through a 50-year career mostly spent in one-guy-vs.-The-Man mode. And Young, though he has the movie, two albums and a massive digital archive to promote, is happy to embrace the role in a separate interview. Young is indeed the man in the black hat, gray hair spilling past his ears, and he breaks into a grin as a question is posed:

Can one guy make a dent in the way the tech-dominated power players (Spotify, Facebook, Apple, Google, YouTube, various multinational record labels) dominate the music world?

"Sure, because they're stupid," he says. "The tech giants are jerks, they're all losers. They operate to give us 'content' that sounds like crap, they want to take away our privacy and they want to monopolize music. For them, art is not art, it's content. It's an algorithm."

Young could be reticent and vague in interviews, but those days are long gone. He has sold tens of millions of albums as a solo artist and as a member of Buffalo Springfield and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, but he still carries a chip on his shoulder the size of a redwood.

"Tech companies miss the essence of life," he says. "People have a right to change their minds, and they often do. But algorithms can only track your past and give you more of the same. It's an insult to the human mind and the human soul, because it takes away a universe of possibilities."



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Neil Young , seen in a France show in 2013, also has a movie out. "Paradox" is coming to Chicago on March 24 at the Music Box Theatre.

"Tech companies miss the essence of life. People have a right to change their minds."

— Neil Young

Young is proselytizing about, among other things, the lack of fidelity in digital music. It has been an ongoing mission, and has included at least one outright failure: Young's digital playback device, Pono, which never gained traction or business backers. "I hated musical streaming, as a disservice to artists and fans, because the sound is so bad," he says. "So I introduced a player based on downloading hi-res files that would sound a lot better than anything else out there, but streaming took over" and made Pono an anachronism.

Now, he says, streaming technology has improved enough where he is rolling out a massive archive (www.neilyoungarchives.com), designed to hold all of the artist's recordings and films, with explanatory text and images. It's already massive but contains less than 10 percent of his archive, Young says.

Its most compelling feature, according to its maker: The "master-quality" audio far exceeds what's available on most streaming sites. After I auditioned the music on the site for a few days, it's apparent that it offers a more multidimensional listening experience than most streaming services, particularly if pushed through a decent set of speakers. At the moment it's free, and it will bump to a $1.99-a-month subscription rate over the summer, he says, though most of his mainstream releases will still be free to stream.

He hopes wider exposure for the website will force record companies and streaming services to match that audio standard. "If I can do it, why can't everyone else?" he says. "Now we can have quality and convenience, so why aren't the tech companies making that widely available? How long are they going to keep selling the history of music down the tubes with flattened-out, watered-down sound?"

Ornery but strangely idealistic Neil Young is on full display in "Paradox," a retro-futuristic art film about the way a group of men — in this case, Young's band — interact. The pacing and largely plot-free impressionism echoes Young's many underground films spanning the decades, including "Journey Through the Past" (1974), "Human Highway" (1982) and "Greendale" (2003).

"I think of it as a palate cleanser between action hero movies," Young says of the movie, which was pieced together in three days with a $125,000 budget.

Hannah sighs when the film is described as her "directorial debut."

"It was about the vibe these guys have, the playfulness, and I hope people take it that way," she says. "We're not trying to win any award. It was about people having a good time, doing something that made us laugh."

It includes a priceless scene in which Young and his Farm Aid comrade Willie Nelson square off like gunfighters in a sleepy Western town. Young and the band deliver a soundtrack that makes characters in the movie feel weightless, like angels in a Wim Wenders movie. Its strangeness suits Young, an artist who makes up his own rules as he moves through a career characterized by seemingly self-sabotaging decisions.

In contrast to many of his classic-rock peers, he has never succumbed to becoming a greatest-hits jukebox while on tour.

"This is not a job, this is our lives," he says. "I won't make the gig if I'm not totally into what I'm doing at the moment. I only play for me. I'm not going to play what they (the people in the audience) want. I believe that if we are in the groove, that the audience will groove too. And if they leave and don't come back, we won't miss 'em."

If that sounds harsh, it has been Young's way from the start. In addition to the "Paradox" soundtrack, he has another album in the pipeline, "Roxy — Tonight's the Night Live," a 1973 performance at the newly opened Roxy in Los Angeles that marked the live debut of most of the tracks from the freshly recorded "Tonight's the Night" album, which would not be officially released until two years later. It's one of Young's darkest albums, a eulogy of sorts to a band member (Crazy Horse guitarist Danny Whitten) and a roadie (Bruce Berry) who died of drug overdoses in the months before it was recorded. The Roxy performance occurred with the band, the Santa Monica Flyers (which included guitarist Nils Lofgren, multi-instrumentalist Ben Keith and the Crazy Horse rhythm section of Billy Talbot and Ralph Molina), fresh off the recording sessions for the album, and Young says he barely remembers it.

"I was drunk as a skunk for the making of the record and all the shows after it," he says with a laugh. "It was a wake, but it wasn't a sad thing at that point."

Then he grows quiet for a second. "That studio recording is so real, it was hard for some people to listen to at the time," he says, which is why the record label didn't immediately release it. For decades he was recording at a breakneck pace. "I just made too many records, but I believe if there is a vibe there, you record it. That's all I care about."

That's why he has 10 studio recordings lined up for his label, Reprise Records, to release in the next few years, including four albums with Crazy Horse: "Early Days" from 1968-70 with unheard studio recordings, "Odeon Budokan" (1976), "Toast" (2001) and "Alchemy" (2012).

Along the way he has ticked off fans and music executives alike. He was famously sued by his label president (David Geffen) in the 1980s for making "musically uncharacteristic" records. His latest fight with the tech world has been uphill all the way, with Pono a casualty. Has he ever doubted himself for embracing the role of black-hatted contrarian?

"If I doubted myself, it would be because I was chasing hits on the charts," he says. "But I never cared about that. I make music to make myself feel good and to create art and respect the people I make it with. Everything else is just a distraction."

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Turtles, *from Page 1*

back of their own tortoise, clasping riding bridles and racing to a finish line; the writer noted that the reptiles were urged forward using cabbages tied at the ends of sticks. The writer also mentioned that this particular race occurred in Germany. Still, hold on: A later Tribune article noted that tortoise racing was planned for Riverview Park as early as 1908. Factor in decades of turtle derbies held in CYO gyms, service-club lodges and county fairs — consider all of the farm communities within a leisurely drive of Chicago, including Churubusco, Ind., home to the 70-year-old Turtle Days festival — and why not Chicago?

Did you know no less than Al Capone, in 1930, frustrated when his turtle-racing plans for Chicago didn't pan out, released *5,000* turtles on city streets?

Did you know that, in 2018, Chicago hosts dueling Friday night turtle races? (So perhaps Chicago is more like the Midwest *hub* of turtle racing — at least on Fridays.)

The other night I discussed this with Alex Feldgreber — the traditions, the cabbage — and he said, "Whoa, I had no idea." He would have likely said more but he was preparing Russian tortoises to race. It was a small moment of bonding between four turtles and their owner. Feldgreber, who runs the neighborhood bar Tin Lizzie in Lincoln Park with his father, Bill, inherited the enduring mantle of Friday night turtle racing when the elder Feldgreber bought the bar a few years ago. Its previous owners began the weekly races in the late '90s, inspired by the success of the Friday night turtle races at a corner tap in the Bowmanville neighborhood named Big Joe's. They were also Michigan State graduates: "So this place is known for two things," Bill said, "Michigan and turtles."



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The four turtles that race at Tin Lizzie are named after the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. The reptiles race Friday nights at the Lincoln Park bar.



At Tin Lizzie, a $25 cover includes tickets for the races (plus an open bar and pizza). Winners get a drink. Turtle races are also a regular thing at Big Joe's in Bowmanille.

"A turtle race, it can lend a bar like this old-fashioned dive feeling."

— Dan Mowrer, owner of The Club in Elmhurst, which started hosting turtle racing four years ago

The bar was packed with Spartans and 20-somethings in various stages of intoxication. Alex kept his turtles in the kind of large gray basin that postal workers use. He peeked in and cooed, the blare of NCAA basketball drowning out his comforts. He closed the lid and said the turtles are excited to race, they live in an aquarium in his apartment around the corner, they love attention. I said I'd take his word for it: Inside their box, the turtles stared at plastic walls and hid under towels, and never once did a turtle give me a thumbs-up.

Alex fixed name tags to the backs of their shells — they're named after the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, of course — and transported them in a plastic basin to the track. Patrons "bet" on their favorite turtle using tickets received at the door. The playing field was round, constructed in the back of the bar and dramatically lit; a camera was positioned directly above to provide closed-circuit coverage to the patrons. The DJ, standing with his laptop in a booth just above the action, temporarily became a hype man for reptiles. He played a blare of trumpets, the classic WWF "Let's get ready to rumble!" and delivered a smatter of silly history on each contender (Michelangelo still resided with his parents, for example). The students pushed toward the playing field.

They stood three rows deep.

Alex put his turtles in the center of the track, beneath the basin, lifted the lid — and they were off. The room exploded in shouting, and the turtles — waddled, stopped, started, raced some, sat some, sank into their shells, meandered. Tracks are round, so the winner is the first reptile to amble past the outermost finish line. Leonardo was the evening's star.

Kelsey Onesto, 24, a nurse, watched and turned: "I think I kind of feel dirty now," she said. "Maybe they should hold an adoption fair after every turtle race? I mean, right?"

Let it be noted: Turtle racing is stupid.

I used to think ferret-legging — an obscure English sport in which ferrets are dumped into trousers and the winner is the last to cry uncle — was the stupidest sport ever created.

But now I know it's turtle racing. Even the Ohio man who patented a turtle-race track in 1948 (using long, walled lanes) admitted in his application the futility of a sport in which athletes refuse "to run at a more or less constant speed." Still, apparently there is evolution. Bill said Alex's Russian tortoises were livelier than the box turtles they had used. However, it's possible he said this because he's sore over the box turtles: The first week I came to see the turtle races, there were no turtles. "It'll be OK," the DJ told Bill.

"But no turtles," he said. "How can it?"

He had a full bar, but the employee who owned the turtles had quit earlier that day and took the turtles with him; a week later, the Russian tortoises made their debut. A few weeks after that, Bill heard rumors that another bar might do turtle races, using their former racing turtles. He sighed.

After all, Big Joe's already provided competition. The owners of Big Joe's wouldn't discuss their turtles, but I attended their races and — though turtle-race aficionados like to bemoan the constant potential for angry animal lovers — the turtles at Tin Lizzie and Big Joe's appeared safe, healthy. The vibe was less "Fight Club" grim than sports-bar cheerful. In fact, the Chicago Herpetological Society hosted its own turtle races for years at the Hyatt Regency on Wacker Drive. Rich Crowley, president of the society, said he didn't think a bar was a place for any animal, "but as long as the race is humanely done, and stress-free (for the turtles) — I'm fine with it."

On the other hand, said Dave Jemilo, "who the hell knows if a turtle is happy?"

He's wondered.

Big Joe's began turtle racing after Jemilo sold Deja Vu in Lincoln Park, which was Chicago's premier turtle-racing bar during the '80s and '90s. Jemilo himself — who now owns the Green Mill — caught the turtle-racing bug at the Beachview Pub, which for many years had been the go-to North Side home to Chicago turtle racing. "This old guy named John the Fish tells me, 'I'll take you to see turtle races,' and he takes me to Rogers Park, and it's this tavern and it's a weekday, but this place is packed because of turtles and I think, 'Holy (expletive), this is cool.' But they used a straight track. I had grown up with Ray Rayner on WGN who would race turtles on TV using a circular track, which we did at Deja Vu, and it was huge. Ken Hudson Campbell (a Chicagoan who later became a character actor in movies such as "Home Alone") was the announcer. We called it Deja Vu Downs. I kept the turtles in an aquarium behind the bar and didn't feed them most of the week, so when they raced on Wednesday they were hungry and ran faster. Still, some were super lazy because they were turtles.

"We gave out T-shirts to the winners, and at the end of the year, all the previous winners from the year competed for a trip to Las Vegas. It was awesome. I mean, while the turtles raced, I would fill their tank with fish, so when they were put back in their tank, it became a feeding frenzy. Sounds gross, but this was the 1980s, so it also kicked a--."

According to a 1921 Washington Post article, turtle racing began entering the United States through Florida (naturally), brought to the South by fishermen who had watched it in the Bahamas, where turtle racing was supposedly as popular as baseball was here. It spread, becoming briefly popular in Hollywood and a Depression-era phenomenon in Oklahoma. Which is where Capone comes in: He apparently pictured something like greyhound racing and gambling, though in every speakeasy in Chicago where his liquor was sold. The Baltimore Sun reported that a confidante of Capone traveled to Oklahoma to buy the turtles, but once back in Chicago, they learned turtles will not race in a straight line (or at all). Annoyed, Capone ordered the turtles abandoned. Two thousand were dumped on South Michigan Avenue alone. (According to reports, the Field Museum stepped in soon after, rounded up the turtles then released them throughout the region.)

Since the '30s — either because of Capone's idea or in spite of it — turtle racing in Chicago became associated with bars. "Everyone does karaoke and trivia nights," said Dan Mowrer, owner of The Club in Elmhurst, which began Saturday turtle racing just four years ago, "but a turtle race, it can lend a bar like this old-fashioned dive feeling."

Neon turtles glowed from the walls at Big Joe's. "Turtle water shots" are offered. Buy a drink, you get a raffle ticket; your ticket is selected, you're assigned a turtle, your turtle wins, you get a T-shirt. Stakes are low. The turtles wait beneath a (ventilated) cake lid, the lid is removed and the room pitches forward, watching closed-circuit TVs intensely. A guy turned to his girlfriend: "They lead a full life."

At Tin Lizzie, a $25 cover includes tickets for the races (plus an open bar and pizza). Winners get a drink. A woman approached Alex: "Donatello is the turtle for me," she said, handing him a ticket. He marked a vote for Donatello. A man watched others vote for Donatello and said loudly that the race was rigged, that Donatello's name was first on the sheet and larger than other names — psychology was at play! (In fact, Alex said only he knows which turtle is which, and week to week, switches the names on their shells.) The room grew hot, trumpets sounded and the track was surrounded.

Lauren and David Dreiser waited for the race to start. A married couple, they had just moved to Chicago from Madison, Wis. It was their first time out on the town since relocating. Lauren watched the turtles and said: "I suppose you might say, I pictured the nightlife a little differently."

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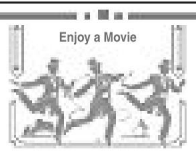
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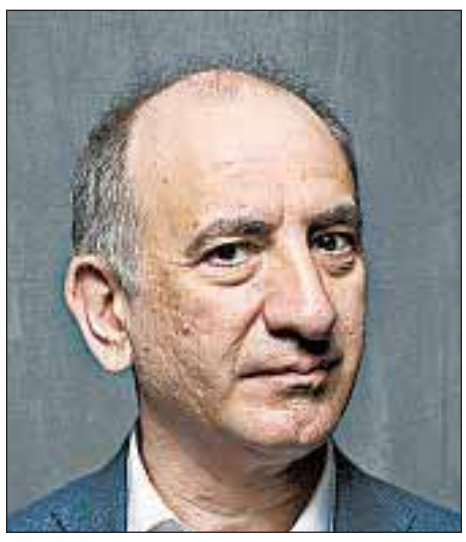

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Enjoy the Theater Tonight

Savvy satirist Iannucci takes on a savage Stalin

By Jeffrey Fleishman
Los Angeles Times


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It is a curious thing, this world, spinning in chaos, its politics no longer bound by gravity. It troubles and amuses Armando Iannucci, a sly satirist with a soft voice, who glances into a coffee cup and, with little warning, ditches his Scottish accent and imitates the leader of the free world.

"Hey, I tell ya, this is the best coffee I've ever had. I mean the Seoul coffee was good. But the coffee we had in our hotels, I'll tell you, there was one day a guy came in, he was from China. China, by the way, is where ..." said Iannucci, as if hitched to one of President Donald Trump's circuitous thoughts.

"His speech is like five apps opening simultaneously," Iannucci added of Trump. "He's engulfed in his own speech bubble. I don't think you could come up with a fictionalized version of Trump. He's his own satire."

Iannucci has been skewering the antics and insecurities of politicians for years. He's the creator of HBO's "Veep" and its British forebear, "The Thick of It," and his characters speak in skeins of expletives and scathing syllables that reduce rivals to sputtering, withered messes. Like Selina Meyer (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) in "Veep," they are funny, bumbling and cruel, hardened in a chicanery that masquerades as public good while stumbling over vulnerabilities that singe the spirit.

Iannucci's new film, "The Death of Stalin," is a dark comedy about Josef Stalin, the tyrant of the Soviet Union who killed millions of his countrymen from the late 1920s until his death in 1953.

"I was looking three years ago to set a fictional dictatorship in the present day, because I thought something funny is going on," said Iannucci, who based "Stalin" on the French graphic novel by Fabien Nury and Thierry Robin. "Populist movements. Nationalist movements. Authority figures in Turkey, Russia; Silvio Berlusconi in Italy. Something's not quite right. Democracy's beginning to look a little precarious. It was funny in a grim sort of Kafka-esque way."

Starring Steve Buscemi, Michael Palin, Jason Isaacs and Jeffrey Tambor, "Stalin" is wacky-ensemble political theater with a foreboding edge. Sycophants and connivers — from Nikita Khrushchev to Vyacheslav Molotov — navigate the psychology and bureaucracy of a communist state.

"I went back and looked at Charlie Chaplin's 'The Great Dictator' (a 1940 parody of Hitler), and you've got some of the funniest-ever Chaplin scenes interspersed with scenes from the Jewish ghetto," said Iannucci. "It's tricky, and I knew it would be. It would rise or fall on that balance. If we didn't get it right, it would either be too grim to be funny or not believable because it's too silly."

Russia has banned "The Death of Stalin" as an affront to its history. The film has already opened in Europe, and critics there have generally praised it.

Iannucci, 54, is a slight man with an anarchist's wiles; when he speaks, his hands appear to be fidgeting with an invisible Rubik's Cube. Unlike his foulmouthed characters — notably Malcolm Tucker, the acid-tongued crisis manager in "The Thick of It" — he is polite and inquisitive, perhaps the result of his years at Oxford, where he studied the poet John Milton, or his boyhood days amid ever-questioning Jesuits in a Scottish grammar school. He brims with metaphor, and one senses that he is often shortlisted for dinner parties.

He lives in England with his wife and children. (His son, Emilio, appears in "Stalin.")

Iannucci's father was an Italian partisan who during World War II immigrated to Britain, where he worked as a coffee machine salesman, ran a pizza factory but never became a citizen and couldn't vote. "I said to him once, 'Why don't you vote? It's important,' " Iannucci said. "And he said, 'The last time I voted, (Italian dictator Benito) Mussolini got in.' " He laughed, but in the telling of his father's layered and inventive life, it was easy to detect Iannucci's passion for Charles Dickens' intricate novel "David Copperfield," which he is adapting for a film.

Stories beyond the Earth have also intrigued Iannucci. He is developing a pilot for HBO that is set 40 years in the future, at the height of space tourism.

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SUNDAY EVENING, MAR. 18

MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Instinct: "Pilot." (Series Premiere) (N) © HD		NCIS: Los Angeles: "Liabilities." (N) ©		Madam Secretary: "Refuge." (N) © HD		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	Little Big Shots: "We're in La La Land." (N) ©		Genius Junior (Series Premiere) (N) © HD		Timeless: "The Darlington 500." (N) © HD		NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)
	ABC 7	American Idol: "103 (Auditions)." (N) © HD				(9:01) Deception: "Forced Perspective." (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	Friends © (Part 1 of 2)	Friends © (Part 2 of 2)	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Weekend News (N)	Instant Replay (N) ©	Chicago's Best
	Antenna 9.2	3's a Crowd	The Ropers	3's Comp.	B. Miller	Mork/Mindy	Alice ©	Benson ©
	This TV 9.3	In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		Heat/Night ♦
	PBS 11	The New York Cantors ©			The Jewish Journey: America ©			Rhythm, Love ♦
	The U 26.1	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	How I Met	How I Met	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Columbo: "A Bird in the Hand..." ©				Touched by an Angel ©		Ngt. Gallery
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek: "Obsession."		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	♦ (5:30) Radio (PG,'03) ★★		Daddy's Little Girls (PG-13,'07) ★★ Gabrielle Union, Idris Elba.				
	FOX 32	The Simpsons (N)	Brooklyn Nine (N)	Family Guy (N) ©	Last Man-Earth (N)	Fox 32 News at Nine Sunday		Fox Chicago Final Word ♦
	Ion 38	NCIS: Los Angeles ©		Private Eyes HD		NCIS: Los Angeles ©		NCIS: LA ♦
	TeleM 44	MasterChef Latino ©				Don Francisco (N)		Noticiero
	CW 50	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Anger Mgt
	UniMas 60	♦ Transporter	Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13,'11) ★★★					Drug Wars
	WJYS 62	Ever Increasing Faith		Truth of God		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
	Univ 66	Pequeños gigantes ©				Crónicas: Historias		Noticias (N)
CABLE	AE	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage ♦
	AMC	♦ (6:53) The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead (N) ©		(9:08) Talking Dead (N)		Walk:Dead ♦
	ANIM	North Woods Law (N)		North Woods Law (N) ©		(9:01) Lone Star Law (N)		North-Law ♦
	BBCA	Top Gear (N) ©				Sherlock Holmes-Game of Shadows ♦		
	BET	Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13,'05) ★★ Kimberly Elise, Steve Harris.						Martin ©
	BIGTEN	Campus	Coaching	The Journey: Big Ten (Joined in Progress)		Coaching	B1G Football & Beyond	
	BRAVO	Housewives/Atl. (N)		To Rome for Love (N) ©		Married to Medicine ©		Watch (N)
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		News ♦
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark ♦
	CNN	The Kennedys		The Kennedys (N)		Pope: Powerful Man (N)		Kennedys ♦
	COM	Big Daddy (PG-13,'99) ★ Adam Sandler. ©				Big Daddy (PG-13,'99) ★ © ♦		
	DISC	Naked and Afraid ©		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N) ©		Afraid ♦
	DISN	♦ (6) Zombies	Bizaardvark	Stuck	Andi Mack	Andi Mack	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd ©
	E!	♦ (5:30) Pretty Woman ★★★		The Arrangement (N) ©		(9:01) The Royals (N) ©		Arrangmnt ♦
	ESPN	♦ Women's Basketball (N)		2018 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament (N)				SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	♦ Basketball	2018 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament (N)				Women's Basketball (N) ♦	
	FNC	OBJECTified (N) ©		The Next Revolution (N)		Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		OBJECT. ♦
	FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
	FREE	♦ Toy Story 2	(7:45) The Karate Kid (PG,'10) ★★ Jaden Smith, Jackie Chan. © ♦					
	FX	Mission: Impossible Rogue Nation (PG-13,'15) ★★★ Tom Cruise. ©						Mission ♦
	HALL	♦ (6) The Sweetest Heart		When Calls the Heart (N)		Meet the Peetes (N) ©		Golden Girls
	HGTV	How (N)	How (N)	Caribbean	Caribbean	Island (N)	Island (N)	Hunters
	HIST	♦ (6) Kingpin ©		Kingpin: "El Chapo." (N) ©				Kingpin ♦
	HLN	Death Row Stories (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Unmasking a Killer (N) ©		Death Row Stories ©		Death Row ♦
	IFC	Meet the Parents (PG-13,'00) ★★★ Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. ©					Meet the Fockers ★★ ♦	
	LIFE	The Midwife's Deception (NR,'18) Katie Savoy. ©				(9:02) The Other Mother (NR,'17) ♦		
	MSNBC	Kasie DC (N) ©		Dateline Extra ©		Lockup: Maricopa County		Lockup ♦
	MTV	Fear Factor: "Hot As Hell."		Fear Factor ©		Fear Factor ©		White Chk ♦
	NBCSCH	Poker (N)	Heartland Poker Tour ©		Postgame	Point	Beer Money	The Loop (N)
	NICK	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends ©
	OVATION	♦ (6) Tango & Cash (R,'89) ★★ ©			Demolition Man (R,'93) ★★ Sylvester Stallone. © ♦			
	OWN	227 ©	227 ©	227 ©	227 ©	227 ©	227 ©	227 ©
	OXY	♦ Aaron Hernandez (N)		Snapped ©		Aaron Hernandez Uncovered © ♦		
	PARMT	Bar Rescue ©		Bar Rescue ©		Bar Rescue (N) ©		Rescue ♦
	SYFY	Superman: The Movie (PG,'78) ★★★ Christopher Reeve, Gene Hackman. ©						Krypton ♦
	TBS	♦ 2018 NCAA Basketball Tournament (N)		2018 NCAA Basketball Tournament (N) ♦				
	TCM	Madigan (NR,'68) ★★★ Richard Widmark, Henry Fonda.				Charley Varrick (PG,'73) ★★★ © ♦		
	TLC	Sister Wives: "Confronting Meri." (N) ©				Three Wives (N)		Sister ♦
	TLN	Living-Edge	Manna Fest	In Grace	Turning Point With Doctor		Sig. Insights	Paid Prog.
	TNT	♦ Basketball	2018 NCAA Basketball Tournament: Second Round: Teams TBA. (N)					Alienist ♦
	TOON	King of Hill	King of Hill	Burgers	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty
	TRAV	Food Paradise (N) ©		Food Paradise (N) ©		Best-Food	Best-Food	Food Par. ♦
	TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Mom ©	Mom ©	King
	USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Mod Fam
	VH1	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Hip Hop ♦
	WE	Monk ©		Monk ©		Monk ©		Monk © ♦
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PREMIUM	HBO	♦ (5:55) Kong: Skull Island		Here and Now (N) ©		Here and Now ©		Last Week
	HBO2	Here and Now ©		Predator (R,'87) ★★★ Arnold Schwarzenegger.				Predator 2 ♦
	MAX	Almost Christmas (PG-13,'16) ★★ Danny Glover.				Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates ♦		
	SHO	Toon Pres.	Toon Pres.	Homeland (N) ©		The Chi (Season Finale) (N) ©		The Chi ♦
	STARZ	Counterpart (N) ©		Ash (N)	Counterpart ©		Ash vs Evil	Counter ♦
	STZENC	♦ Coming to America ★★★		Dear John (PG-13,'10) ★★ Channing Tatum. ©				Obsessed ♦

WATCH THIS: SUNDAY


Alan Cumming

"Instinct" (7 p.m., CBS): After his run on "The Good Wife," Tony Award winner Alan Cumming returns to series work by premiering as an ex-CIA man turned college professor and author. In this "Pilot," he's forced to channel his old skills when his first book is used as sort of a play-by-play manual ... by a serial killer. The adaptation of a novel by James Patterson ("Zoo") also features Bojana Novakovic, Naveen Andrews and Sharon Leal. Patterson and Cumming also are executive producers of the show.

"Genius Junior" (8 p.m., NBC): An episode titled "These Kids Know Something You Don't Know" makes a very appropriate launch point for this new series, in which host Neil Patrick Harris presides over a competition between teams of bright youngsters — in this premiere, The Dork Side and Team on a Roll. Spelling, math and memorization are among the tests they face.

"When Calls the Heart" (8 p.m., Hallmark): The course of true love rarely runs smooth, and sure enough, Jack and Elizabeth (Daniel Lissing, Erin Krakow) find their wedding plans in serious jeopardy in a new episode called "My Heart Is Yours." Elsewhere, Bill (Jack Wagner) runs into difficulties of his own while transporting a prisoner. Lori Loughlin also stars.

"Here and Now" (8 p.m., 9 p.m., HBO): Knocked off his pins by a startling revelation, Ramon (Daniel Zovatto) looks to the past for escape in the new episode "Fight, Death." Kristen (Sosie Bacon) finds comfort in the Torah, while Farid (Peter Macdissi) seeks meaning in a translation. Audrey (Holly Hunter) gets a warm reception from Steven Benjamin (guest star Tim DeKay), an old college friend, concerning her Empathy Initiative pitch. Greg (Tim Robbins) submits a forward to Duc's (Raymond Lee) book.

"Kingpin" (8 p.m., History): The new episode "El Chapo" takes place in 1990s-era Mexico, which is being rocked by three violent cartels competing bitterly for the country's drug trade. One brutal and ruthlessly ambitious narco eventually rises above all the others, however, managing to create a single unified — and absolutely terrifying — cartel, in the process claiming a reputation as the most powerful criminal in the history of Mexico.

"Madam Secretary" (9 p.m., CBS): Facing oppression in their homeland, LGBTQ individuals get a literal escape route thanks to Jay and Kat (Sebastian Arcelus, Sara Ramirez) in the new episode "Refuge." That may last only so long, though, since that country shuts its borders — and American allies develop concerns about the situation. Executive producer Eric Stoltz directed the story and also appears in his recurring series role. B.D. Wong guest stars. Tea Leoni, Tim Daly, Zeljko Ivanek and Geoffrey Arend also star.

"Timeless" (9 p.m., NBC): Expect to see plenty of tire tracks in the new episode "The Darlington 500," as Wyatt, Lucy and Rufus (Matt Lanter, Abigail Spencer, Malcolm Barrett) venture back to a 1950s stock-car race to stop a plot against the entire U.S. automotive industry. A pivotal character in the story is real-life NASCAR driver Wendell Scott, played here by guest star Joseph Lee Anderson, but previously portrayed by Richard Pryor in the 1977 movie "Greased Lightning."

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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (March 18): Expand boundaries this year. Travel and study with support from friends. Take charge and find funding as you go. Summer brings sweet romance before inner reflection inspires visions that energize your work and health. Family and community light up next winter. Share your discoveries.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Things come together naturally. Words, love and inspiration propel a personal project. Follow your mom's advice and win. Visualize perfection. Contribute to a miracle.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 6. You're especially sensitive for a few days. Lay low and recharge. Don't get rushed into buying anything. Wait for developments. Consider your moves in advance.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Share what you're learning. Your friends are there for you. Talk about collaborative efforts, and offer support. Contribute to common benefit and mutual gain.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Angels guide your actions. Confer with loved ones and make important professional decisions. Take on fresh responsibility. Imagine a perfect scenario. You're gaining respect.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Expand your frontiers. Get out and explore your subject up close. Revise plans on the fly. Traffic, shipping and communications flow with greater ease.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Handle financial paperwork, administration, accounts and records. Keep your frugal habits and divert a trickle of funds to savings. Budget to realize a dream.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Collaboration allows fresh possibilities. You may not always agree. Communication reveals areas of shared commitment. Determine roles and responsibilities. Do what you say.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Nurture your health, fitness and energy with solid nutrition and steady practices. Build strength and endurance. Balance high activity with rest.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Your greatest strength is love. Express your heart in words, images or sound. Share interests, enthusiasms and passions. Explore a mutual attraction.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 6. Family comes first for a few days. Energy spent improving your home pays rewarding dividends. Adapt to new circumstances. Make beauty a priority.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. You're especially clever with communications and data. Tread carefully around conflicting interests. Write, summarize and edit your views. Get the word out.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. New revenue is possible. Keep promises, deadlines and bargains. Your word is your greatest wealth. Create a work of beauty. Profits arise naturally.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

Bridge

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K 4 3 ♥ J ♦ J 10 9 8 7 6 ♣ 6 3 2

West	North	East	South
3♣	Dbl	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	?

What call would you make?

Q.2—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 9 4 ♥ A Q 5 ♦ A J 9 8 ♣ 8 7 6 5
Partner opens two spades, weak, and right-hand opponent bids three clubs. What call would you make?

Q.3—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K Q J 6 ♥ A J 10 2 ♦ 7 ♣ K Q J 3

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A 8 ♥ K 9 8 ♦ A K J 4 3 ♣ A 9 6
As dealer, 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.

SATIETY (suh-TYE-ih-tee): Surfeit; fullness.

Can you find 18 or more words in SATIETY?

Average mark: 14 words
Time limit: 20 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:

sate; seat; seta; site; stat; state; stay; stet; stye; taste; tasty; teat; test; testy; east; easy; yeast; yeti

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IN PERFORMANCE

‘Margaritaville’ a tough sell on Broadway

By Chris Jones
Chicago Tribune



MATTHEW MURPHY

Lisa Howard, from left, Alison Luff, Paul Nolan and Eric Petersen star in “Escape to Margaritaville,” the Jimmy Buffett musical now on Broadway.

NEW YORK — For anyone who has watched some 40,000 Jimmy Buffett fans shout “Salt! Salt! Salt!” at Wrigley Field or Fenway Park and proceed en masse to move their fins first to the left and then to the right, Wednesday night at the Marriott Marquis Theatre was, at first, a bit of a cold shower. It might have been five o’clock somewhere, but not so much here.

Buffett fans — the core audience, maybe the only audience, for the new musical “Escape to Margaritaville” — seemed weirdly closeted. A couple of rows from me, two clasped palms snaked up into the air for a couple of milliseconds on “Fins,” only to rapidly return to a safer lap. It was like they had been smacked by a coconut flung by a spokesperson for sobriety, Gotham branch.

It all felt indicative of the challenge this musical — which I first reviewed in Chicago and which has been significantly improved since then — faces on Broadway. Unless you are three sheets to the wind, you cannot declare this “Mamma Mia”-style fusion of the Buffett oeuvre and a retro sitcom book by Greg Garcia and Mike O’Malley to be a font of artistic innovation, or any innovation, really. It attempts no such thing.

It just wants to be fun and provide a vehicle for people to enjoy the genuinely formidable Buffett catalog of beach and sea songs, ditties of love and ennui, optimism and regret, hopping between the genres of country, folk and reggae, songs that have come to epitomize the experience of leaving Cincinnati for a week and heading to a tropical island, only to spend most of your time at a bar full of other people from Ohio. ’Cause you like people from Ohio who like Buffett.

Which just happens to be the plot. A young(ish) Buffett-like singer, Tully (played by Paul Nolan) plies his trade for escapist tourists drinking, and hoping for, Sex on the Beach at a low-end but likable hotel on some unspecified island. He loves ’em for a week, and then packs ’em off to the shuttle bus for the airport. That’s until Rachel (Alison Luff) shows up. Rachel is smart, but uptight and a workaholic. It’s Tully’s job to chill out Rachel (mostly by sensitively singing the likes of “Son of a Son of a Sailor”), and Rachel’s job is to defeat Tully’s Hakuna Matata attitude and help him start a musical career.

The two lovers each have sidekicks, who fall in love themselves: Tammy (Lisa Howard), a warmhearted Midwesterner about to marry some very wrong Cro-Magnon Ohioan until she meets Brick (Eric Petersen), a low-ambition bartender, but a decent, funny, marriable guy. Oldsters (a key Buffett demographic) have their own couple with the urge to merge: salty old Key West-type dude J.D. (Don Sparks) and hotel owner Marley (Rema Webb), who just needs to stop gossiping and get her groove back. (The choreographer is Kelly Devine.)

To say this all neat typology strains credulity is to miss the point and be miserable.

The show is very careful to tread within the sensibilities of the moment: The men in the show are often shirtless, but this is the rare beach hotel where you see no bikinis, and the far smarter and driven women in the show mostly control the far less intelligent and lazier men. But this is still a romantic comedy that just wants everyone to chill out and meet in the middle, ideally over a long, slow, comfortable fruity cocktail. The kind you’d find at the chain of restaurants that share the show’s name, sure, but also a manifestation of Buffett’s fundamentally valuable message of inclusivity. He is the rare artist able to speak both to Red- and Blue-State America; his only rival there is Dolly Parton. And, say I, what would we all do without them? Fight all the time?

The director Christopher Ashley has done some solid work on “Margaritaville,” a show that does not now feel tacky or exploitative and has dedicated itself to ensuring that the audience has to do no work whatsoever. That may sound like a complaint — and of course it is — but I also see that nobody goes to a Buffett show to work. That’s for the rest of the week. This is Saturday night, figuratively, anyway.

If you can swallow the premise (and good luck with that), you’ll find some lines that land (far more than in Chicago), and some clunkers that make you sink deeper into your seat. You will find some comedic and counterintuitive arrangements and placements of the Buffett songs, especially the title number, which is the best moment in the show. You will note great similarities with “Mamma Mia!” — only everyone is older and they drink more.

But you also will find genuine heart and — most important of all — you will be at the rare Broadway show that is genuinely interested in what Middle America enjoys and uses that empathy to prod it to be just a tad more progressive and personally ambitious. There should be such a show, flawed, formulaic and out-of-place as it may be, in the world’s premiere marketplace for musical entertainments, and thus “Margaritaville” has a value that many will miss.

I still feel — as I did in Chicago — that Nolan, whose takes on these songs are very appealing, is too distant from the audience, as is the band, a key component of the Buffett experience. Luff, who is another fine vocalist, could be funnier, but then she’s stuck being an environmental scientist who wants to change the world. The leads have still to develop the chemistry you can already enjoy in the two comic off-leads.

But the cast overall is perfectly likable — and on the second viewing, I developed some weird affection for this silly, middlebrow, blue-collar thing, mostly because it ignores most of the Broadway rules, may well take it on the chin for doing so but just wants to give ordinary people a good time. Buffett is an important American artist; there is at least some of what he has achieved in this show. The question will be whether his fans can find him here.

“Escape to Margaritaville” is at the Marquis Theatre, 210 W. 46th St., New York; 877-250-2929 or ***www.ticketmaster.com****.*

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TRAVEL

Exhibitions of eccentricity

From Iceland to Missouri, quirky museums explore male anatomy, marzipan, pencil sharpeners and more

By Katherine Rodeghier
Chicago Tribune

Sure, you'll be enlightened by visits to the Louvre in Paris, the British Museum in London and the Smithsonian Institution in our nation's capital. But for an atypical take on the human experience, check out these unusual museums and their oddball collections.

World of Coca-Cola

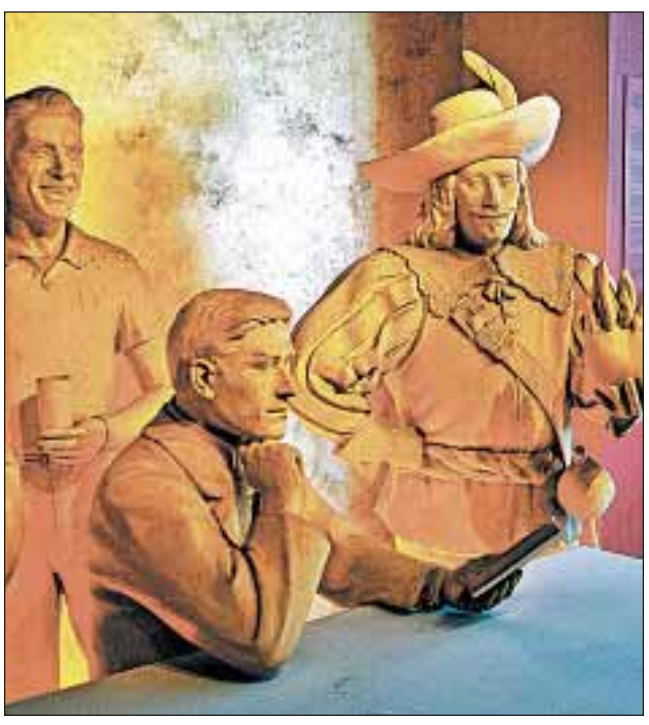
Most people know how Coca-Cola tastes, but at this attraction in downtown Atlanta, they can sample more than 100 of the company's most popular beverages around the globe, including Inca Kola, a sweet, fruity yellow drink created in Peru in 1935; Bibo Candy Pine-Nut, an African beverage with pineapple and coconut flavors; and Thums Up, the strong, top-selling drink of India.

The Coca-Cola experience includes a visit to The Vault, where the secret formula is kept, along with displays on its origins, myths and legends. Galleries in The Milestones section house exhibits on the history of Coke, featuring a 19th-century soda fountain similar to the one where the drink was first served and a 1939 Chevrolet truck used to deliver the product in Argentina. Other attractions include a 4-D (multisensory) movie, Coca-Cola TV ads from around the world, a peek at the bottling process and a chance to have a photo taken with the Coca-Cola polar bear.



KATHERINE RODEGHIER/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Delivered all the way from Argentina, a vintage Coca-Cola delivery truck occupies a corner of the World of Coca-Cola museum in Atlanta, the city where the soft drink giant is based.



KATHERINE RODEGHIER/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Life-size marzipan figures draw attention in the Marzipan Museum above the Niederegger store in Lubeck, Germany.

Marzipan Museum

Lubeck, Germany, enjoys a reputation for producing some of the world's finest marzipan. Nowhere is it more celebrated than at Niederegger, a confectioner that has been turning out the almond and sugar sweet since 1806. Upstairs from the store and cafe stand a dozen life-size marzipan mannequins styled as figures from Lubeck's history, along with a marzipan model ship and Faberge-like eggs. Exhibits and a video explain the history of marzipan and how it's made. Originally from the Middle East, it was carried home by Crusaders in boxes called mataban. Today shoppers can choose from the store's 300 varieties of marzipan.

National Cookie Cutter Historical Museum

In many kitchens, the humble cookie cutter is relegated to the back of a cabinet until Christmastime, but in Joplin, Mo., it takes center stage all year in a section of the Joplin Museum Complex.

These cute kitchen utensils fill 11 display cases tracing their history. Europeans used hand-carved wooden molds to press dough into a variety of shapes, and when they immigrated to the U.S. they brought their molds with them.

Tinsmiths created the first American-made cookie cutters in the 1700s. These were followed by cutters made of aluminum and then, when metal was scarce during World War II, plastic. Companies gave away cutters as an incentive to buy their baking products.



KATHERINE RODEGHIER/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A collection of 3,450 pencil sharpeners is on display in a tiny building in the garden at the Hocking Hills Regional Welcome Center near Logan, Ohio.

Paul A. Johnson Pencil Sharpener Museum

What started off as a hobby for a retired minister has become a curiosity at the Hocking Hills Regional Welcome Center near Logan, Ohio.

The Rev. Paul A. Johnson began collecting pencil sharpeners more than 25 years ago, after his wife gave him two shaped like metal toy cars as Christmas gifts. The collection grew to 3,450 sharpeners in a variety of shapes and themes. Some celebrate the holidays, while others replicate animals — horses, cats, dogs. Some are shaped like food, some like symbols of the zodiac. There are sharpeners representing popular travel destinations, like Disneyland and Spain, and some devoted to history and religion.

After Johnson's death, the tiny museum building was moved on a flatbed truck from the Johnsons' property to the front garden of the welcome center, where visitors to the Hocking Hills region stop in for tourist information. The sharpeners were carefully unpacked and placed on shelves in their original positions.

International Spy Museum

James Bond wannabes get a taste of spycraft in Washington, D.C., at the only public museum in the nation dedicated to espionage.

The "School for Spies" exhibit contains more than 200 artifacts, including a CIA disguise kit and a buttonhole camera on a coat worn by KGB operatives. Historical displays detail the undercover work of purported (and executed) spy Mata Hari, cookbook author Julia Child and film director John Ford. A special exhibit chronicles 50 years of James Bond villains. In two immersive experiences, participants can try to locate a missing nuclear device and go on a GPS-based outdoor walking mission. The museum store stocks disguise kits, spy toys and books.

In the fall, the museum is scheduled to move from its current location in the Penn Quarter to a building at L'Enfant Plaza, where it will more than double its floor space.



INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM

This lipstick pistol was employed by KGB operatives during the Cold War.



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The Icelandic Phallological Museum displays male sex organs from a wide array of mammals.

Icelandic Phallological Museum

This storefront museum in downtown Reykjavik, Iceland, displays the male reproductive organ of almost every land and sea mammal in Iceland — and several more from outside this northern island nation.

It devotes itself to phallology, the scientific study of the male member, and includes 282 specimens from 93 species of animals, most of them preserved in jars of formaldehyde or dried and displayed on the wall or in glass cases. The smallest, the baculum (penis bone) of a hamster, measures 0.08 of an inch and must be viewed with a magnifying glass, while the largest, from a blue whale, spans 67 inches — and that's just the tip.

Other animals represented in the collection include an African elephant, polar bear, seal, mouse, walrus, moose, giraffe and weasel. Five human donations have been pledged by men from Germany, England and the U.S. upon their deaths.

The museum's founder, historian Sigurdur Hjartarson, says his interest in phallology began when he received a pizzle — a dried bull's penis made into a whip — while on summer vacation in the Icelandic countryside. His collection grew and was passed to his son, now the curator of the museum, which draws more than 12,000 people a year.

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Underrated Ljubljana full of ambience



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CAMERON HEWITT/RICK STEVES' EUROPE

The architecture of Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, reflects a mixture of Germanic, Mediterranean and Slavic cultures.

Tiny Slovenia — wedged between the Alps and the Adriatic — is one of Eastern Europe's most unexpectedly delightful destinations. Located where the Germanic, Mediterranean and Slavic worlds come together, its capital, Ljubljana, enjoys a happy hodgepodge of cultures. Walking through its cobbled Old Town, you'll encounter one-of-a-kind architecture, festivals filling the summer air, and a leafy riverside promenade packed with stylishly dressed students — and just a few tourists.

Ljubljana feels small, but it's by far the country's largest city and its cultural capital. It's bursting with well-presented, we-try-harder museums celebrating Slovenian history and culture. These include the Slovenian History Exhibition at the castle, the City Museum of Ljubljana and the Contemporary History Museum in Tivoli Park.

But ultimately, this town is all about ambience. It's the kind of place where graffiti and crumbling buildings seem elegantly atmospheric instead of shoddy. But many of those buildings have been getting a face-lift recently, as a spunky mayor has been spiffing up the place and creating gleaming traffic-free zones left and right — making what was already an exceptionally livable city into a pedestrians' paradise.

Batted around by history, Ljubljana has seen cultural influences from all sides — most notably Belgrade, Prague, Vienna and Venice. In ancient times, Ljubljana was on the trade route connecting the Mediterranean (just 60 miles away) to the Black Sea. Legend has it that Jason and his Argonauts founded Ljubljana when they stopped here for the winter on their way home with the Golden Fleece. Centuries of rule from Vienna under the German-speaking Habsburgs seems to have both inspired an appreciation of the good life and strengthened the local spirit. And the time it spent in the 20th century as part of Yugoslavia failed to dampen this upbeat vibe.

Today the city is filled with university students — making it feel very youthful — and ensuring that most of the locals speak excellent English. This is no sleepy backwater; Ljubljana is on the cutting edge when it comes to architecture, public art, fashion and trendy pubs. In its relaxed pedestrian center, it seems all roads lead to the main square. Fancy facades and whimsical bridges ornament daily life with a Slovenian twist.

The Triple Bridge — where the town square joins the river — is both a popular meeting place and a beloved symbol of the city. The bridge seems almost Venetian. That's because its architect recognized that Ljubljana is located midway between Venice and Vienna, and the city itself was — and still is — a bridge between the Italian and Germanic worlds.

The riverfront market is a hive of activity, where big-city Slovenes enjoy buying directly from the farmer. The market is a great opportunity to connect with the locals. It's worth an amble anytime, but is best on Saturday mornings, when the townspeople take their time wandering the stalls.



DOMINIC ARIZONA BONUCCELLI/RICK STEVES' EUROPE

One popular Ljubljana day trip is a visit to Lake Bled, which encircles a church-topped island and is ringed by peaks.

As Slovenia is small and laced with modern freeways, virtually every sight is within an hour or two of Ljubljana — including U.S. first lady Melania Trump's hometown. Since the Habsburg days, nearby Lake Bled is where Slovenes have taken their guests — whether kings or cousins — to show off their natural wonders. Lake Bled retains an aura of the Romantic Age, with an iconic church-topped island accessed by romantic flat-bottomed "pletna" boats. Strolling the 3 miles around the lake, visitors enjoy ever-changing views. Crews stroke rhythmically through glassy waters, merging natural and human grace.

A short drive takes you into a totally different landscape: Slovenia's Karst region — a high, fertile and windblown plateau. In this land of stout hill towns and rugged farmers, grapes for the full-bodied local red wine thrive in the iron-rich soil. Since local limestone is easily dissolved by water, the Karst is honeycombed with a vast network of caves and underground rivers. The most dramatic cave to tour is Skocjan. Visitors begin by seeing a multitude of formations in a series of large caverns. Guides tell the story as, drip by drip, stalactites grow from spaghetti-thin strands to sequoialike stone pillars. In the grand cavern, the sound of a mighty river crashes through the mist.

Though it's just a quick trip away from the tourist throngs in Venice, Munich and Vienna, Slovenia has stayed off the tourist track — making it a handy detour for in-the-know travelers.

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If you go

Lodging: Lesar Hotel Angel's 12 crisp, white rooms and private garden are plush and inviting (splurge, **www.angelhotel.si**). Mescanka ("City Woman") rents cozy, well-equipped rooms in a fantastic location along the riverfront promenade (moderate, **www.mescanka.si**).

Dining: Gostilna As ("Ace"), tucked into a courtyard just off the main square, is a venerable mainstay that pleases fish lovers (splurge, Copova 5A, tel. 011-386-1425-8822). Klobasarna is a low-cost foodie option specializing in "kranjska klobasa" — traditional Carniolan sausage (budget, Ciril-Metodov trg 15, mobile 011-386-5160-5017).

Getting around: Virtually all of Ljubljana's sights are easily accessible by foot. When you get tired, flag down a Kavalir (a green electric cart) and ride it anywhere in the pedestrian zone ... for free.

Tourist information: www.visitljubljana.com





MANDY CHILDRESS SHAW/INDIANAPOLIS ZOO

"Butterfly Kaleidoscope" returns to the Indianapolis Zoo's Hilbert Conservatory after a yearlong hiatus. More than 30 species of butterflies and moths will be on display.

NEWS TO USE

By Phil Marty
Chicago Tribune

Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

■ The Indianapolis Zoo will have some tiny critters on view through Sept. 3 during the "Butterfly Kaleidoscope," which returns after a yearlong hiatus. More than 30 species of butterflies and moths will flit about the Hilbert Conservatory, with newly hatched beauties being released each day. **tinyurl.com/jz8jl2x**

■ Fans of amateur wrestling will want to head to Iowa City, Iowa, April 7-8 for the UWW Senior Men's Freestyle Wrestling World Cup at Carver Hawkeye Arena. The U.S. team will compete against teams from Cuba, Japan, Georgia, Russia, Iran, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan. **www.worldcupiowacity.com**

■ Meltfest 2018 will be March 24 in Rockford to celebrate the melting away of winter. The free, family-friendly festival will be downtown at the Prairie Street Brewhouse and surrounding areas. There will be a 5K run, bike ride, live music, ice skating, science and magic shows, and more. Later in the afternoon, there will be adult activities that include beer tastings and more music.

■ The Field & Stream/Outdoor Life Deer & Turkey Expo will be April 6-8 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wis. A variety of hunting exhibitors will be on hand, and there will be seminars and a shooting range. **tinyurl.com/y6vjn5zh**

■ Admirers of Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture may know he designed six hotels, five of which were built. They may not know that just one still exists: the Historic Park Inn in Mason City, Iowa. The hotel offers 27 guest rooms — no two alike — and includes the originally restored Historic Suite. Other features include the 1910 Grille and 1910 Lounge, which boasts a 100-year-old billiards table. **tinyurl.com/hhw6koj**

■ The Milwaukee Art Museum is showing the exhibit "Coming Away — Winslow Homer & England" through May 20. The exhibit focuses on the time when the famed artist left the U.S. at the peak of his popularity to live in a remote English village. **tinyurl.com/y7zh4gpx**

■ Classic Escapes offers an eight-night tour of Egypt that includes a four-night cruise on the Nile River. Priced from $2,695 per person, double occupancy, the tour also includes internal air, lodging, most meals and guided tours. International air is extra. **tinyurl.com/y96zlshk**

■ The new Hotel 50 Bowery in New York's Chinatown has a Reawaken to Spring Savings deal that takes 25 percent off on weekends and 20 percent during the week. Bookings must be made by April 30 for stays until June 30. **tinyurl.com/yc7qkn7o**

■ The Tennessee Williams Literary Festival will be March 21-25 in New Orleans. **www.tennesseewilliams.net**

*Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time. Listings are not endorsements. Send tips at least a month in advance to **ChicagoTribTravel@gmail.com**.*

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

Indian Ocean. The group of islands is located off the east coast of Africa and northeast of Madagascar.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

$850 fee to change ticket, even with husband in ER

By Christopher Elliott
King Features

My husband and I had tickets from Philadelphia to New Delhi on Virgin Atlantic this fall. We bought the tickets through CheapOair and paid $1,911. About 12 hours before the flight, my husband was admitted to the emergency room with severe stomach pains. Doctors diagnosed him with a small bowel obstruction and said he may need surgery the next morning. He had to stay in the hospital for two more days.

While my husband was in the emergency room, I called Virgin Atlantic to inform the airline that we wouldn't make the flight. A representative cut me off and directed me to call CheapOair. I called CheapOair, which gave me the choice of canceling and losing all the money or changing the reservation to a future date. I picked a date 2½ months later, not knowing if my husband needed surgery or how long the recovery period would take.

CheapOair told me I had to pay $850 at that very moment and then take up the matter with Virgin Atlantic for a refund due to the medical emergency.

I have contacted both Virgin Atlantic and CheapOair by phone and email. I've provided the hospital and physician reports to both of them. Both of them tell me that the other company has the money. I feel I am getting the runaround. Can you help me?

— Sunita Gupta, Voorhees, N.J.

A: I'm so sorry to hear about your husband's medical condition. In a situation like this, your airline and travel agent should work together to either rebook you on a future flight with little, if any, additional expense, or give you a full refund. No, they don't have to, but it's the right thing to do.

It doesn't really matter who has the money. CheapOair, as your travel agent, should have tried to help. I'm surprised someone tried to charge you an $850 fee to reschedule your flight to a random date. Normally, when you make it clear that you have to cancel a flight for circumstances beyond your control, like an emergency hospitalization, an online agency will work with a special "waivers and favors" department to secure a compassionate refund.

Bottom line: No one should force you to pay an extra $850 when your husband is in the ER. I'm certain that if CheapOair had fully understood your situation, it wouldn't have taken your money.

You kept an excellent paper trail on your complaint. It shows your agent and airline shifting the blame on each other. First Virgin told you it couldn't change your reservation and asked if you had travel insurance — you didn't, but that would have been a great idea — and then CheapOair told you the change fees were nonrefundable.

In this situation, an appeal to someone higher up might have helped. I list the contact information of executives at CheapOair (**www.elliott.org/company-contacts/fareportal**) and Virgin Atlantic (**www.elliott.org/company-contacts/virgin-atlantic-airways**) on my consumer-advocacy site.

I checked with your online agency, and it turns out that it had no intention of sticking you with $850 in change fees. CheapOair offered you either a full refund or use of your original ticket value plus the value of the change fees as a future credit, valid for one year. You went with the full refund, and Virgin Atlantic charged you a less painful $400 cancellation fee.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER
CHANDLER KINNEY

Teen fan of Tokyo's shopping, Disney

By Jae-Ha Kim
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Born and raised in California, Chandler Kinney resides in the Los Angeles area. Best known for her portrayal of Damon Wayans' daughter, Riana Murtaugh, on the Fox series "Lethal Weapon," the actress, 17, says her idea of a perfect vacation day is being someplace warm and enjoying a meal close to the ocean.

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

A: I've been fortunate enough to become a moderately experienced traveler. I'd say the No. 1 thing I've learned about traveling is to always be very respectful wherever you go. This sounds quite simple, yet it can sometimes be much easier than you think to slip up. Being conscious of volume, actions, gestures, words and space is crucial when traveling outside the country. Respect the people and respect the culture.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: Tokyo is one of my favorite places. My mom, my two brothers and I were there for four days. Two of our days were spent at Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea. We took our last day to explore the surrounding districts and towns of Tokyo.

Q: To someone who was going to Tokyo for the first time, what would you recommend that they do during their visit?

A: Definitely check out the Disney parks! From food to rides to characters, they have an incredible amount of unique elements that make Tokyo distinctly different from any other park. (In the city,) Akihabara, appropriately nicknamed "Electric Town," is a huge area filled with the biggest, brightest neon signs. It's the best place to find a wide variety of electronics, video games, manga and anime. Harajuku is another amazing place to visit. It's a supercute shopping district and is perfect for fashion-lovers.

Q: Where are your favorite weekend getaways?

A: Catalina Island (in California) is a lovely weekend getaway. Coming from the LA area, the island is only about an hour boat ride away. When you arrive, its distinct and endearing charm makes you feel like you've traveled to a different country. It's not only the perfect location for sipping a smoothie on a quiet beach, but also for a fun-filled day of hiking, kayaking and zip-lining.

Q: Where would you like to go that you have never been to before?

A: I really would love to explore New Zealand. I think most people would agree that it's one of the most beautiful, peaceful places on Earth. With its stunning landscapes and friendly people, it's the ideal location to rest and rejuvenate.

Q: What would be your ideal trip?

A: My dream trip would start in Paris with my family and possibly a close friend. We would spend two full days in Paris Disneyland and then spend a couple days exploring the city. I would try hot chocolate, croissants and macaroons in as many cafes as I could. And we would have a picnic beneath the Eiffel Tower and tour museums. Then we'd spend a week in Venice and take as many gondola rides as we could.

*For more from the reporter, visit **www.jaehakim.com**.*



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

The new "Americans" exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian will run through 2022.

D.C. exhibit examines Native American imagery

By Felicia Fonseca
Associated Press

Bold. Visionary. A spectacular success.

The words in an online promotion for a new museum exhibit in Washington, D.C., describe an 1830 U.S. law that forced thousands of American Indians from their lands in the South to areas west of the Mississippi River.

Provocative, yes, says the co-curator of the exhibit "Americans" that opened earlier this year at the National Museum of the American Indian. Bold and visionary in imagining a country free of American Indians. A spectacular success in greatly expanding wealth from cotton fields where millions of blacks worked as slaves.

"When you're in the show, you understand bold and visionary become tongue in cheek," co-curator Cecile Ganteaume said.

The exhibit that runs through 2022 has opened to good reviews and pushes the debate over American Indian imagery — men in headdresses with bows, arrows and tomahawks — and teams named the Chiefs, Braves and Blackhawks. The Washington Redskins logo on one wall prompts visitors to think about why it's described both as a unifying force in D.C. and offensive. Galleries expand on the Trail of Tears, Pocahontas and the Battle of Little Bighorn.

The exhibit falls short, some say, with its online characterization of the Indian Removal Act. The law led to the deaths of thousands of people who were marched from their homes without full compensation for the land they left behind, said Ben Barnes, second chief of the Shawnee Tribe.

Ganteaume said the exhibit and its website aren't meant to dismiss the experiences of American Indians. They challenge people to recognize how indigenous people are ingrained in America's identity and show how it happened, she said.



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On Kahlo and Rivera's colorful trail

Artists left imprint on Mexico City

By Anita Snow
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — With her unibrow, braided updo, colorful clothing and mustache, the late Mexican artist Frida Kahlo has become an idiosyncratic cult figure in the U.S.

Kahlo has an equally passionate following in her native Mexico City. Her face is plastered on everything from handbags and jewelry to wall hangings and aprons. Her husband, muralist Diego Rivera, was better known during their lifetimes, but she's eclipsed him in fame since their deaths in the 1950s.

All around Mexico City, Frida and Diego-philes can find the couple's work at over a dozen museums and public spaces. Here are some stops on the Kahlo-Rivera trail:

Casa Azul: The Frida Kahlo Museum, also known as Casa Azul or the Blue House for its cobalt blue walls, was Kahlo's birthplace and childhood home. She later lived there with Rivera for several years during their marriage. It opened as a museum in 1958 and is maintained to look as it would have in the 1950s. It's one of Mexico City's most popular museums. Displays include some of Kahlo's artwork, including a still life of watermelons called "Viva La Vida," or "Long Live Life." But the real draws are the memorabilia and other personal items, with earthenware pots in the kitchen, and Kahlo's corsets and colorful clothing. Located at Londres 247, Colonia Del Carmen, Coyoacan.

House and studio museum: Kahlo lived on and off in another blue house in the southern neighborhood of San Angel, a smaller structure connected by a walkway bridge to a white and pink house-studio once occupied by Rivera.



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Casa Azul, Frida Kahlo's birthplace and childhood home in Mexico City, is now a popular museum.

The couple lived there beginning in 1934. The buildings designed by painter and architect Juan O'Gorman are surrounded by tall cactuses and located a block from the San Angel Inn, a popular restaurant. Huge papier-mache skeleton and Judas figures populate Rivera's sunlight-flooded studio. Located at Avenida Altavista and Diego Rivera, Colonia San Angel Inn.

Dolores Olmedo Museum: This museum is the former home of a famous patron of the couple. It houses one of the most important collections of work by both artists, including some two dozen by Kahlo. Among the best known are Kahlo's "The Broken Column" and "Self Portrait With Small Monkey." (Note that this collection of Kahlo's work is in Italy through June.)

The sprawling complex of stone buildings dating to the 16th century also displays works of other Mexican artists. Luminous green and blue peacocks and hairless xoloitzcuintle dogs roam the grounds. Located at Avenida Mexico 5843, Hacienda La Noria, Xochimilco.

Diego Rivera Museo Anahuacalli: This museum is a pyramid built from black volcanic rock to house some 50,000 statues and other pre-Hispanic artworks collected by Rivera. Several of his sketches for murals are also displayed. Located at Museo 150, Coyoacan.



Tourists line up to enter the Frida Kahlo Museum, or Casa Azul.



Museum visitors can see a workspace where Kahlo painted. Displayed artwork includes still lifes.

Museum of Modern Art: Several of the couple's works are displayed here, including "The Two Fridas," one of Kahlo's most famous paintings. Located at Reforma and Gandhi, Chapultepec Park.

Diego Rivera Mural Museum: This small museum is home to Rivera's well-known mural "Dream of a Sunday Afternoon in Alameda Park." Initially created for a restaurant in the Hotel Prado, the mural was moved to the new museum after the hotel was nearly destroyed in the deadly 1985 earthquake. Located at Balderas and Colon, Colonia Centro.

Fine Arts Palace: The Palacio de Bellas Artes houses several Rivera murals, including "Man, Controller of the Universe," which features a workman surrounded by machinery. Several other important Rivera murals can be seen inside the palace, along with works by other muralists like David Alfaro Siqueiros. Located at Juarez and Eje Central, Centro Historico.

National Palace: Rivera painted a series of murals on the stairway walls and corridors of the Palacio Nacional, some depicting the conquest of Mexico by Spanish conquistadors including Hernan Cortes. Other murals feature pre-Hispanic cultures including the Zapotec and Mixtec civilizations. Located at Plaza de la Constitucion, Centro Historico.

San Idelfonso College: Rivera's mural "The Creation" can be seen at this museum and cultural center, which is regarded as the birthplace of the Mexican mural movement. Works by other muralists including Jose Clemente Orozco are also displayed. Located at Justo Sierra 16, Centro Historico.

Dolores Sump: Inside a monument to Mexico City's water system called the Carcamo de Dolores, Rivera painted a little-known mural, "Water, the Source of Life," in a pool. The work was designed to be viewed underwater but the pool was drained when it became clear that the work would slowly be ruined. Rivera also designed a fountain featuring the Aztec rain god Tlaloc. Located at Rodolfo Neri Vela, Second Section, Chapultepec Park.



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A visit to India and the Taj Mahal is one of Intrepid Travel's trips for one-parent families.

TRIPS, TIPS & DEALS

Family travel for solo parents

By Phil Marty | Chicago Tribune

Most tour offerings for families assume two parents and one or more kids. But we all know there are plenty of single-parent families, or both parents may not be able to travel. That's why the adventure travel company Intrepid Travel has come up with six new trips designed for solo parents and their kids. The modestly priced trips are offered in Costa Rica, Thailand, Northern India, Egypt, Vietnam and Morocco. These destinations were chosen to make it easier for solo parents who might feel intimidated to travel to these countries with their children. The 10-day Northern India Family Holiday, for example, costs $1,080 per person, with all kids 17 and under getting a 10 percent discount. This is a classic Golden Triangle tour of India, visiting cities such as Delhi, Jaipur and Agra and its Taj Mahal, as well as Ranthambore National Park for the chance to see Bengal tigers. Transportation on this trip ranges from bus to cycle rickshaw to train, and some days entail long rides. Some meals are included, and international air is extra. Details on this trip and the other solo-parent trips are at **tinyurl.com/y7q6zg77**.

Guten Tag, Josie

Munich Airport and Lufthansa are trying out a humanoid robot named Josie Pepper to assist passengers by answering questions and offering directions in Terminal 2. Josie speaks English and is in a testing phase to see how passengers will react. Using artificial intelligence, Josie will learn from passenger questions, and her answers will become more precise the more she gets grilled. You can see Josie at **tinyurl.com/y7mpptet**.

Charter a cruise

For families or groups of friends who like to vacation together, Pandaw, a pioneer in small-ship cruising in Southeast Asia, offers an interesting option: charters. The company has 16 ships that range in size from the five-cabin RV Kalay Pandaw, which will sleep up to 10 guests, to the 30-cabin RV Orient Pandaw and RV Indochina Pandaw, sleeping up to 60. Pandaw operates in Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and China and has set itineraries or can do custom trips. The cost of a charter varies, of course, depending on the size of the vessel, number of passengers, cruise length, dates and more. A seven-night Myanmar (Burma) charter on one of Pandaw's regular itineraries aboard a small ship, like the five-cabin Kalay Pandaw, might run about $35,000. That's also not a set quote, but Pandaw can be contacted at 844-361-6281 for specifics. For info: **www.pandaw.com**.

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GEAR BOX

Writing fine in the rain

By Judi Dash
Los Angeles Times

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NEED TO KNOW

At Vegas airport, bins let you ditch pot

By Regina Garcia Cano
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Tourists catching a flight out of Sin City can now dump their leftover legal marijuana in metal containers set up at the airport.

The 10 green bins dubbed "amnesty boxes" prevent federal transportation agents from finding pot on passengers during security screenings. The drug is legal in Nevada but still banned by the U.S. government.

The containers were installed in February following a county ban on marijuana possession and advertising at McCarran International Airport, aiming to keep it in compliance with federal law.



REGINA GARCIA CANO/AP

"Amnesty boxes" allow travelers to get rid of prescription and recreational pot at McCarran International Airport.

Transportation Security Administration agents normally hand over marijuana-related cases to local law enforcement. Las Vegas police say no citations have been issued stemming from the airport's ban on marijuana possession and advertising, passed in September.

The boxes are something travelers may have seen before — at least two airports in Colorado, where recreational marijuana is also legal, offer amnesty boxes.

Legal sales of recreational marijuana began in Nevada in July, and they have exceeded expectations despite a ban on consuming it in public, including the Las Vegas Strip, hotels and casinos.

Those 21 and older can buy up to an ounce and use it only in private homes.



The Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe fills a square city block in Berlin. In this city, the epicenter of Nazi Germany and later the Cold War, dark tourism can be hard to escape.

GOING DARK

3-city tour of Europe's World War II history brings painful past to life

Story and photos
By Patrick Regan
Chicago Tribune



A statue of Anne Frank stands near the house in Amsterdam where she and seven others hid from the Nazis during World War II.



Part of the former Jewish ghetto wall still stands in Krakow, Poland. Elsewhere in the city, Oskar Schindler's factory is now a museum.



The message in German that met prisoners, and now tourists, at Auschwitz means: "Work sets you free."

BERLIN — I trudged away from the German capital's Holocaust Memorial with damp eyes and an aching heart. For the first time, I had doubts about my solo trek through Europe to visit various World War II sites and monuments.

Why was I intentionally causing myself this level of sorrow? Was it emotionally healthy to see any more?

And I hadn't even visited Auschwitz yet.

My rough itinerary had been years in the making, before I knew it had a name: dark tourism.

The Anne Frank House in Amsterdam. Remnants of the Nazis in Berlin. Krakow's former Jewish ghetto. Visiting each is considered dark tourism, as is traveling to any site connected to suffering, death or natural disaster. The concept is fraught with ethical questions, and there is ample research dedicated to the subject.

While I have no personal connection to the Holocaust, I wanted to see and feel the history of the places about which I had devoured so many books, documentaries and Hollywood films.

"It sounds kind of depressing," said my wife, who gently opted out of the trip but encouraged me to go.

So I set out alone to see about a dozen dark tourism sites in three cities over eight days.

First stop: Amsterdam. The Anne Frank House is one of the city's most popular attractions, and for years it has been known for long lines and waits. That changed in 2016 with a switch to online ticketing and reservations. I arrived at my designated time and entered in a matter of seconds.

I was mesmerized by the bookcase that served as the brilliant secret door to the area where Anne and seven others hid from the Nazis. As I moved through the claustrophobic rooms where Anne wrote her famous diary, I felt the history, just as I had hoped. It was somber, informative and thrilling all at once.

A lump formed in my throat when I spotted the etchings on the wallpaper where Anne's father tracked his daughter's height during their two years in hiding. Just like the marks I make at home for my kids, I thought.

The whole tour lasts little more than an hour. That hour will stick with me for a lifetime, I suspect.

I found only brief mentions of the fascinating Dutch Resistance Museum in guidebooks, but it was worth the 20-minute walk outside the touristy center of Amsterdam. Interactive exhibits ask you to consider the risks and assess whether you would collaborate, resist or do nothing under Nazi rule.

About two blocks away is the Hollandsche Schouwburg, a former theater where Dutch Jews were held during WWII before being transported to Nazi concentration camps. The building now serves as a memorial and small museum to Holocaust victims. Exhibits are in Dutch only.

A helpful employee explained the train line outside the building, now used for public transit, was the same one by which the Nazis sent Jews to the camps. A train rolled by at that moment. Chills.

I also spent some time in a quiet room with a wall that lists every Dutch family with someone killed in the Holocaust. I looked for the only name I knew: Frank. Directly below Frangulea and above van Frank.

Amsterdam offers plenty of distractions from WWII history. If you can't find them, you're not trying. In Berlin — the epicenter of Nazi Germany and later the Cold War — dark tourism can be harder to escape.

Walk just about any direction from Berlin's famed Brandenburg Gate, and you will find echoes of the Third Reich. While the subject matter is grim, I felt an adrenaline rush as I approached each site.

To the north sits the Reichstag building, where politicians run Germany today. Messages scrawled by Russian soldiers who captured the Reichstag at the end of WWII remain preserved on the interior walls. Around the corner is Chancellor Angela Merkel's office. A few steps away, a spray of WWII bullet holes endures on a hallway stone.

A few blocks east, a window on the ground of a large public square called Bebelplatz offers a view of empty, white bookshelves below. It's a unique memorial to the Nazi book burning that took place there, but a distracting construction project nearby overshadowed the space and made it difficult to grasp the history.

South of the Brandenburg Gate, Berlin's dark history converges at one intersection along the Wilhelmstrasse, the street where much of the German government operated during WWII. On the corner sits an imposing, block-long building that housed the Aviation Ministry of the Third Reich, headed by Hermann Goering. Across the street, dug-out fragments of the Gestapo headquarters are on display. A lengthy stretch of the Berlin Wall divides the two Nazi-era structures.

I was almost fearful as I stared at the scraps of the Gestapo basement, then gazed up at the Berlin Wall and Goering's former office building.

A short detour off the Wilhelmstrasse takes you to the site of the underground bunker where Adolf Hitler killed himself at the end of the war. A small sign explains the bunker, which is not accessible. There's nothing else to see except an apartment building parking lot.

The modest signage at Hitler's bunker is in appropriate contrast to the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe less than 200 steps away. The memorial encompasses a square city block and includes hundreds of gray, concrete slabs varying in height, giving the site a cemetery vibe.

The information center beneath the memorial educates visitors about the Holocaust. It concludes in a dark room where names of victims are projected onto the wall, one at a time. A narrator briefly recites biographical information about each person. It's said it would take years to hear them all.

Leaving the memorial, I was drained. It was then that I doubted my itinerary. Over eight days, I needed several breaks from my trip's gloomy focus. This was one of those times, and a walk into the nearby Tiergarten, Berlin's version of Central Park, allowed me to recharge.

I left Berlin for Krakow, Poland, where the former factory of Oskar Schindler — made famous in Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List" — is now an impressive museum.

Two sections of the wall that surrounded Krakow's Jewish ghetto still stand. One part eerily forms a barrier along a modern children's playground.

Throughout my trip, I sensed the strongest connections to history in the little things, like peeking out the same window where Anne Frank once stole glimpses of the outside world. Touching the ghetto wall in Krakow had the same effect.

Lastly, I visited Auschwitz. The former Nazi death camp is about a 90-minute bus ride from Krakow.

My guided six-hour tour was as solemn as one would expect. It was also riveting, and I felt a trace of guilt. Is it wrong to be awed by the enormity of such a place?

As the tour ended and I walked toward the ominous Birkenau gatehouse, I reflected on my week of dark tourism. I expected that I might reach some grand conclusion, but there was none.

I reaffirmed that visiting physical sites offers a connection to history that can't be duplicated in a book or video. I learned about extraordinary evil and saw it was perpetrated in otherwise ordinary places. And I recognized the message of so many Holocaust books and movies: The crimes of the Nazis cannot be allowed to happen again.

Really, what other revelation could there be?

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FORK IN THE ROAD

Mexican mecca for wine

Baja's little-known, south-of-the-border spin on Napa Valley

Story and photos by Nicole Evatt
Associated Press

ENSENADA, Mexico — Wine lovers, listen up: There's a little-known gem just south of the border called Valle de Guadalupe.

It's a bit dustier and rougher around the edges than California's prized Napa Valley, but Baja's wine country offers a relaxed, unpretentious, budget-friendly experience clustered along a main highway in this region of Mexico known as the Ruta del Vino.

The fast-growing wine mecca just two hours south of San Diego is home to hip boutique hotels, an impressive culinary scene and more than 100 wineries to satisfy the most discerning of aficionados.

The greenest and busiest time to visit is May through September, but other months welcome serious connoisseurs looking for a quieter trip with more personal attention — often from the winemakers themselves. Add in a few crisp evenings spent sipping your favorite chardonnay by a fire pit, and you've got yourself a memorable wine getaway with a fraction of the fuss.



The rustic steakhouse Finca Altozano boasts sweeping views of Valle de Guadalupe in Baja California's Ensenada.

Sip tips

Vinas de Garza: This romantic hilltop tasting room has some of the best views in the valley. Tastings range from $10-$16. Don't leave without trying the Blanco del Rancho Mogorcito, a delightful sauvignon blanc-chardonnay blend that delivers bright, fruity, unoaked flavors ($17 a bottle).

Hacienda la Lomita: Family-run Lomita and its biodynamic sister location, Finca La Carrodilla, are committed to organic farming. Lomita's tiny, but trendy tasting room is known for its artsy ambience and ruby-red rosé, a marshmallow and caramel flavored dream ($12 a bottle). Tastings range from $12-$21.

Villa Montefiori: Set back off the main road, Montefiori's tasting room is a large viewing deck perched above its sprawling vineyard. It boasts "Mexican wines with an Italian heart" with vines imported from owner Paolo Paoloni's home country, Italy. Try a glass for $4; tastings range from $6-$24 and bottles run $16-$64.

Monte Xanic: This lakeside oasis is owned by a collective of Mexican families. It's one of the largest, oldest and most well-manicured properties in the area. The winery's dry and fruity malbec ($37 a bottle) was a standout. Tastings are $10-$17, and bottles range from $12-$53.



Vinas de Garza has a hilltop tasting room with some of the best views of the valley.



Wine tastings at Monte Xanic cost between $10 and $17.

Food finds

Come for the wine, but stay for the food. Valle de Guadalupe's restaurants serve up artistic, creative haute cuisine with a more palatable price than a comparable meal stateside.

Finca Altozano: This rustic, Instagram-friendly steakhouse whips up locally sourced, seasonal delights, like wood-fired quail and ahi tuna tostadas. The most memorable meal of the trip was Finca's grilled Pacific octopus in a mouthwatering citrus soy sauce. Don't forget to check out the gorgeous grounds and the larger-than-life wine barrel viewing decks, perfect for stargazing with a nightcap.

Adobe Food Truck: For a casual lunch with outdoor seating, stop by this popular food truck serving sandwiches, salads and tapas. Many plates are $5 or less.

Deckman's: Dine under the stars with an outdoor kitchen helmed by Michelin-starred chef Drew Deckman. The locally grown, farm-to-table fare includes Thai curry mussels and a five-course tasting menu for $40.

Plan like a pro

You can fly into Tijuana Airport or cross the border by car. To drive, you'll need a passport, a tourist card, also called an FMM (Forma Migratoria Multiple) and Mexican car insurance, which can be purchased in advance from a number of companies.

Visit on weekdays to avoid crowded tasting rooms and traffic jams at the border, but note that many wineries are only open Thursday through Sunday, and most close by 5 p.m. You can check border wait times online.

Credit cards are widely accepted throughout the Valle, but it may handy to pick up pesos before you arrive.

You can bring one liter of alcohol back per person, duty-free, to the U.S. Pay a small fee at the border for additional bottles. You're allowed 5 liters per passenger when traveling by plane.

Virginia college town gets high marks for food

By Debra Bruno
The Washington Post

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — This year is the bicentennial of the founding of the University of Virginia, so it's a good time to visit what some say Thomas Jefferson considered to be his proudest achievement.

Even for a college town with a sophisticated student population, Charlottesville seems to have a higher per capita ratio of foodies than other cities. There are enough restaurants that a local food writer creates the annual Charlottesville 29, and that list includes a diverse mix of farm-to-table, Mexican, Asian, new American and seafood restaurants.

Perhaps thanks in part to Jefferson's own forays into winemaking and the climate of the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the countryside around the city is home to a thriving wine scene, including the Monticello Wine Trail.

Start the day at the Corner, the neighborhood that is C-Ville's main center of activity, adjacent to the entrance to the grounds of the University of Virginia.

A friendly, homey choice is **The Pigeon Hole** (11 Elliewood Ave., 434-984-0078), in a boxy, periwinkle house. Its front patio, wooden porch and inside rooms are set up for dining.



C&O RESTAURANT

Duck confit with pappardelle served at C&O Restaurant, in Charlottesville, Va., since 1976.



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Mel's Cafe offers a fried chicken platter with mashed potatoes, a roll and gravy.



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The Pigeon Hole cooks up eggs and cheese, tucks that in biscuits and adds home fries.

Some satisfying breakfast items are the Pigeons in a Hole, two eggs cooked over easy inside holed-out toast; or the egg biscuits, eggs scrambled with cheese and tucked inside two fluffy biscuits. Choose home fries, which are spicy enough that I had to ask the waitress what was in them. ("I think cinnamon?") The coffee is an endless cup, and the chocolate chip pancakes are dark with chips.

Since this is a small place, it's a good idea to come early enough to beat out UVA students working off a night of partying, especially if a Cavaliers team won the day before.

Mel's Cafe (719 W. Main St., 434-971-8819), in a 1960s-era building on the edge of what was Vinegar Hill, the African-American neighborhood razed in the 1960s in the name of urban development, is situated midway between Charlottesville's downtown mall and the university.

The walls are decorated with newspaper pictures from the inauguration of President Barack Obama, and some sporting event is always playing on the TV above the counter. Mel Walker, the owner and chef, greets all the customers, whether they are regulars or out-of-towners who stumble upon the casual place.

Students might be drawn by the prices, but the tender fried chicken will make you forever compare all other fried chicken to Mel's. For less than $8, you'll get a platter with two substantial pieces of chicken and two sides, including mashed potatoes with gravy and coleslaw. The burgers are juicy and fresh, and the iced tea is very sweet. Nonetheless, we treated ourselves to a slice of sweet potato pie to top off the meal.

In a rustic building near the former C&O train station, the **C&O Restaurant** (515 E. Water St., 434-971-7044), has been in existence in some form since 1976. Today, in contrast to its rough-and-ready exterior and barn wood floors, the restaurant serves locally sourced, sophisticated "new American" cuisine. The upstairs room once served as a sleeping area for workers from the nearby railroad, but today is a cozy and intimate spot for a meal.

Start with a Lone Tree, a smooth cocktail made with vermouth and gin, served with a lemon twist. Favorites were the very rich pear and pecorino ravioli appetizer ($15), and the braised lamb in a tomato sauce with ricotta gnocchi. Also tasty: roasted Scottish salmon with puy lentils and seared scallops with whipped cauliflower and a golden-raisin caper sauce. If you can save room, the sticky toffee pudding with mascarpone or the chocolate bread pudding with caramel sauce are luscious.

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His kiss — and presence — unwanted

Dear Amy: During the holidays, my fiance and I attended a party. A friend's husband was overly flirty with me, and during the typical polite hug goodbye, he grabbed my chin and planted a kiss square on my lips. I shoved him away, gave him a few choice words and left quietly. I didn't want to ruin the evening with a scene.

Here's my dilemma: My fiance and I are getting married this summer, and there is no way we want this man to attend our wedding. I feel disrespected, and I also don't trust that he won't do something else inappropriate.

I know I missed the opportunity of letting my girlfriend know what happened in a timely manner, but I was afraid to approach her, and I worried this would disrupt their family's holiday. She and I have known each other for close to 20 years but don't have a very close friendship. Still, her absence from the guest list will be obvious. Do you have any suggestions as to how to approach this, other than turning back time?

— Worried Bride

Dear Worried: Your account of this incident conveys why women don't come forward in the moment: Even though you pushed this guy away, you took on responsibility for not "making a scene."

As your friend's husband, this man would normally be included in a wedding invitation, but in this case, rather than omit inviting her altogether, you should consider inviting her, but letting her know that due to her husband's behavior toward you at this holiday party, he is not welcome to accompany her. You can then expect her to decline your invitation.

This will not be easy. It requires that you do all of the things now that you avoided previously: offering an honest account of your experience and explaining the consequence.

This might be quite painful for your friend to hear. She might double down, defend her guy's actions, downplay the impact on you and back away from your kinship. However, she has a right to know how her husband behaved and how it has affected you (and now, her). This might be a wake-up call for both of them; if cocktails fueled this behavior, he should reconsider his intake.

Dear Amy: I have a friend group of five women. Together, we have 10 married sons (our sons don't know each other).

We were all very caring parents, enjoying close relationships with our sons. We saw that all of them had stable homes, lots of love and good educations.

Once they got married, ALL of us have endured various amounts of exclusion, rudeness and isolation. One member of the group has NEVER even been allowed to see one of her son's children. How devastating.

We don't sit around and bad-mouth our daughters-in-law. We would all LOVE to have these smart, beautiful women closer to us, but instead, we seem to lose our sons. I'm confused about why so many of that generation are so uncaring to their in-laws. We treated our in-laws with gratitude. What do you think?

— MIL

Dear MIL: This dynamic seems to crop up even before the wedding, when grooms become marginalized. Then, in most families, women still assume the great bulk of the work of household and parenting.

Naturally, these women who run the household and control the family schedule are more oriented toward their own parents than their partner's.

Some of this dynamic will change when men step up and assume more of a role at home. This is definitely happening, but until it does, parents of sons should ask them to be more proactive about evening out family time.

Dear Amy: You made a wise statement in a recent column: "Anxiety doesn't make people mean." Years ago, my psychiatrist wouldn't allow the excuse that having anxiety and depression gave me the freedom to be rude. She said I had "poor social skills" and had to learn to get along better and act like an adult. Your advice to "Anxious" was spot-on.

— Grown-up

Dear Grown-up: Very sage advice from your psychiatrist. And you were wise to follow it.

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balancing act

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Ease kids' anxiety, but keep expectations

Reassure them, yet set high goals — a 'weird little needle'



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An expert advises trying to take the pressure off your kids without compromising expectations for them.

So here's a thing I messed up recently.

I was driving my daughter and her debate team partner to a debate tournament, and they were in a sweat about the task ahead.

One was in tears, one was certain they'd lose all four rounds, both wondered whether they were cut out for debate club in the first place.

They were cramming at our dining room table until midnight the previous night. They knew the material. They just couldn't shake their fear that certain defeat awaited them.

"You guys," I said, climbing atop my metaphorical soapbox. "I have a feeling you're going to do great. And you know what? If you don't do great? It doesn't actually matter. There's nothing at stake here.

"Worst-case scenario: You lose all four rounds," I continued, my voice nearing a crescendo. "So what? What happens? Your parents still love you exactly the same. None of your friends will shun you. You don't get kicked off the team. You're not getting graded.

"It's practice!"

(I was getting to the poignant part.)

"Practice for future debate tournaments, sure. But also practice for life! You're learning to look at issues from both sides! You're learning to communicate clearly and quickly! You're practicing skills that will serve you in countless, critical ways! You've got this! And if you don't, no biggie!"

And with that, they scurried off — armed with my rousing pep talk; relieved, no doubt, to finally escape it.

I think they won two rounds and lost two rounds. I honestly don't remember. The important part is what comes next.

Another debate tournament came around and my daughter and her partner spent the evening prior cramming, sort of, at our dining room table.

"How are you guys feeling about tomorrow?" I asked, ready to swoop in with my trademark wisdom if necessary.

"Eh," my daughter's partner answered. "It's not like it really matters."

Oh, no. No, no, no, no. What hath my wisdom wrought? Why did I word it that way? And why did they choose that moment, of all moments, to listen to me?

"I mean, it matters," I stammered. "You definitely want to go in there prepared ...."

It was too late. The damage was done. My only hope, at this point, was to stanch the bleeding.

I called John Duffy. He's a clinical psychologist and author of "The Available Parent: Expert Advice for Raising Successful, Resilient, and Connected Teens and Tweens" (Viva Editions). His "Undue Anxiety" podcast tackles timely, tricky challenges in smart, relatable ways.

Certainly, I told him, I'm not the first parent to wonder how to walk this thin, ever-moving line: Ease your child's performance anxiety, but not to the point where they don't bother performing.

"As parents, we're all trying to find this lane that is somewhere in between taking the pressure off and keeping the expectations high," Duffy said. "You're threading this really weird little needle."

Yes. Poorly. Help.

"You want them to hear, 'I know you're smart and capable and talented. I expect you to try your best and you should expect that of yourself,' " he said. " 'And you don't have to be perfect — in fact, you can't be perfect. No one is. But you're not free from trying.' "

I wasn't direct enough about the trying, I guess.

"Kids catastrophize, and you want to take the catastrophic, all-or-nothing feelings out of it," he said. "You took the catastrophic out of it, but you didn't lay in the expectation."

Ideally, we set up our kids to experience the direct correlation between effort invested and results experienced.

"You have to give kids the recognition that they're capable," he said. "And the agency to know they have some control over how they do: 'If you did that times table 10 more minutes a day, I wonder if that C could become a B.'"

What should I have said, if not in that first car ride, then later? In the "not like it matters" moment?

Something like this:

"I want you to know that the sky doesn't fall if you lose a debate," Duffy suggested. "But at the end of the day, I know you carry a degree of greatness and I expect you to fulfill that."

By giving your endeavors your time and attention. Not by knocking every one of them out of the park.

It can be equally stressful, Duffy said, for kids to hear that their parents don't expect them to do all that well.

"Kids internalize that show of no-confidence," he said. "They need to hear that their parents believe in them."

My kids hear that in spades. My challenge, should I choose to accept it (I do! I swear!) is to layer in high expectations too.

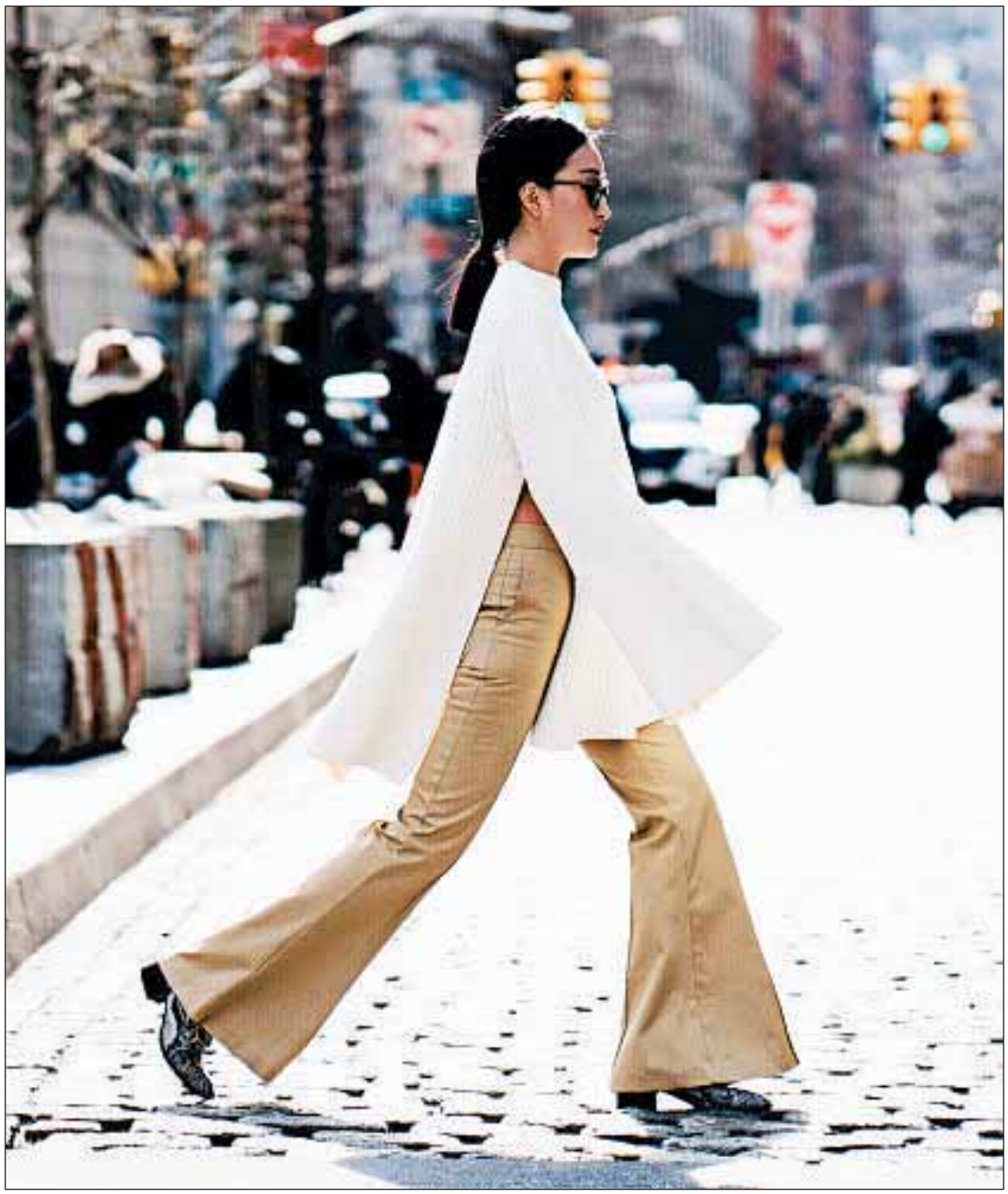
(Especially, I suppose, when I'm driving other people's children around and treating them to my pearls of wisdom.)

Lucky for me, there's a debate tournament — the final one of the school year — coming up in a few days. I'm ready.

Fashionistas follow Chicago blogger

25-year-old's style attracts fans, H&M

By Christen A. Johnson
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TIM REGAS/H&M

Kayleigh Li steps out in H&M's Studio collection. The retailer brought Li and other bloggers to New York.

Kayleigh Li has a loyal band of followers — 40,000 loyal followers to be exact. And that's just on Instagram.

The Chicago-based fashion blogger, who came to the United States from China when she was 16 years old, has been tagged as a "micro-influencer." The term describes social media users who have a significantly smaller, but more focused, group of followers than traditional influencers.

Li actually caters to two audiences: Her Instagram account is dedicated to her followers in the U.S., and she has a small blog for her audience in China. She also uses a Chinese social media site similar to Twitter.

Because of her international fashion influence, Li was one of the fashion bloggers invited to New York for an exclusive look at H&M's Spring/Summer 2018 collection.

In the midst of all this, the 25-year-old still manages her full-time day job as a data analyst.

Below is a conversation with Li on her blogging, her partnership with H&M and how she balances it all. Responses have been edited for space and clarity.

Q: Being a data analyst by day and fashion blogger by night could be a tough balance. How do you find time for both?

A: It was a little stressful at the beginning because my work is really intense, and I have to be 100 percent focused during the day. When I get home, I spend two to three hours going through the pictures I took over the weekend and then create the content and edit. On the weekends, I will spend a full day, sometimes a day and a half, to do all the shooting. My day job and my blog are both my passion. I don't want to give up either.

Q: Can you share more about what your process is in terms of shooting, posting, etc.? What does it entail?

A: I style outfits on Thursday or Friday. Then I'll go with my fiance, who normally takes my photos, to pick plain, clean backgrounds without a lot of colors. We do the shooting, then I upload all the photos. I go through and decide which ones I want to post. For Instagram, I normally post two to three photos for one outfit. I do edits on my phone because I don't have much time to do Photoshop.

Q: When did you start on Instagram and get into fashion blogging?

A: It was a little over a year ago, right after I moved to Chicago from Los Angeles. Initially, I was just trying to have an outfit diary for myself, and then I started to get noticed by people.

Q: Why did you want to start a fashion blog?

A: I've always been interested in the fashion industry. My mom is a modern lady who wears fun, quality, stylish clothing that has attitude. I learned how to dress from her. Then I started to develop my own style. It's something I've always been interested in.

Q: What was it like when you realized you were gaining a big following? Did you set out to be this micro-influencing star?

A: I think it was like more of a process. I actually didn't do anything to promote my brand or do anything on purpose. I was just posting pictures and interacting with people.

Q: How did you maintain and grow your audience?

A: The most important thing is to share quality content. People follow you because they like your style and outfits and want to see more of it. People want to see creativity and originality. But it's not only about the outfits, but interacting with your followers and making them your friends, if possible.

Q: You have 40,000 followers on Instagram. What does it mean to you to be a micro-influencer?

A: It's really exciting to know that my choices of outfits and style affect how people are going to choose their own. At the same time, it comes with a lot of pressure. What if an outfit isn't good enough or I don't have the inspiration or the creative angle to post something?

Q: Talk a little bit about the partnership you have with H&M. How'd you get that gig?

A: H&M reached out to me before New York Fashion Week. They treated me and the other bloggers so well; we definitely felt spoiled.

Q: What was the photo shoot like?

A: We took photographs in the streets, their flagship store and in Times Square. We chose outfits from their new studio collection, as well as some outfits we picked out earlier in H&M stores before we went to New York. We got to style them how we liked. It was awesome because, as bloggers, we all had very different styles.

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PARIS FASHION WEEK

Wide shoulders, big coats, blooms, '90s

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Great knits at Stella McCartney.



Romance at Valentino.



Statement coats at Givenchy.



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Butterfly at Alexander McQueen.

Stella McCartney's humor, passion, style

There's so much to feel good about in a Stella McCartney show. In her Fall collection, ever-imaginative styles used artful deconstruction to produce a fresh fusion of menswear and womenswear styles.

A man's suit was turned inside out and turned into a fluid dress with bare seams. Suit pants were cut at the knee as if they'd been guillotined. And a minimalist gray waistcoat featured a chic couture-like peplum silhouette.

Statement knitwear was a key theme. Traditional Aran sweaters in big cable knit hit a surreal note in multicolor with huge sleeves that made the arms completely disappear.

McCartney, a famed vegan, thus proved you don't need fur to be glamorous and stay warm in winter.

The 46 styles were served up with an uplifting, foot-tapping soundtrack that provoked a moment of humor.

"Where the hell's my phone?" it boomed out. "You're holding it."

IPhone-addicted influencers smiled in a moment of self-reflection.

Elle Fanning and the '90s at Miu Miu

Actress Elle Fanning surprised fashion insiders when she took a turn as a model on Miu Miu's runway.

It wasn't the only surprise at designer Miuccia Prada's little sister brand, which was color-rich and replete with unexpected, imaginative twists.

The '90s was the decade in vogue this season, and a wide shoulder was the key silhouette.

Bleached denim jeans and a coat with a round shape gave way to a golden brown trench with a bright yellow handbag and drainpipe check pants. Colors were used discordantly.

Humor was everywhere: A buff colored jacket with exaggerated shoulders shimmered like plastic and was created to appear intentionally synthetic, despite its obvious high price.

Valentino's flower women

Flowers and romance were in the air at Valentino, metaphorically speaking.

In a literal sense, there also was the sweltering heat owing to the conservatory show venue, which had giant tropical green plants lining the sides of the runway.

The decor cross-pollinated into the clothes as designer Pierpaolo Piccioli took an unusually minimalist turn.

Blooms were a big theme.

They came on motifs, embroideries, large tulip-shaped sleeves and surreal flower-shaped hoods that evoked the Parisian couture styles of the 1950s.

Beginning in monochrome and moving into flashes of deep sunshine, pale yellow, pea green and Cerulean blue, a semicircle "frill" motif adorned hems and went down the front in one loose white gown. It cleverly evoked the shell shapes ubiquitous on the barriers at the sides of flower beds.

Givenchy's dark glamour

Beyond designer Clare Waight Keller's gentle manner lies a powerful creative psyche that's dark, brooding and gritty.

That revelation was brought into focus with the strong collection for Givenchy in which the British designer shed her usual politeness and delved deep into the night.

Big fur coats with stylish statement markings opened the collection alongside unfurling cuffed boots in soft leather that evoked the feeling of being hurriedly put on.

The sharp-edged styles which included big floppy leather belts in brown, black and tan, houndstooth suits with razor shoulders, as well as zebra and leopard prints set the time dial to the late '80s.

A spattering of menswear styles was a nice complement to the urban grit including an oversize white coat and marl jacket underneath that captured the heady days of the Rolling Stones' guitarist Keith Richards.

The collection shows that Waight Keller is growing in confidence at the storied label.

Alexander McQueen's metamorphosis

Transformation was at the core of Sarah Burton's fashion ode Monday night.

The Alexander McQueen designer used the idea of the metamorphosing insect a softly armored Scarab beetle or a butterfly and creatively flew with it.

Silk dresses with a vivid, all-encompassing butterfly print gave way to unfurling black leather bustiers and sections of colorful material that peeped out underneath a black tuxedo like butterfly wings emerging from a black cocoon.

But the roving imaginative explorations were handled tightly. It was a collection that stuck closely to the house's signature silhouettes of strong shoulders, narrow waists and exaggerated hip sections.

The idea of the insect transformation was also metaphorical from designer Sarah Burton, who's known as an "intellectual" designer. It produced the strongest parts of the collection.

A week of things to do with the kids

By Web Behrens | Chicago Tribune

Monday

SPRING FLOWER SHOW: 'HASHTAG NO FILTER'

Crocuses and other spring bulbs are starting to pop — but if you can't wait for an explosion of floral fragrance and color, head over to Garfield Park, where spring is already well underway inside the warm confines of the glass dome. Daily through May 13 at Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave. Free. **tinyurl.com/y7dyan5s**

Tuesday

'ANIMAL SECRETS'

A meadow, a cave, a forest: Young kids can explore all of these, learning the secrets of the creatures who live there, without ever getting dirty! Designed for preschoolers through third-graders, this bilingual exhibit returns to Glenview (where it last appeared in 2016). In addition to crawling and spelunking, kids can learn how to identify different animal tracks, sounds and skulls. Opens Tuesday and runs through Aug. 26 at Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview. $12. **tinyurl.com/y73l8s3h**

MEET AUTHOR-ILLUSTRATOR PETER BROWN

Robots plus animals? What's not to love! Caldecott honoree Peter Brown comes to town with "The Wild Robot Escapes." Technology and nature collide in this sequel to his best-selling illustrated novel for middle graders. 7 p.m. at Anderson's Bookshop, 123 W. Jefferson Ave., Naperville. Free to attend; $17 for copy of "The Wild Robot Escapes." **tinyurl.com/y94qn7qo**

'SCOPES IN THE CITY: SPRING EQUINOX ON THE 606

Adler Planetarium celebrates the date of equal daylight and darkness by bringing its roving program, 'Scopes in the City, to The 606 trail. Dress for the weather to chat with astronomers and check out the night sky through telescopes — as long as the clouds stay away, of course. 7:30-9 p.m. at Julia de Burgos Park (along The 606), 1805 N. Albany Ave. Free. **tinyurl.com/yd3657f6**

Wednesday

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES: CELEBRATE SPRING

Celebrate the spring equinox with this drop-in event, hosted by the Forest Preserves of Cook County. This celebration in the near west 'burbs offers a variety of activities, including nature-themed crafts such as making a terrarium or a birdhouse. Geared for all ages, the midday event is great for parents with little ones (or any schoolkids on an early spring break). 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Cummings Square, 536 N. Harlem Ave., River Forest. Free. **tinyurl.com/guo3vjk**

'THE BIG FIND' EASTER EGG HUNT



SOUL CITY CHURCH

Billed as the city's largest egg hunt, this madcap outdoor search boasts 50,000 eggs spread across a West Loop park by Soul City Church. Held in waves — at 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Saturday — the egg-searching scrums are also separated by age; Tiny Tot Hunts are for little ones up to 6 years old. Meanwhile, parents can also enjoy visiting the nearby food trucks. At Mary Bartelme Park, 115 S. Sangamon St. Free to attend, but advance tickets recommended. **tinyurl.com/y9sbe4xl**

Friday

'JOURNEY FOR THE SUN'

Don't tell anyone, but this self-billed "sci-fi cartoon circus" show is secretly a showcase for talents of the Actors Gymnasium's Teen Ensemble members. The delight of watching acrobatics, aerial silks, juggling and clown foolery gets doubled (at least) by dressing up those feats with original music, a retro sci-fi plot and a giant robot puppet. Catch "Journey" in its closing weekend — 7:30 p.m. Friday, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday — at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. $25-$35. **tinyurl.com/yahey2gr**

FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

Get your flashlights ready! (Or, let's be honest: Depending on your children's ages, they might just use their phones.) The Chicago Park District offers this fun twist on an egg hunt when it happens in the dark. Open to kids 3-14 years old, the hunt begins at 8 p.m. at Sheridan Park, 910 S. Aberdeen St. $2. **tinyurl.com/y9e7ra3h**

Saturday

BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY

Splurge on a special brunch at Brookfield, where your kids get a photo op with two giant Easter Bunnies. Enjoy live music from Banjo Buddies and a buffet including fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, bacon, French toast with maple syrup and more. And of course, enjoy the zoo grounds before or after your meal. Two weekends in a row: 9 and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday and again March 31. Discovery Center at Brookfield Zoo, 8400 31st St. $30, $22 for kids 3-11. **tinyurl.com/yaf56sqt**

FAMILY CLASS: PIZZA PARTY

Everyone loves pizza, which is why the Botanic Garden uses this fave food as a conduit to teach kids about gardening. Learn about the plants that make pizza happen — wheat, tomatoes, other vegetables— and plant your own herb garden, which you get to take home. For kids 4-10 with an adult; advance registration recommended. 9:30-11 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday at Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. $24 per child, free for adults (limit of two kids per adult). **tinyurl.com/y929y8ag**

KIDSTREET OPEN HOUSE

It's a day full of family arts and crafts when Lillstreet hosts its annual Kidstreet Open House. All ages are welcome to drop in, as the workshops vary in target age: Toddlers up to four years can make murals and collages; kids 9 and up can try screen-printing or a potter's wheel; and high schoolers (14+) can manipulate molten glass into a bead of their own. (Check the site for a full list of events and times.) Youths who complete an "art passport" get a Kidstreet goody tote. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Lillstreet Art Center, 4401 N. Ravenswood Ave. Free. **tinyurl.com/y8uks4dg**

'YOU THINK IT'S EASY BEING THE TOOTH FAIRY?'

Sparkly little Dew Drop has a lot to learn when she wins the coveted slot as apprentice to the Tooth Fairy. Follow her adventures in this world premiere musical from Lifeline Theatre's KidSeries, geared for kids 5 and up. The show runs at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 22 (no shows April 1); this weekend features special-access performances: Saturday's shows are open-captioned for those with hearing impairments; the 11 a.m. Sunday performance includes a pre-show touch tour and audio descriptions for the vision-impaired. At Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Avenue. $15. **tinyurl.com/yboszoew**

Sunday

CIVIC'S PIANO QUINTET CONCERT

Enliven your Sunday with a concert from the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, composed of young pre-professional musicians who train with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The piano quintet concert focuses on works by American composers, including Duke Ellington, Jennifer Higdon and Leonard Bernstein. 3 p.m. at the South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. South Shore Drive. $5. **tinyurl.com/y8canx7r**

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Buying organic food can make you selfish

Study explains bad behavior in Whole Foods parking lots

By Cindy Dampier
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Research by neuroscientist Rachel Herz ("Why You Eat What You Eat") shows that shopping for organic food affects behavior in unexpected ways.

Last month, a couple in Chapel Hill, N.C., got married in a Whole Foods Market. The newlyweds, Ross and Jacqueline Aronson, described it as the culmination of a dream romance that blossomed during arm-in-arm walks through the aisles of organic produce and goodies, plucking dewy fresh ingredients for the gourmet meals Ross likes to cook for the two of them.

I've never been to Ross and Jacqueline's Whole Foods or, for that matter, any Whole Foods that matches the scenes they describe. I mean, I'd like to see a couple try to stroll arm-in-arm through the tightly packed, mazelike produce aisles of a Chicago-area WFM, but it would be a foot race to see who'd take them out first: Clueless Dude With a Giant Backpack; Angry Man Who Wants That Last Bunch of Broccolini; or Lady Whose Life Does Depend on Going First.

Whatever — Ross and Jacqueline's Hallmark-scripted, organic-fueled love would doubtless be cast asunder. In, like, 2.5 seconds.

It's not that we're especially mean here. It's just that all that organic shopping ... it does things to people.

In the kind of life-affirming scientific breakthrough that makes sense of one of life's frustrating mysteries, Brown University and Boston College neuroscientist Rachel Herz has documented a weird link between buying organic stuff and behaving like, um, a selfish jerk.

"There are two (negative) effects" associated with organic products, Herz says. "One is to undermine healthy eating behavior and diet. And the other is how being exposed to organic branding can undermine our interpersonal behavior."

Herz's new book, "Why You Eat What You Eat" (W.W. Norton & Co.), is full of fascinating stories about the intersection of food, the choices we make and neuroscience. In it, she discusses the research that revealed the tie between organic goods and behavior.

In one study, people who were given pictures of apples labeled "organic" to look at proved much more judgmental and condemning of others when asked to make moral judgments about behavior, versus people who had been shown pictures of comfort foods.

When those same groups of people were asked to volunteer a few minutes of their time, Herz says, the organic apples group "volunteered half as much time as people who had looked at desserts."

Organic branding, it seems, triggers one of humanity's less noble emotions: moral superiority.

"The bottom line," says Herz, "is that sort of as a function of the moral superiority associated with organic branding, people feel somehow, 'I'm above reproach and, paradoxically, therefore I can be less ethical and more selfish.' " Moral superiority has a long, dark history.

"It's partly where the religious crusade concept comes from," says Herz. So it's weirdly reassuring to realize this is the emotion driving a lot of the behavior at a store with parking spaces that are as hotly disputed as parts of Afghanistan. Does science explain the infamous Whole Foods parking lot?

"Anecdotally," Herz says, "absolutely. People are feeling more self-interested, that 'me first' thing, then they come out of the store thinking, 'I've got to get out of here quickly!' I see this kind of thing being totally accentuated, just from my own observations."

All this knowledge has turned Herz into a careful shopper, and she has some simple advice for how to be someone who loves organic without hating humanity.

"My whole point is that you may never have realized these things are impacting you, so beware. I double-check myself, 'Is this making me actually feel differently?' " She also notes that it's important to check that the organic products you're buying actually support the health goals or belief system you're applying to your food choices.

Organics often get a halo effect — we think of them as virtuous, then translate that to "healthy." In fact, of course, "the term organic doesn't say anything about health or content," Herz says. "It's strictly about production."

In general, Herz says, if it's your health or the health of the planet that has you buying organic, you need to take a closer look at what you buy. "I'm not a fan of 'big brand' organic," she says. "There are all kinds of issues that come into play when you're buying something from mass production."

Herz suggests you're better off skipping Whole Foods and, if possible, buying your organic produce from a local farmers market. Where, it is hoped, couples won't be getting married in the aisles. Or divorced in the parking lot.

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How a shy girl created 'Wrinkle'

Granddaughters tell L'Engle's life story

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A film based on Madeleine L'Engle's 1962 children's book "A Wrinkle in Time" is now in theaters, and L'Engle is the subject of a new book.

Yes, she was very much Meg Murry, the painfully awkward heroine of her most famous novel.

But she was also a popular teenager, a skilled actress, an acclaimed writer — and a most beloved grandmother.

At a time when "A Wrinkle in Time" fans are enjoying the recent release of the first big-screen adaptation of Madeleine L'Engle's classic 1962 children's book, they are also seeing new sides of the author, thanks to "Becoming Madeleine," a biography for tweens by L'Engle's granddaughters Charlotte Jones Voiklis and Lena Roy.

Making use of never-before-published excerpts from L'Engle's journals, Voiklis and Roy paint a compelling picture of a shy, unathletic girl who was so poorly regarded in fifth grade that when she won a school poetry contest, her own teacher accused her of plagiarism.



'Becoming Madeleine'

By Charlotte Jones Voiklis and Lena Roy, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 176 pages, $19.99

Madeleine gained confidence and skill through her childhood years, sometimes by ungainly fits and starts, often by virtue of hard work. Unfocused and forgetful in many aspects of her life — one childhood nickname was Scatter, short for Scatterbrains — she was a disciplined and determined writer from a young age, filling notebooks with observations, and dreaming of literary greatness.

"O, if only I can succeed and be a poet and author and an artist," she wrote in one of her high school journals. "I *must*. O, God, give me the *determination*. And the *will to work*, and the *talent*. I wish I dared to say genius. I *will* say it. *Please*, give me *genius*."

Voiklis and Roy discussed their book and their grandmother, who died in 2007, during a recent visit to Chicago. The following is an edited transcript.

Q: Was there material in your grandmother's journals that you didn't want to share or even read yourself?

Roy: We didn't want to read her journals or letters past (the point) where we were alive. We stopped around "A Wrinkle." We didn't want to go there. We wanted to keep that private for her — and for us.

Voiklis: We loved her, and had a relationship with her, and don't want to violate that. I'm not curious about "What did she really think about Christmas 1979?" What you learn reading journals is that they give a really interesting snapshot. But they also don't tell you everything. It's a certain kind of message or narrative that gets in a journal. I wouldn't want anybody reading my journals for evidence of anything. The way we used them in the biography was really to hear her voice, and, "Oh! this feels quintessentially Madeleine."

Roy: (For example,) "I had a vile time in Latin today."

Voiklis: (Or,) "I will not be called stupid!"

Q: How did you feel about her growing up?

Roy: We were both close to her, but I'm a writer and an actor and an artist, and I kind of idolized her, especially once I read "A Wrinkle in Time" and I fell in love with it. It became my favorite book, and I couldn't believe my grandmother wrote it. I just wanted to be her. She was larger than life, and my relationship with her was so special and otherworldly. We connected on the artist level.

Voiklis: I didn't feel that way about her. I had a very grounded relationship with her. I just loved being with her. When we were 8, 9, 10 years old, it was just time spent in the kitchen cooking together — or being quiet together was fantastic.

Roy: Or being around her when she was writing or doing art.

Q: What about when you were older?

Voiklis: When we were in college, we lived with her. I lived with her for six years, Lena came and went. But we'd host multigenerational dinner parties together, and she'd take us to the ballet, and we'd just hang out. The year that we graduated from high school was the year that our grandfather died, so that was a big transition for her, and I think having us in her apartment — she loved it. And she was so patient. We were 17 or 18, and we were disgustingly messy. I mean, imagine sharing space with that! And she traveled a lot, but when she came home, it was clear she was so happy to come home to ...

Roy: To people, to family.

Voiklis: And to young people.

Roy: She loved young people.

Q: She comes across in the book as a very charming person. Was that her public persona?

Roy: Oh, she was like that.

Voiklis: She definitely had a public persona, and she was a trained actress — she knew how to hold a room. But it was still deeply honest.

Q: What would you and your grandmother talk about?

Roy: Oh gosh, different kinds of religion, stuff going on in the world. I would talk to her about all these questions I had about the world. I'm obsessed with the metaphysical, and she was, too, so we'd talk about that.



AMY DRUCKER PHOTO

Lena Roy, left, and Charlotte Jones Voiklis wrote a new biography of their grandmother, the late author Madeleine L'Engle.

Voiklis: And we'd talk about the shopping list. (Laughs).

Q: What did she have on her list?

Voiklis: Oh, a big selection of Progresso soups was very important. Chickarina, I think.

Roy: Half-and-half, for her coffee.

Q: Has anyone else read her journals?

Voiklis: They're private. No one else has read them.

Roy: No one except for the two of us.

Q: Do you plan to keep it that way?

Voiklis: She's a woman of letters. We have this big archive. We're not going to keep it. It's going to need to go to a library. We hope to make an announcement about that soon. But the journals are still going to require some thought, because a library isn't in the business of accepting papers that they can't let people use. We have to figure out how to be fair about that — both to her and the public.

Q: What would be the argument for making them public?

Voiklis: She's a really interesting, significant literary figure. But just the thought of people pawing through her private stuff! Once you get past 1963, there are still people alive who she writes about, who would be really impacted by making things public, and that's not fair.

Roy: There are personal events that happened to them, so it's their story to tell.

Q: Did she ever give you any guidance in terms of what she wanted done with the journals?

Voiklis: She wanted them not read for 50 years or 100 years after her death. But she also wanted to remain relevant — and read — so I have to balance those things.

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To L'Engle, each rejection a 'wound'

Many publishers passed on her now-classic novel

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The Washington Post



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Madeleine L'Engle frequently said she received 26 rejection letters for "A Wrinkle in Time," which was published in January 1962 and won a Newbery Medal.

Today, Madeleine L'Engle stands as a literary icon, an entrancer of millions of readers and whose genre-busting classic "A Wrinkle in Time" rolled out earlier this month as a full-bore, Disney-fueled, Oprah-graced, $103 million movie extravaganza. But in December 1960, she was a frustrated unknown holding yet another letter from a publisher saying "No thanks" to the book that would become a blockbuster.

"This is pleasantly done — but for me there isn't quite enough story value," said the two-sentence blowoff from Mercury editor Robert Mills dated Dec. 10. It was one of a string of stinging rejections that L'Engle lamented throughout her career but have not been shared publicly before.

"Thanks, but I do not think MRS. WHATSIT &c. (the book's working title was "Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who, and Mrs. Which") is for us," said a Sept. 16 rejection from Franklin Watts editor David C. Knight. "If it were a short fantasy, that would be different, but it's too damn long in its present state."

L'Engle spoke for decades about her crisis of confidence as publishers passed on a manuscript she believed in to her core.



"The trouble finding a home for it remained deeply a part of her," said L'Engle's granddaughter Charlotte Jones Voiklis, who with her sister Lena Roy has written "Becoming Madeleine," a biography of their grandmother that ends when "Wrinkle" was released to international acclaim. "She never lost that vulnerability she felt (as) a struggling writer."

The tortured birth of "Wrinkle" is the stuff of publishing legend, a delicious example of a blindness to brilliance that also afflicted the editors who passed on C.S. Lewis' "The Chronicles of Narnia," Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book" and "The Tale of Peter Rabbit," which Beatrix Potter eventually was forced to self-publish. At least five companies didn't see the merits of "Anne of Green Gables." A dozen let "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" slip away. (Insert forehead slap here.)

L'Engle frequently put the number of rejection letters she endured at 26, most of which she tossed, according to Voiklis, who manages her grandmother's papers. "She wasn't a masochist," Voiklis said.

But she did keep a few, and those offer a peek at the confusion that L'Engle's inventive science fantasy, with its girl heroine and spiritual undertones, caused to pigeonholing publishers throughout New York. In case after case, what they couldn't categorize, they vetoed.

"Dear Theron," began an Aug. 25 letter from Random House editor Lee Wright to L'Engle's agent Theron Raines. "You are so right to be bewildered by (L'Engle's manuscript). It is strange and as you say, it's 'something between an adult and a juvenile novel.' "

Mills objected not only to the absence of story but to the "presence of the devil, who has been showing up altogether too regularly in my mail." Knight was most brutal: "Before submitting it elsewhere, I would advise the author to do a cutting job on it by half."

In her journal, portions of which Voiklis and Roy reproduce in their biography, L'Engle described the pain of such offhand criticism. "Each rejection, no matter how philosophically expected, is a wound," she wrote. "I won't destroy my book for money for some editor who completely misses the point, which this one obviously did."

Most of the rejections were addressed to Raines, who annotated them with notes of apology, encouragement and frustration before passing them to the increasingly discouraged author.

"Sorry as usual," he penned on the letter from Mercury. "I may cancel your subscription to their bum magazine."

Circling Wright's characterization of him as being "bewildered" by the manuscript, Raines wrote: "I don't know where she got this. I didn't say or imply bewilderment."

L'Engle, who died in 2007 at age 88, was buffeted by uncertainty as a writer and a person. She and her husband, actor Hugh Franklin, had just moved back to Manhattan after an aborted experiment in downsizing by running a general store in rural Connecticut. His career was stuttering, and nothing seemed assured, least of all her future as a writer.

But she persisted through rejection after rejection, continuing to tinker with the work but resisting calls for radical revisions. She had faith in the story that she called her ultimate "psalm of praise to life, my stand for life against death."

A mutual friend put a word in for L'Engle with publisher John Farrar. He agreed to read the manuscript, which she dropped off on Jan. 16, 1961. Two days later, he responded that he was intrigued but also "afraid." He asked for more time.

On a morning when school was out for parent-teacher conferences, her son Bion appeared by her bedside: "Mommie, Theron says I'm to wake you up," he said, according to L'Engle's journal. "He wants to speak to you. It must be very important."

Farrar, Straus & Giroux wanted her book.

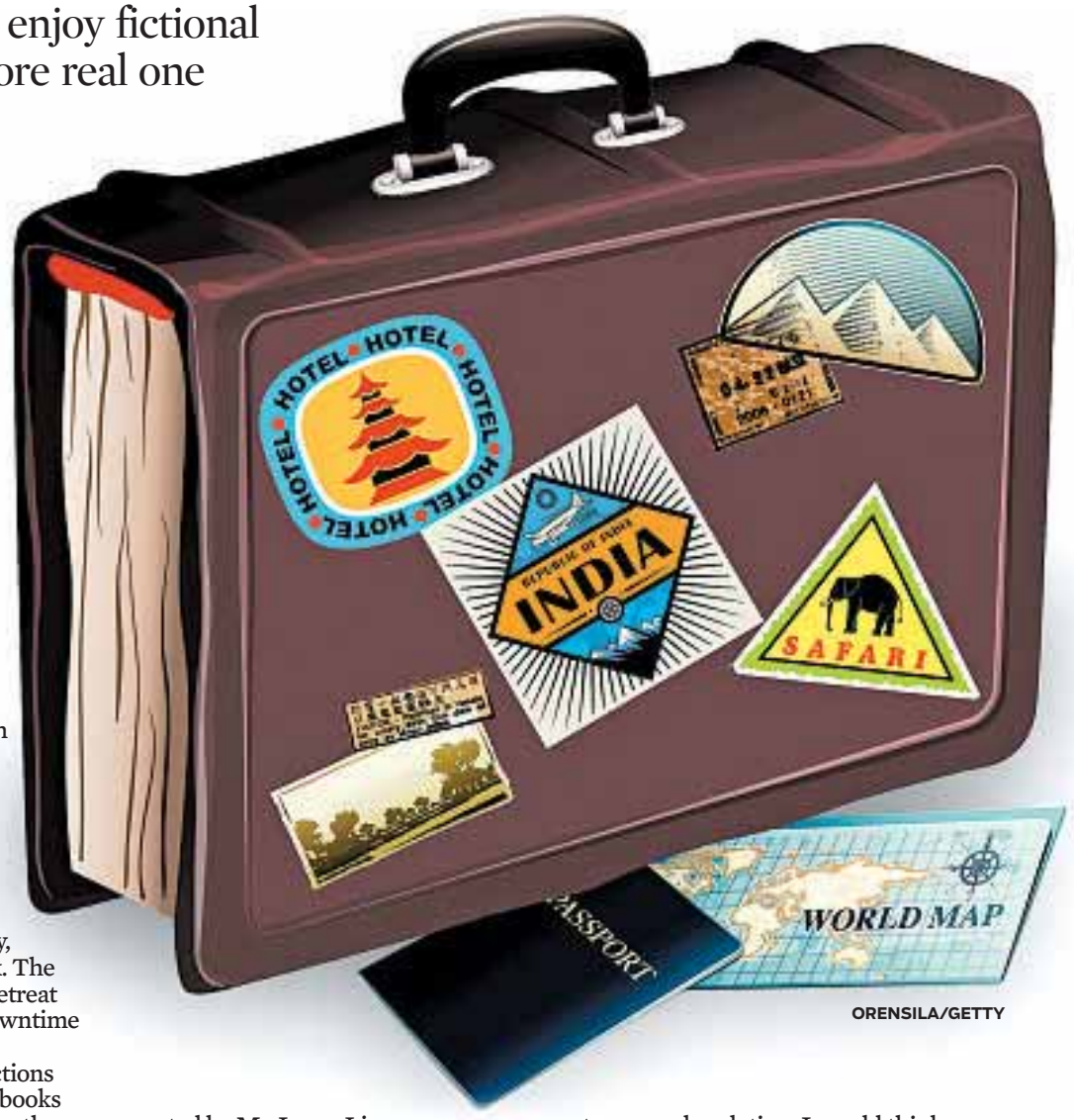
"Happiness is as numbing as unhappiness," L'Engle marveled.

"A Wrinkle in Time" arrived at bookstores in January 1962. A year later, it won the Newbery Medal. Continuously in print 56 years on, it has reportedly sold more than 10 million copies.

Trip planning? Include reading

There'll be time to enjoy fictional worlds as you explore real one

By John Warner
Chicago Tribune



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While you read this, I will be several continents away on an Indian safari, on which I am likely to see tigers, elephants, rhinos and something called a sloth bear, which I'm told is not made up, like a narwhal.

Wait, I'm being told that narwhals are real, that just because they're called "the unicorns of the sea" doesn't mean they're fictional like unicorns.

Unicorns are made up, though, right?

The trip promises to be a fascinating experience, and I'm certain I'm having fun at this exact moment, but maybe I'm sleeping because there's an 11-hour time difference. Either way, you should envy me, though it's really hot here.

As great as the safari adventure is, however, between you and me, one of my favorite parts of the trip is how much time I have to read. There is the 15-hour plane ride each way. We have full days of travel in country, where it will be me and my book. The hottest part of the day means a retreat back to the lodge, with lots of downtime for reading.

I have been planning my selections for weeks, denying myself some books I've desperately wanted to read so they would be waiting for me on the trip. Now, I get to revel in them with no work or life responsibilities gnawing at me. I thought I would provide some insight into how a professional book aficionado prepares for such a trip. I'm guessing some of you will recognize yourselves.

First up is going to be "Sunburn" by Laura Lippman, whom I identified last year as one of my favorite mystery suspense writers. I have been anticipating "Sunburn" for months. Gillian Flynn ("Gone Girl") calls it a "gleaming noir gem," and it's also been compared to the classic James M. Cain novels, "The Postman Always Rings Twice" and "Double Indemnity." Yes, please.

I'll also be working through "All the Pieces Matter: The Inside Story of The Wire," an oral history by Jonathan Abrams of one of my favorite television shows, which happens to have been created by Mr. Laura Lippman (David Simon). I love the oral history format, but it's not the kind of thing where you just want to churn through pages and pages. It's best appreciated like a good TV show, one episode at a time. Reading it simultaneously with "Sunburn" will also make "Sunburn" last longer.

I've been eagerly anticipating Willy Vlautin's "Don't Skip Out on Me." Vlautin is like a cross between Kent Haruf and Tom Drury, two of my favorite writers. His work is often described with words like "cutting" and "emotionally crushing." I can't wait.

I'm looking forward to two novels that I have inexplicably joined in my mind: "Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman and "Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk" by Tribune contributor Kathleen Rooney. I have had multiple people recommend both books to me, and each time I would think about how I'd put them on my vacation list.

Speaking of which: Looking at my list, I'm realizing that's only five books, which honestly, is not enough.

What the heck, let's throw in Morgan Jerkins' "This Will Be My Undoing: Living at the Intersection of Black, Female, and Feminist in (White) America," overweight bag penalties be damned.

Those of us who spend a month planning what to read on a two-week trip are not the weird ones; it's the people who say they'll just "pop into" the airport bookstore and "pick up whatever looks good." Those people are out of their minds.

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. "Strange Weather" by Joe Hill
2. "The Wisdom of No Escape and the Path of Loving-Kindness" by Pema Chodron
3. "The Woman in the Window" by A.J. Finn
4. "Sunday Silence" by Nicci French
5. "City of Endless Light" by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
— Joan B., Forest Park
I'm thinking **"Commonwealth"** by Ann Patchett is a good fit for Joan.

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1. "Time and Again" by Jack Finney
2. "This Side of Brightness" by Colum McCann
3. "A Long Way Gone" by Ishmael Beah
4. "Lilac Girls" by Martha Hall Kelly
5. "The Girl from Venice" by Martin Cruz Smith
— George S., Homer Glen
The range of what I could recommend for George feels pretty wide, which makes it both easy and hard: **"The Book of Daniel"** by E.L. Doctorow.

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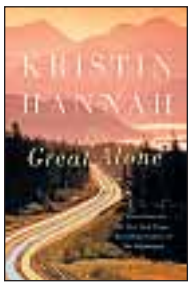
1. "Leonardo da Vinci" by Walter Isaacson
2. "The Woman in Cabin 10" by Ruth Ware
3. "The Pillars of The Earth" by Ken Follett
4. "The Girls in The Picture" by Melanie Benjamin
5. "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas
— Helene B., Downers Grove
Why not some Toni Morrison for Helene? Let's say **"Sula."**

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NATIONAL BEST-SELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION



1. "The Great Alone: A Novel" by Kristin Hannah (Holtzbrinck, $28.99) *Last week: 1*

2. "Star Wars: The Last Jedi (Expanded Edition) by Jason Fry (Del Rey, $28.99) *Last week: —*

3. "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng (Penguin, $27) *Last week: 5*

4. "Fifty Fifty: A Harriet Blue Novel" by James Patterson and Candice Fox (Little, Brown, $28) *Last week: 2*

5. "The Woman in the Window: A Novel" by A.J. Finn (William Morrow, $26.99) *Last week: 3*

6. "The Kremlin Conspiracy" by Joel C. Rosenberg (Tyndale, $27.99) *Last week: —*

7. "The Escape Artist" by Brad Meltzer (Grand Central, $28) *Last week: —*

8. "Burn Bright: An Alpha and Omega Novel" by Patricia Briggs (Ace, $27) *Last week: —*

9. "An American Marriage: A Novel" by Tayari Jones (Algonquin, $26.95) *Last week: 4*

10. "Before We Were Yours: A Novel" by Lisa Wingate (Ballantine, $26) *Last week: 6*

For the week ended March 11, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

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HARDCOVER NONFICTION



1. "I've Been Thinking . . .: Reflections, Prayers, and Meditations for a Meaningful Life" by Maria Shriver (Dorman, $20) *Last week: 2*

2. "12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos" by Jordan B. Peterson (Random House Canada, $25.95) *Last week: 3*

3. "The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi: My Journey into the Heart of Scriptural Faith and the Land Where It All Began" by Kathie Lee Gifford (Nelson, $24.99) *Last week: —*

4. "Food: What the Heck Should I Eat?" by Mark Hyman M.D. (Little, Brown, $28) *Last week: 1*

5. "Box of Butterflies: Discovering the Unexpected Blessings All Around Us" by Roma Downey (Howard, $24.99) *Last week: —*

6. "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House" by Michael Wolff (Henry Holt, $30) *Last week: 4*

7. "Educated: A Memoir" by Tara Westover (Random House, $28) *Last week: 6*

8. "I'll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer" by Michelle McNamara (Harper, $27.99) *Last week: 5*

9. "Enlightenment Now: The Case for Reason, Science, Humanism, and Progress" by Steven Pinker (Viking, $35) *Last week: 10*

10. "Astrophysics for People in a Hurry" by Neil deGrasse Tyson (Norton, $18.95) *Last week: —*

CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS



1. "Chicago: A Novel" by David Mamet (Custom House, $26.99)

2. "The House of Broken Angels" by Luis Alberto Urrea (Little, Brown, $27)

3. "The Immortalists" by Chloe Benjamin (Putnam, $26)

4. "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee (Grand Central, $15.99)

5. "Ready Player One: A Novel" by Ernest Cline (Broadway, $16)

Participating bookstores: Barbara's Bookstores (Chicago), The Book Cellar (Chicago), Seminary Co-op Bookstore and 57th Street Books (Chicago), Women & Children First Bookstore (Chicago), The Book Table (Oak Park), The Book Bin (Northbrook), Lake Forest Book Store (Lake Forest), The Bookstore (Glen Ellyn), Anderson's Bookshop (Naperville), The Book Stall (Winnetka).

LITERARY EVENTS

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TUESDAY EVENTS



PETER BROWN
The Wild Robot Escapes
Tuesday, March 20 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
630-355-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in **Naperville** welcomes popular middle grade and Caldecott-winning author **Peter Brown** with his new title, **The Wild Robot Escapes**. This event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the author's featured book at **Anderson's Bookshop**.

WEDNESDAY EVENTS



NINA BROCHMANN & ELLEN STOKKEN DAHL
The Wonder Down Under
Wednesday, March 21 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
630-355-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in **Naperville** hosts Oslo-based sexual health educators **Nina Brochmann & Ellen Stokken Dahl** presenting their new book, **The Wonder Down Under**. This event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the authors' featured book at **Anderson's Bookshop**.

THURSDAY EVENTS



EMILY BELDEN
Hot Mess
Thursday, March 22 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
630-355-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in **Naperville** introduces debut novelist and local author **Emily Belden** with her new romance, **Hot Mess**. This event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the author's featured book at **Anderson's Bookshop**.

THURSDAY EVENTS



CHRISTINE LAHTI
True Stories from an Unreliable Eyewitness: A Feminist Coming of Age
Thursday, April 12 at 7 p.m.
Swedish American Museum
5211 N. Clark St. Chicago
773-769-9299
womenandchildrenfirst.com

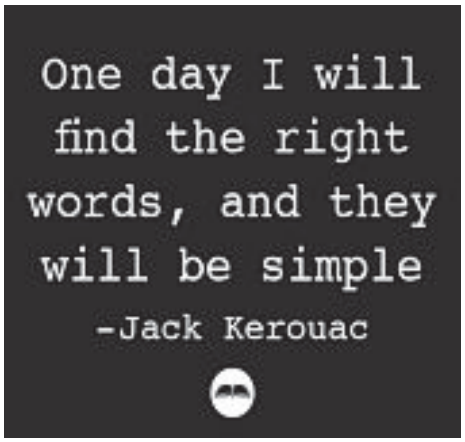
Women & Children First presents **Christine Lahti** in conversation with activist and author Bernardine Dohrn. This event will include a reading, conversation, and book-signing. All tickets include a copy of Christine's forthcoming essay collection.

UPCOMING EVENTS

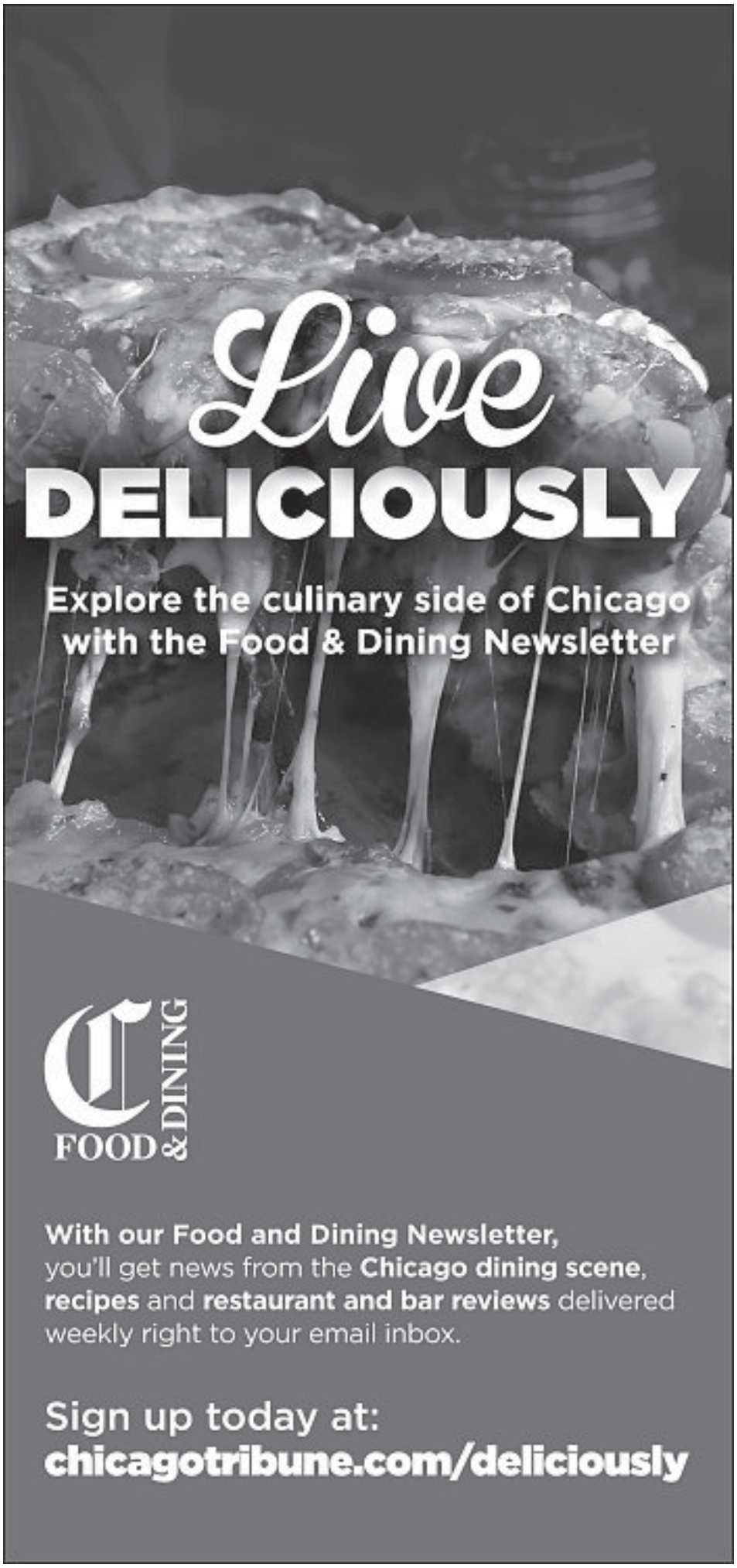


JULIA ALVAREZ
Annual Tabet Poetry Reading
Thursday, March 22 at 7 pm
Dominican University
7900 W. Division St. River Forest
708-714-9105
www.events.dom.edu

Dominican University and the Siena Center host National Medal of Arts recipient Julia Alvarez in the Annual Caesar and Patricia Tabet Poetry Reading. The author of several acclaimed novels, including In the Time of the Butterflies, Alvarez will read from her book of poetry, The Woman I Kept to Myself.









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Orange you hungry?



Leah Eskin
Home on the Range

Poor Clementine. The darling may be lost and gone forever but her banjo-plucking eulogist doesn't sound dreadful sorry. Listen, this bit of Americana twangs, you can stub your toe, fall into the foamy brine and live on in a perky tune. Dreadful sorry!

The young don't seem disturbed by their diet of dreadful ditties. Those poor blind mice. Jack and Jill with their head injuries. That baby stranded in a tree. They grasp hands and turn in giddy circles, shouting with black plague nostalgia: "Ashes! Ashes! We all fall down!"

Now Clementine's back as a darling mandarin. The thin skin is easy to peel and perfect in a recipe that calls for dropping the whole fruit — juicy segments, sweet peel and sharp pith — into the foamy batter.

Clementine cake bakes up moist and fragrant with just a whiff of bitter. Downright upbeat, given Clementine's fateful fate.

www.leaheskin.com

Clementine cake

Prep: 30 minutes **Bake:** 1 hour

Makes: One low 9-inch cake, serves 12

A Passover tradition in many families, this cake calls for neither butter nor flour.

- 1 ½ cups ground blanched almonds (sold as almond flour or meal), plus 1 to 2 tablespoons for pan
- 2 oranges (or sub 1 ¼ pounds clementines)
- 6 eggs
- 1 ¼ cups sugar
- 2 tablespoons orange-blossom water, optional
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt

1 **Prep:** Lightly oil a 9-inch springform pan. Dust with 1 to 2 tablespoons ground almonds.

2 **Soften:** Wash oranges. Settle whole oranges in a bowl and fill with cold water until the oranges float. Zap in the microwave until very soft, 23 to 25 minutes. Alternatively, settle oranges in a saucepan, fill with cold water until they float, cover and boil until very soft, about 1 ½ hours.

3 **Swirl:** Pull oranges out of their bath. Pull off little green nubs on top. Slice each in half along its equator and pluck out any seeds (Clementines lack seeds). Drop fruit — skin and all — into the food processor. Swirl into completely smooth puree.

4 **Mix:** Whisk together eggs, sugar, orange-blossom water, baking powder, salt and 1 ½ cups ground almonds. Whisk in orange puree.

5 **Bake:** Scrape batter into prepared pan. Bake at 375 degrees until springy in the center and a toothpick stabbed in the center comes out clean, 45 to 50 minutes. Cool. Run a knife around the edge of the pan to loosen cake. Unsnap pan rim. This moist cake is lovely unadorned. Or glaze with 1 tablespoon lemon juice whisked into ¼ cup powdered sugar.

Provenance: Adapted from "The Book of Jewish Food" by Claudia Roden.



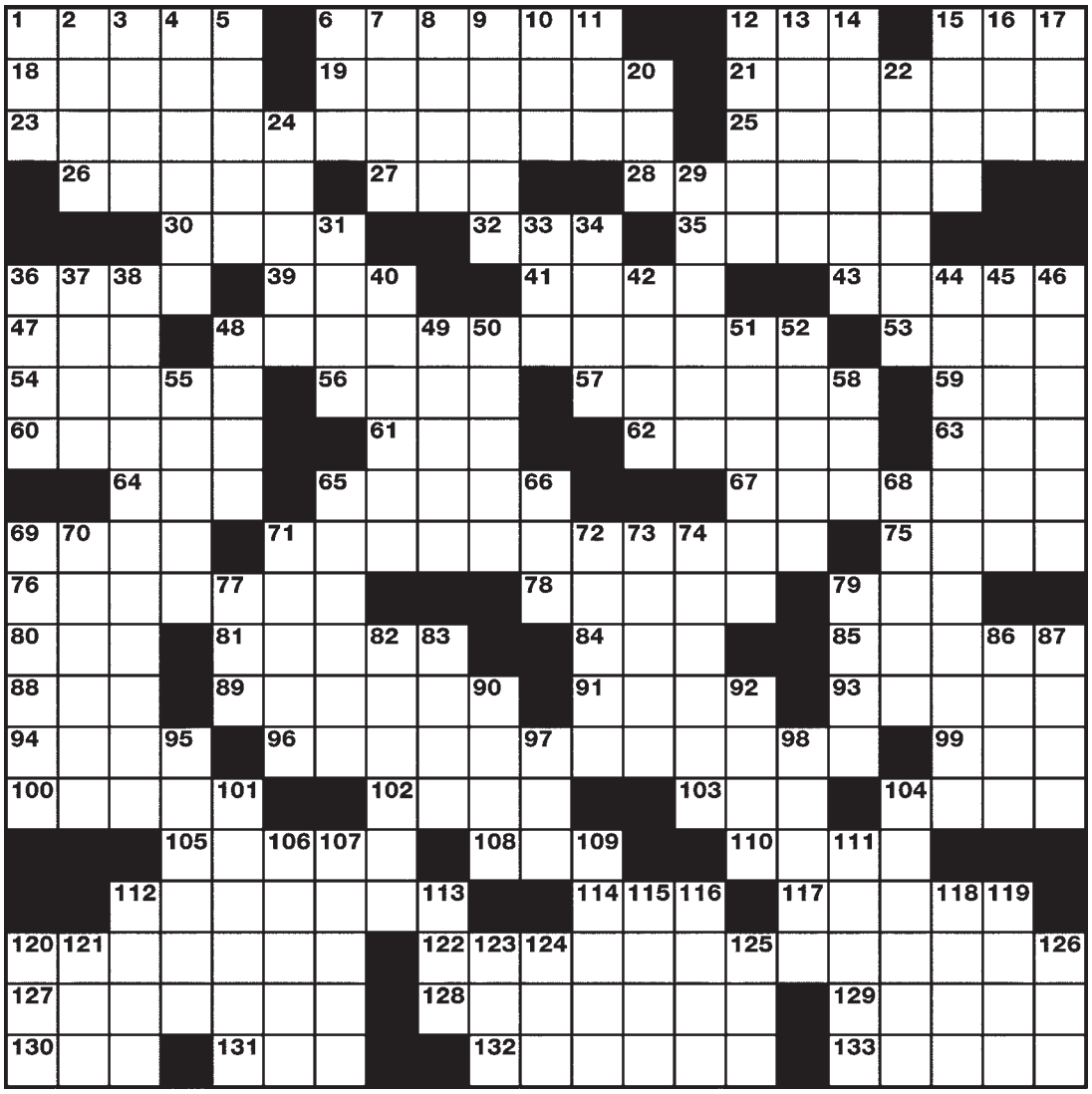
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GUILTY WITH AN EXCLAMATION: No need to shout

By Fred Piscop | Edited by Stanley Newman
(stanxwords.com)



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Across

1 Belittle
6 Set lofty goals
12 Tampa NFLer
15 Early afternoon
18 From around here
19 Rectangle quartet
21 Causing wear
23 How piano virtuosos play
25 Layered, as plywood
26 Keaton of *Annie Hall*
27 Leave speechless
28 Cash holders
30 SWAT team operation
32 Kanye West's music
35 Homes of twigs
36 Legal prefix
39 Surpass
41 Pirate's plunder
43 Fills fully
47 Outback bird
48 Queen's reaction to the London Eye
53 Skyscraping
54 Ship of 1492
56 San __, Italy
57 __ band (solo act)
59 Atticus Finch creator
60 Sir, in Sonora
61 Little fella
62 Strike down
63 Preparatory night
64 E-file org.
65 Sources of salt
67 Prepares
69 Florence's river
71 What's heard upon exiting a musical in Fairbanks
75 Stylish
76 Requests humbly
78 Send __ (pay from one's bank electronically)
79 Big galoot
80 Army training academy: Abbr.
81 Gives off
84 "Patience __ virtue"
85 Doing battle
88 Morse code sound
89 "It wasn't me," e.g.
91 Latest info
93 Giggling sound
94 Tesla head Musk
96 Bingeing on *Simpsons* episodes
99 Celestial body
100 Regatta craft
102 Whom Fallon succeeded
103 Shrill bark
104 Town near Santa Fe
105 20 Down provisionally
108 Completion
110 Beach toy
112 Island east of South Carolina
114 Psychic ability
117 Poetic preposition
120 Overemphasized
122 Close call you got yourself into
127 Urban renewal target
128 Vague discomfort
129 __ di Pisa (Italian landmark)
130 Put chips on
131 *Game of Thrones* patriarch
132 Widen, as pupils
133 Ticket portions

Down

1 Prince in *Aladdin*
2 Stick together
3 Play opener
4 Much of North Africa
5 Justice Kagan
6 First-class
7 What Brits call beans in veggie burgers
8 Front tip of a ship
9 Deduce
10 Rule, for short
11 Poetic preposition
12 *Beauty and the Beast* girl
13 Russian range
14 Celestial bodies
15 Cookie containers
16 Md. neighbor
17 Poetic preposition
20 Stitch up
22 Occupies, as a table
24 __ Rupert Murdoch
29 "O Canada," for one
31 Take-charge type
33 Emulating
34 Casual shirt
36 Energizes, with "up"
37 Cannes confidante
38 Chasing away flies while jogging
40 Early tourney round
42 Has possession of
44 Zane Grey stories
45 Late morning
46 Rainy and icy
48 Coal derivatives
49 Certain sultanate's subject
50 Alpine song
51 Asylum seeker
52 What "-vore" means
55 Barcelona bulls
58 Paycheck amount
65 Dolphins quarterback great
66 RR stop
68 Oldest cabinet department
69 Residences
70 Bring to mind
71 *Odyssey* byline
72 Due (to)
73 Some Japanese-Americans
74 Muscular
77 Did the catering for
79 Courtroom ritual
82 Turned, as soil
83 Shopper stopper
86 Starter for space
87 Confederate soldiers
90 Brief script excerpt
92 Mt. Rushmore locale
95 Annual Stockholm presentations
97 Part of NCO
98 State one's views
101 Dollywood proprietor
104 Something used on the range
106 Campfire-created confection
107 Accurately pitched
109 Window attachment
111 Scouts' shelters
112 Sucrose source
113 S&L amenity
115 Branch of Islam
116 Blog entry
118 Drive-__
119 Soup seasoning
120 Young socialite
121 Slingshot shape
123 Contained
124 New Haven collegian
125 Witness
126 Director Anderson

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. Linebacker legend of '60s — 27 127 162 119 47 73 108

B. Dubious, bogus — 130 42 29 131 7 103 46 77 68 158

C. Wanda and Darryl —— — 35 124 80 58 26 165 67 95 105 91

D. Moreover: 2 wds. — 148 52 126 93 6 137

E. Panacea, not usually — 99 133 106 30 19 51 76

F. Southwest art colony — 92 11 161 50

G. Skim the rooftops — 122 96 151 62 9 31 18 41

H. Beyond question — 136 156 12 21 78 113 39 129

I. Ambush — 3 116 45 59 89 164 141 97 132

J. Beaming — 94 159 109 85 150 121 63 55 25

K. TV witch — 2 135 118 90 111 40

L. Piano students know his etudes — 37 82 123 4 154 57

M. Comfortably familiar item: 2 wds. — 75 61 101 147 38 81 167

N. She had her own TV show for 19 years — 149 112 65 10 32 43

O. Phooey — 100 98 70 34 88 117 56

P. Directly — 1 23 114 128 155 54 145 104 15

Q. Alive — 71 49 163 102 134 143

R. Manhattan digs, often — 84 74 115 153 48 20 64 139 28 13

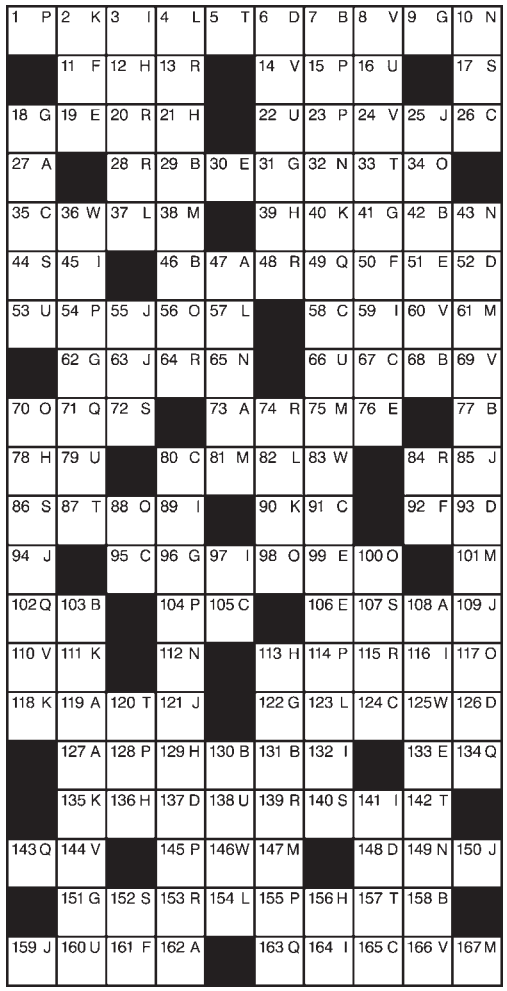
S. Brief brief — 86 107 140 72 152 17 44

T. Begin — 5 33 87 120 142 157

U. Appreciates — 53 66 22 138 160 16 79

V. Like a page-turner — 166 8 144 110 14 60 24 69

W. Asian steppes abode — 83 36 125 146



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Urban Monikers

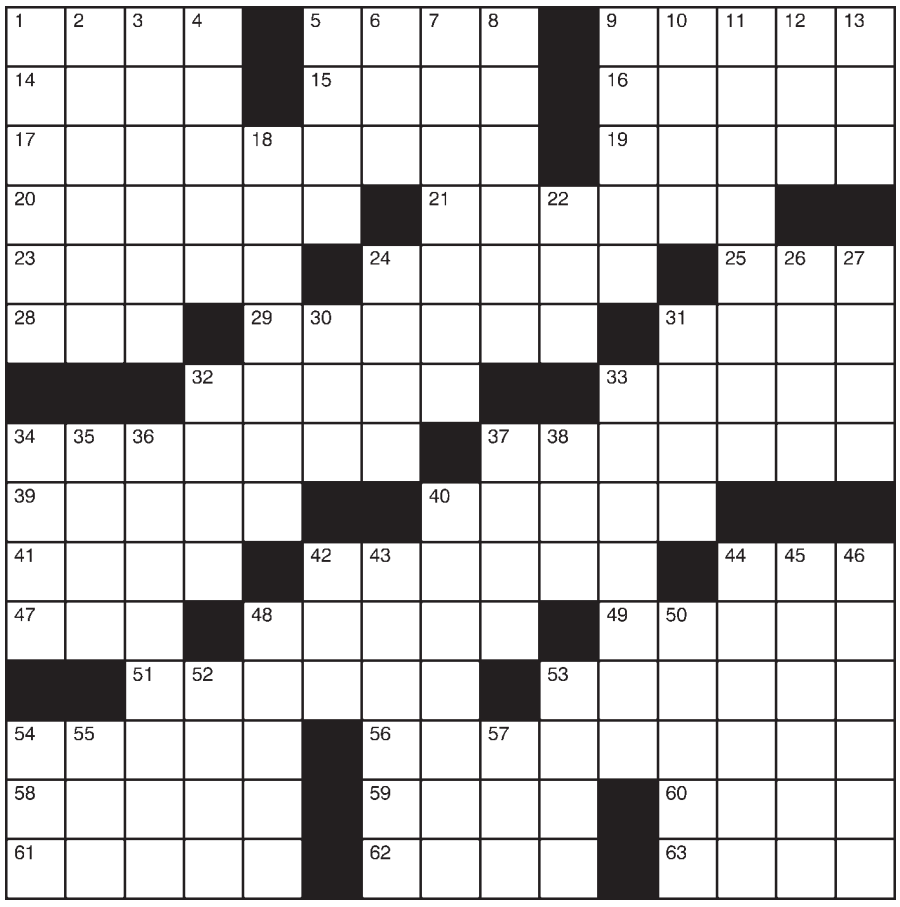
By Charles Preston

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1 Like silk
5 Deed
9 Boundary
14 Knowledge
15 Actress Nazimova
16 Sly looks
17 San Antonio
19 Furious
20 Hors d'oeuvre
21 Team for 23 Across
23 First name in coaching
24 Destroy
25 Inventor's monogram
28 L.I., *et al.*
29 Ernie, of grid Hall of Fame
31 Heart
32 Bewitched
33 Oarsman
34 Julia and Eric, of films
37 Earth pigments
39 Princes of Araby
40 Hammett's sleuth
41 Cherbourg cherub
42 Finds out
44 Law deg.
47 Satchel's mom
48 Masculine
49 Genuflect
51 Kind of cadence or mode
53 Theater district
54 Kind of tiger
56 Buffalo
58 Mete
59 Pave the way
60 Clarinetist's need
61 Youngsters
62 Villa d'___
63 Miscalculates

Down

1 Trousers
2 Chopin's homeland
3 Planet
4 Re thread
5 Confront
6 Yale gridder
7 Changed
8 Hollywood's Queen Elizabeth
9 Vibrant
10 Bare
11 Boston
12 NYC subway
13 Nobel-poet monogram
18 Jacks or better
22 Norton, *et al.*
24 24th and 31st of December
26 Vicinity
27 Auction ends
30 Kind of cd.
31 Mets pitcher
32 Roll-call word
33 Washington gridder
34 Great quantity
35 Atlanta arena
36 New York City
37 Nimble
38 Janis, of Rock
40 Witticisms
42 Dawdle
43 Empower
44 Disprover
45 ___ of the law
46 Famed insurance group
48 Shops
50 Mother-of-pearl
52 A Spinks
53 Harassed
54 Harper, of TV
55 Pub quaff
57 Convened



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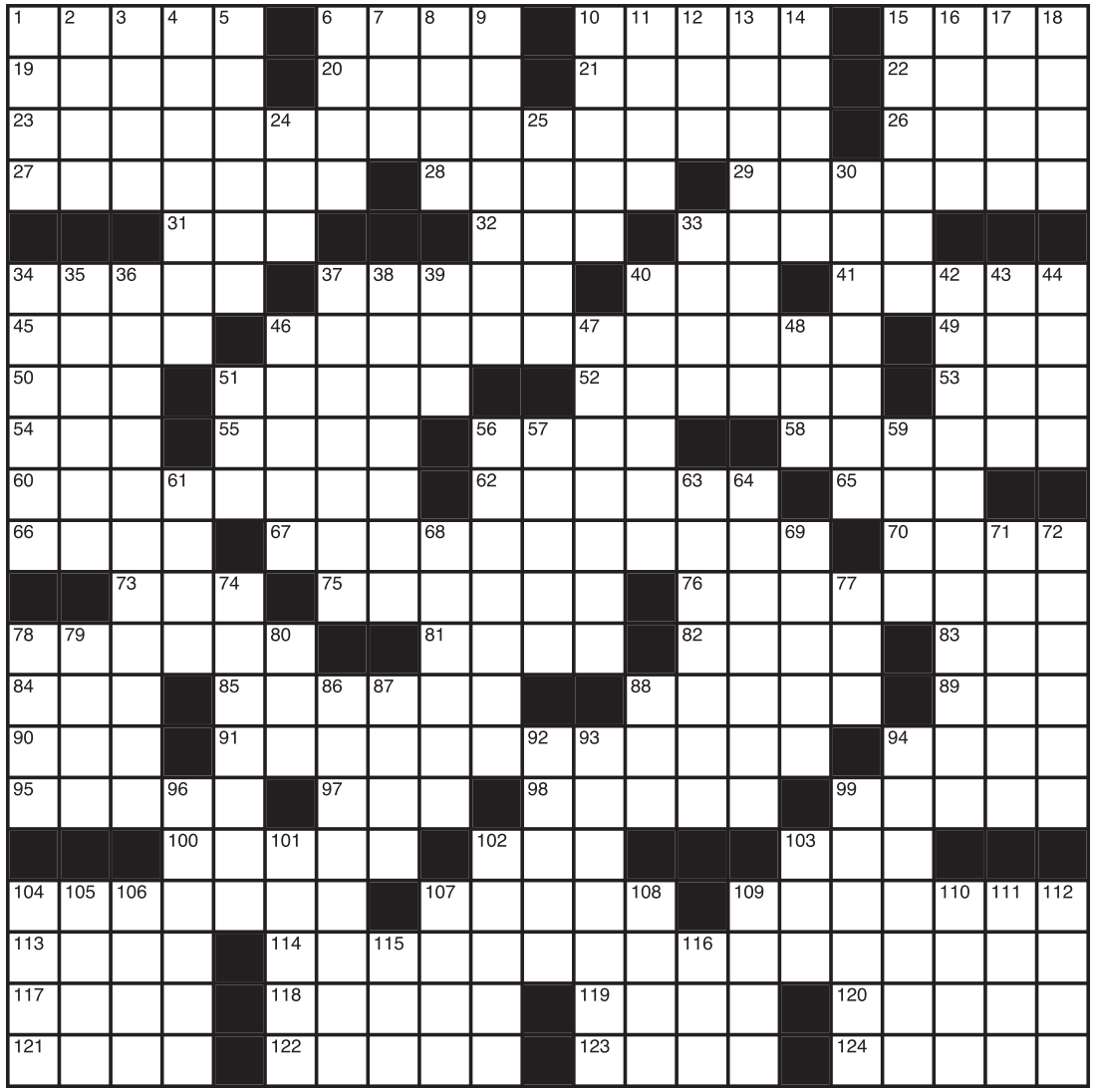
By Matt McKinley
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

Across

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10 Prepares potatoes, in a way
15 Card in a wallet
19 Zagreb native
20 Vanishing sound
21 Seating option
22 It gives you the big picture
23 Most highly regarded seasoning?
26 Side
27 Call for icing, maybe
28 Author Binchy
29 Limo amenity
31 Literally, "shady side"
32 Like two Beethoven piano sonatas
33 Groom on a 1952 Life cover
34 B, in a sandwich
37 Bridget Riley's "Movement in Squares," e.g.
40 23rd of 24
41 Gets more friendly, with "up"
45 __ collar
46 Brusque orchestral violinists?
49 Alley in comics
50 Soft shoe
51 Portends
52 Bush boss
53 Singer DiFranco
54 Card game shout
55 "Trinity" novelist
56 "__ Not There": Zombies hit
58 Child with a sponsor, maybe
60 Homer's "Northeaster," for one
62 Wall covers
65 Quick quality
66 Italian noble family
67 Actress Helen with her personal programmer?
70 One of a program dozen
73 Big-eyed bird
75 "Tristram Shandy" author
76 Bag by the barbecue
78 Lit
81 Honey beverage
82 "Hamilton" award
83 97-Across output
84 Holiday drink
85 Knockoff hr.
88 Glittery rock
89 Logician's letters
90 Granite St. campus
91 Kids responsible for breakfast bread?
94 Town
95 Low choristers
97 See 83-Across
98 Golf bag set
99 "Not a chance!"
100 Pie nut
102 Kiss at the mall, briefly
103 Security briefing org.
104 Lunch with fish
107 Large crosses
109 Head honcho, e.g.
113 Finished
114 Well-ventilated chef's hat?
117 It's often stained
118 Language that gives us "kayak"
119 "The Clan of the Cave Bear" author
120 Old Eurasian rulers
121 Wine adjective
122 Ideal areas
123 Letters before Q?
124 Limited-choice, as a question

Down

1 John follower
2 Sticking point?
3 Extra
4 Near the start
5 Yalta Conference notable
6 Informal pricing words
7 __ vivant
8 High time
9 __ de coeur: amorous relationship
10 Forgo
11 Put on
12 Musician's suffix
13 Pipes and such
14 Welcome
15 Former "Today" co-host
16 Source of film trivia
17 Complex story
18 Lumberyard supplier
24 Staple __
25 Doesn't hold back
30 Ski resort refreshment?
33 It borders three oceans
34 Mystify
35 Does penance (for)
36 Chocolate-loving gang?
37 Rex in the classics
38 It may be given with a bow
39 Saddlebag carrier
40 Radio tuning shortcut
42 Measurement for meat rotating on a spit?
43 Like many Bing Crosby records
44 Slant
46 Sacred scroll
47 Got hot online
48 Joke
51 Florida NFLer
56 Words often about details
57 Yogi Bear co-creator
59 CD part
61 Bastes, say
63 Talking point?
64 Educates
68 Lures
69 Straights and flushes
71 Place to grab a bite
72 Promise
74 Randy Johnson and Aroldis Chapman
77 Deli choice
78 Oscar __
79 O'Neill's daughter
80 Giuseppe's god
86 Wanderer
87 80%-Disney-owned channel
88 Nats pitcher González
92 Done with
93 Slow and steady
94 Just barely, at the track
96 Animated
99 Powerful
101 Adorable one
102 "Dead __ Society": 1989 film
103 Half-__: coffee order
104 Stink
105 Middle eye layer
106 Part of the woods?
107 Really mess up
108 Hit hard
109 Shed
110 Start of a sad tale
111 Bird related to the noddy
112 Brand that's a homophone of its company's initials
115 N.Y. neighbor
116 Where some pounds are spent: Abbr.



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Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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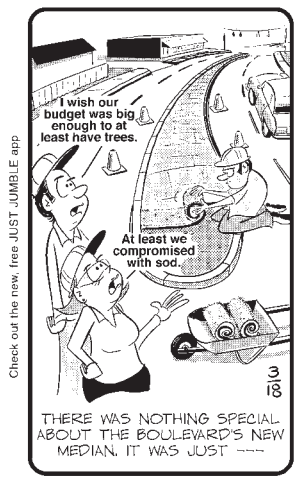
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Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

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Bridal shower or 'sprinkle,' guests still end up hosed



Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: I was invited to a "sprinkle" party for the mother of a bride. I thought sprinkle parties were for women having their second or more babies, but this group is asking for a donation to pamper this woman.

I am a little turned off by the whole idea. Am I rude for not going or contributing? The woman is a friend of mine. I have gone to a shower for her daughter, with a gift, and plan on giving another gift for the wedding. A party to pamper the mother of the bride just seems crazy to me. Not in my budget.

Gentle reader: Although Miss Manners understands that the reason for inventing the "sprinkle party" may have been to de-emphasize gift-giving, rather than emphasize it, it all sounds to her like another way to soak the family and friends.

As with any invitation, you may attend or not as you wish — and as with any invitation, you may not cite Miss Manners' objection to the party itself as the reason for refusing.

Dear Miss Manners: A good friend of mine recently became roommates with another woman, Cheryl. I've already met Cheryl a few times and expect to cross paths with her on a regular basis. She seems like a person I might enjoy.

A year ago, I dated a man who had lived with Cheryl as roommates in a situation that apparently ended badly on both sides. He and his circle of friends frequently vilified her as "evil" and "impossible." Things have ended with that man and events have made it clear that we are in agreement on very few things, including, apparently, what constitutes evil behavior.

Assuming I do encounter Cheryl as frequently as I expect to, should I mention the connection? I'm worried about a situation where we become friends and she finds out later that I've known about this unflattering portrayal of her long before we met.

On the other hand, how can I bring that up without causing her unnecessary pain? "My, you're much less evil than Murray let on"?

Gentle reader: Surely you can acknowledge the connection to your former beau without repeating his slander. If Cheryl pursues the subject at all, it seems more likely that she will take the occasion to express her own feelings about him than to inquire too closely about what he said about her.

In either case, your situation is vastly simplified in that you owe no loyalty to Murray. If she does ask what was said about her, you can answer that whatever it was, you knew better than to give it any weight. Miss Manners cautions against too enthusiastic an expression of dislike. While it may superficially further your new friendship, it is more polite — and better revenge — to discard his example, rather than emulate it.

Dear Miss Manners: Sometimes when ordering at a restaurant, my wife will say, "I guess, maybe, I'll just have the crabcakes." It is like she is apologizing for ordering!

I have also advised her not to bring in homemade baked goods to the office, but rather only obviously store-bought cookies and such. I am of the opinion that people will think of her less professionally if she brings in baked goods.

Besides, I am the full-time dishwasher in our house and I don't like washing dishes for baked goods somebody else gets to eat. My wife tells me that she is just being polite, but I don't think it is appropriate. What do you think?

Gentle reader: If your wife has become known primarily for providing treats around the office, it is possible that it is not doing her career any favors. But Miss Manners fails to see a significant difference in homemade goods versus store-bought ones in this scenario — except in your rather odd resentment in cleaning up after them.

As long as it has not become a chore or expected, and your wife enjoys doing it, why should she not continue?

As for her apologizing for her food order, Miss Manners sees nothing wrong with how she phrases her request. If anything, it is the crabcakes that are being maligned here, hardly your wife for asking for them.

While Miss Manners is in agreement that women should not have to succumb to so-called "traditional" roles or engage in unnecessarily apologetic behavior, she fears that your efforts to support your wife by fixating on her every move might be becoming part of the problem. If you would truly like to help her out, Miss Manners suggests that you learn how to bake.

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.*



puzzle island solutions

Last week's crosswords

"SOMEWHERE UP THERE"

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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

LEE TREVINO: AMERICA'S SPORT: Man, golf is America's sport. Baseball players retire, football players retire, hockey players retire. Then they play golf, don't they? I've never seen a golf pro retire to take up hockey, baseball or football.

Last week's Sudoku

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This week's Jumble

NOTIFY WAGGLE INDOOR
DIVERT HARDER NORMAL

There was nothing special about the boulevard's new median. It was just —

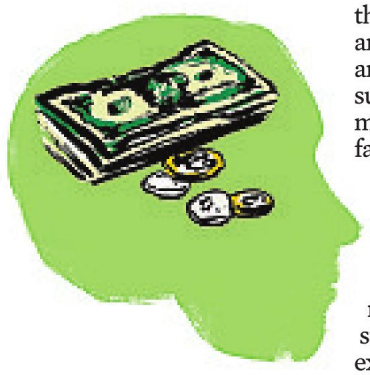
MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD



SOLUTIONS

Finances can affect brain — just ask a financial therapist

By Darcel Rockett
Chicago Tribune



GETTY ILLUSTRATION

Do you feel the saying "I got my mind on my money and my money on my mind" pertains to you more this year than last? According to a study by Northwestern Mutual, a Chicago-based financial planning firm, the stress people feel when making financial decisions can actually affect brain function.

Sam Barnett, a neuroscientist and Northwestern University researcher who conducted the study, also revealed that mental stress can often lead to poor decision-making when it comes to financial situations.

The study found that 20 percent more effort was used by the brain when facing financial scenarios without help. However, with outside assistance on financial decisions, people tended to be 21 percent less stressed.

The reason being, our brains weren't designed to be good with money, Barnett said. He added that learning about finances takes a lot of effort; the ability to process a financial decision is something we're not born with.

According to the study, eight in 10 Americans are financially anxious (regardless of age), and that's affecting their physical well-being.

Financial therapist Anne Malec, a Chicago-based licensed clinical psychologist, agrees with the study's findings. Her job as a financial therapist has her addressing the complex play of behavioral, cognitive, emotional and financial aspects of money that affect people's lives.

She says about 20 percent of her client caseload centers on financial therapy. After all, Malec said, since 2007, the American Psychological Association reports that money continues to be a top cause of stress for Americans.

So what is it about making a financial decision as a consumer that's so harrowing? Malec says it comes down to education.

"I think people don't feel that they're knowledgeable enough to make a good financial decision," she said. "There's so much that we don't know about complex purchases like investments that people, I think, can feel somewhat paralyzed because they don't know what to do. They don't know what they don't know, and there's too much fine print."

The effects of financial decisions can weigh on anyone, regardless of economic demographic. Brian Ford, a waiter from Chicago, can relate to the stress that surrounds financial matters.

"Big financial decisions tend to be very stressful. I always want to make sure I'm getting the most value for my money, so I'm always second-guessing my decisions and looking for different opportunities, which can get overwhelming," Ford said.

"The older we get, the more we have to worry about bigger financial decisions, as well as how those decisions affect those around us, like our friends and family. I want to make sure that my decisions will make things easier for my family, so that makes my big financial decisions stressful."

So how does one bring down the stress level when dealing with monetary issues? Malec suggests meditation and exercise can help, "but what really helps lower anxiety and stress is to create a budget."

Talking to others, be it a friend or a therapist, can also help — help being the main point.

Dr. Sarah Asebedo, financial therapist and assistant professor at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, sees eye to eye with Malec on getting help from a third party. She said doing so should lead to clarity and more of a relaxed situation.

Having co-authored a study on financial strain and mental health for the Journal of Financial Therapy, Asebedo and University of Alabama assistant professor Melissa Wilmarth investigated how stress responses to financial strain are related to mental health. The takeaway, Asebedo said, was financial strain in and of itself is neither harmful nor healthy, but how you react to that ultimately affects health.

Another point Asebedo makes is not to make financial decisions under duress.

"We do not always make the best decisions when we're under stress," she said. "So when we're in those situations, it's important to pause and try not to make decisions when we're feeling that way."

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Amy Sklar, of Amy Sklar Design, loves bold floral prints that feel modern and classic, such as these chairs — classic shape with a pattern that pops.

Eclectic, electric, easy breezy

For spring decor, pay less attention to season and more to personal expression

By Kim Cook
Associated Press

The biggest trend in decor may be that there isn't a big seasonal shift in style any more. In an era of democratic design, there's a relaxed approach to home decorating that has put the notion of "in" or "out" on a back burner. We can decorate our homes more freely.

There are furnishings, palettes and materials in the spotlight, to be sure. But we're more inclined to decorate in a personal and emotional way, making home a happy refuge in an uncertain world.

Warm and welcoming

"Cozy seems to be the buzzword for 2018," says Joan Craig, partner at Lichten Craig in Manhattan. "Every client this year has told us they want their home to be soft, warm, relaxed, luxurious and easy."



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Neutral colors seem to be maintaining their foothold in home design, perhaps with touches of drama, such as matte black elements.

Craig said that for a few years now clients have wanted high-performance fabrics that can survive kids, pets and wine. "This is still the case, but now these textiles also have to be incredibly lush and soft," she says. "We've started doing indoor/outdoor fabrics mixed with the most delicious mohairs and alpacas, combined with textured chenilles and weaves."

Miami-based designer Phyllis Taylor says her eponymous firm is getting many requests for ethanol-based fireplaces, which are easily retrofitted into homes because they don't require venting. Taylor's team is using the fireplaces as room dividers, and situating them in master baths, dining rooms and on television walls. "These fireplaces are a luxurious focal point, giving a space an unexpected touch of coziness and glamour."

Farmhouse sinks, like Stone Forest's hammered-copper version (**www.stoneforest.com**), meld relaxed rusticity with modernity.

Eclectic décor is part of this trend, too — a curated mélange of whatever makes your inner decorator's heart beat. Pieces from different eras, travel souvenirs, favorite finds — the shelter magazines have embraced eclecticism for its ease and personality.

Quiet color palettes are part of this aesthetic. Think muted sugar hues, deep limpid blues and fog.

Hastings Tile & Bath's new collection features handmade subway tiles with names like Duck Egg, Snow and Cloud (**www.hastingstilebath.com**).

"We think greige is making a re-emergence in 2018," says Los Angeles-based lighting, furniture and product designer Brendan Ravenhill. "A mix of grey and beige, the color brings warmth to wood and whitewashed spaces."

Melissa Lewis of Lewis Gianoulias Interiors in Chicago says there's a new way to tweak the perennially popular combo of gray and white: Envelop the space. "Take the warm neutrals and paint them on everything — doors, trim, walls, etc. The unilateral color makes any space feel much more refined and welcoming," she says.

That refinement is also being reinforced with touches of drama and texture, says Charlotte Dunagan of Dunagan/Diverio Design Group in Coral Gables, Fla. The firm is using matte black accessories, light fixtures and decorative hardware in many of its projects. Warm woods like walnut and warm paint colors generate an ambiance she calls "classic modern."

"Bold materials and textures offset by relaxing neutrals create the 2018 equilibrium," she says.

Play with pattern and color

While many designers are embracing calm and quiet, others are excited about the proliferation of imaginative, interesting patterns, shapes and textures. It's a trend that allows personalities to shine.

"I think people are less afraid to use pattern in bigger spaces," says LA designer Amy Sklar. "Patterned tiles for kitchen backsplashes and bathrooms are going strong, and I've also been using patterned runners for stairways and hallways. It's a fun way to add a little personality without overwhelming the space."

Bonnie Saland of the Los Angeles-based design studio Philomela has done a fabric collection based on rocks and minerals, as well as batik-style abstracts.

"We're enjoying the layering of pattern on textured ground, increasingly offering wallpapers on grass cloth," she says.

Pronounced weaves, knits and channeling are in soft accessory and upholstered furniture collections at many retailers this spring, including Jayson Home (**www.jaysonhome.com**), Inmod (**www.inmod.com**) and Target (**www.target.com**).

Los Angeles designer Raun Thorp sees red coming back, in new versions and applications.

Pantone's new palette has several vibrant hues, like Cherry Tomato, a zingy red; Meadowlark, a bracing yellow; and their color of the year, Ultra Violet.

Thorp is interested in avant garde Italian patterns now, too. "Cole & Son has some amazing Fornasetti wall coverings that will completely transform a room in unexpected ways," he says. "Surreal pattern is so appropriate in these surreal times."

Floral and garden patterns are cropping up everywhere, especially exaggerated ones. "The wackier the better," says Thorp.

Dutch designer Ellie Cashman has drawn inspiration from her country's art masters, creating oversize floral papers that look like they've been plucked from a moonlit garden.

And British firm Graham & Brown has collaborated with musician Brian Eno on a contemporary flower wallpaper full of kinetic energy.

It's that '70s show

Midcentury modern still has legs. So does the hybrid style known as transitional. But interior design's relationship with fashion and glamour has placed new focus on the 1970s and '80s.

The look may not seem quite as au courant to those who grew up in the era, but the young and daring will find Jonathan Adler's new pieces chic and fun. Inspired by Studio 54, the famed '70s-era New York nightspot, the seating in the Bacharach collection combines velvet upholstery and brushed brass bases. And in Adler's Ultra collection, mineral-hued velvet or black-and-white printed upholstery dresses up an array of seating that blends Italian modernism and futurism (**www.jonathanadler.com**).

Another feature of this '70s style? A palette of happy hues like daffodil, gumball pink, acid green and sky.

You'll see lots of kicky pop art prints on textiles and wallpaper. Fab's got One Bella Casa's Eyelita throw pillow, with a cartoon eye repeated on vivid green. Here too is the trippy, candy-colored geometric print of LiLiPi's Pop pillow (**www.fab.com**).

So here we go, 2018. Some of us are ready to cozy up with Netflix and a faux fur throw in a quiet room wrapped in milk chocolate paint. Others want to enliven our space with a madcap array of fun prints, a gold chandelier and the tunes turned up.

This year, it's all good.

Living walls best left to pros, ex-presidents

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post



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The Green Wall at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pa., was the largest living wall in the U.S. when it was built in 2010 and decorates a corridor of individual restrooms.

When you view a life-size portrait of some notable person, your gaze tends to go first to the subject's face and then to the pose of the body and finally to the background.

The newly unveiled oil painting of former President Barack Obama messes with this visual sequence. The visitors who have been lining up at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington to see the artwork by Kehinde Wiley are gripped by a strange and compelling element — a backdrop of vegetation that seems to embrace Obama and the antique Federal chair on which he sits.

The flowers on the canvas bring their own message, some of them disembodied from their plants. The Arabian jasmine recalls the garden plants of Obama's native Hawaii; the chrysanthemum is the official flower of Chicago; and the African lily, or agapanthus, an allusion to his Kenyan forebears. The cascade of foliage appears to belong to the jasmine. It would have been nice to have seen something of Obama's Irish ancestry — *Hedera hibernica*, perhaps?

Whatever the symbolism, there is something magical about a wall of lush vegetation — whether unexpected on a canvas or cosseting in a garden. A vertical, living tapestry has the power to clear the mind, lower the blood pressure and transport you to a place of delight. Achieving that ideal, like painting a portrait, is a lot harder than it may appear.

The desire to clothe buildings, fences, walls or any vertical plane with plants is a long-held ambition of gardeners and goes back at least to the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. Such effects hide ugly or dull surfaces with charming beauty. For gardeners in tight spaces, the vegetated wall retrieves a barren area and promises an effective screen.

Traditionally, the way to do this is to plant a vine in the ground and let it climb up a wall or fence. The difficulty is that many vigorous climbers — desired for full and rapid coverage — have turned out to be ravening weeds. These include English ivy, Asian wisteria, porcelain berry and five-leaf akebia. Even if you find a vigorous vine that isn't invasive, keeping it pruned, trained and generally groomed takes you into the realm of the hobby gardener. This neediness extends to rambling roses, by the way.

In recent years, another type of vegetative art has emerged, called living walls or green walls. They rely on pockets to hold the roots. The best are extremely photogenic and have thus infiltrated social media. This makes them coveted by folks who have little idea, I suspect, of how expensive and demanding they can be.

In spite of this, the best are truly amazing. One of the champions of this horticultural art form is the French designer Patrick Blanc, whose commissions include the side of a five-story building in Paris transformed from bare stucco to a vertical jungle named L'Oasis d'Aboukir.

Many living walls are constructed either in balmy places such as Florida or indoors, allowing the use of tropical plants, including some of the leafier houseplants.

Building one outdoors in a temperate climate forces the use of hardy plants. In his Paris project, Blanc used not just hardy perennials but also a few shrubs. The palette includes bergenias, pinks, cranesbill, hypericum, liriope, hostas, fatsia, and even nandina and yucca.

Such vertical gardens require expertly engineered systems of support and ways of delivering water and nutrients. They also require large quantities of plants.

"I don't think it's a do-it-yourself sort of thing," said Ed Snodgrass, a grower of green-roof plants in Street, Md. "You have to be pretty slick to take on a do-it-yourself pocket wall, with all the systems it requires."



YANN MONEL PHOTO

French designer Patrick Blanc transformed the side of a five-story building in Paris from bare stucco to a vertical jungle named L'Oasis d'Aboukir.

The curtain of vegetation veils its workings: Custom armature, a hive of planting cells, a computerized irrigation system and supplemental lighting. Many skip the soil — the plants grow in synthetic felt or the like and are watered and fed hydroponically.

If you want a sense of the challenges and rewards of the vertical garden, consider the Green Wall at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pa. It was the largest living wall in the United States when it was built in 2010, and it is used to decorate a curving corridor of individual restrooms. The garden consists of two walls — they face each other — and each is 13 feet high and 360 feet long.

The wall is a beguiling composition of 33,000 plants in contrasting textures and shades of greens. By using mostly ferns, flowering is kept to a bare minimum. It's designed as a break from the floral extravaganza in the East Conservatory. "It's the sorbet in a great meal," said its gardener, Lauren Jenkins. "This space is a respite."

For the viewer that is, not Jenkins. With her team of four volunteers, she is continually grooming and trimming and making sure that the plants are happy. At this time of year, they are watered once a day and fed twice a week with irrigation tubes, but the plants nearer the glass roof are warmer, thirstier and watered longer.

Companies have emerged to cater to this market. Employers see value in living walls as ways of beautifying office lobbies and bestowing tranquility in an otherwise harried environment.

Michael Furbish, of Furbish in Baltimore, has installed approximately 40 living walls over the past eight years. "We have a lot of people who see our walls in commercial applications and say, 'What if I want one, 2 feet by 2 feet, or 3 by 3, in my kitchen. Can I do that?' " But scaling down doesn't negate the need for custom installation, sophisticated irrigation and other systems, so "it becomes prohibitively expensive," he said.

He is developing a more simple setup that he hopes to market later this year.

Meanwhile, you can get your living wall fix by visiting the National Portrait Gallery. Photos don't do justice to Obama's portrait or the mesmerizing vitality of the surrounding verdure.

Some weeds early to rise; put them to bed for good

By Beth Botts
Chicago Tribune



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Some of the first plants to green up after the winter are weeds, such as creeping Charlie, shown here. Aggressive ground covers also can get an early spring jump on your other plants, so they should be tackled early.

Bright flashes of green in the garden in spring can be a welcome sight. Or not.

Some of the first plants to green up after the winter are weeds, such as creeping Charlie, common chickweed, deadnettle and shepherd's purse.

"Early spring is a good time to tackle them because you can spot them easily," said Doris Taylor, plant clinic manager at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

It's also a good time to control aggressive ground covers that may be sprawling or taking over. Evergreen or semievergreen ground covers such as English ivy, vinca, euonymous and pachysandra have an advantage over other garden plants, including trees and shrubs. Because they stay green through the winter, they still have chlorophyll and can continue to photosynthesize and grow while the rest of the garden is dormant. They have time to conquer more territory before the other plants wake up.

Tackling them early makes it easier to avoid damaging other plants, which are mostly still small and compact.

"You may have a few crocuses blooming, but you can still work around the little perennial sprouts," Taylor said.

Why control weeds and aggressive ground covers?

"They are battling your other plants," she said. "Their roots are competing for water and nutrients with the roots of your trees. Their leaves can shade out your perennials."

To control weeds and ground covers, first make sure you can distinguish between unwanted plants and bulbs or early perennials that may be trying to poke through.

"Work carefully to avoid damaging plants you want to keep," Taylor said.

Trim ground covers back to the edge of a path or sidewalk. Pull up woody stems or vines that have crept into areas where they are not wanted, but be sure to dig up the roots too.

"If you leave the roots, they'll just resprout," she said.

Some aggressive ground covers, such as spotted deadnettle and bishop's weed, spread by sending out stems to creep along the ground or just below the soil that can root and send up plants in new spots. Several rosettes of leaves may sprout from a single stem.

"Be sure you trace that stem all the way to the end and dig up all those new plants, along with their roots," Taylor said.

Creeping Charlie spreads the same way. This shade-loving perennial plant is easiest to remove in spring when it has just one compact rosette of leaves, before its slender stems snake out between grass blades and among other plants.

Dandelions are another perennial weed, sprouting from a deep taproot in early spring. Other early weeds, such as common chickweed, are annuals growing from seeds that germinated over the winter.

"The important thing is to weed early and often," Taylor said.

She recommends focusing on one area at a time. That way, you can be methodical about digging up the roots, not just the leaves. You can be careful about not pulling or stepping on desirable young plants. And as you clear each patch, you can savor a small early victory.

*For tree and plant advice, contact the arboretum's plant clinic (630-719-2424 or **plantclinic@mortonarb.org**).*

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5 tips to help you stop impulse buying

By Debbie Carlson
Chicago Tribune



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It's easy to get carried away when paying by credit card. Paying in cash puts a physical barrier between you and what you want to buy.

We've all been there. You're shopping and see something completely unrelated to what you need to buy. You want it. No, you need it. So you swipe your credit card, but a month later the regret of impulse shopping arrives when the bill does.

It's easy to get carried away and buy something you don't need. And stores — whether online or brick-and-mortar — are designed to separate you from your money.

"Impulsive shopping is all about seeing something and creating this very spontaneous, unmindful, unreflective urge," said Mousumi Bose Godbole, professor of marketing at Fairfield University. "Impulse shopping is a lot about a lack of self-control and not having enough self-regulating resources."

She said the best way to help curb impulsive shopping is to stop and ask yourself, "Do I really need it?" But in the heat of the moment, that may not be easy to do. Here are five tips to help you stop that late-minute purchase.

Don't shop hungry. Whether it's online or in physical stores, Bose Godbole said, research shows people who don't eat before they shop have a lowered resistance and tend to give in to impulse purchases. That also goes for people who use "retail therapy" — shopping when their emotions are particularly high or low. If you're hungry or in an altered emotional state, you can't rely on the internal resources that might curb those impulses.

"Your ability to self-regulate is already down. Shopping is already an emotional process. Impulse shopping is all about a complex emotional urge," she said.

If you have trouble sticking to a list and controlling those impulsive urges, shop with someone who might frown on your throwing something extra in your cart, said Neal Stern, certified public accountant and member of the American Institute of CPAs' National CPA Financial Literacy Commission.

"Shopping with a friend is also a good tactic for dealing with one of the strategies that stores use to fuel the fire of compulsive spending. Especially in the higher-end stores, salespeople are trained to play the role of your friend to encourage you to buy," Stern said.

Kill those unnecessary mailing lists. Mandi Woodruff, executive editor at Lending Tree, recommended unsubscribing from retail mailing lists "that are all too easy to get sucked into." Although the mailing lists might contain promo codes, she instead recommends downloading a web browser tool like Ebates that will find any cash-back offers or online promo codes you can use.

Keep score. Everyone shops with a phone now, so use the phone's built-in calculator to keep track of the costs of what's going into your cart, Stern said. "Especially in big-box stores, those large carts can fill up quickly with a collection of relatively inexpensive items that may add up to a shocking number when you reach the register. By the way, the carts in those stores are purposely extra-large — that's a strategy to encourage you to buy more," he said.

Cash is king. It's easy to get carried away when paying by credit card, Bose Godbole said. But paying in cash puts a physical barrier between you and what you want to buy. If your body is urging you to buy, paying by cash makes you physically count out the dollars it takes to make the purchase, so it slows down how quickly the transaction happens, giving you time to think, she said.

Stern agreed. "When you have to pay with cash, the impact of buying is much more dramatic, and you're forced to see what is happening to you financially right then and there," he said.

Create a 24-hour rule. Time is on your side when it comes to preventing impulse shopping. Physical stores will hold items for 24 or 48 hours, which gives you a chance to think about it before buying, Stern said.

"Even if you decide you still want it, you can use the time to look online and make sure you're really getting a good deal. There are plenty of so-called sales with dramatic percentages off where the item has never really sold for the alleged list price," Stern said.

Woodruff said the 24-hour rule works online too. Put goods in your cart, but wait for the next day to buy to see whether you really need whatever you had dumped there. "I'm willing to bet you'll forget all about them, and that's a clear sign you really didn't need them in the first place," she said.

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SOCIAL GRACES

Should you share that you're starting therapy?

By Susan Moskop
Chicago Tribune

Q: You've decided talking to a therapist would benefit you, but you're unsure about sharing this news. How should you approach the situation?

Generally, if you can share with people who love and support you, it's a great idea. But if you know that there are going to be detractors, then you should reconsider.

Some situations are embarrassing or very personal, and you don't have to let people in on that.

If the reason you are seeking therapy involves a partner or a parent, it might be worth it to let that person know you're going to seek help.

If and when you're ready to open up, remember to do it compassionately. Say, "This is something that's important to me. I think I need help with this, and I've decided to go see someone."

Above all, be steadfast in your decision and say, "This is important to me, and I hope you come around."

— Leo Loukas, counselor, Chicago Therapy Solutions

If you are seeking help with relationship issues, you should definitely consider sharing with your partner.

In cases of abuse, however, it's important not to share because that could create more conflict.

Give people enough information to help them understand why this is important. Think about your goal by asking yourself, "Why am I sharing this with my sister?"

Avoid blaming, shaming and guilting when approaching the person.

If someone is reacting defensively, practice empathy and reflecting. Say, "I can understand why this feels overwhelming, but I want to clarify that I'm going because there's some difficulty in our relationship."

— Elizabeth J. Burke, owner and founder of Empowered Therapy Inc.



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People seeking therapy for relationship issues should consconsider involving their partner.

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Highlights from the International Home and Housewares Show

By Debbie Carlson
Chicago Tribune

Devices to make cooking easier, quicker and healthier; internet-connected devices; and housewares that combine beauty, function and innovation were among the top trends at this year's International Home and Housewares Show.

Held in Chicago at McCormick Place, the industry-only show had 2,200 exhibitors and 60,000 attendees; the show's organizers say it's the world's premier housewares fair. Many of the pieces on display may soon make it to your home.

Joe Derochowski, home industry analyst for the NPD Group Inc., a market research company focusing on consumers, said the healthy eating trend is one of the driving forces for the housewares industry. "Today's consumers are interested in high-protein, low-carb foods, homemade meals and eating fresh foods," he said.



SMEG

Italian housewares manufacturer SMEG and Italian fashion house Dolce & Gabbana teamed up for a first-time collaboration. The first collection has three items available now, including a toaster. Other items will be released later.



Bring smart-home technology to your travel mug. The Cauldryn Fyre V2 is the first vacuum-sealed bottle that boils water from a rechargeable battery and has voice activation capabilities via Google Assistant, allowing the user tell the bottle when to turn on and off and the preferred temperature. It has Bluetooth, LED control settings, attachable accessories and a removable heating element.

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1. Healthy eating: One product that exemplifies a big trend in healthy eating is Farberware's Rice-n-Slice Vegetable Ricer (expected out this month on Amazon; suggested retail price, $19.99). Cauliflower "rice" has become a popular substitute for carbohydrates, whether to replace the gluten in pizza dough or for rice in stir-fries. The manual device quickly reduces many vegetables to crumble-size pieces without making a mess on a cutting board.



SANODEGUSTO

Belgian company Sanodegusto introduced a new line of porcelain dinnerware with a proprietary temperature control integrated in the dish. The technology keeps the dinnerware warm or cold for more than 30 minutes.

Trying to rice vegetables with a knife can get messy, but Farberware's Rice-n-Slice Vegetable Ricer makes quick work of cauliflower rice. It can also rice broccoli, squash, potatoes and carrots. The bowl holds 7 ½ cups of vegetables and has a nonslip bottom.



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DE'LONGHI

The De'Longhi 14L Livenza Convection Oven heats up to 60 percent faster than full-size convention ovens and cooks up to 40 percent faster. The Livenza oven features nine preset cooking and baking settings, including toast, bake, convection, defrost, roast, reheat, pizza and cookies functions.

2. Faster cooking: The success of multicookers like Instant Pot spurred many manufacturers to make their products cook many things at once and do it faster. Ben Salmon, proprietor at New Jersey-based store Kitchen a la Mode, said the Instant Pot-like products opened up people to new ways of cooking, since foods like dried beans can be cooked in a half-hour in it. As Instant Pot brought pressure cookers to the forefront of faster cooking, several manufacturers, among them De'Longhi, are showing new countertop convection ovens to make baking faster. De'Longhi's 14L Livenza Convection Oven will be available in June for a suggested price of $179.

3. Smart homes: Smart-home technology continues to become more popular and is making inroads into more kitchen products, especially as smart speakers like Amazon Echo and Google Assistant are becoming more prevalent. Cauldryn's partnership with Google Assistant adds voice activation to its Fyre V2 vacuum-sealed travel mugs that boil water by using a rechargeable battery, allowing users to tell the bottle when to turn on and off and their preferred temperature of their hot beverage.

4. High design: Housewares manufacturers continue to push beautiful design elements. "Home and housewares manufacturers offer not only the 'basics' but innovative, stylish and highly designed products that have elevated the demand and popularity of the entire industry," said Jon Jesse, vice president for industry development at International Housewares Association.

One of the most stylish and high-end examples of this on display was a first-time collaboration between Italian appliance manufacturer SMEG and fashion designer Dolce & Gabbana, which combine sleek designs and beautiful imagery. The first collection has three items: an electric juicer, a teakettle and a toaster, which they call the "breakfast suite" ($600 each, **www.neimanmarcus.com**).

5. Kitchen innovation: Marrying innovation and style is Belgian company Sanodegusto, which won the show's global innovation award. Its porcelain plates are integrated with a proprietary technology that keeps the dinnerware warm or cold for more than 30 minutes, helping to maintain the food's proper temperature. The company is expected to launch the line in the U.S. in September, with a dinner-sized plate expected to retail around $35.

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Are pajama pants ever OK in public?



ELLEN WARREN
Shopping



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College students still favor pajama pants for daily wear around campus. Why not slip on a pair of jeans?

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: On a recent lovely day, I was waiting at a stoplight and saw a guy (he looked like a high school or college kid) crossing the street in front of my car at lunchtime, and his outfit was a little surprising. He was wearing pajama pants and those Adidas slides that soccer players wear that look like bedroom slippers. My question: Is wearing pajamas and bedroom slippers out in public an OK (or even fashionable?) look today? For men? For women? For anybody?

— *Rusty R.*

Dear Rusty: When it comes to questions like this, my usual response is, "If you have to ask, the answer is do *not* go there." Like you, I see both men and women walking around in those pajama pants (aka "loungewear"). Unlike for you, there is no question in my mind that this is *not* an OK look and shouldn't be considered fashionable, even if everybody is doing it. I understand that wearing pajamas to class is a favorite look among college students, but how much more trouble is it to throw on a pair of jeans? Answer: not much. I'll grant you that a pair of cotton drawstring pajama pants isn't that much different, in theory, than loose-fitting drawstring denim or linen pants clearly appropriate for wear outside the home. But the fabric does make the difference between pajamas and street clothes. Some designers have been selling silky "pajama" looks for evening wear, and those, too, in my opinion, are just silly and also should also be confined to home.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: As mother of the groom, I am trying to coordinate my attire with the mother of the bride, attendants and the bride's wishes. The 6 p.m. wedding time would seem to dictate formal, however the bride is not a formal type. The attendants are wearing whatever they wish — no specific style or color palette. I had seen a long gown that I liked in a navy-royal bluish tone, but just found out the bride's mother is wearing a calf-length dress in tones of light blue. Just after the engagement 15 months ago, I found a beaded two-piece top that I thought would go well with soft black palazzo pants, given the time of the wedding. I can't find any online guidance that even mentions some iteration of this. The bride just told me to feel comfortable and beautiful.

— *Margaret R.*

Dear Margaret: Listen to the bride. Judging from the fact that the bridesmaids are wearing whatever they want with no rules on style, length or color, you are free to make whatever choices you want. I think the beaded top with flowy pants sounds great. Go for it. Or, if the long royal-blue dress will make you feel more "comfortable and beautiful" (as the bride recommends), then let that be your choice. Trying to coordinate with the mother of the bride is just not required these days. My goddaughter's wedding was beautiful last summer. Her mom wore a long-sleeve, midcalf, navy-blue lace dress with a rhinestone belt. The groom's mom was in a swingy print mini sundress. They couldn't have been more different, and nobody cared. As I've said before, no one is paying much attention to anyone's outfit except the bride's anyhow. So don't fret, and have a glorious time at the wedding.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Do you have any idea where I might be able to find white corduroys? No, not "off-white" or the misnamed "winter white" — I'm looking for pure white, stark white, sparkling white, like the bleach commercials promise to make your laundry. I purchased my first pair about 20 years ago from Ann Taylor, and I wore them until they practically fell off me. My second pair (I can't remember where I got them) has just started to self-destruct. I have been unsuccessful finding white cords in an online search.

— *Mary W.*

Dear Mary: Sometimes all you require is the right search question and you'll locate what you're yearning for. Macy's site (**www.macys.com**) had three corduroy pants/leggings options in bright white. And when I checked, they were on sale: Lauren by Ralph Lauren, Tommy Hilfiger and Michael Kors (leggings).

Also, when you have abandoned all hope, try eBay and pre-owned fashion sites like ThredUp. I found what you're looking for on both of those sites. You might just find another pair of the Ann Taylors!

Angelic Readers 1

From Amy G.: "This suggestion is for presents for college-bound graduates and high schoolers' birthdays. For a birthday, my child (new teen) received clothing with the high school logo. Gift-givers purchased online or phoned ahead to the school to find out bookstore hours and policies of the school to walk in and purchase T-shirts, sweatshirts and other gear. My kid loved these gifts."

Angelic Readers 2

Melanie A. writes: "Regarding the reader who asked about slipping bra straps, I 'discovered' Cakye nonstick elastic bra strap holders on Amazon: four straps each in a different color, for $6.99. They have saved me so much frustration and embarrassment over slipping straps, they are sent right from heaven!"

Reader Rant 1

Linda M. gripes: "Ellen, what's up with those plastic/rubber loops they put into clothes to hold it on the hanger in the stores? If you leave them in the clothes, they peep out at the worst times. If you try to cut them out, they leave scratchy nubs that irritate my shoulders. Does anyone have a solution?"

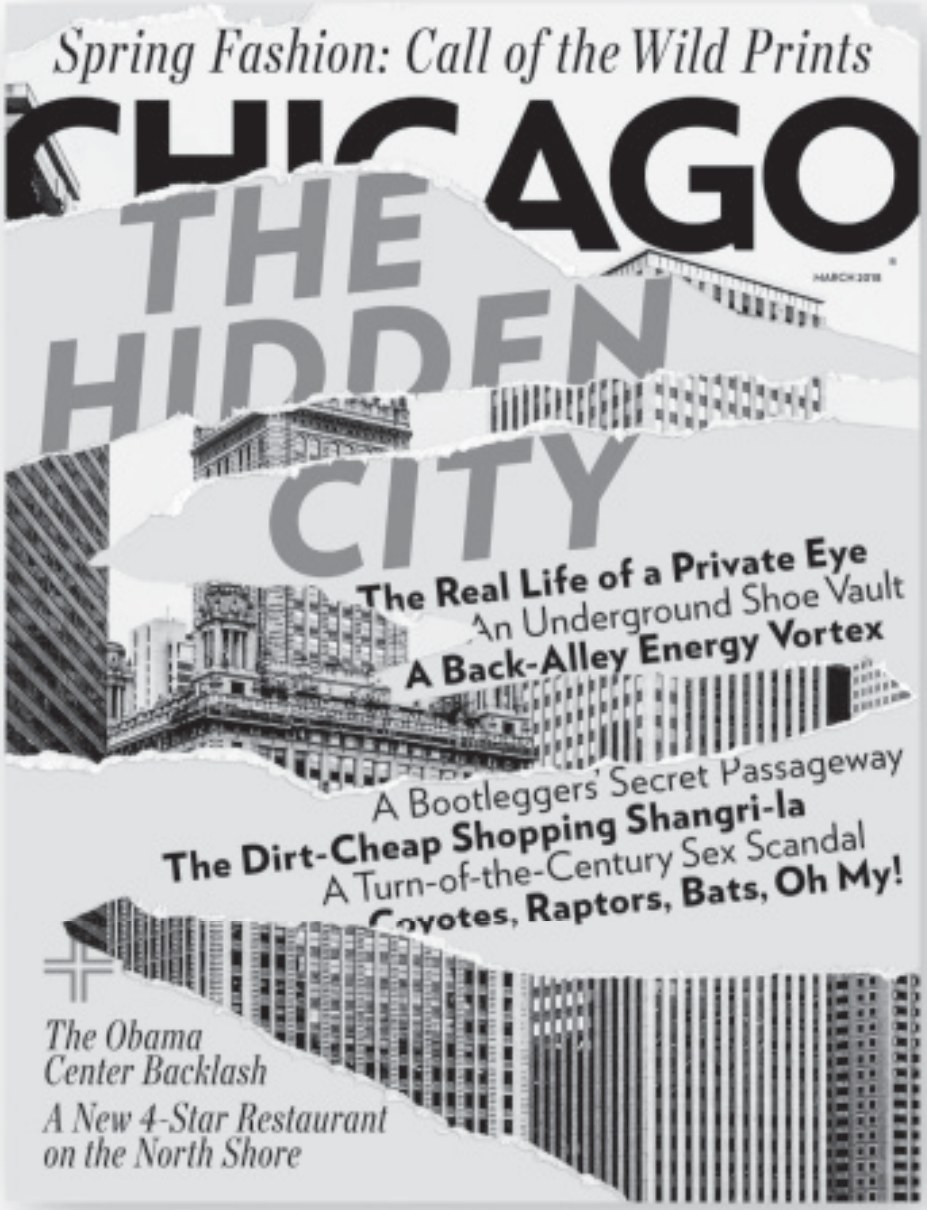
Reader Rant 2

From Karen G.: "As a shopper for my 92-year-old mother who is no longer able to shop, is there some kind of rule that when you hit your golden years, you have to wear pastel polyester 'outfits' embellished with sequins and bling? And if I see another sweatshirt with cute cats, pandas or birdhouses, I'm going to scream. She's 92, not 2. Trying to find something appropriate for a recent wedding took me weeks searching catalogs and the internet until I finally 'settled' in desperation. Hey, clothes manufacturers, how about some classic, stylish, easy-to-wear clothing for our seniors? "

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Candid Candace



By Candace Jordan
Chicago Tribune

Event boosts mission to protect breast health

A Silver Lining Foundation hosted its fourth annual Glitz & Glamour fashion show and luncheon at The Peninsula Chicago on March 9. Presented by A. Marek Fine Jewelry, the event featured spring fashions from local designers to support the nonprofit's breast health programs that provide complimentary mammograms, diagnostic testing and more for those in need.

The sold-out event attracted more than 250 guests and kicked off with a reception featuring singer Blake Alexander. Milliner Gloria Hafer presented a collection of her stylish hats for sale with proceeds benefiting the foundation and After School Matters.

WGN-Ch. 9's Micah Materre served as master of ceremonies.

Dr. Sandy Goldberg, co-founder along with her husband, Gregory Hines, created the nonprofit in 2002 after her breast cancer diagnosis.

She realized that the support and access to treatment she received was "only a dream" for others. She created the foundation in honor of her late mother, Evelyn Goldberg, who died from breast cancer.

Dr. Sandy, as she's affectionately known, took the stage wearing a Mark Roscoe black-and-white flared dress. She spoke about the organization's progress, from humble beginnings to offering multiple breast health programs including resource information and outreach, education and survivor support.

She thanked Barbara Bradford, owner of A. Marek Fine Jewelry, and her husband, Robert Sherman, for their ongoing support.

The 40-minute show opened with six models wearing black cocktail dresses and swathed in sparkling jewels, each created by a different designer.

All of the event's proceeds, more than $40,000, will support the foundation's "Buy a Mom a Mammogram" program, which funds the entire spectrum of breast health testing free of charge for uninsured and underinsured women and men at 15 partner hospitals.

Freelancer Candace Jordan is involved with many local organizations, including some whose events she covers.

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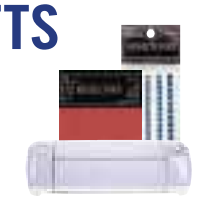
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Jennifer and Dan Ptak had conflicting desires in their Logan Square house hunt. She wanted historic, he liked modern. They eventually landed on a compromise that suited them both.

House-hunting divided

Homebuying often triggers some unpleasant arguments for couples. Here are tips on resolving common issues.

By Danielle Braff
Chicago Tribune

If you've ever stepped into Ikea, then you're probably aware of the challenges facing couples searching for the perfect piece of furniture. With spring homebuying season nearly upon us, spats over a sofa likely won't compare with arguments couples face when choosing a home. A 2017 study found that 60 percent of millennial and Gen X couples shopping for a house argue during the process, according to research sponsored by LendingHome, a mortgage lender.

It seemed like Jennifer Ptak and her husband, Dan, would never be able to find a house that was historic (her preference) and modern (his) when they were searching for a single-family home in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood five years ago.

"He kept scheduling tours of the new houses in our neighborhood — what I would describe as a 'box,' and perhaps what others might kindly call 'rectilinear,' and I hated them — way too modern," said Ptak, a part-time grant writer and mother of a 2-year-old son. "Meanwhile, I was scheduling tours of vintage properties which had plenty of charm — or were at imminent risk of collapse, due to their age, according to my husband."

They finally found a late 1800s single-family home that had been fully updated in 2007, yet some vintage details remained.

"We both love it, though my husband did insist on hiring a structural engineer to make sure it wasn't going to fall down anytime soon," Ptak said.

Whether your argument revolves around style, budget or even location — suburbs or city? — we asked experts how to navigate thorny house-hunting issues and resolve them as well as the Ptak family did.

Budget

This is the No. 1 concern couples face when they're buying a home, with 49 percent disagreeing on the amount of debt they should carry, according to the LendingHome study. Before they start their search, couples should discuss the ultimate goal they're trying to achieve by staying in the confines of their budget, said Carrie Rosen, branch director and financial adviser at RBC Wealth Management in Oak Brook. Then, Rosen said in an email, couples need to ask themselves a few questions.

"Are the ramifications of increasing the budget — delaying retirement or a major purchase — worth the immediate benefit?" Is there something else that can be given up (dinner out once a week) in order to accommodate the other want (financing an additional $20,000 for a new home)?"

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Mortgage insurers wary of easing debt standard



Kenneth R. Harney
The Nation's Housing

A key policy change by mortgage giant Fannie Mae that offered homeownership to thousands of new buyers — many of them minorities — could face significant cutbacks. The reason: Private mortgage insurers are rethinking their decisions to participate.

The change, which took effect last July, allowed borrowers with debt-to-income ratios, or DTI, as high as 50 percent to obtain low-down-payment mortgages. Homeownership advocates generally welcomed the move, arguing that it could open the marketplace to creditworthy families who simply carry high debt loads.

A study by the Urban Institute predicted Fannie Mae's change could stimulate 95,000 new home purchases a year nationwide, especially among Latinos and African-Americans, who have higher DTIs on average than other buyers.

Debt-to-income is a crucial factor in mortgage underwriting and is one of the biggest reasons for application rejections. It measures borrowers' recurring monthly debts — credit card bills, auto loan payments, rent, etc. — against their gross monthly income. As a general rule, the lower your DTI, the better your chances at being approved for a loan. If your DTI is exceptionally high, with credit payments eating a hefty chunk of your income, you're considered more likely to encounter financial strains and miss mortgage payments.

The federal government's maximum DTI for a "qualified mortgage" is 43 percent. Fannie Mae, the single largest source of mortgage money in the U.S., has in recent years stretched that limit to 45 percent and sometimes beyond when borrowers had compensating factors in their applications, such as a high credit score or substantial cash reserves. In its push to raise the ceiling to 50 percent DTI, Fannie noted that all the loans would have to pass the standard tests of its automated underwriting system, which are designed to flag or reject excessive credit risks.

In the intervening months, the relaxed DTI requirement attracted increasing numbers of new buyers. Fannie Mae won't say how many precisely, but in its most recent quarterly securities filing it acknowledged that it had grown to 20 percent of new purchase loan acquisitions. In all of 2016, by comparison, the proportion had been just 5 percent. But as the numbers rose, concerns began to mount among some of the private mortgage insurance companies who play an essential role in all of Fannie Mae's low-

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A new analysis by personal finance website SmartAsset says it would take an annual salary of at least $48,384 to comfortably afford monthly home payments in Chicago.

If you make $48,000, you can afford a Chicago home

By Darcel Rockett
Chicago Tribune

Counting your pennies a bit more these days to afford a house? Just exhale.

A new analysis by SmartAsset, the personal finance and technology website, shows it would take an annual salary of $48,384 to comfortably afford monthly home payments of $1,452 in Chicago — that includes mortgage payments, property taxes and homeowners insurance.

To come up with the $48,384 figure, SmartAsset plugged the median home value in Chicago — $243,900, based on data from the Census Bureau — into its mortgage calculator and assumed that buyers were debt-free, made a 20 percent down payment, took out a 30-year mortgage with a 4 percent interest rate and spent 0.5 percent on homeowners insurance.

That salary figure is lower than Chicago's median household income of $53,006, according to the Census Bureau.

That's a step in the right direction of the American Dream, considering one estimate says Chicagoans would need a job that pays at least $96,600 a year to be able to rent a two-bedroom apartment solo in the city.

"Compared to our coastal counterparts, Chicago has maintained affordability, so when buyers are looking, they're better poised in Chicago than they would be in some of these other markets," said Rebecca Thomson, president of the Chicago Association of Realtors. "Many prospective buyers are seeing that rent rates have continued to go up, so when they start evaluating cost savings, oftentimes buying a home is the better option."

According to Thomson, vice president of agent development at @properties, there are homes at that median price point throughout all of the city's 77 community areas.

January sales figures from the Chicago Association of Realtors reveal that about 44 percent of total listings were at or below $265,000.

"Chicago is much more in line with what people are making, which makes getting into a home much ... easier in the city," she said.

AJ Smith, vice president of financial education at SmartAsset, agrees and hopes studies like theirs inspire people to look a little deeper into their personal finances.

"I think people are more aware of required minimum income (for homeownership)," Smith said. "I feel before the recession, things were: 'Yes, buy! You can do it!' But people were not really given information like the ability to see what it means if you have other debt on the table, to give you a more comprehensive picture.

"We hope (the study) gets people thinking about that and feeling a little better about the decision."

She said the various calculators on the site (Rent versus buy? How much house can I afford?) provide more realistic numbers in terms of homeownership.

"Our goal is to get people talking about personal finance in general — not always the most exciting dinner conversation, but really important ... especially when it comes to housing," Smith said. "Running your specific numbers can really help you get a better handle on how it all impacts you."

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Should parents buy house for college kid, rent rooms?



Benny L. Kass
Housing Counsel



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Parents planning to get a house for their child in college in another state should retain a local attorney in that state.

Q: Our daughter just started college and we are seriously considering buying a house near the campus.

Our plan: Assuming she stays in college for at least four years, when she finishes her first year, she can move into the house, and we can rent rooms to other college kids. We believe our daughter is capable of managing the property.

Our problem: Her college is in a different state, and while we have experience buying property where we live, we want to make sure we are doing the right thing. Any suggestions?

A: Without knowing all the facts, it sounds like a good plan; it will save you money on college expenses and hopefully make you some money at the same time.

You should immediately retain a local attorney. If you don't have any names, you can contact the local bar association in the county or state where the college is, and it will provide you with some names.

Once you have a lawyer on your side, she or he should assist you in getting a local real estate agent that will help you locate several properties that could work based on your plan.

While your daughter should be spending time studying as well as having fun, she should also be kept in the loop during house hunting. After all, she will be living in the house for several years.

Your attorney will give you the local and state requirements that residential landlords have to follow.

Keep in mind that every state has different landlord-tenant laws; one misstep — no matter how small — can cost you a lot of money. There are many tenant lawyers throughout the country who love to bring landlords to court; from my experience, many of these lawsuits are valid, but some are rather frivolous.

Your lawyer should know the local zoning laws. For instance, will four or five roommates be allowed to live in the house you want to buy?

Finally, your attorney or real estate agent should provide you an estimate of the closing costs you will have to pay. Again, custom and practice varies.

Q: We have had a long-standing dispute with a home improvement contractor and have stopped paying him. He just filed a mechanic's lien against our property.

Can he do this, and what can we do?

A: Mechanic's liens are common throughout the country. They primarily are designed to protect a contractor — home improvement, auto mechanic, etc. — against nonpayment from the person who hired them to do the job. Over the years, state laws have changed as to what rights a contractor has when he or she is not paid.

In your situation, if the lien is causing you problems — such as it affects your credit rating or you are having trouble getting a mortgage — you can bond it off by paying a bonding company a sum of money. The bond will protect the contractor should he prevail in court, but at the same time it will free you up slightly.

However, you should immediately talk with a local attorney.

Was the contractor properly licensed? Is there a written contract? Does your state law require the person filing a lien to also file a lawsuit against you within a certain number of days or else the lien will have no legal effect? Many contractors don't want to file suit but use the filing of a lien as a scare tactic.

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Refinancing to lower your monthly payment

If your mortgage payment is feeling a little too hefty every month — either because your financial situation has changed or you took on too much when you signed the dotted line — refinancing can potentially lower your monthly burden. But it requires the right circumstances to be a good solution.

The most obvious opportunity is when current rates are lower than your existing APR. A common rule of thumb is that refinancing to at least a half percentage point below your current rate can be cost effective, and a lower rate means lower payments.

If a sufficient rate reduction isn't in the cards, but you've acquired an inheritance, a large bonus or another windfall, you can lower your bill by refinancing with a bigger down payment. By applying your windfall to the new mortgage, you convert the cash to home equity and can refinance a lower amount.

You can also reduce your payment by refinancing to a longer loan or an interest-only mortgage. These are better left as last resorts, though, since they'll either stretch out how long you're on the hook for a mortgage or leave you in worse financial shape in the end. But if you're in dire straits to make ends meet, it's an option that may keep you out of hotter water.

Note that if you're currently paying private mortgage insurance and have built up at least 20 percent equity, refinancing isn't necessary to lower your payments. Simply contact your lender to request the PMI charges be terminated.

In all cases, refinancing will require having a decent credit score. And if you're several years into your current mortgage, refinancing can add years to your repayment period, which may not be desirable. As always, research the costs and trade-offs carefully to decide your own best option.

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Listed March 7

Designer-inspired three-bed, two-bath home along Lake Shore Drive in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood. With unobstructed views of the lake and western sunset, this gut rehab with reconfigured open floor plan features upgrades and high-end finishes. Custom, open kitchen with imported Italian Calacatta gold marble, Sub-Zero fridge and Wolf stainless steel appliances. Master suite has custom walk-in closets, walk-in marble shower room with steam and waterfall and Jacuzzi air tub. Other features include dark espresso oak hardwood floors, smart home features and valet parking for $227 per month. Spacious third bedroom can double as an office, den or formal dining room with custom bookcases, French doors and glass window wall. Walk to Michigan Avenue, beaches and shopping. Agent: Joshua Lipton of Jameson Sotheby's International Realty, 312-504-5409

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A change by Fannie Mae lets some borrowers with higher debt-to-income ratios get low-down-payment mortgages.

Insurers fear defaults from risky borrowers

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down-payment mortgage programs. On loans where borrowers put less than 20 percent down, these companies insure against defaults — essentially taking a portion of the risk of loss from default in exchange for premium payments from the borrower.

Several major insurers say they began detecting an ominous trend last fall: Too many of the applicants being approved presented multiple risks, including credit scores indicating previous payment problems, low or no financial reserves to fall back on in the event of a budget squeeze, plus low down payments.

Mike Zimmerman, a spokesman for one major insurer, MGIC, said in an interview that past experience has shown that "layering" of multiple risks like these produced 30 to 50 percent higher rates of default, opening the door to unacceptably high future losses for the company and potential financial disasters for borrowers.

"We've seen this movie before," he said, "so we don't think it's right." MGIC stopped insuring mortgages with debt ratios above 45 percent March 1, unless they come with FICO credit scores of 700 or higher. Essent Guaranty announced a similar policy effective March 12. Genworth Mortgage Insurance says it plans to do the same starting Monday. Radian Guaranty, another big player, is taking a slightly different approach, banning certain high-DTI loans where the down payment is less than 5 percent. Radian said in a statement that it will "continue to monitor these applications and assess any need for further changes."

For its part, Fannie Mae acknowledged the problem in its most recent quarterly securities filing and said it plans to revise its automated underwriting system's treatment of high-DTI loan applications that carry multiple layers of risk. As a result of the revisions, Fannie said, it expects to approve fewer high-DTI mortgages with multiple risk factors than in recent months.

Some lenders say the reductions could frustrate home purchase opportunities this spring for families across the country. "If they (the insurers) are going to have 700-plus (FICO) scores as the driving force," said Joe Petrowsky, president of Right Trac Financial Group, "that will affect a lot of prospective buyers. Minorities will get hurt for sure."

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Experts say compromises vital

Arguments, *from Page 1*

The items that couples consider giving up should always be wants or luxuries, such as subscriptions, vacations and coffee, Rosen said. "If both parties hold a hard line, I would encourage the one pushing for the budget increase to find the savings out of their own spending," she said.

Style

The style of the home came in a very close second to budget for most common source of arguments, with 46 percent of couples disagreeing. Nearly half of women want traditional cozy homes, while 48 percent of men are more open to modern homes. Chicago has several more common styles of homes, ranging from bungalows built in the early 1900s to greystones with limestone facades.

If a couple can't see eye to eye on style, they need to figure out how to incorporate each other's desires into one home, said David Klow, a licensed marriage and family therapist in Chicago and author of "You Are Not Crazy."

"Perhaps they could find ways to add touches to the home that will allow for a blend," Klow said. "Maybe one part of the home, or one room, could be a reflection of one of their styles."

Location

This preference also varies by gender lines. According to Lendinghome, 54 percent of women want to live in the suburbs, while only 42 percent of men share that goal. Among women, 46 percent prefer established neighborhoods, while only 21 percent want an urban-like environment; for men those two options are nearly equally favored: 40 percent want an urban-like environment and 39 percent want an established neighborhood. One good thing about living in Chicago is that you can find neighborhoods that fit both criteria, said Julie Kim, realty agent with Century 21 in Lincolnwood. "One neighborhood I love showing to couples with this dilemma is Sauganash, which is still part of Chicago but gives that nice suburban pleasantville type of feel," she said.



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Jennifer and Dan Ptak compromised on this house in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood. Though it had been recently renovated, it retained some vintage details.

DIY versus turnkey

In this category, arguments start long before the renovations begin. During the homebuying process, 43 percent of couples argue over whether to buy a home that needs a renovation or whether to purchase a space that's move-in ready, according to the LendingHome survey.

Kim suggested considering this issue differently depending on the life stage of the home shoppers. If this is the couple's first home (and isn't their last), she advised to compromise by starting with a semi-fixer-upper.

"No structural issues, just some cosmetic: Change out the cabinets, update the backsplash tiles, update faucets and doorknobs," she said. Essentially, do simple updates that go a long way. If the home is for a growing family, and the couple has big expenses, she said they shouldn't spend more than they need to when it comes to mortgage payments. In this case, Kim said, "Go for turnkey, look for areas with good equity and return value."

But for a forever home, Kim has completely different advice.

"Here, I suggest buying a fixer-upper and transforming the property (into) your true forever home," she said. "You can have your contemporary modern and classic vintage and have it look exactly the way you want."

Features

One person always envisioned having a pool. The other wanted a backyard filled with grass for playing baseball. Or one wanted to spend more on a home with a beautiful kitchen, while the other wanted to focus on a three-car garage.

"The budget is the best judge in this scenario, as the list of wants and deal breakers gets smaller as we zero in on what the budget can get them in today's market," said Sam Cusentino, buyer specialist with @properties in Chicago. "If the need is for a fourth bedroom, in terms of the budget and their wants and needs, I typically break it down to a monthly dollar amount to help them understand the potential cost."

Ryan Hopper, a Chicago clinical psychologist, likes to ask couples to make a very small list of must-haves, a sizable list of like-to-haves and another very small list of must-not-haves — the goal being to set some parameters.

"Relationships are about compromise, and so is buying a home," Hopper said. "If your partner is agreeable to the location that you want, be open to the style of home design that they want," Hopper said. And if you can get through the house-hunting stage, the next step is navigating Ikea sans arguments. But that's another story.

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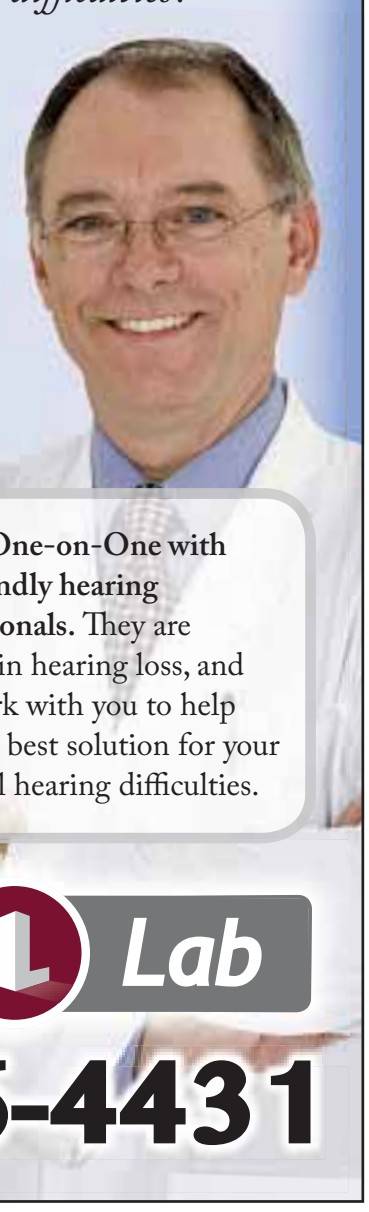
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Ex-Blackhawk Marcus Kruger sells condo

By Bob Goldsborough
Chicago Tribune



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Former Chicago Blackhawks center Marcus Kruger sold his top-floor condo unit in a Gold Coast neighborhood building late last month.

Former Chicago Blackhawks center Marcus Kruger last month sold his three-bedroom condominium unit in a vintage building in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood for $845,000.

A native of Sweden, Kruger, 27, skated for the Blackhawks from 2010 until July 2017, when he was traded to the Vegas Golden Knights. He now is under contract to the Carolina Hurricanes.

Kruger took a loss on the top-floor condo unit, which is in a building that was constructed in 1912. He paid $852,500 in October 2015 for the recently renovated condo.

Kruger listed the unit in September for $859,000. Features include two baths, custom stone wood-burning fireplaces in the living room and master bedroom, a kitchen with a walk-in pantry and French doors opening to the living room, custom millwork, an in-ceiling surround sound system in each room, crown moldings, hardwood floors, solid core doors, custom built-ins, new windows and a private balcony.

Listing agent Curt Ratcliff of @properties said that Kruger's condo is "a beautiful home in a terrific location."

Public records do not yet identify the unit's buyer.

Ex-Chicago Bear Chris Zorich lists Bridgeport home for $770,000: Former Chicago Bears defensive tackle Chris Zorich on March 2 listed his five-bedroom, 4,500-square-foot house in the Bridgeport neighborhood for $769,900.

Zorich, a South Side native and Chicago Vocational High School graduate who was an All-American at Notre Dame, starred for the Bears from 1991 until 1996. Zorich is now the athletic director at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights, a two-year community college.

Zorich told Elite Street that he and his wife, who married in October, are selling the three-story house "because we need a larger yard for the two Rottweilers we rescued recently."

"As you know, dogs, especially Rottweilers, need room to run, and our yard isn't big enough," he continued. "The best thing about the home is that it's located on the boulevard in (the) Bridgeport Village development. There are kids playing, folks walking dogs, people jogging, all on the boulevard. Sometimes, I just sit on our sofa and look out of the window and watch all of the activity. It's like a suburban subdivision was placed 15 minutes from downtown. The neighborhood was great, and it will surely be missed."

Built in 2004 and located just a block from the Chicago River, the brick house has 4 ½ baths, a third-floor media room with a wet bar and two decks, a large basement and a kitchen with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, a breakfast bar and built-in double ovens. The property also has a private brick paved yard and a heated two-car garage with double-sided overhead doors.

"It's a big, beautiful spacious home," Zorich's listing agent, Laryssa Moros of First Western Properties, told Elite Street. "And it has a full finished basement and a third story."

Zorich paid $682,500 in 2004 to buy the house from its builder.

Chicago-born actor Larry Manetti sells Loop condo for $522,500: Chicago-born actor Larry Manetti, best known for his role as Tom Selleck's dependable sidekick Rick Wright on the TV show "Magnum, P.I.," and his wife on March 4 sold their three-bedroom condominium unit in the Loop for $522,500.

Northwest Side native Manetti, 70, starred with Selleck on "Magnum" for eight years and is now getting ready to appear in an upcoming CBS reboot of "Magnum." He also has appeared in many other films and TV shows, including most recently a small role on "Hawaii Five-0."

Larry and Nancy Manetti paid $461,000 in early 2008 to buy the 14th-floor unit from the condo building's developer. The unit is located in the Metropolitan Tower, a more than 90-year-old building that was converted to condos in 2007.

Larry Manetti told Elite Street in November that he and his wife were selling the Chicago condominium because they were preparing to renovate another home they own in Los Angeles' Woodland Hills area.

"I'm going to have a lot of construction going, and I don't want to dip into my savings," he said. "I have three brothers in the Windy City, and they all have homes, so (from now on), they said, 'Good, you can stay with us.' "

In September, the Manettis placed the unit on the market for $540,000 and, at the same time, sought to rent it out for $3,400 a month. They later cut their asking price to $535,000 and then to $529,000.

Features in the corner unit include two baths, east-facing views of Lake Michigan and Millennium Park, a kitchen with granite countertops and designer cabinetry, hardwood floors, new carpeting in the bedrooms and a private outdoor space.

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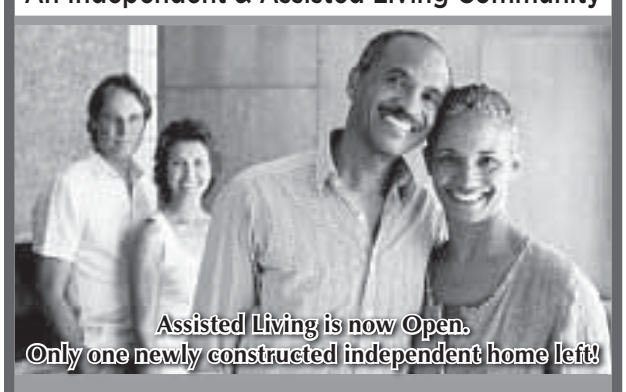
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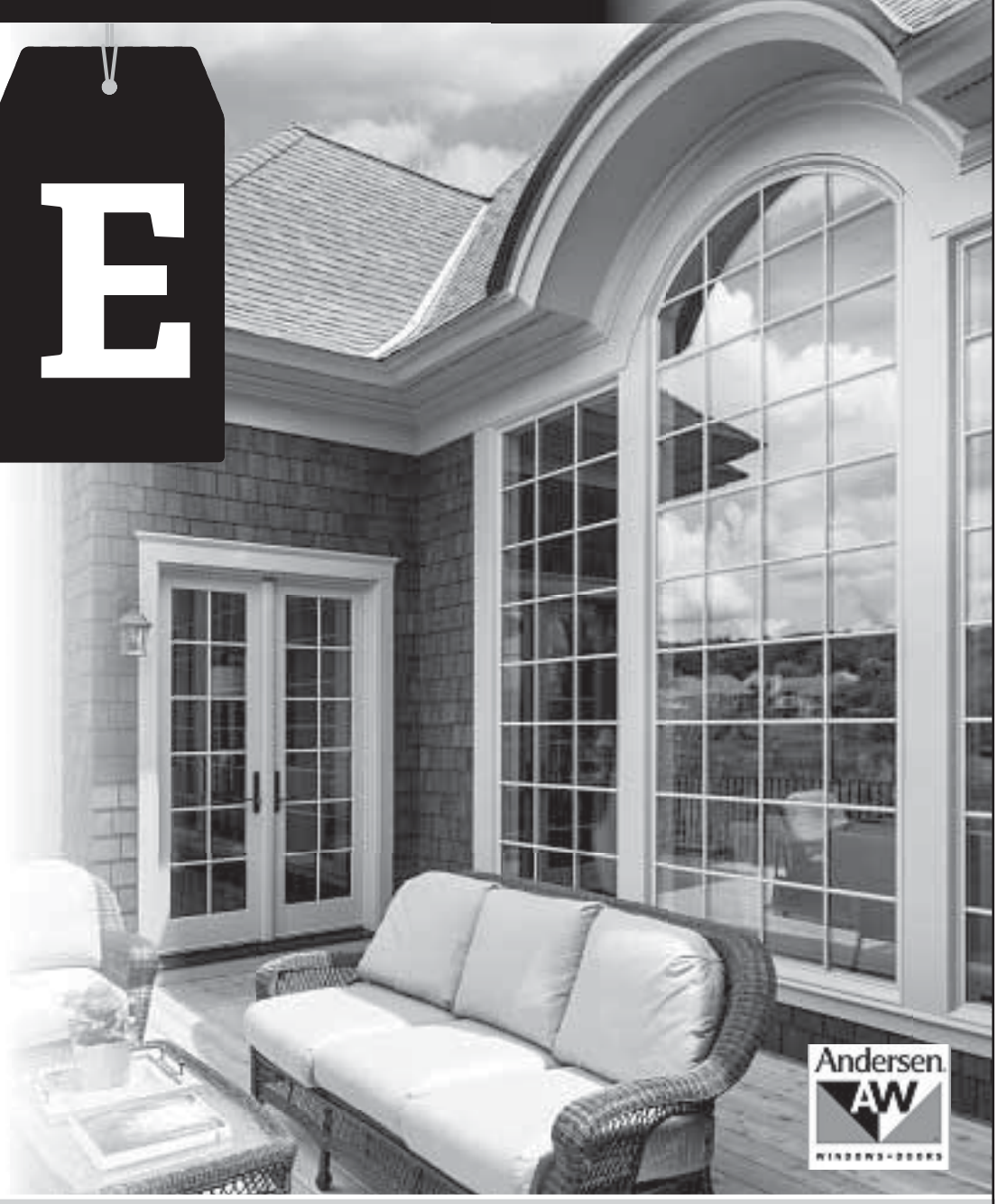
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This crossover will boost your adrenaline. **Page 3**

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Best 'glamping' on 4 wheels

Well-outfitted vehicles bring all the comforts of home — Wi-Fi, fridge — to great outdoors

By Cherise Threewitt
Chicago Tribune

If you want to experience the best elements of nature without leaving behind all the conveniences of home, then "glamping" might be just the vacation for you. A portmanteau of "glamorous camping," it may sound ridiculous to the uninitiated, but it has become its own category in the travel industry. And it's all about the vehicle.

Comfort, connectivity, storage and other innovative features can all help make the most of a glamping adventure. Here are the best new vehicles to get you to and from your campsite, as well as providing a little extra comfort once you're there.



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The Recon Envy Camper Van, based on the Nissan NV200 van, is shown at the Chicago Auto Show in February. It has a sink and pop-up sleeping area.

2018 Recon Envy Camper Van, about $45,000: To be fair, there's nothing about a run-of-the-mill camper van that screams "glamour," but the Recon Envy is a modern and efficient take that will elevate your camping experience. Inside, you'll find seating and sleeping for up to four, a touch-screen control panel, a pop-up sleeping area fitted with dimmable LED lighting, tons of storage, a sink with hot and cold water and a refrigerator that can run up to 72 hours on a battery charge. Shelter is provided by a retractable awning that extends more than 7 feet, and power is available via shore connection or optional solar panel. The Envy is based on the Nissan NV200 commercial van (the cost of a new NV200 is included in its price). It can be serviced by Nissan dealerships, Nissan's factory warranty remains intact and it fits in a residential garage, all of which make it easier to live with than a regular RV.



CHEVROLET

The 2019 Silverado pickup has tie-downs in the truck bed; you could pitch a tent there in a pinch.



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The 2018 Chrysler Pacifica has a built-in Wi-Fi hot spot and optional unlimited data plans.



NICK DIMBLEBY/RANGE ROVER

The Range Rover SVAutobiography's luxurious seats even include a hot stone massage feature.

2019 Chevrolet Silverado, price TBD: The much-anticipated redesign of the full-size Silverado pickup is more spacious inside and out. Its actual dimensions haven't changed much, but the longer cabin, wider bed and cool new features make this truck a great addition to your glamping trip, even if you love the built-in ice chest on the Ram 1500, which is also redesigned for 2019. Inside you'll find more rear legroom and tons of storage cubbies behind and under the seats, along with available Wi-Fi connectivity, Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and wireless phone charging. The OnStar safety system is available in an emergency. Chevy says the Silverado has best-in-class cargo capacity. The bed features 12 fixed and 9 movable tie-downs so you could set up camp in the bed on uneven surfaces or windy conditions. Silverado features an optional power tailgate that can be opened and closed from the key fob, available task lighting and a 120-volt outlet to power all your accessories. Six powertrains and available off-road-ready trim levels round out your options.

2018 Chrysler Pacifica, $26,995: The Chrysler Pacifica is as close to glam as a minivan gets, and the brand claims it offers the best technology features in the segment, including standard Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. There's no need to go off the grid, with a built-in Wi-Fi hot spot that supports up to eight devices, and this year, Chrysler adds the option of unlimited data plans. Optional entertainment features include the Uconnect Theater, which can stream wirelessly from Android devices to two 10-inch screens. Setting up your campsite is easy, thanks to the available roof rack, exclusive hands-free sliding doors and power tailgate, and a built-in vacuum cleaner. The available plug-in hybrid drivetrain is a tempting upgrade, but the awesome Stow 'n Go configurable seating isn't available with that model.

2019 Subaru Ascent, $31,995: Taking the kids on your glamping trip? The new Subaru Ascent is eager to facilitate. The brand's largest vehicle is designed specifically for family appeal. Buyers can choose between seven- or eight-passenger seating for the same price. There are 19 standard cup and bottle holders and up to eight USB ports. It's easy to carry all your gear, thanks to standard integrated roof rails and an available power rear gate that can be controlled by the dashboard or the key fob. A rearview camera mirror provides visibility when the cargo hold is packed to the ceiling. An all-new turbocharged four-cylinder engine, paired with an upgraded version of Subaru's CVT gearbox and all-wheel drive, enables a competitive tow rating of 5,000 pounds.

2019 Ford Transit Connect Wagon, price TBD: The Ford Transit Connect Wagon, redesigned for 2019, begs to be repurposed like the Nissan NV200 (see above). The interior and exterior have been redesigned to look more like a modern Ford, and an available 1.5-liter diesel engine joins the lineup. At its heart, the Transit Connect Wagon is an urban delivery van, so this year Ford has added automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection to the list of standard equipment. However, you'll stay connected even well into the woods with Wi-Fi connectivity for up to 10 devices. The Transit Connect can be configured with seating for five, six or seven passengers, and with a raised roof, sliding side doors and a rear hatch, the Connect is easy to get into and out of for everyone and everything. The seats can be laid flat in the long-wheelbase version of the van for extra cargo space (or room for sleeping bags, if you're in a pinch).

2018 Land Rover Range Rover SVAutobiography, $208,200: The most ostentatious Land Rover epitomizes the glam in glamping. The SVAutobiography is available only in the long-wheelbase configuration, which results in lots of extra cabin room that Land Rover describes as a "sanctuary for relaxation." The seats offer power recline, heated calf-rests and footrests, and a hot stone massage feature. The power rear console provides heated and cooled cup holders, in case the refrigerated front rear console is too far out of reach. Press a button to summon tray tables for dining. Lest you fear the passengers get all the goodies in this Range Rover, the driver has control of 557 horsepower courtesy of a supercharged V-8 engine. Is there any need for a tent with this glamper?

Cherise Threewitt is a freelance writer.

Jaguar I-Pace challenges the Tesla Model X

By Robert Duffer
Chicago Tribune

Jaguar is the latest automaker to take on Tesla and the first to edge it on price and performance. The 2019 Jaguar I-Pace is an all-electric compact crossover starting at $69,500 (excluding the $7,500 federal tax credit and available state rebates), which is exactly $10,000 less than the only other all-electric luxury crossover on the market, the all-wheel-drive Tesla Model X.

The all-wheel-drive I-Pace edges out the Model X 75D in other important metrics, including a 240-mile range and 0-60 mph time of 4.5 seconds. The Model X 75D has a 237-mile range and an estimated 0-60 mph time of 4.9 seconds.

In the luxury game, those minor details could make all the marketing difference, though Jaguar has yet to identify Tesla as its benchmark.

Tesla has had a target on its back since the Model S performance sedan made tracks in the high-margin luxury segment, which indicated the California-based technology company that produces all-electric vehicles was much more serious than its initial two-seat Roadster.

The ambitious Model X SUV followed, but it was plagued by delays and quality problems because of the complex falcon-winged double-hinged doors and seats that moved on a single post. And most buyers were paying more than $100,000 for the technology showcase.

Audi, Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Volvo all have electric SUVs under development, as well as plug-in hybrids already on the market.

It's new territory for Jaguar Land Rover. JLR just introduced its first PHEV in the 2019 Range Rover and Range Rover Sport at the 2017 Los Angeles Auto Show. It's the only PHEV capable of off-roading in electric power only, Range Rover says.



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The new all-wheel-drive Jaguar I-Pace all-electric compact crossover starts at $69,500 and has a 240-mile range.

The I-Pace is made for roads. It's more of a hatch than a tall-riding SUV, which explains why it's about 500 pounds lighter than the Model X. Visually, the Model X is a humpback of sorts; the I-Pace is more of a sleek European hatch.

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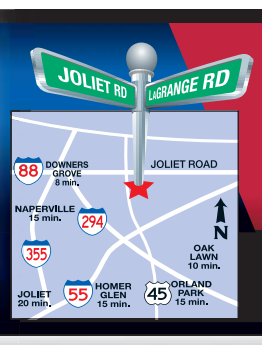


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The 2018 Audi SQ5 can carry a family and accelerate from 0 to 62 mph in 5.1 seconds.

SQ5 pleases parent and punk

By Robert Duffer
Chicago Tribune

Performance crossovers such as the 2018 Audi SQ5 provide the utility of a high-riding hatchback with the adrenaline-pumping verve of a sports car. It lets you be two things at once, sherpa parent around town, bat out of hell out of town.

This duality comes at price: $68,000 for the SQ5.

Audi's hot tall hatch wears a more conservative adult suit than the aggressive Porsche Macan GTS and Jaguar F-Pace, and it most closely resembles the Mercedes-AMG GLC43 in style, price and performance. Except for the fake exhaust tips on the rear bumper — the tailpipe is actually behind the bumper, pointing to the ground. Despite the trickery, the SQ5 is the most responsible of the bunch, excelling with technology but trailing in thrills.

That's not to say the 354-horsepower turbocharged V-6 engine lacks excitement. It is responsive and quick, with the slightest turbo lag. Popping it into dynamic mode (via an oddly placed drive mode arrow on the center stack) returns a hungry growl that is ready to snarf up pavement at a pace of 62 mph in 5.1 seconds.

The all-time all-wheel-drive system has a rear-axle bias for better front-to-back balance and provides confidence to not fear slick conditions.

The optional adaptive air suspension (as part of the $3,000 S sport package) will lower in dynamic mode to make dipping in and out of corners feel as sporty as it gets in a crossover. The suspension adjusts accordingly in the other four settings. There is no eco mode, and we appreciate the honesty; the SQ5 averages 21 mpg combined.

The most direct feel for the road comes from the flat-bottomed sport steering wheel; it has a tight rotation that keeps the steering nimble and precise. The Macan GTS is more fun — and pricier — to drive, and the GLC43 is quicker, but in the SQ5, dropping off the kids at school to hit the on-ramp for the commute becomes a welcome ritual.

Audi excels on the inside, even if the magma red interior on the diamond-stitched nappa leather seats sears the eyes.

The touch pad to control the display screen, which is mounted high on the dash, takes getting used to. But the virtual cockpit in the instrument cluster is the best system on the market and well worth the $4,200 package even without the concert-hall worthy Bang & Olufsen sound system.

The tach and speedometer can be minimized into the corners of the 12.3-inch display so the whole area can be a 3-D map for navigation. Zoom in or out with the roller dial on the steering wheel. Checking it is as safe and easy to use as checking the speed. Toggle through audio and all the other essential driver data points that are in the center screen, but without ever taking hands off the wheel. It's brilliant, beautiful, clear, safe and easy to use. With SQ5, there's a lap timer to see how quickly you can transform from practical and responsible to ... not.

It's on the smaller end of crossovers, so taller rear passengers might use language as colorful as the seats; the 60/40 folding rear seats won't go down unless front seats move up past the halfway setting.

As odd as the performance crossover might have sounded just five years ago when the first SQ5 debuted, the market is teeming with compelling high-margin, best-compromise options. Technophiles who like sharp steering will enjoy adulting in the SQ5.

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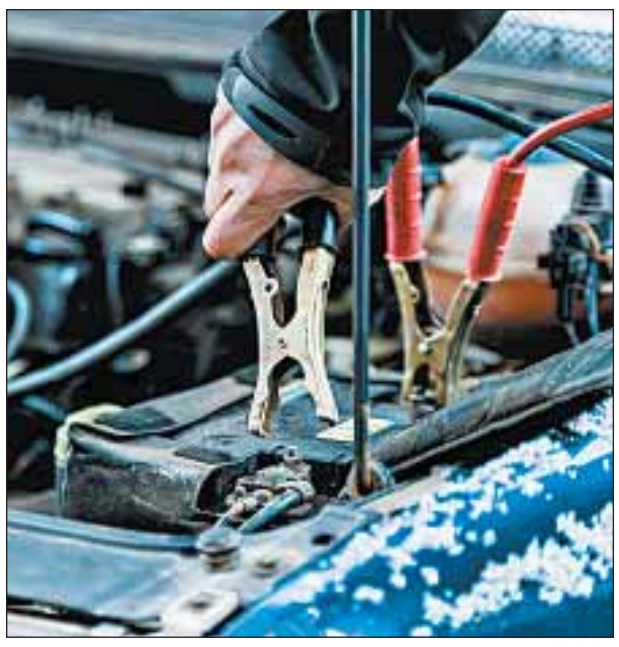
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Parting shot: Performance crossover with a tech edge.

When jump-starting a car, does it help to rev the engine?



Bob Weber
Motormouth



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Increasing the engine speed on the donor vehicle makes sure enough amperage flows to the weak battery.

Q: Recently in helping my elderly father-in-law start his Lincoln, I came upon a quandary. When jump-starting a vehicle, I know that decades ago it used to be useful to run the rpm up in the vehicle providing the jump, thereby providing a higher voltage from the generator. In modern vehicles with alternators, I know increased rpm doesn't equal higher voltage, but does it provide higher amperage? Does it do anything? Is it at all useful to rev the engine of the vehicle providing the jump?
— G.B., Chicago

A: The voltage output is actually regulated to a maximum of fewer than 15 volts. Voltage pushes the electricity through the wires, while amperage is a measure of how much electricity is flowing. Using a garden hose for an analogy, voltage is the water pressure while amperage is how much water leaves the nozzle. Increasing the engine speed on the donor vehicle makes sure enough amperage (current) flows to the weak battery. Yes, it is helpful to rev the engine and hold it around 1,200 rpm.

Q: I just drive a short distance every day. I had written you in the past, and you told me to run the engine till it is completely warmed up. I have been starting my car every morning with the remote start and letting my car run for about 10 minutes, then drive my car to where I have to go. Lately I've been reading that warming up the car is bad for your engine because excess gas goes into the intake valves. What should I do?
— G.D., Harleysville, Pa.

A: Since the advent of fuel injection, excess fuel use during warmup has not been an issue. When cars had carburetors, fuel enrichment choked an engine — it allowed too much gas to flow until the choke was opened. Fuel struck the intake valves, then washed past the piston rings and drained into the crankcase, where it diluted the oil. Today's computer controls lean out the fuel injection as the engine warms up. That is why remote starting is acceptable.

Q: I have a 2007 Ford 500 LTD with 30,000 miles that has provided great service since I purchased it new. Over the years my tires have had air loss, so to solve the problem the shop ground the corrosion off the mag wheels. Is it time for new rims? Do I need to get exact replacements, or would a new or used rim of another metal be a reasonable substitute? I am not concerned that the car's appearance would change. It might be fun to have some "baby moon" hubcaps put on it like I had on my 1954 Dodge.
— R.H., Crystal Lake, Ill.

A: As long as the corrosion is gone and the wheels are holding air, keep them. But if you need to get new rims, you can go with any that are the correct size and bolt pattern. Steel wheels, which may accept baby moon hubcaps, hold air more dependably and are less expensive than alloy wheels.

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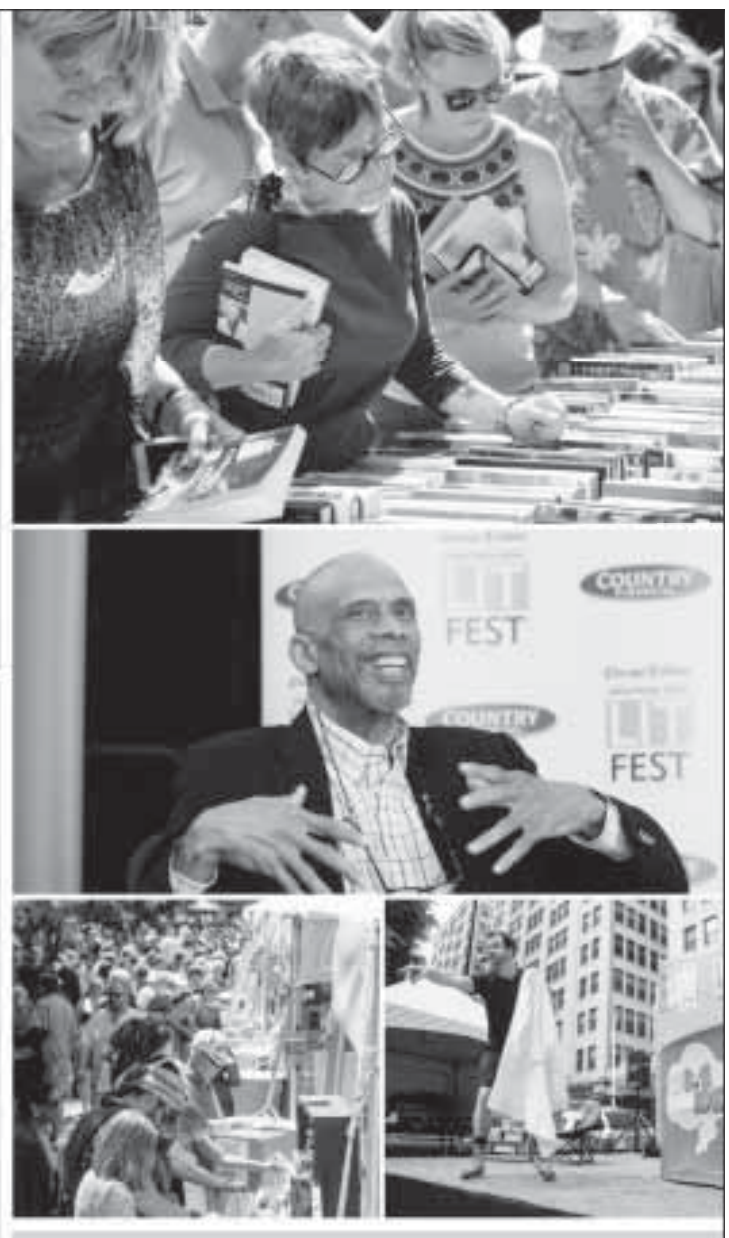
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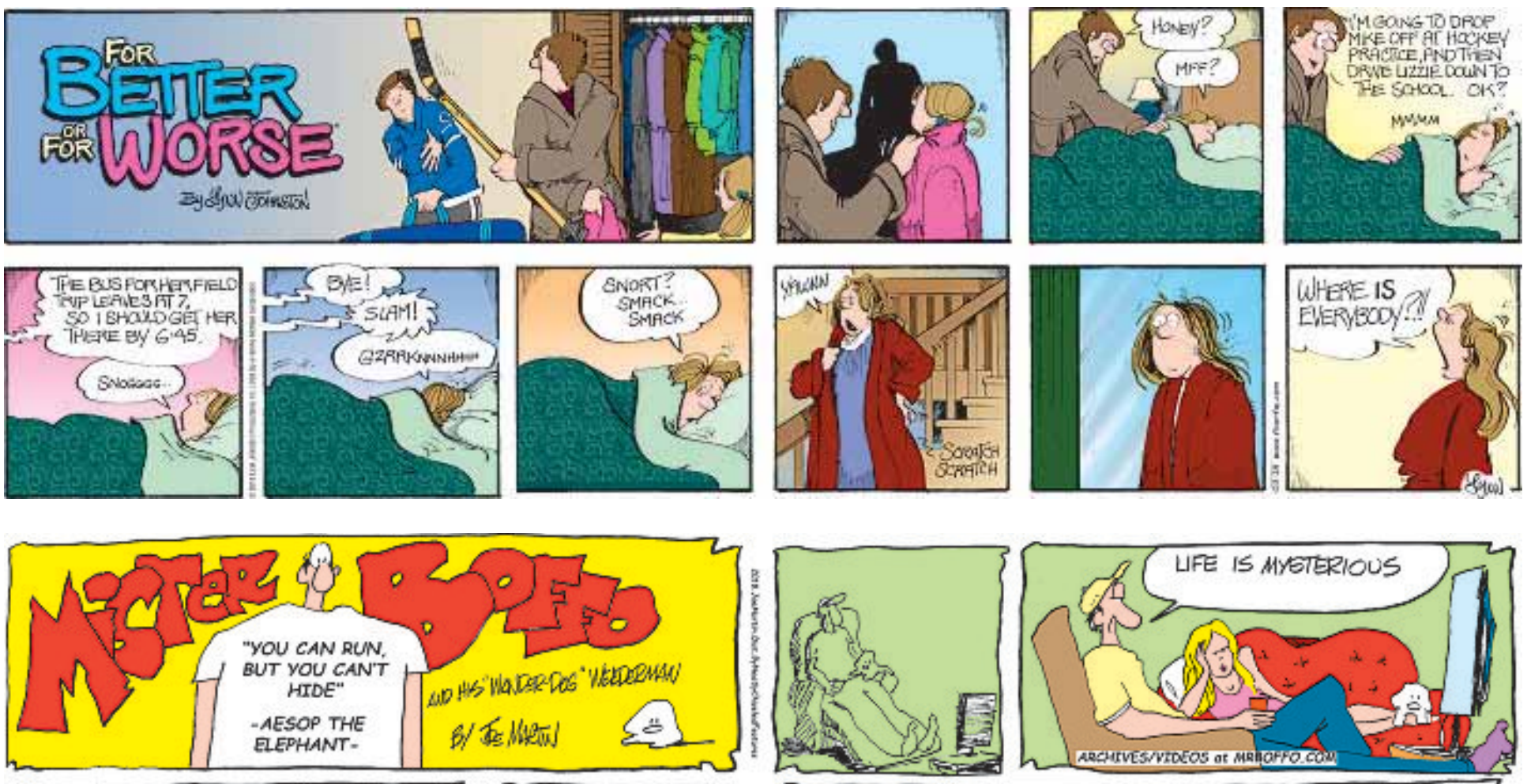
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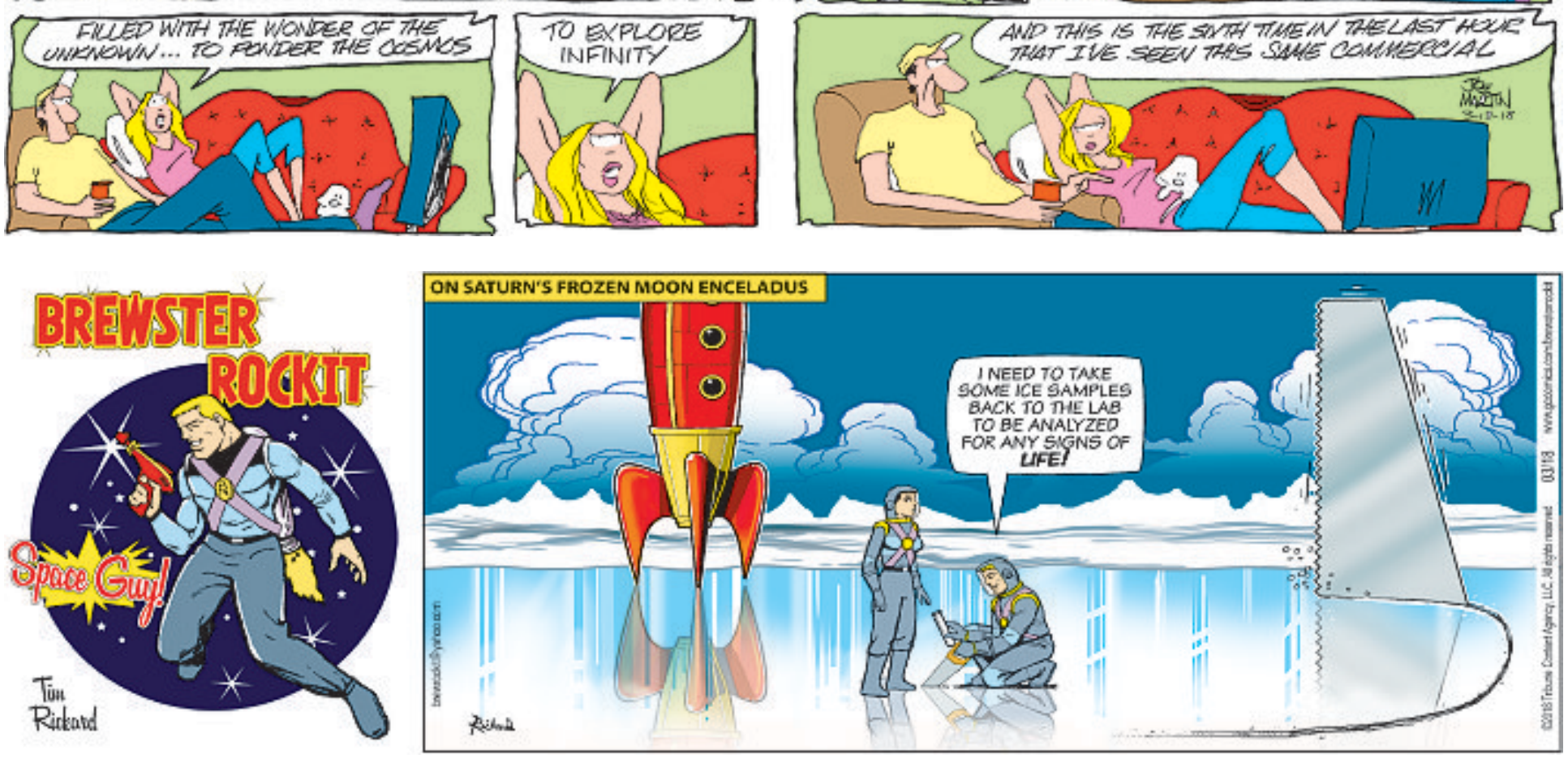


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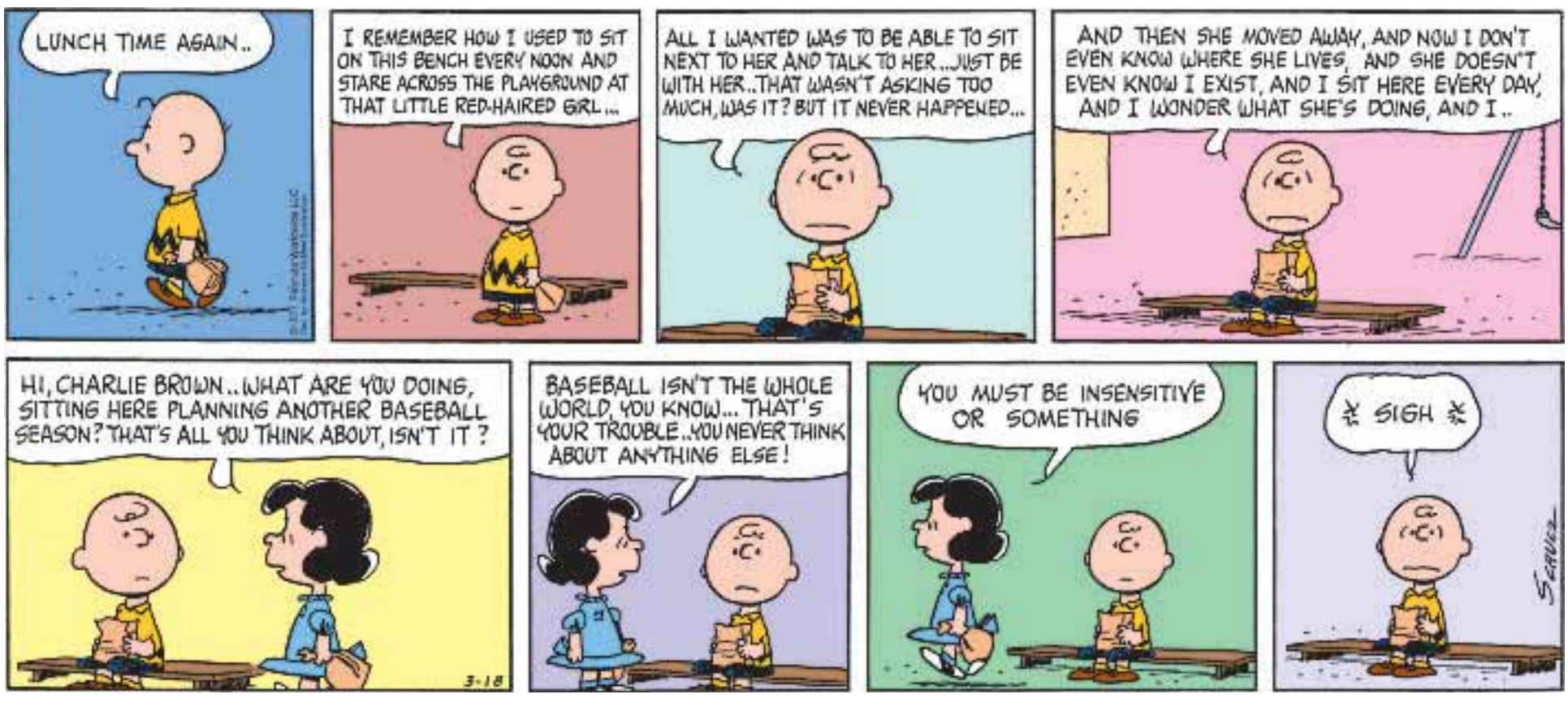
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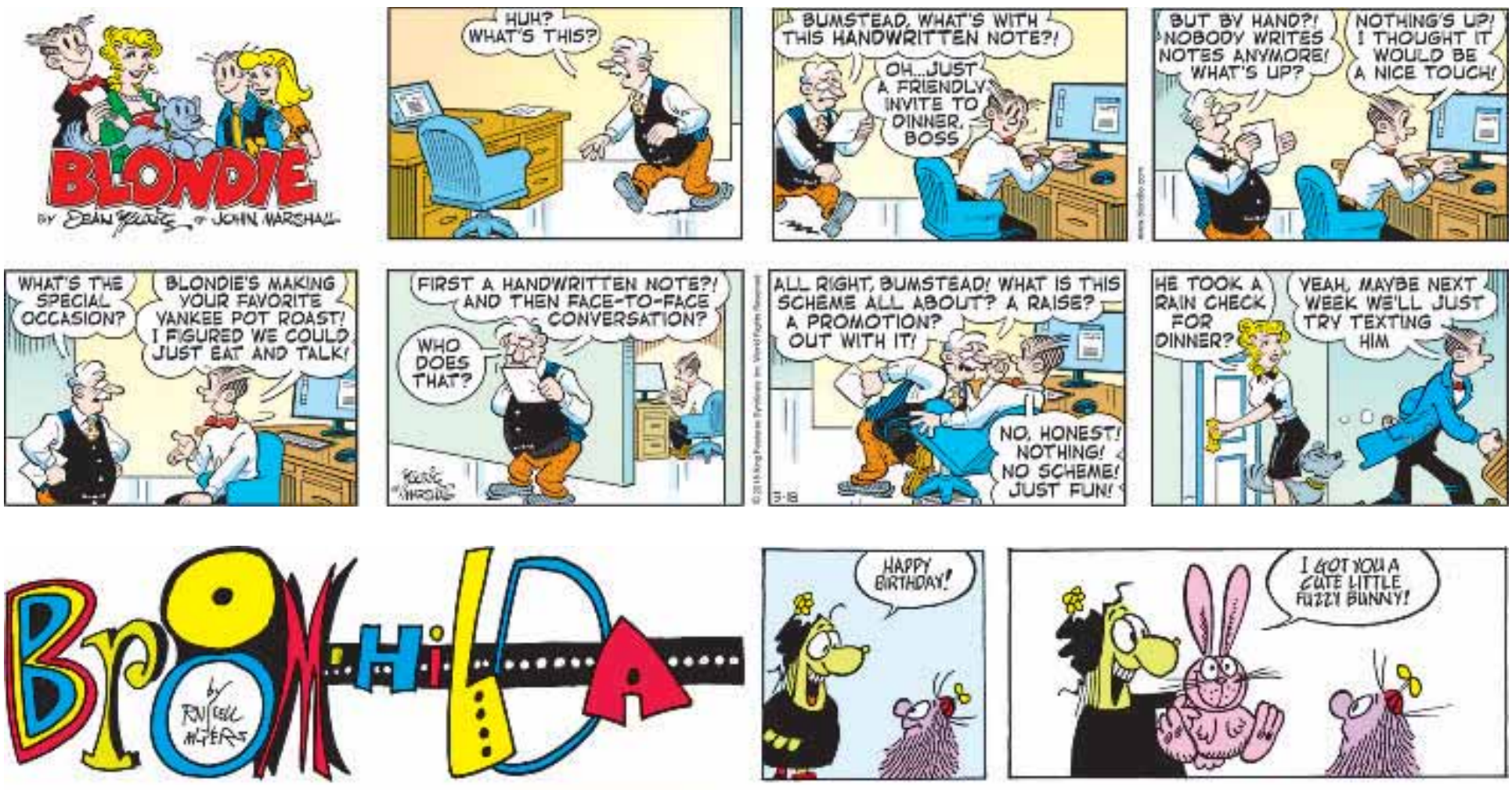


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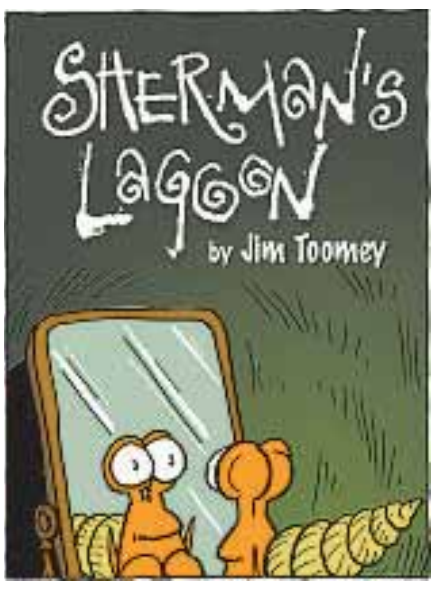
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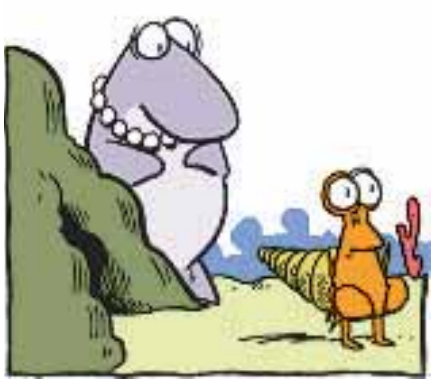






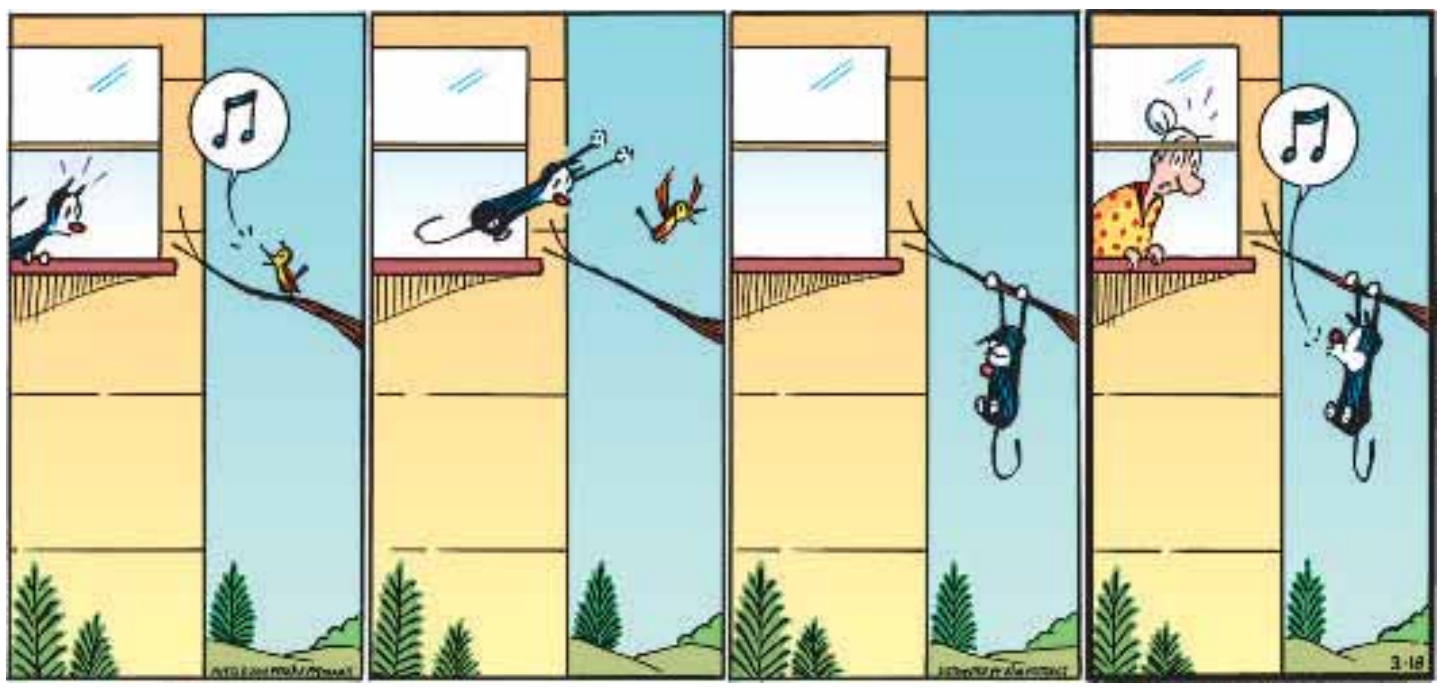
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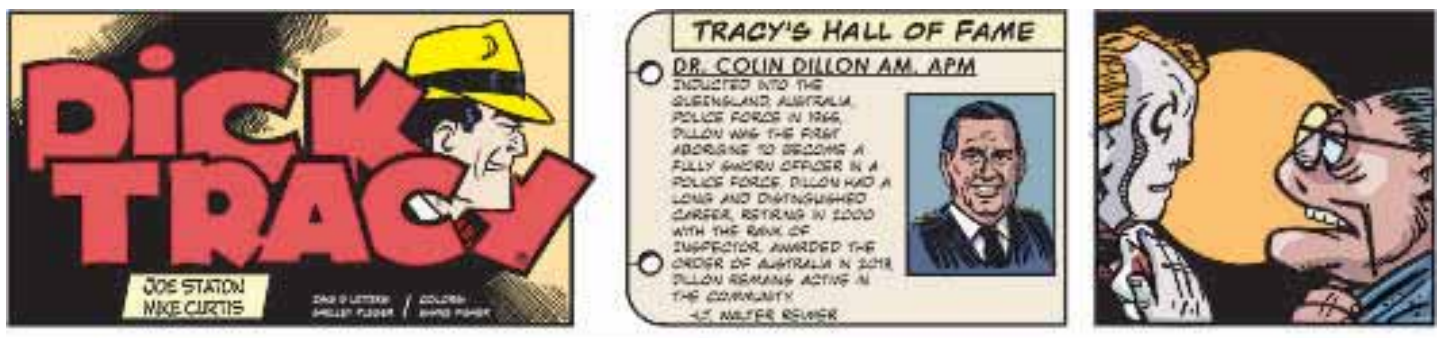


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A New Schwarzenegger Hits the Big Screen

Patrick Schwarzenegger, 24, the son of Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver, makes his debut as a romantic leading man in the movie *Midnight Sun* (March 23), the story of a teenage girl (Bella Thorne) who lives with a rare disease that makes sunlight deadly, so she can come out only at night. Patrick says his superstar-icon father had some sage advice for him on the movie set: "Trust everybody on the crew to do their part and together you will make a great film."



Going to the *DOGS*

Bryan Cranston, Ed Norton, Liev Schreiber, Bill Murray, Jeff Goldblum and **Scarlett Johansson** go to the dogs as the voices in the new Wes Anderson stop-motion film, ***Isle of Dogs*** (March 23). Set in a dystopian future where there is an outbreak of dog flu, all canines have been rounded up and relocated to a garbage dump known as Trash Island. When a young dog owner comes ashore to rescue his pet, Spots, it sets off a rollicking "jailbreak" adventure for the boy and his new (talking) mongrel friends.





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Gnome Again



James McAvoy, 38, returns as the voice of the garden gnome from *Gnomeo and Juliet* in *Sherlock Gnomes* (March 23). In the new animated caper, Gnomeo and his lady love (Emily Blunt) summon the detective Sherlock Gnomes (Johnny Depp) to thwart a gnome-napper. Here are five facts about the Scottish actor who got his first big break in HBO's *Band of Brothers* and starred in *The Last King of Scotland* and *Atonement*.

1. In his youth, he considered becoming a missionary to travel the world, then thought about joining the navy.
2. To pay for drama school, he worked at a bakery for nearly three years.
3. He broke his hand while working on *Split* (2016), concealed his injury for several days before going to an urgent-care clinic in Philadelphia, then continued with the shoot.
4. His fans call themselves "McAvoyeurs."
5. He crashed a 1980s Porsche 911 on the set of *Atomic Blonde* (2017) when a stunt went wrong.

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DAMIAN LEWIS

The Emmy-winning *Homeland* actor, 47, returns as hedge fund king Bobby "Axe" Axelrod in the third season of Showtime's *Billions* (March 25). As Axe continues to try to topple his nemesis, U.S. Attorney Chuck Rhoades (Paul Giamatti), both men are also fighting for survival against new, powerful enemies in a high-stakes game that becomes even more personal.

What are Axe and Chuck fighting about? There's a clear moral vision, which is a libertarian one represented by Axe, who believes in the free market; and the moral position by Chuck that no one should be able to amass that much wealth, that [wealth like that] in itself is an immoral act. They both happen to be the best at what they do, and [being] king of the castle is important to both.

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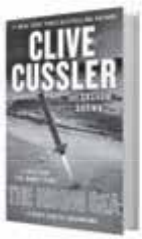
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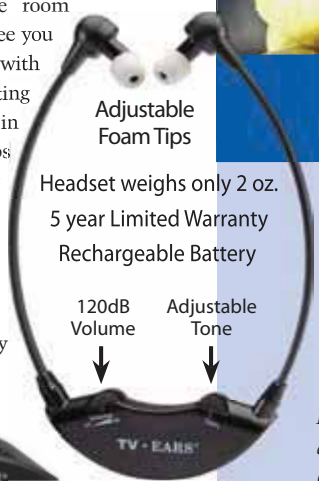
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The museum covers 400 years of history, with 260 artifacts and more than 40 films. Visitors can view King's preserved room and sit by a statue of Rosa Parks on a replica of the bus where she refused to give her seat to a white passenger.

The museum's MLK50 commemoration will culminate in a day of remembrance on April 4, with a chorus of bells tolling nationwide at 6:01 p.m. CT, the exact time King was shot.

Museum president Terri Freeman hopes that visitors will carry on King's work today: "People leave here understanding that they are ordinary people who can do extraordinary things."

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ROSEANNE

By Mara Reinstein

Roseanne Barr and **John Goodman** are back on the Conner couch, hollering at the (now grown-up) kids and telling it like it is. And they're as funny and relevant as ever.

The answer is yes, Roseanne Barr and John Goodman *do* behave like an old married couple in real life. During an exclusive interview with *Parade*, they finish each other's sentences. They both joke about their failing memories. As he recounts an anecdote, she bursts into hysterical laughter. And when the no-nonsense Barr gets a little hot about politics, Goodman cools things off and gently steers the conversation into calmer waters.

Their authentic yin-and-yang—as long-married TV couple Roseanne and Dan Conner—helped define *Roseanne*, a landmark family sitcom that, at its early-'90s peak, was the No. 1 show in America. Now Barr and Goodman, both 65, are back on the familiar plaid living room couch, crocheted afghan and all.

On Tuesday, March 27, *Roseanne* becomes the latest TV series to stage a revival when it returns to ABC at 8 p.m. ET. And perhaps the least likely: "Even in the back of my mind, I never thought this would happen," says Barr, who was one of the original show's writers and executive producers, and who performs those same duties in the series' new incarnation.

As *Roseanne*'s creator, star and driving force, she wrapped up the sitcom in 1997 after nine seasons—and just as decisively brought it back to life again after two decades. And on the surface, very little has changed.

Roseanne and Dan still live paycheck to paycheck in their modest home in fictional Lanford, Ill., only now with more family members gathered around the kitchen table. Middle child Darlene (Sara Gilbert, 42) has moved back in with Mom and Dad, along with her two kids. Their youngest, D.J. (Michael Fishman, 36), is now a dad and has just returned home from serving overseas. Outspoken Aunt Jackie (three-time Emmy winner Laurie Metcalf, 62) remains a regular drop-in. Their oldest daughter, Becky, is there too, played by Lecy Goranson, 43. And, in a weird twist, the actress Sarah Chalke, 41, who replaced Goranson as Becky midway through the show's original run, is also in the revival. She plays a married woman

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looking for a surrogate (Becky) to carry her baby. As always, everyone aggravates each other with humor and tough love.

FAMILIAR FACES

The seed for Roseanne's revival was planted in early 2017 when Goodman appeared on *The Talk*, the daytime CBS talk show for which Gilbert is host, creator and an executive producer. The two of them participated in a *Roseanne* sketch, both in character. "She asked me, 'Would you ever be interested in doing the show again?'" Goodman says of Gilbert, who is now also a producer on *Roseanne*. No matter that in the series finale it was revealed that his character had died of a heart attack; he was in. Gilbert called Barr, and a deal was struck within three weeks.

Aside from the nuclear Conner clan, the cast also includes such familiar faces as comedian Sandra Bernhard, 62 (she plays Roseanne's friend Nancy Bartlett); *The Big Bang Theory* star Johnny Galecki, 42 (as Darlene's ex-husband, David); and 90-year-old Estelle Parsons (Roseanne's mom, Beverly).

Alas, the boyish actor who played Roseanne's factory boss in the first season won't be joining the reunion. "We did invite George Clooney, but he's too busy and lives in Italy," Barr says.

The original well-worn Conner sofa couldn't make it either. It's now owned by a private collector. Production designers painstakingly re-created the couch and the interior of the entire Connor home, down to the kitschy Elvis Presley plates on the wall. "It was amazing to see the level of detail they incorporated into everything," Barr marvels. "Even the things we kept on the windowsill in the kitchen are there!"

Walking onto the "renewed" old set made the whole cast feel as if "we only took a week off," Goodman says.

'POOR, NOT STUPID'

When *Roseanne* 1.0 premiered in fall 1988, it immediately stood out from the pack of other family shows of the era. Unlike the Huxtables (*The Cosby Show*), the Seavers (*Growing Pains*), the Keatons (*Family Ties*) and especially the Ewings (*Dallas*), the Conners were entrenched in blue-collar, working-class life. They struggled to pay the bills. The moody kids lobbed barbed insults, and their hardworking parents dished 'em right back.

"Roseanne Barr represented for every American the most authentic and least idealized female center of a domestic sitcom in TV history," says Tom Nunan, a lecturer at the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television and a former TV network and studio president. "She told it like it was. She was also not traditionally physically what you'd expect of a lead of any TV show. She looked like Middle America, she looked like a blue-collar mom and she talked like one. It wasn't this happy, cheery, idealized portrait of life. Mom's in charge and Mom won't put up with any of her kids' crap."

Indeed, Barr based her namesake show on her own upbringing in Salt Lake City, Utah. The eldest of four in a working-class family, "I had these kinds of relationships with my brother and both my sisters," she says. "We

10 Other Groundbreaking Family Shows

The first *Roseanne* hit screens while *The Cosby Show* was at its peak and right before *The Simpsons*. Here's a look at other hit shows that shone a light on family life.



***1. Leave It to Beaver* (1957–63)** Ward, June and sons Wally and "Beaver" Cleaver exemplified the idealized suburban family of the mid–20th century.



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***4. The Cosby Show* (1984–92)** Its portrayal of a successful, stable African-American family was funny and relatable.



***5. The Simpsons* (1989–)** D'oh and whoa: TV's longest-running scripted series continues to show that even the wackiest of family ties can bind.



***6. The Sopranos* (1999–2007)** Was the fifth-season tagline–"Hell hath no fury like the Family"–a reference to the mob ties of Tony Soprano (James Gandolfini) or his own blood relations?

***7. Gilmore Girls* (2000–07)** In storybook Stars Hollow, Conn., a quick-witted single mom (Lauren Graham) and her bright teen daughter (Alexis Bledel) navigated social class, romance and the generational divide.

***8. The Osbournes* (2002–05)** Way before the Kardashians, this all-access glimpse took us into the lives of metal-head rocker Ozzy Osbourne and his unconventional clan.

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used dark humor to diffuse difficult situations as a way to tell each other the horrible truth about each other."

Television served as an escape and a research tool for Barr. "I would watch old TV shows like *The Honeymooners* and thought that if I had my show, I'd do this or that," she says. "Even as a real little girl, I'd build shows in my head. It was always there." She put on plays in the family garage "and got big applause in the neighborhood." She also performed in her own sketches in school.

She was a married mother of three and joking about being a "domestic goddess" on the stand-up comedy circuit in the 1980s when her childhood fantasy came true. Did she know she had conceived of a runaway hit? "If I say yes, then I'm an arrogant ass, but yeah, I did," she replies. "The way I look at it is, I wasn't insulting the intelligence of a working-class family or working-class people. This is the majority of Americans. We were poor but not stupid."

The show connected with audiences—and often stepped on a few raw nerves. It wasn't afraid to stomp into topics that many other prime-time shows avoided, or tiptoed around: racism, homophobia, money woes, infidelity, domestic violence, teen sex.

"It was a lot like everyone I grew up with," says Barr. "And the majority of Americans."



'[The Conners were] a lot like everyone I grew up with. And the majority of Americans.'
—Roseanne Barr

LAYERS OF LAUGHS

Barr and Goodman—a breakout movie star thanks to his work in the 1987 Coen brothers hit comedy *Raising Arizona*—hit it off instantly at his audition in 1988. "We just *got* each other," says Barr. For Goodman, who had toiled in commercials for years, the role was "so far beyond anything I'd ever dreamed. I just wanted to make a living as an actor."

When the show was over, the two kept in regular contact. So much so that when Barr's youngest son, Buck, was 4 years old, "He saw John on TV in a movie and he goes, 'Is that the guy who plays my dad?'" she exclaims. "I said, 'Yeah!'" (Now 22, Buck is a fan of Goodman's later film work, particularly *The Big Lebowski*.)

Offscreen, these two stars have their own TV favorites. Goodman, a steady big-screen presence whose numerous film projects include *Argo*, *Atomic Blonde*, *Patriots Day*, *10 Cloverfield Lane* and *Kong: Skull Island*, says he watches plenty of *Law & Order*. Barr, who has tried her hand at a talk show, a couple of reality shows and judging *Last Comic Standing*, is a fan of forensic murder series on the ID channel, but the vast array of choices on cable, streaming and other platforms overwhelms her. "I can't figure out what channel anything is on half the time," she says. "Technology is so beyond

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me. It's confounding." Both saw Metcalf's critically acclaimed role as the mom in *Lady Bird* and loved it. "She was phenomenal!" Goodman raves.

Since production wrapped on *Roseanne* in December, they are taking a breather. Barr returned to her home in Hilo, Hawaii, and her macadamia nut and livestock farm, where she lives with her partner since 2003, musician Johnny Argent.

Goodman is resting up and relaxing with his wife, Annabeth Hartzog, at his longtime residence in New Orleans. They met and married there when she was a student-model and he was working on the 1988 film *Everybody's All-American*. "I reached burnout sometime last year," he says. "I just want to take care of little things I've neglected for a while."

Still, Barr and Goodman are eager to film another round of episodes—that is, if the audience demands it. "People say to me, 'I watched your show as a kid and now I have kids,'" Barr says. "Or 'I never saw myself as your kind of person until I had kids.' When you have kids and you watch a show about raising kids, it's very universal."

But even a groundbreaking comedy is nothing without the comedy. "To present our show like we're coming out with something important is jive," says Goodman. "If we don't have the funny, who cares?"

Let's give Barr the last word: "We have great affection for each other. We just want folks to have some good laughs at regular life. That's where the fun is."

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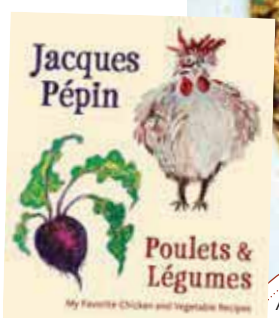
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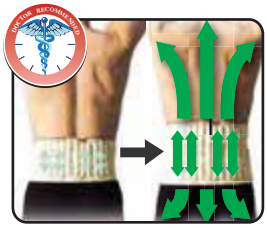
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