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Trump: 'Mission accomplished'

Claims success after striking Syria, but toxic arms remain

By David S. Cloud and Tracy Wilkinson
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Saturday declared "Mission Accomplished" for a U.S.-led allied missile attack on Syria's chemical weapons program, but the Pentagon said the pummeling of three chemical-related facilities left enough others intact to enable the Assad government to use banned weapons against civilians if it chooses.

"A perfectly executed strike," Trump tweeted after U.S., French and British warplanes and ships launched more than 100 missiles nearly unopposed by Syrian air defenses. "Could not have had a better result. Mission Accomplished!"

His choice of words recalled a similar claim associated with President George W. Bush following the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. Bush addressed sailors aboard a Navy ship in May 2003 alongside a "Mission Accomplished" banner, just weeks before it became apparent that Iraqis had organized an insurgency that tied down U.S. forces for years.

The nighttime Syria assault was aimed at minimizing civilian casualties and avoid direct conflict with Syria's key ally, Russia, but confusion arose over the extent to which Washington warned Moscow in advance. The Pentagon said it gave no explicit warning. The U.S. ambassador in Moscow, Jon Huntsman,

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Syrian soldiers inspect the wreckage of a building, described as a chemical weapons research and development site in the Damascus area, that was targeted early Saturday.

People are spending millions on wine, kayaking and gelato. Is it enough to keep Riverwalk businesses afloat?



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Employees of Tastemade Chicago, a global entertainment company, celebrate April 6 at the City Winery on the Chicago Riverwalk.

City banking on boom to pay off the cost of river transformation

By Greg Trotter
Chicago Tribune

As the weather warms, tourists and locals alike will descend on the Chicago Riverwalk, one of the most ambitious and acclaimed new public spaces in Chicago.

They will spend money on wine and beer, kayaking rentals and gelato, all part of an upswell of business along the increasingly popular and lucrative promenade. Last year, spending at riverwalk businesses totaled $11.6 million, the most yet for the nascent downtown park. Many predict this year will be even better.

Once an industrial waterfront with minimal public access, the riverwalk is now a bustling 1.25-mile-long destination for the sun-kissed masses during peak months, a place where tourists meander and Loop workers unwind. In a major shift from the shorter deals previously offered, the city this year awarded leases to some businesses that will last at least 10 years. In return, those vendors will make significant improvements to their sites.

For the vendors, there are risks to consider, starting with Chicago's inconsistent weather. Deliveries and storage are continual challenges. Some former vendors say they struggled to break even.

But there's also considerable potential for profit as interest in the riverwalk continues to rise.

"I think the riverwalk is going to continue to grow at a huge clip. We think the numbers work despite the risks," said Aaron Zacharias, co-owner of the Northman Beer & Cider Garden, which will open this summer on the riverwalk near the Columbus Drive bridge.

This year Zacharias and his business partners will spend about $600,000 at their site formerly occupied by Cyrano's

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Tests of tap water show lead danger

Yet Chicago not moving to replace lead service pipes

By Michael Hawthorne and Cecilia Reyes
Chicago Tribune

Amid renewed national attention to the dangers of lead poisoning, hundreds of Chicagoans have taken the city up on its offer of free testing kits to determine if they are drinking tap water contaminated with the brain-damaging metal.

A Tribune analysis of the results shows lead was found in water drawn from nearly 70 percent of the 2,797 homes tested during the past two years. Tap water in 3 of every 10 homes sampled had lead concentrations above 5 parts per billion, the maximum allowed in bottled water by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Alarming amounts of the toxic metal turned up in water samples collected throughout the city, the newspaper's analysis found, largely because Chicago required the use of lead serv-

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Homewood uses comic strip ads to attract millennials

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Gov. Bruce Rauner, shown last month, faces unifying a fractured state Republican Party after a bruising primary battle.



JOHN KASS

All Rauner's horses, and all Rauner's men ...

With Gov. Bruce Rauner's Republican Party in tatters and his feud with his primary opponent, conservative state Rep. Jeanne Ives, showing no signs of ending, Rauner took off for a trade mission to Germany and Poland.

He might also take a side trip to England and find that wall.

The one Humpty Dumpty sat on.

Many of you know that Humpty Dumpty sat high up on the wall. He was happy. Then something terrible happened. He got wobbly. And he fell.

You know the rest of the story. There is no happy ending.

And Democrat J.B. Pritzker, running to unseat Rauner in November, isn't going to pick up the pieces.

For weeks now, Rauner's camp has been trying to spin, suggesting he's doing everything he can to put the Illinois GOP back together again. But that seems unlikely at best, given Rauner's relentless negative and untruthful primary campaign ads portraying Ives as a creature of Democratic boss Michael Madigan.

"He hasn't called," Ives told me Friday, speaking of the governor. "But if he does, I'd say, 'Good luck in November.' "

Ives narrowly lost to Rauner by a mere 3 percentage points. The rift Rauner opened in the party with his ads — and his signing of a taxpayer-funded abortion bill and "sanctuary state" legislation — offer little reason for conservatives to flock to the governor in the general election.

She says she has no interest in participating in any staged "unity" events. To Ives, a West Point graduate, honor isn't just a word to say in a speech. Rauner and the establishment GOP should have understood this when they trashed her and tied her to Madigan.

It's one thing for politicians to lie. It's another thing when they behave stupidly and hurt themselves and their party. That's when they smash their shells all over the place.

"It's pretty obvious he can't tell the truth, even on small things," she said. "But even so, I'm a Republican and I will vote for the Republican nominee in November. That's the end of it."

That doesn't sound like "unity" to me, I said. Would it help if he committed to a full mea culpa and publicly apologized for the Madigan ads?

"He owes an apology to Illinois Republican voters," Ives said curtly.

At any rate, Rauner's camp has no intention of apologizing for the ads claiming that Ives was Boss Madigan's favorite Republican. He knew it wasn't true. He crossed the Rubicon with that one. And now there's no going back.

Those ads — repeated day and night on TV and radio and on social media — may have provided his narrow margin of victory in the Illinois Republican Party primary in March.

But how can he put the egg back together by November?

"It's a good idea he's getting away for a while," said a prominent Illinois GOP establishment adviser. "Get away and do some good for Illinois on trade and think things out."

Rauner might want to take some more time. He could drive to Greece — I know a beautiful village where he could chill — or Italy. I hear the Rauners like Italy. But he must find that wall in England, Humpty's wall.

Centuries ago, Humpty wasn't an egg. He may have been a royal, or a soldier firing a cannon at a rival army. Later Humpty Dumpty morphed into an egg, and was celebrated by Lewis Carroll in "Through the Looking-Glass."

That's how Humpty is thought of now, an egg with a smiling face, skinny legs and silk pantaloons.

But eggs are not apt to smile after they fall off a wall.

Who really knows? Carroll wasn't known as a drug taker, but what's with the caterpillar hitting on that hookah? And some of those Humpty Dumpty writers and cartoonists were most likely opium smokers, or perhaps they took hashish — something to escape reality.

The Illinois Republican Party can't escape reality, which waits in November. Pritzker seems willing to spend $100 million in the general election. Do the Rauners really want to match him, dollar for dollar, when conservatives are keeping him at arm's length?

"The message is simple, J.B. Pritzker's going to raise your taxes, and take away scholarships for poor kids," Rauner supporter Pat Brady said the other day on my WGN-AM podcast, "The Chicago Way."

"There's a hell of a lot going on in Pritzker World that we can take advantage of," Brady said. "Republicans really don't have a choice here. I think the message has to get out, and I think it will. The message is either we elect Pritzker and give Mike Madigan the keys to the kingdom or we elect Gov. Rauner."

Pritzker has advocated increasing taxes while keeping his vast fortune in tax-shielded offshore accounts. He's advocated ending a program that provides scholarships for private and parochial schools, a program that offers educational choice for children trapped in poorly performing public schools.

So, in his arrogance, he also may be teetering on the edge of a wall.

Rauner won election over hapless Pat Quinn by less than 5 percentage points in 2014. He'll need every vote he can touch to have a chance against Pritzker.

"There have been some tough conversations in private between the governor and legislators and activists," said a Rauner campaign official. "And maybe they don't agree with the governor on this issue or that issue, but at the end of the day people will recognize the stakes of this election are very high. We're trying to build bridges."

Bridges are nice. But right now, Illinois Republicans need to deal with that wall, particularly its base.

Or else all the king's horses, and all the king's men ...

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By Kim Janssen, Tracy Swartz and Phil Thompson

Chicago taxi troubles afflict Trump attorney

President **Donald Trump**'s personal attorney **Michael Cohen**, already facing heavy scrutiny for paying a porn star to keep quiet about an alleged extramarital fling with Trump, is also running into trouble for business dealings in Chicago.

Cohen operates 22 taxicabs in Chicago, more than half of which are immobilized because of violations, according to the city's Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection. Since 2009, Cohen has been the owner of 22 taxi medallions, the plate displayed on a taxi's hood that allows it to ferry passengers.

Cohen has 10 cabs that are in compliance with city code, five working under Rush Hour Cab Corp. and another five under Love Bug Cab, city records show. The remaining 12 cabs are with Tailgater Cab, Gridlock Cab and Fender Cab, and all of them have been suspended since Jan. 1, when their insurance policies lapsed, a department spokeswoman said.

The city says a medallion in violation status requires that the issue be addressed before the cab is allowed to operate again. Taxicabs in violation could incur citations, including fines of up to $2,000 a day and medallion revocation.

"Failure to carry insurance is an egregious violation of the city ordinance and puts the riders and public in jeopardy," a city spokeswoman said in an email to the Tribune.

According to the city, these cab companies have also been issued citations for failure to have a licensed manager, failure to carry required worker's compensation insurance and expired license plates.

A citation alone doesn't immediately put a medallion in violation status; those tickets are adjudicated at administrative hearings.

Cohen has larger concerns, however. Earlier this week, his offices were raided by FBI agents who are investigating a payment Cohen made, right before the 2016 election, to porn star **Stormy Daniels**, who alleges she had a sexual encounter with Trump more than a decade ago.

— Tony Briscoe and Elvia Malagon

Carrie Coon, Tracy Letts welcome their first child

Chicago stage veterans **Carrie Coon** and **Tracy Letts** welcomed their first child last month.

Coon, who lives in the Wicker Park neighborhood with Letts, delivered **Haskell Letts** on March 13 at Evanston Hospital, according to county records. Coon's rep declined to comment.

Coon told Rolling Stone magazine that she rushed to the hospital to have their son delivered by cesarean section.

"But I'm doing pretty well, considering," Coon said. "I grew up in a family with five kids. I grew up with babies. So babies have never been particularly intimidating to me."

She called the newborn "our Spielberg baby" because she got pregnant while filming director **Steven Spielberg**'s "The Post" with Letts.

Coon, 37, and Letts, 52, celebrated another major milestone in a hospital room when they wed in 2013 while Letts recovered from emergency gallbladder surgery. The plan was to marry at the courthouse, but Letts said he experienced pains the night before the wedding.

Letts, the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and Steppenwolf Theatre ensemble member who was named the Chicago Tribune's 2017 Chicagoan of the Year in film, stars on HBO's "Divorce." It was recently reported that Letts is writing the script for "The Woman in the Window," a big-screen adaptation of **A.J. Finn**'s psychological thriller.

Coon, the Emmy- and Tony-nominated actress who was named the Tribune's 2017 Chicagoan of the Year for theater, appears in the "Widows" heist thriller due out Nov. 16. Crews were back shooting in Chicago last week; actress **Viola Davis** was spotted filming in Logan Square.

— Tracy Swartz



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

WNBA President Lisa Borders, left, poses with Diamond DeShields on Thursday in New York.

5 things to know about this No. 3 Sky draft pick

Sky draft pick Diamond DeShields said Chicago food will be a "major key" in her life. " I'm going to bring a little flavor to the team, just off top," the former Tennessee and Turkish league guard said. "I plan on knowing and being in the know about all the good food places in Chicago."

Here are five other things about DeShields:

First-rounders: She gets bragging rights in a family of athletes as the one drafted highest (third). Next is her brother, Rangers outfielder Delino DeShields Jr., drafted eighth by the Astros (2010), followed by her father, Delino Sr., 12th by the Expos (1987).

Pro comparisons: "In the NBA I get compared to Kevin Durant and DeMar DeRozan, which is strange because they've got two totally different games. But I feel like I'm most similar to DeMar because he's a midrange player. ... On the women's side, probably Maya Moore and Angel (McCoughtry)."

Her nicknames: "'Double' is what my college coach (Holly Warlick) called me. 'D Double' is something some of my guy friends call me, like some people call me 'Double D,' but they reversed it. 'Grasshopper' my mom called me I think just because when I was a kid I was very long and narrow and just bouncing around. 'Buddha,' I don't know why my dad calls me that, he just does."

Movie that best describes her: "'Mulan' or 'Tomb Raider' or something like that where the woman is in charge and she's that chick in the movie. Like, loner kind of female heroine."

Tennis training with Venus and Serena Williams' dad, Richard: "I went down to Florida and trained with him a couple days, but in that time he was very intense with me, he was very real with me, and I completely understand now why his daughters are the way they are ...."

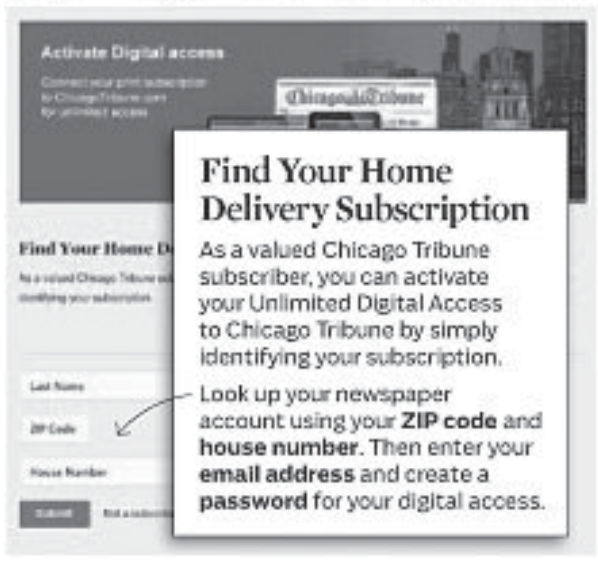
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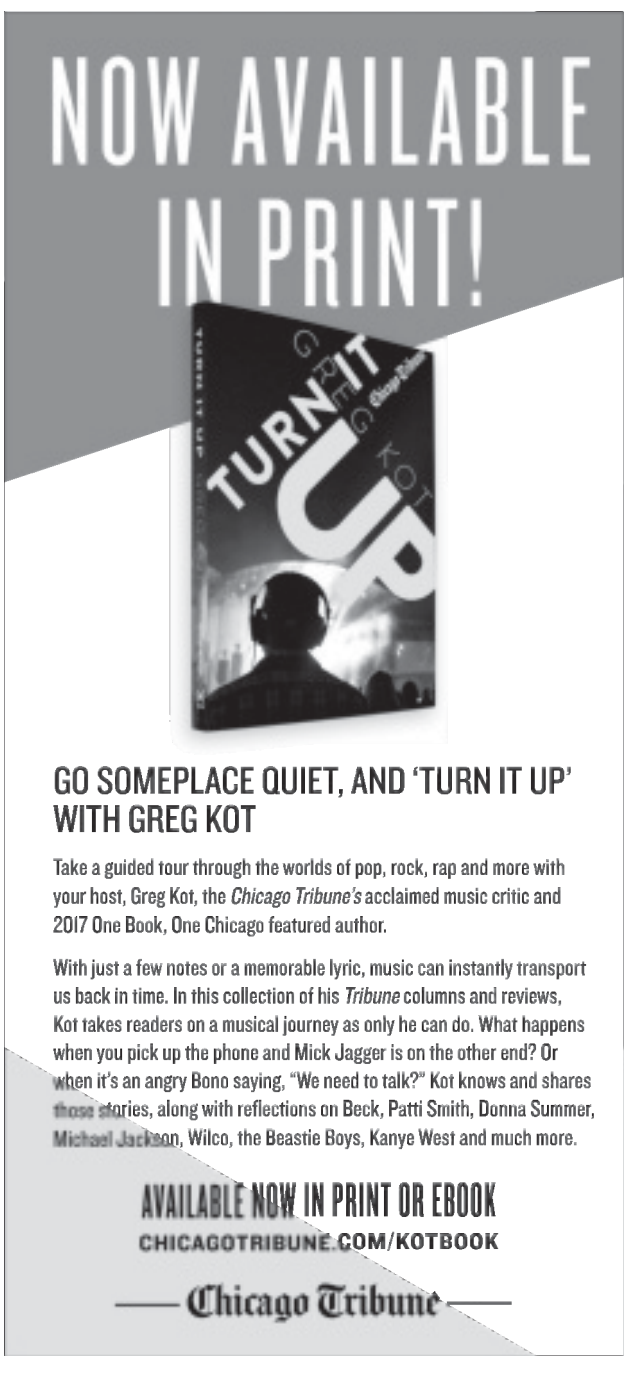
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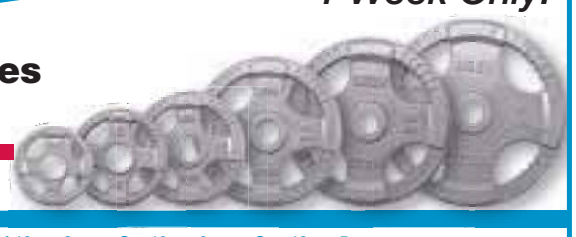
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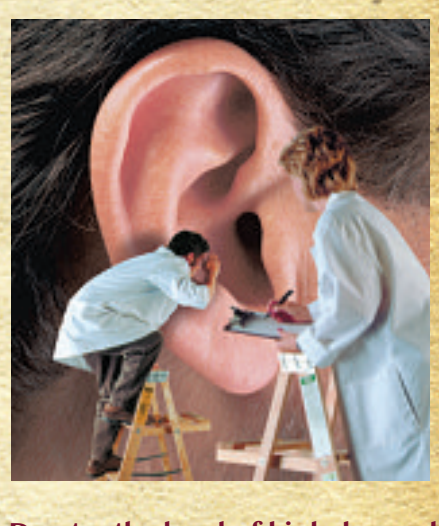
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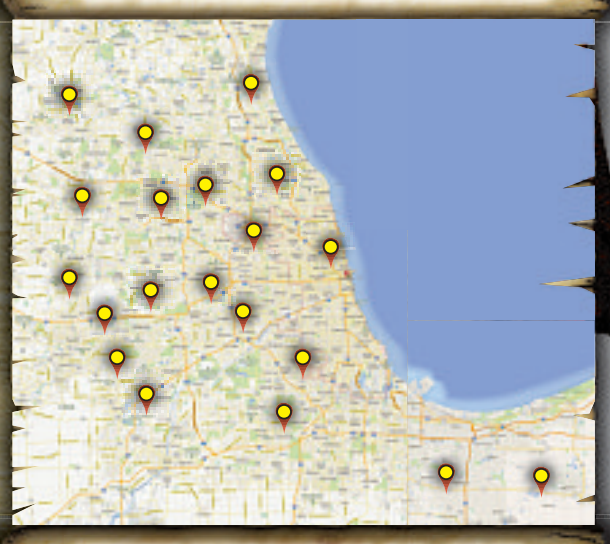
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A flower show, good book among things to enjoy



MARY SCHMICH

Every now and then I make a list of things I like. Here's one for a Chicago April.

1. Washing windows: The flowers haven't bloomed. The trees are still bare. If you've put away your winter coat, you're an April fool.

But the light returns, and there's nothing like spring light to display the winter filth on the windows. I washed a couple of mine the other day and discovered that a clean window is the next best thing to sun and warmth.

2. "Wild Wild Country" Wild is exactly the right word for this new six-part Netflix documentary about the followers of the Indian guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh who in the 1980s flocked to rural Oregon to create a city.

Inspired by Bhagwan's philosophy of capitalism and sexual liberation, the Rajneeshees built dams, houses, farm fields, a shopping center and a giant meditation hall on land that had been a ranch. Eventually, to the dismay of the longtime residents, they took over the nearby hamlet of Antelope. When tensions between the newcomers and old-timers flared, the disciples took to toting assault-style rifles.

In the 1980s the story was a staple of national news, a mesmerizing all-American tale with an astonishing cast of characters that includes the sleepy-eyed Bhagwan; the cowboy-styled son of a Nike co-founder; and Bhagwan's criminal, salty female personal assistant, Ma Anand Sheela, who at one point answers criticism with the devout words, "Tough titties."

3. "Exit West" by Mohsin Hamid: I resisted this slender, widely praised novel when it came out, even after The New York Times named it one of the top 10 books of 2017 and Barack Obama said it was one of his favorite books of the year. Several reviews had used the description "magical realism," and I prefer my fiction grounded in reality.

My objection was silly. It's a riveting, tender and only-too-real story about two young people, Saeed and Nadia, who develop a relationship in an unnamed country where sporadic violence turns into all-out civil war.

They flee their homeland, pass through refugee settlements and wind up near a futuristic San Francisco, which is being remade by refugees.

Of the book's many beautiful, provocative sentences, here's one that sticks with me: "We are all migrants through time."

4. A timer: I get easily distracted from things I like to do, like playing the piano. Too often I sit down at the keyboard and 10 minutes later decide I should check the time or email or Facebook. I've discovered that by setting a timer — I use my Amazon Echo, usually for 30 minutes — I'm likelier to stay on the bench.

Discipline is largely a matter of tricking the brain, and this trick, which could be applied to other endeavors, works.

5. Subscribing: The other day on Twitter I clicked on an Atlantic Magazine story that I liked so much that I retweeted it. And then it hit me: I should pay for that. So I subscribed.

I like free stuff as much as anyone and will take it when I can. But all of us who care about keeping newspapers and magazines afloat need to be honest about what we're doing when we consume for free — we're making it harder to produce the things we want to read.

6. The Lakefront Restaurant: Chicago is lucky that it has mostly adhered to the edict that the lakefront remain "forever open, clear, and free," but this restaurant, in the historic Theater on the Lake building, is a gem worth the land it occupies.

Self-styled as "an upscale tavern," it sits on the lakeshore side of Lakeshore Drive and Fullerton Avenue and offers stunning views of the water and skyline. The food's good too.

I only wish it didn't play music that emanates outside. Canned music wafting toward the water feels like a violation of the spirit of forever, open, clear, and free.

7. The "Making Obama" podcast: Years ago, a new state senator came to visit the Tribune editorial board. A colleague who was in the room that day mentioned afterward that they'd just met with a young politician who was very impressive. That's the first time I registered the name Barack Obama.

WBEZ's six-part "podumentary," hosted by Jenn White and produced by Colin McNulty, takes listeners back to those early days, from the future president's time as an unseasoned community organizer and on through his early political campaigns and failures.

The outline of the story is familiar by now, but the dozens of original interviews, combined with news coverage from the period, provide a compelling look not only at Obama's political history but Chicago's.

8. Spring flower shows: The gardens of Chicagoland remain nearly flower-free, but at the Garfield Park and Lincoln Park conservatories you can get your fill of camellias, azaleas, hydrangea, tulips and daffodils. If spring won't come to Chicago, we can go to it.

9. A good quote for a cold April: Attributed to George Santayana:

"To be interested in the changing seasons is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with spring."

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MARC ALAN FISHMAN/VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD IMAGES

Suburb uses comic strip ads to attract millennials

Homewood takes jabs at life in Chicago to sell self as less hectic, cheaper and homier

BY TED GREGORY AND HOWARD LUDWIG
Chicago Tribune

The popular perception in the Chicago region and many large metropolitan areas is that urban living is for hip cats, but the suburbs? Squaresville.

Now south suburban Homewood is challenging that notion with an unusual marketing campaign aimed at luring city dwellers to the town of about 20,000. The village is doing that by using a comic strip approach that gently jabs at city life while touting the village's diversity and quality of life.

"Think Homewood" ads, which debuted this month and will run through May, feature three comic strips that focus on affordability, schools, parks, community and creativity. The village, which is about 25 miles south of downtown Chicago, is spending $20,000 on the campaign focused on appealing to millennials.

"It's a substantial amount of money for a small town," Village President Richard Hofeld said Tuesday, "but I think it's wisely invested. We are a welcoming community, and I want everyone to know about it. But in order to keep a viable community, you have to think younger."

In case any doubt exists about where the millennials targeted by "Think Homewood" reside, look no further than the comics' references to "Somewhere in Wicker-Humboldt-Pilsen" and "Somewhere in Logan-Wicker-Ukie Village."

In those comic panels, two moms stress over registering their kids for schools and park district activities. "I have an alarm set on my phone," one mom cries when discussing her anxiety about plans to register for a gymnastics class. "If I'm late 30 seconds and miss the window to get a space, I'm so screwed."

In the other Chicago strip, a dad driving from the grocery store with his wife and toddler shouts, "Frak!" after forgetting avocados for dinner. The couple decide they lack the fortitude to fight traffic and find a parking spot for a return trip to the store. "Goodbye, Taco Night," an exasperated dad laments.

Those are contrasted with the relatively idyllic "Somewhere in Homewood" strips, where a return to the store for avocados is easy, and the park district has room for another kid in gymnastics even though classes start the next day.

And all of those messages are distilled in a third strip, where a mixed-race, female couple tell their friends that plans for the weekend include guitar lessons, the artisan street fair, a trip to the rock climbing gym and brunch "at that new farm-to-table cafe." A friend asks where in the city they are doing all that.

"Girl, it's all in home sweet Homewood," one half of the couple says. Her partner adds: "And, with the money we saved on our new house ... we've even got one of those crazy things we used to only dream about."

That crazy thing? "A savings account," the other women answers.

Plenty of suburbs have marketing campaigns — Arlington Heights has "Discover Arlington," while DuPage County unveiled its "DuMore in DuPage" tourism tagline last year — but almost all of those are directed at attracting businesses and visitors. Fewer are trying so directly to lure Chicagoans.

The near-west suburb of Berwyn may come closest to Homewood's effort. In 2007, the city launched "Why Berwyn," a campaign aimed at differentiating a community that many blend in their minds with neighboring Cicero and Oak Park, said Amy M. Crowther, who heads the campaign for the Berwyn Development Corp. The budget for "Why Berwyn" has been scaled back to about $80,000 a year, she said.

"Why Berwyn" focused on the city's proximity to Chicago, its affordability and "unique cultural amenities," such as its national landmark bungalow district and wide variety of cultural and entertainment offerings, Crowther said. "We're saying we have a unique flavor here," she added.

The impact of such campaigns can be difficult to measure. But since Berwyn launched its campaign, Crowther said, the city's annual sales tax revenue has jumped by 52 percent, its median income rose nearly 11 percent between 2011 and 2014, and the average home price increased by 8.4 percent from 2016 to 2017. Population has remained steady at about 56,000, with "a nice base of millennials," she said.

"Is it just this marketing campaign?" Crowther said. "No, certainly not. Marketing is just one piece."

About 45 miles north of Berwyn, the village of Mundelein started a rebranding campaign in 2012 after realizing it had a number of different logos and a reputation for being "difficult to work with," Community Development Director Amanda Orenchuk said. The village hired a marketing manager and did "a little soul-searching to find out who we are as a community," she said. "And it was driving us a little nuts."

The village unified its brand, cut red tape and emphasized what its website says are "award-winning village services, abundant recreational opportunities, state-of-the-art library facilities and top-rated school districts." Mundelein's "strong industrial base" and "great housing values" have helped its population grow "rapidly in both size and affluence," the website boasts.

"We haven't been saying, 'Hey, leave wherever you're living and come here,' " Orenchuk said. "It's more about touting the assets we have."

Regardless of whether it's connected with the rebranding, people are moving to Mundelein. A 77-home development that opened in 2015 has sold out, Orenchuk said. And 12 homes already have been sold in a 63-home site where construction started in late March, she added.

"I think it (the rebranding) contributed a lot to that," she said, adding that credit also goes to schools that have made a great deal of progress.

"I think there is a place in the market for trying to get city dwellers to the suburbs," Orenchuk said. "It doesn't hurt, but the biggest thing is that there is a certain kind of vibe people are looking for that can't be easily created in the suburbs. It's hard but it's not impossible."

One of Homewood's characteristics that makes it appealing to city dwellers is its diversity, Hofeld said. About a third of the community consists of black families, including those of Haitian and Cuban descent, he added.

Homewood also has small Asian and Hispanic populations. About 24 percent of Homewood's population is classified as seniors, and the village is home to a thriving gay population, Hofeld said.

He added that he doesn't expect an immediate spike in home sales with the ads, but believes that sales will rise in May, when many leases expire. Then, Hofeld said, he expects new residents will start arriving, driving up demand and home prices, which should please existing residents.

Homewood already has much to offer millennials, Hofeld said, including bike trails, a martini bar and close proximity to public transportation via the Metra. The South Loop's Vice District Brewing Co. also is planning to open a new distribution center and tap room in Homewood, the village president said.

But he believes Homewood's true appeal to millennials will be down the road, as this generation enters into parenthood.

"I think it (Homewood) will not only resonate with them (millennials), but as they become older and more family-orientated, they will see Homewood meets their needs," Hofeld said.

"We have an event in town every six to eight weeks, and they are all family-orientated. I will never allow a carnival or a beer tent," he said.

Mary Jane Maharry, a Homewood resident and public relations consultant for the village, came up with the concept behind "Think Homewood." The goal was to bring new families to replace those who are older and in some cases aging out of the community, she said.

"If there is an empty house, we want people who are creative and interesting in our community," said Maharry, adding that Homewood's affordable housing lends itself well to those who have artistic pursuits beyond their 9-to-5 jobs.

She asked fellow Homewood resident Marc Alan Fishman, creator of Unshaven Comics, for help designing the comic strip ads. Maharry also asked area families via Facebook to attend a photo shoot. Fishman transformed the pictures into the cartoons featured in the ads.

"Everyone in these strips are actual Homewood people," Maharry said.

The comic strips will appear in interior rail car ads on the CTA's Blue Line, on billboards and posters at various CTA stations and along city streets in neighborhoods including Woodlawn, Hyde Park, Bridgeport, Pilsen, McKinley Park, Wicker Park and Logan Square.

The campaign also includes digital advertising and social media posts. In addition, live reads will be made on WBEZ-FM during drive times.

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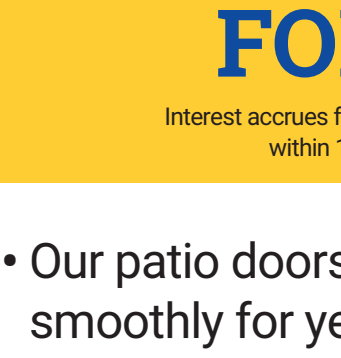
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Syrians in Chicago worried, conflicted

U.S.-led airstrikes 'just a slap on the wrist,' says activist

By Elyssa Cherney
Chicago Tribune

News of the U.S.-led missile attack on Syria's chemical weapons program elicited a complicated set of emotions from Suzanne Akhras, who emigrated from the country before it was gripped by a bloody and protracted civil war.

"It's a difficult position to be in. This is my country of origin, so it's very hard to hear we are bombing Syria," said Akhras, 45, founder and executive director of the Chicago-based Syrian Community Network.

Though serious U.S. military action is long overdue, Akhras said, the offensive won't be enough to stop President Bashar Assad's use of chemical weapons or to end the conflict. "It's just a slap on the wrist," said Akhras, who came to Chicago as a 10-year-old in 1982. "If you really want to do something that matters, take away Assad's air force."

On Friday night, President Donald Trump announced French and British warplanes joined American forces in striking three chemical-related facilities. The action followed reports of the Syrian government using poison gas against civilians near Damascus last week, killing 43 people and wounding hundreds more.

Samir Alomar, a new refugee in Chicago, was among more than 3,000 Syrians who came to the U.S. in 2017, though his plans were initially delayed because of the Trump administration's travel ban against refugees from Syria and some other Muslim majority countries.

Alomar, his wife and three young children were placed in Rogers Park in February 2017.

Speaking through an interpreter, he said he did not agree with Trump's military action because it was not forceful enough to bring peace to his homeland.

"If the strike can bring a positive result, then that's great," he said. If not, then it wasn't worth it.

The family and other members of the Syrian community in Chicago were attending a multicultural dinner put on by Break Bread Chicago on Saturday night to support refugees.

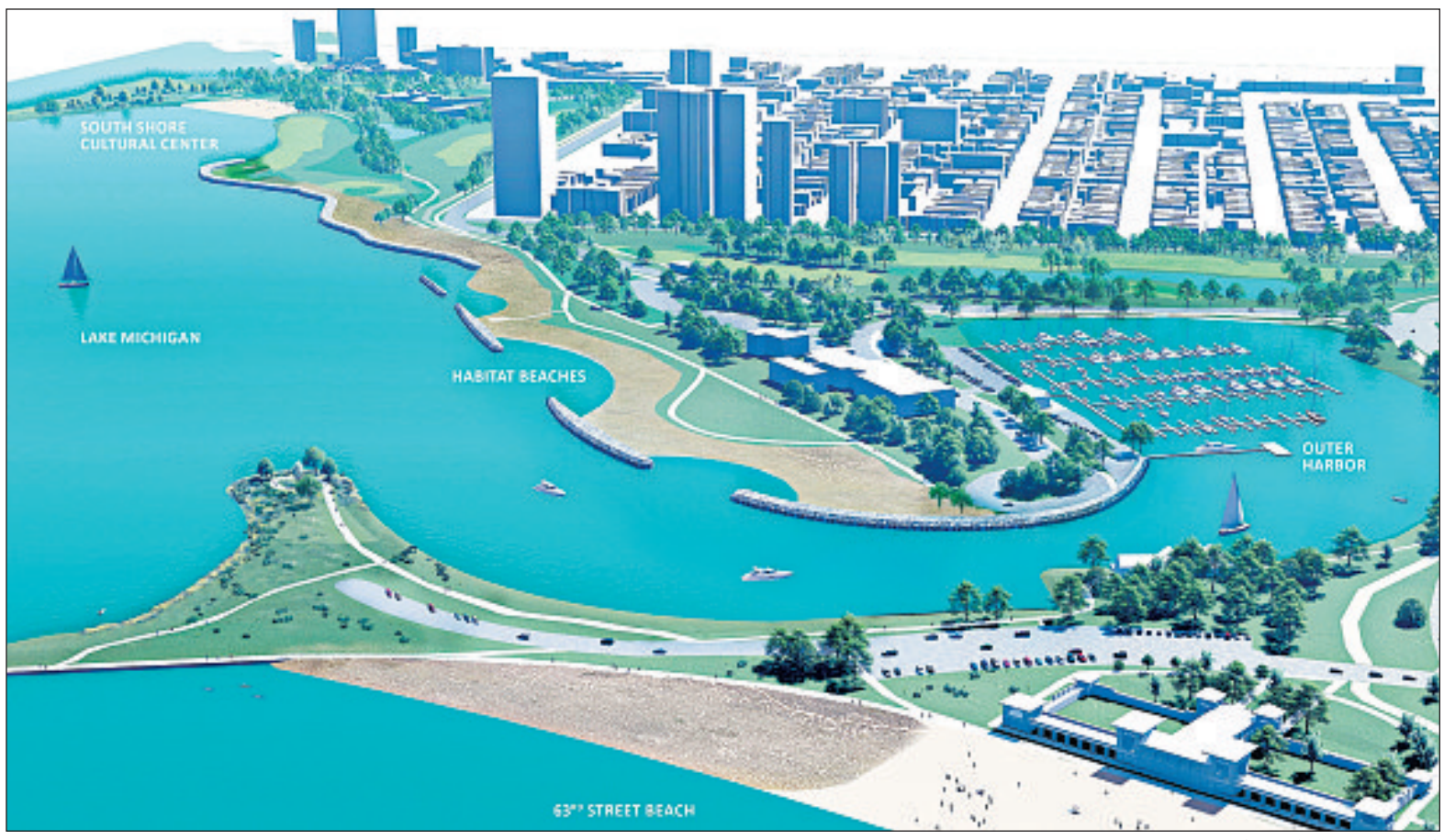
Amneh Arnous, 49, said she supports the outcome of the strike but at first was terrified hearing about the raids from family members.

She was talking with her sister in Syria on WhatsApp when the bombs dropped on the outskirts of Damascus. "It was like a horror night," Arnous said. "Everyone was so scared. The sky was orange.

"It's scary. It's too late, and it's not enough."

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The Chicago Park District's South Lakefront Framework Plan would add land at the 63rd Street Beach, shielding Jackson Park's harbors from waves.

Beyond the Obama center plans: A vision for Jackson Park's waters

Aquatic features are a key element of design agenda



Blair Kamin
Cityscapes



An artist's rendering shows a Chicago Park District proposal for a boardwalk linking Bobolink Meadow and Jackson Park's lagoons. Bridges are also suggested for the area.

When Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux designed what is now Jackson Park in 1871, they didn't just think of it as a park *along* Lake Michigan. They sought to bring water *into* the park. Picturesque lagoons would connect to a canal that ran the length of what is now the Midway Plaisance. And that canal would link to another lagoon in what is now Washington Park.

As much as naturalistic green spaces, then, Olmsted and Vaux saw water as the uniting feature of their proposed South Park system for Chicago.

The Chicago Park District's new South Lakefront Framework Plan, which the district's Board of Commissioners quietly accepted last week, seeks to restore water's prime place in Jackson Park but with a new emphasis on ecology, animal habitat and water quality. That's good news, even though it won't solve the most nettlesome issues associated with the proposed Obama Presidential Center.

For months now, public discussion of the south lakefront plan has focused almost entirely — and too narrowly — on the presidential center and a proposed 18-hole golf course shaped by Tiger Woods' golf design firm. But the plan is broader than those controversial parts, and it reminds us that good lakefront park design is as much about the color blue (for water) as the color green (for parkland).

The plan, by the Chicago office of SmithGroupJJR, envisions a future for Jackson Park and the neighboring South Shore Cultural Center. It's a framework plan, not a set-in-stone master plan, which means that it sets out general principles as well as specific ideas to guide redevelopment over the next 10 years. Here are the water-related concepts that caught my eye:

■ Deepening the Columbia Basin, the body of water that poetically reflects the Beaux Arts facade of the Museum of Science and Industry, allowing the Park District to reintroduce paddle boats to the basin and create a better fish habitat.

■ Building boardwalks or bridges along the restored banks of the Jackson Park lagoon. They would beckon parkgoers, a draft of the plan says, "to experience the lagoon without disturbing the restoration work or habitat areas."

■ Introducing new water features, called bayous, that would connect Jackson Park's lagoon with its Inner Harbor. Canoers and kayakers could ply the bayous and their naturalistic shorelines, but a small dam would prevent them from entering the lagoon and disrupting its restored shoreline and contemplative environment.

■ Constructing new lakefill at the 63rd Street Beach, not only to provide new parkland but also to protect Jackson Park's harbors from the pounding of Lake Michigan waves.

■ Protecting the La Rabida Children's Hospital peninsula, to the south of 63rd Street Beach, with offshore breakwaters. The breakwaters would ring coves of "quiet" water and allow for a "softer," more naturalistic shoreline than the hard-edged concrete revetments that have been built along the rest of the lakefront.

The idea that ties together these proposals, said SmithGroupJJR principal Gregg Calpino, is to restore a key feature of Olmsted and Vaux's original plan: water as a source of beauty, serenity and recreation. But there's a contemporary twist.

Over the decades, Calpino said, park managers came to view natural landscapes, including water features, as difficult to maintain. Some of the water features were filled in. Now, the idea is to put them back, not just for aesthetic and recreational purposes, but to improve water quality and circulation.

"That's why people got behind it," Calpino said.

To be sure, the South Lakefront Framework Plan includes no price tags or funding sources. Some of its ideas will never be realized. Yet in the long run, well-conceived plans can have a lasting impact, as demonstrated by Park District's 1999 Burnham Park Framework Plan.

It addressed shameful conditions on the south lakefront, rooted in the district's history of providing fewer resources to minority neighborhoods, that I documented in a 1998 series of articles on the lakefront.

Over the last 20 years, as funds became available, the plan guided the development of new landfill that expanded Burnham Park's once-skinny landscape; a new marina, playgrounds and parkland at 31st Street Beach; and modern, accessible pedestrian bridges — one complete, the other under construction — that will replace rickety spans that discouraged people from walking from their neighborhoods to the shoreline.

While the Obama center seeks to achieve the worthy goal of extending that renaissance farther south to Jackson Park, I don't think the drive to dispense with separate and unequal lakefront parks should give the center's backers urban-design carte blanche. That's especially true of the center's plan for a slant-walled, 235-foot museum tower.

Former President Barack Obama and his architects, Tod Williams and Billie Tsien of New York, have yet to persuasively explain why a tower of such height belongs in the historic landscape of Jackson Park or how the tower would relate to the nearby Museum of Science and Industry. Nor have they spelled out critical details, such as what exterior materials they would use.

It's getting late in the game. The Chicago Plan Commission is expected to consider the Obama center plans on May 17, with City Council hearings also scheduled for May.

During those hearings, the center's backers will no doubt bring up the implied endorsement of the South Lakefront Framework Plan, which recommends that the center be integrated with Jackson Park "to create a cohesive, continuous park environment." The burden is still on the Obama camp to prove they can achieve that.

For now, though, it's worth stepping back from the battles over the Obama center to glimpse the bigger picture: Water is back on the design agenda — and in a smart way — in Jackson Park.

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City crews work on a water main project on the Northwest Side. Chicago is not including the replacement of lead service lines in its efforts to overhaul the public water system.

Tap water tests show lead danger

Lead, *from Page 1*

ice lines between street mains and homes until Congress banned the practice in 1986.

The testing kit results provide the most conclusive evidence yet of widespread hazards that have remained hidden for decades. Yet as Mayor Rahm Emanuel borrows hundreds of millions of dollars to overhaul the city's public water system, Chicago is keeping lead service lines in the ground.

Under the city's plumbing code — the same ordinance that for nearly a century mandated the use of lead pipes to convey water to single-family homes and small apartment buildings — individual property owners are responsible for maintaining service lines. The mayor's office has said it is up to homeowners, not the city, to decide if it is worth replacing the lead pipes at their own expense.

As a result, critics say, the city is leaving scores of Chicagoans at risk and failing to seize an opportunity to fix more than one problem when crews dig up streets to replace aging water mains.

"Chicago could be a leader on nationwide solutions to this problem, but instead they appear to be sticking their heads in the sand," said Tom Neltner, chemicals policy director at the nonprofit Environmental Defense Fund and former assistant commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

Adam Collins, Emanuel's chief spokesman, referred questions to the Department of Water Management, where a spokeswoman earlier had said she would need to consult with the mayor's office before responding to the Tribune's analysis. Asked why the city hasn't removed lead service lines it once required by law, the department emailed a three-sentence statement:

"Since Mayor Rahm Emanuel took office, he has made it a priority to improve Chicago's overall water quality and infrastructure," the statement reads. "Today, the city's water exceeds the standards set by the (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) for clean, safe drinking water. And the Department of Water Management continues to take a proactive approach to mitigating lead in our water system and is continually evaluating additional methods of lead mitigation."

City and EPA officials advise that residents can protect themselves by flushing household plumbing for three to five minutes when water hasn't been used for several hours. But in one of five Chicago homes tested since January 2016, the Tribune analysis found, samples contained high levels of lead after water had been running for three minutes.



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Jenny Abrahamian installed a whole-house filtration system when high lead levels were found in her tap water. It "definitely isn't something that everyone could afford," she said.

Even after water had been running for five minutes, 9 percent of the homes tested had lead levels above the FDA's bottled water standard.

Prompted by concerns raised by the water crisis in Flint, Mich., and an EPA study of Chicago homes published in 2013, the city water department began distributing lead-testing kits to residents on request. The kits include three sample bottles: one for water drawn after household taps have not been used for at least six hours, another for a sample collected after three minutes and the third after five minutes.

Block-level results are posted on a city-sponsored website that hadn't been updated in more than six months before the Tribune began asking questions about the testing kits.

One of the homes with the highest levels found so far is Jenny Abrahamian's bungalow on the city's Northwest Side.

Abrahamian was so alarmed by the results — the first sample she collected contained 250 ppb of lead — she invested in a $1,100 reverse osmosis system that filters every drop of water coming into her home.

"I'm really happy I did," she said. "But this definitely isn't something that everyone could afford."

Water from Lake Michigan generally is lead-free after leaving the city's treatment plants; it becomes contaminated only after passing through service lines and internal plumbing made of lead. Levels of the toxic metal in tap water can vary widely between homes and during different times of day, depending on water usage, the length of the service line and other factors that can limit the effectiveness of corrosion-inhibiting chemicals added to the water supply.

Lead is unsafe to consume at any level, according to the EPA and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Ingesting tiny concentrations can permanently damage the developing brains of children and contribute to heart disease, kidney failure and other health problems later in life. A peer-reviewed study published last month in The Lancet, a London-based medical journal, estimated that more than 400,000 deaths a year in the U.S. are linked to lead exposure — or 18 percent of all deaths.



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Abrahamian shines a light on the newer plumbing connected to older lead fixtures in her home. Under city code, individual property owners are responsible for service lines.

There is no federal standard for the amount of lead found in tap water at individual homes, but studies have reported harmful effects when concentrations exceed the FDA's standard for bottled water. In a recent peer-reviewed study, EPA scientists cautioned that when children under age 7 drink water containing more than 5 ppb of lead on average, the amount of the metal in their blood can rise above CDC health guidelines.

Utilities are considered to be in compliance with federal water quality regulations as long as 90 percent of the homes tested have lead levels below 15 ppb, a standard the EPA set nearly three decades ago because the agency thought it could be met with corrosion-inhibiting chemicals. Chicago conducts this type of testing in just 50 homes every three years — the minimum required — and city officials say the results show residents have no cause for concern.

The Tribune first reported in 2016 that most of the Chicago homes tested for regulatory purposes were owned by water department employees or retirees living on the Far Northwest and Far Southwest Sides. The limited testing typically found little or no lead in tap water at those homes.

By contrast, the newspaper's analysis of the more recent testing kit results revealed that lead-contaminated water was found in at least one home in all 77 Chicago community areas.

In Mount Greenwood, one of the same neighborhoods where the city conducts its EPA-mandated testing, the amount of lead in initial samples of water averaged 5.2 ppb among the 127 homes that submitted testing kits. Average first-draw concentrations of lead were even higher in 16 other community areas where at least 10 homes sent water samples to the city, including South Chicago (17.6 ppb), Chicago Lawn (16 ppb), New City (14.3 ppb), Chatham (9.4 ppb) and Avondale (7.8 ppb).

Lead levels in samples sent by 129 homeowners in Beverly averaged 5.2 ppb after taps had been running for three minutes. Other community areas with high averages among second-draw samples: Forest Glen (6.1 ppb), West Pullman (5.8 ppb), Garfield Ridge (5.5 ppb), Morgan Park (5.4 ppb) and Washington Heights (5.3 ppb).

The samples collected by Chicagoans during the past two years provide more evidence that federal testing protocols vastly underestimate hazardous conditions in cities with lead service lines, said Yanna Lambrinidou, a Virginia Tech researcher who served on an EPA advisory panel that in 2015 called for an aggressive campaign of testing and public warnings until the pipes are removed.

"Chicago's testing blows out of the water one of the foundations of (federal regulations), namely that current lead-in-water monitoring requirements yield reliable information about the extent and severity of contamination across a service area," Lambrinidou said.

At more than 100 homes across the city where lead levels reached 15 ppb to 270 ppb in testing kit samples, water department officials conducted follow-up testing that involved drawing 10 consecutive 1-liter samples. Nearly all of those samples contained more than 5 ppb of lead, the Tribune analysis found, with levels generally increasing rather than decreasing as more water flowed out of the taps.

At Abrahamian's Northwest Side bungalow, the first sample of unfiltered water collected by the department had significantly lower levels of lead than the amount in her own sample — 7.6 ppb, compared with 250 ppb. But by the 10th liter, the amount of lead had increased to 14.3 ppb. An additional sample collected after the water had been running another three minutes contained 24.8 ppb of lead — nearly five times higher than the FDA limit for bottled water.

The water department later sent Abrahamian a letter advising her to flush her plumbing regularly and to replace her kitchen faucet, citing her "longer than average service line and lower than average water usage." Using more water "ensures optimal performance of corrosion inhibitors on metal services," the letter concluded.

"It's an expensive and intricate problem to solve," Abrahamian said of the city's vast network of lead service lines. "Should (replacing the lines) be the responsibility of the homeowner or landlord who has tenants with small children? Right now there is no accountability."

Results from the sequential sampling mirror a trend EPA researchers noticed six years ago when they tested Chicago tap water after lead service lines had been jostled during the installation of new water mains — work that Emanuel is speeding up across the city.

It turns out the process of hooking new cast-iron mains to aging lead pipes can dramatically increase the chances otherwise-clean water is contaminated by the time it reaches a home, in particular if water has been stagnating in service lines for several hours.

Not only can street work shake loose the protective coating inside lead pipes, city construction crews sometimes make the problem worse by splicing a length of copper pipe between the iron water main and lead service line, a practice Tribune reporters and photographers have seen firsthand. Studies have found the combination of metals can trigger an electrochemical reaction that corrodes the inside of lead pipes.

Miguel Del Toral, an EPA water expert who led the Chicago study and played a key role in exposing what went wrong in Flint, tells audiences that if their city still has lead service lines, the most effective way to immediately protect themselves is to filter their drinking water.

The filters don't need to be as elaborate — or as expensive — as the system Abrahamian installed. NSF International, a nonprofit standards organization, publishes a consumer guide listing a variety of devices certified to remove lead.

Unlike Chicago, cities including Boston, Denver, Detroit, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and St. Paul, Minn., are adding service line replacements to municipal construction projects, beginning in low-income neighborhoods where childhood lead poisoning remains a persistent problem.

Some of the efforts are being funded through the same federal-state loan program Chicago is relying on to upgrade the public water system. Utilities also are moving to raising water rates to finance replacement programs, including Indiana American Water, a private company that serves several communities in northwest Indiana.

Milwaukee has estimated that digging up and replacing all of the city's lead service lines would cost $750 million. Other cities are developing methods that are both less invasive and more cost-effective, or setting up programs to share replacement costs between municipalities and property owners.

Since Emanuel took office in 2011, Chicago has borrowed more than $481 million for water projects, including $312 million to install new water mains. The city has been steadily raising water rates to pay back the 20-year loans.

Chicagoans still pay less for drinking water than most other Americans, even after rates have doubled under Emanuel. But none of the money has been earmarked to replace lead service lines.

Chicago residents interested in having their tap water tested for lead can order a free testing kit from the city at ***www.chicagowaterquality.org****.*

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Class-action suit over city's lead pipes tossed

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A city worker attaches a copper pipe to an existing lead service line. The combination of metals can result in corrosion.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration has fended off a lawsuit demanding the removal of lead pipes connecting homes to the public water system, but the judge who threw out the case last month acknowledged that scores of Chicagoans are drinking tap water contaminated with the brain-damaging metal.

In a seven-page decision, Cook County Circuit Judge Raymond W. Mitchell said he dismissed the complaint against the city "on the narrowest possible grounds" based on other court rulings that limit Illinois residents from seeking damages when government actions cause harm.

Before delving into the arcane details of case law, Mitchell noted that research has outlined how Emanuel's overhaul of the water system is increasing the chances that Chicagoans are exposed to lead in their tap water. The judge also cited allegations in the complaint that lead is leaching out of pipes conveying otherwise clean water, despite corrosion-inhibiting chemicals the city adds to the water supply.

"City actions have increased the levels of lead in the water," Mitchell wrote. "The city nevertheless pursues its projects and insists that the water is safe to drink."

Lawyers for the two plaintiffs had sought lead tests for every Chicagoan and payouts from the city for affecting the value of private property. But the lawsuit failed to provide evidence the plaintiffs had been poisoned by lead, Mitchell wrote, and the alleged damages were too broadly defined.

A spokesman for the city Law Department welcomed the decision, filed March 29. The plaintiffs' lawyers said they plan to appeal.

Chicago required the use of lead service lines between street mains and homes until Congress banned the practice in 1986. The Tribune reported this week that lead was found in tap water drawn from nearly 70 percent of the 2,797 Chicago homes that sent samples to the city for testing in the past two years.

Tap water in 3 of every 10 homes sampled had lead concentrations above 5 parts per billion, the maximum allowed in bottled water by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Yet as Emanuel borrows hundreds of millions of dollars for water projects, Chicago is keeping lead service lines in the ground. The mayor's office has said it is up to homeowners, not the city, to decide if it is worth replacing the pipes at their own expense.

Chicago officials test tap water for lead in just 50 homes every three years, the minimum required under federal regulations. The limited sampling typically has found little or no lead in tap water at those homes. As a result, the city has never been required to warn residents about the presence of lead service lines at thousands of Chicago homes.

The lawsuit dismissed last month was filed days after the Tribune reported in 2016 that the Department of Water Management had removed references to lead from flyers distributed before city crews dug up streets to replace aging water mains. Lawyers for a Seattle-based law firm, who were joined later by Chicago personal injury attorney Philip Corboy, repeatedly cited a 2013 study by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that found high levels of lead in drinking water after street work.

Kirkland & Ellis, a Chicago-based international law firm, represented the city for free in the case. Steve Patton, Emanuel's former chief legal adviser, works for the firm, which has defended the lead industry in several other lawsuits seeking to hold corporations accountable for health problems caused by exposure to the toxic metal in paint and water.

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ISBE adds 3 districts to financial watch list

Some in south suburbs struggling as others improve

By Susan DeMar Lafferty
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At least three Southland school districts recently joined Lincoln-Way High School District 210 on the state's financial watch list, according to a survey of 70 south suburban school districts by the Daily Southtown.

Country Club Hills School District 160, Thornton School District 154 and Crete-Monee School District 201U are new to the list. Lincoln-Way was placed on the list by the Illinois State Board of Education in 2015.

The financial watch list is part of ISBE's School District Financial Profile to help monitor the finances of school districts and identify which might have financial difficulty.

Districts under financial watch include ones with the highest financial risk. ISBE closely monitors those districts and offers technical assistance that includes, but is not limited to, financial projections, cash flow analysis, budgeting, personnel inventories and enrollment projections.

Each ISBE annual profile of districts shows a score from 1.00 (lowest financial strength) to 4.00 (highest financial strength) with a corresponding designation: 1.00 through 2.61, financial watch; 2.62 through 3.07, financial warning; 3.08 through 3.53, financial review; and 3.54 through 4.00, financial recognition, ISBE said.

Crete-Monee scored a zero because it failed to meet the deadline for submitting the financial information, but once it is filed, it should achieve financial recognition, said Ken Surma, assistant superintendent for business. He expects Crete-Monee's score to be in the range of 3.45 to 3.6, Surma said.

According to ISBE, the annual profiles are "an informational snapshot" of school districts' financial health and promote sound financial management. It measures five key indicators of financial integrity: the ratio of fund balance to revenue, the ratio of expenditure to revenue, the days of cash on hand, the percentage of short-term borrowing ability remaining and the percentage of long-term borrowing ability remaining.

In the Southland, at least eight districts scored a 4.00, and six of them achieved that two years in a row: Lockport Township High School District 205, Consolidated High School District 230, Evergreen Park High School District 231, Will County School District 92, Lemont-Bromberek School District 113A and Alsip/Oak Lawn School District 126.

Earning a score of 4.00 this year were Mokena School District 159 and Palos Heights School District 128.

While 54 of the 70 south suburban districts achieved financial recognition, that is three fewer than the prior year, ISBE data show.

One of those achieving financial recognition, and showing the biggest improvement, was Thornton Township High School District 205, which was on the state's early warning list last year with a score of 3.0 and improved to 3.70.

Tory Horton, business manager in Thornton Township High School District 205, said the board took several steps to address its financial issues, including the decision to hire a full-time business manager in January 2016.

School officials also agreed to more effective use of grant dollars and conducted "efficiency analyses" on major areas of operations, which reduced expenses in transportation, special education, and operations and maintenance of its facilities, Horton said.

At least 10 school districts were on the financial review list, two more than last year, and two were placed on early warning, two fewer than in 2017.

Thornton School District 154 scored the lowest, with 2.30, which dropped it from a financial review to financial watch status, similar to Country Club Hills School District 160, with a score that dropped to 2.45 from 3.25.

Griff Powell, interim superintendent in District 160, attributed the decline to the failure of the state to pay for mandated categoricals and residential property tax appeals. The district's Board of Education has authorized more than $500,000 of reductions in administrative and staff costs, none of which directly affects classroom instruction, he said in an email.

Lincoln-Way showed improvement in four of the five indicators — in all but its ratio of expenses ($79.2 million) to revenues ($82.7 million), according to ISBE data. Its overall score improved from 2.0 to 2.35.

"Although it will certainly take time to further improve our financial situation, this is a step in the right direction," Superintendent Scott Tingley said.

Lincoln-Way was forced to close one of its four high schools in 2016.

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City banks on riverwalk revenue rise

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Cafe & Wine Bar, adding a rooftop deck and renovating the bathrooms, among other projects. Those improvements become city property.

Vendors like Zacharias hope to make enough money to recover those costs over the 10-year term and still turn a profit.

Others have done well. The top performer, City Winery, had more than $4.1 million in sales last year, followed by O'Brien's, Tiny Tapp & Cafe and Island Party Hut, each of which had more than $1.5 million. All four are returning with longer contracts, though O'Brien's is a three-year deal.

Michelle Woods, the city's project manager for the riverwalk, said the long-term deals give vendors security, while ensuring that the city, which gets a cut of the revenue, pays off the $100 million federal loan that financed construction of the final portion of the riverwalk that opened in 2016. Once that happens, the riverwalk will sustain itself and the city's profits can be put toward other needs, she said.

Woods, a 16-year veteran with the city, has had to learn on the fly how manage the riverwalk's unique challenges. She knows there are some who doubted the city could make enough money to cover the operating costs and loan payments. She understands the lingering perception of the notoriously filthy but steadily improving Chicago River too.

The riverwalk's success is changing people's minds, Woods said.

"People looked at this and said it was never going to work. ... This is really uncharted territory," she said. "The river is culturally becoming a more attractive place for many people."



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Aaron Zacharias, co-owner of the Northman Beer & Cider Garden, moves chairs from the old Cyrano's space; the new bar is to open this summer.



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Morgan O'Leary, left, sits Thursday with Alyssa Bovenzi and her dog Mylo at City Winery. The riverwalk plans an opening celebration the weekend of May 18.



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A boat sits docked near City Winery on the Chicago Riverwalk. This year's revenue from riverwalk businesses is expected to surpass last year's total of $11.6 million.

Revenues climb

Stretching from Lake Shore Drive to Lake Street, the Chicago Riverwalk is technically the final phase of the massive $600 million Wacker Drive Reconstruction Project, which began more than 20 years ago.

The newest section extends west from State Street to Lake Street at the confluence of the river's North and South branches. Upon securing the federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act loan to finance its construction, the city had to come up with a plan to generate enough revenue to pay off the debt without dipping into the city's motor fuel tax funds, which are considered a backup source of funds for the loan payments.

Under the deals recently approved, vendors pay the city a flat licensing fee and a percentage of revenues, both of which vary depending on the business. A powerhouse like City Winery, for example, will pay the city an estimated $380,000 this year, whereas the Northman, a newcomer in a less desirable location, will only pay an estimated $15,000, according to their contracts.

For all vendors, the amount owed the city goes up over the term of the deal.

Last year, the city's revenue share was more than $3.8 million, an increase of about 13 percent from the $3.36 million in 2016. All of that went toward the loan payment, Woods said.

The cost of maintaining the promenade — paid with money from the city's general fund — has increased too, roughly doubling each year since the city took over the riverwalk's management from the Chicago Park District in 2015.

More people using a longer stretch of it has meant more garbage and graffiti removal, restroom maintenance, and security, among other upkeep measures. Last year, costs exceeded $2.5 million.

But Woods expects costs to level out and revenues to keep climbing. One city estimate projects its cut of riverwalk revenues to be more than $12.5 million by 2048. The city's also considering naming rights deals, among other corporate sponsorship opportunities, but is wary of overcommercializing a public space.

"Do you really want a McDonald's floating garden? We have to be careful of that," Woods said, referring to the area where children sometimes fish in the summertime between Wells and Franklin streets.

There's also room to add more vendors. The section between Franklin and Lake is already coveted by some concessionaires for its generous sun exposure and unique vista at the river's confluence. Last summer it was home to a giant deer sculpture. This year, it will primarily serve as a construction staging area for the Art on the Mart exhibit coming in the fall.

The city's long-term vision is to extend the riverwalk both north and south, though that will require significantly more funding and working with private land owners.

Some departures

Chef Didier Durand, one of the Riverwalk's longest-tenured proprietors, will not return this summer. The owner of Cyrano's Cafe & Wine Bar did not submit a proposal. His bright pink buildings will be painted a different color and the Northman will move in.

Durand said he'd had enough after not being able to cover costs from capital investment at the site.

Cyrano's, a French cafe with an extensive wine selection, opened in 1999 along the riverwalk between State and Dearborn streets. But in 2000, Durand reluctantly agreed to move east of Michigan Avenue because of the reconstruction of Lower Wacker, he said. At the time, that patch of riverfront property near the Columbus bridge was a "dead, insecure area" infested with rats, he said.

Since then, Durand said he's spent more than $400,000 in site improvements. But increasing costs outpaced sales and he struggled to break even, he said. Not all locations are equal on the riverwalk, he said, and the city should do more to improve the area east of Michigan Avenue.

Also gone this season is Lillie's Park Grill & Cafe, the hot dog stand tucked in next to the bustling Tiny Tapp, between Clark and Dearborn streets. Gary Foster submitted a proposal to continue operations there but was turned down. He took pride in being one of the few black business owners on the riverwalk.

Foster is frustrated that he won't be back and that he hasn't been told why. Last year, Lillie's, which did not have a liquor license, made about $108,000 in sales, according to city records.

Woods said the city plans to reach out to Foster but acknowledged that the city needs to do more to support smaller, minority-owned businesses on the riverwalk to better reflect the city's cultural diversity. There are early plans in the works for a program to feature such vendors with shorter contracts that require less capital investment.

The city also plans to do more outreach and education for those who might not know how to navigate its bidding process. The city's request for proposals last year drew 22 proposals; not all of them responded fully to the city's requirements, Woods said.

Proposals had to demonstrate financial stability, concessions experience, a willingness and ability to make environmentally sound site improvements, and inclusion of "creative programming," among other criteria.

A Wingstop franchise that could have handled high volumes of customers was not selected because it was considered too large of a chain and a poor fit for the riverwalk's overall character, Woods said. A startup called Reality Bytes, which hoped to offer virtual reality tours and classes across the river from the flagship Apple store on Michigan Avenue, was also rejected.

Craft beer spot

For the past two summers, the cavernous room near the Wabash Avenue bridge — briefly occupied by the Hideout in 2015 — primarily served as a storage area for vendors.

In the months ahead, about half of the 6,000-square-foot space will be transformed into the Chicago Brewhouse, a "pop-up" destination for visitors eager to learn about Chicago's craft beer scene. The other half will continue to be used for storage.

The Brewhouse will serve locally brewed beers and feature exhibits on the city's brewing history and water supply, said Kevin Vaughan, co-owner of Vaughan Hospitality Group. The newcomer also will serve food, beer and coffee upstairs in the plaza next to the Heald Square Monument on Upper Wacker.

Vaughan believes in the promise of the booming riverwalk. But he's also aware of the risks in a challenging location that needs substantial capital improvements. He opted for a three-year deal with the city instead of the 10-year deal that would have required more investment. "It's still a big commitment. ... Sometimes, I've woken up in the last few weeks and said, 'Why am I doing this?' " Vaughan said. "It's absolutely not like taking candy from a baby."

Slowly, the riverwalk is coming to life as the weather sporadically warms up. A season opening celebration is planned for the weekend of May 18, though some businesses are already open.

Existing vendors are finding new ways to make money year round — a trend that also benefits the city. Urban Kayaks expects to open a cantina in summer 2019, where one might have tacos and a beer after a paddle. Island Party Hut and Tiny Tapp & Cafe are planning to build enclosed structures that will extend their business seasons.

Those investments don't happen without the 10-year deals, said Mark William Johnson, co-owner of Tiny Tapp. "When you're on year-to-year (agreements), it's hard to plan long-term, particularly with any significant capital expenditures, because you don't know if you're going to be there," Johnson said.

And if you build it, they will come — just ask City Winery. Even as an unseasonal snow fell earlier this week, customers noshed and sipped wine within the winery's heated plastic domes and enclosed bar.

General Manager Brooke Webster grew up in Oak Park and used to occasionally stroll on the downtown Chicago River bridges. She recalls how dark and unwelcoming the riverfront used to be and marveled at what it's become.

"We don't mind being the guinea pigs," Webster said.

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Change coming as dining options grow on the riverwalk



Frost Gelato
Frost Gelato is moving west on the riverwalk to a new location between LaSalle and Wells streets by the zero-depth fountain. Kids can frolic in the fountain, then beg their parents for gelato.

City Winery
The top-selling business on the riverwalk, City Winery is one of the vendors to sign a 10-year deal with possible extensions that could take the term to 20 years.

Chicago Brewhouse
A new craft beer pop-up is in the cavernous room formerly occupied by the Hideout. The Brewhouse, set to open in early June, will also serve beer, coffee and food up the stairs in the plaza next to the Heald Square Monument on Upper Wacker Drive.

The Northman
This new beer and cider garden will take over at the site formerly occupied by longtime vendor Cyrano's Cafe & Wine Bar. Eventually, the Northman plans to build a new structure with a rooftop deck.

Urban Kayaks
Another vendor that received a longer-term deal, Urban Kayaks plans to open Urban Cantina, a Mexican taqueria, for summer 2019.

SOURCES: Chicago Riverwalk, Tribune reporting

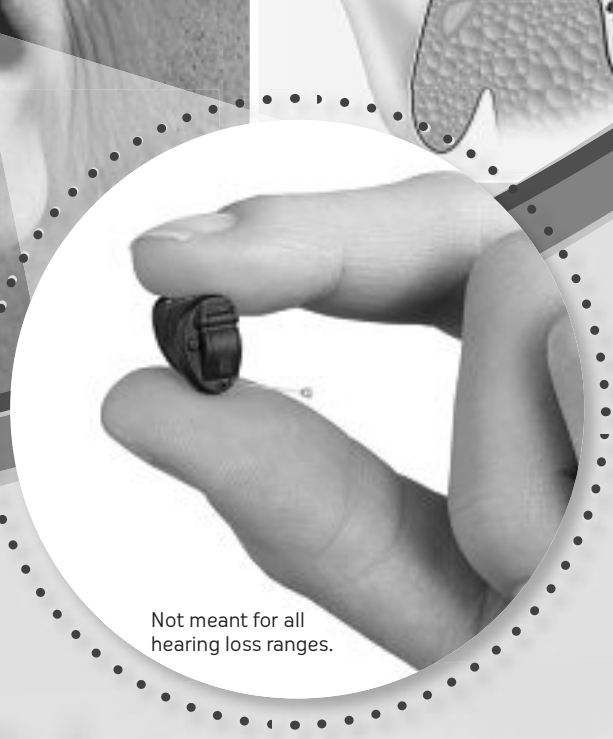
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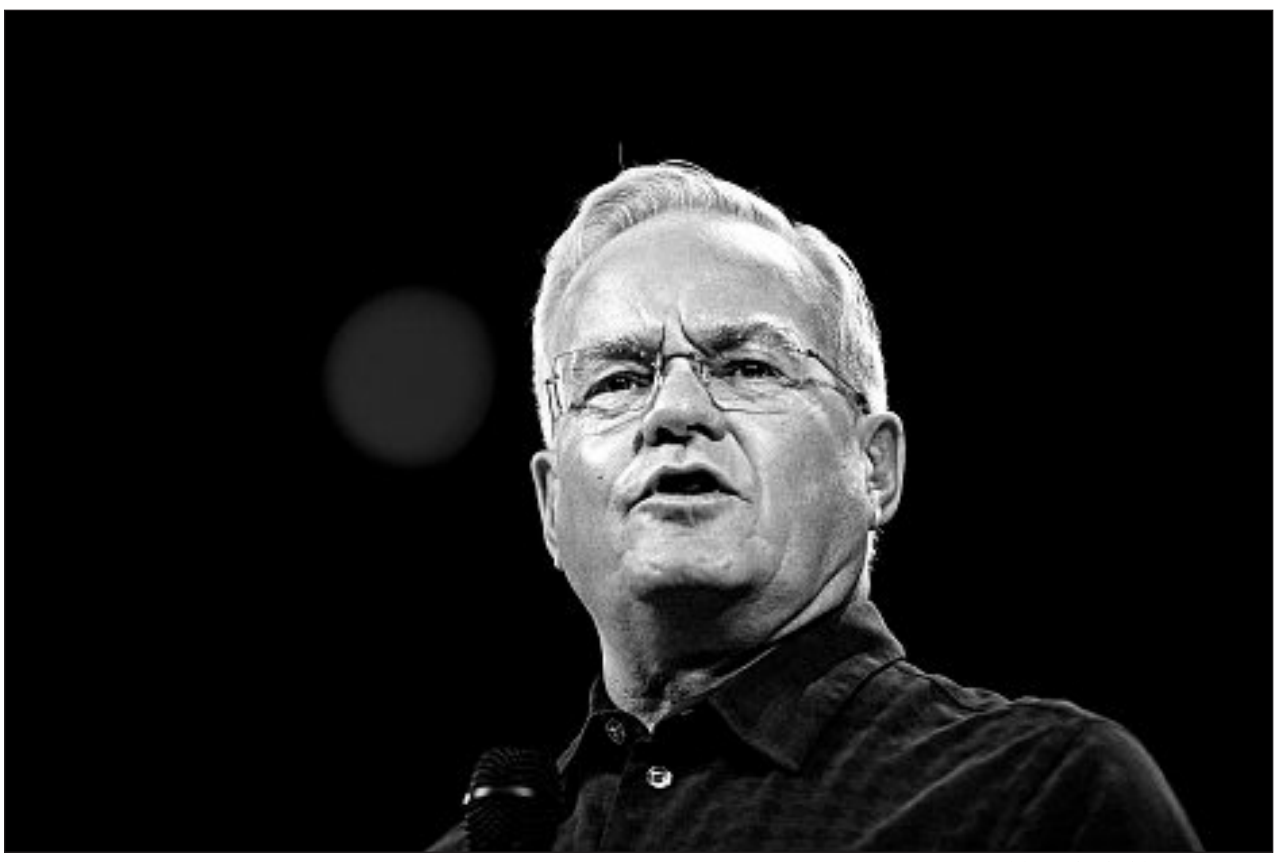
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ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2017

The Rev. Bill Hybels announced he was quitting as head of Willow Creek Community Church, based in South Barrington.

Gov. Bruce Rauner is trying to achieve something that hasn't happened since he took office in 2015 — a full-year budget. Rauner met with top legislative leaders to start the conversation, but his agenda — including measures to weaken unions and reduce pension benefits — didn't differ dramatically from what he's tried before and figures to be a tough sell with a Democrat-controlled General Assembly.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel will get to pick a new alderman for the 23rd Ward around Midway Airport following Ald. Michael Zalewski's resignation. Zalewski, a former Streets and Sanitation employee, was elected in 1995 and chairs the powerful Aviation Committee. He says he wants to build his political consulting business and spend more time with his family.

The Rev. Bill Hybels choked back tears as he announced he was quitting as head of Willow Creek Community Church, the megachurch he founded 42 years ago. His resignation came less than a month after a Tribune investigation disclosed that he had been the subject of inquiries by church leaders over allegations he engaged in inappropriate behavior with women in his congregation. Hybels was cleared in the investigation, and has said he is innocent of the charges but acknowledged that his "defensive response" was not appropriate.

Illinois' only national scenic river, the Vermillion, is among the nation's most threatened because of toxic coal ash that seeps in near a shuttered Dynergy coal plant about 25 miles east of Urbana.

Roadwork zone deaths were down in Illinois last year, with 29 deaths compared with 44 in 2016 and 46 in 2015. Nationally, roadwork zone deaths were up.

South suburban Harvey laid off about 40 police and fire employees shortly after a judge denied the city's request that he order state Comptroller Susana Mendoza to stop withholding state revenues from the city. The revenues are being held back at the request of the police pension fund, which claims the city remains more than $7 million delinquent in its payments.

Thirty-five years after a deadline for passage, the Illinois Senate voted to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The amendment now moves on to the House. A major cause during the 1970s, the ERA appeared dead when it fell three states short of the number needed to ratify it by a 1982 deadline. But supporters have argued Congress can extend the deadline and the amendment could still come alive if three additional states vote in favor.

Two lawsuits were filed against the city of Chicago and others in connection to the passenger who was roughly dragged off a United Airlines flight at O'Hare International Airport a year ago. In a federal action, 300 aviation security officers argue they were unfairly stripped of their law enforcement resumes because of political pressure brought on by the United incident. In a suit filed in Cook County court, one of the officers who dragged the passenger off argues United calling in security officers would "require the use of physical force."

Three Cook County officials who oversee property tax appeals violated a county ethics ordinance by taking almost half a million dollars in campaign donations from businesses that help challenge tax bills, records show. Assessor Joseph Berrios, who was defeated in the March primary, is among the officials.

The practice of immediately seeking a warrant for blood draws from suspected drunken drivers who refuse a breath test is set to begin in McHenry County and is being considered in Lake County.

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Conviction in sexual assault in NU dorm

By Brian L. Cox
Chicago Tribune

A man accused of forcing himself on a Northwestern University student while she slept in her dorm room was found guilty Friday of criminal sexual assault.

Pablo Herrera, of West Chicago, was found not guilty of the more serious charge of aggravated criminal sexual assault and was also acquitted of a sexual abuse charge.

But with the felony conviction, Herrera, 33, still faces four to 15 years in prison when he's sentenced at a later date.

After the verdict was announced Friday in Cook County's Skokie court, Herrera's bond was revoked and he was taken into custody.

Prosecutors said the sexual assault occurred six years ago after the then-20-year-old victim told Herrera that he could spend the night on the floor of her room at Foster-Walker residence hall on the Evanston campus after the two spent the evening drinking together in Chicago.

The victim testified that she and Herrera had met several months before and had communicated over social media before deciding to meet up.

She testified that she woke up in her dorm room to find Herrera assaulting her, that she asked him several times to stop and that he eventually did, telling her she was "lucky because some of his friends wouldn't have stopped."

She reported the attack the next day, but it took five years to locate and arrest Herrera, according to testimony from police who investigated.

Brian L. Cox is a freelance reporter.

Archaic 'heart balm' law nears quiet end in Ill.

Spouse's $4M suit is settled in Cook County courtroom

By Steve Schmadeke
Chicago Tribune

One of Illinois' most archaic laws took a step closer to legal oblivion in a Cook County courtroom last week when a $4 million lawsuit brought by the wife of a high-profile attorney against an employee her husband had an affair with was settled.

Illinois was one of the last states with so-called heart balm laws still on the books that allow jilted spouses to sue their significant other's paramours for damages. State lawmakers abolished the statute, which legal experts say had misogynistic roots in an era when women were treated as property, in 2016. Pending cases were unaffected.

The circumstances that led to one of the last remaining lawsuits were remarkable — the breakup of one of New York City's top class-action law firms and a suspicious wife who had her husband and a younger married staff attorney trailed by private investigators from New York to Chicago to uncover their affair.

After four years of litigation, the case went in front of a Daley Center jury this month but was settled Thursday, after three days of testimony before the plaintiff, Marie Napoli, was called to the stand. The settlement terms are confidential. Napoli's husband, Paul, was a founder of one of the country's top class-action law firms, Napoli Bern, in New York, which had won some $3 billion in settlements against diet-drug makers and on behalf of ground zero workers after 9/11.

The couple, both attorneys, married in Hawaii in 1997, had three children together and stayed together after the affair. With her lawsuit, Marie Napoli had sought damages of more than $400,000 from Paul Napoli's paramour for the loss of the summer rental of one of their homes in the Hamptons where Paul Napoli lived after they separated for a few months, according to Marie Napoli's deposition. Also sought was the $30,000 that Marie Napoli had paid to a New York attorney to draft a postnuptial agreement after the infidelity came to light.

But legal experts said such suits are never really about money. In Illinois, the law was rarely used even when it was on the books because court rulings had limited any recovery to actual damages — not such things as emotional distress or other suffering, said divorce lawyer Brendan Hammer.

"They were never a customary part of the divorce lawyer toolbox," Hammer said, adding that in this case the facts seemed to support the recovery of damages. "It's been an arrow in the quiver of people who felt wronged and the need to go after the aggrieved party."

Attorney Vanessa Dennis was hired into Napoli Bern's asbestos litigation practice in February 2011 and eight months later began an 18-month affair with Paul Napoli even though they both were married, she testified at a deposition. They met in hotels near their office and once had a threesome, she testified.

Paul Napoli denies ever having a lengthy affair, writing in court papers that the relationship only consisted of sex during a 2013 trip to Chicago. "I am sorry to say that in April, 2013, I succumbed to (Dennis') advances and we engaged in sex at the Four Seasons Hotel," he said in a 2017 affidavit filed in the case. "My wife and I had a monogamous marriage, but for this aberration when I could not withstand Ms. Dennis' sexual advances."

The two realized they had been discovered during a 2013 business trip to Chicago, Dennis testified, when they noticed the same man — a private investigator — had followed them from their hotel to Spiaggia on Michigan Avenue and then tried to get on their elevator back at the hotel.

Within days of the affair coming to light, Marie Napoli allegedly emailed Dennis, calling her a derogatory name and later sent Dennis' then-husband a text instructing him to tell his wife to stay away from "my man, we got a family," according to a defamation lawsuit filed by Dennis.

That suit alleged that Marie Napoli also sent letters to the wives of partners at the Houston law firm where Dennis had been hired after leaving New York, calling Dennis a "sexual predator."

"Ms. Dennis is a sex addict that attacked my family by sexually pursuing my husband at a time that I was fighting breast cancer," Marie Napoli testified during her 2016 deposition. "And it did cause me extreme emotional distress."

That June, Dennis fired off her own angry email to Paul Napoli. "What's more believable Paul — that a 32-year-old junior attorney who weighs 100 pounds soaking wet seduced and physically attacked her 40 something year old boss (who happens to be a managing partner and a millionaire) and twice her size or the other way around?" read the email, according to Dennis' lawsuit.

It may be one of the last Illinois court cases to go to trial under the heart balm statute, which allows spouses to sue for alienation of affection and criminal conversation — a 17th-century British common law concept once employed by dukes whose wives had slept with other men at a time when adultery was a criminal act.

"We are happy and relieved that the case has been settled," said Dennis' attorney Craig Tobin. "I hope it brings some closure and peace of mind to Mrs. Napoli as well."

An attorney for the Napolis did not respond to requests for comment.

Tobin said the antiquated state law is "offensive" in a society that long ago stopped viewing women as property whose value must be repaid. At least one other case filed in Cook County — this one by a woman who claimed her husband's co-worker had slept with her spouse while she was away for work — is pending.

State lawmakers abolished the heart balm statute in 1935, but the Illinois Supreme Court ruled 11 years later that the new law had unconstitutionally removed rights to sue for damages. So for nearly the next seven decades, the law remained on the books in Illinois even as they disappeared in other states.

Such lawsuits rarely result in financial windfall. A $1 million jury award won by a North Carolina woman whose husband had an affair with his secretary made national news in part because the 1997 award was so large. Dorothy Hutelmyer's story was turned into a Lifetime TV movie called "The Price of a Broken Heart."

But a 1929 case brought by an Edgewater painter against his former employer for stealing his wife may have been more typical. Algot Severln Olson sued his boss for $100,000 but ended up settling and valuing his ex-wife's affections at $500 — enough to pay his berth on a ship back to Sweden, according to a Chicago Daily Tribune story.

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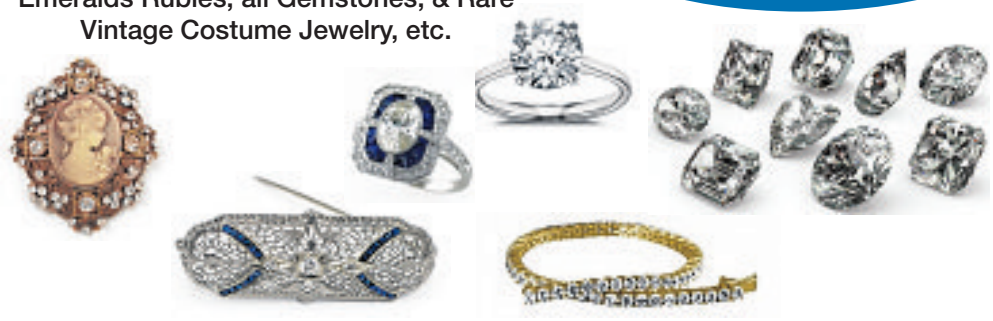
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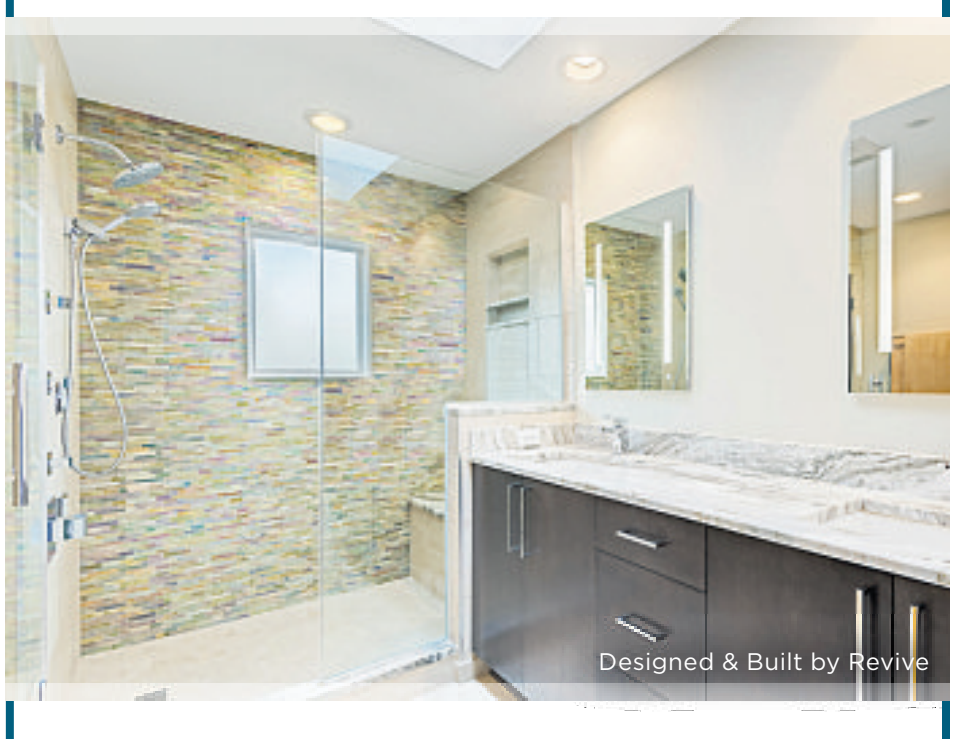
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Before signing a bill, President Donald Trump listens to Yvonne Ambrose, whose 16-year-old daughter was found slain in December 2016.

'Bittersweet' moment for mom of slain teen

Parent of sex-trafficked girl attends signing of bill aimed at confronting the crime

By Zak Koeske
Daily Southtown

Standing beside President Donald Trump on Wednesday as he signed into law an anti-online sex trafficking bill that she'd tearfully testified in support of last fall, Yvonne Ambrose experienced a mix of emotions.

"It was bittersweet," said Ambrose, whose 16-year-old daughter Desiree Robinson was found slain in a Markham garage in December 2016 after being sold for sex online.

"Going to the White House and being a part of this bill becoming law has been a great experience," the Chicago woman said in an interview with the Daily Southtown.

"And it was also sad that Desiree was not there to celebrate this moment with us."



Desiree Robinson

The bill, known as the "Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act," or FOSTA, clarifies the protections of the Communications Decency Act and amends the federal criminal codes on interstate prostitution and sex trafficking of children.

The legislation stemmed from concerns that classified ad sites like Backpage.com could claim they were not the publisher of questionable content but were merely displaying posts by others.

"From a legal perspective, this law is a very important clarification to Section 230 of the (Communications Decency Act), making it very clear that victims and survivors (of sex trafficking) can maintain a cause of action against websites like Backpage.com," said Gina DeBoni, an attorney for Robinson's family. "They can no longer hide like they once had tried to do."

Robinson, who was described at her funeral as a caring and multitalented teen who excelled in the classroom and out of it, was found dead inside a garage in the 16200 block of South Hamlin Avenue in Markham on the morning of Dec. 24, 2016.

Prosecutors allege she was a victim of sex trafficking and was killed by a sex buyer after refusing his demand for free sex.

An autopsy determined she was beaten and strangled, and that her throat had been slit, authorities said.

Two men were charged in connection with trafficking Robinson and another is charged with first-degree murder and aggravated sexual abuse in her death.

One of the men, 26-year-old Joseph McFee, pleaded guilty earlier this month to one count of sex trafficking conspiracy for his role in bringing Robinson to the man prosecutors say trafficked her.

In a deal with prosecutors, McFee agreed to testify against alleged trafficker Joseph Hazley at his upcoming trial in exchange for a recommended prison term of up to 7½ years.

Ambrose, who was in court when McFee pleaded guilty April 3, said the experience was emotional for her.

"As a mother losing your child, you want (accountability) for people exploiting your child," said Ambrose, who is expected to testify in Hazley's case April 23. "At the end of the day, it was stressful ... but it was more of, I'm getting justice for my child."

Since her daughter's death, Ambrose has waged a spirited fight against online sex trafficking that's included suing Backpage and providing testimony before the Senate Commerce Commission in September in support of the bill that went on to become FOSTA.

"Once this happened with Desiree," Ambrose said, "the first thing that came to mind was: This can't continue to happen to other people."

She said in a statement Wednesday that the signing of FOSTA offered proof that the fight against online sex trafficking had made a change that would save lives.

DeBoni called it "a monumental step" in the direction toward meaningful change.

"It makes me so sad because I'm never going to be able to meet Desiree," she said, "but I know this law represents the change she wanted to see in this world."

Trump's signing of FOSTA comes days after federal authorities seized all of Backpage's websites around the world and indicted seven top Backpage officials, including its founders Michael Lacey and James Larkin, on charges of conspiracy, facilitating prostitution and money laundering.

"It's what we knew all along," DeBoni said of the indictments. "And that's that Backpage.com knowingly was involved in the illegal trafficking of women and children.

"This indictment says, 'No more.' If you do it, you're going to be held accountable."

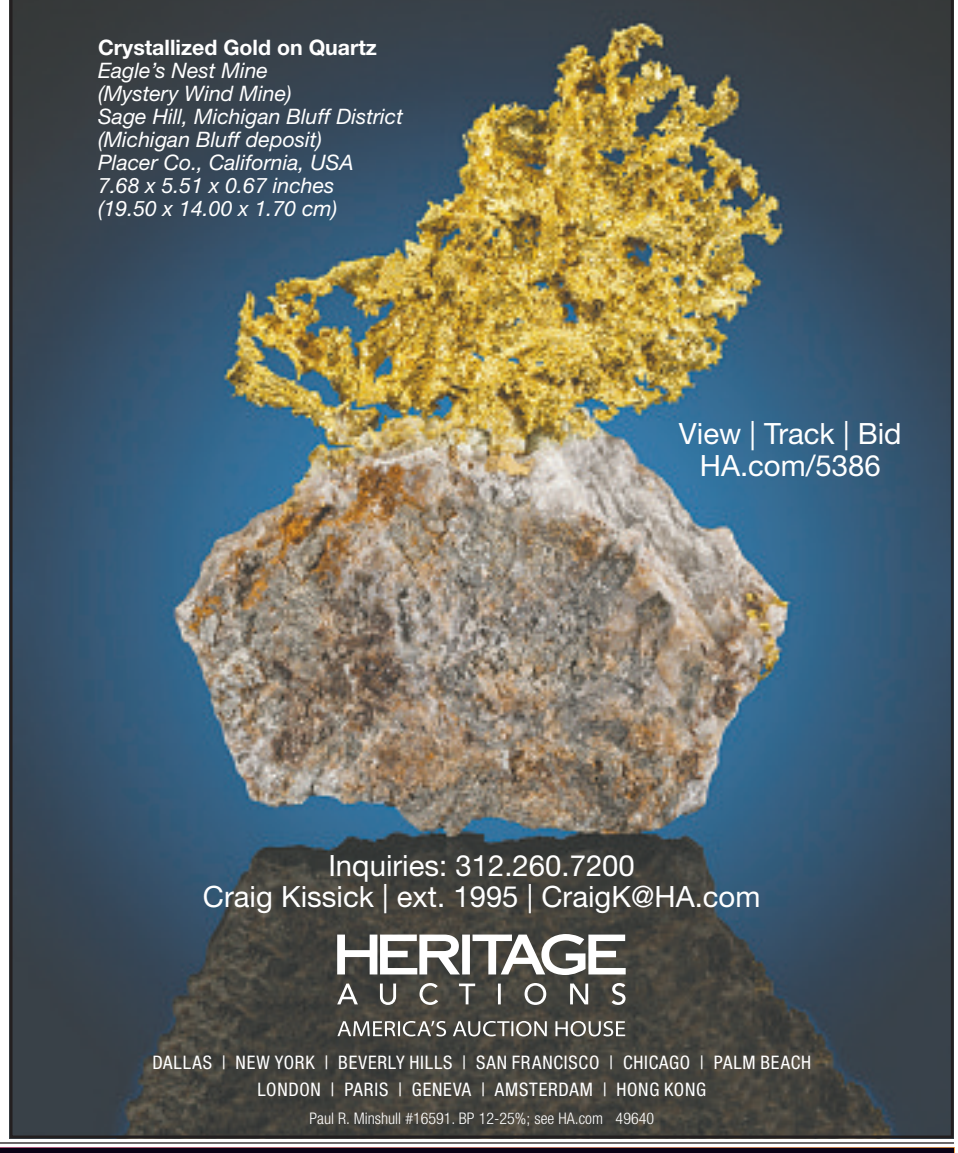
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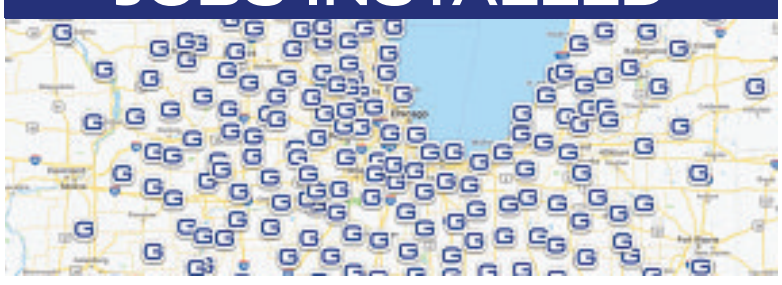
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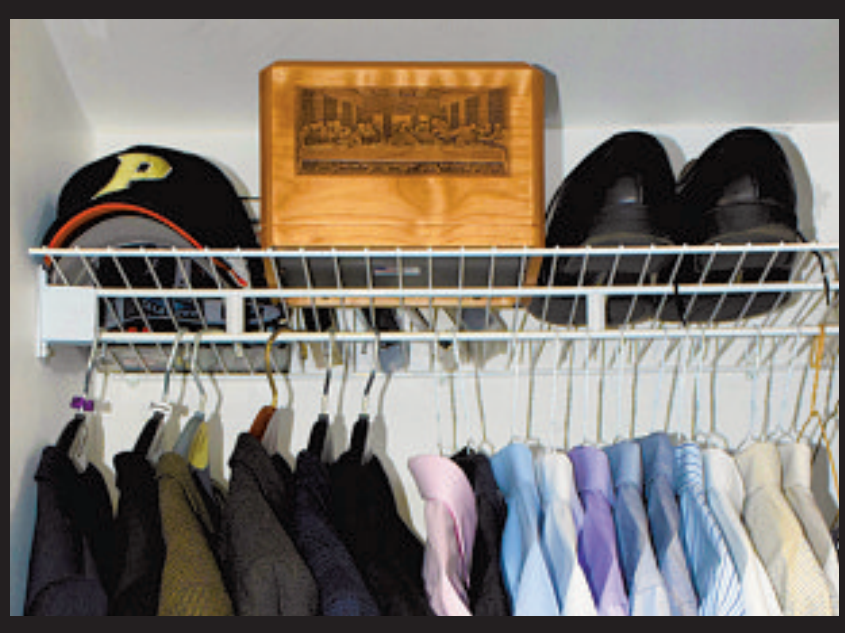
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As Israel turns 70, a look at its virtues, shortcomings



RON GROSSMAN

With me, Israel was hardly a case of love at first sight. It was more like: "Why me?"

I was bar mitzvahed shortly before Israel was born in 1948. That prompted uncles and the men of the congregation to put their hands on my shoulders and say: "So *boychick* (young fellow), we'll watch you and Israel grow up together." That is quite a weight to put upon a 13-year-old.

I couldn't figure what I wanted to do with my life. So how was I supposed to picture myself as a jigsaw-puzzle piece that somehow fitted into a newly reborn Jewish homeland?

"Why me?" I'm still haunted by the question as Israel prepares to celebrate its 70th birthday, beginning at sundown Wednesday and continuing until sundown Thursday. Why should I have to remember which biblical verse prompts Jews to mark a day's beginning and end that offbeat way?

I'm not especially religious, and when in Israel, I'm easily annoyed by the ultra-Orthodox. Though a minority, their brand of Judaism has the force of law. That means my options are limited in Jerusalem on the Sabbath. Buses and trains don't run, theaters are dark and

Israel is a miracle, a phenomenon that can't be scientifically explained.

restaurants are closed

Often I've been about to say, "Who needs it?" But I don't, having been calmed down by the thought of what a bizarre wonder Israel is: A country where I'm put off by hyper-religious Jews, even as they must be offended by my impiety. Yet it hasn't broken apart on religious or ethnic fault lines like Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union.

Israel is a miracle, a phenomenon that can't be scientifically explained. Its existence runs counter to centuries of accumulated data.

I get a kick out of contemplating Israel on a globe. It's a postage-stamp little country surrounded by the powerhouse nations of Europe and the Middle East — many of which have expelled, slaughtered or debased the Jews who lived there.

England's Jews were exiled in 1290; France's in 1306; Spain's in 1492; Portugal's in 1497. By order of the pope, Venice's Jews were locked up in a ghetto in 1516. Lithuania's Jews were ordered to wear a yellow hat in 1710. A medieval Muslim ruler required Jews to wear a lead pendant inscribed *dhimmi*, meaning a non-Muslim.

Hitler ordered German Jews to wear a yellow star, and 6 million Jews from all over Europe perished in the Holocaust that followed.

Survivors of the Nazis' wrath went to Israel and created a kind of nation not seen since biblical times. Because it's not someone else's country, Jews can't be kicked out. That doesn't mean that some haven't tried, and fending them off isn't pretty.

Currently there are violent clashes along the fence separating Israel from Gaza. By experience, I know that news of Palestinians being killed will trigger quizzical looks on the faces of some friends.

"Why me?" I'm tempted to ask. I don't dictate the Israeli army's rules of engagement. But I swallow the words. In the liberal/left circles where I abide, unqualified criticism of Israel is required.

Actually, I'm no fan of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, but I don't think Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas is a Boy Scout. He wrote a Ph.D. dissertation on the Holocaust, claiming that either it didn't happen or Jewish leaders welcomed it as a Zionist recruiting tool.

I wrote about that. "Why me?" Because mainstream media outlets didn't — until mine appeared. History lessons aren't appreciated by advocates of boycotting Israel as an "apartheid" society.

I've tried pointing out that, whatever Israel's faults, 1.8 million of its citizens are Palestinians. That doesn't get heard. Nor does this statistic: The number of Palestinians who became refugees in 1948 is roughly equal to the number of Jews who were kicked out of Arab countries or fled for their lives after Israel won its independence by defeating the invading armies of Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Iraq.

I have two choices. Either I squelch an impulse to recite those facts, or I create a socially awkward moment among people who are otherwise thoughtful and given to looking at both sides of an issue.

At times, I've been tempted to proclaim my neutrality. I'd be neither friend nor foe, but offer judicious criticism of Israel. American Jews who I respect do just that. Yet others lose their Jewishness in the process.

Once I came upon an interfaith group mounting a protest of Israel in the Daley Center plaza. It was on the day Tisha B'Av, which marks the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans who subsequently exiled the Jews from their ancient homeland.

Couldn't the demonstration have been held another day? A Muslim member of the group apologized profusely for not knowing it was such a somber holiday. The Jewish member stood silent.

In spite of — or perhaps because of — grappling with these questions for seven decades, I'm sending my unreserved best wishes to Israel on its 70th birthday. Mazel tov, many happy returns, and thanks for making me repeatedly ask: "Why me?"

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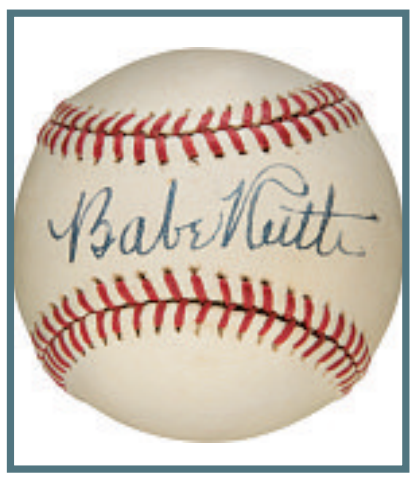
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Attacking Syria is a dangerous mistake



Steve Chapman

When it comes to foreign affairs, the American public has two clear and powerful inclinations. The first is to control what happens beyond our borders, particularly when it comes to conflicts that gain our fickle attention. The second is to sacrifice as little as possible. We want to run the world, but we don't want to knock ourselves out.

Donald Trump shares those preferences, but he finds them colliding with each other in Syria, where the United States has 2,000 troops fighting the Islamic State. On April 5, he promised that our men and women will "be coming out of Syria like very soon. Let the other people take care of it now."

Within days, by the oddest of coincidences, the regime of Bashar Assad reportedly attacked a rebel stronghold with poison gas that killed dozens and sickened hundreds. Amid a storm of world outrage at the use of chemical weapons against civilians, Trump suddenly had a change of heart about our involvement, vowing to respond "forcefully" in Syria. On Friday evening, the U.S. began an air campaign in concert with Britain and France.

The president, like much of the public, bounces between the desire to minimize our involvement in long, costly wars and the belief that we should always get our way in the world. The ideal is an intervention that is quick, easy, successful and low on casualties.

George W. Bush and his administration sold the Iraq invasion on the promise that we would go in, remove Saddam Hussein, liberate the country and be home for Thanksgiving. "I can't tell you if the use of force in Iraq today will last five days, five weeks or five months, but it won't last any longer than that," Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld assured Americans beforehand. It lasted longer than that.

Barack Obama had a similar aspiration in Libya, using airstrikes to defeat and topple Moammar Gadhafi. They achieved the goal but had the unwanted consequence of turning Libya into a terrorist-infested cauldron of violence. Even Obama said the Libya operation was his "worst mistake."

When you go big, as Bush did, you run a high risk of being fatally bogged down for years in a savage but inconclusive war. When you go small, as Obama did, you stand a good chance of achieving little or making things worse.

Trump has already run this experiment and learned nothing from it. In 2013, as Obama was being urged to intervene in response to Assad's use of chemical weapons, he tweeted, "Stay out of Syria." Shortly after Trump took office, the regime allegedly used gas again, and he ordered a missile strike to "deter the spread and use of deadly chemical weapons."

The one-off went quickly, cost little and produced no American casualties. The downside was that it didn't work. Assad's forces have not only gained ground in the past year but apparently used nerve agents several times in the past year — and they used them again this month. So Trump elected to up the ante with a bigger attack.

But there is no reason to believe this bombing campaign will turn the tide of the war, bring down Assad or serve as a reliable deterrent against more gas attacks. More likely, blowing up some targets would simply highlight the administration's refusal to take action that would alter any important outcome.

This option has a small potential upside but a huge possible downside: a military conflict with the Russians or the Iranians. Both have more at stake in Syria than we do, as well as strong alliances with a government that has all but won the war.

Defense Secretary James Mattis seems to recognize the depth of our predicament. "We're trying to stop the murder of innocent people," he told the House Armed Services Committee on Thursday. "But on a strategic level, it's how do we keep this from escalating out of control — if you get my drift on that." But whether it escalates out of control may now be out of our hands.

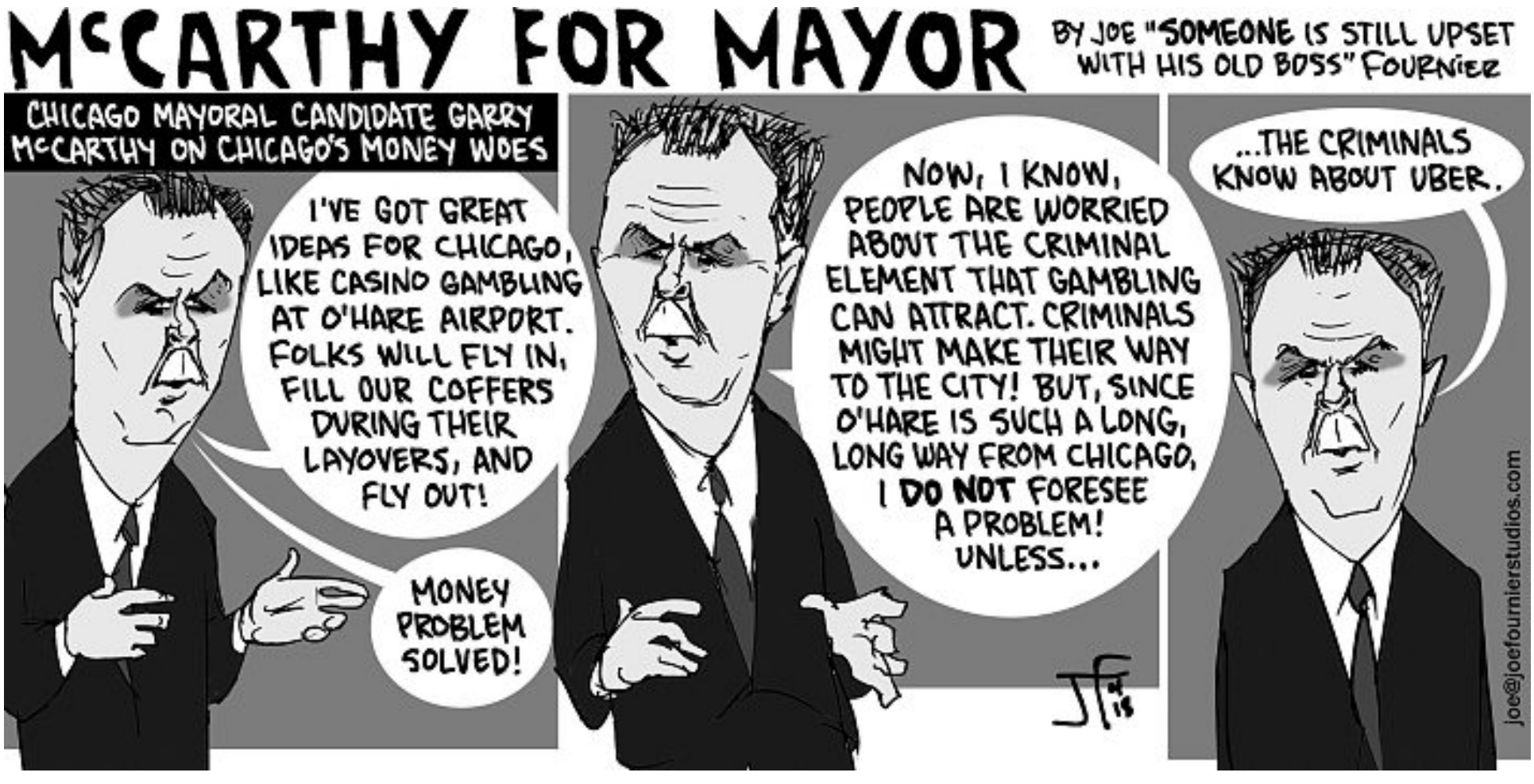
It's bad enough for the U.S. to enter into a fight with neither the means nor the appetite to achieve a victory. It's far worse to risk a hot war with an adversary that has 1,400 nuclear warheads that can be delivered to American soil.

You would think our recent ventures into Middle Eastern conflicts have supplied Americans with enough regrets to last a lifetime. Syria is fully capable of providing more.

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CHANGE OF SUBJECT



By Eric Zorn

Rauner to ask Germans, Poles to invest in a 'broken' Illinois

It's a good thing that the FolksyMeter — my way of measuring the cornpone affectations in the speech patterns of suburban-raised, Ivy League-educated Gov. Bruce Rauner — is just a concept and not an actual device.

Because Rauner would have broken it Tuesday during an address to the 31st annual Innovations in Construction, Asphalt and Transportation conference in Peoria. This passage alone, in which he described why he decided to run for governor, would have done the trick:

"My kids were leavin' Illinois. I got six kids. They were leavin' Illinois. I said, 'This is ridiculous.' And my partners in my bidness said, 'Bruce we gotta get outta here, we gotta leave.' And I said: 'I ain't not leavin' Illinois. I was born here. I've lived here my whole life. I'm not gonna run away. We're gonna fix this.' "

Well, it turns out that Gov. Gomer ain't not stayin' in Illinois neither, 'least not these a' days. He left Friday for Germany and Poland on a mission to "attract more jobs and foreign direct investment to our state," according a news release from his office.

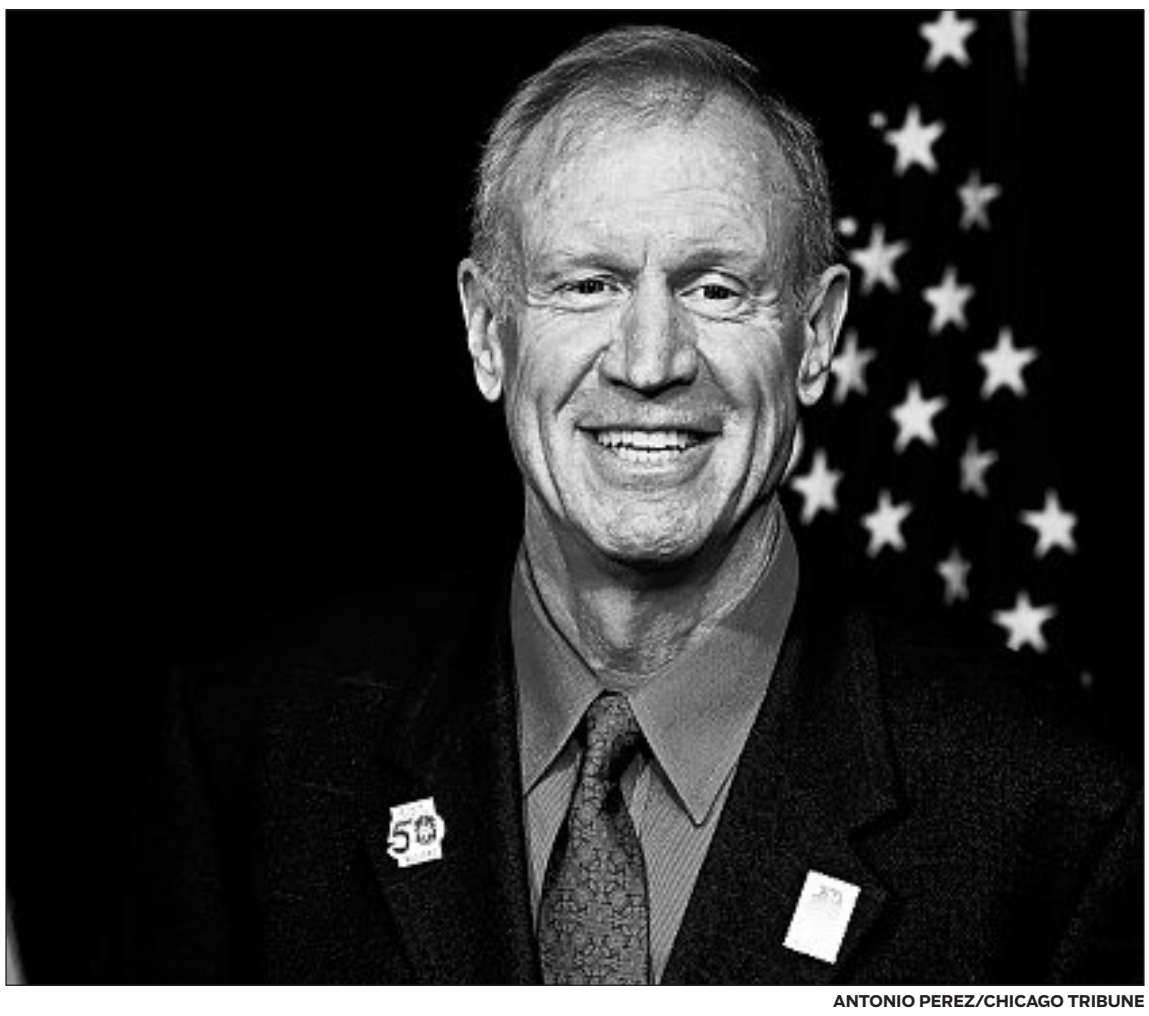
Rauner is "traveling with a delegation of Illinois business and community leaders as well as economic and university development executives" and is meeting in the two countries with "leaders in business, government, higher education, and skilled worker training."

We all hope he succeeds.

And we all hope that his hosts are not good with internet searches.

"Illinois ist am Rande der Katastrophe." That's German for "Illinois is at the edge of disaster," which Rauner tweeted last November.

"Znaczna czesc tego miejsca została zrujnowana przez wiele lat." That's Polish, according to Google translate, for "Much in our state has been broken for many, many years," a line from Rauner's 2017 State of the State speech.



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Gov. Bruce Rauner is taking his Illinois sales pitch to Poland and Germany.

In that same speech he bemoaned our huge stack of unpaid bills, our worst in the nation unfunded pension liability and credit rating, the brain drain from our public colleges and universities and "uncompetitive regulations and taxes (that) have made employers hesitant about coming or staying in Illinois."

We hope that potential investors in Germany and Poland don't find archived video of the commercials Rauner released last October in which Republican Govs. Scott Walker of Wisconsin, Eric Greitens of Missouri and Eric Holcomb of Indiana credited a tax hike in Illinois with creating new jobs in their states, all but inviting Illinois businesses to uproot.

And yes, I get it — Illinois as a hellscape ruled by rapacious moblike criminals who thwart the righteous governor at every turn is a plausible (though so far ineffective) narrative lever for inspiring voters and imposing systemic change. And Illinois has its problems, to be sure.

But governors, like mayors — and parents, come to think of it — have to be boosters first, cheerleaders who accentuate the positive while sparingly and constructively addressing the negative.

When state or city leaders are forever rending their garments about how terrible things are, it makes the job of attracting and keeping business and residents all that much more difficult. This, in turn, makes things more terrible.

It's best to allow the pundits and political foes to play the role of Eeyore.

Rauner has been slow to grasp this fundamental rule of leadership. Although, in fairness, his 2018 State of the State address was comparatively long on uplift and short on gloom.

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There are many reasons, in other words, why Rauner ain't the only one who ain't not leavin' Illinois. If he can impress that upon business leaders in Germany and Poland and persuade them to ignore his earlier trash talkin', they won't have no good reason not to be locatin' here.

Re: Tweets

The winner of this week's online reader poll for funniest tweet is a particularly timely entry by @GirlFromBlupo: "Dear Amazon, I bought a toilet seat because I needed one. Necessity, not desire. I do not collect them. I am not a toilet seat addict. No matter how temptingly you email me, I'm not going to think, 'Oh go on then, just one more toilet seat, I'll treat myself.' "

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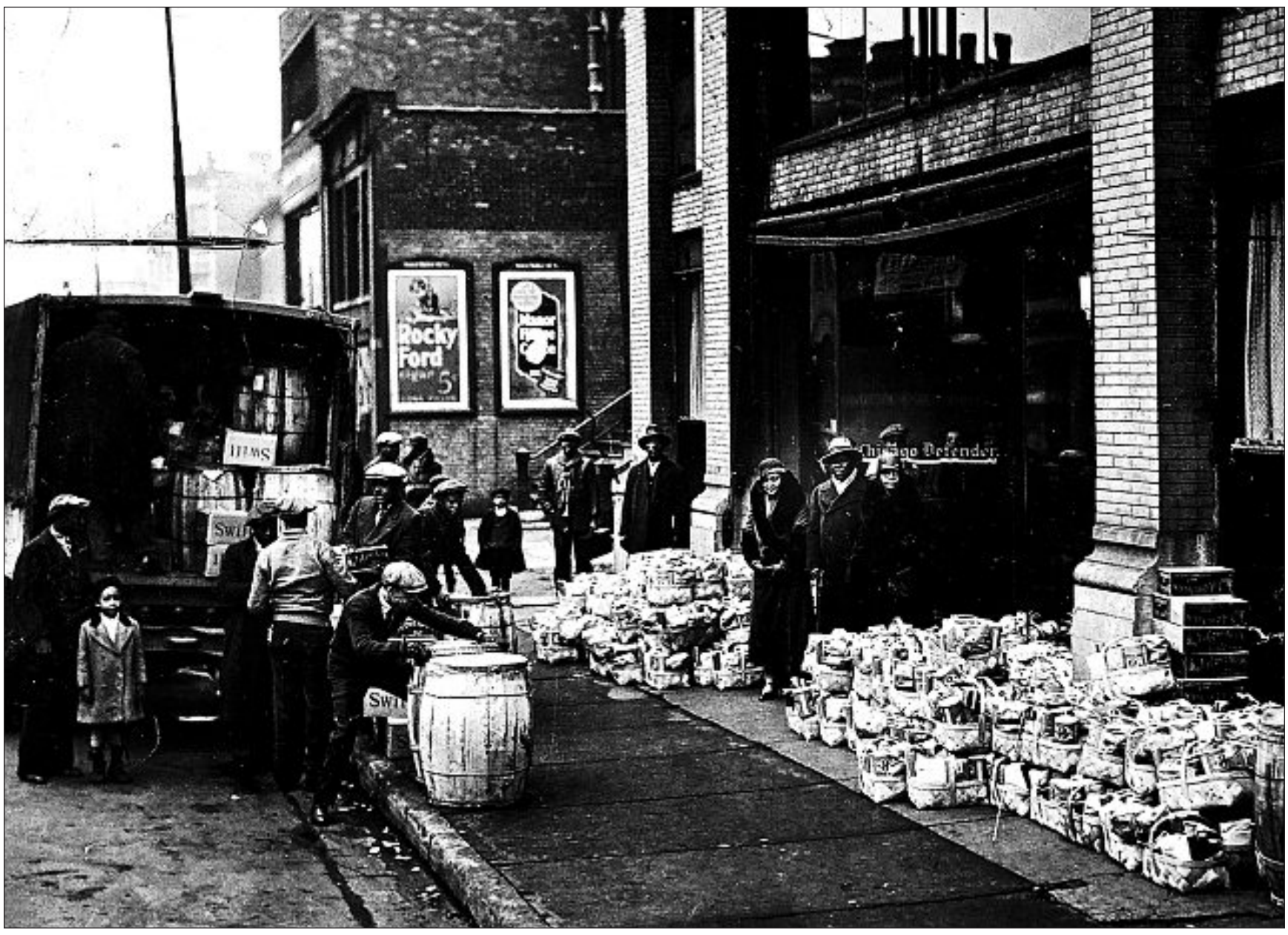
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ROBERT S. ABBOTT VIA GETTY

Robert S. Abbott, right, stands outside the home of the Chicago Defender, a newspaper he founded, circa 1910s. Abbott championed the "Great Northern Drive."

The Great Migration

For Southern blacks, Chicago offered jobs — but not warm welcomes from whites

By Ron Grossman

A century ago, Chicago was the epicenter of a demographic revolution that some residents welcomed and others abhorred. A mass movement of blacks from the rural South to the urban North, it is remembered as the "Great Migration."

But, as the Tribune's coverage shows, many whites saw it as anything but great. "Fearing Negro invasion, crowd attacks house," a 1918 headline announced. Public officials also were alarmed. "The probability that the migration can be halted before next fall is remote," the Tribune noted of the thinking in City Hall. "By that time, it is asserted, Chicago's Negro population will have tripled over the census of 1916."

Yet one man's deluge can be another's salvation. The Chicago Defender, the voice of the black community, published a poem, "Bound for the Promised Land." It painted a glowing picture of the North with lines like: "No Cracker there to seduce your sister, nor to hang you to a limb."

Immensely popular, it was quickly reprinted. In Savannah, Ga., a reader was arrested simply for having the poem on his person.

That, according to extensive research at the time by Emmett J. Scott, illustrated both the hope that the Defender gave blacks and the fear it inspired among whites of losing the sharecroppers the South's economy depended upon.

Scott, the highest-ranking African-American in President Woodrow Wilson's administration, was assigned to study the black community. He was an indefatigable interviewer whose 1920 report, "Negro Migration During the War," is a treasure-trove of eyewitness accounts of the Great Migration.

Scott marveled at the Chicago Defender's popularity in the Deep South.

"Negroes grab the Defender like a hungry mule grabs fodder," he was told in Mississippi. "Old men who did not know how to read would buy it because it was regarded as something precious."

The Defender enjoyed that fame because its founder, Robert S. Abbott, championed the "Great Northern Drive" and set May 15, 1917, as the start of an exodus from the South. Abbott's pitch was simple: In the North, blacks would find dignity and jobs. With immigration cut off by World War I, there was a labor shortage, so blacks could find work and earn decent wages in the factories of Chicago and other industrial cities.

Southern authorities tried in vain to kill that message by forbidding the sale of the Defender. But the pitch was reinforced by recruiters sent by Northern factories. Discreetly, so the police wouldn't run them off, they'd pass the word: "Anybody want to go to Chicago, see me."



CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM VIA GETTY

Recent arrivals in Chicago in 1918. More than 500,000 African-Americans would move to the city during the decadeslong migration, according to one estimate.



ROBERT S. ABBOTT VIA GETTY

Abbott's pitch to encourage the migration was simple: In the North, where there was a labor shortage, blacks would find dignity and jobs.

Scott reported that in Hattiesburg, Miss., few people talked of anything but the migration. "The packing houses in Chicago for a while seemed to be everything," he quoted one black man saying. "You could not rest in your bed at night for Chicago."

As the migration gained momentum across the South, it resembled something between camp meetings and a pilgrimage. On one train, an older couple were singing and tapping their feet. Asked their destination, Scott reported, the old man replied: "Well, son, I'm (going) to the promised land."

A party of 147 from Hattiesburg paused at the Ohio River, once the dividing line between free and slave states. The men all knelt in prayer. Punctuated by tears of joy, they sang, "I done come out of the Land of Egypt with the good news."

> ***"Rumored influx of Negroes stirs Wilson Avenue."***
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> *— Feb. 23, 1918, headline in the Chicago Tribune*

Scott estimated that between January 1916 and August 1917, more than 50,000 Southern blacks arrived in Chicago. Overall, more than 500,000 African-Americans would migrate to Chicago from the South between 1916 and 1970, according to the Encyclopedia of Chicago.

Many of those in the earliest wave were met at railroad stations by those who preceded them and had formed organizations — an Alabama Club, a Georgia Club, a Mississippi Club, a Tennessee Club — to help newcomers from their home states find lodging.

It was a challenge for the 2,000 who arrived on just two days in May 1917 to find temporary housing. "Last night they were crowded into those apartments as many as six to a room," the Tribune reported, adding that 58 African-Americans were found living in one six-room house on South Dearborn Street.

Chicago's African-American community was concentrated in a narrow strip on either side of South State Street, known as the "Black Belt." It was hemmed in by racial prejudice, Scott reported. "The presence of Negroes in an exclusively white locality usually brought forth loud protests and frequently ended in the abandonment of the block."

But to the west of the Black Belt was the city's vice district, which white families disdained. "The newcomers, unacquainted with its reputation, found no hesitancy in moving in until better housing could be found," Scott reported.

That set up an enduring pattern: As Chicago's black population grew, it was repeatedly relegated to rundown neighborhoods. Alternately, when African-Americans arrived in more desirable neighborhoods, they were greeted with Tribune headlines like this one, from Feb. 23, 1918: "Rumored influx of Negroes stirs Wilson Avenue."

Chicago was no more enlightened than the South, even in its most cultivated neighborhoods. A sorority member at the University of Chicago was shunned when she was "found to be a mulatto," or mixed race, the Tribune reported.

A member of the South Shore Country Club was charged with "conduct unbecoming a gentleman" for renting to blacks, and the Southern Women's Club of Chicago changed its membership qualification from "a woman of Southern birth" to "a white woman of Southern birth."

When a black group sought to buy land for a clubhouse in Evanston, the head of a nearby Elks Lodge objected: "We will get another location for them," he told the Tribune, "but if they persist in coming into this neighborhood there will be trouble."

A Tribune reporter feared that blacks, who earned a pittance in the South, would be willing to work for less than whites did in Chicago. "If that happens to any considerable extent there is certain to be an outbreak of bitter feeling," he predicted in 1916. Two years later, the Hotel La Salle's waiters joined a larger strike, prompting a warning from their union leader. "If the hotels attempt to use women or Negroes to break the strike an interesting time is ahead of them."

Indeed, Chicago exploded in a deadly race riot in 1919.

Yet neither violence nor discrimination convinced blacks that coming to Chicago was a mistake. A few left, but most agreed with the Defender's calculus that the North's advantages far outweighed its limitations.

Southern newspapers had endeavored to persuade blacks to stay in the South with gruesome stories of homeless Northerners freezing to death. Noting that bitter cold snaps also occur in the South, the Defender posed an existential question to its readers:

"If you can freeze to death in the North and be free, why freeze to death in the South and be a slave?"

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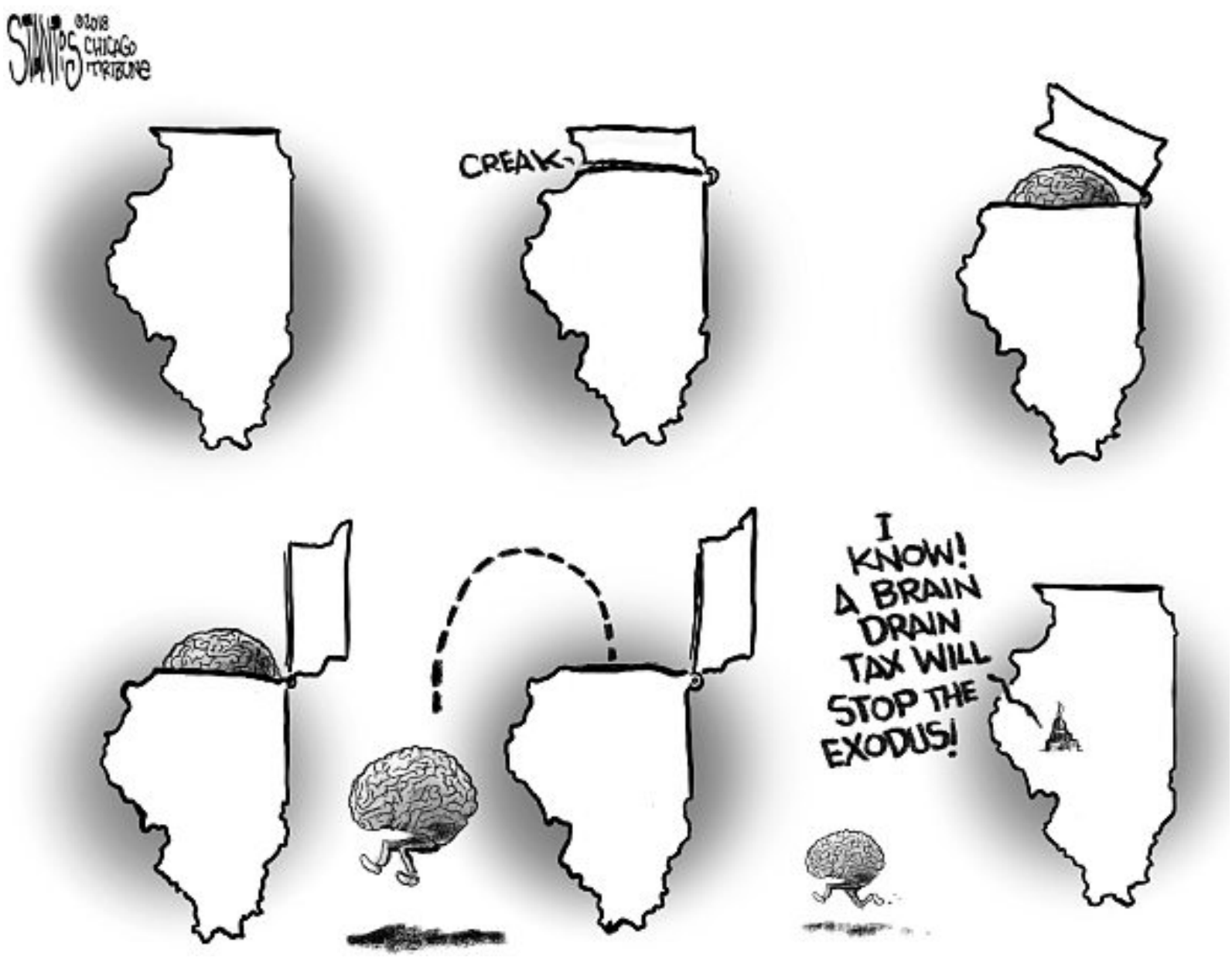
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Illinois Exodus



SCOTT STANTIS

Illinois exodus: When the land of opportunity fizzles ...

If the state of Illinois kept score on millennials it poached from surrounding states, it could have counted Sara Niedzwiecki — temporarily. A Wisconsin native, she moved near Chicago shortly after college, envisioning city life as it's portrayed in the movies: hip, adventurous, welcoming. Not for her, it turned out.

As part of a series on the accelerating exodus from Illinois, we're tracking down expatriates (and potential expats) and telling their stories. From millennials to retirees, their narratives follow the same thread: Illinois is losing its promise as a land of opportunity. Government debt and dysfunction contribute to a weak housing market and a stagnant jobs climate. State and local governments face enormous pension and other obligations. Taxes have risen sharply; many Illinois politicians say they must rise more.

People are fleeing. Last year's net loss: 33,703. Among those who've left in recent years:

Sara Niedzwiecki, now 30, moved to the suburbs in 2010 just as millennials began to accelerate their departure. In two waves between 2011 and 2015, millennials led age groups in out-migration to other states, according to Internal Revenue Service data compiled by the Illinois Policy Institute, a right-leaning think tank. Illinois ranked second-worst in losing millennials and their dependents, behind New York.

Niedzwiecki, an accountant fresh out of college, worked in Libertyville for several years and then at a downtown location. Sure, it would have been nice to live in Lakeview or Bucktown with other 20-somethings, but she couldn't afford it. So she endured a daily commute from the suburbs and tried to build a life.

It never happened. After years of watching her paycheck get sapped by rising rent and taxes, and after exploring options to buy a house and realizing she couldn't afford that either, she moved back to Wisconsin.

She got a better-paying job, left her $850-per-month basement apartment in the suburbs and bought a $148,000 two-bedroom condo in Madison with parking and a washer and dryer. Her property taxes are about $2,800 annually.

"I just felt like I was never going to get ahead in Illinois," she said. "Six years of living there proved that."

Niedzwiecki grew up in Door County with her twin sister. Both women lived in Illinois before moving back to Wisconsin. A handful of their friends left Illinois, too, for Florida, California, Texas and Wisconsin.

"I was super excited about trying something new and getting out of my small town," she told us. "But Illinois was not feasible for me." Instead, she has an affordable life in Madison. She hasn't looked back.

Donald Felz, a lifelong Illinoisan who retired from a utility company in 2016, says a sinking home value and taxes drove him and his wife, Debi, out of Illinois. The Woodstock home they built in 2006 for $390,000, into which they put an additional $35,000, was losing value. This was to be the house where the Felzes would host grandchildren and putz around in the yard. Instead, rather than put their retirement finances in further peril, they sold it in 2016 for $310,000. The property tax bill had climbed from $7,658 in 2007 to $8,340 in 2015. That's not a huge rate of increase. But had their housing value remained at the purchase price, the taxes would have been nearly $12,500. A falling Illinois home value kept a high Illinois tax bill from rising higher.

The frustration, Felz said from his current home in Windsor, Colo., was more than taxes. It was how those dollars were spent: "If I could have seen some incremental improvement that followed the increases, then OK. I get it. I see it. But the roads were not getting fixed. The schools were still struggling. I couldn't figure it out. The money was going somewhere."

In Colorado, taxes on their home, valued at $510,000 and climbing, are about $4,000 a year.

Earlier this year, Felz returned to Illinois to visit his father. They spent evenings on the sofa watching TV and digesting the constant scroll of campaign ads from candidates running in the March primary election. That gave Donald Felz one more reason to appreciate his new home in Colorado: "We have term limits."

... and the brain drain? Try fixing Illinois higher ed

If you ask Illinois public university leaders why so many top high schoolers bolt for out-of-state colleges, you'll hear a chorus of excuses ... er, reasons. Many boil down to: *We want more money*. Few of those leaders acknowledge reality: Illinois' public colleges are selling a product that progressively fewer students want to buy.

The alarming statistics: Since 2000, the number of Illinois residents enrolled as freshmen outside the state in public or private colleges has increased by 73 percent — to 35,445 from 20,507. Almost half of Illinois high school grads going to four-year colleges now abandon Illinois for out-of-state. Ten of Illinois' 12 public universities suffered shriveling enrollment in 2017, some taking percentage hits in double digits.

One of the most aggressive student-poachers is the University of Alabama, reports the Tribune's Dawn Rhodes. It attracts students by dangling free or reduced tuition. Result? A decade ago, 147 Illinoisans were enrolled in Tuscaloosa. The number last fall: 1,623. Those students are among Illinois' best. They perform well at Alabama.

And Illinois-to-Alabama students are a tiny fraction of the growing outmigration: In order, the top out-of-state destination states for Illinois students are Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin, Missouri, Michigan and Ohio.

This brain drain carries destructive implications for Illinois' future. Many students who leave never return. They get jobs, start businesses, raise families and succeed elsewhere. The Illinois Board of Higher Education says a third of students who leave for out-of-state schools don't return. By contrast, more than 9 in 10 of those who graduate from college in Illinois remain here.

What can Illinois do to keep more of its best students? Plenty.

First, retool. If you're a smart business person and not making sales, you dissect the product, find its weaknesses and reengineer. Gov. Bruce Rauner and some other officials argue that there's too much curriculum overlap, and not enough specialization, among Illinois' public campuses. The critics are right. Solution: Force schools to focus on academic fields in which they can excel, not offer a mediocre menu of all things to everyone.

What have the pols done to accomplish this? So far, nothing. Illinois universities don't share one overarching, studentcentric mission. Oversight is scattered: The 12 universities are run by nine self-focused boards. School leaders and local politicians defend these fiefdoms as if colleges exist primarily to prop up local economies. Many college presidents shudder at the prospect of streamlining Illinois' higher-ed bureaucracy to squelch redundancy and redeploy resources from administration to teaching.

We've heard Springfield whispers about consolidating shrunken departments and campuses, merging flailing schools with more successful ones. Let's hear a higher decibel debate about making universities more appealing to students, and more accountable to taxpayers whose dollars built this top-heavy system.

Illinois can retain and even retrieve students. But it will take status quo-shattering proposals, not more tinkering. We've suggested a strong model: Reinvent Illinois higher ed along the lines of California, Wisconsin and New York's unified systems. Each campus would build on unique strengths. Each school would be accountable to statewide overseers, not local boards, for its graduation rates and other metrics.

In 2016, University of Illinois President Timothy Killeen offered Illinois lawmakers a grand bargain: The U. of I. would meet targets for enrollment and other student-centric metrics if the state would guarantee predictable funding and regulatory relief. Nothing happened, but a similar deal is being discussed in Springfield — and now NIU has signed on. Why can't this work for all 12 universities?

We hear the apologists already: *Maybe this exodus will reverse, lots of students are still applying here, we don't need fundamental change.*

Enough denial. Every year, tens of thousands of high school seniors and their parents weigh Illinois' schools against alternatives. And this state's schools come up short.

Absent a dramatic revamp of the Illinois system, students will keep blowing past Carbondale, Urbana-Champaign, Charleston, Macomb, Normal en route to Tuscaloosa, Iowa City, West Lafayette, Madison, Columbus ...

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

(Paul) Ryan is like a perennial All-Star who never quite enjoyed the ideal circumstances to shine. He always seemed to attract a disproportionate amount of mockery and disdain for what he was actually trying to do. Those scoffing "good riddance" to Ryan now probably ought to look back at John Boehner and Dennis Hastert. Ryan is younger, a better communicator, more telegenic and even more of a policy wonk than his predecessors and most of his potential successors. The guy who liberals depicted throwing granny off the cliff ... was also the kind of man who goes into drug treatment centers, touches the scars from the "track marks" of heroin addicts, and prays with and for them. He was portrayed as some sort of heartless Ayn Rand acolyte when he emphasized how conservatives needed to find solutions for poverty. He was civil, well-informed, polite, and firm, the opposite of a table-pounding, demagogic extremist, and that probably just aggravated his critics on the left even more.

Jim Geraghty, National Review

PERSPECTIVE

I saw you on the lakefront today. Welcome back!

By Dennis O'Toole

Last November, you put your bike in the garage or your running shoes in the closet or your motorized skateboard behind your antique record player (so much better than digital, man!) and swore off outdoor exercise until the next warm day.

And then it arrived: Thursday, April 12, 2018. A warm breeze came out of the south. The sun shone. The temperature hit 70. You did what any sensible person would do: You went outside and enjoyed it.

It's good to see you again! Still, I should let you know that today is not the best day to go for a jog/bike/battery-powered-X-treme-skate-thrash. Nah, it's way, way better in January. In the snow. With a wind out of the north. When the condensation from your breath freezes the moment it hits your ski mask. That's the stuff.

Best of all, it's a perfect day to enjoy the lakefront because you're not there.

Don't get me wrong. I like you. Jean-Paul Sartre wrote that hell is other people, but I don't think that. I think Sartre needed a hug.

So I am honestly glad that you went outside with me today. But I am also very glad that, along with the rest of humanity, you hibernate each winter and avoid the outdoors. When you do, that means that Grant Park, the bike path along the Lakefront Trail and, well, the entire Chicago lakefront is mine. All mine.

When the temperature is just right (or, to most people, wrong) and I head out to the lakefront, it's as if someone handed me the keys to a vast, private estate and said, "Enjoy." The sheer size of Grant Park becomes apparent when it's empty. Lake Michigan changes from picturesque to existentially moving. And the skyline at night seems to light up just for me. I mean that: just for me. Because no one else is there to appreciate it.

The lakefront during the winter offers a rare treat to a Chicagoan who takes the time and makes the effort to go out in the cold and get it: solitude.

Solitude is different than loneliness. It's an old-fashioned word and we'd be wise to revive it. In solitude we find our own depths, and winter, with its icy chill, provides a peace and a stillness that is present at no other time in downtown Chicago. The softball diamonds south of the dormant Buckingham Fountain might as well be a field in the Rocky Mountains. The far side of the Adler Planetarium, jutting out into the deadly and often frozen lake, might as well be the far side of the moon. In that kind of willed isolation you will feel alone, but you will not feel lonely. You may very well find that, in full command of a dangerously cold day, you are your own best companion. That is solitude.

If you go to the lakefront next winter — and you should not; that place is *mine* — then do not bring your headphones. This is not time for a podcast or an album or some techno music blasting from the speakers in your backpack. (I'm looking at you, motor-skateboard guy.) This is a time to refresh yourself by yourself.

In the rare times you do see someone else on the bike path or in the middle of a park on a zero-degree day, an odd thing happens: You say "hi" to each other. Two strangers in Chicago who'd sooner glance at blank screens on their phones than look at each other on an elevator, instead saying a cheerful "hello!" It's beautiful.

I'm glad you are out on the path again, Rollerblading or Segwaying or riding on one of those wheel things where you stand on the axel, whatever those are called. I really am. And I hope I see you every day from now until Nov. 1.

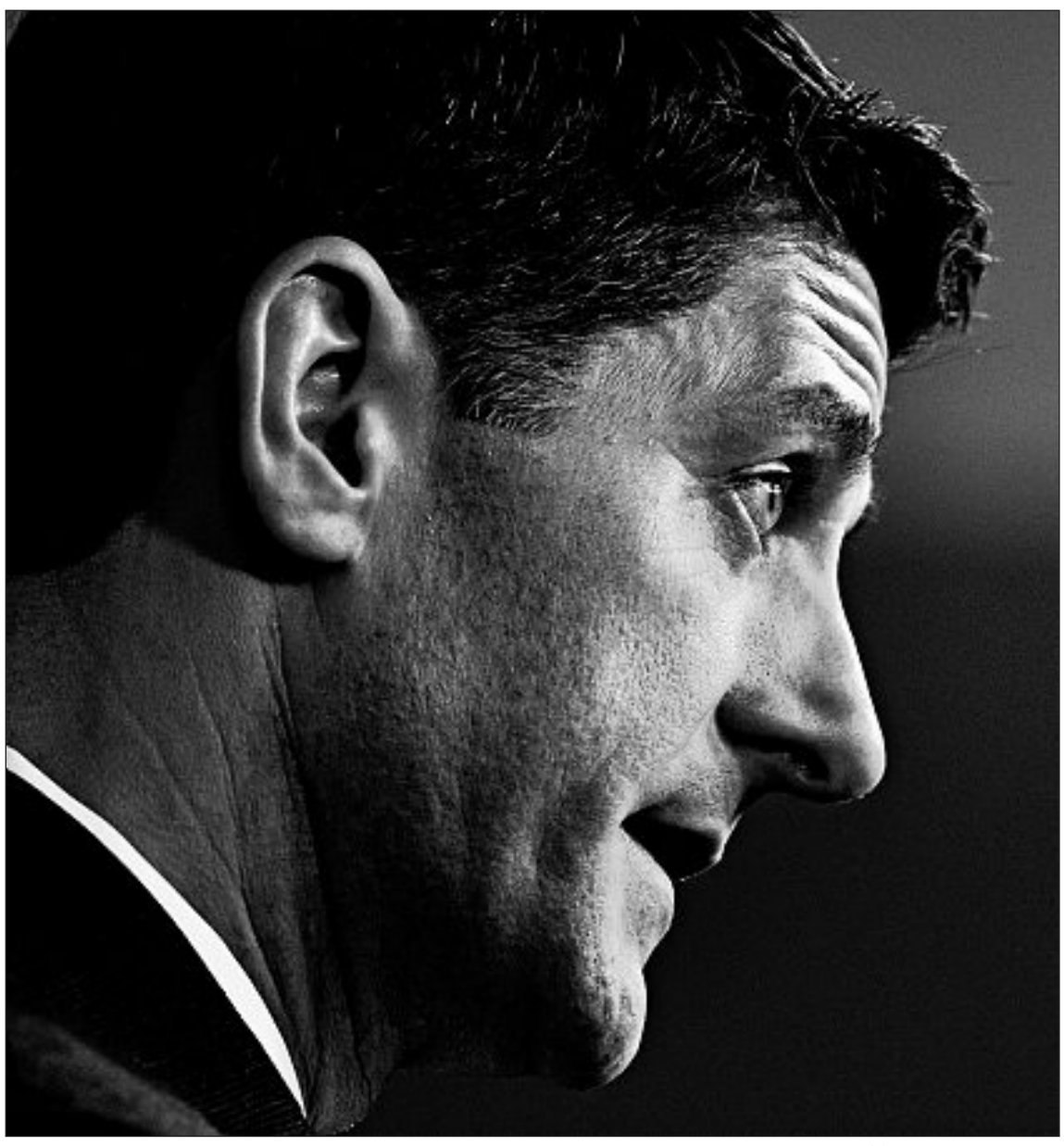
But not after. 'Cause like I said, when the lakefront is frozen, it's mine. All mine.

Dennis O'Toole is a Chicago writer.

Paul Ryan's hopes, dashed by the age of Trump



Clarence Page



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Ryan's departure is a sign that congressional Republicans see gloom ahead.

Although he leans about as far to the right as I do to the left, I've always had a soft spot for Paul Ryan.

Our common ground was the late, great Jack Kemp, the pro football quarterback-turned-congressman who, until his death from cancer in 2009, mentored Ryan and other bright young think tank conservatives of the Ronald Reagan era.

Kemp was a leading although sometimes lonely voice for "big tent," opportunity-based, inclusive and tolerant Republican conservatism. With a hefty agenda of enterprise zones and other market-driven ideas for economic and educational development, Kemp aimed to attract racial, ethnic, gender and economic diversity back to the party of Abraham Lincoln.

As an African-American who misses the days when both parties actively competed for black votes — and is willing to try any social or economic reform idea that works, regardless of whether it comes from the right or the left — I rooted for Kemp's efforts.

And, while Democrats caricatured Ryan in a TV ad as a heartless fiend casually pushing granny in her wheelchair off a cliff, I found a ray of hope in the rapport I saw Ryan quietly build with a number of grass-roots, low-income community organizations around the country.

But, alas, that's also why I was disappointed, yet not very surprised when the 48-year-old Republican dropped this bombshell last week: He will not seek re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he has been speaker since 2015.

He claims he wants to spend more time with his family, but nobody who's familiar with Washington's political culture believes that well-worn excuse, no matter how true it may be. There are other, more obvious professional reasons, all of which speak to the deeply polarized atmosphere that paralyzes politics in the era of President Donald Trump.

Ryan cited family reasons for his reluctance to take the speakership, which he had to be talked into by fellow GOP leaders.

Along with the mighty powers of that office these days come a lot of headaches from a Republican caucus deeply divided between its right-wing and far-right-wing factions.

Ryan, a self-proclaimed policy wonk, was ill-suited for the hardball tasks of holding those factions together. That task is vastly complicated by the rise of Trump, who has been the antithesis of Ryan in his taste for the politics of grievance and distaste for the details of legislation and other governance.

Ryan and Trump differ on immigration, trade and fiscal policy, and Ryan has openly criticized Trump's race-baiting and misogyny. But, like other GOP leaders, Ryan was a lot more outspoken about their differences before Trump became president.

Since then, and after the GOP failures to repeal Obamacare or pass infrastructure repair and other major agenda items, the recent tax overhaul is Ryan's biggest single achievement. Yet passing that measure before the midterms required a betrayal of the GOP's promise to reduce the deficit and shrink spending.

Instead, the Republican tax cuts and last month's budget-busting $1.3 trillion spending bill will push the deficit to more than $1 trillion in 2020, according to the Congressional Budget Office. With his critics wondering what happened to Ryan's fiscal conservatism, this may be as good a time as any for him to exit.

Ryan's departure is a sign that congressional Republicans see gloom ahead in the midterm elections. He joins at least 37 other Republican House members who have indicated they won't be running for their seats again this year. Just as voter excitement in 2016 was most visible and vocal on the right, this year we can see it building on the left.

Perhaps the biggest lesson for the future may be a return to the political center for Washington's leaders, depending on how much Democrats decide to swing further left.

If anything, the currently divided state of congressional Republicans shows the value of sticking with the sensible center, a place our Congress has not seen in a long time.

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Generational divide

Watching Senate and House committee members grill Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg about privacy issues was classic congressional theater.

The lawmakers, many in their 70s and 80s (and I suspect barely computer literate), read their not-so-incisive questions from scripts carefully prepared by staffers mostly in their 20s and 30s, who may have been the only people in the hearing room who knew what the billionaire CEO was talking about!

The hearings were a classic portrayal of the yawning generation divide in technology, in which parents and grandparents routinely call on younger relatives to fix computer glitches that are elementary to any millennial.

Those same millennial staffers will likely be the key architects of any regulatory reforms "the Congress" elects to enact. Better they than their semi-computer-literate lawmaker bosses.

— Gerald D. Skoning, Chicago

A sorry state

As we approach Tax Day, we see the stark contrast between the tax policies of our state and that of our federal government. There is also a correlated contrast with the relative economic health of our state and our nation as a whole.

Illinois has one of the highest tax burdens of any state in the nation. We have the second-highest property taxes of all states. This has contributed to a net outward migration of residents and jobs. A Paul Simon Public Policy Institute survey shows 47 percent of Illinois residents want to leave the state.

While jobs nationwide have been increasing rapidly, Illinois has one of the country's worst unemployment rates. We live in one of the few states where there are now fewer people working today than before the Great Recession.

The recent federal personal and corporate tax cuts that were helped put in place by our own Congressman Peter Roskam will drive higher job growth for Americans. Nationally, we have the fewest unemployment claims in 44 years. The contrast of a flourishing nation with lower taxes and a struggling Illinois with a high tax burden is a sad one for the people in our state.

— Roy Platz, Naperville

Dangerous water

Mayor Rahm Emanuel stands alone in the U.S. in refusing to replace any lead service lines while the city replaces hundreds of miles of water mains.

Most major cities are replacing lead service lines, requiring it when new water mains are replaced. New York state has just given $20 million in grants to several cities to replace lead service pipes. Philadelphia, Denver and other cities all pay for the city's part of the lead service line that runs from the water main in the street to the homeowner's property. They have grants, interest-free and low-interest loans to pay for the property owner's part of the lead service line.

Yet Chicago requires that the homeowner pay the entire cost: both under the city street, from the water main and on our property to our homes. Chicago was the last city in the United States to stop the use of water lead service lines. It only did so because the federal government required it in 1986. Its more than 300,000 lead service lines are more than any other U.S. city.

We know that replacing the water mains disturbs the lead and increases lead in water from the taps in our kitchens or bathroom. The phosphate compounds the city uses to coat the lead service line cannot stop the disturbed line from increasing the lead in the water that enters our homes. In fact, the outdated information the Chicago Department of Water Management is giving us about letting the water run for three to five minutes or longer can sometimes increase the amount of lead in the water from what it would have been in the first draw if the lead in the service line has been disturbed by new water main construction and connections to the service line.

Lead is an absolute neurotoxin: There is no safe level and even tiny amounts affect the brain, nervous system and other organs. It can kill both children and adults. It hurts our children's ability to learn and by the time they get to school they are often behind.

When Amazon visited Chicago three weeks ago, Emanuel touted Chicago as a global city. It is time for him to move into the 21st century and use corporate taxes and our water money to replace all lead service lines now.

— Dr. Howard Ehrman, assistant professor, college of medicine, school of public health, University of Illinois at Chicago

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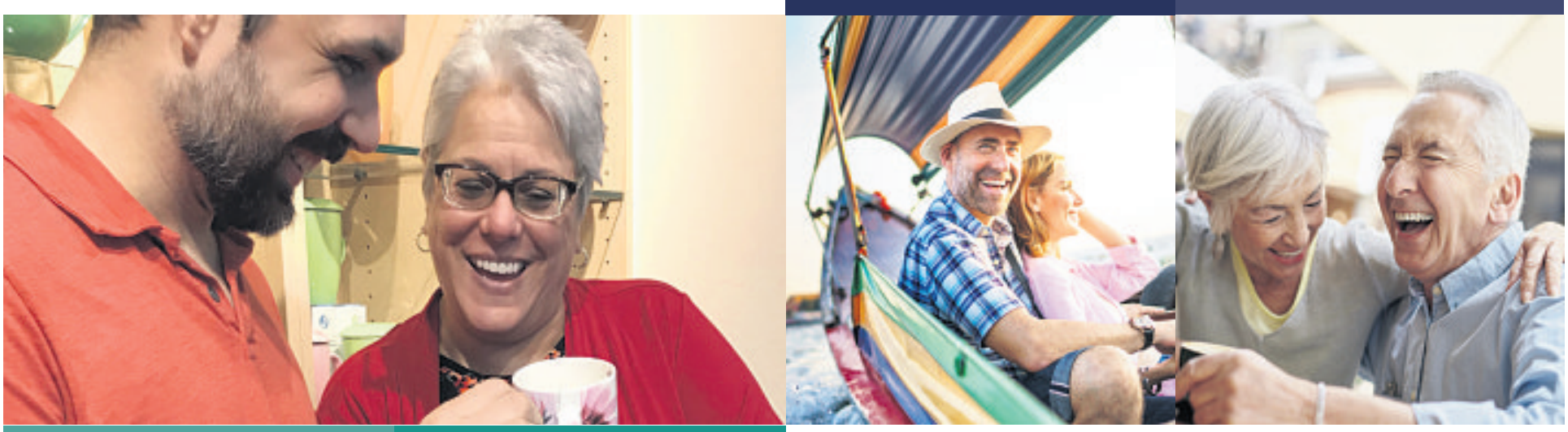
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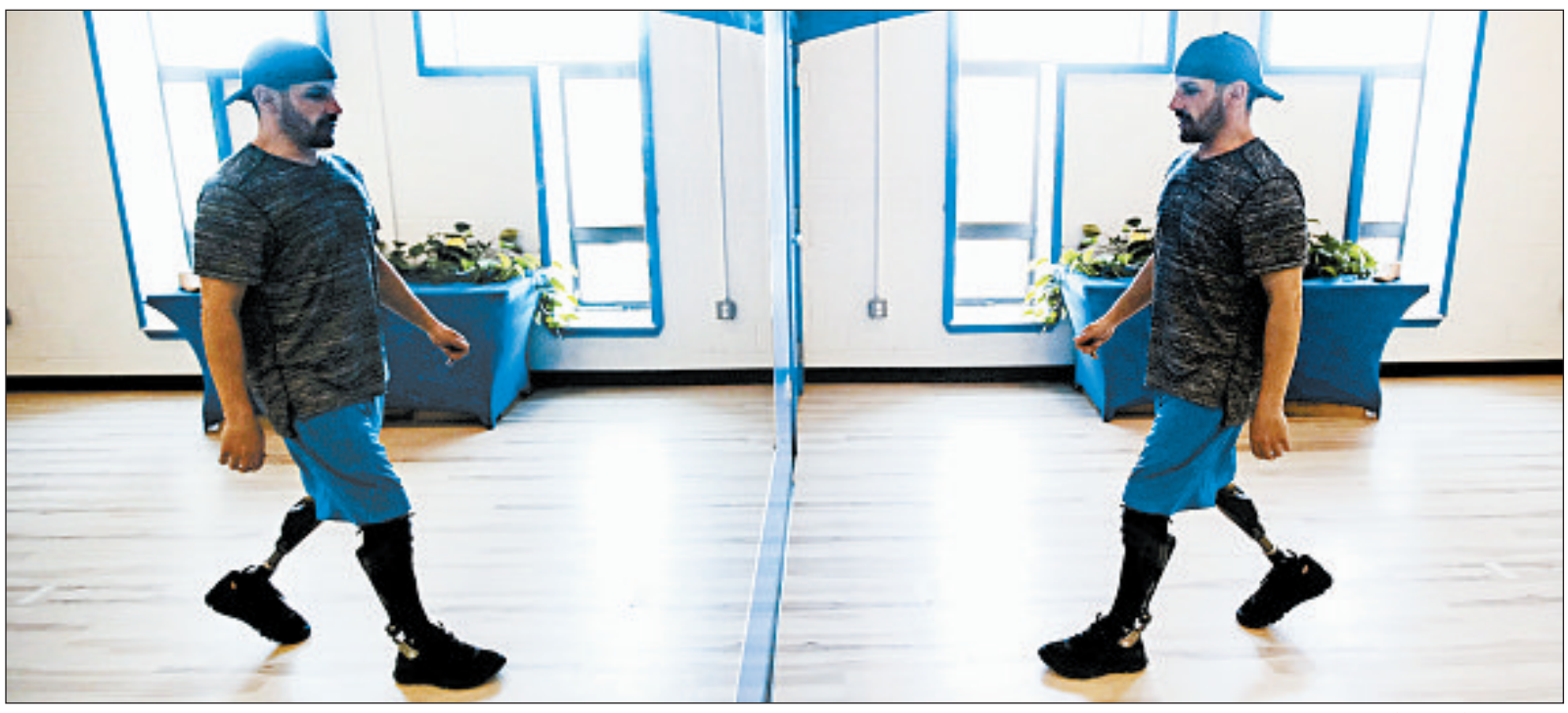
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Bomb survivors and medicine step up

5 years on, lessons from Boston victims drive new research

By Philip Marcelo
Associated Press



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Boston Marathon bombing survivor Marc Fucarile watches his microprocessor-controlled knee, after a step-gate adjustment with his prosthetist.

BOSTON — In the five years since the Boston Marathon bombing, medical science has made promising advances in amputations and artificial limbs, in part because of lessons learned from the victims and research dollars made available as a result of the attack.

Some of the 17 people who lost limbs in the April 15, 2013, bombing could, like many other amputees, benefit from these developments, since many are coming to a crossroads in their treatment.

A number still struggle with pain, and others may be looking to replace their prostheses, which are approaching the end of their useful life.

"The collective experience in the aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombing was a very positive one in the medical community because there was a lot of cross talk between military and civilian surgeons," said Dr. Benjamin Potter, chief of orthopedics at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Maryland, where three survivors were treated and doctors are attempting some of the cutting-edge procedures.

"That exchange and that dialogue has been one of the silver linings to have come out of this, in that we're hopefully better educated and better prepared for the next one."

Among other places where research is taking place is Boston, where doctors are working to combine an improved amputation method with more sophisticated artificial limbs, so that amputees can one day use their brains to control their prostheses.

The project grew out of lessons learned by Boston doctors treating victims of the marathon attack. It was also made possible by $200,000 in seed funding from the Gillian Reny Stepping Strong Center for Trauma Innovation, a foundation launched by the family of a bombing survivor treated at Brigham & Women's Hospital.

"One of the things the bombings crystallized for me was the need to improve amputations," said Dr. Matthew Carty, a Brigham & Women's surgeon who is developing the new amputation technique. "We've made amazing advances in prosthetics technology — really by leaps and bounds — but the way we do amputations hasn't kept up to speed with the capabilities that exist now."

The new lower-leg amputation technique, which has so far been done on seven people, preserves tendons normally severed during an amputation. Tendons connect muscles to bone and are necessary to move one's limbs.

Another procedure involves directly connecting artificial limbs to bones using titanium implants. These bone-anchored prostheses have been placed on hundreds of patients in other countries, but it wasn't until 2015 that the use of the devices was allowed in the U.S.

Roughly 50 such operations have been done in this country, including 16 at Walter Reed, according to Potter.

Brigham & Women's is also among the U.S. hospitals seeking to do the nation's first successful leg transplant. The surgical feat has been accomplished in only a few countries, including Spain and Canada.

Bombing survivor Marc Fucarile, who was the last to be released from the hospital, said he is intrigued by the new advances, even if he isn't in a rush to go under the knife again anytime soon.

The 39-year-old from the Boston area lost his right leg in the blast, and his badly maimed left leg causes him unceasing pain. He fears another amputation might be his only option.

The artificial limbs that Fucarile and other survivors were fitted with generally last five to seven years, so the patients will have to decide on the right technology for the next phase of their lives.

"Sometimes the top-of-the-line Porsche isn't always practical," said Paolo Bonato, who oversees research on artificial limbs at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston, where many of the victims were treated. "It might be more sensible to have a Honda."

Rarely seen on civilians five years ago, the prosthetic devices used by many survivors have microprocessors and sensors that automatically adjust the limb and allow for more natural movements.

They are now more common, but they can cost anywhere from about $15,000 to more than $100,000, said Spaulding's Dr. David Crandell.

For some amputees, insurance often isn't enough to cover the costs.

The Boston victims, though, received payouts from a compensation fund, and some have launched fundraising efforts or found other ways to cover their costly devices.

Fucarile, whose carbon fiber and titanium leg was initially developed to help wounded soldiers return to battle, said his prosthesis is no luxury.

"If you're an insurance company, look at the long-term effect and what you're saving," he said. "If I didn't have my prosthetic leg, I'd probably be overweight, have heart disease, be closer to diabetes and probably be more depressed."

Obama's 'catch and release' still clicking

By Maria Sacchetti
The Washington Post



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Under federal law, the government cannot deport asylum seekers before their cases are heard in the backlogged immigration courts; many are freed on bond in the United States.

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration has freed about 100,000 immigrants caught at the U.S.-Mexico border in the 15 months since the president took office, newly released government figures show, despite repeated promises to end President Barack Obama's "catch and release" policies.

Homeland Security officials say they had to release the migrants — more than 37,500 unaccompanied minors and more than 61,000 family members — because of judges' rulings and federal laws banning prolonged detentions for children, as well as a lack of detention beds.

The number of people caught crossing the border illegally dropped to a 46-year low after Trump arrived in the White House, prompting then-Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly, now the White House chief of staff, to declare that "catch and release" had ended.

But after apprehensions spiked in recent months, hitting 50,000 in March, Trump called for sending the National Guard to the Mexican border and — for the second time — vowed to stop releasing migrants while they await deportation proceedings that can take years.

Federal officials say they are limited by a 2008 anti-trafficking law that bans returning unaccompanied minors to countries other than Mexico and Canada without a hearing, as well as a 1997 legal settlement that limits how long such children can be detained.

Officials say about half the border crossers come from Central America. The government often releases parents and children together because detention facilities do not have space to keep them in custody.

"The Trump administration has their hands tied," said Katie Waldman, a spokeswoman for the Department of Homeland Security.

Another factor clogging the deportation process is that more migrants are seeking asylum than in the past. Under federal law, the government cannot deport asylum seekers before their cases are heard in the backlogged immigration courts; many are freed on bond to live and work in the United States.

The numbers show the near-impossibility of locking up every person caught crossing illegally, regardless of White House policy.

While advocates say the vast majority of border crossers are fleeing gang violence and drug trafficking, or seeking a better life in the United States, the Trump administration says freeing them creates a public safety risk.

"Those who break our immigration laws have continued to exploit legal loopholes to the detriment of our national security and the safety of the American people," said Homeland Security spokesman Tyler Houlton.

Ending "catch and release" was supposed to be Trump's No. 2 immigration priority, after walling off the border with Mexico.

As a candidate, Trump excoriated Obama for failing to stanch the flow of border crossers and releasing thousands to await deportation proceedings.

After taking office, Trump issued an executive order that said immigrants should be detained until they could be sent out of the U.S. But that didn't happen.

When Trump recently summoned the National Guard, the White House said in a statement that the government since fiscal 2016 had apprehended 167,000 parents and children but later released most of them, along with more than 107,000 unaccompanied minors.

A breakdown of those figures requested by The Washington Post showed that the numbers were slightly higher.

About 200,000 families and unaccompanied minors were freed under Obama.

Despite the initial decline in crossings, more than 98,000 were released under Trump, according to statistics from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which releases adults and families, and the Department of Health and Human Services, which takes custody of unaccompanied minors and places them with a parent or guardian.

"I think the president has come to realize that we have a Constitution and a Supreme Court that governs how and when people can be detained," said Gregory Chen, director of government relations at the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera, an associate professor of government at George Mason University who has studied immigrant smuggling, said would-be migrants could be deterred by the presence of the National Guard.

But she said they will base their decisions on whether others continue to win release in the U.S.

"Initially they will say, 'Let's wait,' " she said. "One is going to try, and then 10 are going to try. And if they're not affected, then they'll continue."

Dead whale found trash hard to stomach

By Kristine Phillips
The Washington Post



MURCIA REGIONAL GOVERNMENT

A necropsy revealed the dead whale had trash bags, polypropylene sacks and a drum in its stomach and intestines.

A young male sperm whale that was found dead off the coast of Spain had 64 pounds of garbage in its digestive system.

The 33-foot whale's carcass surfaced in February near a lighthouse in Cabo de Palos on Spain's southeastern coast.

A necropsy revealed the animal had trash bags, polypropylene sacks, ropes, net segments and a drum, among other things, in its stomach and intestines.

Local authorities said the animal died because of inflammation of the abdominal lining, or peritonitis. The amount of human trash in its system had become so enormous that the whale was unable to expel the garbage from its digestive system.

A picture by an environmental group showed what appears to be a severely underweight sperm whale. Authorities said the animal weighed 14,300 pounds or seven tons.

Male sperm whales, the largest toothed whales, could grow up to 90,000 pounds or 45 tons. Adult female sperm whales are much lighter — 30,000 pounds or 15 tons. They inhabit the deep ocean, can dive as deep as nearly 2,000 feet, and feed on large squid, sharks and fish.

After the whale's death, government officials in Spain's Murcia region, where the animal was found, launched a campaign to raise awareness of humans' consumption of plastic and disposal of garbage in bodies of water.

Consuelo Rosauro, natural environment director in Murcia, said the presence of garbage in seas and oceans threatens wildlife because many marine animals get trapped in the trash and ingest large amounts of plastic, which can be fatal.

Officials said the campaign includes cleaning up beaches in the Murcia region, gathering data about the type and quantity of marine litter, and educational presentations.

Invest $500K and get a green card

EB-5 program is a way for those with means to migrate

By Ann M. Simmons
Los Angeles Times



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Chinese investors seek information of the U.S. government's EB-5 visa program at an Invest in America Summit in Beijing.

LOS ANGELES — Fresh out of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles with a degree in applied information management systems, Ishaan Khanna landed an internship at Ticketmaster.com.

But after the U.S. government rejected his application for an H-1B visa — available to highly skilled workers in fields with a shortage of qualified Americans — he was forced to return home to India.

Determined to live and work in the U.S., Khanna pursued another option.

With the help of his father, he invested $500,000 in a Four Seasons Resort development project in Puerto Rico. That was the minimum investment needed for an exclusive visa known as the EB-5.

Khanna, 24, was scheduled to arrive in the U.S. this month, with dreams of working in the tech industry and eventually launching a start-up in Silicon Valley.

At a time when obtaining legal residency in the U.S. is getting harder, the investor visa may be the surest way — at least for the rich.

Here are some basics about the visa program:

How did it start and what are the requirements?

The EB-5 program was created in 1990 to stimulate the U.S. economy through capital investment and job creation.

Foreigners can qualify for permanent U.S. residency — a green card — if they invest at least $1 million in a new business venture that creates at least 10 jobs. The threshold drops to $500,000 for investments in high-unemployment or rural areas.

To apply for the visa, potential investors must file a petition known as an I-526 to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. If the petition is approved, the investor applies to the State Department for the visa — which allows permanent residence on a conditional basis. Once an investment project meets the requirements, the investor gets a green card. Immigration attorneys say the whole process can take up to two years.

The government caps the number of green cards awarded under the program at 10,000 each fiscal year. No more than 7 percent of that total may come from any one country.

How popular is the program and who uses it?

During the last fiscal year, immigration authorities received 12,165 I-526 petitions — down 14 percent from 2016, according to the U.S. government.

A total of 11,321 petitions were approved.

The visa is currently available to people of all nationalities, except those from the six countries currently under the travel ban instituted by the Trump administration: Iran, Somalia, Syria, Yemen, Venezuela, North Korea and Libya.

More than 82 percent of applications in 2016 — the most recent year available with a breakdown by country — came from mainland China, according to data from immigration authorities. The 7 percent cap on any one nationality has led to a huge backlog of Chinese applicants.

The next biggest applicant pools came from Vietnam, at 3 percent of the total, and India, at 2.7 percent. Those were up considerably from the previous year.

India in particular represented a disproportionate share of H-1B visas, which have become harder to renew as the U.S. government has launched a more vigorous vetting process for computer programmers.

"We're seeing a lot more Indian applicants because there are a lot of Indians here on H-1Bs who are looking at a 10-year wait to get a green card through employee sponsorship," said Robert Blanco, an attorney at the Los Angeles law firm Wolfsdorf Rosenthal, which helped Khanna secure his visa. "EB-5 is a faster way compared to that."

Lawyers at STEP America, which specializes in helping investors with immigration issues and is based in Dubai, said they have seen a 60 percent increase in interest in the U.S. investor visa program among people living in Arab nations, including many Indian nationals.

"Generally, there is an understanding that the doors to (U.S.) immigration are closing," said Shai Zamanian, a partner in the firm. "Approval rates (for EB-5 visas0 are quite high. People aren't going to wait until next year, or perhaps a second term (of Trump) to see whether their chances (to immigrate) are further limited."

He said instability in the region is also driving expatriates there to "look for a safe haven."

Jit Gupte, a 50-year-old Singapore national who has lived in Dubai for almost a dozen years, said he has seen relatives suffer through the "tortuous wait" that comes with applying for other types of U.S. visas.

He decided to skip that and invest in SkyRiseMiami, a high-rise leisure, entertainment and tourism center in downtown Miami. He and his family plan to relocate to San Diego in June on an investment visa.

"We're not going to be seen as someone who is going to take away so-called American jobs," he said. "We're actually going to create jobs out of investment."

What's the economic impact of the program?

Researchers at Western Washington University found the visa program generated more than $11.2 billion in capital investment from 2014 to 2015 for development projects across the country.

It also created more than 207,000 U.S. jobs — or 4 percent of the private sector job growth from 2014 to 2015 — and added more than $33 billion to the gross domestic product and $4 billion in tax revenue.

What's the government's view of the program?

Not everyone loves it.

Over the years, the program has faced charges of duping foreign investors and misspending cash that was supposed to go to job-creating projects.

For example, a December 2016 lawsuit filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission alleged that a Newport Beach lawyer misspent at least $9.5 million from 131 investors who wanted to participate in the program.

In June 2016, the SEC sued an Orange County couple, saying they misappropriated millions of dollars that were supposed to build a cancer treatment center. In 2015, the SEC sued a Redlands doctor, saying he and an associate misspent half of the $20 million they raised from Chinese investors hoping for U.S. residency.

Some lawmakers have proposed adding protections and some oversight to make the program more secure for investors.

Others have questioned whether some of the projects being funded by EB-5 investors would have happened anyway, with domestic investment.

Lawmakers have also proposed increasing the investment requirement to $1.25 million, or $925,000 in economically distressed or rural areas.

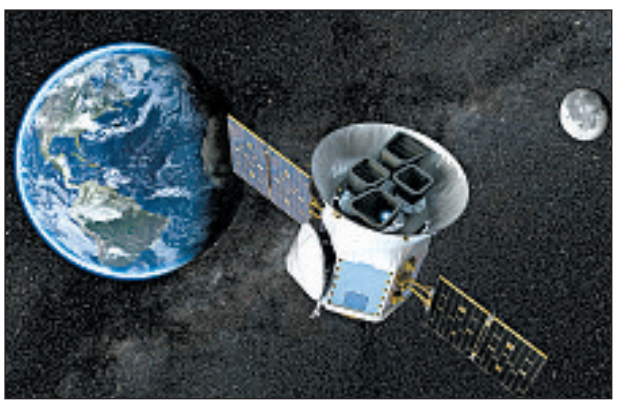
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Galactic explorer Tess will seek new worlds

NASA spacecraft set for liftoff on Monday night

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press



NASA

An illustration shows Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite. Scientists expect to find thousands of new planets.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Look up at the sky tonight. Every star you see — plus hundreds of thousands, even millions more — will come under the intense stare of NASA's newest planet hunter.

Set to lift off Monday, the Tess spacecraft will prowl for planets around the closest, brightest stars.

These newfound worlds eventually will become prime targets for future telescopes looking to tease out any signs of life.

It will be the most extensive survey of its kind from orbit, with Tess, a galactic scout, combing the neighborhood as never before.

"We're going to look at every single one of those stars," said the mission's chief scientist, George Ricker of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Scientists expect Tess to find thousands of exoplanets — the term for planets outside our solar system.

"All astronomers for centuries to come are really going to focus on these objects," Ricker said.

NASA's astrophysics director, Paul Hertz, said missions like Tess will answer whether we're alone — or just lucky enough to have "the best prime real estate in the galaxy."

Tess — short for Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite — is the heir apparent to the successful Kepler Space Telescope, the pioneer of planetary census.

Kepler's fuel tank is running low after nine years of flight, and NASA expects it to shut down within several months.

Still on the lookout from on high, Kepler alone has discovered more than 2,600 confirmed exoplanets.

The exoplanet count, from all observatories in space and on Earth over the last couple of decades, stands at more than 3,700 confirmed with 4,500 on the strong contender list.

About 50 are thought to be potentially habitable. They have the right size and the right orbit of their star to support surface water and, at least theoretically, to support life.

Most of the Kepler-identified planets are so far away that it would take monster-size telescopes to examine them more.

So astronomers want to focus on stars that are brighter and closer to home — close enough for NASA's upcoming James Webb Space Telescope to scrutinize the atmospheres of planets lurking in their sun's shadows.

Powerful ground telescopes also will join in the detailed observations, as well as observatories still on the drawing board.

MIT's Sara Seager, an astrophysicist who has dedicated her life to finding another Earth, imagines water worlds waiting to be explored. Perhaps hot super Earths with lakes of liquid lava. Maybe even rocky or icy planets with thin atmospheres reminiscent of Earth.

Small as spacecraft go, the 800-pound, 4 foot-by-5-foot Tess will ride a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Liftoff is Monday night. Its eventual orbit of Earth will stretch all the way to the orbit of the moon.

Tess' four cameras will zoom in on red dwarf stars in our cosmic backyard — an average 10 times closer than the Kepler-observed stars. The majority of stars in the Tess survey will be 300 light-years to 500 light-years away, according to Ricker. A light-year is about 6 trillion miles.

Red dwarfs are the most common stars around and, as their name implies, relatively small.

They're no more than half the size of our sun. They're also comparatively cool in temperature.

The celebrated Trappist-1 star, with at least seven Earth-size terrestrial planets, is an ultra-cool red dwarf that's just a little bigger than Jupiter.

Scientists speculate that the habitable or so-called Goldilocks zone — the distance from a star where it's neither too hot nor too cold to support life, but just right with the potential for liquid water at the surface — should be much closer to red dwarfs than it is in our own solar system.

Study: Drink up, but only 1 a day for a longer life

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press



RICK BOWMER/AP

A study released last week says adults should average one drink a day, a tighter guideline than many countries.

NEW YORK — Here's some sobering news: A large international study says adults should average no more than one alcoholic drink per day, and that means drinking guidelines in many countries may be far too loose.

The study found that people who down more than seven drinks a week can expect to die sooner than those who drink less.

"What this is saying is, if you're really concerned about your longevity, don't have more than a drink a day," said David Jernigan, a Johns Hopkins University alcohol researcher who was not involved in the study.

While the U.S. government recommends no more than seven drinks a week for women, the recommendation for men is 14 drinks.

That's because earlier studies found women are hit by the effects of alcohol at lower amounts than men for several reasons, including women weigh less than men on average and blood alcohol concentrations rise faster.

The new study estimates that 40-year-old men who drink as much as the current U.S. guidelines allow can expect to live one to two years fewer than men who have no more than seven drinks per week.

Canada and Sweden have guidelines similar to those in the U.S. set by the Department of Agriculture. Some countries have much higher ceilings. Spain and Romania set the upper limit for men at the equivalent of 20 drinks each week, for example.

British guidelines were like the U.S. standards until two years ago, when U.K. health officials brought the recommendation for men down to the level for women.

The study "is a serious wake-up call for many countries," Jeremy Pearson of the British Heart Foundation said in a statement. The group partly funded the study, which was published last week by the Lancet journal.

The research combined results from 83 studies conducted in 19 countries, tracking nearly 600,000 people who drank alcohol. The researchers focused on who developed — and died from — stroke and different forms of heart disease. They made a point of excluding people who had a known history of heart problems at the time they had entered a study.

About half the participants said they had more than 100 grams of alcohol a week. There's variation from country to country as to how many grams of alcohol are generally found in a standard drink. In Britain, that's about six pints of beer a week. But in the U.S., 100 grams is equivalent to what's in seven 12-ounce cans of beer, 5-ounce glasses of wine, or 1.5-ounce shots of rum, gin or other distilled spirits.

The researchers found a higher risk of stroke, heart failure and other problems in that group of heavier drinkers. That may partly reflect that alcohol can elevate blood pressure and alter cholesterol levels, the researchers said.

Notably, the heavier drinkers were less likely to have a heart attack. But balanced against the increased risk of a stroke and other heart problems, the impact of drinking more than seven drinks a week is more bad than good, said the study's lead author, Dr. Angela Wood of the University of Cambridge in England.

Like most studies, this one has flaws. It's not built to make firm conclusions about cause and effect. Research that rolls together previous studies can be problematic if they aren't similar enough, though this one appears to have done a good job at overcoming that obstacle and combining comparable data, Jernigan said.

Researchers relied on what participants reported drinking at the start, recognizing that many people may be lowballing how much they actually down. And the study didn't account for any changes in their drinking habits.

At O'Hara's Restaurant and Pub, a watering hole in lower Manhattan, one patron shrugged off the study and its recommendation. Shawn Freeman, visiting from St. Louis, said other things influence how much he drinks, like his mood and whether he'll be driving.

No fireworks from D.C. after bombs

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said in a video, "Before we took action, the United States communicated with" Russia to "reduce the danger of any Russian or civilian casualties."

Dana White, the chief Pentagon spokeswoman, said that to her knowledge no one in the Defense Department communicated with Moscow in advance, other than the acknowledged use of a military-to-military hotline that has routinely helped minimize the risk of U.S.-Russian collisions or confrontations in Syrian airspace. Officials said this did not include giving Russian advance notice of where or when allied airstrikes would happen.

Russia has military forces, including air defenses, in several areas of Syria to support President Bashar Assad in his long war against anti-government rebels.

Russia and Iran called the use of force by the U.S. and its allies a "military crime" and "act of aggression." The U.N. Security Council met to debate the strikes, but rejected a Russian resolution calling for condemnation of the "aggression" by the three Western allies.

Trump's U.N. ambassador, Nikki Haley, told the session that the president has made it clear that if Assad uses poison gas again, "the United States is locked and loaded."

Inside Washington, reactions were more mixed.

House Speaker Paul Ryan praised the "decisive action" taken even as some Republicans and even more Democrats demanded Trump seek authority for future action from Congress.

"These offensive strikes against Syria are unconstitutional, illegal, and reckless," tweeted Rep. Justin Amash, R-Mich.

"One night of airstrikes is not a substitute for a clear, comprehensive Syria strategy," added House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi.



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A Syrian soldier inspects the wreckage of a building that was targeted during the U.S.-led missile attack early Saturday.



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A Tomahawk missile fired by a U.S. vessel makes its way to a target in Syria early Saturday.

Assad denies he has used chemical weapons, and the Trump administration has yet to present hard evidence of what it says precipitated the allied missiles attack: a chlorine gas attack on civilians in Douma on April 7. The U.S. says it suspects that sarin gas also was used.

"Good souls will not be humiliated," Assad tweeted, while hundreds of Syrians gathered in Damascus, the capital, where they flashed victory signs and waved flags in defiance after the early morning barrage.

The strikes "successfully hit every target," White told reporters at the Pentagon. The military said there were three targets: the Barzah chemical weapons research and development site in the Damascus area, a chemical weapons storage facility near Homs and a chemical weapons "bunker" a few miles from the second target.

As of Saturday, neither Syria nor its Russian or Iranian allies retaliated, Pentagon officials said.

The U.S.-led operation won broad Western support. The NATO alliance gave its full backing; NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said in Brussels that the attack was about ensuring that chemical weapons cannot be used with impunity.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel called the attack "necessary and appropriate."

In his televised address from the White House on Friday night, Trump said the U.S. was prepared to sustain economic, diplomatic and military pressure on Assad until the Syrian leader ends what Trump called a criminal pattern of killing his own people with internationally banned chemical weapons.

That did not mean military strikes would continue. Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said no more attacks were planned.

Asked about Trump's "Mission Accomplished!" assertion, White said it pointed to the successful targeting of three Syrian chemical weapons sites. What happens next, she said, is up to Assad and his Russian and Iranian allies.

Marine Lt. Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie, director of the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, said the allied airstrikes "took out the heart" of Assad's chemical weapons arsenal. He said the missiles hit the "sweet spot," doing the expected level of damage while minimized the unintentional release of toxic fumes that could be harmful to nearby civilians. When pressed, he acknowledged that some unspecified portion of Assad's chemical arms infrastructure was not targeted.

"There is still a residual element of the Syrian program that is out there," McKenzie said, adding, "I'm not going to say they're going to be unable to continue to conduct a chemical attack in the future. I suspect, however they'll think long and hard about it."

A former officer in Syria's chemical program, Adulsalam Abdulrazek, said Saturday that the U.S., British, and French strikes hit "parts of but not the heart" of the program. He said the strikes were unlikely to curb the government's ability to produce or launch new attacks. Speaking from rebel-held northern Syria, Abdulrazek said there were perhaps 50 warehouses in Syria that stored chemical weapons before the program was dismantled in 2013.

Vice President Mike Pence, in Peru for a meeting of regional leaders, said "there will be a price to pay" involving military force if Syrian chemical weapons are used again.

Disputing the Russian military's contention that Syrian air defense units downed 71 allied missiles, McKenzie said no U.S. or allies missiles were stopped. He said the U.S. knew of no civilians killed by allied missiles.

In Syria, hundreds of people poured into the streets of Damascus on Saturday, dancing and chanting in defiance of what they called the West's "failure" to shake their nation's resolve with the airstrikes. The demonstrations were carried live on state TV, which also urged people not to believe media reports that exaggerated the results of the airstrikes.

"We are not scared of America's missiles. We humiliated their missiles," said Mahmoud Ibrahim, who waved a Syrian flag out of his car window.

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ANALYSIS

U.S.-led airstrikes unlikely to alter Assad war machine

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BEIRUT — The Western airstrikes targeting suspected Syrian chemical weapons facilities might have rained down punishment from the sky, but they will not fundamentally degrade a war machine whose main bases, weaponry and personnel remain in place.



Assad

As a symbol, they might reflect the inability to prevent President Bashar Assad from marching toward a professed victory in the civil war — still denying he ever even used banned substances, and perhaps not even needing them.

Any opposition expectations that the airstrikes might try to destroy or degrade Assad's air power or target bases where his warplanes and helicopters begin their bombing missions were quickly dashed: The U.S., British and French precision attacks only singled out Assad's alleged chemical weapons capabilities.

The Pentagon said the strikes targeted three facilities — a scientific research center in the Damascus area, allegedly linked to the production and testing of chemical and biological warfare technology; a chemical weapons storage facility west of Homs; and a chemical weapons equipment storage facility and key command post, also west of Homs.

"If this is it, Assad should be relieved," Randa Slim, an expert with the Washington-based Middle East Institute, wrote on Twitter.

For Assad, it was business as usual Saturday — or so his office sought to portray it, posting a short video of him walking into work, briefcase in hand.

More pertinently, the Syrian army declared the battered town of Douma "fully liberated" after the last group of rebels left. Douma was the site of the suspected April 7 chemical weapons attack and also the last rebel-held town in the eastern Ghouta region that was once a sprawling rebel-held bastion at the doors of the capital. Thousands of hard-line rebels capitulated in Douma following years of siege and an air and ground campaign that killed hundreds in recent weeks.

The recapture of Douma effectively ends a nearly seven-year rebellion near Damascus and marks Assad's most significant victory since his forces retook the northern city of Aleppo in late 2016. With seemingly open-ended support from allies Russia and Iran, the Syrian military will turn its attention to remaining opposition-held territory, namely in the south and the northern province of Idlib.

Assad has consolidated control over most of Syria and its major population centers. His allies have questioned the rationale of a victor needing to resort to chemical weapons that bring global condemnation and risk punitive action.

The seemingly limited airstrikes came as a disappointment to Syria's opposition, with one rebel spokesman labeling them a "farce."

Another senior opposition figure, Nasr Hariri, said the attacks were welcome but only reinforced the message that while it is not OK to use chemical weapons, the government can continue to "use explosive barrels and cluster bombs" with impunity.



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Syrian men pray as buses arrive Saturday from Douma in eastern Ghouta at a checkpoint near the Syrian town of al-Bab in the northern Aleppo province.

Assad's chemical weapons capabilities — and what was hit Saturday — remain shrouded in mystery.

Despite Syria's commitment to abolish its program in 2013, U.S. officials say it is "highly likely" that Assad kept a hidden, undisclosed stockpile. They say information gathered from recent alleged attacks also suggest Assad retained a "continued production capacity" — also banned under the 2013 deal.

The government certainly had enough advance notice. Syria war monitors said the military emptied air bases and moved equipment before the strikes.

The Pentagon said Saturday that it believes the airstrikes "attacked the heart of the Syrian chemical weapons program," significantly degrading Syria's ability to use such weapons again. Russian officials said the damage was minimal, maintaining that all key air bases were intact and the purported chemical weapons facilities had been abandoned long ago.

Capt. Adulsalam Abdulrazek, a former officer in Syria's chemical program, said the overnight strikes probably hit "parts of, but not the heart" of the operation.

He said the attacks were unlikely to curb the government's ability to produce such weapons or launch new attacks.

Abdulrazek defected from the program in 2012, when he was based in eastern Ghouta, the suburb hit by a chemical attack in 2013 and allegedly again April 7.

"Will this deter Assad from using chemical weapons again? Possibly, not least because he's essentially won the war anyway," wrote Faysal Itani, resident senior fellow in the Atlantic Council's Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East. "Will it change anything else? For better or worse, no."

Canada, Mexico join European leaders in backing airstrikes

Associated Press



Merkel



Trudeau

Many world leaders voiced support Saturday for the U.S.-led airstrikes against Syria, but warned against allowing the seven-year conflict to escalate.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau: "Canada stands with our friends in this necessary response and we condemn in strongest possible terms" the use of chemical weapons in Syria.

Bulgarian government: "It has always been Bulgaria's position that no cause justifies the killing of innocent people, including children; that the use of chemical weapons is a war crime and the strike on Syrian targets was a response to a war crime."

German Chancellor Angela Merkel: "We support the fact that our U.S., UK and French allies took on responsibility in this way as permanent members of the U.N. Security Council. The military strike was necessary and appropriate in order to preserve the effectiveness of the international ban on the use of chemical weapons and to warn the Syrian regime against further violations."

Greece's Foreign Ministry: "Greece unreservedly condemns the use of chemical weapons and supports efforts to eliminate them. At the same time, the international community should aim for a political and sustainable solution in Syria that will end the war (and) allow the return of millions of refugees."

Italian Premier Paolo Gentiloni: "This was a limited and targeted action to strike the capacity of building or diffusing chemical arms. It cannot and should not be the start of an escalation."

Mexican government: "Mexico reiterates its broadest condemnation of the use of chemical weapons."

NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg: "Before the attack took place (Friday) night, NATO allies exhausted all other possible ways to address this issue to the U.N. Security Council but were blocked by Russia. I am not saying that the attacks last night solved all problems but compared to the alternative to do nothing, this was the right thing to do."

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy: "What has occurred in Syria ... goes far beyond the constant violation of ceasefires. The response to these atrocities is legitimate and proportionate."

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, saying more must be done to hold Syria accountable for its use of conventional weapons. "The people who have been martyred by chemicals is a certain number but the people martyred by conventional weapons is much, much more."

Suspicions surround Congo violence

Rights group says it was told of scheme by leader's backers

By Robyn Dixon
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Family members of a person killed in protests in late December react to their relative's coffin after it arrived from the morgue Jan. 11 in Kinshasa. At least five people were killed in clashes when police stormed churches, the U.N. says.

JOHANNESBURG — In a fog of tear gas, a priest in the capital drags a woman to safety after she was shot. In the churchyard. By the police.

About a thousand miles away in the Ituri region, on the other side of the Congo, people fleeing a massacre climb out of boats and wade ashore, their homes burned to the ground, their dead unburied.

And 700 miles from there, in the Kasai region, the United Nations discovers 80 mass graves, then blames government soldiers for most of the deaths.

It is easy to see these recent scenes as unrelated incidents in the panoramic chaos of a vast and troubled nation spinning out of control.

But there is another theory: The events are part of a plan.

Ida Sawyer, Human Rights Watch director for Central Africa, said senior security and intelligence officials in Congo told the organization about a scheme being carried out by President Joseph Kabila's powerful supporters in the government and security sector to derail elections scheduled for December and keep him in power: Sow violence across the country in a "strategy of chaos."

Kabila, who inherited the presidency from his father in 2001 and won an election in 2006, was supposed to leave office in 2016 when his second and final term expired. He refused. Then he was supposed to step down in 2017 under a deal negotiated by mediators from the Catholic Church. Now 46, he and his government have used every ploy to keep him in power.

Meanwhile, his family has amassed a fortune with interests in at least 80 companies in a range of industries, including diamonds, copper and cobalt mining, and telecommunications.

Despite the country's vast natural resources, 2 million children are at risk of starvation and 4.5 million people have fled their homes because of recent fighting. The U.N. is scheduled to host a global donor conference Friday seeking to raise $1.7 billion for the humanitarian crisis.

But Kabila's government will boycott the conference. It says there is no crisis.

That response left observers gasping. But it is consistent with a government that analysts describe as isolated, bellicose and running out of options. Senior officials have been sanctioned by the U.N. and major Western powers. Belgium, the former colonial power, has suspended aid.

Kabila has long been hostile to international "meddling" in the country, said Stephanie Wolters, an analyst with the Pretoria, South Africa-based Institute for Security Studies. The president wants the world's largest and most expensive U.N. peacekeeping mission — costing the international community $1.14 billion a year — out of Congo by 2020.

Snapshots of recent violence offer a window into the human misery that the U.N. donor conference hopes to address.

At least 18 people have been killed in recent demonstrations at churches around the country, including eight in December at the St. Dominic Church in the capital, Kinshasa, where people were protesting Kabila's refusal to leave power.

When police fired into the churchyard, the crowds ran screaming, video from local media showed. Police beat protesters with batons and arrested white-clad priests.

Nationwide, about 300 protesters have been killed by security forces since 2015, according to Human Rights Watch.

In the case of the mass graves in the Kasai region uncovered in 2016 and 2017, a U.N. report blamed army soldiers who were cracking down on a local rebel group known as Kamwina Nsapu.

"They sent in the army and in a dramatically disproportionate fashion set about killing many of these militiamen who were armed with nothing except brooms and sticks," said Jason Stearns, director of the Congo Research Group at New York University. "So thousands of people, either civilians or insurgents, were killed by the government."

At least 5,000 people, including many civilians, have died in fighting in Kasai since 2016, according to Human Rights Watch. The U.N. also implicated armed ethnic groups that the government had backed to help suppress the rebels.

The military says youths from the Lendu ethnic group attacked villages of Hema people and burned dozens of settlements, raped women and killed at least 200 people.

"They cut off the heads and arms of some and even slit open their bellies," a survivor from the village of Seseti told Human Rights Watch. "We were afraid to stay and bury them properly, so we just dug a small hole and quickly left."

But the attacks puzzled analysts and community leaders, because many of the attackers did not speak the local language. Survivors said outsiders were involved.

Although there has been long-standing tension between the Lendu and the Hema, Stearns said that community leaders were adamant there were no local issues that fed the violence, and that many of them suspected "external forces."

"The question is why now," he said. "It does certainly appear that something's going on that can't just be attributed to local communal conflict."

But would figures close to Kabila be willing to orchestrate violence to avoid elections?

"I think it's extremely plausible. We have already seen it," said Wolters, referring to months of delays in voter registration due to the violence in Kasai. "There's nothing it seems to me at this point that they would not be willing to do to serve their purposes and delay elections to keep Kabila in power."

Wolters said government ministers, military and security figures, senior parliamentary officials and Kabila's family were working to keep the president in office. "There's a long list of people whose political futures are linked to Kabila, and of course the longer they linger, the more the crackdowns go on, the more closely their futures are linked to him."

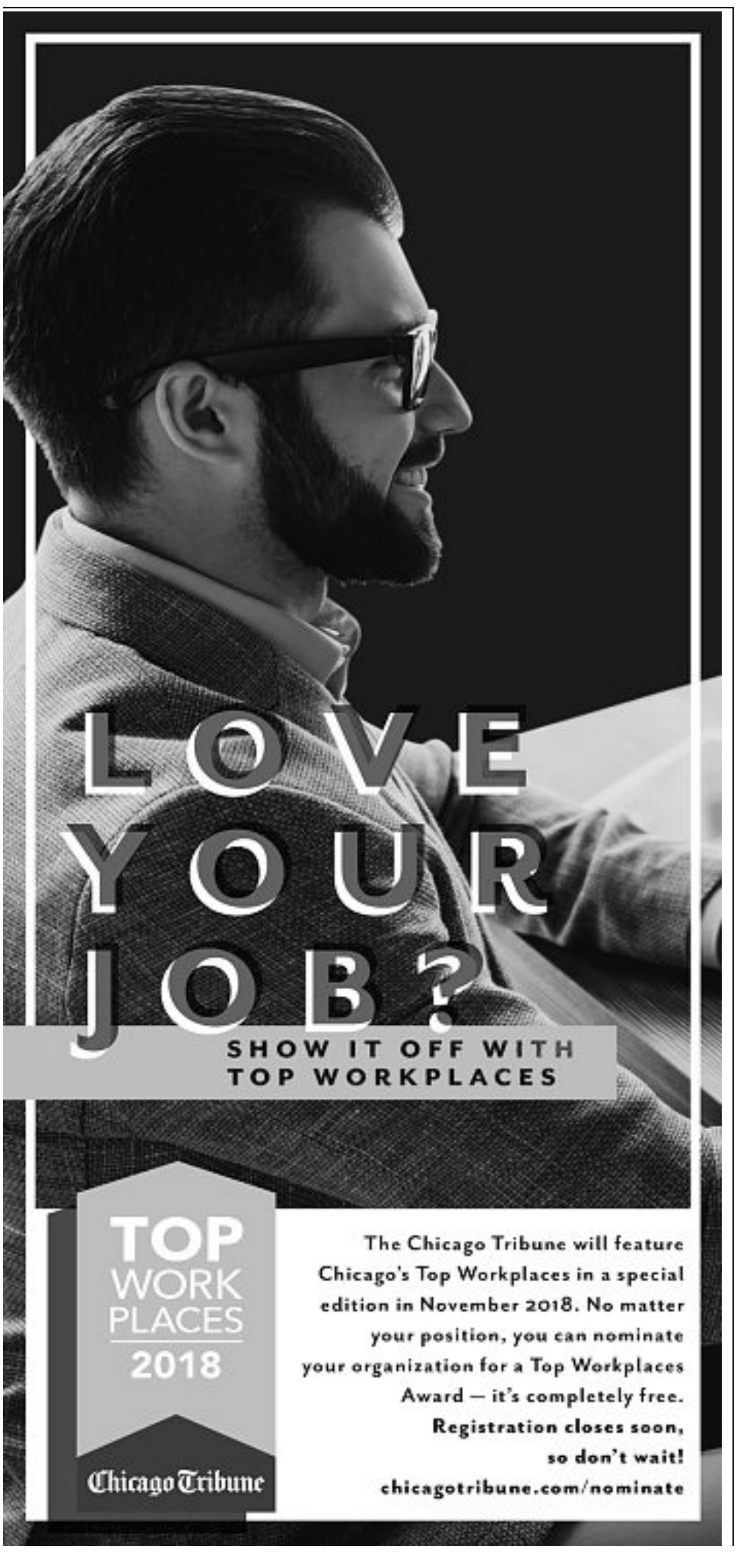
Sawyer said some figures close to Kabila were speaking of changing the law or constitution to enable him to stay.

The head of the Independent National Electoral Commission, Corneille Nangaa, said the main reason for the failure to hold elections in 2017 was the Kasai violence. In February, he said the new violence in Ituri could lead to more delays.

Other experts echoed that concern.

"It's pretty clear even to the hard-liners at this point that sooner or later this is going to end and it's not going to end well," Wolters said. "If the election doesn't take place and Kabila clings to power and comes up with flimsy excuses, or if the election goes ahead but it's not credible, I think that could very much lead to an all-out conflict.

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South Africans mourn 'Mama Winnie' at funeral

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Mourners watch from the stands of the Orlando Stadium in Soweto during the funeral of the late anti-apartheid champion Winnie Mandizikela-Mandela.

JOHANNESBURG — Tens of thousands of people sang, cheered and cried as the flag-draped casket of anti-apartheid activist Winnie Madikizela-Mandela was escorted from her official funeral Saturday, after supporters defended her complex legacy with poetry and anger.

Thunder rumbled and rain fell as the casket left the 40,000-seat stadium — a blessing, witnesses said.

Heads of state joined the five-hour celebration of the powerful figure who will be buried as a national hero following lively debate over how she should be remembered after her death April 2 at age 81.

Often called the "Mother of the Nation" and "Mama Winnie," Madikizela-Mandela fought to keep South Africa's anti-apartheid struggle in the international spotlight while her husband, Nelson Mandela, was imprisoned.

"Long before it was fashionable to call for Nelson Mandela's release from Robben Island, it was my mother who kept his memory alive," elder daughter Zenani Mandela-Dlamini said as the crowd erupted in cheers.

"Proud, defiant, articulate, she exposed the lie of apartheid," South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa said during his tribute. "Loudly and without apology, she spoke truth to power."

He recited Maya Angelou's poem "Still I Rise."

Since her death, supporters have visited Madikizela-Mandela's family home in Soweto, the Johannesburg township where she lived, and condolences have poured in from around the world.

Jesse Jackson, the American civil-rights leader who attended the funeral, said Friday that Madikizela-Mandela was responsible for making the anti-apartheid movement "a global struggle."

Many memorializing Madikizela-Mandela recognized her as a political force in her own right.

"In apartheid South Africa, the combination of patriarchy and racism together meant that black women confronted enormous obstacles from the cradle to the grave, making her own achievements all the more exceptional," U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said Friday at a memorial in New York.

The young Madikizela-Mandela grew up in what is now Eastern Cape province and came to Johannesburg as the city's first black female social worker. Not long after, she met African National Congress activist Mandela and the couple married in 1958, forming one of the most storied unions of the century.

After Mandela was imprisoned, Madikizela-Mandela embraced her own leadership in the freedom struggle with steely determination and at great personal sacrifice.

For years, she was routinely harassed by apartheid-state security forces, imprisoned and tortured. In 1977, she was banished to a remote town.

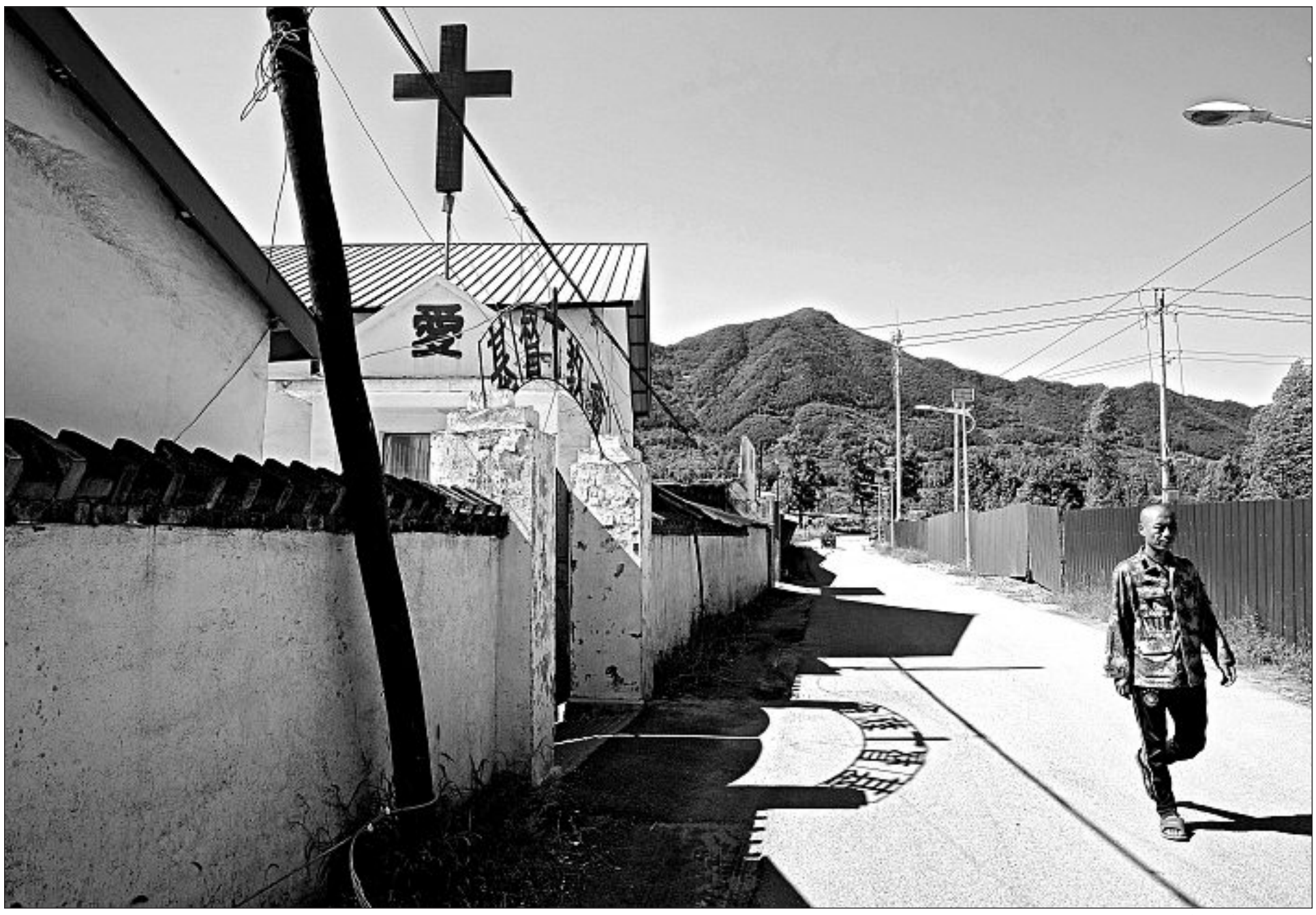
It took a toll. When Madikizela-Mandela returned from exile she became involved with a group of young men known as the Mandela United Football Club. The men were accused of the disappearances and killings of at least 18 boys and young men and the leader was convicted of killing a 14-year-old, nicknamed "Stompie," accused of being a police informer.

In 1991, a court found Madikizela-Mandela guilty of the boy's kidnapping and assault and sentenced her to six years in jail. She appealed and was found guilty of being an accessory in the assault, and the sentence was reduced to a fine and suspended prison term. Madikizela-Mandela denied knowledge of any killings.

Mandela divorced her in 1996, alleging infidelity and saying that after his 1990 prison release, she made him "the loneliest man."

Ramaphosa said the traumas that Madikizela-Mandela endured as a target of the powerful apartheid state inflicted "deep wounds" that never healed.

"She bore witness to our suffering. We did not do the same for her," he said. "Today is a moment to heal those wounds. Today is a time for healing as we put Mama Winnie to rest."



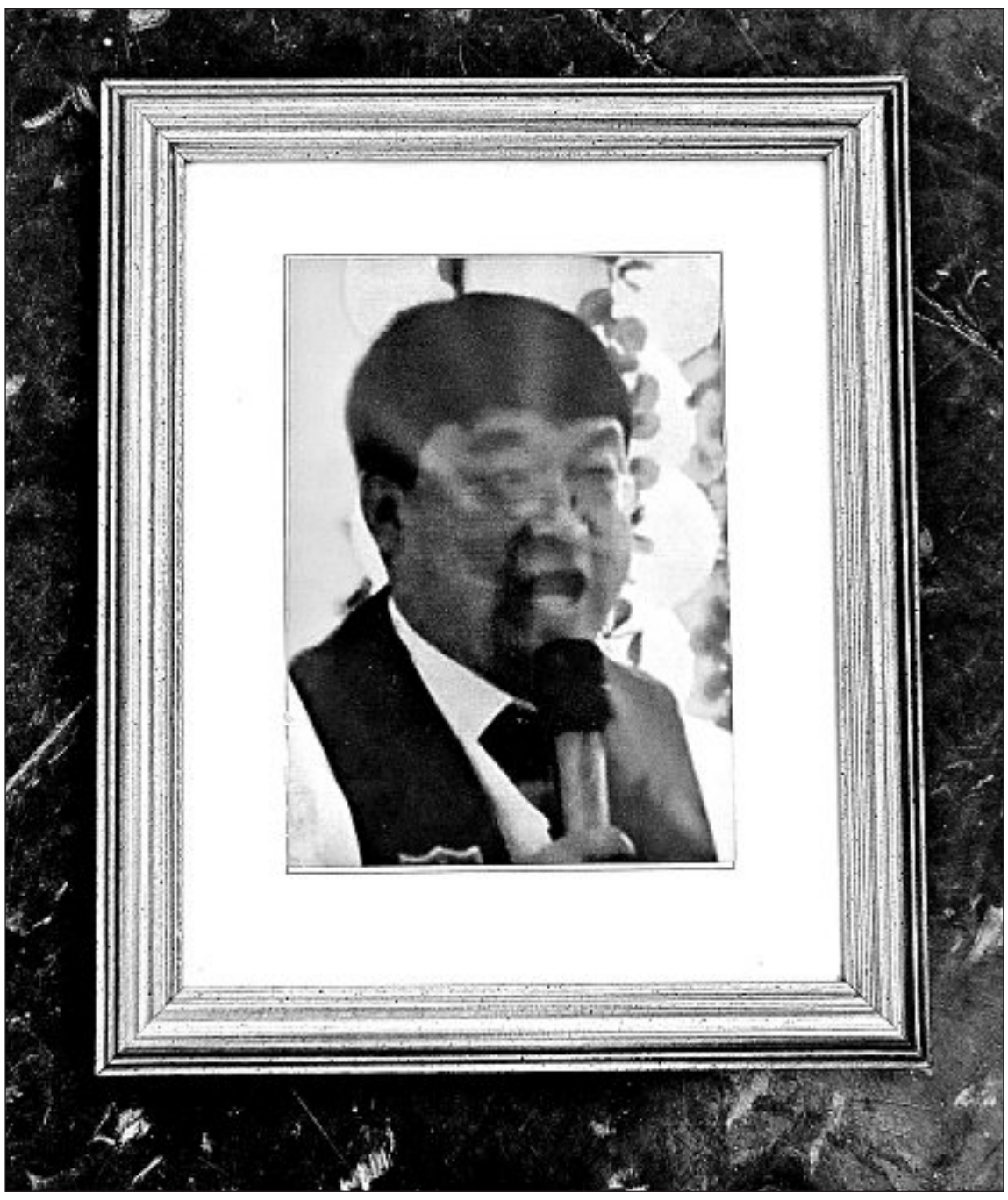
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Missionaries in northeastern China are spreading Christianity across the border to North Korea. A South Korean pastor says 10 such missionaries and pastors have died mysteriously.

Border missionaries put it all on line

Spreading Christianity to North Korea proves deadly for evangelists

By Hyung-Jin Kim and Gerry Shih
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The Rev. Han Chung-ryeol, who headed a front-line church in the Chinese border town of Changbai, was found dead of stab wounds and a punctured skull in 2016, raising suspicions that North Korea was involved.

SOUTHERN JILIN PROVINCE, China — To the North Koreans gathered beneath a crucifix in an apartment in this northeastern Chinese border region, she is known as "mom." She feeds them, gives them a place to stay and — on occasion — money.

In return, the 69-year-old Korean-Chinese woman asks them to study the Bible, pray and sing hymns.

She also has a more ambitious — and potentially dangerous — goal: She wants the most trusted of her converts to return to North Korea and spread Christianity there.

Along the North Korean border, dozens of such missionaries are engaged in work that puts them and their North Korean converts in danger.

Most are South Koreans, but others, like the woman, are ethnic Koreans whose families have lived in China for generations.

In recent years, 10 such front-line missionaries and pastors have died mysteriously, according to the Rev. Kim Kyou Ho, head of the Seoul-based Chosen People Network, a Christian group that runs a memorial hall in the South Korean capital for the victims.

North Korea is suspected in all those deaths.

Hundreds of other missionaries have been imprisoned or expelled by China, which bans foreigners from proselytizing.

It is perilous work. Li Baiguang, a Chinese human rights lawyer whose work defending Christian pastors and farmers had prompted repeated death threats, died on Feb. 26, hours after being admitted to a Chinese military hospital for what his relatives described as a minor stomach ailment.

The case has prompted calls for an independent investigation from Amnesty International and the Washington-based National Endowment for Democracy, which noted Li had been "detained and physically attacked many times" for his work and cited reports he had recently appeared to be in good health.

The Korean-Chinese woman said she is monitored by both North Korean and Chinese authorities, yet, despite the risks, has carried out 20 years of missionary work with North Koreans, mostly women who are in China legally after being granted visas to visit relatives living there.

"I always pray, and I'm with God, so I'm not worried," said the woman, who despite that assertion asked that her name not be published because of safety concerns for herself, her family and the North Koreans to whom she ministers.

She lives so close to North Korea that it is common to see women doing laundry on the other side of the Yalu River or workers riding bicycles past rundown North Korean buildings just a stone's throw away.

The border missionaries provide their North Korean visitors with room and board and those escaping with places to hide.

In return, they ask them to memorize the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed and other prayers. Some of the most trusted converts return home to North Korea and covertly share what they've learned, sometimes carrying Bibles.

It's almost impossible to determine what happens when those North Koreans return home to evangelize. From the outside, there is no indication that Christianity has grown in any serious manner in the North in recent years, let alone that it's helping shake North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's power.

The North accuses South Korea's spy agency of using missionaries to gather information about North Korea's secretive nuclear program and other sensitive topics, as well as to smuggle propaganda materials via leaflets, CDs and USB sticks, and to build underground churches to undermine Kim's leadership — allegations the Seoul government strongly denies.

At least two South Korean pastors are detained in the North on such charges.

Officially, North Korea says it guarantees freedom of religion to its 24 million people.

But in reality, people involved in Bible distribution, secret prayer services and underground church networks are imprisoned or executed, according to activists and defectors.

The North has five government-sanctioned churches in Pyongyang, but critics say they are showpiece facilities opened only for foreign visitors.

Among the missionaries and pastors killed under mysterious circumstances in recent years is the Rev. Han Chung-ryeol, a Chinese pastor of Korean descent who headed a front-line church in the Chinese border town of Changbai before he was found dead of multiple stab wounds and a punctured skull in April 2016, raising suspicions that North Korea was involved.

Chinese police recently told his family that surveillance video had captured images of three men and a woman suspected of being North Korean agents crossing the border before and after the 49-year-old pastor's slaying, Han's sister, Han Songshi, told The Associated Press. She said Chinese authorities told the family the North didn't respond to Chinese requests to extradite the suspects.

North Korea instead sent a letter to the state religious affairs bureau in Changbai saying it had arrested one of Han's church deacons, Zhang Wenshi, and sentenced him to 15 years hard labor, according to two people with direct knowledge of the case who spoke on condition of anonymity, fearing retribution from North Korea and China.

In a copy of the letter seen by the AP, North Korea accused Zhang of conspiring with Han in a plot to evangelize North Koreans, smuggle them out of the country and subvert the North's government.

But the letter stopped short of acknowledging that North Korean agents killed Han.

A spokeswoman for the Changbai police department would not confirm the family's account, saying only, "We have no obligation to release the details of the investigation to the media." A state-run North Korean website denied any involvement in Han's slaying, accusing South Korea's then-conservative government of being behind a scheme to foster anti-Pyongyang sentiment.

Though Han was little known to international media before his death, he was an important figure in the risky, covert work to promote Christianity in the North, which views such efforts as a Western-led plot to topple its government.

At the Chinese government-registered church in Changbai where he had worked since the early 1990s, he fed and sheltered thousands of North Koreans over the years — many of whom had fled their famine-stricken country in search of food and jobs — while also converting hundreds of them to Christianity.

Eric Foley, the American co-founder of Voice of the Martyrs Korea, a Seoul-based Christian nonprofit group that provided funding, Bibles and other resources for Han's work, said he thought the Chinese authorities looked the other way about Han's proselytizing because they considered his charitable work to be a "social service" that helped allay potential problems like crime, unemployment and homelessness among the North Koreans in Changbai.

"That allowed him to do that work in a level of volume that was unparalleled up and down the border," Foley said.

He insisted Han did not facilitate defections of North Koreans to South Korea, which is banned by China. But seven other defectors and activists interviewed by the AP said Han did sometimes help North Korean defectors flee to South Korea, though he was reluctant to do so for fear of angering the Chinese authorities and imperiling the work of his church.

Choi Sung-ryong, a Seoul-based activist, said he resettled 10 North Koreans in South Korea at the request of one of Han's deacons.

When one of his converts volunteered to return to North Korea to share the "love of God" with her countrymen in 2011, the woman said Han smiled at her, asked her to memorize as many Bible phrases as possible and gave her $800 to buy a house in the North that she could use as a gathering place for underground Christians.

"He told me that house would be a church or a place for God," said the North Korean woman, who has since defected to South Korea and spoke on condition of anonymity because of concerns for the safety of her relatives in the North.

As a result of his risky work, North Korean defectors, including the woman, had long warned Han that the Pyongyang authorities had him on the country's most-wanted list.

The Rev. John Kim, a defector now a pastor in Seoul, said he was questioned about Han as far back as 2003 when he slipped back into North Korea to try to spread the Gospel.

Soldiers approached him as he was doing laundry at a river, and they asked if he knew someone named Han Chung-ryeol, said Kim. "So I asked them who he was, and they said they had to arrest him."

As for the congregants Han left behind, their sentiments are reflected in the message on a banner they hung on the front gate of their red-brick church in Changbai: "Martyr and pastor, Han Chung-ryeol is our pride!"

Free-range parenting laws are all the rage

Freedom can make boys and girls more resilient, many say

By Lindsay Whitehurst
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RICK BOWMER/AP

Amy Coulter and her daughter April, 7, play earlier this month at a park in Salt Lake City.

SALT LAKE CITY — After Utah passed the country's first law legalizing so-called free-range parenting, groups in states from New York to Texas are pushing for similar steps to bolster the idea that supporters say is an antidote for anxiety-plagued parents and over-scheduled kids.

Free-range parenting is the concept that giving kids the freedom to do things alone — like explore a playground or ride a bike to school — makes them healthier, happier and more resilient.

It surfaced nearly a decade ago, when Lenore Skenazy touched off a firestorm with a column about letting her then-9-year-old son ride the New York City subway alone. Since then, she's become a vocal advocate for free-range parenting.

Critics say letting children strike out on their own can expose them to serious dangers, from criminals to cars.

Parents have been investigated by child-welfare authorities in several high-profile cases, including a Maryland couple who allowed their 10- and 6-year-old children to walk home alone from a park in 2015.

But lawmakers and policy groups in several states say the protective pendulum has swung too far, and it's time to send a message that parents who raise their children in a healthy environment can grant them more freedom.

Utah's new law specifies that it isn't neglectful to let well-cared-for children travel to school, explore a playground or stay in the car alone if they're mature enough to handle it.

Free-range parenting differs from the concept of latchkey kids, or those who take care of themselves after school, in that it emphasizes getting kids outside in the neighborhood as a way to develop independence, Boston-based clinical psychologist Bobbi Wegner said.

Fears about letting kids make their own way date at least in part to cases like Etan Patz, who was among the first missing children pictured on milk cartons after disappearing while he walked to his New York City bus stop alone in 1979.

As education has become more essential in the workforce, parents are increasingly eager to give their kids a leg up with lessons in everything from coding to cello.

"We sign our kids up for all these activities — tutoring, different things — to create this perfect resume from a very young age, but it's really at a detriment to the kid's mental health," Wegner said.

While giving kids independence with parent oversight helps, it's hard for adults to escape pressure to hover, she said.

"Parents need permission to do this," Wegner said.

A self-avowed free-range parent, she said a police officer once knocked on her door and threatened to call child services after seeing her then-3-and-a-half-year-old son standing at the end of the driveway talking to neighborhood kids.

She'd like to see Massachusetts follow Utah's lead.

In New York, Democratic state Assemblyman Phil Steck said he's gearing up to introduce a similar proposal.

"When I was a child, you let your dogs and your children out after breakfast, and they had to be home for dinner," he said. "I felt I gained a lot more from just playing on the street than my children did from being in organized sports activities."

It's an idea that cuts across the ideological spectrum. Brandon Logan with the conservative Texas Public Policy Foundation is working with lawmakers for a bill next year.

"We expect adults to be independent, and we expect parents to raise their children to be independent, and you can't do that whenever children are being micromanaged," Logan said.

A conservative group is also pushing for a bill in Idaho, and an Arkansas lawmaker whose effort failed plans to bring it back again.

They're all taking a close look at Utah's law, which sailed through the legislature and was signed by the governor of the majority-Mormon state known for big families and wide-open spaces.

It doesn't specify how old kids should be to do things alone, which lawmakers say will allow authorities to weigh each case separately.

Discretion like that is important, said Stephen Hinshaw, a University of California at Berkeley psychology professor.

Not every child is ready to ride their bike alongside busy roads, and participating in things like music lessons can teach them important skills.

"Parents have to be smart about what is helping foster self-reliance and what is putting kids in a dangerous spot," he said.

Amy Coulter, a stay-at-home Utah mom of four girls and a boy, said she doesn't call herself a free-range parent.

But she does avoid intervening with teachers on her older kids' grades and encourages her kids to use their own money to buy things at the grocery store.

"I want them to know that they're capable," she said of her children, who range in age from 5 to 14.



CZAREK SOKOLOWSKI/AP

People march on Thursday between former death camps in Auschwitz and Birkenau, in Oswiecim, Poland. A study says many Americans cannot identify what Auschwitz was.

Study: Americans forgetting Holocaust

By Julie Zauzmer
The Washington Post

Two-thirds of American millennials cannot identify what Auschwitz was, according to a study released last week that found that knowledge of the genocide that killed 6 million Jews during World War II is rapidly fading among American adults, especially those ages 18 to 34.

Twenty-two percent of millennials said they haven't heard of the Holocaust or are not sure whether they've heard of it — twice the percentage of U.S. adults as a whole who said the same.

The study, by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, interviewed 1,350 American adults in February.

Asked to identify what Auschwitz was, 41 percent of American adults as a whole and 66 percent of millennials couldn't come up with a response identifying it as an extermination camp.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum says that at least 1.3 million people were deported to the camp, run by Nazi Germany in occupied Poland, from 1940 to 1945, and 1.1 million of them were killed. It was the largest concentration camp among many built by the Nazis during their campaign to wipe out the Jews and other groups.

The survey found a low awareness of nations other than Germany where the Holocaust occurred: Just 5 to 6 percent of U.S. adults knew that Jews were killed in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, where 90 percent of the local Jewish populations were murdered.

Just 37 percent of U.S. adults knew that Jews from Poland were killed. Poland was home to 3.5 million Jewish Holocaust victims.

Respondents indicated much more awareness of modern-day bias against Jews, with 68 percent saying anti-Semitism is present in America today.

The poll has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

GOP devoting $250 million to midterm plan of keeping House

WASHINGTON — The Republican National Committee has committed $250 million to a midterm election strategy that has one goal above all else: Preserve the party's House majority for the rest of President Donald Trump's first term.

Facing the prospect of a blue wave this fall, the White House's political arm is devoting unprecedented resources to building an army of paid staff and trained volunteers across more than two dozen states. The RNC is taking the fight to Senate Democrats in Republican-leaning states, but much of the national GOP's resources are focused on protecting Republican-held House seats in states including Florida, California and New York.

"Our No. 1 priority is keeping the House," RNC political director Juston Johnson said. "That is the approach we took to put the budget together."

Pence expresses optimism of NAFTA deal at Peru summit

LIMA, Peru — Vice President Mike Pence said Saturday that there's a "real possibility" the United States could reach a deal with Canada and Mexico on a renegotiated North American Free Trade Agreement "within the next several weeks."

Pence told reporters after meeting with the leaders of both countries at the Summit of the Americas that he'll leave the summit "very hopeful that we are very close" to a deal.

President Donald Trump has assailed the effect of NAFTA on U.S. workers and insisted on a new round of negotiations with Canada and Mexico.

Meanwhile, leaders at the summit vowed to confront systemic corruption with an accord aimed at improving transparency and boosting civil society at a time when graft scandals plague many of their own governments.

Russia: Trace of Western-made poison detected in U.K. samples

MOSCOW — Russia's foreign minister says Moscow has received a document from a Swiss lab that analyzed the samples in the nerve agent poisoning of an ex-Russian spy, which points at a Western-designed nerve agent as a likely cause.

Minister Sergey Lavrov said Saturday that Moscow received the confidential information from the laboratory in Spiez, Switzerland, that analyzed samples from the site of the March 4 poisoning of Sergei Skripal and his daughter in the English city of Salisbury.

He said the analysis was done at the request of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. The OPCW's report confirmed British findings that the Skripals were poisoned with a military-grade nerve agent, but didn't say who was responsible.



ROBERT F. BUKATY/AP

Guns rights rally: Joe Dobbins, of Hartford, Maine, wears a cutout of a tactical rifle while attending a rally in Augusta, the capital. Gun rights supporters rallied across the country to counter a recent wave of student-led protests against gun violence.

3 dead as storm pelts central part of nation with snow, ice

MINNEAPOLIS — A storm system stretching from the Gulf Coast to the Great Lakes buffeted the central part of the country with heavy winds, rain, hail and snow, forcing flight cancellations, creating treacherous road conditions and killing at least three people.

In the Upper Midwest, the early spring storm brought snow to a region pining for sunshine and warmth. More than 200 flights were canceled Saturday at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and blizzard conditions forced the airport in South Dakota's biggest city, Sioux Falls, to remain closed for a second straight day.

Authorities closed several highways in southwestern Minnesota, where no travel was advised, and driving conditions were difficult across the southern half of the state.

One of the three storm-related deaths occurred Saturday in northwestern Louisiana when a storm toppled a tree onto a mobile home in Haughton, killing a 2-year-old girl inside. Lt. Bill Davis of the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office said four adults and a 15-month-old child were also in the recreational vehicle but weren't hurt.

A 30-year-old woman died in a spinout on a slippery highway Saturday near Lewiston, Wis. Police said her minivan began to spin and crossed the center line of Highway 16, where it was struck by an oncoming SUV. Three passengers in the minivan and the SUV driver were hospitalized.

An Idaho truck driver lost control of his semi-trailer and slammed into a stranded semi Friday on snow-covered Interstate 80 near Chappell, Neb. Rollo Ward, 61, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, died.

'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest' director dies

LOS ANGELES — Czech filmmaker Milos Forman, whose American movies "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Amadeus" won a deluge of Academy Awards, including best director Oscars, died Saturday. He was 86.

Forman died at Danbury Hospital, near his home in Warren, Conn., according to a statement released by the former director's agent, Dennis Aspland.

Forman was raised by relatives after his parents' deaths during the Nazi Holocaust, and attended arts school in Prague. He abandoned his homeland after communist troops invaded in 1968.

After his first U.S. film, 1971's "Taking Off," flopped, Forman didn't direct a major feature until actor Michael Douglas gave a second chance, hiring him to direct 1975's "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest," which Douglas co-produced.

Germany moves closer to acquiring armed drones

BERLIN — Germany is close to finalizing a deal that will see the country buy its first weapons-capable drone aircraft — an Israeli designed model — from European aerospace giant Airbus, according to a government response to lawmakers.

The deal, worth $1.1 billion, including training and maintenance costs, has been politically contentious because of fears that having combat drones might make Germany more likely to participate in offensive military action abroad.

The terms of the weapons offer are binding until May 31, meaning Parliament would have to approve the agreement in the coming weeks, officials said.

Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen is keen for Germany to acquire the kind of combat drones already widely used by its allies.

The Egyptian military said militants wearing explosive belts blew themselves up Saturday as they tried to infiltrate a base in central Sinai, killing eight soldiers and wounding 15 others. The clashes left 14 militants dead. Egypt said there was no claim of responsibility for the attack, which bore the hallmarks of the Islamic State.

An E. coli outbreak that has sickened 35 people in 11 states — Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington — is linked to chopped romaine lettuce from Arizona, health officials said. Officials say 22 people have been hospitalized.

OBITUARIES

AARON ELSTER 1931-2018



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In 2017, Aaron Elster was filmed as a 3-D hologram, which is now displayed at the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie.

Survivor described Holocaust, urging: 'Stop hating each other'

By Howard Reich
Chicago Tribune

For nearly two years, Aaron Elster hid from Nazis in an attic, his identity as a Jewish boy in Poland a death sentence if he were to be discovered.

In that tiny space, he was subject to extremes of heat and cold and dared not make a sound. Only when rain and hail clattered on the roof above him could he produce some noise. He often told friends that he would use such occasions to sing.

These traumas — including the murders of his parents and a sister — eventually led Elster to become one of the Chicago area's most visible and eloquent Holocaust survivors and social activists. He appeared often on television and radio and gave uncounted public talks to discuss his family's tragedies and its consequences.

Elster, 86, died Wednesday evening at Evanston Hospital, said his son Steven.

"I revered him," said J.B. Pritzker, immediate past chair of the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center in Skokie (where Elster served as first vice president) and Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

"He was a leading light in the building of the Illinois Holocaust Museum. He was there from the beginning, before there was even a plan for the large museum that we ended up building," added Pritzker, noting that "it could not have been done without him."

Said museum CEO Susan Abrams: "He channeled the horrors that he lived through into a passion for inspiring others to work to make the world a better place."

Elster's efforts reached a new dimension last year, when he became one of several Holocaust survivors to be filmed as a 3-D hologram flickering in the museum's Take a Stand Center. Visitors watch a short film about each survivor, then can ask questions of the holographic image, which answers via groundbreaking voice-recognition technology.

"We survivors feel that when we are gone, our story is gone," Elster told the Tribune last October, as the museum's Take a Stand Center was about to open.

The holographic project, he added, "will continue the existence of our stories of our families. Our hope and our prayer is to enlighten people as to the people who stood up and made a difference, versus the bystanders that let things happen."

When Germans invaded Elster's town of Sokolow-Podlaski, the family was herded into a ghetto. On the day Jews were being packed into cattle cars headed for the Treblinka death camp, Elster escaped.

"Irene, my older sister, had already been smuggled into hiding with a Christian family in town," Elster told students at Stagg High School in Palos Hills in 2004.

"My father, mother, little sister, Sara, and I were all crouched in the marketplace, watching what was going on. Suddenly my father told me to run, so I crawled down the sewer and made my way into the country. I never saw him or my little sister again."

Nor his mother.

Elster found refuge in the attic of the home where his older sister was hiding. He used a pail as a toilet, could not bathe, and subsisted on a bowl of soup and a slice of bread each day.

When the war ended, Elster moved among various orphanages in Poland, then reached displaced persons camps in West Germany and came to the United States with his surviving sister in June 1947, according to the Illinois Holocaust Museum. Elster served in the U.S. Army in Korea, married, had two sons and worked as a life insurance agent and financial planner.

"We came here with so much baggage, so much inferiority, so much uncertainty with our lives," Elster told the Tribune in 2008.

"The reason a lot of survivors moved to Skokie, it's to be with your own kind," added Elster, who said he put $5,000 down on a two-bedroom co-op, paying $78 a month to live among Jews trying to rebuild their lives.

"Maybe in numbers there is safety, that type of thing," said Elster. "You're more accepted among your own. You know, everyone talks with a very heavy accent."

Like many survivors, Elster for years said little publicly about what had happened to him and his family "because I didn't want to relive the pain," he told the students at Stagg High School.

But later in life he became active in an earlier incarnation of the Illinois Holocaust Museum, when it was located in a cramped storefront on Skokie's Main Street.

"We were licking stamps, and we were licking envelopes," remembered Holocaust survivor and museum President Fritzie Fritzshall.

"I remember Aaron coming to Main Street after he retired. He understood from the very beginning what we were trying to do on Main Street to bring the story across."

So Elster began sharing his insights and autobiography as part of the museum's speakers bureau, addressing students, adults, police recruits and others who could benefit from his insights.

"He had a real passion for working with law enforcement officials, Chicago Police Department recruits and newly promoted officers," said museum CEO Abrams.

"He lighted up at the opportunity to speak to them, to work with them and to show them respect for the jobs that they do, putting their lives on the line to represent the rights of individuals and our democracy."

Or, as Elster told the Tribune in 2009: "My job is to go around all over and try to convince people to stop hating each other."

Elster also told his story in his memoir, "I Still See Her Haunting Eyes: The Holocaust & a Hidden Child Named Aaron," written with Joy Erlichman Miller.

The museum's holographic project was of particular importance to Elster, though he and the other participants suffered to create it: Each faced upward of 2,000 questions about their personal histories during a week of filming in California, forcing them to re-experience bleak events.

Why did Elster endure this?

"I'm hoping that many, many years from now, people will still be able to speak with me," he told the Tribune last year. "That I will be able to answer questions for them, that I'll make the Holocaust more than just a story."

In Elster's "honor and memory," said Abrams, his interactive hologram program will be shown hourly during the museum theater's operating hours for the next month.

Elster's survivors include his wife, Jackie; their sons, Steven and Robert; and three grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Shalom Memorial Park in Arlington Heights.

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ON APRIL 15 ...

In 1452 Renaissance artist, architect and engineer Leonardo da Vinci was born in Anchiano, Italy.

In 1850 the city of San Francisco was incorporated.

In 1861, three days after the Confederate attack on Ft. Sumter, President Abraham Lincoln declared a state of insurrection and called up Union troops.

In 1865 President Abraham Lincoln died, several hours after being shot at Ford's Theater in Washington by John Wilkes Booth. Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president.

In 1912 the British luxury liner Titanic sank in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland, less than three hours after striking an iceberg. About 1,500 people died.

In 1922 Harold Washington, later Chicago's first black mayor with his election in 1983, was born in Cook County Hospital.

In 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen.

In 1947 Jackie Robinson became baseball's first black player in the modern major league era when he debuted with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day.

In 1955 Ray Kroc opened the first McDonald's fast-food franchise, in Des Plaines.

In 1967 a jury in Chicago convicted Richard Speck in the July 1966 murders of eight student nurses in their South Side dormitory.

In 1970 President Nixon signed legislation banning television and radio advertisements for the sale of cigarettes.

In 1989, 95 people died in a crush of soccer fans at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England.

In 1997, in Saudi Arabia, fire destroyed a tent city outside Mecca, killing at least 343 Muslim pilgrims. **Also in 1997** Jackie Robinson's number 42 was retired throughout Major League Baseball 50 years after he became the first black player in the modern major leagues.

In 2003 looters and arsonists ransacked and gutted Iraq's National Library as well as Iraq's principal Islamic library. **Also in 2003** umpire Laz Diaz was attacked at U.S. Cellular Field by a fan during a game between the Kansas City Royals and Chicago White Sox. (The fan, 24-year-old Eric Dybas of Bolingbrook, was sentenced to 6 months in jail and 30 months' probation.)

In 2004, in the finale to the first edition of the NBC reality show "The Apprentice," Donald Trump "hired" Chicagoan Bill Rancic over Kwame Jackson during a segment that was telecast live.

In 2005 a Paris hotel fire killed 24 people, many of them African immigrants.

In 2013 twin explosions near the finish line of the Boston Marathon killed three people and injured 264, the first terrorist bombing in the U.S. since Sept. 11, 2001. President Barack Obama vowed, "We will find out who did this." **Also in 2013** gold prices suffered their worst daily loss in history, falling more than $125 an ounce.

In 2016 Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders interrupted his campaign to rail against the inequalities of capitalism at a Vatican conference during an unusual, lightning-quick visit to Rome days before the crucial New York primary. **Also in 2016** Loyola University Chicago announced the launch of an internal investigation into the conduct of women's basketball coach Sheryl Swoopes in light of a rash of players leaving the program.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
April 14
Powerball ..... **17 19 26 61 62 / 15**
Powerball jackpot: $106M
Lotto ..... **12 22 29 31 39 42 / 08**
Lotto jackpot: $10.75M
Pick 3 midday ..... **680 / 9**
Pick 4 midday ..... **8413 / 6**
Lucky Day Lotto midday **03 17 27 28 43**
Pick 3 evening ..... **152 / 0**
Pick 4 evening ..... **2040 / 1**
Lucky Day Lotto evening **14 26 27 32 40**

April 13
Mega Millions ..... **08 09 32 42 59 / 10**
Mega Millions jackpot: $55M
Pick 3 midday ..... **606 / 5**
Pick 4 midday ..... **1733 / 6**
Lucky Day Lotto midday **03 08 10 11 12**
Pick 3 evening ..... **874 / 8**
Pick 4 evening ..... **2688 / 3**
Lucky Day Lotto evening **01 12 19 41 42**

April 17 Mega Millions: $67M

INDIANA
April 14
Lotto **01 03 11 14 28 40**
Daily 3 midday ..... **197 / 2**
Daily 4 midday ..... **6177 / 2**
Daily 3 evening ..... **802 / 0**
Daily 4 evening ..... **8004 / 0**
Cash 5 ..... **06 07 10 17 30**

MICHIGAN
April 14
Lotto **02 11 22 25 27 44**
Daily 3 midday **148**
Daily 4 midday **4062**
Daily 3 evening **737**
Daily 4 evening **9914**
Fantasy 5 ..... **05 23 32 34 38**
Keno **01 02 04 05 06 08 09 12 13 22 28 31 38 41 52 55 56 70 72 74 76 78**

WISCONSIN
April 14
Megabucks **04 06 11 16 40 45**
Pick 3 ..... **171**
Pick 4 ..... **4867**
Badger 5 ..... **10 17 24 26 30**
SuperCash **10 12 20 29 30 36**

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DEATHS IN THE NEWS

Daniel Akaka, 93, first native-born Hawaiian elected to Congress, who served as a Democrat in both houses for more than 35 years and in 1993 helped push through a resolution in which the federal government apologized for overthrowing the Hawaiian monarchy 100 years earlier, stripping islanders of their right to self-determination; April 6, in Honolulu.

Susan Anspach, 75, actress who had several acclaimed film roles in the 1970s and 1980s, including in "Five Easy Pieces" and "Play It Again, Sam"; April 2, in Los Angeles, of a heart ailment.

Peter Gruenberg, 78, German scientist who shared the Nobel Prize in physics (2007) for a discovery that made possible great advances in computer technology by enabling the rapid reading of vast quantities of stored data in a process known as giant magnetoresistance; in early April.

Thomas Harris, 86, public relations executive who advocated making his discipline a key part of product branding and marketing and worked with firms including Edelman and what is now Golin, taught for years at Northwestern University, and wrote "The Marketer's Guide to Public Relations" and won honors that included the Golden Anvil Award for lifetime achievement from the Public Relations Society of America (2000); March 26, in Highland Park.

Jean Marzollo, 75, children's book author who wrote the "I Spy" series during a career that included some 150 books; April 10, in Cold Spring, N.Y.

J.D. "Sandy" McClatchy,



Akaka



Gruenberg



White



Staples

72, champion of verse who taught, edited, criticized and wrote poetry for more than four decades and published several essay collections and eight volumes of poetry, including "Hazmat," a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in poetry (2003), and was a former chancellor of the Academy of American Poets and president of the American Academy of Arts and Letters; April 10, in New York City, of cancer.

Donald McKayle, 87, modern dancer and choreographer who brought the black experience in America to the Broadway stage in musicals such as "Raisin" — which won the Tony Award for best musical (1973) — and "Sophisticated Ladies" (1981) and who was a University of California, Irvine professor emeritus of dance; April 6.

Sergio Pitol, 85, Mexican author, essayist and translator who won the Cervantes Prize (2005) as well as Mexico's National Literature Prize (1983) and the Juan Rulfo Latin American and Caribbean Prize (1999) and was known for such works as "Mephisto's Waltz" and "Trilogy of Memory," which included "The Art of Flight," "The Journey" and "The Magician of Vienna"; April 12, in Xalapa, Veracruz state.

Mitzi Shore, 87, owner of the Comedy Store club in Los Angeles, mother of actor/comedian Pauly Shore, and one of the most influential figures in stand-up for more than four decades as major comics including Richard Pryor, Robin Williams and Jerry Seinfeld used the club as a stepping-stone and returned to hone their acts after gaining fame; April 11.

Yvonne Staples, 80, member of the Staple Singers gospel music family who performed with sisters Mavis and Cleotha and their father, Pops, on hits such as "Respect Yourself" and "I'll Take You There," their first No. 1 hit, also helped with the group's business concerns, and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with her family (1999) and shared a lifetime achievement award from the Grammys (2005); April 10, in Chicago.

Cecil Taylor, 89, visionary pianist who revolutionized jazz by launching the free-jazz movement in the late 1950s, received a MacArthur Foundation "genius grant" (1991), was named a National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Master (1990), received the Kyoto Prize, a $500,000 award from Japan for cultural achievement (2014), and continued to perform as recently as 2016; April 5, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Izola White, 95, entrepreneur whose soul food restaurant, Izola's, was a Chicago landmark that fed locals, business owners, cops and politicians at its location in the Chatham neighborhood from 1957 until it closed in 2010, sponsored Little League baseball teams and provided a meeting place for such patrons as the local chapter of the Negro American Labor Council; April 10, in Chicago.

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

Alberts, Donna Marie
Donna Marie Alberts, 75, loving mother of Joe (Michele) Alberts, John Alberts, Michael (Kathy) Alberts, Dawn (Mike) Lorr, Denise Alberts, and the late Dina (the late Donald) Stagner; Cherished grandmother of Alyssa (fiancée Tom Johnson), Matthew, Jack, Joe, Michael, Alexis, Ava, Danny, Isabella, Luke, Francesca, Ashley, and John. Loved to watch all her children and grandchildren in their sporting events and performances, as well as playing tennis and traveling with her family and friends. She was a loyal friend and coworker, with 21 years at the Chicago Department of Revenue. Funeral Mass Wednesday 10am at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale. Interment Bronswood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation, www.lynnsage.org, are appreciated. Arrangements by **Sullivan Funeral Home** Hinsdale, 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com

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Angelopoulos, Helen
Helen Angelopoulos, nee Karavidas, Beloved wife of the late Peter Angelopoulos. Loving mother of Art, John (Laura), Ted, and Maria (Patrick) McDorman. Cherished grandmother of Theresa (Jess), Lauren (Isaac), Katie (Tom), Lea, Eleni (Joe), Peter, Christina, Amanda, Anna and Great grandmother of of Matthew, Scotty and one on the way. Dear sister of Charles (the late Dolores), Gus, the late John, the late Marie (the late Al), the late George (Lillian) and the late William (the late Gloria). Fond aunt of many and their families. Visitation Monday 4:00 to 9:00 pm at Smith ~ Corcoran Funeral Home 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Family and friends will meet Tuesday morning at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church 2727 W. Winona St., Chicago. for funeral service at 10:30 am. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers memorial donations may be made to The American Heart Association or The Dementia Society of America. Arrangements by JOHN G. ADINAMIS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD. (773) 736-3833

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Arens, Michael Franklin
October 7, 1957 – April 4, 2018

Mike is most definitely the life of the party in heaven! With his charismatic, vibrant and infectious character, and a personality the size of Chicago, he lit up the room. A great storyteller and a huge sports fan, Mike was truly larger than life. He adored the sun and ocean and will be remembered forever young.

Mike loved basketball and played for both Highland Park High School and University of Iowa. He was also a successful advertising executive with the Chicago Sting, US News and World Report, and other media companies throughout his career.

Michael Franklin Arens (60) of Pompano Beach, FL was born in Portland, OR to Ann Marie Learn (nee Martin) of Illinois and Frank Learn of South Dakota. Mike grew up in Highland Park and is survived by his daughter, and greatest love, Carly Marie Arens, his former spouse, Jeanne Arens (nee Willenburg), his brother, Tom Arens (Sheila), his sister Mary Beth Dodge (Steve), and his brother, Bill Arens. Mike is preceded in death by his mother, Ann Marie Arens (nee Martin), his first father, Frank Learn, his second father, J. Paul Arens, his sister, Patti Parker (nee Arens) and brother in law, Marc Parker, and his uncle and friend, Happy Martin.

Funeral on April 21st, at Immaculate Conception Parish, 770 Deerfield Road, Highland Park, IL with a visitation from 9-10 am and a Mass from 10 – 11 am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the www.KennyArnoldFoundation.org.
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Armbrust, Joy Marilyn
Joy Marilyn Armbrust, nee Schubert, of Mt. Prospect, died suddenly of lung cancer on Sunday April 8, 2018. Preceded in death by her husband John, and sister Diane Ehlman. Mother of Alan Armbrust and Lynley (Thomas) Kleiner, grandmother of Reid Kleiner and Alexandra Kleiner, aunt of Lesley (Dan) Brewster, Todd (Gina) Ehlman, Brett Ehlman and Paige Ehlman.
Visitation Friday, April 20th, 3:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. at Friedrichs Funeral Home, 320 W. Central Rd. (at Northwest Highway) Mt. Prospect. Prayers Saturday, April 21st, from the funeral home, to St. Emily Church for Funeral Mass at 10:00 A.M. Interment All Saints Cemetery
In lieu of flowers memorials to JourneyCare Foundation, 2050 Claire Ct., Glenview, IL 60025 or online at www.journeycare.org
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Armer, Mary Alice Harwood

101, of Clearwater FL, went for her lord and savior Easter (April 1, 2018) she was born to the late Dr. Clarence and Nanne Harwood in Janesville, IL. on October 21, 1916. She graduated from Charleston High School and Eastern Illinois University along with gaining her Masters from Depaul University in Chicago, ILL. She was married to Vaughn E. Armer (Deceased) on December 25, 1938 in Charleston IL. After moving to Riverforest IL. Mary Was A Teacher at Elmwood High school for 25 years. After retirement she moved to Clearwater FL, in 1975. Activities include; PEO Sisterhood (60 years), Skycrest Methodist Church, Golf, Bridge and some activities from Feather Sound C.C. Mary had an endearing smile, great sense of humor, and outgoing personality. Her friends will miss her. Mary was preceded in death by her husband Vaughn and daughter Mary Ann (Armer) Meyer. Mary is survived by her son Mike, grandchildren Mike Meyer (Brenda) of Greencastle IN. Ann Stewart (Steven) Brandon, FL, Peter Meyer (Julia) Lakeland, FL, Patrick Meyer (Julia)Downers Grove, IL, Tony Meyer (Denise) of Greencastle, IN. and 14 Great grandchildren. Private arrangements for family members only at Mattoon, IL.
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Armour, Vernon
Armour, Vernon
Vernon Armour, 90, died of natural causes on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Vernon was born in Lake Forest, IL to Lester and Leola Stanton Armour on July 1, 1927. He was preceded in death by his wife Linda Freeman Armour, and siblings Elizabeth Hollins, Lester Jr. and T. Stanton Armour. He is survived by his children: Linda (George) Kelly of Houston, TX; Cynthia (Colt) Landreth of Chicago, IL; Vernon K. (Miah) of Green Oaks, IL; Gordon F. (Anne) of New Haven, CT; his first wife and his children's mother Pamela K. (Roger) Hull of Lake Forest, IL; grandchildren Tony (Alicia) Ward; G. Winchester (Callie), Sara and Madeline Kelly; Frances (DuBose) Williamson, Vernon J. Armour, W. Wyatt Armour; Tobias, Charlotte and Robinson Armour; and great grandchildren George and Frances Kelly. Vernon was a life-long Lake Forest resident and attended the Bell School, playing his early sports at the Winter Club, followed by middle and high school at The St. Marks School in Southborough, MA. Upon graduation in 1945, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. In 1947, Vernon entered Yale University where he played on the varsity hockey team. Upon graduating, he and his wife Pamela (née Kelley) returned to Chicago, where they began their family and his business career in investment management. For decades, Vernon was active in civic life in Chicago and Lake Forest where he held positions as a Trustee of Illinois Institute of Technology, a board member of Graceland Cemetery, and a life director of the board of Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital. He was also a Life Member of the Otho S. A. Sprague Foundation and an Honorary Director of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago. Throughout his life he was a generous community member, an avid golfer, and an active member and leader of many social and sporting clubs including Onwentsia Club, Shoreacres, Old Elm Club, Cypress Point Club and Gasparilla Golf Club. His generosity, easy-going spirit, warmth and lifelong friendship are cherished by many and will be missed by all. Other survivors include: sister Leola Armour (Robert) Macdonald of New York City; stepson Douglas (Megan) Strubel of Oak Park, IL, their children Claire and Benjamin Strubel; stepson Craig Strubel of Kenosha, WI; sisters-in-law Elizabeth "Bessie" Armour of Del Ray, FL Jean Armour of Boca Grande, FL, and Diana Armour of Tucson, AZ, and a host of loving nephews, nieces, great-nephews and nieces, and great-great nephews and nieces. Services will be held at a later date. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions in Vernon's honor may be made to Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital, 1000 N.Westmoreland, Lake Forest, IL 60045. Info **Wenban Funeral Home**, Lake Forest, IL 847.234.0022.

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Barr, Lila
Lila Barr nee Patner, 90, passed away suddenly surrounded by family April 12, 2018, born in South Haven, Michigan December 18, 1927 to Philip and Rebecca Patner. Lila is survived by her daughter, Shelley (Rick) Gable, son, Jeff (Colleen) Barr; son, Darren (Melody) Barr; sister, Charlene Klein; 9 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. Proceeded in death by her parents, loving husband; William, and sister; Marlene. Lila moved to Spring, TX in 1985 to be closer to her children and grandchildren. She made numerous friends in her community. Her time was consumed with what she loved the most, her family and her dog Sweetie of 16 years. She will forever be missed but never forgotten. Chapel service, Tuesday 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Barbara Bush Library Friends at tinyurl.com/BarbaraBushLibrary or write a check, payable to BBLF, and mail it to Barbara Bush Library, 6817 Cypresswood Dr., Spring TX 77379. For information or condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Baxter, Raymond G 'Ray Ray'
Raymond G. "Ray Ray" Baxter, 88. Army Vet. Korean War Purple Heart Recipient. Loving uncle of Shannon Spurgeon, Sheila (late Bruce) Boehm, Arthur K., Jr., Dennis (Lucy) Baxter, Anne Marie Rease, Gerry, Mary Baxter and the late Michael and Timothy Baxter. Brother of the late Arthur K. (Anna Mae) Baxter. Great and Great-great uncle of many. Visitation Monday April, 16th from 9 am until time of Service at 11:00 am at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Info 773-736-3833.

Smith-Corcoran Funeral Homes

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Beck, Len
Len Beck, 79, of Chicago passed away March 1, 2018 at home. She is survived by son Jimmy Goldsborough of Nevada, daughter Judy Saint-Erne of Arizona, grandchildren, and sister Irma Andrews of Chicago.
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Bender, Vita Lee
Vita Lee Bender (nee Giacalone), age 67, loving mother of Kimberly (James) DeGrado, Robert (Gina) Bender and the late Gina Macino; dearest grandmother of James Jr. (Megan) DeGrado, Jason DeGrado, Josh Bender and Jaida Bender; devoted daughter of the late Joan and Joseph Giacalone Sr. dear sister of Kathy Szott, Joseph Jr. (Phyllis) Giacalone, Daniel Giacalone and Lisa (Steve) Oberding; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Tuesday 8:45 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park to St. Michael Church Mass 9:30 A.M. Interment Private. Funeral Info: 708 429-3200

Lawn Funeral Home

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Borowsky, Neil M.
Neil M. Borowsky, age 71, of Chicago, passed away April 11, 2018. Veteran of the Army, Vietnam War. Beloved father of Tracy, Mary and the late Danny; Cherished grandfather of Daniel and Savannah; Fond ex-husband and friend of Debbie. He was a 30 year retired employee of the Chicago Streets and Sanitation Dept. Visitation Monday, April 16, from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Funeral Service Tuesday, 10:00 AM at **Nelson Funeral Home** 820 W. Talcott, Park Ridge. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. For Info. 847-823-5122 or www.nelsonfunerals.com.

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Bosch, Jerome J.
Jerome "Jerry" J. Bosch age 81; beloved husband of Maria "Terry" nee Vergara; loving father of Mary (Tom) Costello, Cecilia (Paul) Ludvik, Teresa (Shane) Wachtel, Joseph, James (Lilibeth), Jerome (Ariadna) and John (Martha) Bosch; cherished grandfather of Zackary, Jacob, Madeline, Ryan, Angela, Juliana, Adam, Nathan, Timothy and Evelyn; fond brother in law of Rosa Vergara (Josep) Corominas; also survived by other relatives and many friends. Jerome, a polio survivor, spent his life serving others, his faith and his family. He was married for 53 years, and taught in Chicago Public Schools for over 30 years followed by St. Rita H.S. and Luther H.S. South. He was very active in the community he loved, serving as village trustee in Evergreen Park for 28 years, Legislative Liaison, ADA Commissioner, Historical Commissioner, and was involved in many organizations including Illinois Municipal League, EP Boys Club, MHR Holy Name, and St. Joseph's College Alumni Board, to name a few. His strong determination, hard work, and devotion to family and God set a standard for many. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude or Shriners Hospitals appreciated. Visitation Tuesday April 17, 2018, 3 pm to 9 pm at **Kosary Funeral Home** 9837 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. Funeral Wednesday April 18th, at Most Holy Redeemer Church for Mass at 10:30 am Interment Private at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (708) 499-3223 or www.kosaryfuneralhome.com
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Bosshart, Jaime M.
Jaime M. Bosshart, 42, loving son of Louis and Sheila nee Steiner, brother of Laura (Brian) Love, Kenneth, Sandra, Kevin, Keith (Jennifer), Kristopher, uncle to many.
Visitation is 4-8 PM. Monday at **Kristan Funeral Home** P.C., 219 West Maple Ave. (2 blocks west of Rt. 45 on Rt. 176) Mundelein. Funeral mass 10 am Tuesday at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church 22333 W Erhart Rd Mundelein IL 60060, visitation 1 hour prior to mass at church. Memorials to St. Mary of the Annunciation Church. Info visit www.kristanfuneralhome.com or 847-566-8020.

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Bowers, Mary Watkins

Mary was born on February 27, 1925 to William and Zoe Watkins. After graduating from Butler University in Indianapolis, she earned her Masters and PhD from the University of Minnesota. Mary taught at the American School in Tokyo Japan before returning to marry Norman Bowers on November 21, 1954. Mary and Norman lived and worked in Pensacola FL, San Jose CA, Nashville TN and Chapel Hill NC before settling in Wilmette Illinois. Mary was on the faculty at Northeastern Illinois University, and helped to develop their program in Counselor Education. Mary was a member of First United Methodist Church, Evanston since 1962 and was active in United Methodist Women, serving as president and many other positions. After retirement, Mary traveled to Japan, Norway and Europe and spent winters in Bradenton FL Mary passed away peacefully on November 18, 2017 at Walker Methodist Care Center in Minneapolis MN. Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Norman D. Bowers, and her sister Rachel W. Noffke. Mary is survived by Alice and John Anderson, Karen and Rod Thompson, and Laura Bowers, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Services were held at Silver Lake United Methodist Church, Oakdale MN on December 17, 2017. Internment will be held at First United Methodist Church Evanston IL on April 21, 2018 at 11:00 am.
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Bozec, Linda P

Linda P. Bozec née Greene, 58, of Clermont, FL formerly of Tinley Park, IL, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on April 2, 2018. Beloved wife of the late James G. Bozec,loving mother of Katherine Elizabeth Bozec, Mary Kathryn Hope Bozec and the late Meghan Anne Bozec. Linda is survived by her devoted family members and countless friends whose support meant so much to her. A memorial mass celebrating her life will be held this summer. If desired donations to the Cancer Research Institute (www.cancerresearch.org) or PAWS Chicago (www.pawschicago.org) appreciated.
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Brownstein, Patricia A.
Patricia A. Brownstein, age 82, beloved wife of the late Samuel, happily married for 25 years; loving mother of Mark (Dori) Brownstein, Bruce (Beth) Brownstein and Linn (Myles) Ullenbrauck; cherished grandmother of Melissa Brownstein-Paradise, Zachary Brownstein, Shawn and Daniel Ullenbrauck; adored sister of Robert Morrison. Chapel service TODAY Sunday, 2:30PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment will follow at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Dementia Society of America. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Bunge, Jonathan G.

Jonathan G. Bunge, age 81, beloved husband of 57 years to Trudy nee Shoemaker; loving father of Jonathan (Jennifer) Bunge, William (Suzanne) Bunge and Katherine Bunge; cherished grandfather of Jack, Nicholas, Allison, Charles, Andrew and Sara; loving brother of Nancy Bunge.
Jonathan (Jon) was born in Lacrosse Wisconsin, not far from Lake Wobegan, where by all accounts he had a perfect childhood. In 1954, he matriculated at Princeton University where he studied at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy, socialized as member of the Tiger Inn dining club, and served as an editor of the Daily Princetonian. He also played football for a period and then became a member of the more relaxed Princeton Rugby Club. Thankfully for all of Jon's descendants, the Daily Princetonian provided the editorial board with a car so as to cover breaking news. It was that very car that transported Jon (and the rest of the editorial board) to Vassaar college one late summer weekend in 1957. As Jon would later recall, the only news to come from that weekend was that Trudy Shoemaker, a wide eyed freshman newly transplanted from Arkansas, agreed to go on a date with him. After graduating with honors from Princeton, Jon moved on to Harvard Law school and continued to visit Trudy as often as he was able. After a four year courtship, and two proposals, the "Tiger from the North" (Trudy's father's nickname for Jon) finally won Trudy's hand in marriage and they were wed in 1961. After graduating with honors from law school, Jon was drafted and served in the army stationed at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina. Their first child, Jonathan, was born during this time. Upon discharge, Jon and Trudy settled in Evanston and Jon began his long and storied legal career with Keck, Mahn and Cate. He was a litigator who was tough and aggressive but not one to take himself too seriously. Jon handled many trials and worked on some of the most important antitrust matters of his day, among other things. He was for many years the head of litigation at Keck and then managing partner of the firm. Opposing lawyers who didn't know Jon were duped, and unarmed by his appearance-- tussled hair, ink stained pockets, and crooked tie. He came to be known as a litigator with a sharp intellect and unmatched work ethic. Jon and Trudy lived in many communities on the North Shore but spent the bulk of their family life in Kenilworth. Along the way they welcomed their additional children, William and Katherine. In the 1970s, Jon developed a love of sailing, handball and unique business investments, only one of which had staying power- -real estate in the Lakeview neighborhood of Chicago. Over the next several decades, Jon and several partners bought and rehabbed apartment buildings in the area, including one with an existing tavern, Esky's Pub. In 1991, Jon bought Esky's and transformed it into Will's Northwoods Inn, a Wisconsin themed tavern and home for Badger and Packer fans behind enemy lines. Wills and the people associated with the bar were an important part of Jon's life, particularly after retiring from corporate law. Jon was active in various charitable organizations including the Red Cross and United Way. He was also an active member of the Holy Comforter Church serving on its vestry and in other roles. In his free time, Jon enjoyed theater, symphony and opera outings with his wife; planning Wills Northwoods activities like Packerpalooza, Musky Fest, and Neighborhood Appreciation Day; and spending time with his family, most especially his six grandchildren. He led a full and rich life and will be terribly missed.
Memorial Service Saturday April 21 at 11 AM at Church of the Holy Comforter, 222 Kenilworth Avenue, Kenilworth, IL 60043.
Memorials may be made to American Red Cross:www.redcross.org/donate
Info: 847 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.

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Buritz, Gloria J.
Gloria V. Buritz, nee Renkosiak "Rand", 82, of Lake in the Hills, formerly of Niles, passed away April 11, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Robert; loving mother of Susan (Steven) Brazao; cherished grandmother of Seth and Ethan Brazao; dearest sister of Barbara (Louis) Roberts. Visitation Wed., April 18th, 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 10307 Dundee Rd., Huntley. Interment Estes Valley Memorial Gardens, Estes Park, CO. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Info., 847-458-1700 or www.willowfh.com.
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Cunningham, David Glenn



David G. Cunningham, January 12, 1951 - April 13, 2018, age 67, of Chicago, passed away in his home after a long stoic journey with cancer. Cherished Father of Lori, Gina, Brian and Jennifer; Grandfather of, Renee, Samantha, Caitlin (Michael) and Juliana; Great Grandfather of Serena. David's former wife, Denise, and her children, Kristen and Rachel, share in the grief of his loss. David was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Betty (Dunifin) and David O. Cunningham. David worked for SkyChefs, Lufthansa at O'Hare Airport for 35 years. He had a great love of military history, science fiction, Looney Tunes and all things Disney. He was one of the kindest, gentlest souls to ever walk the earth. He will be deeply missed. Funeral Service and internment private. In lieu of flowers or donations, we ask that each of you treat a loved one to a meal at Red Lobster. Put your phones away and fully enjoy conversation with one another. Arrangements by **The Elms Funeral Home** 708-453-1234 or www.elmsfh.com

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Davis, Jr. , M. Edward



M. Edward Davis, Jr. passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Monday, April 9, 2018 in Indianapolis, IN. He was born in Chicago, IL on April 19, 1937 to the late Dr. M. Edward Davis and Jeanette Sanger Davis. Ed's early life and education centered around the University of Chicago. He attended the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools where he completed his high school education. He then earned a BA from the University of Chicago in 1957 and was a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity. Ed also received an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business in 1959. He spent the majority of his career at RR Donnelley and Sons, Chicago, followed by joining the United Way of Chicago in 1994 as a fundraiser until moving to Indianapolis in 1998.

Ed will be greatly missed by his beloved wife of 43 years, Jane Kirchheimer Davis and his children: M. Edward Davis, III; Philip Wendell Davis; Katherine London Davis; and Robert Andrew Davis (Alexandra). He was preceded in death by his sister, Barbara Davis Boden and his first wife Marian Harris Davis.

Ed's family brought him the most joy in life. As a young widower he was a devoted father to his then three year old son, Eddie. Adored by all of his children, Ed loved sharing knowledge with them and teaching them about subjects in which he was passionate, including nature, birds, and trees. As an avid Chicago Bears and Cubs fan, he passed that passion onto his children as well. Ed was even more enthusiastic about his children's athletic endeavors and attended hundreds of their youth sporting events and extracurricular activities throughout the years. He also volunteered his time to support the Indianapolis area USTA and the Washington Township Tennis Program.

Donations in celebration of Ed's life may be made to JDRF, http://www.jdrf.org/indiana/ or Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, http://www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/chapters/indiana/. A private, family service will take place at a later date in Chicago, IL.

Online condolences available at: www.leppertmortuary.com

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Di Loreto, David C. R.



David C. R. Di Loreto, age 22, of Western Springs, IL; loving son of Susan (nee Sames) and David A. Di Loreto, MD; dear brother of Sophie Marie, Tessa Rose, and James Walter Di Loreto; fond grandson of Clement & Dora Di Loreto and the late Richard & late Dolores Sames; great-nephew of Sharron Hagan Gillenwater; nephew and cousin of many. Visitation Monday, April 16 from 9am until time of Mass, 11:15am at St. John of the Cross Church, 5005 S. Wolf Rd., Western Springs. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations given to the Hinsdale Humane Society are appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. Funeral Info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Dibbern, Jo Ann



Jo Ann Dibbern (nee Shulmistras) age 72 of Des Plaines passed away on January 11, 2018. Beloved wife of Walter Dibbern for 53 years. Loving mother of David (Amanda), Nicholas and Zacheriah Dibbern. Dear sister of Jacque (Geoffrey) Dwan, and Judith (late Joseph) Longmeyer. Cherished grandmother of Nicholas and Zacheriah. Jo Ann was a very active member in her church, 1st United Methodist Church in Des Plaines, Illinois; and served as Director of Christian Education for many years at First Congregational Church before joining First Methodist. A memorial gathering will be taking place on Saturday April 21, 2018 beginning at 2:00 p.m. until time of service at 3:00 p.m. at 1st United Methodist Church, 668 Graceland Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois. Funeral care provided by **G.L. Hills Funeral Home**. For info please call (847) 699-9003 or glhillsfuneralhome.com.

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Dore, Brian

Brian Dore, age 76, at rest April 12, 2018. Loving husband of Marilyn Dore (nee: Varys) for 44 years. Devoted father of Michael (Emma) Dore and the late Jessica Dore. Cherished grandfather of Blaire and Brooke. Dear brother of Thomas (Cheryl) Dore and brother-in-law of Roberta Varys. Uncle of Thomas (Melissa) Stuit and Thomas Dore. Great-uncle of four. Visitation Monday April 16th from 4 to 8 pm at **Adolf Funeral Home** & Cremation Services, Ltd. 2921 S. Harlem Ave; Berwyn. Funeral service Tuesday April 17th, prayers 10:45 am at the funeral home proceeding to St. Mary Church for Mass 11:30 am. Services will conclude at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Heart Association would be appreciated. Service information: 708-484-4111 or www.adolfservices.com

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Edwards, Kenneth Earle



"Hey Culligan Man!" dies. Ken Edwards, 91, of Chicago, formerly of Northbrook, IL died March 4. As Director of Marketing for Culligan, Ken created the iconic and enduring advertising campaign. He was born in Kansas City, MO in 1926, grew up in Colorado and at 18, joined the Navy Air Corps during World War II. With a football scholarship, Ken graduated from the University of Colorado. In college, he met his wife of 54 years, Mary Leah Stewart. In 1951, Ken joined Culligan where he worked in advertising and management for over 25 years. He started companies that helped executives buy and sell businesses. Ken earned MBA and MS degrees from DePaul University and JD and Master of Laws degrees from The John Marshall Law School. He taught marketing classes at Harper College and Northwestern University. Ken possessed tremendous energy and contagious enthusiasm for whatever he did and was an incredible optimist. He was generous, kind, gregarious and had a wonderful sense of humor. Ken is survived by his companion Nancy Montei; his sister Marilyn; sons John, Jay (Frances), Craig (Anna), Brett (Elizabeth), and Bruce (Donna); grandchildren, Henry, Jennifer, Brian, and Matthew; nieces and nephews. Ken was preceded in death by his wife, Mary and brother Gerry. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 21 at 11 a.m. at the Village Presbyterian Church at 1300 Shermer Road in Northbrook, IL.

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Egan, Anjean Groen

Born June 1929 in Holland/Netherland
Died April 12,2018 in Palos Hills,Il

Anjean was in practice as a Naprapath for 60 years. She loved her worked, helped numerous people.

She is survived by her children: Son:Wayne Zandstra, Daughter -in-law(Debi); Daughter:Debi Sansone and her Granddaughter:Wendy Sansone
She is preceded in Death by husband Paul Egan and her Parents: Jennie & August Groen

She will be greatly missed by her Family, Friends and Patients

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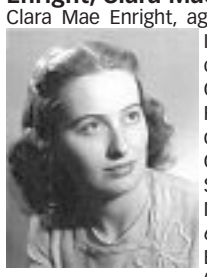
Elster, Aaron

Aaron Elster, 86, Holocaust Survivor; beloved husband of Jackie for 64 years; loving father of Steven (Claudia) and Robert (Fraydie); adored Papa of Sarah, Allison, and Jacob; dear brother of the late Irene (the late Jack) and Sara; devoted uncle to Carol (Jim) and Marla (Avinoam) and loyal friend to the Jewish community. Aaron was Vice President of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. Graveside service, Monday April 16th 1:00 PM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 West Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Aaron Elster Education Fund at Illinois Holocaust Museum. For information or to leave condolences: **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home** (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Enright, Clara Mae



Clara Mae Enright, age 93, formerly of Evanston, IL, passed away peacefully on April 9, 2018 in Atlanta, GA. Born on June 5, 1924 in Rockford, IL, she was predeceased by her parents, Casper and Anna Bargren Sandehn, her sister, Carolyn Miner, and her husband of 67 years, Richard Gordon Enright. Clara Mae, or "Sandy", as she preferred to be called, was a gifted musician and received both her Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. Although her degrees were granted for her study of the organ, she was also a talented pianist and was blessed with a beautiful soprano voice. While at Northwestern, she was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota professional music sorority and was one of four juniors in the School of Music to be elected to Pi Kappa Lamba, a scholastic fraternity. She played with the Northwestern symphony orchestra, soloing on the organ and piano at two university concerts, played for various campus functions and was organist for the choral groups. During the summer following her graduation from NU, she studied organ in Boston with E. Power Biggs, noted concert organist and recording artist. She also studied voice at the New England Conservatory of Music. In the fall of 1947, Sandy joined the faculty of Bessie Tift College in Forsyth, GA, and taught for a year in the school's music department. Following completion of her master's degree, she taught organ and theory at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, and played frequently on programs over St. Paul and Northfield's radio station WCAL. Returning to Northwestern for postgraduate work, in organ, piano and theory, she met her future husband, Richard "Dick" Enright, an equally gifted organist who had returned from WWII and was pursuing advanced music degrees in organ at the university. Theirs was a musical match made in heaven. They were married in 1949 and embarked on a musical journey, highlighted by numerous recitals and choral performances together in the Chicago area. After their children were born, Sandy continued her musical activities by teaching piano and voice at their home, and serving as the soprano soloist at First Presbyterian Church in Evanston during her husband's tenure there as organist and choral director. Also during Richard's 35 years on the faculty of the School of Music at Northwestern, Sandy was the consummate professor's wife, graciously entertaining students and colleagues alike. Her passions were opera and baking and she will always be remembered for animatedly singing along to the soprano arias on Saturday afternoons when she religiously tuned in to the "Live from the Metropolitan Opera in New York" radio shows while baking apple pies, angel food cakes, Swedish pepperkakor or spritz cookies. In 2005, Sandy and Dick escaped the harsh Chicago climate and relocated to Lenbrook Square in Atlanta, GA, to be closer to their daughter and her family. She is survived by daughter, Catharine (Walton Reeves) and son, Steven (Krista) of Arlington, TX; and grandsons, Harrison Reeves, and Kevin and Scott Enright. She is also survived by her nephew, William Miner (Pam) and their children; and niece, Nancy Nilsen (David) of Rockford, IL. The family would like to thank all of her wonderful caregivers at Lenbrook and Crossroads Hospice for their kindness and good care. A private family service will be held at a future date at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. Tax deductible contributions may be made to the American Guild of Organists, Enright Scholarship, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1260, New York, NY 10115.
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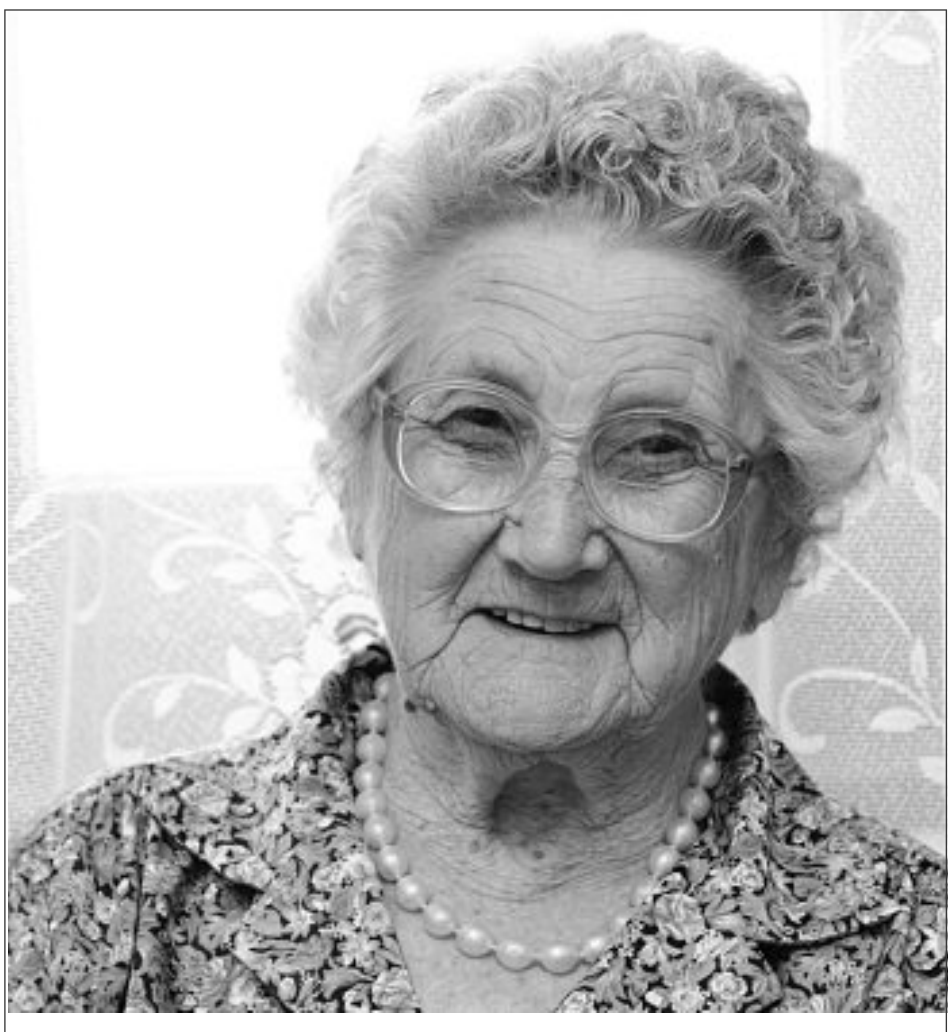
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Furlong, Barbara

Barbara Furlong, age 85, of Oak Park; beloved wife of the late William R. "Bill" Furlong; loving mother of Mary (Jere) Mendelsohn, Thomas (Ann Williams), Timothy (Gayle) and Matt (Julia) Furlong; cherished grandmother of Nathan and Rachel Mendelsohn, Christopher Furlong, Michael (Carmen), Rebecca (Eric) Duenke, Emily, Sarah, Hannah, Peter and Jonathan Furlong, and Jayne, James and Jennifer Furlong; great-grandmother of Ian and Evan Duenke; dear sister-in-law of Jack (Kit) Furlong; fond aunt of many. Barbara was a former President and Trustee for the Village of Oak Park. Visitation Friday, April 20 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11 a.m. at St. Giles Church, 1045 Columbian Ave., Oak Park. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Giles Church (stgilesparish.org) or the Community Foundation of Oak Park and River Forest (oprfcf.org) are appreciated. Funeral info: drechslerbrownwilliams.com or 708-383-3191.

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Gambacorta, GIno

Gino Gambacorta age 84 of Glenview. Beloved husband of Italia Gambacorta nee DiDomizio; loving father of Carol (Jim) Durham, John (Cathy) Gambacorta, and Diane (Rich) Brendza; dear grandfather of Colleen (Kyle) Morgan, Jimmy (Elizabeth) and Patrick Durham, Alexandra, Victoria and Elizabeth Gambacorta, Matthew, Christopher and William Brendza; great-grandfather of Henry Morgan. Visitation Sunday, April 15, 2018 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Monday, April 16, 2018 11:00 a.m. at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 1747 Lake Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091. Entombment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to NorthShore Hospice 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie, IL 60077 Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.

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Gendusa, Salvatore

Salvatore (Sam) Gendusa, age 75, of Chicago, passed away at his home on March 31, 2018. His parents Vida (Verciglio) and Anthony preceded in death. He is survived by two cousins, Joseph Grippo of CA, and Gerald Grippo of FL. For more info. about services in June, visit www.nelsonfunerals.com or call 847-823-5122.

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Gruber, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Gruber, nee Doherty, age 92, formerly of Skokie. Beloved wife of the late Louis Pantle and Oscar Gruber; dear mother of Ann (William) O'Brien, John (Brenda) Pantle, Kathleen (Peter Zaper) Pantle, and Susan (Ronald) Blumenfeld; loving grandmother of Amanda Pantle, Ellen (Brian) Harrigian, Thomas Pantle, Nancy Blumenfeld, Mary Ann Pantle, and the late Louis Blumenfeld; fond sister of Daniel P. (the late Jean) Doherty. Visitation, Monday, April 16, 2018, from 4 to 8 p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Funeral, Tuesday, April 17, at 9:15 a.m., from the funeral home, for Mass, 9:30 a.m., at St. Peter Catholic Church, 8100 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Interment, All Saints Catholic Cemetery, Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 800, Chicago, IL, 60631, or Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital, 225 E. Chicago Avenue, Box 4, Chicago, IL 60611. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.

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Gushurst, Donald

Donald Gushurst, a longtime resident of Naperville, IL, passed away peacefully on April 12, 2018 at the age of 86, surrounded by family members. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Catherine Gushurst, and his sister, Arlene. Don is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Bernadine; his five sons, Thomas (Colette), Donald (Maureen), William (Sue), Dennis (Nancy) and Kenneth (Geri); his sixteen grandchildren: Eric, Jennifer, Claire, Bryan, Brad, Megan, Karen, John, Christopher, Kaitlyn, Taylor, Gregory, Sarah, Nicole, Kylie and Kyle, and eleven great grandchildren: Jack, Bridget, Julie, Declan, William, Thomas, Audrey, Penn, Margaret, James and Owen. Visitation will be held on Monday, April 16, from 4:00 until 8:00 PM at the **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 17, 9:30 AM at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville. Interment will follow at Assumption Cemetery, Wheaton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Catholic Charities. For info please call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com

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Guthrie Jr, Melvin E

Melvin E Guthrie Jr. (1923 – 2018)

Mel, age 95 of Evanston / Rockford IL died March 24, 2018. Mel was pre-deceased by wife Suzanne J. and daughter Laura J. He is survived by son John and grandchildren Caitlin (Laura), Matthew, Sarah, Andrew and Clare (John). A lifelong resident of the Chicago area, Mel was an avid sailor, sailboat racer and longtime member of Chicago Yacht Club where he was 1st in seniority at the time of his passing. Mel was a Purdue University graduate and supporter and served in the army during WWII. Mel and Sue enjoyed traveling to Europe, wintering in Florida where they enjoyed golf, fishing and the beaches. He loved spending time with grandkids and his pets. Services to be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Alzheimer's Association (ALZ.ORG).

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Harwood, Loretta R.

Loretta R. Harwood, a resident of Western Springs, Illinois passed away Monday, April 09, 2018 at the age of 79. Loretta was born July 30, 1938 in Decatur, Illinois to the late Lester and Emma Skelley. Loretta married Charles (Chuck) Harwood in September 1975, and they lived in Decatur until 1983, when they moved to Western Springs. Loretta is survived by her husband Chuck Harwood of Western Springs, her son Mark Wilson of Clarksville, VA. and her granddaughter Morgan Poole of Virginia Beach, VA. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Karen M. Wilson, and her sister, Mary E. Bauer. A Catholic Memorial Mass will be held 10am Tuesday, April 17 at St. Cletus Church, 600 W. 55th St., LaGrange. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**. Info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Hellmann Sr., George C.

Age 95, a resident of Orland Park, IL. passed away on Thursday, April 12, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Mary Hellmann (Fimek); loving father of Lynn Flynn, Kathy (Jeffery) Schwartz, and Beverly Conterio; dear brother of Marian (late Joseph) Panny; cherished grandfather of Kristin, Becky, Julie, Joel, Katie, Mark, and Timmy; and great-grandfather of Maddy and Brody. George was a United States World War II Army Veteran and member of St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Parish in Orland Park. The family will receive friends at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort, IL 60423 on Sunday, April 22, 2018 from 2-7 PM. Memorial Mass on Monday, April 23, 2018 at St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Parish, 15050 Wolf Road, Orland Park, IL 60467 at 10:00 AM. Interment with full military honors at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Info www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com or 815-806-2225.

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Hirschboeck, David



David Hirschboeck, age 70, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family following a courageous 16 month battle with esophageal cancer. Beloved husband and best friend of Stephanie nee Ellbogen; wonderful father of Rebecca (Travis), Johanna (Nick), and Peter (Heather). Amazing grandpa of Cameron, Nathalie and Emily. Dear brother of Bernie (Paulette), Karen (Rich), Denise (John), Gayle (Kevin) and the late Dennis (Jackie). Treasured uncle of many nieces and nephews. Happy dog father of Atticus, "the best dog ever". Preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Valerie and mother-in-law Jeanne. David proudly served 30 years as a Cook County Assistant Public Defender. He was an avid White Sox fan, a devoted Notre Dame fan and an often disappointed but still enthusiastic Bears fan spending Sundays in the fall either in front of the television or at Soldier Field watching yet another rebuilding year. David and his magical smile brought joy and laughter to all who knew him. He shall be greatly missed. Please join us in a celebration of David's life at Donnellan Family Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Blvd., at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077 on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a Memorial Service at 4:00 p.m. David's family would also like to extend a heartfelt thanks to his thoracic surgeon, Dr. Malcolm Decamp, and his tireless team of doctors at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Hirschenbein, Yetta

Yetta Hirschenbein, nee Zabrin, of Niles and Deerfield Beach, FL, turned 100 years old on July 4th, 2017, beloved wife of the late Dr. Irwin; devoted daughter of the late David and Bessie, nee Kritzer ; loving sister of the late Irving (late Mildred) Zabrin; aunt, great aunt and great great aunt to many adored nieces and nephews; cherished cousin of many throughout the years and caring friend to all. Yetta was a special lady and will be missed by all who knew her. Graveside service Monday 11 AM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be to your favorite charity. For Information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Kaitchuck, Ted A.



Ted Allen Kaitchuck was born in Chicago on November 25, 1933 as the twin son of William and Lillian Kaitchuck. His mother loved the violin and decided to name them "Theodore" and "Thomas" after Theodore Thomas, who was the originator of what is now The Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

He chose the viola at an early age, and while attending Lane Tech High School played in the Chicago Civic Orchestra. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Music from Roosevelt University while a student of Milton Preves, the Principal Violist of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. He received a Master's Degree in Music from Northwestern University shortly thereafter. He was drafted into the US Army in Sept. 1956 and soon became a member of the 7th Army Symphony based in Stuttgart, Germany. Raising to the level of Sergeant 1st Class the orchestra under his leadership as Personal Manager toured throughout Europe for three years.

Upon his return, he accepted a teaching position in Adrian, Michigan as High School Orchestra Director. There he met and fell in love with his devoted wife, Donna, who after 57 years survives. They settled in the Skokie/Evanston area where Ted taught music for 30 years, in both elementary District 69 and Dist. 219 as Director of the Niles Township High School Orchestra. He traveled with his students to many cities while serving as District Chairman for many state contests.He was a member of the Grant Park Orchestra for 37 years, many years as Personnel Manager. He served as Personnel Manager and player with the Chicago Philharmonic for many years. He also played Principal viola for many years with the Lake Forest Symphony.

He succumbed from complications of Parkinson's Disease on April 10th, 2018. He is survived by a son, Kevin, and a daughter, Linda Estes and son-in-law, James Estes, grandchildren Katharine and Alexander. Also surviving is a sister, Laurel Delin and twin brother Tom, and several nieces and nephews. Services will be private with a Memorial Service in May, to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the Parkinson's Foundation, Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra, or the Music Institute of Chicago.

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Kaplan, Irving '"Papi"'

Irving "Papi" Kaplan, 85, beloved husband of the late Rae nee Morgenstern; loving father of Lisa (Andy) Melnick and Jackie (Annie) Kaplan-Perkins; cherished grandfather of Eve, David and Ty-Ty; dear brother of the late Elena (late David) Shinderman; devoted partner of Eva Rubinowicz; beloved brother-in-law of Dr. J. Michael Morgenstern and the late Dr. Sidney (Barbara) Morgenstern; loving and dancing uncle to many nieces and nephews. Funeral service Monday 1 PM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Hand Aid (Cuban Humanitarian Organization), www.firsthandaid.org or Cancer Wellness Center, www.cancerwellness.org. Info: 847-256-5700.

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Korienek, George Allen



George Allen Korienek, 75, of San Jose, CA formerly of Chicago. Loving father of Stefan Korienek; former husband of Rosemary Korienek; dear son of the late John and Josephine Korienek; brother of John (Jane Cooper) Korienek Jr., Susan (the late Dr. David A.) Lichtenwalter and Joseph (Linda) Korienek; uncle of Martha and Christopher. Visitation at Ahlgrim Funeral Home, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 9:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 21, 2018. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrim.com.

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Kusch, Lois G.

Kusch, Lois G. Age 90. Beloved wife of the late Ludwig. Loving mother of Lloyd (Janeen), Leonard (Nancy) and Lawrence. cherished grandmother of Mark and Greg, dear sister of Henry (Beverly) Gimme; will be missed by many nieces, nephews and grand dog "Macie". In lieu of flowers please make contributions to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association. Visitation Tuesday, 4- 9 p.m., at **Nelson Funeral Home**, 820 W. Talcott Rd., Park Ridge. Lying in state, Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. until time of Service 10:00 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1006 Gillick St., Park Ridge. Interment Fairview Memorial Cemetery. 847-823-5122 or www.nelsonfunerals.com

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LaMantia, Mary A.

Mary A. LaMantia, age 91, nee Robinson. See colonialchapel.com for complete service information.

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Lavin, Lois Bernstein

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Lois Bernstein Lavin, daughter of the late Alec (Murphy the Cop) Bernstein and Bella Bernstein. Lois passed away in Tarzana, California, the day before Passover as the result of a Hemorrhagic Stroke and the effects of progressive Alzheimer's disease. Lois relocated in 2014 to Los Angeles to be near her family, due to a pressing medical issue not associated with Alzheimer's. Lois was born and grew up as did her family for more than two generations in Chicago's iconic Humboldt Park, surrounded by an eclectic group of characters. Learning to be street wise but with a sympathetic and generous embodiment which carried on throughout her life. No one can discuss Lois without mentioning her mother Bella, who instilled in her an independent and feisty nature, as any of Lois's friends would testify to. With her striking red hair, Lois attended Lowell Elementary and Roosevelt High School surrounded by her many friends, particularly those belonging to her high school club the Zeta Phi's. Lois enjoyed the many occasions she spent with her friends in Chicago frequenting ethnic restaurants, cultural events, traveling, and just plain "schmoozing", with some of those friendships lasting for more than sixty years. In spite of being separated by thousands of miles, their friendship and support continued during the many medical issues that confronted Lois during the past five years, up to and including her final days. Our family would particularly like to acknowledge Bonnie Segal Saltzman, Pepi Jacobs Paradise, and Sharon Doppelt Cohen for their companionship, loyalty and concern for Lois' well-being that lasted long after Lois relocated to Los Angeles, and continued till her passing. After high school Lois attended Wright Community College followed by employment with The American Dental Association, finally retiring as a Clerk with The Skokie Branch of the Cook County Circuit Court. After retiring Lois traveled to many distant countries, often with her devoted sister Rissa. Lois is survived by her brother Stewart Bernstein (Joanna), sister Rissa Bernstein Burke, niece Marielle Bernstein Cravens (Michael) & their son Oliver Alvin Cravens, niece Karen Bernstein Hallberg (Doug) and their son Matthew, daughters Illyce Lavin Kaarto (sons Mason & Sawyer), and daughter Marla Lavin, brother Alvin Bernstein/Linda, both deceased. Following Lois' request to Stewart, Rissa and Marielle, her ashes will be scattered in South Haven, Michigan, a memorable place in Lois's family's history, where the Bernstein's spent many memorable and happy summers for more than three decades. It's no wonder why she wished to be there for eternity. Lois's family and friends are sad to see her gone; however, in her own way Lois beat the Alzheimer's with a "Stroke of Good Luck". Feisty, beautiful and caring, Lois we will miss you. An informal gathering of Lois's friends will be scheduled to take place during spring or summer in Chicago. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.



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LaVoie, Robert L.

LaVoie, Robert L. Age 96 Beloved husband of 68 years to the late Mary Frances "Fran" LaVoie (nee Roth). Loving dad of the late Sharon (James Beaumont) LaVoie, Lorraine (Alex) Pawlicki, Larry (Patricia) LaVoie, and Michelle (Jim) Kirk. Cherished grandpa of Alex, Elizabeth (Ryan), Katie (Eric), Jeffrey, Michael, Brian, Evan, Meghan, and Anna. Proud great grandpa of Abigail and Ireland. Dear brother of the late Bernard (Mary Ellen) LaVoie. Kind uncle and great uncle of many. Visitation Monday 4:00-9:00 p.m. Funeral Tuesday 9:00 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL, to St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Giant Steps School for Autism, 2500 Cabot Drive, Lisle, IL 60532, would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Lencioni, Eleanor G.

Eleanor Lencioni nee Costenaro, beloved wife of the late Valentino Lencioni. Loving father of Allen S. Sr. (Elaine Furman) and Bill (Diane) Lencioni. Cherished grandmother of Allen Jr. Dear sister of the late William Naninni (Yvonne) and Sister-in-law to Larry and Evelyn Cannale and treasured Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 9:15 AM until time of Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 111 North Cass Avenue, Westmont, Illinois 60559. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, In lieu of flowers donations to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital would be appreciated. For funeral info: 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Lesniak, Phyllis A.

Phyllis A. Lesniak, age 86, longtime resident of Elmhurst; beloved wife of the late William; loving mother of David, Barbara (Robert) Lancy, William and Sue (Jackie Barry) Lesniak; proud grandmother of Jason (Shae) Van Donk, Bradley (Emily) Lancy, William (Siobhan) Lesniak, III and Jordan Lesniak and great-grandmother of Taylor, Joey, Noah, Abigail, Eleanor, Claire and Jonah; dear sister of the late Norman (Betty) Starzec and Marilyn (the late Jack) Dalton; fond aunt of Kathy (Ron) Silay and Karen (Dona Woodstock) Dalton. Visitation Monday, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service 10:00 a.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (½ mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Interment Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, Justice. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com.

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Levy, Shirley F

Shirley F. Levy, nee Friedman, age 101, of Chicago and Lincolnwood, died on April 8, 2018. Mother of Nancy (Dr. Joseph) Schofer; fond grandmother of Dr. Susan Schofer (Ron Barone) and Daniel (Marie) Schofer. Great-grandmother of Noelle and Saul Barone, and Eleanor and Rose Schofer. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824), or www.mitzvahfunerals.com

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Lisiecki, Velma L. 'Kitty'

Age 89, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at Clarendale of Mokena. Born on April 15, 1928, in Joliet, she was the daughter of the late Raymond and Fern (nee Noirfalise) Gallup. Kitty was the former owner of Kitty Stamps and Coins, Chicago. She was an artist, and enjoyed sewing her own clothes, was an avid bird silk designer and loved to bird watch.

Kitty is survived by her son, Larry (Susan) Link; son-in-law, Mark Brasher; five grandchildren, Lisa Ferreira, Heather (Tim) Stone, Jennifer Crouch, Nicholas Brasher and Clayton Brasher; great grandmother of six; great-great grandmother of one; and her sister, Ervella Waugh.

She was preceded by her husbands, Mitch Lisiecki, Nick Skiniotis, and Lawrence Link; her daughter, Elena Brasher; brothers, Robert, Richard, John and Ralph Gallup; sisters, Ada Davis and Roberta Davidson; and her companion, Stalker the cat.

Funeral Services for Velma L. Lisiecki will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. at the **Fred C. Dames Funeral Home**, 3200 Black at Essington Rds., Joliet. Interment will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. A Committal Service and Military Honors for her late husband, Mitch Lisiecki, will also be held under the auspices of the U.S. Army. Visitation for Velma will be Wednesday from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Velma's name can be made to Heartland Hospice. For more information, please call 815-741-5500 or visit her Memorial Tribute at www.fredcdames.com

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Lyne, Howard Jr.

Howard Edward Lyne, Jr., 69, of Montezuma, IN, passed away peacefully at his home that he shared with his beloved dogs. He was born on April 5, 1949, in Illinois to Howard E. Lyne, Sr. and Eva P. (Murray) Nitz.

Howard is survived by his daughters, Rachel Teneyuca of Steger, IL and Brianne Hetman and husband Adam of Manteno, IL; grandchildren, Jessica Charles and husband Matt, Sean Connell, Cadence Hetman, and Lucas Hetman; a sister, Sharon Alberts and husband John of Park Forest, IL; and his faithful canine companions, Ava, Miley, and Candy.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his step-father, Chester Nitz.

Howard proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He retired from the Olympia Fields, IL police department where he was an officer for many years. After retirement, Howard worked security. He was an avid gun, knife, and miscellaneous weapon collector. He doted on his dogs, Ava, Miley, and Candy.

Per his wishes, cremation was chosen and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. **Mattox-Wood Funeral Home** was entrusted with the arrangements. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mattoxwood.com

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Madonia, Calogero



Elk Grove Village - Calogero Madonia, 85, died peacefully on Thursday, April 12, 2018. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Virginia, née Piediscalzi, Madonia (Ginny); son Richard Madonia (Tony), daughter Marlo Madonia-Scott, her husband Matthew, daughter Charisse Aguilar, her husband Jon, son Carl J. Madonia, daughter Mandy Merriam, her husband Charles (Trooper), and son Michael A. Madonia; 11 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; sisters Jennie V. Sirois and twin Bernice Lockwood; sisters-in-law Mary Madonia and Margo Madonna; and by his many beloved nieces and nephews. Born on May 3, 1932, in Chicago, IL, Calogero was the son of Frank and Catherine, née Cardella, Madonia (Lena).

He was preceded in death by his parents; sons Michael and Geno Madonia; sister Ann DePaul, her husband Vincent, brother Anthony Madonia, his wife Jeanette, brother Angelo Madonia, his wife Sarah, brother Martin Madonia, brother Frank Madonia, Jr., and brother Salvino Madonna; and brothers-in-law Ernest Sirois and Gerald Lockwood.

A visitation will be held from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm, Monday, April 16, at **Glueckert Funeral Home**, 1520 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am Tuesday, April 17, at **Glueckert Funeral Home** followed by interment at Memory Gardens Cemetery.

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Manna, Donald irwin

Donald Irwin Manna, age 97 (July 4, 1920 – April 10, 2018). Beloved husband for 62 years of the late Shirley (Greenspan); devoted father of Elyse (the late Barry) Miller, Nancy (Shelley) Farber, and Amy (Thomas) Langdon; loving grandfather of Sherri (David) Morris, Aaron (Nicole) Miller, Joshua (Julie) and Mia Farber, Rosemarie, Brigid, and Martina Langdon. Dear great-grandfather of eight. Son of the late Max and Pearl Manna, brother of the late Lee and Darlene Manna. Thank you to Sylvia Unterman for being a supportive and special friend, and to Mandy and Buji for the outstanding care and compassion they provided. A proud veteran of WWII, Donald would appreciate donations in his memory be made to: Honor Flight Chicago (9701 W. Higgins Rd. – Suite 310, Rosemont, IL 60018). Arrangements private by The **Cremation Society of Illinois**.

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McCarthy, Jacqueline 'Jackie'

Jacqueline "Jackie" McCarthy nee Fertal, age 93, at long last at rest April 12, 2018. Jackie grew up in Calumet and moved to Detroit, with her sister and mother, Alma, to a two-room house in Brightmoor with no running water. She graduated from Redford High and worked at the Detroit Times where she met her husband. Jackie raised her family in Detroit and Farmington, sending her children to Catholic schools. She was the St. Fabian School librarian and a long-time employee of J.F. Cavanaugh in her second career. Her children and their friends knew she did not suffer fools, and appreciated her quick wit and unmistakable candor ("How much do you weigh?"). Jackie was a Michigan State Lottery winner, the self-proclaimed inventor of the post-it note and porcupine balls, and an early consumer advocate (demanding a free case of green beans for a half-full can). After retirement, she enjoyed travel and her grandchildren. Jackie also loved card parties, books, "Breaking News" and lots of movies. Jackie is survived by her sister, Rita Belanger, and children Dennis (Jeri) McCarthy, Terry (Jeanne Hanisko) McCarthy and Eileen (Chris Gardner) McCarthy. She was "Teeny Grandma" to Kimberly, Colin, Chloe, Max, Ryan and Owen (all of whom exceeded her stature by age 10), and great grandchildren Magnolia and Colt Maverick. She is also survived by nieces and nephews and their families. Committal Service, Saturday April 21, 2018 10:00 a.m. at Glen Eden Memorial Park Cemetery Chapel, 35667 Eight Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, (www.jdrf.org/illinois/) . Funeral info: **www.donnellanfuneral.com**

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McGarry, Joan T.

Joan T. McGarry, nee Dombrowski. Beloved wife of the late John. Dear mother of John, Joan (Robert) Bedore, Kathryn (Tom) Ryan and Timothy (Julie). Loving grandmother Julianne (Adam) Mallonee, Elizabeth (Ben) Campbell, Tom, Patrick (Kirstin), Kevin (Breanna), Molly and Ian Ryan, Maureen (Rob) Romanet, Christopher (Kate) and great grandmother of Haley, Ethan, Gabrielle, Peter, Isabella, Aiden, Lily, Beverly and Evelyn. Dear sister of Rita (the late Ken) Roberts, Frank (the late Therese) Dombrowski and the late Mary Downey and Joseph (the late Shirley). Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Monday 8:45 a.m. from **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave to St. Christina Church Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. 773-779-4411

Beverly Ridge Funeral Home

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Mendelson, Robert

Robert Mendelson, 61, beloved husband of Mayleen nee Atlas; loving step-father of Jonathan (Sheila) Peters and Jonas (Dianne) Peters; loving grandfather of Christopher (Katie), Jordan, Micah, Eden and Ronen Peters; dear brother of Michael (Jennifer), Ronald (Ruth) and Daniel (Cheryl) Mendelson; fond uncle to Daniel (Meghan), Nicole, Samuel, Joshua, James and Aaron, and dear friend to many. Funeral service Monday 10 AM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. Info: 847-256-5700.

Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home

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Moore, Elizabeth May Peterson

Elizabeth May Peterson Moore, age 97 of Wheaton, Illinois passed away March 9, 2018. Pete, as she like to be called by her friends, was born on a farm in Avon, IL on January 5, 1921 to Parlin Peterson, d 8/1/51, and Bertha May Teach Peterson, d 4/4/82. She passed away due to a brain aneurism. She is survived by her son Kenton (Muriel) Moore, her daughter Kendra (Daniel) Nohl, three grandsons Phil Nohl of Aurora, Nathaniel Moore of London, England, Jacob Moore of Pittsburgh, one granddaughter Melissa (Dave) Nohl Yorton of Camas, WA, one great-grandson Wesley Hayden Yorton, her sister Marie (Dick) McElvaine of Galesburg, IL and 4 nephews. Pete, a graduate of Western Illinois University, married December 5, 1943 to H. Wilfred Moore d 9/6/90. Elizabeth was a member of the Gary Memorial Methodist Church. Pete volunteered her time to the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts for her son and daughter. Pete taught mathematics for many years at Glenbard West High School. Since her retirement in 1980 she worked with the Y's Men at the Glen Ellyn B.R. Ryall YMCA. She served in various offices and on various committees to help improve the Y. Pete was a member of the Home Garden Club of Wheaton. Her beautiful flower gardens as well as her lovely flower arrangements have been her hobby and her relaxation. She knitted, worked crossword puzzles and jig-saw puzzles, read cozy mysteries, and played bridge, Scrabble and various card games. She enjoyed entertaining her friends and cherished her family. Elizabeth will be missed by her family and many friends. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018, 10AM at Gary Memorial Methodist Church, 224 N. Main St. Wheaton, IL. followed by a reception at the church. In lieu of flowers please make contributions to the Gary Memorial Methodist Church choir and music program, the Aurora Central Catholic High School Drama Program or The Nature Conservancy.



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Nathan, Lorraine 'Lee'

Lorraine "Lee" Nathan, nee Alpert, age 87, of Northbrook, beloved wife for 69 years of Norman Nathan; loving mother of Steven (Hilary Mass) Nathan and the late Harlene (late Wayne) Newman; adored "Mom Lee" of Stacey and Melissa Nathan, Charles (Lisa), Matthew (fiancée Amy Fries), and Bradley Newman; proud great grandmother of Luke, Max, and "Stanley;" cherished sister of the late Diane (David) Rosenfeldt. Service Monday, 1:00 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., FL 17, Chicago, IL 60601, www.alz.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

Goldman Funeral Group

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Newton, Linda

Linda J. Newton, 59, of Homewood IL, passed away April 9th 2018. Beloved daughter of Marilyn Newton and the late James J. Newton. Cherished sister of James A. Newton and Marcia (John) Ahern. Devoted Aunt of Bryan (Mary Claire) Ahern and Mark Ahern. Very special Grand Aunt to Molly Linda Ahern who will carry on her name and loving spirit. Linda was also long time companion to the late Cas Latka.

Linda was a 25+ year nurse at St. James, Chicago Heights/ Olympia Fields hospitals. A 1976 graduate of Homewood Flossmoor HS, BSN from University of Iowa, Masters from DePaul University. Memorial will be private family event.

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Nottke, Joanne Marie

Joanne M. Nottke, nee Kercher 71, of Chicago passed away April 9, 2018. Born March 1, 1947 to the late Matilda (Gorz) and Reuben Kercher, Joanne grew up in Logan Square, long before it became a trendy place to be. She developed an early interest in art, no doubt influenced by her dad who was a graphic artist and whose paintings remained in her home throughout her life. A passion for food emerged later on, which she concluded must have come from her years as a youngster, sitting on a kitchen stool while her mom prepared the family meals.

" Nobody gets out alive" was a saying Joanne would use to remind us, with a smile, of life's inevitable realities. She devoted the years she had to taking time to listen to the hopes and fears of other people and offering support. Whether you were family, a friend, co-worker or even the person answering when she called to order from a catalogue, she had a way of getting past the surface and you went away knowing you had had an experience, not just a conversation.

Some feel you can get an insight into people by learning their favorite books and movies. If so, then you might watch Anthony Quinn as Zorba or Julia Child, Jacques Pepin and Vivian Howard, all on her favorite PBS station on Channel 11. She would weave into her reading list the Travis McGee series created in the 1960s by John D. McDonald and loved Fredrik Backman's characters.

For music, she has always liked the people-oriented songs of John Prine and Bonnie Koloc, which date back to the old days of waiting in the snow outside the Earl of Old Town, to see them in person.

"Never change anything" was a favorite guideline of Joanne's. If you hang up your keys on the hook in the hall, she'd say, you'll never lose them. She was right. And that rule might be applied to other areas of her life. Cable TV? Nope, the antenna provided many riches. Email or social media? No thanks, too impersonal, better to meet or share a phone call or exchange a hand-written note. Smart phone? A handset and landline were just fine. It was the communication, not the device, that mattered.

Joanne had a life. After graduation from Schurz High School and Northern Illinois University, she decided that the three options open to most women: nurse, teacher or secretary, were not a good match for her. With no formal business training, she managed to get an entry-level job in the male-dominated world of advertising in Chicago. Though she encountered stiff resistance, she was able to work her way up and became the first woman to be promoted at each higher level, until she reached a senior position. How? By determination and demonstrating simple common sense and respect for others.

After retiring, she decided to focus on her love for food and for people by taking a job as a checkout person at a local specialty food retail store. It wasn't too long before her skills were noted and she eventually became the head buyer for hundreds of items for what had grown to four stores. She loved sharing her knowledge and experience with everyone she met.

Retiring again, she found more time to care for others. Her legacy is embedded in all of us who were lucky enough to have had her in our lives, including her neighbors who have her to thank for starting a block party, scheduled for its 38th consecutive year in 2018.

Among those Joanne leaves behind include: her husband of 47 years, Allen ("Al") Nottke; sister Louise (Paul) Steinbach and their sons Michael and Robert (Jennelyn) Steinbach and daughter Paula (Will) Krapf and their son Ron and daughter Hazel; sister Susan (the late Robert) Elgersma and their daughters Diana Elgersma and Chrissy (Sasha) Clayton and their daughter Matilda ("Tillie"); brother-in-law James (Betsy) Nottke and their daughter Dianne Nottke and son Nathan (Sharon) Nottke and their children Max, Madison and Lexi; sister-in-law Louise Kiekow and her daughter Kelly Kiekow.

Thank you to the compassionate people at Rainbow Hospice at Resurrection Medical Center, especially Mary, Pam, Connie and Susie.

If you are considering making a donation in her memory, Joanne felt strongly about the work of Heifer, International, in their fight to end hunger.

For information, **Kolbus-May Funeral Home** can be reached at 773-774-3232 and condolences may be shared with her family at www.kolbusmayfh.com. Internment will be private at Memorial Park in Skokie in the summer.

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Novick, Susan Jane

Susan Jane Novick nee Weiss. Beloved wife of Ivan Novick. Loving mother of Jodi (William) Alt, Wendy (Jeff) Present and Step-mother of Corey Novick and Michelle Novick. Cherished Nana of Ryan, Benjamin and Alexis. Dear sister of Judy (Edward) Goldin, Arthur (Dianne) Weiss and sister-in-law of Arlene (the late Bernard) Orenstein. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Service Monday, 12 noon at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road (One block north of Lake Cook Road) Buffalo Grove. Interment Westlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her memory to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 651 West Washington Blvd., Suite 400, Chicago, IL 60661 www.lls.org and Northwestern Memorial Foundation, 251 East Huron, Suite 3-200, Chicago, IL 60611 http://foundation.nm.org/ would be appreciated . Arrangements by: **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Paluga, Rita

Rita Paluga, 87, of Lake Forest passed away on April 11, 2018 after a brief illness. Rita is reunited with her longtime and loving husband of over 60 years, the late Edward Paluga (2016), and her dearly beloved son, the late David Paluga (1999). Rita is survived by her loving sons Mark (Martha) Paluga and Jonathan Paluga, grandson Matthew Paluga, her sister Marilyn Iverson, cousin Judy Schmuser and brothers in law, Robert and Martin Paluga. The family would like to express heartfelt gratitude to all of her friends and staff at Lake Forest Place. Family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, April 16, 2018 in the Nagel Room of Gorton Community Center, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest. A funeral mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest. Interment private at Lake Forest Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Church of St. Mary. Info – **Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest**, 847-234-9649 or www.RTfunerals.com.

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See Mary Ann Gruber notice.

Peoples, Richard S.

Richard S. Peoples, of Wheaton, beloved husband of Karen Labbruzzo; loving father of Phillip and Nicholas (Shauna) Peoples; cherished grandfather of Oliver Peoples; dear brother to Dennis Peoples. Rick was a devout catholic and loved the Cubs, fly fishing, the opera and shopping on Amazon for electronic gadgets. Rick loved to cook and share his flair for international cuisines with family and friends. He had a great sense of humor and will be missed by all. Visitation Monday from 3-7 pm at **Williams-Kampp Funeral Home** 430 E. Roosevelt Rd. Wheaton, IL. Funeral prayers Tuesday 10 am at the funeral home and processing to Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville, IL 60540 for 11 am mass. Interment private. Funeral info 630-668-0016 or www.williams-kampp.com.

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Peterson, Marion

Marion Peterson, nee Domscheit; age 87; loving wife of the late Fred A. Peterson, Jr; loving mother of Gail (Mark) Dunlap and the late Fred Peterson III; cherished grandmother of Michael (Tyler) Bosco, Daniel Bosco and Hannah Dunlap. Marion was a member of the LaGrange Chapter Hummel Club, the Red Hat Society and the Widows of Medinah Nobles. Memorial Visitation Saturday, April 21st 12 Noon until time of Memorial Service 12:30 PM at **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. S. of Ogden) Downers Grove. Family Inurnment Mound Prairie Cemetery. Genoa City, WI. 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com

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Psarros, Catherine D.

Catherine D. Psarros, nee Mackropoulos. Beloved wife of the late Peter; loving mother of Dean (Barb) and Bobbette Psarros; proud grandmother of Nick Psarros; dear sister of the late John, Nick, Constance, Constantine, Helen and Peter. Everyone is asked to meet on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. until time of service at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Rd., Westchester, IL. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Chris J. Balodimas, Funeral Director. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

Chris J. Balodimas BALODIMAS Funeral Director

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Radziwonowicz, Terese B. 'Terry'



Terese Radziwonowicz (nee Laniewski) age 83, died peacefully on Monday, April 9, 2018 surrounded by her daughters. Terese was born in Chicago, IL and raised her family in Chicago. She retired to Arizona where she resided for the past 30 years. Daughter of the late Peter and Anna Laniewski and sister of many, wife of the late Ernest J. Radziwonowicz and dear mother of Duane V. Radziwon, the late David L. Radziwon, Debra (Joseph) Kobel, Denise (William) Grant, Doreen (John) Spagnolo, and Deanne (David) Owsianiak. Loving Grandma of Nikki, Jenna, Maggie, Joseph, Andrew, Lauren, Emily and Jeffrey. GiGi of Liam, Morgan and Ellis. She was loved by many nieces and nephews. A private burial will be held at Resurrection Cemetery. Her family will be hosting a "Celebration of Her Life" at a later date.

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Ray, Shirley J.

Shirley J. Ray, nee Maley, age 83, beloved wife of the late Richard A. Loving mother of Debbi (the late Jack) Roth, Sandra (David) Heuer, Richard (Diane) Ray and Susan (Brian) Scheulin. Devoted grandmother of Toni (Jeff) Tomczak, Ricky (Kristin) Roth, Charlene and Carl Heuer, Bryan, Patrick and Thomas Scheulin. Great-grandmother of Ryder Tomczak and Lily Roth. Devoted sister of the late James (the late Dorothy) Maley. Funeral Monday 9:15am from **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St. Homer Glen to Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, Mass 10am. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Hinsdale Hospital Foundation appreciated. Visitation Sunday 2pm to 8pm. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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Reynolds, Mona

Mona Reynolds (nee Nelson), 89, lately of Belmont Village, Glenview, retired editor and educator, formerly of Fox River Grove, passed away after a long illness, April 10, 2018. Survived by daughter Leah Reynolds, son Treiops (Ave Rose) Treyfid (formerly Scott Reynolds), stepson David (Ruth) Reynolds, and step-grandchildren. Preceded in death by husband Wiley "Ralph" Reynolds and parents Clarence Nelson and Elin Katarina Nelson (nee Ericsson). After graduating from Chicago Teacher's College and teaching for a few years, Mona found her calling as an editor at an engineering trade journal. She loved quilting, cats, and enjoying time with friends. A summertime Celebration of Life is being planned. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.



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Rogers, William 'Bill'

William "Bill" Rogers, 81, of Cape Girardeau, formerly of Chicago, died Sunday, April 8, 2018 at Missouri Veteran's Home.



He was born March 9, 1937 in Chicago, Illinois to William and Geraldine McClure Rogers.

He and Patricia Siemien were married August 10, 1968 at Chicago, Illinois.

He served in the Army from 1960 to 1962. He received an associates degree while in the service.

Bill was a salesman for Ampex Corporation and achieved recognition as top salesman for the company. His clients included recording studios, universities and television stations.

He was an avid sports fan, especially of the Arizona Cardinals--going back to when they were the Chicago Cardinals.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Rogers of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; two daughters, Michele (Michael Carroll) Rogers of Cape Girardeau and Kelly Freskos of Mt. Prospect, Illinois; one grandson, Trevor Carroll of Cape Girardeau; and one granddaughter, Madison Freskos of Mt. Prospect.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son-in-law, Charles Freskos.

There will be no visitation or service.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Rondini Jr., Wilson

Wilson Rondini Jr., 81, Beloved husband of Ann Rondini nee Milone; loving father of Wilson Rondini III and Jeffrey (Jacqueline) Rondini; devoted grandfather to Wilson Rondini IV , Vanessa (William) Lambrecht and Christian Rondini; and great grandfather of Billy Lambrecht. He was a brother to Henry (Patricia) Rondini, Katherine (Peter) Diana , Donald (Marie) Rondini and Robert (Margaret) Rondini.



Wilson was born in Derby CT on August 6, 1936. He passed away peacefully at home in Wheaton on April 9, 2018. He was a US Army veteran and devoted his life to the service of others through careers in teaching, hospital services and personal financial planning.

Memorial Mass Tuesday 10:00 a.m. at St. Daniel the Prophet Church, 101 W. Loop Rd., Wheaton, IL 60189. Funeral info 630-668-0016 or www.williams-kampp.com. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Oral Cancer Foundation.

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Scalise, Grace

Grace Scalise, nee Cannella. Apr. 12, 2018. Age 87. Devoted wife of the late Anthony S. Scalise. Loving mother of Anthony J. (Patricia) Scalise, Joseph (Sandi) Scalise, Richard (Jean) Scalise, Roxanne Scalise, and Michelle Stube. Cherished grandmother of 8 and great grandmother of 4. Beloved sister of Mildred (late Lawrence) Galateo. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral services Mon day 10:30 A.M. at the Petkus Lemont Funeral Home, 12401 S. Archer Ave., (at Derby Rd.), Lemont. To Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church, Lemont, for Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 A.M. Entombment Good Shepherd Cemetery, Orland Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Offerings in Grace's name may be made to Parkinson's Disease Research and will be deeply appreciated. Visitation Sunday 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. 800-994-7600 or www.petkusfuneralhomes.com

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Schafer, Chester

Chester Schafer (1922-2018) was a family patriarch, polka radio disc jockey, and music producer. He hosted polka radio shows in the Chicago area for over 65 years. He owned the Chicago Polkas recording label and produced over 100 albums. With wife Dolores, he raised a family of 13 children. Chet was co-owner of Hollywood Press print shop with brothers Tony and Frank. After Dolores passed away, Chet married Geraldine Ryndak at the age of 88, showing that he never gave up on life. He was active in the Polonus Philatelic Society, the International Polka Association, the Senior Polka Association, the Polish American Cultural Club, and the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. He is survived by his children, 27 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends. Visitation Fri., April 20, 3-8 pm at **Montclair-Lucania** Funeral Home, Edward A. Tylka, Director, 773-683-9043, 6901 W. Belmont, Chicago. Funeral mass Sat., April 21, 10 am, at St. Priscilla Church, 6949 W. Addison, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Polish Museum of America would be appreciated.



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Schneider, John

John Schneider at rest April 1, 2018. Beloved husband of Jan; loving father of Steve (Kristen) and Mark; proud grandfather of five. Memorial Service April 21, 2018 at 11:00 am at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2600 75th St., Woodridge, IL. Interment private.

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Schulz, Eileen

Eileen Schulz, nee Farrell, age 57. Loving mother of Michael Schulz, Lori Schulz, Thomas Schulz, and Cory Schulz and former spouse of Michael Schulz. Funeral Mass April 21st, 10am at Queen of All Saints Basilica. Interment to follow at All Saints Cemetery. For info 773-736-3833 or visit Eileen's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

Smith-Corcoran Funeral Homes

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Scramuzzo, Louise

Louise Scramuzzo entered this life Aug. 29, 1953 and entered eternal life April 13, 2018. Louise is the beloved wife of John Scramuzzo; dear sister of Michael (Marlene) DeFabio, the late Richard DeFabio and David (the late Suzie) DeFabio; loving aunt of Laura, John, Brian, Dave, Jr., Joey, Mike, Dan and Nick; honored great aunt of many. Her family extends a heartfelt thanks to all organ donors. Interment Service will be held at 12 Noon, Monday, April 23, 2018 at the All Saints Catholic Cemetery,700 N. River Road, Des Plaines, IL (Please meet at the Interment Chapel). In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to help find a cure for Diabetes. Arrangements by **Pedersen Ryberg Mortuary** 630-834-1133 or pedersenryberg.com

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Shukis, Lucille P.

Lucille P. Shukis, nee Kilkus, passed away on Monday, April 9, 2018 in Hinsdale. A devout Catholic, she was the foundation of a loving and spirited family. Lucille was the adored wife of the late Bruno J. Shukis, beloved mother of Paul (Mary Kay) Shukis, Steven Shukis, Mary (Richard) Behler, and Carol (Peter) Crofton; cherished grandmother of Daniel, Jeffrey and Kevin Shukis, Rick and Diana Shukis, Carol (Matthew) Coady, Patricia and Matthew Behler, Patrick, Mary, and Lucy Crofton. Visitation Monday, April 16th 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Funeral Tuesday, April 17th 10:30 AM from Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 South Grant St. Hinsdale, IL to St. John of the Cross Church, 5005 S. Wolf Rd. Western Springs, IL. Mass 11:15 AM. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. John of the Cross Parish, www.stjohnofthecrossparish.org (Giving Tab) are appreciated. For information 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com



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SIERAWSKI, MARGARET D.

MARGARET D. SIERAWSKI AGE 88 of Downers Grove, IL. Beloved and loving wife of the late Leonard V. (2002), mother of Leonard Sr. (Karen), grandmother of Leonard Jr. and Thomas. Visitation Wed April 18TH, 10 AM until Services 1 PM at Toon Funeral Home 4920 Main Street Downers Grove, IL 60515. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery Hillside, IL. For information www.toonfuneralhome.com OR 630-968-0408

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Sirt, Thelma

Thelma Sirt, nee Eisenberg. Beloved wife of the late Louis; devoted mother of Gloria (David) Berger, Steven (Julie) Sirt and Michael Sirt; proud grandmother of many grandchildren; dear sister of the late Herbert (late Edith) and Frederick Eisenberg; caring aunt of many nieces and nephews. A special thanks to all those who showed kindness in their care of Thelma. Funeral service Tues, April 17, 10 AM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Soski, Leon S.

Leon S. Soski, age 83, passed away, April 9, 2018. Longtime resident of Lemont. A veteran, he served proudly in the U.S. Navy, during the Korean War. Loving husband of the late Cathryn, nee Sellers Soski; loving father of Donna Lynn (Jamie) Tucker, Cathy Ann "Charmin" Tyszko (Donald "Uppie" Updike), the late Dawn Marie, Cindy Lee (the late Jon) Hedgecock, and Leon (Veronica) Soski, III; beloved grandfather of 5, cherished great-grandfather of 3; dearest brother of Leona (the late Victor) Soukup, and Lenny (Priscilla) Soski. Leon was an avid fisherman and loved the mountains. He especially loved to play Bingo. A memorial visitation will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018, from 4 – 8 p.m. at **Markiewicz Funeral Home, P.C.** 108 Illinois St. Lemont. Info: 630-257-6363 or www.markiewiczfh.com

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SPIEWAK, LEOKADIA LILLIAN

Leokadia "Lillian" Spiewak nee Glab, 93, beloved wife of the late John Joseph; loved and cherished mother of Czesia Teresa, Krystyn and Michael Spiewak; dearest Bushia of Jennifer (Kevin) Miller, Nicholas and Jonathan Wrzesinski and Daniel Yundt; dear great Bushia of Logan and Violet Miller. Visitation Mon April 16, 2 to 8:00 p.m. and Tue, 9:00 a.m. till time of services at 9:45 a.m. at **Ivins/Moravecek** Funeral Home 80 E. Burlington St. Riverside to St. Mary Church for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral info 708-447-2261 or www.moravecek.com.

Ivins/Moravecek Funeral Home

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Sterrett, David Brooks

David Brooks Sterrett lived his life with signature candor and humor that has left an indelible mark on his loving family and friends. He died peacefully on April 4 from a heart attack after enduring years of decline from dementia. Dave spent his career as an Army Officer, an international banker, and a small business owner. He was loyal to the Illini right to the end, treasuring his days as a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He met his best friend and beloved wife of sixty years, Midge Becherer, when they were seniors at New Trier High School. Their great joy was raising four children. He was born in Kenilworth, Illinois to Dave and Marcellite Sterrett. His father ran a family business founded by his maternal grandfather, Louis Melind. A proud Panther and Indian, he attended elementary school at Joseph Sears and high school at New Trier, accumulating a wide circle of friends whom he held close always. His grades and his swimming prowess earned him a scholarship to the University of Illinois. After graduating from Illinois as an All-American freestyler with a degree in business administration, Dave served in the Army for two years on Nike missile bases in Maryland and Texas. He returned to Chicago and joined the Continental Bank, where he worked for over 20 years. His standout professional and personal adventure was assuming international banking posts in Singapore and the Netherlands in the 1970s. Traveling the world with his family inhabited a very special place in his memory. A voracious reader, Dave also had discerning taste in films. His five favorite movies—Casablanca, Godfather II, Shawshank Redemption, To Kill a Mockingbird, and Roman Holiday—were a window into the soul of his life. In his late years, he connected to everybody through their favorite films.



He is survived by Midge, his sweetheart of more than 60 years, and his children; Jody Sterrett Johnson (Jeff), Jill Sterrett, Brooke Sterrett Steinhoff (Cal) and Chip Sterrett (Jenny). He also leaves eight grandchildren: Drew and Remy Johnson; Grey Beaudin; Jane and Charlie Steinhoff; and Aidan, Ryan and Finn Sterrett. Dave is also survived by his two sisters, Mary Lou Smith and Betty Sterrett. A memorial service will be held at 2pm on Thursday, May 3 at the Kenilworth Union Church. In lieu of flowers, and in honor of his faithful dog Cubbie, contributions can be made to Orphans of the Storm, 2200 Riverwoods Road, Deerfield 60015, www.orphansofthestorm.org/donate.

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Stevens III, Eddie 'Doonaboy'

Eddie Stevens, III (76) passed away on Fri., Mar. 16, 2018 in Omaha, NE. He was born to the late Mary L. Stevens and Eddie Stevens Jr. on Dec. 8, 1941. He is survived by wife Donna Stevens, ex-wife, Ora Stevens, sons, Charlie and Eddie IV, sisters, Sondra Gunn, Cynthia Onyjekwe, and Gwendolyn Cain, daughter-in law Holly Stevens, stepchildren, Cameron, Camille, Brittany, grandchildren, Ashley, Eddie V, Peyton, Justin, Amelia, Olivia, Onna, Theresa, cousin, Randolph Relf, cousin Glenda Mitter, and others.

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Straka, James M.

James A. M. Straka, age 92, passed away April 10, 2018. Full obituary at www.friedrichjones.com Visitation: Tues., April 17, 4-8PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL 60540**. Mass: Wed., April 18 10:30 AM at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1500 Brookdale Rd. Naperville, IL 60563. Info(630)355-0213

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Stump, Mary Rita

Mary Rita Stump (nee Murphy) Age 88 Beloved wife of 66 years to Robert F. Stump. Devoted mother of Mary Judith (the Hon. Patrick) O'Malley, Robert M. (Ginger) Stump and the late Morgan F. Stump. Proud grandmother of Brigid Anne O'Malley, Patrick J.(Elizabeth) O'Malley Jr. Beloved great grandmother of Mary Elizabeth O'Malley, Patrick J. O'Malley III, Morgan F. O'Malley and Ryan J. O'Malley. Loving daughter of the late Morgan and Anna Murphy. Cherished sister of Jane (the late Raymond) Holmes, Bernard (Mary Virginia) Murphy, the late Hon. Morgan (the late Charlene) Murphy, the late Rev John M. Murphy and the late Sr. Carol Ann Murphy R.S.M. Precious aunt of many nieces and nephews. Dear cousin and friend of many. Past President of Mercy Hospital's Women's Board, Founding Member of the Ocean View Women's Bridge Club, Graduate of The Academy of Our Lady High School, DePaul University, Honorary Doctorate of St. Xavier University. Visitation Monday 3-8 p.m. Funeral Tuesday 9:15 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to Our Lady of the Woods Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105, would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878



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Tallman , Charles R.

Charles R. Tallman, age 71, passed away April7, 2018 at Rainbow Hospice, Chicago, IL. Beloved Son of the late Robert and Cecilia Tallman, Survived by Cousins Cecilia (James) Bruce, Christopher (Fiancée Colleen) Bruce, James (Karen) Bruce, Elizabeth Bruce, Suzanne Wagner, Gabriella and Angelina , Doniella and Donald Smith and the late Felicita Wagner. Services were held Saturday, April 14, 2018 at United Lutheran Church, Oak Park, IL. Interment Irving Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Salvation Army, Parkinson Foundation or Rainbow Hospice of Chicago. Arrangements by William F. Andersen Funeral Services, 312-919-8203

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Tamillo, John

John "Johnny" "J.T." Tamillo



In loving memory of John Tamillo 7/20/1955 – 4/6/2018 John was born in Chicago, Illinois to Dorothy and Walter Tamillo. He worked as a master carpenter and continued in this trade after moving to Phoenix, AZ., in 1978. In 1985 he started a new and proud career as a Phoenix firefighter until his retirement in 2011. John loved his family, friends and fellow firefighters. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed taking people out on his boat to ski or fish. He opened up his home countless times to family and friends and enjoyed entertaining them, hosting cookouts and holding parties. He had unlimited energy and loved good music, dancing and was an expert pool player. A true go-getter, John was also a very successful realtor for over 25 years and always found a way to seal the deal. He was excellent with construction and was busy in his spare time with renovating and restoring houses. Like his nickname, he was 'Johnny on the spot' for anyone who needed help repairing, remodeling or getting real estate advice. He leaves behind his caring wife Gia, and his beloved children, son Jared Vandenheuvel (Hanh) and daughter Danielle Tamillo. John was the devoted brother of Sharon (John) Valentini; Bob Tamillo (Bonnie); Denny (Leon) Brudnicki; Sandy (Bob) Sea; Cathy (Marty) Stieber; and Walt Tamillo, and was the fond and warmhearted Uncle Johnny to numerous nieces and nephews. He touched many of us with his fun loving spirit and will forever remind us to live our lives to the fullest. Please consider a donation to the United Phoenix Fire Fighters Charities (www.phxffcharities.org). For info please contact Bob Tamillo at 773/842-0338 or email at bob@americanveteransco.com

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Vercruysse, Dorothy M.

Dorothy M. Vercruysse nee Dunneback, age 97 of Glen Ellyn. Retired longtime employee for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Howard. Loving mother of Tom (Rita), Rosemary Vercruysse, Mary (Rich) Arsinow and the late Barbara Jean Vercruysse. Beloved daughter of the late Catherine and Frank Dunneback. Proud grandmother of Craig (Alison), Brian (Julie) Vercruysse, Alan Arsinow and Bonnie (Stephen) Cyrwus. Great grandmother of Eddie, Brett, Michael and Asher. Dear sister of the late Victor (the late Bernice) Dunneback and the late Marcella (the late Fred) Roller. Fond aunt, cousin and friend of many. Great friend and companion to Nina Skorubskaya. In lieu of flowers donations to Sunday Mass at Mercy Home 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60607 would be appreciated. Family and friends to gather Wed. April 18th for visitation 9AM until time of Funeral Mass 10AM at St. James the Apostle Church 480 S. Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn. Interment will be private. Arrangements by **DuPage Cremations, Ltd. and Memorial Chapel** (630) 293-5200.



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Watts, Donald Edward 'Don'

Donald E. Watts passed away peacefully April 3, 2018 at the age of 92. Don was born August 29, 1925 in Chicago, Illinois to Dr. Emmett and Margaret Watts, joining older brother Robert (Bob).

Don served with the Army in Europe in WWII. After the war, Don pursued his dream of becoming a doctor, specializing in psychiatry. Don was passionate about his work, and had a long and successful private practice. He was grateful and fulfilled.

Don was preceded in death by his brother Bob and ex-wives Barbara and Rena.

Don is survived by his wife Catherine Locke, 5 children: son David (Diana) Watts, daughter Catherine (David) Keeler, son Daniel (Jennifer) Watts, daughter Jessica Mettler, and son Steven (Rose) Watts, stepdaughter Susan (Joshua) Darst, 8 grandchildren: Beth Keeler, Dawn Otten, Autumn Browder, Wesley, Madelyn, Abigail, Samuel and Daniel Watts, and 3 great-grandchildren: Ema , Owen and Raina.

A Remembrance Service will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2:30, at First United Methodist Church, 1032 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove.

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Zeman, Thomas J.

Thomas J. Zeman of Westchester. U. S. Army Veteran - Korea. Beloved husband of Elaine, nee Walsh, for 60 years. Loving father of James (Karen), Eileen (Brian) McElmeel, Christine (David) Zeman, Michael (Kari), Peter (Loriann) Zeman and the late Thomas P. Zeman; proud grandfather of Matthew, Kevin, Kathleen (Jim Schiffer), Ryan, Shannon, Julia, Luke and Elizabeth; dear brother of the late Robert and Charles Zeman; fond uncle of many. Tom had numerous friends and will be missed by all who knew him. 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, April 16, 2018 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Providence Church for 10:00 a.m. mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Zotto, Vito

Vito "Bill" Zotto, 91, of Lake Summerset for 19 yrs, passed away January 26, 2018. He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 yrs, Patricia (Lala); daughters, Michelle (Gary) Thiede, Jackie Zotto O'Malley, Beth (Gary) Ferrari, Vicki (Chris) Reich and son, Michael Zotto; 17 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; sister, Lucy Salvatore and sister-in-law, Violet Presco; many dear nieces, nephews and friends, especially Dan Capenigro. He was predeceased by his brother, Carmen Presco and sisters, Jane Corry, Pat Ramsey and Bert Corry.

He was a Navy veteran of WWII and beloved owner of Vito's Standard in Bellwood for 20 yrs. He retired after 18 yrs from Mako-Tek, Downers Grove.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 21 at St. Mary Catholic Church, 606 W Main St, Durand, IL. Inurnment will follow at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, returning to the church for luncheon and celebration of his life.

McCorkle Funeral Home-Durand Chapel assisted the family.

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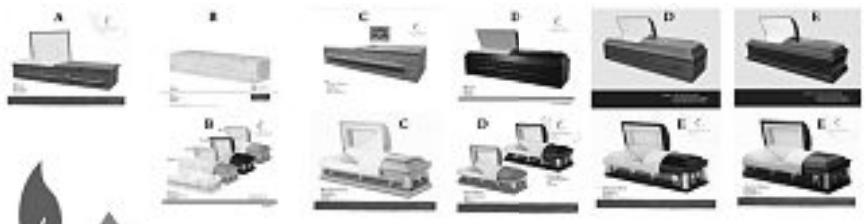
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SUNDAY, APRIL 15 NORMAL HIGH: **59°** NORMAL LOW: **39°** RECORD HIGH: **88° (2002)** RECORD LOW: **25° (1943)**

Rain, wet snow ahead as cold persists in region

LOCAL FORECAST

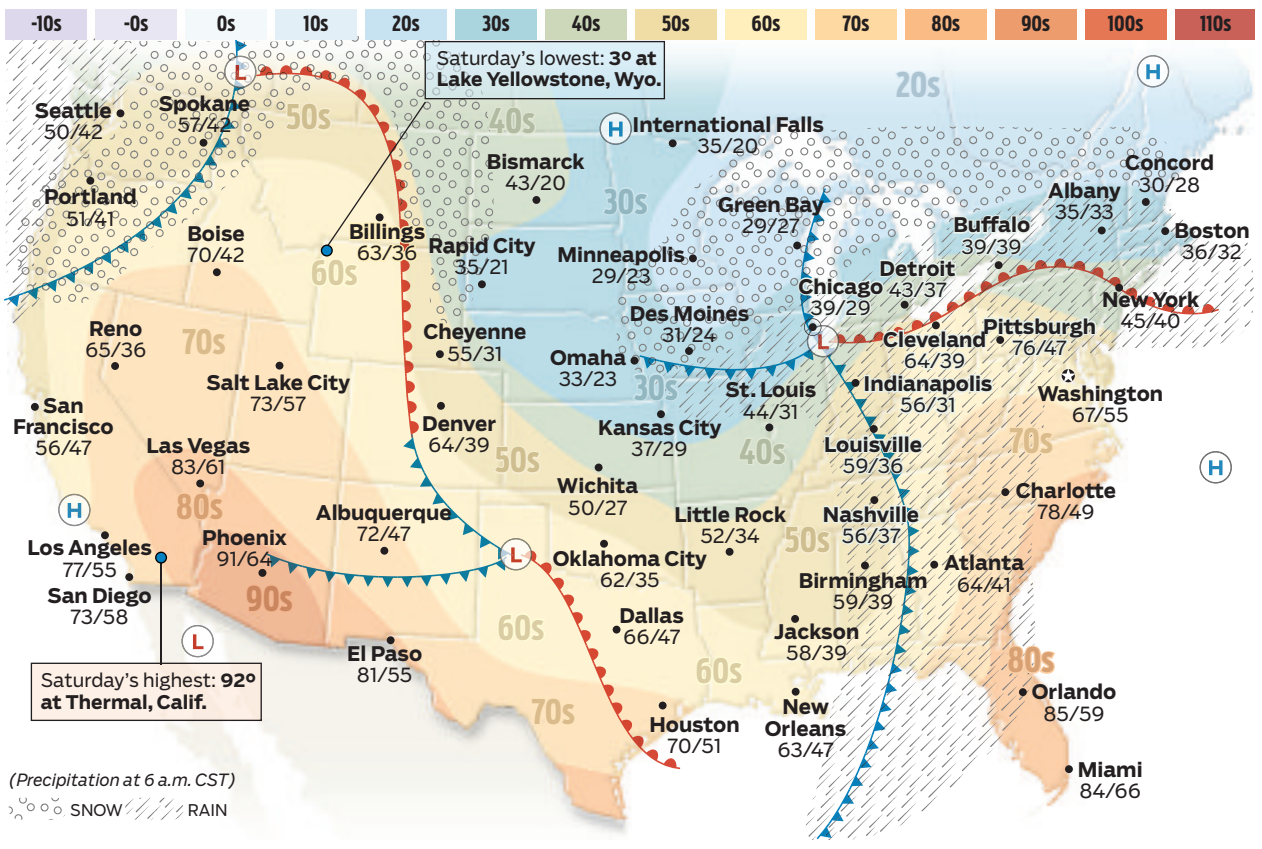
HIGH	LOW
39	29

■ **The eastward-moving center of low pressure passes overhead with strong winds at 20-30 mph shifting from the east/northeast to the northwest later in the day.**

■ Cloudy and windy, with an unseasonably cold rain. High temperatures in the upper 30s to lower 40s — around 20 degrees below the normal for this date.

■ As the low pressure moves to the east, light rain changes over to wet snow during the evening and continues overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Travel to our north will be treacherous Sunday, if not impossible, with over 2 feet of snow in the Green Bay area and blizzard conditions along with sleet and freezing rain from Minnesota across Wisconsin into Michigan.

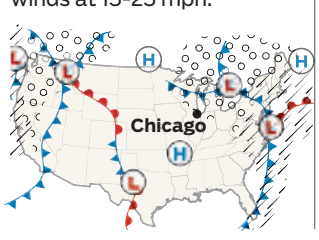
Here, low pressure will pass overhead, bringing rain and drizzle. East to northeasterly winds will shift to the northwest with the almost steady light rain gradually changing over to wet snow later in the afternoon or early evening.

Snow flurries could last into Monday, the cold staying through Tuesday with a temperature rebound of sorts into the still subnormal 50s by the middle of next week. Rain is likely this coming Wednesday and Saturday, in each case triggered by low pressure originating in the central Plains and tracking northeast over our area.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

HIGH	LOW
40	28

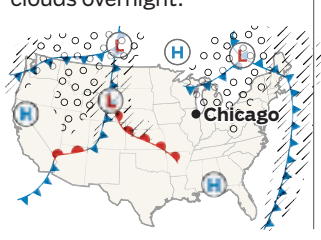
Mostly cloudy, rather windy and cold with a few snow flurries possible. High temperatures again in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Partly cloudy overnight. Northwest winds at 15-25 mph.



TUESDAY, APRIL 17

HIGH	LOW
53	39

Mostly sunny and warmer. Highs well into the 50s away from the Lake. Southeast winds keep readings in the 40s along the lakefront. Increasing and lowering clouds overnight.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

HIGH	LOW
52	35

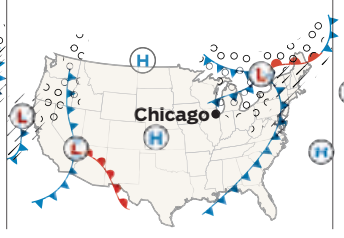
Cloudy with showers likely. Highs in the lower 50s. Turning colder during the afternoon as southerly winds at 15-20 mph shift to the northwest. Clouds, chance of snow flurries overnight.



THURSDAY, APRIL 19

HIGH	LOW
49	34

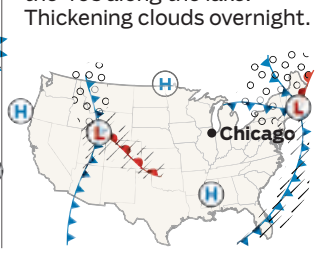
A mix of sun and stratocumulus clouds. Temperatures peak well below the normal 61-degree high for this date. Clearing skies overnight. Northerly winds.



FRIDAY, APRIL 20

HIGH	LOW
48	38

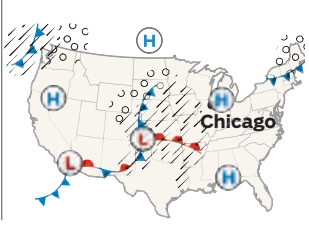
Sunny with a gradual increase in high and mid-level clouds in the afternoon. Highs in the low 50s inland but an easterly lake breeze keeps readings in the 40s along the lake. Thickening clouds overnight.



SATURDAY, APRIL 21

HIGH	LOW
48	43

Cloudy with showers likely . Highs at 45-50, with cooler readings at the lakefront. Rain likely overnight. Southeast winds.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What are "traces" of precipitation?
— Alecia Condral

Dear Alecia,

Liquid precipitation (and the water content of frozen precipitation like snow) is measured in hundredths (0.01) of an inch. "Trace" amounts are defined as less than half that amount (0.005 inches). The depth of frozen precipitation like snow is measured in tenths (0.1) of an inch and trace amounts are defined as less than half that amount (0.05 inches). When very light precipitation occurs, a weather observer determines if the measured total equals or exceeds the trace amount.

The water content of snow or other frozen precipitation is determined by collecting snow in a rain gauge, melting it and measuring it as if it had fallen as rain. Precipitation is defined as liquid or frozen particles that fall to the ground; dew and frost are not precipitation.

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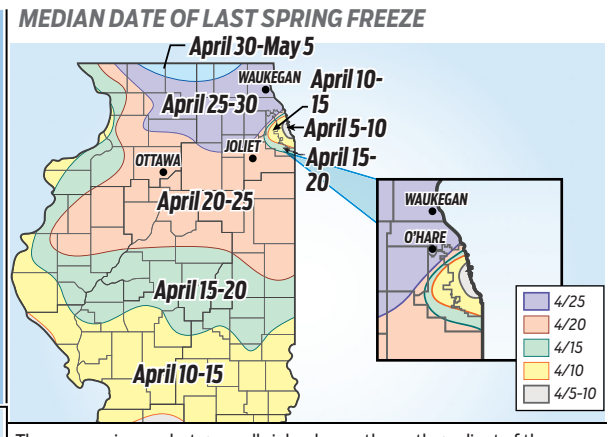
Last spring freeze of 2018 is just around the corner

LAST SPRING 32° OCCURS BY THIS DATE 90% OF THE TIME

LOCATION	DATE
Kankakee	May 8
Waukegan	May 15
O'Hare	May 11
Midway	April 28
Joliet	May 4
Rockford	May 14
Aurora	May 14

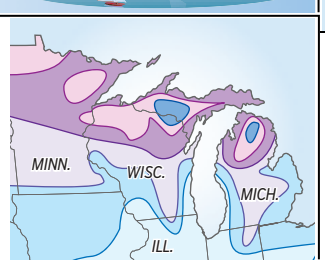


MEDIAN DATE OF LAST SPRING FREEZE



AVERAGE SPRING LAST FREEZE DATES ACROSS THE MIDWEST

The average date of the last 32-degrees is still some 2 months off in northern portions of Wisconsin and Michigan



There are variances, but generally inland, a north-south gradient of the median date (same number of occurrences before and after) of last spring freeze exists from early May along the Illinois-Wisconsin border to mid-April through central Illinois.

In the immediate Chicago area, there is an east-west gradient in the date of last freeze, ranging from the first week in April at the Chicago lakefront to the last week in April just west and south of Cook County due to the heat generated by the densely populated urban areas and proximity to the 40-degree waters of Lake Michigan.

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

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MIDWEST CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois						
Carbondale	cl	47	32	pc	50	35
Champaign	sh	49	28	pc	39	27
Decatur	sh	46	28	pc	40	26
Moline	rs	36	26	sh	38	24
Peoria	sh	41	27	sh	40	26
Quincy	rs	40	27	pc	46	29
Rockford	sn	35	25	sh	37	24
Springfield	sh	46	28	pc	43	27
Sterling	rs	36	25	pc	40	24
Indiana						
Bloomington	rn	53	31	sh	39	31
Evansville	sh	52	32	sh	44	34
Fort Wayne	rn	50	32	rs	38	30
Indianapolis	rn	56	31	ss	39	30
Lafayette	rn	50	29	sh	37	28
South Bend	rn	44	28	ss	35	28
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	sn	29	27	ss	33	22
Kenosha	rs	35	27	ss	37	25
La Crosse	sn	30	26	sh	35	21
Madison	sn	29	23	sh	34	22
Milwaukee	sn	33	27	ss	37	24
Wausau	sn	25	24	sh	29	21
Michigan						
Detroit	rn	43	37	sh	40	31
Grand Rapids	fr	37	32	rs	37	29
Marquette	sn	27	26	sn	29	26
St. Ste. Marie	sn	29	28	sn	35	30
Traverse City	rs	34	32	ss	36	29
Iowa						
Ames	ss	29	22	pc	35	17
Cedar Rapids	sn	31	24	pc	36	23
Des Moines	ss	31	24	pc	40	23
Dubuque	sn	32	25	sh	36	24

OTHER U.S. CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	su	70	51	pc	87	59
Albany	fr	35	33	rn	47	37
Albuquerque	su	72	47	pc	79	52
Amarillo	su	71	42	pc	88	54
Anchorage	pc	47	28	su	49	30
Asheville	rn	65	38	sh	45	33
Aspen	pc	54	36	pc	60	36
Atlanta	rn	64	41	pc	59	42
Atlantic City	rn	52	45	rn	57	40
Austin	su	75	51	su	84	59
Baltimore	rn	64	49	sh	59	42
Billings	pc	63	36	pc	68	37
Birmingham	sh	59	39	su	62	43
Bismarck	su	43	20	su	47	30
Boise	sh	70	42	sh	51	34
Boston	rs	36	32	rn	49	43
Brownsville	su	84	60	pc	85	66
Buffalo	fr	39	39	rn	43	33
Burlington	rs	34	32	rn	41	36
Charlotte	ts	78	49	cl	57	39
Charlstn SC	ts	75	52	su	64	46
Charlstn WV	ts	73	41	sh	43	33
Chattanooga	rn	62	39	sh	52	37
Cheyenne	cl	55	31	su	69	39
Cincinnati	rn	62	36	rs	40	33
Cleveland	rn	64	39	sh	42	33
Colo. Spgs	pc	60	34	pc	72	49
Columbia MO	rs	38	28	pc	51	32
Columbia SC	ts	81	48	pc	62	42
Columbus	rn	65	39	sh	41	33
Concord	rs	30	28	rn	41	38
Crps Christi	su	77	64	pc	81	67
Dallas	su	66	47	su	83	59
Daytona Bch.	ts	85	55	su	72	51
Denver	pc	64	39	pc	77	51
Duluth	sn	29	25	ss	34	24
El Paso	su	81	55	pc	89	63
Fairbanks	su	34	11	su	37	14
Fargo	pc	37	23	su	43	26
Flagstaff	pc	66	36	pc	61	31
Fort Myers	ts	87	65	pc	78	57
Fort Smith	pc	53	33	su	67	48
Fresno	pc	82	48	sh	61	43
Grand Junc.	pc	68	49	pc	75	48
Great Falls	ts	56	36	sh	53	32
Harrisburg	sh	58	43	rn	52	38
Hartford	sh	38	35	rn	55	40
Helena	ts	54	36	sh	50	33
Honolulu	ts	81	74	sh	81	73
Houston	su	70	51	su	80	60
Int'l Falls	cl	35	20	cl	35	20
Jackson	pc	58	39	su	68	47
Jacksonville	ts	81	52	su	70	52
Juneau	pc	51	31	pc	51	31
Kansas City	pc	37	29	su	55	36
Las Vegas	cl	83	61	pc	76	48
Lexington	rn	63	35	ss	40	33
Lincoln	pc	35	21	su	51	28
Little Rock	pc	52	34	su	66	46
Los Angeles	pc	77	55	su	64	48
Louisville	rn	59	36	sh	43	35
Macon	ts	68	43	su	64	41
Memphis	cl	50	35	su	59	46
Miami	ts	84	66	su	83	60
Minneapolis	sn	29	23	ss	37	20
Mobile	su	65	45	su	72	49
Montgomery	pc	61	41	su	63	43
Nashville	sh	56	37	sh	51	38
New Orleans	su	63	47	su	71	53
New York	sh	45	40	rn	57	42
Norfolk	ts	79	59	cl	63	42
Okla. City	pc	62	35	su	76	59
Omaha	ss	33	23	su	46	27
Orlando	ts	85	59	pc	73	55
Palm Beach	ts	85	62	su	80	57
Palm Springs	pc	92	63	pc	81	51
Philadelphia	rn	52	42	rn	65	40
Phoenix	pc	91	64	cl	87	56
Pittsburgh	ts	76	47	sh	49	34
Portland, ME	sn	32	30	rn	41	41
Portland, OR	rn	51	41	rn	51	42
Providence	sh	37	35	rn	57	41
Raleigh	ts	80	52	cl	59	38
Rapid City	su	35	21	pc	42	28
Reno	pc	65	36	pc	47	30
Richmond	ts	79	57	cl	62	38
Rochester	rn	38	39	rn	45	34
Sacramento	rn	66	44	rn	56	39
Salem, Ore.	rn	50	40	rn	51	41
Salt Lake City	sh	73	57	pc	66	37
San Antonio	su	79	52	su	87	59
San Diego	pc	73	58	pc	64	54
San Francisco	rn	56	47	rn	53	44
San Juan	pc	83	74	pc	85	74
Santa Fe	su	65	43	pc	70	44
Savannah	ts	78	48	su	67	46
Seattle	rn	50	42	rn	51	44
Shreveport	su	61	40	su	74	53
Sioux Falls	pc	29	15	su	35	16
Spokane	sh	57	42	rn	47	38
St. Louis	sh	44	31	pc	49	32
Syracuse	fr	37	34	rn	45	32
Tallahassee	ts	70	46	su	70	46
Tampa	ts	82	61	pc	68	56
Topeka	pc	40	25	su	58	36
Tucson	su	91	57	pc	90	53
Tulsa	su	55	33	su	65	50
Washington	ts	67	55	rn	59	42
Wichita	pc	50	27	su	64	45
Wilkes Barre	sh	45	33	rn	50	31
Yuma	pc	93	63	pc	85	52

WORLD CITIES

SUNDAY	FC	HI	LO
Acapulco	su	83	76
Algiers	sh	65	51
Amsterdam	sh	61	48
Ankara	su	72	38
Athens	cl	78	58
Auckland	ts	71	61
Baghdad	pc	85	59
Bangkok	ts	94	81
Barbados	sh	83	77
Barcelona	pc	69	53
Beijing	su	75	51
Beirut	su	75	62
Berlin	pc	72	48
Bermuda	su	72	65
Bogota	ts	66	50
Brussels	pc	63	48
Bucharest	pc	77	49
Budapest	cl	77	59
Buenos Aires	su	76	62
Cairo	su	95	65
Cancun	ts	83	69
Caracas	cl	80	64
Casablanca	pc	68	48
Copenhagen	sh	49	40
Dublin	rn	51	44
Edmonton	rs	41	31
Frankfurt	pc	74	50
Geneva	pc	68	50
Guadalajara	su	88	53
Havana	pc	88	68
Helsinki	sh	52	37
Hong Kong	rn	72	66
Istanbul	su	68	49
Jerusalem	su	76	54
Johannesburg	pc	71	52
Kabul	rn	68	48
Kiev	pc	73	52
Kingston	pc	85	77
Lima	pc	72	65
Lisbon	sh	63	48
London	sh	58	46
Madrid	cl	64	47
Manila	pc	94	78
Mexico City	pc	75	52
Monterrey	su	82	56
Montreal	su	34	32
Moscow	su	62	36
Munich	pc	70	53
Nairobi	ts	74	61
Nassau	pc	87	77
New Delhi	su	102	76
Oslo	pc	55	33
Ottawa	rs	30	28
Panama City	ts	90	75
Paris	cl	66	47
Prague	ts	75	53
Rio de Janeiro	ts	79	72
Riyadh	pc	91	67
Rome	ts	72	55
Santiago	pc	84	48
Seoul	su	63	39
Singapore	ts	89	78
Sofia	pc	71	50
Stockholm	cl	55	35
Sydney	su	83	65
Taipei	sh	73	64
Tehran	pc	64	47
Tokyo	cl	65	55
Toronto	fr	32	32
Trinidad	cl	87	74
Vancouver	sh	52	44
Vienna	pc	73	58
Warsaw	pc	76	53
Winnipeg	pc	41	23

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

CHICAGO DIGEST

SATURDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	41	36	Midway	42	37
Gary	43	41	O'Hare	47	40
Kankakee	47	40	Romeoville	41	37
Lakefront	39	36	Valparaiso	52	45
Lansing	42	39	Waukegan	37	33

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Sat. (through 7 p.m.)	0.51"	0.11"
April to date	1.08"	1.52"
Year to date	9.00"	7.54"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sat. (through 7 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	35.1"	37.2"
Normal to date	36.0"	36.8"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Wind	NE 20-35 kts.	NN 20-30 kts.
Waves	6-10 feet	6-10 feet
Sat. shore/crib water temps		43°/41°

LAST WEEK'S PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	High
Grass	0
Mold	Low
Ragweed	0
Weed	0

SOURCE: The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Joseph Leija

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Saturday's reading	Good
Sunday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Particles

SUNDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:10 a.m.	7:32 p.m.
Moon	6:20 a.m.	7:12 p.m.

NEW	1ST Q	FULL	3RD Q
April 15	April 22	April 29	May 7

SUNDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:27 a.m.	5:41 p.m.
Venus	7:12 a.m.	9:32 p.m.
Mars	1:52 a.m.	10:58 a.m.
Jupiter	9:29 p.m.	7:33 a.m.
Saturn	1:19 a.m.	10:33 p.m.

BEST VIEWING	TIME	DIRECTION
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	8:15 p.m.	13° WNW
Mars	5:00 a.m.	22° SSE
Jupiter	2:30 a.m.	31.5° S
Saturn	5:00 a.m.	24.5° SSE

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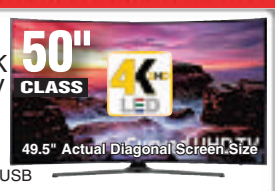
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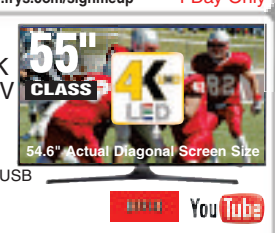
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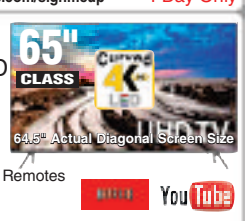
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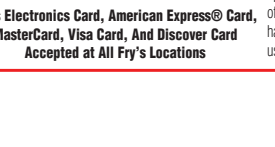
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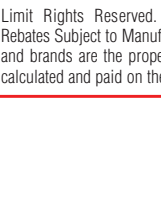
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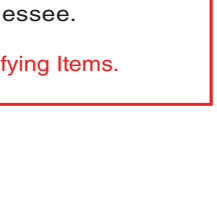
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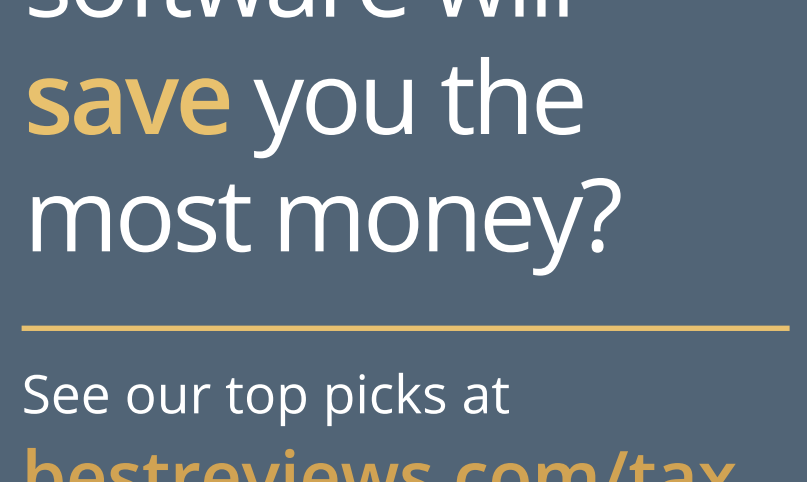
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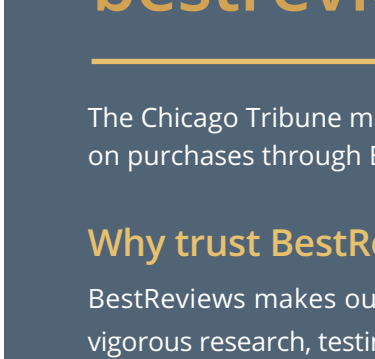
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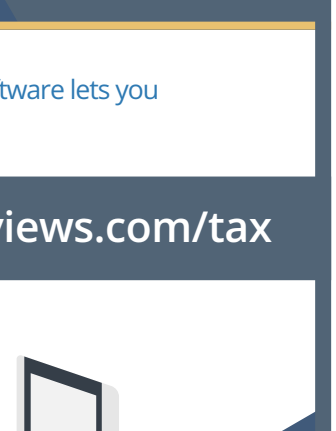
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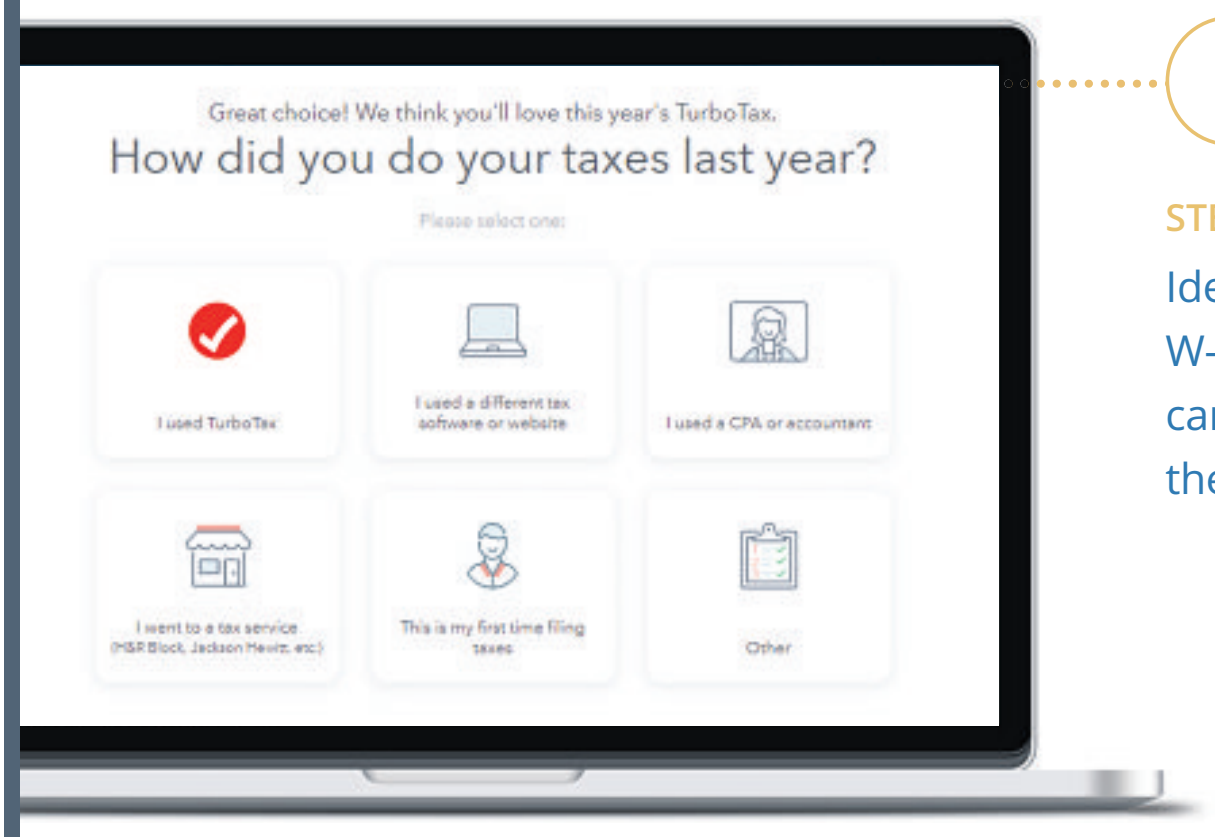
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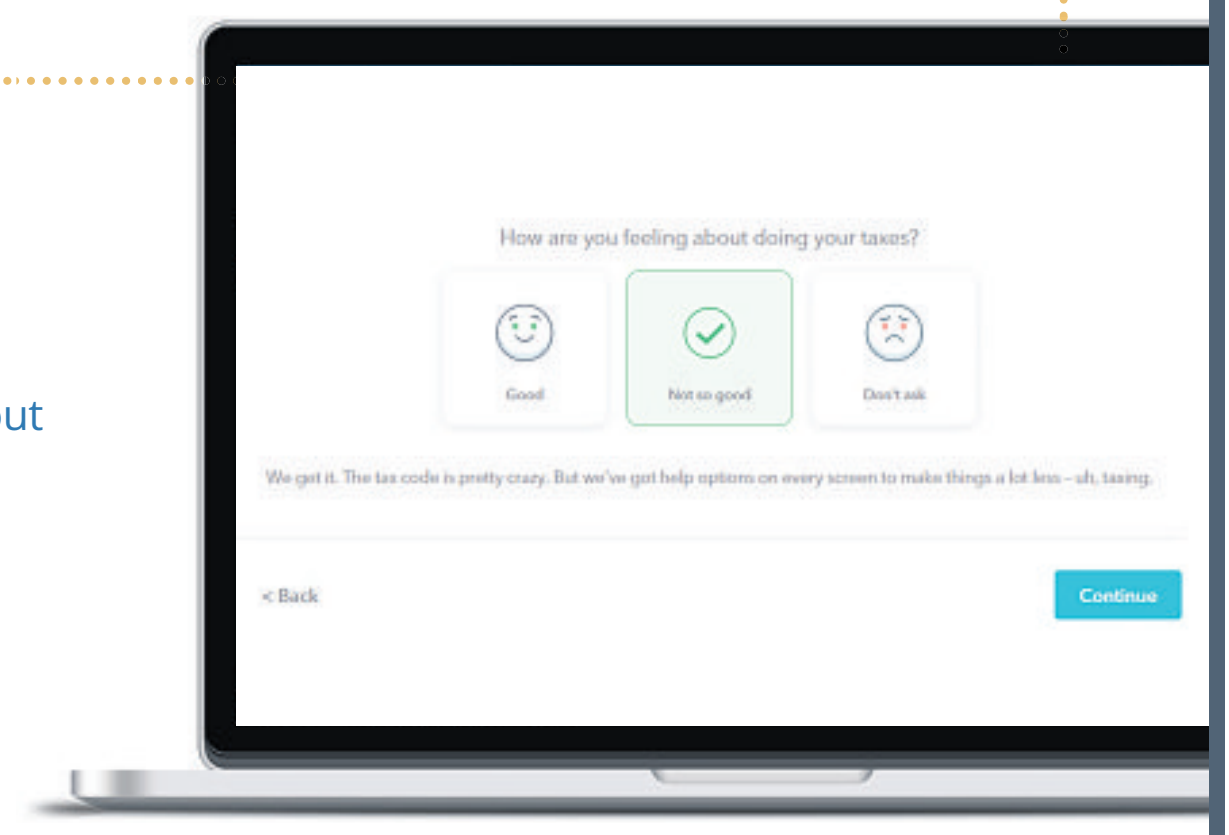
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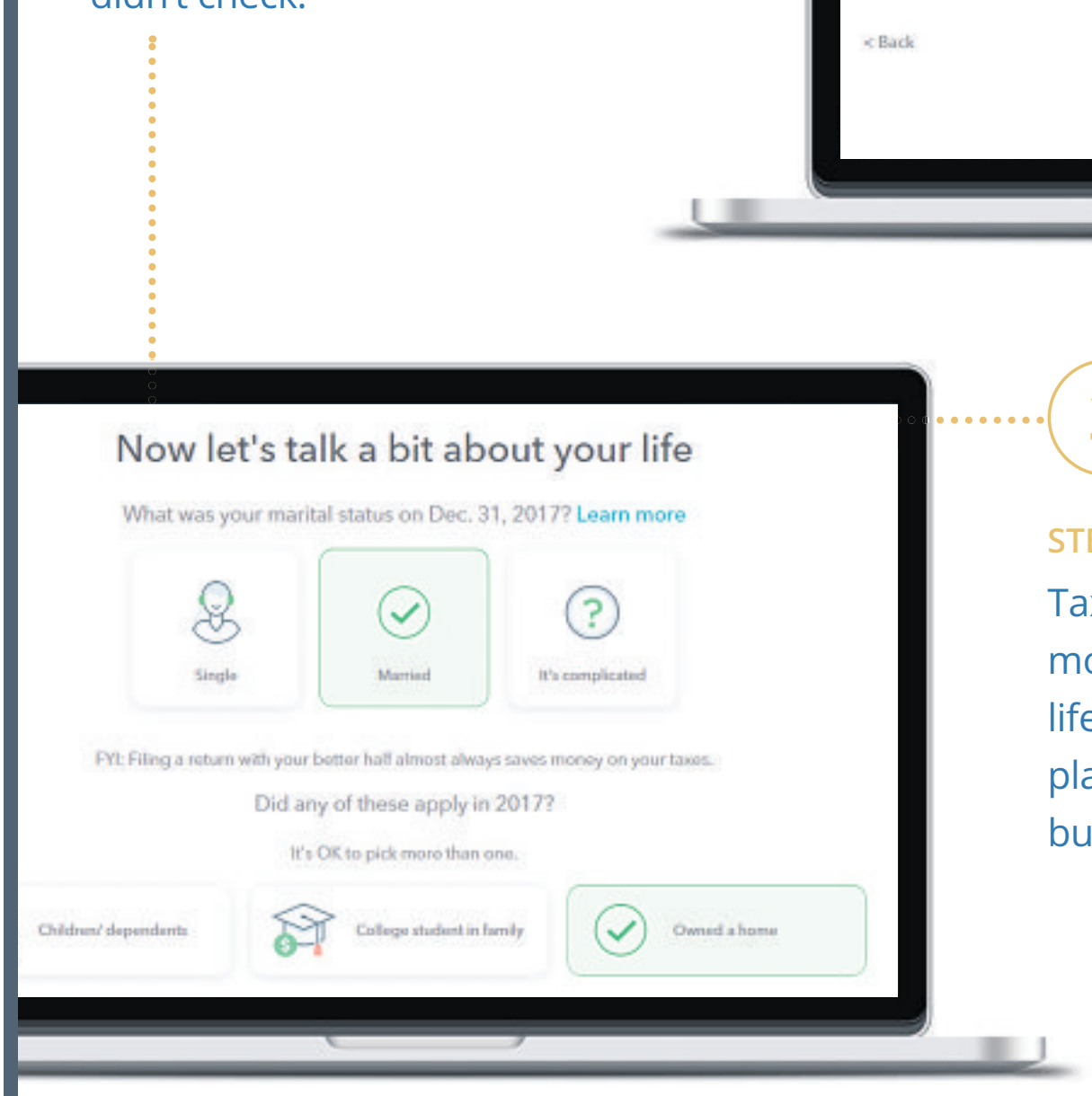
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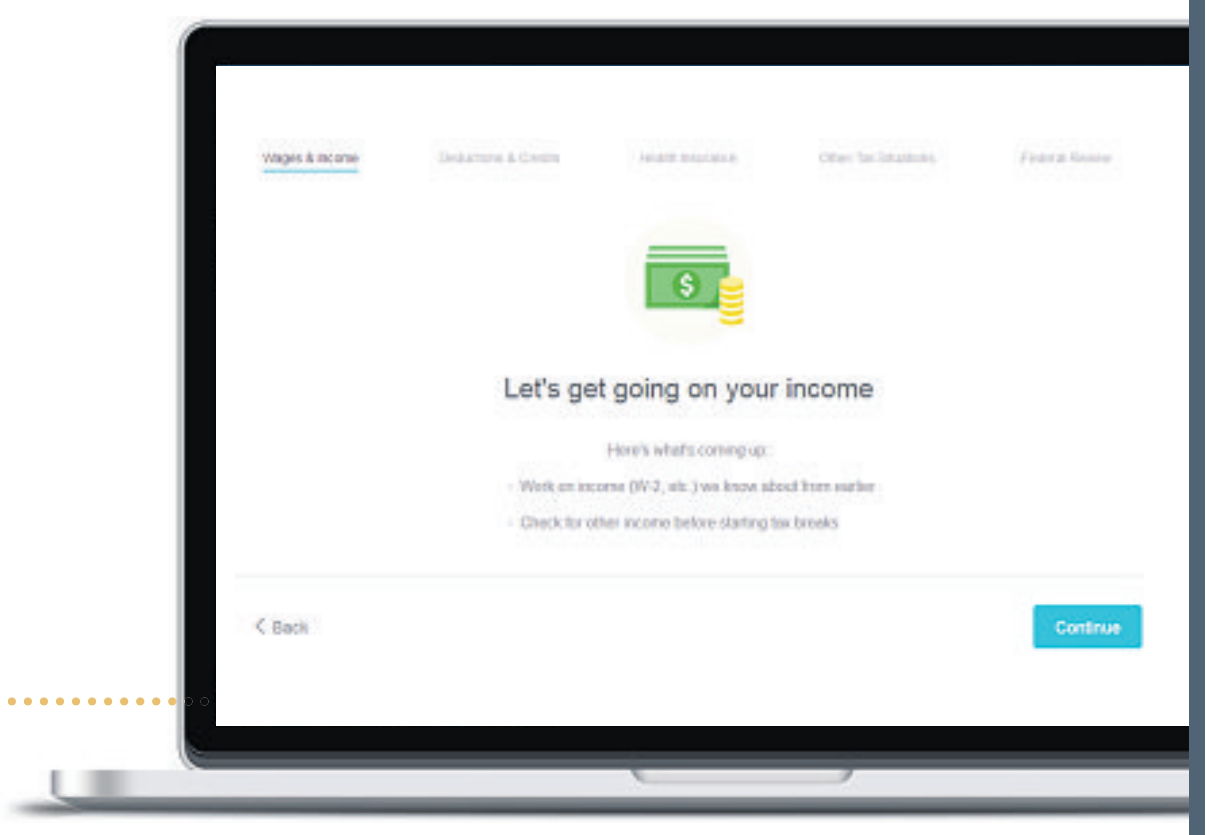
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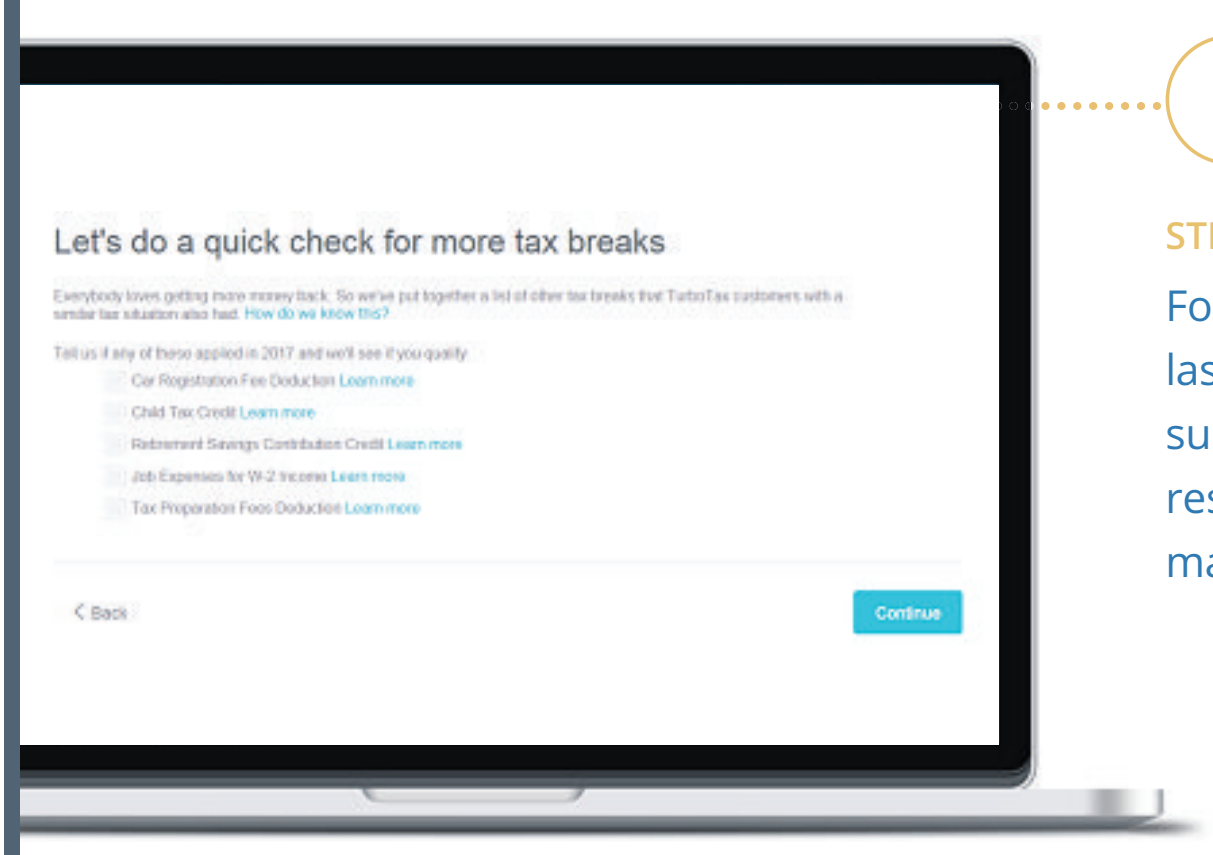
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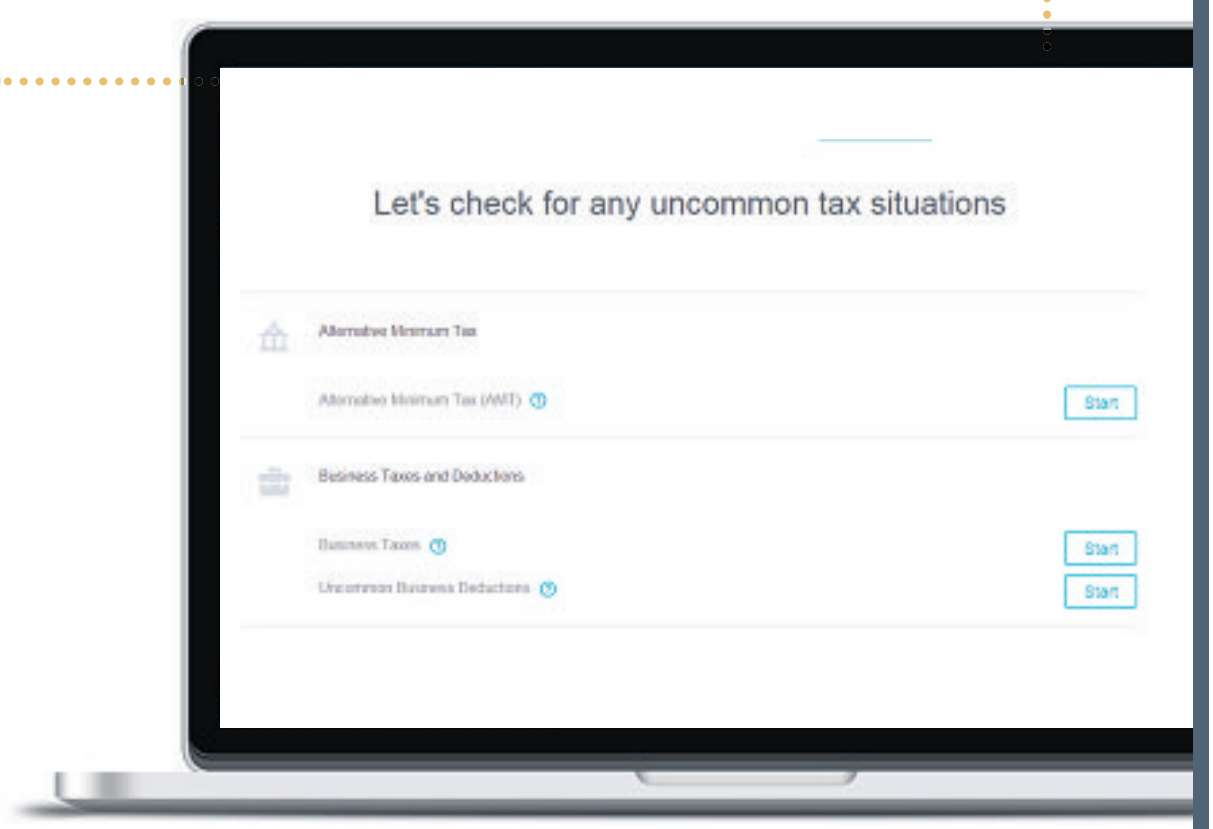
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Robin and Mark Le Vine, owners of Bubblefast, worry about trying to pay taxes in 47 states with different regulations.



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Chuck Miller, owner of Alpine Camera, largely stopped selling digital cameras customers often could find cheaper online.

Tax-free e-commerce may be product of past

U.S. Supreme Court case in S. Dakota sets up argument among retailers

By Lauren Zumbach | Chicago Tribune

In Illinois, shopping on Amazon used to feel like it came with a discount: no sales tax charged at checkout. That ended three years ago, when the Seattle e-commerce behemoth opened its first distribution centers in the state, gaining an obligation to collect taxes like any bricks-and-mortar retailer.

Shoppers could end up paying sales tax at many more online retailers if the U.S. Supreme Court sides with South Dakota in a case being heard this week.

Under a 2016 law, South Dakota requires any retailer that conducts at least 200 transactions or has least $100,000 in annual sales within its borders to collect sales tax, regardless of whether the business has a location in the state. Soon after the law went into effect, South Dakota sued online retailers Wayfair, Overstock and Newegg for allegedly failing to comply.

In a 1992 case involving mail-order office supply company Quill, the Supreme Court ruled that retailers can't be forced to collect taxes in states where they don't have a physical presence. But South Dakota argues that's an outdated approach in an era when e-commerce accounts for an estimated 9.1 percent of all retail sales in the U.S.

A victory for South Dakota before the high court could open the door for more states to begin requiring previously exempt retailers to collect taxes, providing a potential revenue boost for cash-strapped governments like Illinois'.

Charging sales tax regardless of whether a business has a local presence is unpopular with retailers that still operate mostly online, like eBay and Etsy. They argue that it's unreasonable to expect businesses to keep up with sales tax regulations in parts of the country where they'll never set foot. Many want Congress to set up more standardized rules.

But retailers with more stores or distribution centers argue the exemption gives some online competitors an unfair advantage.

Viking Ski Shop, which has stores

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"I think there's a basic American notion of fairness, that everyone should be subject to the same rules, but when people put on their consumer hat, there's going to be some uproar." *— University of Illinois law professor Richard Kaplan*

Fewer ballgames, more steak dinners

Corporate entertaining changes after tax deduction goes away

By Samantha Bomkamp
Chicago Tribune

In Darryl Jacobs' line of work, it's a tough year to be a sports fan.

It has nothing to do with the performance of the Chicago tax attorney's favorite teams. Instead, a tax code change that strips away a popular business entertainment deduction has cut into his ability to hobnob with clients at sporting events, theaters and concert venues.

Jacobs, an attorney at Ginsberg Jacobs in the Loop, said the change has already affected the way his firm does business.

The firm bought half as many Cubs tickets this year as it did last. Many of its White Sox season tickets, which used to be tax-deductible when used to entertain clients, are now being donated by the firm so that their cost can instead be deducted for charitable purposes.

"What I'm seeing from my clients — and us too — we're shying away from entertainment like concerts and sporting events," Jacobs said. "It's become a different environment now."

Before this year, a business could deduct 50 percent of the cost of a ticket

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Attorney Darryl Jacobs and Ginsberg Jacobs LLC used event tickets, which were tax-deductible, to entertain clients.

Before politics, Trump's name made millions

Now his merchandise, brand empire is virtually gone

By Zane Anthony, Kathryn Sanders and David A. Fahrenthold
The Washington Post

Before he ran for office, Donald Trump made millions by selling his name to adorn other people's products. There was Trump deodorant. Trump ties. Trump steaks. Trump underwear. Trump furniture. At one time, there was even a Trump-branded urine test.

Now, almost all of them are gone.

In 2015, Trump listed 19 companies that were paying him to produce or distribute Trump-branded consumer goods.

In recent weeks, only two said they are still selling Trump-branded goods. One is a Panamanian company selling Trump bed linens and home goods. The other is a Turkish company selling Trump furniture.

Of the rest, some Trump partners quit in reaction to campaign-trail rhetoric on immigrants and Muslims. Others said their licensing agreements had expired. Others said nothing beyond confirming that they'd stopped working with Trump. Their last Trump goods are now being sold off, often at a discount: One cologne is marked down from $42 to $9.99 for an ounce.

"Success by Trump," the website says. And below that: "Clearance."

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WEEK IN REVIEW

Summing up the Tribune's business coverage

Trauma center gets go-ahead

For the first time in 27 years, Chicago's South Side soon will have a Level I adult trauma center, now that University of Chicago Medicine has gained the final stamp of approval from the state. The program, scheduled to open May 1, will treat people with traumatic injuries, such as from gunshots, vehicle crashes, burns and falls. For decades, activists had asked the hospital to reinstate adult trauma services, which ended at what used to be called University of Chicago Hospital in 1988.

Komatsu headquarters heading to Chicago: Construction and mining equipment-maker Komatsu America said Monday it will move its headquarters from Rolling Meadows to Chicago, near O'Hare International Airport, in 2020. Chairman and CEO Rod Schrader said in a statement that the company is making the move to be close to transportation options and to help attract prospective employees living in the city and studying at nearby universities.



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United Airlines to leave bonus program unchanged: United Airlines won't be making any changes to its employee bonus program this year. Chicago-based United told workers last month that it would change its existing employee bonus program to a lottery system that would have handed out larger bonuses, including vacations and luxury cars, but only to some employees. After 50 "listening sessions," United decided to keep its current quarterly incentive program and its perfect attendance rewards in place for the rest of the year, Kate Gebo, the airline's executive vice president of human resources and labor relations, said in a letter to employees.

Rush, Little Company of Mary Hospital call off merger plan: The Chicago-based Rush hospital system and suburban Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers have called off their plan to merge. Representatives of the health systems declined to answer questions about why discussions ended or make their CEOs available. The organizations "mutually agreed" to back away from the idea of Rush acquiring Little Company of Mary, according to a memo sent to Rush employees.

Toys R Us facility in Joliet to shed 180 workers: A Toys R Us distribution center in Joliet is laying off 180 employees as the storied retailer shuts its U.S. stores. The layoffs are expected to occur May 14, according to a monthly mass layoff report from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Illinois sues energy supplier over alleged hard-sell tactics: Illinois filed a consumer fraud lawsuit against an alternative retail electric supplier for allegedly socking customers with more than $2.4 million in extra charges statewide since 2012. Major Energy Electric Services, a New York-based company, employed hard-sell tactics and deception to lure thousands of customers in Commonwealth Edison's northern Illinois territory to switch to Major Energy's service, according to the lawsuit, filed by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan. Nearly all the customers ended up paying higher prices, the lawsuit says.

*What else happened last week? Catch up on all the news at **www.chicagotribune.com/business**.*

Target making most of high-end collaborations

By Abha Bhattarai
The Washington Post

Not long ago, Gracie Howard got a pair of bright red Hunter rain boots. She felt good about the purchase — at least until she heard Target would soon be selling almost identical Hunter boots for a fraction of the price.

"I just wanna know why I've been buying $150 Hunter boots but the Hunter collection at target is $40. ..." the 18-year-old from Cuero, Texas, tweeted. "I feel scammed."

The boots aren't so special anymore, she said — "I feel like everybody's going to be walking around wearing Hunter now" — but that wasn't going to stop her from heading to Target this weekend to see if she can pick up a pair or two.

"They're so discounted that I'll go see what they have," she said.

And that, shoppers and analysts say, sums up Target's high-low collaborations: There are obvious downsides, but many shoppers find them irresistible.

The retailer's newest designer partnership, with iconic British brand Hunter, is set to roll out this weekend (though store credit card holders got access to a few items a week earlier). It is the latest in a series of collaborations that over the past two decades have turned around the retailer's image and helped establish it as a higher-end alternative to competitors such as Walmart. Target has rolled out limited-time collaborations with established luxury brands such as Missoni, Alexander McQueen and Jean Paul Gaultier, as well as up-and-coming designers including Jason Wu and Prabal Gurung.

But retail analysts say that while the big-box chain has boosted its own cachet, the tie-ups are less fruitful for premium brands looking to attract aspirational shoppers. Sure, partnering with Target may boost brand recognition and awareness in some circles, but to what end? Once the items sell out, often in days or weeks, it's unlikely, industry insiders say, that Target shoppers will suddenly begin buying Victoria Beckham trousers at Saks Fifth Avenue for 25 times the price. (A version of the designer's flared trousers sold for $40 at Target last year. A similar item at Saks Fifth Avenue is marked $1,010.)

"I've never seen a collaboration between a truly luxury brand and a mass retailer have much of an impact," said Milton Pedraza, chief executive of the Luxury Institute, a New York-based research firm and consultant to luxury brands.

Target, which has rolled out more than 175 such partnerships since the debut of its Michael Graves Design Collection in 1999, has been successful in creating buzz around many of its collaborations. And once shoppers are in the retailer's stores, or on its website, analysts say they're likely to make additional purchases.

"These types of lines actually drive little in sales, but the real win is to drive people to stores and have them buy everything else they need," said Sucharita Kodali, an analyst for the market research firm Forrester. "It's perfect for Target."

The partnerships have made high-end pieces more affordable to a mass market - if customers can snag them in time — and helped kick off a frenzy of high-low partnerships. Karl Lagerfeld and Stella McCartney have designed collections for H&M, as have Versace and Balmain. Vera Wang now sells clothing at Kohl's. And "Project Runway" winner Christian Siriano, whose dresses typically sell for thousands, has a line at Payless ShoeSource, the discount retailer that filed for bankruptcy this month.

Target's annual sales have more than doubled since 1999, from $33.7 billion to $71.9 billion.

"These collaborations give our guests the opportunity to get their hands on incredible design at an affordable price," said Mark Tritton, Target's chief merchandising officer.

Longtime shoppers say scoring designer merchandise at Target can be a frustrating experience. Collections usually sell out on Target.com within days, if not hours, and the retailer offers few details on exactly when online sales will begin.

The Minneapolis-based company has also faced criticism for sloppy displays and an unstable website. And some shoppers say the marked-down designer wares are sometimes badly made.

"I feel like the quality really takes a hit in collaborations like these," said Kate Concannon, 31, who runs the fashion blog Life Sucks in a Strapless Bra. "I mean, Hunter boots are an investment piece — I've had mine for 10 years — but the Target collaboration is making me scratch my head a little bit: Why are these boots $40 when they normally cost four times as much?"



WASHINGTON POST

Target started to sell the Hunter brand this weekend.

Hunter boots are typically made of natural rubber and are handcrafted from 28 parts. But the Hunter for Target line is mass-produced in a factory, using a preformed mold. There are also a few obvious differences in design: Hunter for Target boots, for example, come with calf extenders, and the top of the tall rain boots are cut diagonally instead of straight across. But other than that, shoppers noted few visible differences between the $40 boots at Target and the $150 models sold elsewhere.

A number of department-store brands, such as Michael Kors, Kate Spade and Coach, are struggling to turn around their businesses after flooding outlet stores and off-price retailers with low-priced wares, Pedraza said. "Once you've gone mass-market, it's almost impossible to go back up."

Comcast customers can bundle Netflix subscription soon

By Brian Fung
Washington Post

One of the nation's largest cable companies is adding Netflix directly to its product lineup.

Comcast said Friday that you will soon be able to purchase a Netflix subscription from the TV and Internet provider as part of a regular bundle of services.

Just as consumers currently pay a monthly fee to Comcast for broadband, phone and video channels, the company said, its customers will later this month be able to add the streaming video giant onto the same bill.

It's unclear how Netflix will be priced as part of the bundle; a Comcast spokeswoman declined to provide specifics. Netflix viewing, she said, will count against customer data caps just like any other online app.

"Netflix is an important supplement to the content offering on X1, and the ability to include Netflix in our packages will offer more choice, value and flexibility to customers," the spokeswoman said.

The billing partnership is a first of its kind for the cable industry, which is undergoing significant changes as more Americans cut the cord. (Comcast lost 186,000 residential TV subscribers last year, according to the company's financial reports.)

Offering Netflix within the bundle could benefit Comcast "a little," said Craig Moffett, an industry analyst at the research firm MoffettNathanson, by helping the company retain customers who might otherwise cancel their TV subscriptions and switch to Netflix separately.

Netflix could benefit by gaining greater access to Comcast customers who do not already subscribe to the video-on-demand service and who aren't likely to cut the cord; the streaming company has faced investor concerns about continued growth in the United States.

Comcast's integration with Netflix dates to 2016, when the cable company said it would make the streaming service searchable from its X1 entertainment platform. Friday's announcement reflects a significant expansion of that relationship."We can't wait to introduce more X1 customers to Netflix with Xfinity's new packaged offers," Bill Holmes, global head of business development for Netflix, said in a release.

The deal highlights the improving ties between Netflix and the cable industry, which were once thought to be rivals as Netflix began siphoning off cable customers and producing its own original content. Netflix and Comcast famously battled in public over the fees Comcast demanded in exchange for Netflix getting a smoother connection to consumers. While Netflix ultimately agreed to pay Comcast, the debate played a key role in shaping the government's net neutrality rules.

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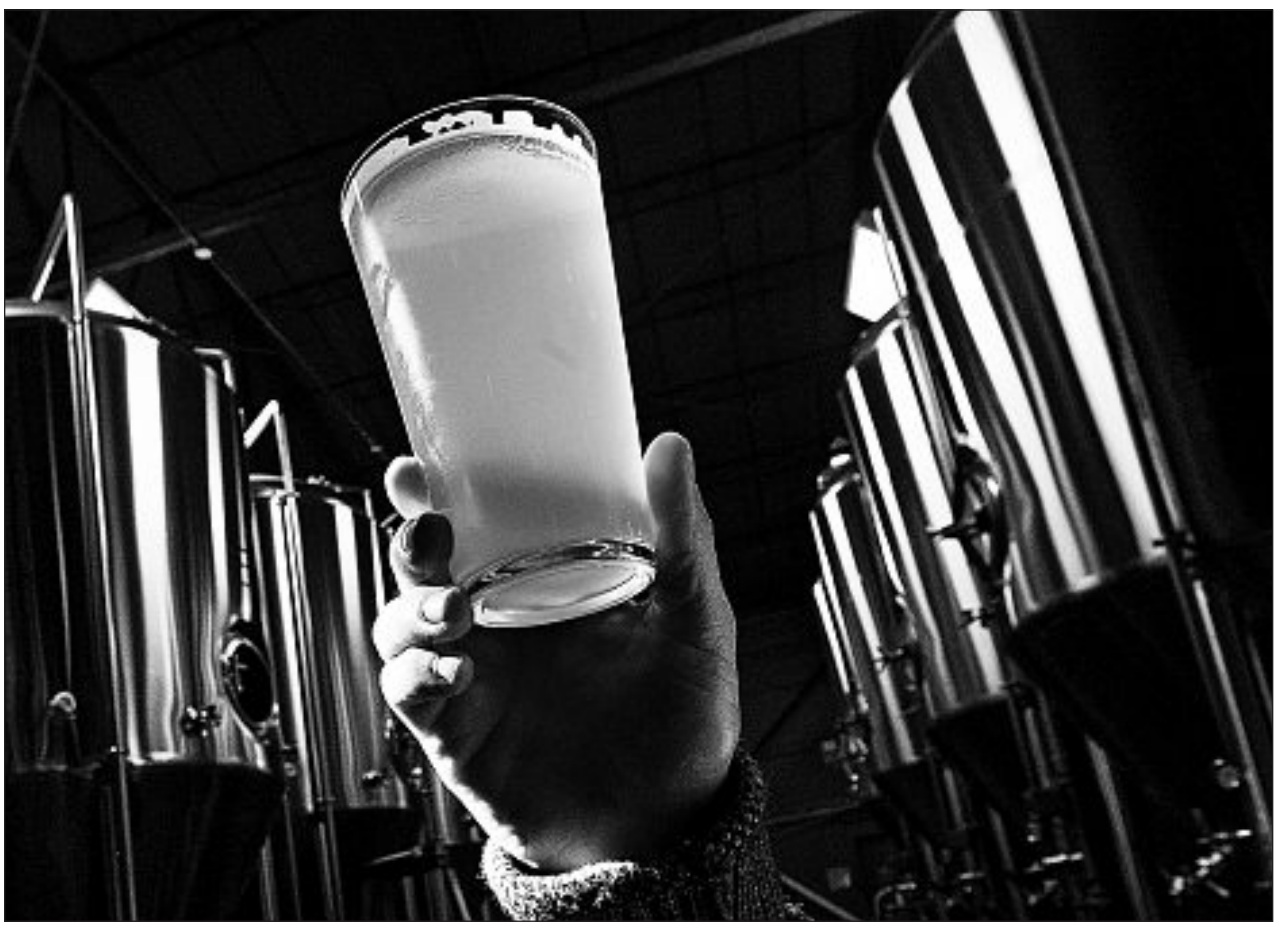
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Experts say saturation for the craft beer industry is still some time away, and pullback is inevitable for any booming industry.

CRAFT BEER INDUSTRY'S BIG BUZZ WEARING OFF

Product will sink or swim on own merits, experts say

By Rachel Siegel
The Washington Post

Has craft beer peaked? In one sign that the industry has grown less frothy, more craft breweries closed in 2017 than any time in the last decade.

And while the craft beer makers saw more growth in production than the overall market last year, their pace is slowing.

A new report by the Brewers Association — a trade association representing small and independent American craft brewers — showed that craft brewers saw a 5 percent rise in production volume in 2017.

Yet with that growth comes a crowded playing field, leading to more closures of small craft breweries. In 2017, there were nearly 1,000 new brewery openings nationwide and 165 closures — a closing rate of 2.6 percent. That's a 42 percent jump from 2016, when 116 craft breweries closed.

Experts say saturation is still some time away, and that pullback is inevitable for any booming industry that begins to mature.

"We have seen a little bit of deceleration," said Bart Watson, chief economist of the Brewers Association. "When you're talking about an industry that sells tens of billions of dollars a year, it's hard to grow at double-digit rates."

Growth in the craft brewing industry began in the late 1970s and early 1980s, Watson said, and has seen a resurgence in the last decade.

With consumers who tend to skew male, younger, whiter and with higher incomes, the industry gained its foothold among adults willing to pay more for beer that tasted better than the mass-produced products that had long dominated the market.

Small craft breweries compete for taps at restaurants and shelf space at retailers.

Yet they are also up against massive industrial brewers who wield heavy influence over the national distribution of beer, and often buy up smaller companies. In 2011, for example, Anheuser-Busch InBev bought the craft brewer Goose Island for almost $39 million, the first is a slew of similar acquisitions.

"The largest brewers have a lot of ways that they can push into the market, rather than relying on consumer pull," Watson said.

Matt Simpson, owner of the craft beer consultancy The Beer Sommelier, said that the slowdown is natural after "an initial explosion." There are many reasons brewers won't be able to keep up.

> ***"The majority of brewers entering the marketplace are making good beer, but a few bad apples can spoil the whole bunch."***
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> *— Matt Simpson, owner of the craft beer consultancy The Beer Sommelier*

Some of that culling, he said, results from home brewers who don't know how to run a business or market products.

At the same time, the industry has revived enthusiasm among craft beer aficionados who set out to found a company and sometimes make bad-tasting beer. Simpson recalled a recent craft brewers conference where a speaker said that if newcomers didn't produce good products, they were "going to be the death of home brewing."

"The majority of brewers entering the marketplace are making good beer," Simpson said, "but a few bad apples can spoil the whole bunch."

With more than 6,300 breweries operating in the United States in 2017, small and independent brewers represented nearly 13 percent of the market share by volume of the overall beer industry. Craft brewers produced 25.4 million barrels in 2017, with an estimated $26 billion retail value, according to the Brewers Association. Over much of the past decade the industry's growth rate held at double digits, peaking at 18 percent growth in 2013 and 2014.

The total beer market went down 1 percent by volume in 2017, a decrease in about 2.4 million barrels from the previous year. Watson said the decrease in part reflects beer's growing competition with wines and spirits.

Still, Watson and Simpson agreed that it will take some time for the industry to reach full saturation. And albeit at a slower pace, craft breweries are still growing.

"Craft beer tastes better than macro-industrial lagers, which have gotten by for decades using bikini-clad women and famous sports figures," Simpson said. "They've made some really touching or funny ads, but that doesn't make their products better."

BACK STORY

More women, minorities called for in STEM

By Lisa Schencker | Chicago Tribune



As a teenager, Corlis Murray worked in a fast-food restaurant and didn't give much thought to engineering.

A summer internship changed all that, setting her on a path that would define her career.

Now, after 29 years at Abbott Laboratories in the north suburbs, Murray is trying to inspire young people to look into careers in science, engineering, technology and math. Murray recently spoke to students about her background and the need for more women and minorities in STEM at the USA Science and Engineering Festival in Washington, D.C.

Murray, 60, works as Abbott's senior vice president of quality assurance, regulatory and engineering services.

Q: How did you get into engineering?
A: As a junior in high school I had the opportunity to work for IBM as a summer intern. At that time I was 17 years old, and I was assigned to work under a field service engineer, and that engineer was responsible for supporting customers with mainframe systems. Being able to work under this gentleman, who happened to also be African-American, was extremely motivating for me, and it helped me to develop an interest not only in engineering, but it helped me to understand how I could apply math and science.

Q: Describe a typical day for you at Abbott.
A: Because I'm in an administrative role, it is often filed with meetings, but the exciting part of what I get to do is working with our different businesses on projects.

Q: How can businesses attract more women and minorities to STEM fields?
A: Continue working to reach them early.

Q: You've been advocating for more women and minorities in STEM fields for years. Have you seen much improvement?
A: I've been really trying to do my part, and Abbott has most certainly been doing its part to advance and attract women and minorities into the STEM field. Has there been a significant change over the last 10 years? Minimal. So there is still much work that has to be done.

Q: What advice would you give to young people looking to pursue careers in STEM?
A: A special piece of advice that I often give is they have as much right to success as anyone else. And that is something that, even to this day, my mother still reminds me of periodically. And I would say that it doesn't really matter where they came from. You're talking to a person from rural Louisiana that has gone through a lot of different paths to get to where I am today, so I've found that the impact I'm able to personally have on these young people is that they look at a person that they can relate to. What we want to continue to do is expose them to more and more people that they can relate to.

Q: What would you be if you weren't an engineer?
A: I would more than likely be an attorney.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

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Financial reckoning for 50-plus divorcees

Failure to be privy to long-term plans can surprise in end

By Suzanne Woolley
Bloomberg News

For some, it means liberation. For others, loss. For women in particular, the doubling of the divorce rate for the 50-plus crowd since the 1990s can mean something far more prosaic: a need to shoulder the big financial decisions they'd let their spouses deal with when they were married.

Often, they find some nasty surprises after he's gone.

A majority of married women — 56 percent — still leave major investing and financial planning decisions to their spouse, according to a report, "Own Your Worth," released Friday by UBS Global Wealth Management. It's not just older women slipping into the more traditional gender roles of their parents: 61 percent of millennial women said they leave investment decisions to their husbands. That compares with 54 percent for baby boomer women. UBS surveyed more than 600 women who have either been divorced or widowed within the last five years, and 1,500 couples. Respondents had to have at least $250,000 in investable assets.

The difference in attitudes toward making major financial decisions between married women, and women who were divorced or widowed, is stark. Fifty-nine percent of widows and divorcees regret not taking part in long-term financial planning when they were a couple. Eighty-five percent of married women who weren't active in making long-term financial decisions said their spouse knows more about financial issues than they do.

Eighty percent of women said they were content with how financial responsibilities were split in their marriage. "Despite all the strides that women have made, they are still abdicating important financial decisions that will profoundly affect their future," said Paula Polito, chief strategy officer for UBS Global Wealth Management, in an email. "Women and divorcees who find themselves alone wish they had been more involved in finances while they were married. Nearly all of them advise other women to get more involved early on and break the cycle of financial abdication."

Those women practice what they preach. Of the divorced or widowed women in the survey who remarried, eight out of 10 were more active in the financial decision-making in their current relationship. (That's a good move, since subsequent marriages have a higher rate of dissolving than do first marriages-and since women have longer life expectancies than men.)

Divorcees may have been burned by financial surprises that popped up in the split. Fifty-six percent of divorcees and widows discovered new financial wrinkles in the process of splitting up. Not all were negative — some women discovered 401(k) retirement saving plans they didn't know existed, or were simply surprised at how much they didn't know about their finances.

Among the most common negative surprises were hidden spending, hidden debt and hidden accounts. Outdated wills were another unwelcome discovery. In hindsight, 94 percent of widows and divorcees would insist on complete financial transparency with their spouse.



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Necco Wafers, America's least-favorite candy, suddenly its most sought after

By Marwa Eltagouri
Washington Post

Word that the country's oldest continuously operating candy company might shut down has people suddenly hoarding Necco Wafers, despite the candy's unpopularity among, well, almost everyone.

The chalky candy's flavors (chocolate, licorice, wintergreen) have been described as "tropical drywall" and "plaster surprise," according to the Wall Street Journal. But last month's announcement that the 170-year-old New England Confectionery Co. might shut down its Revere, Massachusetts, plant — and lay off the majority of its employees — seemed to strike a nostalgic chord with consumers, leading to a surge in wafer sales.

Candy stores and consumers are trying to get their hands on whichever Necco products they can get, the Journal reported, including Mary Janes, Squirrel Nut Zippers, Clark Bars and Sweethearts, the popular heart-shaped Valentine's Day candies. What they're chasing after most, however, are the wafers. They are both storied and divisive, known for their unusually long shelf life and a recipe that's been unchanged since the days when the indestructible candies fueled Union soldiers during the Civil War.

Jon Prince, the president of wholesaler CandyFavorites.com in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, told the Journal he received hundreds of frantic calls over a recent weekend, some from buyers who wanted to purchase his entire inventory of Necco Wafers.

"They're shocked and scared," he told the Journal.

Necco could not be immediately reached for comment.

CandyStore.com, a Los Angeles-based bulk candy retailer, reported that people began "panic-buying" the wafers on March 12, the day The Boston Globe reported Necco chief executive Michael McGee's announcement that the candy company could shut down if it did not find a buyer. McGee had written a letter to Revere's mayor, Brian Arrigo, warning that Necco would be forced to close its plant and make layoffs as soon as May. As of 2011, Necco had about 500 employees, the Globe reported.

Necco products' sales from CandyStore.com shot up 50 percent, and the wafers' sales increased 63 percent, according to Candystore.com spokeswoman Clair Robins.

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Bitcoin miners are rushing to small towns with cheap rent, land or electricity.

BIT BY BIT, TOWNS BET ON BITCOIN

Cryptocurrency miners flock to hamlets in need

By Jen Fifield
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WASHINGTON — Things have been kind of crazy in Massena, N.Y., since the bitcoin miners came to town. So crazy that Steve O'Shaughnessy, the new town supervisor, says he hasn't unpacked his office since he started his job in January.

O'Shaughnessy says it's a good thing, though.

In the last decade, his town of 13,000 on the St. Lawrence River has lost much of its main industry — as a powertrain plant closed and an aluminum manufacturing plant downsized.

But now, one and possibly two bitcoin mining companies are moving in, and they have promised to create dozens of jobs.

Across the country, bitcoin miners — who set up computers to solve complex math programs and unlock new bitcoin — are rushing to small towns and wide-open states with cheap rent, land or electricity.

Many places are shunning the bitcoin mining companies, saying they suck up too much electricity without producing jobs.

But places such as Massena are putting out the welcome mat — not just for bitcoin miners, but for any and all "cryptocurrency" industries.

The idea is to attract entrepreneurs developing new uses for blockchain technology, which records agreements and transactions on an open, online ledger.

Bitcoin was the original blockchain technology, but enthusiasts envision a world in which the entire economy runs on the technology, allowing people to buy their homes, write their wills and even vote without the involvement of a third party.

While bitcoin mining may not create many jobs, state officials and cryptocurrency advocates believe in the economic potential of the industries created through blockchain technology.

To signal that they're open for business, states — especially those with small or shrinking populations — are enacting laws that exempt certain cryptocurrency transactions from the licensing laws that apply to others who transmit money, like banks.

At least six states — Kansas, Illinois, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Texas and Wyoming — have enacted laws or issued guidance in the past four years that exempt some digital currencies from money transmitter licenses.

"There is a bit of a battle going on between states to be the next Silicon Valley for open blockchain networks," said Peter Van Valkenburgh, research director at Coin Center, a nonprofit research and advocacy center based in Washington, D.C., that focuses on issues pertaining to cryptocurrency and related technology.

Enthusiasts in small towns are advertising their cheap electricity, organizing meet-ups, and trying to get businesses to accept cryptocurrencies — even as the value of bitcoin has declined over the past four months, and despite warnings that the largely unregulated industry is vulnerable to fraudsters, hackers and money launderers.

"We're seeing a little mini-gold rush of blockchain companies right now," said Wyoming state Rep. Tyler Lindholm, a Republican. "And I want them all."

Blockchain technology enables people to make agreements and transfer value without a centralized system. Each transaction is secured and recorded through cryptographic functions, or high-tech math, and verified through a network of users.

By design, it is meant to regulate itself. Examples include bitcoin, but also applications that allow people to come to contractual agreements without involving banks, courts or lawyers.

Despite the system's built-in protections, agreements and transactions made with blockchain technology are still susceptible to fraud, hacking and theft. That's why some states have enacted regulations.

New York in 2015 created a regulatory system, BitLicense, in which anyone doing "virtual currency business activity" must first get a license from the state.

Justin Wales, chairman of the blockchain technology and digital currency practice at Carlton Fields, a law firm, said New York's law is flawed because it forces nearly everyone in the "tokenized economy" to follow the same financial rules as banks, even though there are many different types of tokens and transactions.

On the other hand, Wales and Van Valkenburgh say, the cryptocurrency-friendly laws that some states are rushing to enact don't always make sense, either.

Regulators "want to do something just to be seen as doing something," Wales said.

This is a risky approach, he said, because poorly written laws could restrict the technology and stifle innovation.

Wales cites laws enacted by Arizona, Nevada, Tennessee and Vermont in the past two years as examples.

The laws clarify that contracts secured on the blockchain are legally binding.

The problem, Wales said, is that most states already have laws that verify that digital signatures are legally binding. Enacting new laws that make this technology-specific could have unintended consequences, he said.

Million-dollar brand goes bust

Trump, *from Page 1*



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Donald Trump and 2010 Miss Universe Ximena Navarrete promoted the Success by Trump fragrance launch in 2012.

The decline of the Trump merchandise empire is another sign of how politics has changed the president's business. On one hand, it has allowed his Mar-a-Lago Club and his D.C. hotel to monetize his political alliances, raking in money from evangelical Christian groups and GOP campaigns.

But it has also driven away customers and partners who'd been drawn to the old Trump - a hustling icon of ostentatious wealth, who sold golf memberships to the truly rich and $42 cologne to those who merely wanted to be.

"Once the political campaign started, the wall went up," said Marshal Cohen, who measures retail business trends for the NPD Group. "The wall that he [built] was more around his merchandise than it was around Mexico."

The Trump Organization did not respond to questions about its licensed-merchandise business. Trump has said he has given up day-to-day management of his company while he's in the White House. But he still owns it.

The Trump Organization sells its own name-branded merchandise. Last year, it opened an e-commerce site, www.TrumpStore.com, with an inventory of Trump T-shirts, teddy bears and key chains.

But the licensed-merchandise business was something different. It allowed Trump to make money off other people's work, other people's products, other people's marketing.

All Trump had to do was sell something that he could never run out of.

His name.

Trump first pursued the idea in 2004. His emissaries contacted an executive at Phillips-Van Heusen, the menswear giant, with a proposition.

How would his company like to pay Trump for the right to put his name on their clothes?

The menswear executive wasn't interested.

"He laughed," Jeff Danzer, who was a marketer working for Trump, recalled later.

At that point, Trump was still emerging from the long, low years of the 1990s: huge debts, corporate bankruptcies, tabloid divorces. What customer wanted that on their shirt collar?

But then, "The Apprentice" took off - and rebranded Trump as a sharp-dressed boardroom titan.

After that, the idea of Trump shirts wasn't laughable.

In fact, it wasn't enough.

"Suits, dress shirts, ties, even down to shoes," Danzer recalled. "Any- and everything that you would wear in the board room is what we were going out to license."

By the end of 2004, Trump had a deal with Phillips-Van Heusen and a Donald J. Trump Signature Collection of clothes at Macy's.

But that wasn't enough, either.

Eventually, Trump was a smell — A "masculine combination of rich vetiver, tonka bean, birchwood and musk." Trump was a chandelier. Trump was a mattress. Trump was a steak. "The meat category represents Mr. Trump's power," an underling told the media when Trump Steaks launched.

Trump was a urine test.

"Take a snapshot of the most critical metabolic markers in your body's natural waste fluids," said the website for the Trump Network, a vitamin company that sent its customers urine-sample kits with the Trump logo on them. The tests would be used to determine what vitamins the customer needed, according to archived versions of the Trump Network website.

The rest of the marketing business shook its head. But, for a time, it worked.

"A caricature of what wealth is — as opposed to what real wealth is," said Milton Pedraza, chief executive of the Luxury Institute, a consultant to luxury brands. Trump sold to those, he said, "who didn't know the difference," he said.

However, Pedraza said, Trump began to undermine his own success by "label-slapping" — sticking his name on anything he could, even the farfetched and ridiculous. Emeril Lagasse sold pots. Greg Norman sold golf shirts. Trump sold ... everything.

"There was no strategy," Pedraza said.

In 2009, Trump reported that his licensing partners had sold $215 million worth of Trump-licensed goods worldwide. That ranked him 80th on License Global magazine's list of the top 125 merchandisers. In some years, Phillips-Van Heusen alone paid him more than $1 million.

For Trump, the benefit wasn't just the money. The items brought his name into closets and kitchens around the country.

"It's ties, shirts, cufflinks, everything sold at Macy's. And they're doing great," Trump told David Letterman in 2012, during an interview in which he'd also complained that China was overtaking the United States as an economic power. "Number-one-selling tie anywhere in the world."

"The ties are made in China," Letterman said.

By 2015, when Trump entered the presidential race, some of his more far-out ideas — steaks, urine tests and vitamins — were already kaput. But, according to his financial disclosures, the 19 remaining licensees were still paying him a combined $2.4 million-plus per year, just to put the Trump name on their goods.

Then Trump ran for president.

Within a few weeks, the number was down to 14.

"We are disappointed and distressed by recent remarks about immigrants from Mexico," said a corporate statement from Macy's, after Trump called Mexican immigrants criminals and "rapists" at his first campaign event. "... We have decided to discontinue our business relationship with Mr. Trump."

Losing Macy's meant losing all the Trump merchandise that Macy's had sold. Phillips-Van Heusen, his first big deal. Peerless, which made Trump suits. Parlux, which made his colognes. Another company made Trump belts. All gone.

Serta, which made Trump Home mattresses, had been one of Trump's most lucrative partners. Trump lost it, too.

"They'll all be back," Trump told Forbes magazine.

A few months later, Trump called for a "total and complete shutdown" of Muslims entering the United States.

He lost another partner, a Dubai-based company that had a license to sell Trump furniture in the Middle East, Africa and India.

That left 13.

What happened to the rest?

To find out, The Washington Post and the Investigative Reporting Workshop at American University tried to contact all of the remaining companies that Trump had listed as licensing partners on his 2015 financial disclosure forms.

In one case, the company was mystified to have been listed at all.

"We haven't done business [with him] for a long time," said Jim Ehren, an executive at a sign-making company in the Los Angeles suburbs. His facility had once made inspirational posters, which paired Trump quotes with scenes of Wall Street or a golf course. But not recently.

Two other partnerships — one to sell Trump-branded shoes in Mexico, the other to sell Trump home organizational products — had apparently ended before any Trump-branded merchandise was sold.

That left 10.

Trump vodka also seems dead. It had survived in Israel, after the product had fizzled elsewhere. But Trump's own financial disclosures don't list it after 2015.

Trump coffee, also, is no more.

"It was a lack of sales," said Sam Blaney at Two Rivers Coffee, which stopped making its Select by Trump coffee pods last year. "Not every idea was a good idea."

At Downlite, which had sold Trump-branded pillows, the company said it had let the license expire in 2015.

"Purely a business decision," said Josh Werthaiser, the company's chief executive. "It had nothing to do with the election."

That left seven.

Of them, five companies said that they weren't making Trump products anymore — but gave little detail beyond that.

Wonu, which made Trump-branded bedding in Korea, said simply that its license had expired. Ditto for the makers of Donald J. Trump eyeglasses. A French company that once made Trump mattresses has been sold. Its new owner said it didn't make them anymore.

At the company that once made Trump-branded throw blankets, executives did not call back. When The Post visited its office, a receptionist said she didn't know of any Trump products being made there now.

At Elk Lighting, a staffer said the company has stopped making Trump-branded chandeliers and sconces. On its website, the company's Trump Home Regency chandeliers are now sold as just "Regency."

Since Trump began his campaign, the Trump Organization's website has not added any listings of new manufacturers, to replace those it has lost. In Trump's 2017 financial disclosure, he reported that his royalties from licensed merchandise had fallen from more than $2.4 million to just over $370,000. The forms do not give exact numbers, only a range of values that the figures fall between.

Only two companies are still paying to put Trump's name on their products.

One is HomeStudio, which produces Trump-branded bed linens and housewares for the Latin American market. It declined to comment for this story, beyond confirming that it still makes Trump goods.

The other is Dorya, a Turkey-based manufacturer of Trump Home Collection furniture.

When a reporter visited the company's Chicago showroom recently, there was a room full of sleek, modern, expensive chairs and tables. But the Trump name itself was hard to find, unless you knew where to look

On one $4,000 end table, for instance, the silver nameplate reading "Trump" — the name Dorya was paying to use — wasn't on the outside of the piece at all.

To find it, customers had to look inside the drawer.

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Tax-free sales a product of the past?

Sales tax, *from Page 1*

in Chicago and northwest suburban Barrington, will match online retailers' prices on most items, but "we can't give the tax away," owner Bob Olson said. "Our profit margins are only a few percent, and at the end of the year, we don't have room for that."

"All I ever ask is to be on a level playing field, and we're not when we have people advertising they can be 10 percent cheaper," Olson said.

State and local governments, meanwhile, complain of lost revenue — an estimated $8 billion to $13 billion nationwide in 2017, according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office. That includes $383 million to $626 million in Illinois.

Shoppers should have been covering the difference as use tax — Line 23 on your Illinois tax return. But underreporting is an issue, experts say.

"The only people who pay use tax are those who think they may be appointed to a federal judgeship," University of Illinois law professor Richard Kaplan said.

Seeing sales tax at more online stores could make consumers feel like they're paying more, even if the tax isn't new.

"I think there's a basic American notion of fairness, that everyone should be subject to the same rules, but when people put on their consumer hat, there's going to be some uproar," Kaplan added.

Daniel Hemel, an assistant professor at the University of Chicago Law School, said consumers would benefit from paying sales taxes on more online purchases, and not just not just because they'll no longer have a guilty conscience about unpaid use tax.

"You bear the cost of collective noncompliance every time you hit a pothole on Lake Shore Drive," said Hemel, who along with Kaplan was among a group of academics who filed a brief with the Supreme Court supporting South Dakota.

In Illinois, whether a shopper is charged sales tax at online checkout depends on if the retailer has a large enough physical presence in the state to trigger collection requirements. That includes retailers with an Illinois store, office or warehouse. It also includes businesses that sell through marketplace websites — think third-party sellers on Amazon — and store inventory in the state at the time of the sale, according to the Illinois Department of Revenue.



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Alpine Camera sales associate Brian Fabbri boxes up several slide carousels for a customer on Thursday.



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Mark and Robin Le Vine's Bubblefast sells shipping supplies like packing peanuts, bubble cushion wrap and plastic bags to other online sellers, mostly mom-and-pop businesses.

Of the three online retailers involved in the South Dakota case, only Wayfair, which has a small warehouse outside Chicago, collects sales tax from Illinois buyers.

Now that Amazon's distribution network spans the country, it collects sales tax nationwide, though it doesn't collect on behalf of third-party sellers. Etsy and eBay also leave it up to their individual sellers to collect taxes.

If established digital brands like Warby Parker and Bonobos continue the recent trend of opening physical stores, more retailers will end up collecting taxes, regardless of the Supreme Court's decision.

But online retail is growing quickly, and some local businesses say having to collect sales taxes from shoppers still puts them at a disadvantage.

Main Street retailers have a lot of challenges beyond sales tax, said Chuck Miller, president of Alpine Camera Co. in Des Plaines. Aside from the growth of e-commerce, his business has weathered the rise of digital photography, which took a toll on photo printing revenues, and smartphones, which hit the market for point-and-shoot cameras.

But sales tax is one more thing that can make it tough to match competitors' prices, particularly with the sales volume of a mom-and-pop shop in an industry with thin margins. Alpine Camera has largely stopped selling new high-end digital cameras, which customers often could find online for less.

"(Customers would) say, 'Let me go home and think about it,' and what they're thinking about is, if they buy it elsewhere, they're saving," Miller said.

Alpine Camera still sells used and vintage camera equipment, mostly on eBay, where Miller doesn't have to collect sales tax from buyers outside Illinois. But it's a relatively small share of the business, and sales tax is not likely to be the deciding factor for a customer seeking a particular vintage camera or lens in good condition.

"If I'm the only guy selling it and somebody wants it, I think they'll pay the price," he said.

In addition to skewing buyers' decisions about where to purchase goods, sales tax laws also could make retailers hesitant to expand into new states, U. of C.'s Hemel said.

Overstock has considered state sales tax rates and the potential impact on sales there when choosing warehouse locations, said Jonathan Johnson, a member of the company's board of directors.

But other companies argue the same calculations could push the smallest online businesses — like individuals selling items on eBay and Etsy — to curtail their sales if forced to begin collecting tax from out-of-state buyers.

That's particularly concerning for Bubblefast owners Mark and Robin Le Vine, of Gurnee, who signed on to a brief eBay filed with the court backing Wayfair, Overstock and Newegg.

Bubblefast sells shipping supplies like packing peanuts, bubble cushion wrap and easy-to-seal plastic bags to other online sellers, mostly other mom-and-pop businesses, Mark Le Vine said. The vast majority of the company's sales are done online, and it only collects sales tax from Illinois buyers, who account for a small percentage its business.

Le Vine said he would have no problem collecting sales tax from more customers if there were an easy way to do it. Sales tax regulations vary between state and local governments — not just tax rates, but which products qualify and how they're classified.

And Le Vine said he's concerned about the challenge of keeping up with changing rules. Software can help, but it's expensive for small businesses. Then there's the risk that a mistake could lead to a lawsuit from a state, if he collected too little, or consumers, if he collected too much.

If complying with new tax collection responsibilities is too great a burden for the smallest online sellers, that could also hurt demand for Bubblefast's products, Le Vine said.

"How does a small business keep track of all that?" he said. "If we can't do it, certainly our customers can't."

Some states will likely set minimum sales requirements to exempt the smallest companies, Hemel said, and there are efforts to make states' sales tax regulations more consistent. Big retailers that already collect sales tax in multiple states have clearly found a way to do it.

Still, Wayfair and Overstock say they favor legislative proposals that would create standardized rulesshouldn

"We just want Congress to put some certainty on the issue in a way that's the same across all states rather than a patchwork of different rules," Overstock's Johnson said.

But since Congress hasn't yet offered a solution, a ruling in South Dakota's favor could nudge legislators to lay out rules addressing some retailers' concerns, like creating more consistency in how states classify products or exemptions for small sellers, U. of I.'s Kaplan said.

"Apparently, (Congress doesn't) want to touch it until the Supreme Court says everyone's paying," he said.

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Corporate entertaining shifts after tax change

Tax deduction, *from Page 1*

to an event when entertaining clients, whether for a White Sox game, a concert or a theater performance. But under the tax reform act passed last year, that deduction is gone, although companies are still permitted to deduct 50 percent of the cost of businesses meals, including those that involve entertaining clients.

That change has caused more than a few headaches for businesses who rely on perks to seal client relationships. And some business owners and sports industry watchers say the elimination of the deduction could cause ticket and suite prices across sports stadiums, theaters and other venues to stall or decline, as critical corporate clients cut back.

There are still a number of unanswered questions about the change, like what counts as entertainment and what can be categorized as a meal. (A hot dog at the ballpark? Dinner after the game?)

The IRS is expected to issue more details about the tax code change this summer. Until then, while some firms are making immediate changes in how they entertain, many others are "cautiously continuing what they did in the past," said Brian Ray, a Maryland accountant who works for Hertzbach & Co.

In some cases, that's not necessarily by choice.

Take Don Dickinson. The founder and president of Chicago consulting firm Dickinson + Associates leases a 25 percent share of a suite at the United Center. His company uses the space to host existing and prospective clients for about a dozen Blackhawks and Bulls games each season, and it has the option of using the suite for concerts.

"Take the Masters (Tournament) in Georgia — that's a bucket list item. If you can take a client there, you can solidify a relationship forever."

— Todd Lindenbaum, SuiteHop's CEO

He estimates that for his and similar businesses, the tax law change means $50,000 to $100,000 in entertainment expenses that are no longer deductible, but they are expenses he can't immediately get out of.

"We're in the middle of a lease that goes another two years," Dickinson said. "When those (suite) leases come up, I can see a lot of businesses choosing not to renew."

At the same time, he emphasized how important the suite experience has been for his business. He says entertaining clients at an event is a relationship-builder that often can't be duplicated with a high-end dinner.

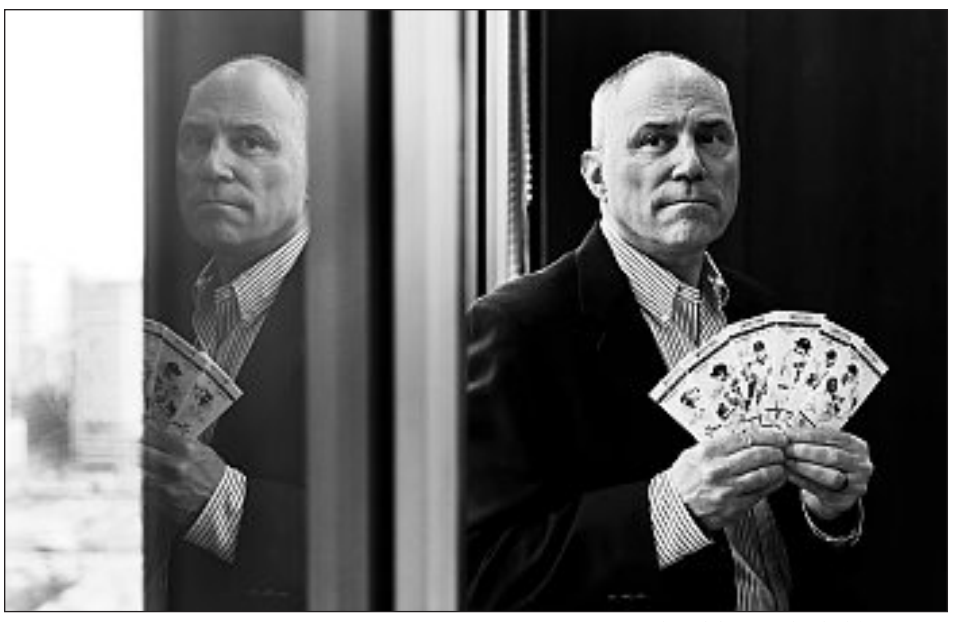
"You could certainly get a private room at Morton's, spend the day with (the client) and then get to know them there," he said. "But a lot of times, it's the last thing they want to do."

Dickinson said his firm has found that clients prefer attending sporting events and concerts to the lavish meals they are frequently invited to. "They'd rather have nachos and a hot dog at a Bulls game than a fancy steak dinner."

The atmosphere in a suite is also far more conducive to business, he said. It allows existing and new customers to interact, sharing information and getting to know one another "without salespeople hovering over them." It's a situation not easily replicable in a restaurant, he said.

Under Dickinson's contract with the United Center, the company is not permitted to resell nights at the suite, so scaling back there is not an option. But for businesses with suites at other venues, reselling the space may be an attractive alternative.

Scott Spencer, president of Suite Experience Group, a California company that sells space in luxury suites, said that although it's still too early to see the full impact of the tax change, he thinks many long-term suite leases will change hands in the next few years as contracts come up for renewal. And prices may come down as well, as demand from heavy-spending corporate clients wanes, he said.



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"People say it's not a big deal because it doesn't include meals," attorney Darryl Jacobs said, "but when businesses cut back, those entertainment venues will suffer."

Prices for seats at a stadium or concert venue vary widely but generally run no more than a few hundred dollars. Suites are much more expensive. The average cost of NHL and NBA suites can range from $2,000 to $8,000 per game, and MLB suites can run between $3,000 and $6,000, according to SuiteHop, another company that sells a la carte suite space.

Some luxury boxes in Chicago fetch even higher prices. Suites at Wrigley Field cost $8,000 to $25,000 per game, according to SuiteHop. White Sox suites run between $3,500 and $12,000. A representative for the Cubs didn't return requests for comment, and the Sox declined to comment. Suites at the Bears' Soldier Field are in the standard NFL range of $15,000 to $35,000.

Any contract changes made by businesses because of the new tax law may begin with hockey, baseball and basketball stadiums, which tend to have suite contracts that last between three and five years, Spencer said. The NFL has the longest contracts, he said. Suite contracts at AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys, can stretch up to 20 years.

Todd Lindenbaum, SuiteHop's CEO, said that although he sees the tax change as a "catalyst for people to take a look at what they're investing in," he doesn't think the change will lead to a significant slowdown in the purchase of entertainment packages or suite shares.

"Take the Masters (Tournament) in Georgia — that's a bucket list item. If you can take a client there, you can solidify a relationship forever," he said.

But Darryl Jacobs sees a big potential impact.

"People say it's not a big deal because it doesn't include meals, but when businesses cut back, those entertainment venues will suffer," he said. "Baseball parks aren't going to sell out as much. When (business people) eat less at the park, the vendors make less. I don't think they realize there will be a real economic effect because of the reduction in spending at these events."

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CVS hires executive for new MinuteClinics

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CVS Health Corp. is hiring a senior executive from a startup that specializes in primary-care clinics, a sign that the drugstore chain is serious about providing more medical services directly to consumers as it moves toward acquiring health insurer Aetna.

Marc-David Munk will become CVS's chief medical officer for its MinuteClinics, and will oversee "expanded health-care services across the CVS Health enterprise," the pharmacy and drug-benefits manager said in a statement Friday. Munk was previously chief medical officer at Iora Health, a startup that operates about two dozen physician practices.

In a 2015 blog post, Munk wrote about what he called "primary care 2.0" that should be "consumer-focused, well-managed and with a move toward higher-acuity, in-clinic diagnostics and treatment. Delivered by people you know, in a system you know."

That kind of service could be crucial for the success of CVS's $68 billion merger with Aetna, which the companies have touted as a way to control medical costs. CVS's MinuteClinics are typically staffed by nurse practitioners and treat a narrow range of ailments like coughs and colds. Munk's hiring is a signal that they could play a bigger role caring for seniors in the insurer's private Medicare Advantage health plans.

Munk joined Iora in 2015. The startup has gained an early reputation for providing high-quality care to seniors, with the goal of keeping them out of the hospital and lowering costs.

It already has partnerships Aetna and its competitor Humana Inc. Iora's model focuses on using teams of doctors, nurses and health coaches to provide care for patients, with a goal of helping them stay healthy.

CVS declined to make Munk available for an interview before he started at the company, and Munk didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

"Munk could be just the person to help CVS figure out how to upgrade their model to provide more comprehensive primary care for Medicare Advantage members," Lisa Bielamowicz, president of the consulting firm Gist Healthcare. "There is a significant dividend to be found by better care and network management. While the concept is enticing, CVS has a long way to go."

In the 2015 blog post, Munk predicted the "re-emergence of a renewed and consumer-focused primary care, just in time to respond to a graying America's need for integrated care," partly in response to the competitive threat posed by clinics like CVS's MinuteClinics.

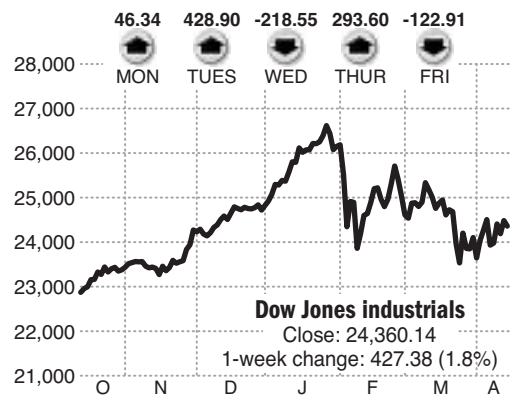
CVS and Aetna have said that as part of their proposed merger, they'll provide more care to insurance customers in CVS stores, turning some into what they've called health hubs. The move is part of a broader industry trend toward insurers taking more control over how and where patients get care.

At CVS, Munk succeeds Tobias Barker, who was moved to the role of Vice President for Clinical Transformation and Medical Oversight for MinuteClinics. Munk, who's scheduled to start early next month, has a role that extends beyond the in-store clincs. He'll focus on "increasing access to high-quality and affordable health care" across CVS's business units as well, according a company spokeswoman.

INVESTING

Stocks Recap





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	24646.45	23954.83	24360.14	+427.38	+1.8	-1.5	+19.1
11423.92	8744.36	Dow Jones trans.	10467.65	10107.35	10369.49	+223.12	+2.2	-2.3	+16.9
778.80	647.81	Dow Jones utilities	697.21	676.54	682.78	-8.81	-1.3	-5.6	-2.9
13637.02	11324.53	NYSE Comp.	12640.88	12374.92	12546.05	+196.93	+1.6	-2.1	+10.8
6222.14	5037.80	NYSE International	5753.83	5641.64	5713.13	+101.91	+1.8	-1.4	+13.0
7186.04	5353.59	Nasdaq 100	6703.31	6466.04	6628.34	+195.13	+3.0	+3.6	+23.8
7637.27	5805.15	Nasdaq Comp.	7183.62	6944.96	7106.65	+191.54	+2.8	+2.9	+22.4
2872.87	2328.95	S&P 500	2680.26	2610.79	2656.30	+51.83	+2.0	-0.7	+14.1
2001.48	1680.86	S&P MidCap	1898.75	1853.61	1883.86	+29.78	+1.6	-0.9	+12.1
29760.60	24262.59	Wilshire 5000	27805.18	27087.32	27559.95	+510.51	+1.9	-0.8	+13.6
1615.52	1345.24	Russell 2000	1563.75	1513.90	1549.51	+36.21	+2.4	+0.9	+15.2
403.72	362.04	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	380.83	373.88	379.20	+4.38	+1.2	-2.6	-0.4
7792.56	6866.94	FTSE 100	7274.99	7145.57	7264.56	+80.92	+1.1	-5.5	-0.9

Gold	+12.90	$1,344.80
Silver	+.30	$16.63
Crude Oil	+5.33	$67.39
Natural Gas	+.03	$2.74
10-year T-note	+.06	2.83%
Euro	-.0032	to .8108/$1
Yen	+.56	to 107.41/$1

Most active

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Bank of America	29.80	+.17
Gen Electric	13.49	+.43
Ford Motor	11.28	+.10
Sprint Corp	5.78	+.63
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.62	+.27
AT&T Inc	35.14	+.01
Transocean Ltd	11.59	+1.87
Citigroup	71.01	+2.41
JPMorgan Chase & Co	110.30	+1.21
Pfizer Inc	36.32	+1.15
Chesapk Engy	3.14	+.16
Twitter Inc	28.76	+.66
Wells Fargo & Co	50.89	-1.34

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Neovasc Inc	.05	-.01
Micron Tech	52.23	+3.77
Facebook Inc	164.52	+7.32
Adv Micro Dev	9.93	+.32
Microsoft Corp	93.08	+2.85
Apple Inc	174.73	+6.35
Intel Corp	51.86	+3.07
Comcast Corp A	33.02	-1.10
Cisco Syst	43.00	+2.27
Nvidia Corporation	231.50	+17.25
Caesars Entertain	11.00	...
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.19	-.07
Bed Bath &Beynd	17.28	-3.72

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Barc iPath Vix ST	45.30	-4.46
CS VS 2x Vix ShTm	8.67	-1.67
iShs China Large Cap	47.60	+1.63
iShs Emerg Mkts	47.57	+.49
iShares EAFE ETF	70.79	+1.39
PowerShs QQQ Trust	161.37	+4.74
ProShs Ultra VIX ST	17.26	-2.66
ProShs UltPro ShtQQQ	17.66	-1.73
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	265.15	+5.43
SPDR S&P O&G ExpPdtn	37.38	+2.72
SPDR Financial	27.46	+.29
VanE Vect Gld Miners	22.89	+.82
VanEck Vectors Russ	20.38	-1.99

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc	35.14	+.01
AbbVie Inc	91.83	+3.01
Alibaba Group Hldg	172.04	+4.52
Alphabet Inc C	1029.27	+22.23
Alphabet Inc A	1036.04	+26.09
Amazon.com Inc	1430.79	+25.56
Amgen	171.48	+3.34
Apple Inc	174.73	+6.35
BP PLC	42.96	+1.20
Bank of America	29.80	+.17
Berkshire Hath A	295891.00	+1891.01
Berkshire Hath B	197.00	+1.51
Boeing Co	329.28	+3.16
Chevron Corp	119.92	+5.16
Cisco Syst	43.00	+2.27
Citigroup	71.01	+2.41
CocaCola Co	44.51	+.59
Comcast Corp A	33.02	-1.10
Disney	100.35	...
Dow DuPont Inc	66.17	+2.46
Exxon Mobil Corp	77.84	+2.97
Facebook Inc	164.52	+7.32
FstTr SenFltRIncoll	13.29	+.16
Home Depot	172.80	-1.65
Intel Corp	51.86	+3.07
IBM	156.71	+6.14
JPMorgan Chase & Co	110.30	+1.21
Johnson & Johnson	130.62	+2.52
MasterCard Inc	174.27	+4.57
McDonalds Corp	161.73	+.48
Merck & Co	57.17	+3.81
Mexico Fund	17.04	+.57
Microsoft Corp	93.08	+2.85
Netflix Inc	311.65	+22.80
Nvidia Corporation	231.50	+17.25
Oracle Corp	46.08	+1.25
PepsiCo	109.26	-.04
Pfizer Inc	36.32	+1.15
Philip Morris Intl	101.85	+.83
Procter & Gamble	78.37	-.06
Source Cap	40.36	+.58
3M Company	215.52	+3.27
Unitedhealth Group	224.28	+.32
Verizon Comm	47.66	+.77
Visa Inc	120.75	+3.05
WalMart Strs	86.02	-.67
Wells Fargo & Co	50.89	-1.34

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, April 13, 2018

Market capitalization in millions of dollars

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	Stock $ change WEEK	Stock % return 1-YR
1 Boeing Co	193,361	329.28	▲ +3.16	+90.9
2 AbbVie Inc	145,705	91.83	▲ +3.01	+47.8
3 McDonalds Corp	128,494	161.73	▲ +.48	+26.7
4 Abbott Labs	102,143	58.49	▲ +1.20	+39.6
5 Caterpillar Inc	89,781	150.23	▲ +7.24	+64.7
6 Kraft Heinz Co	74,249	60.92	▲ +.38	-30.7
7 Walgreen Boots Alli	63,224	63.82	▲ +.35	-20.7
8 Mondelez Intl	62,601	42.09	▲ +.61	-2.5
9 CME Group	55,505	163.42	▲ +5.16	+46.4
10 ITW	52,946	155.02	▲ +2.42	+21.4
11 Deere Co	48,482	149.98	▲ +4.59	+41.1
12 Exelon Corp	36,997	38.34	▼ -.29	+10.3
13 Baxter Intl	35,497	65.72	▲ +1.83	+24.6
14 Allstate Corp	34,028	96.36	▲ +.46	+21.5
15 Arch Dan Mid	25,261	45.20	▲ +.87	+5.0
16 Discover Fin Svcs	24,939	70.54	▲ +.20	+11.0
17 Nthn Trust Cp	23,517	103.91	▲ +2.74	+24.1
18 Equity Residential	22,697	61.65	▼ -1.40	+.7
19 United Contl Hldgs	18,944	66.54	▼ -2.09	-3.7
20 Motorola Solutions	17,817	107.69	▲ +3.71	+33.2
21 Ventas Inc	17,295	48.54	▼ -1.88	-20.6
22 Grainger WW	15,618	278.61	▼ -8.06	+28.1
23 Dover Corp	14,508	93.86	▲ +.67	+21.9
24 ConAgra Brands Inc	14,481	36.80	▲ +.06	-6.7
25 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	13,471	220.88	▲ +12.62	-21.9
26 CNA Financial	13,235	48.80	▲ +.35	+20.0
27 Gallagher AJ	12,461	68.45	▲ +1.36	+26.2
28 LKQ Corporation	11,822	38.19	▲ +.01	+36.7
29 IDEX Corp	10,871	141.94	▲ +3.17	+56.4
30 TransUnion	10,826	58.88	▲ +2.70	+55.1
31 Packaging Corp Am	10,712	113.54	▲ +3.40	+28.9
32 CDW Corp	10,651	69.59	▲ +1.64	+23.9
33 Ingredion Inc	9,293	128.65	▲ +1.76	+9.8
34 CF Industries	8,967	38.43	▲ +1.60	+39.4
35 CBOE Global Markets	8,807	108.35	▼ -.99	+34.6
36 CDK Global Inc	8,650	64.29	▲ +.80	+1.0
37 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	8,636	58.35	▼ -.37	-3.9
38 GrubHub Inc	8,537	97.91	▲ +.82	+180.3
39 NiSource Inc	7,949	23.55	▼ -.70	+2.1
40 Jones Lang LaSalle	7,801	171.81	▲ +.47	+63.8
41 Equity Lifesty Prop	7,781	87.70	▲ +.71	+13.1
42 Zebra Tech	7,521	141.24	▲ +5.80	+61.7
43 Middleby Corp	6,823	122.43	▼ -1.14	-8.8
44 Aptargroup Inc	5,782	92.75	▲ +4.25	+24.1
45 Old Republic	5,780	21.46	▲ +.15	+17.3
46 USG Corp	5,713	40.77	▲ +.47	+31.2
47 Hill-Rom Hldgs	5,690	86.00	▲ +1.55	+24.1
48 Brunswick Corp	5,257	60.18	▲ +1.67	+8.8
49 Littelfuse Inc	5,066	204.06	▲ +5.43	+37.1
50 Stericycle Inc	5,046	58.99	▲ +.92	-28.0
51 Wintrust Financial	4,936	87.80	▲ +1.81	+35.7
52 Morningstar Inc	4,220	98.01	▲ +1.86	+29.5
53 Equity Commonwlth	3,775	30.34	▲ +.02	-5.2
54 Navistar Intl	3,657	37.06	▲ +2.30	+61.9
55 Hyatt Hotels Corp	3,618	75.95	▲ +1.04	+41.2
56 John Bean Technol	3,572	113.15	▲ +2.10	+32.8
57 MB Financial	3,513	41.83	▲ +1.46	+8.1
58 Tribune Media Co A	3,486	39.85	▼ -.40	+9.5
59 First Indl RT	3,474	28.91	▼ -.07	+6.5
60 KapStone Paper	3,375	34.66	▲ +.28	+58.9
61 Adtalem Global Educ	2,983	49.50	▲ +1.45	+44.5
62 Kemper Corp	2,959	57.50	▲ +1.80	+49.1
63 Teleph Data	2,941	28.32	▲ +.17	+10.1
64 Cabot Microelect	2,849	111.27	▲ +7.41	+59.4
65 Paylocity Hldg	2,843	54.05	▲ +2.99	+40.5
66 RLI Corp	2,800	63.30	▲ +.91	+15.4
67 Tenneco Inc	2,657	51.68	▼ -3.90	-8.6
68 GATX	2,570	67.99	▲ +1.04	+17.9
69 Anixter Intl	2,563	77.00	▲ +2.30	+1.6
70 Retail Prop Amer	2,554	11.64	▼ -.12	-14.7
71 Groupon Inc	2,543	4.53	▲ +.16	+23.8
72 Fst Midw Bcp	2,540	24.66	▲ +.36	+12.3
73 Envestnet Inc	2,412	53.95	▲ +.05	+59.6
74 Akorn Inc	2,308	18.43	▲ +.04	-43.2
75 TreeHouse Foods	2,215	39.27	▲ +.46	-55.3
76 Allscripts Hlthcare	2,173	12.02	▼ -.11	-.4
77 US Cellular	2,086	40.04	▲ +.15	+6.9
78 Stepan Co	1,939	85.96	▲ +2.97	+15.2
79 Horace Mann	1,813	44.35	▲ +1.35	+22.4
80 Coeur Mining	1,608	8.64	▲ +.57	-12.0
81 Century Aluminum	1,589	18.15	▲ +1.36	+55.9
82 AAR Corp	1,542	44.53	▲ +1.30	+35.8
83 First Busey Corp	1,470	30.20	▲ +.43	+10.3
84 Methode Electronics	1,435	38.95	▲ +.50	-7.0
85 Hub Group Inc	1,406	41.70	▲ +2.35	+7.1
86 Acco Brands Corp	1,374	12.90	▲ +.05	-3.6
87 Federal Signal	1,333	22.23	▼ -.24	+71.2
88 Knowles Corp	1,139	12.68	▲ +.64	-31.5
89 Tootsie Roll	1,118	29.70	▼ -.40	-17.1
90 Navigant Consult	941	20.89	▲ +.78	-5.9
91 Career Education	893	12.93	▼ -.07	+42.9
92 Huron Consulting Gp	872	38.90	▲ +.50	-7.3
93 Echo Global Logis	807	28.80	▲ +.80	+51.6
94 SP Plus Corp	790	35.05	▼ -.35	+8.2
95 Gogo Inc	784	9.03	▲ +.54	-20.0
96 Consolidated Commun	772	10.90	▼ -.09	-47.8
97 Titan Intl	714	11.95	▼ -.09	+33.4
98 Global Brass Copper	695	31.60	▼ -.70	-1.3
99 ANI Pharma	693	59.52	▲ +2.46	+16.2
100 SunCoke Energy Inc	685	10.61	▲ +.08	+24.8

Largest mutual funds

Based on Total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	32.86	+.94	+21.4
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	26.93	+.33	+10.7
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	40.01	+.74	+11.9
American Funds BdfAmrcA m	12.60	-.04	-.4
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	51.73	+1.09	+18.9
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	61.11	+.73	+7.3
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	57.18	+.86	+21.9
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	62.52	+1.51	+17.9
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	51.53	+1.37	+22.5
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.96	+.29	+9.0
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	40.04	+.82	+13.9
American Funds NewWldA m	67.99	+.87	+21.1
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	44.60	+1.07	+22.2
American Funds SmCpWldA m	57.06	+.93	+19.7
American Funds TheNewEcoA m	47.55	+1.44	+30.6
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	45.40	+1.01	+16.1
Baird AggrgateBdInstl	10.62	-.02	+.4
Baird CorPlusBdInstl	10.97	-.01	+.9
BlackRock GlbAllcIncInstl	19.81	+.22	+9.1
BlackRock GlbAllcIncInvA m	19.68	+.21	+8.8
BlackRock StrIncOpIns	9.91	...	+3.8
DFA EMktCorEqI	23.72	+.38	+22.0
DFA EmMktsValInstl	32.15	+.54	+20.6
DFA FvYrGlbFIIns	10.82	-.01	+.2
DFA IntlCorEqIns	14.62	+.29	+21.0
DFA IntlSmCoInstl	21.48	+.38	+21.8
DFA IntlSmCpValIns	22.84	+.46	+19.8
DFA USCorEq1Instl	22.84	+.52	+17.4
DFA USCorEqIIInstl	21.54	+.50	+16.4
DFA USLgCpValInstl	38.53	+.96	+15.3
DFA USSmCpInstl	35.96	+.82	+13.9
DFA USSmCpValInstl	37.82	+.95	+12.1
Dodge & Cox Bal	104.69	+1.83	+8.9
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.51	-.01	+1.7
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	46.08	+1.02	+14.7
Dodge & Cox Stk	200.07	+5.58	+14.3
DoubleLine TtlRetBdI	10.46	-.02	+1.2
Edgewood GrInstl	31.69	+.95	+29.0
FPA Crescent d	34.67	+.56	+7.7
Fidelity 500IdxIns	93.12	+2.13	+16.3
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	93.12	+2.13	+16.3
Fidelity 500IndexPrm	93.12	+2.13	+16.3
Fidelity BCGrowth	91.75	+2.79	+28.0
Fidelity Balanced	23.84	+.33	+11.5
Fidelity Cap&Inc	10.20	+.10	+7.6
Fidelity Contrafund	125.96	+3.56	+26.3
Fidelity ContrafundK	125.92	+3.56	+26.4
Fidelity EmMkts	21.66	+.13	+23.9
Fidelity ExMktIdxPr	62.77	+1.40	+16.4
Fidelity Frdm¬Æ2020	16.60	+.19	+10.9
Fidelity Frdm¬Æ2030	18.14	+.28	+14.3
Fidelity GroCo	17.82	+.74	+35.3
Fidelity GroCo	190.76	+7.88	+34.2
Fidelity GroCoK	190.78	+7.89	+34.3
Fidelity IntlGr	16.24	+.30	+19.6
Fidelity IntlVal	10.71	+.21	+16.0
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	11.00	-.02	+.8
Fidelity LowPrStk	54.65	+.93	+16.8
Fidelity Magellan	107.42	+2.93	+23.8
Fidelity OTCPortfolio	114.98	+3.81	+28.8
Fidelity Puritan	23.52	+.41	+14.1
Fidelity TotalBond	10.43	-.02	+.8
Fidelity TtlMktIdxF	76.38	+1.48	+16.3
Fidelity TtlMktIdxPrm	76.38	+1.49	+16.3
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	11.31	-.03	...
Fidelity Advisor NewInsI	32.50	+.86	+23.8
First Eagle GlbA m	58.86	+.90	+7.9
Franklin Templeton CATxFrIncA m	7.30	+.02	+2.0
Franklin Templeton GlbBdAdv	11.96	+.01	...
Franklin Templeton IncA m	2.30	+.03	+3.9
Franklin Templeton IncC m	2.33	+.03	+3.7
Harbor CptlApprecInstl	73.46	+2.53	+31.4
Harbor IntlInstl	68.63	+1.54	+15.4
Harding Loevner IntlEqInstl d	23.27	+.44	+20.1
JPMorgan CoreBondR6	11.35	-.02	+.6
JPMorgan MCapValL	39.64	+.55	+8.9
Lazard EMEqInstl	20.07	-.02	+16.3
Lord Abbett ShrtDurIncF b	4.20	...	+1.4
MFS ValI	39.79	+.76	+11.2
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	10.43	-.02	+.1
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdM b	10.43	-.02	-.1
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdPlan	9.81	-.03	+.3
Oakmark EqAndIncInv	32.03	+.46	+11.0
Oakmark IntlInv	28.35	+.62	+19.7
Oakmark Inv	84.72	+2.01	+19.2
Old Westbury LgCpStrats	14.55	+.27	+13.5
Oppenheimer DevMktsY	44.25	+.25	+25.1
Oppenheimer IntlGrY	44.19	+.86	+19.3
PIMCO AllAstInstl	12.13	+.04	+8.6
PIMCO IncA m	12.16	-.04	+4.3
PIMCO IncInstl	12.16	-.04	+4.7
PIMCO IncP	12.16	-.04	+4.6
PIMCO TtlRetIns	10.06	-.02	+.9
PRIMECAP Odyssey Gr	39.95	+1.26	+31.1
Principal DiversIntlIns	13.94	+.25	+20.1
Prudential TtlRetBdZ	14.22	-.02	+2.0
Schwab SP500Idx	41.26	+.94	+16.3
T. Rowe Price BCGr	102.39	+2.72	+32.0
T. Rowe Price CptlAprc	28.50	+.30	+10.7
T. Rowe Price EqIdx500 d	71.52	+1.63	+16.0
T. Rowe Price EqInc	32.82	+.63	+12.8
T. Rowe Price GrStk	65.51	+1.64	+26.1
T. Rowe Price InsLgCpGr	39.08	+1.03	+32.1
T. Rowe Price IntlStk d	18.87	+.32	+17.7
T. Rowe Price MdCpGr	90.22	+1.95	+21.0
T. Rowe Price NewHorizons	56.25	+1.55	+28.3
T. Rowe Price NewInc	9.27	-.02	+.6
T. Rowe Price Rtr2020	22.63	+.27	+10.9
T. Rowe Price Rtr2025	17.69	+.23	+12.4
T. Rowe Price Rtr2030	26.11	+.38	+13.9
T. Rowe Price Rtr2035	19.14	+.31	+15.0
T. Rowe Price Rtr2040	27.52	+.47	+15.9
T. Rowe Price Val	36.75	+.69	+12.9
TIAA-CREF EqIdxIns	19.71	+.45	+16.3
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	246.13	+5.62	+16.3
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Vanguard CptlOppAdmrl	156.13	+4.48	+22.9
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Vanguard DivGrInv	26.21	+.36	+13.0
Vanguard EMStkIdxInAdm	39.09	+.70	+20.0
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	76.36	+1.52	+12.8
Vanguard ExtMktIdxAdmrl	85.57	+1.99	+16.3
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Vanguard GNMAAdmrl	10.25	-.02	-.3
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Vanguard LTInGrdAdm	10.02	-.01	+3.7
Vanguard LfStrGrInv	33.76	+.56	+13.8
Vanguard LfStrModGrInv	27.14	+.32	+10.5
Vanguard LtdTrmTEAdmrl	10.81	...	+.4
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	191.59	+3.59	+14.0
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Vanguard STBdIdxAdmrl	10.26	-.02	-.4
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Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	10.49	-.02	...
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	10.49	-.02	...
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Vanguard ValIdxAdmrl	40.69	+.88	+13.5
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	71.30	+.98	+10.2
Vanguard WlngtnInv	41.29	+.57	+10.1
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Vanguard WndsrAdmrl	79.52	+2.01	+15.4
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The officers, directors and parties holding an attributable interest in the transferor prior to the transfer of control are John F. Abbot, Jan Baker, Mary G. Berner, Jill Bright, Richard S. Denning, John W. Dickey, Lewis W. Dickey, Jr., Ralph B. Everett, Suzanne M. Grimes, Jeffrey A. Marcus, Todd McCarty, Ross A. Oliver, Suzanne G. Smith, Radio License Holdings LLC, Cumulus Network Holdings Inc., Cumulus Intermediate Holdings Inc., Cumulus Media Holdings Inc., Cumulus Media Inc., and Crestview Radio Investors, LLC.

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A copy of the application and related materials are on file for public inspection at https://publicfiles.fcc.gov/ or at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 – 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals
Location: 118 N Clark St., 22nd Floor, Chicago, IL
Date & Time: 5/2/2018 at 1:00pm

Reference: V 18-18
Subject Property: 8025 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Norwood Park, Illinois
Variance Request: (1) reduce the left interior side yard setback (2) reduce rear side yard setback

Reference: V 18-19
Subject Property: 7118 W. 74th Place, Chicago, Illinois
Variance Request: (1) reduce front yard setback (2) reduce left and right interior side yard setbacks (3) reduce distance between principal and accessory building
Reference: V 18-21
Subject Property: 1 Katie Road, Lemont, Illinois
Variance Request: reduce corner side setback
Reference: SU 18-02
Subject Property: 984 Martha Street, Elk Grove Village, Illinois
Variance Request: to use property with one single family home and two unit building in the rear as multi-family rental units
Reference: SU 18-03 & V 18-10
Subject Property: 600B Waukegan Road, Northbrook, Illinois
Variance Request: to operate a Motor Freight Terminal and reduce front side yard setback

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Registration Number: D18154033 on April 2, 2018. Under the Assumed Business Name of Sign Gypsies NW Chicago with the business located at: 8115 N Ozark Ave, Niles, IL 60714
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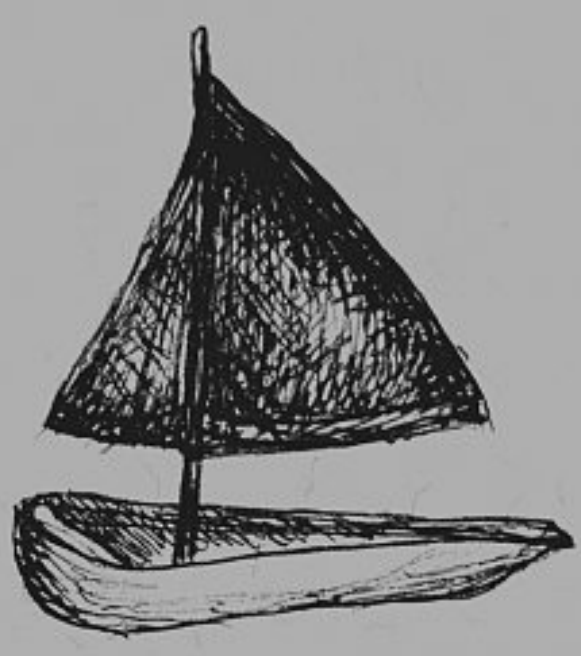
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Chart your target career path. In order to plan for career success and achieve your professional goals, you first need to know what they are, which will help determine what steps you'll need to take and the skills you'll need to acquire along the way. Try charting out the next 5 to 10 years of your career journey, starting from where you are now and finishing at where you'd ultimately like to be if the stars align and everything works out as planned. Make sure to list each promotion or assumption of new job responsibilities individually, and for each do your best to include the skills or development you'll need under your belt.

If feasible, ask for help from a mentor or colleague. Be sure to use available online research tools as needed to figure things out. Once you have things mapped out, you'll have a good idea of what you'll need to do over the next several years to achieve your goals — whether it's with the help of your company or on your own.

Set target milestones. Equipped with your list from the previous step, set milestones for yourself to ensure that you stay on track. Does your list indicate a possible promotion a year from now? Take stock of the skills you'll need to build right now in order to set yourself up to make that promotion a reality, and use the next 12 months to figure out the best way to acquire them. Do you have a plan that includes asking for greater responsibility at work? Always think ahead about the smaller steps you'll need to take.

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"I'm sorry I had to fire you, Sims, but I'm glad you landed on your feet."

INTERVIEW TIPS

8 smart things you need to do the night before your job interview

Know where you're going

This is probably the most important thing you can do before your job interview. Nothing sends your brain into panic mode (and gets the interview off on the wrong foot) like feeling lost and worrying you're going to be late. The night before, make sure you've got a planned route ready to go in Google Maps, or Waze, or whatever your favorite navigation app is. If you're going to be using public transportation, check the schedules and look for notifications about planned changes, updated timetables, etc. If you're driving, look for signs of construction or traffic delays. That way you can plan to leave earlier if necessary.

Get your paperwork together

You should bring a copy of your resume, as well as any notes you want to bring with you. If they're assembled the night before and placed with your bag or your keys, you're less likely to forget to bring something important.

Assemble the interview outfit

If you have a go-to interview outfit that is clean, pressed, and ready to go, you're ahead of the game. If you're not sure yet what you're going to wear — well, it's a little late, but you've still got time. Take 15 minutes to review your suit or outfit and your shoes, and make sure that a) everything is clean, and b) there are no hanging threads or wrinkles.

Rehearse your body language

If you have a trusted audience (a significant other, a family member, a friend), run through your best handshake-and-smile routine. Have the other person ask you a few test run questions, and ask the other person to note any posture or demeanor issues — bonus points if you get the person to engage in some generic small talk/banter to get you ready for that as well.

Even if you don't have a trusted audience, you can still prep — you've got a mirror, right? You can practice your easy interview smile and your "ask me about my accomplishments" sitting posture. Believe it or not, just putting some thought into where you put your hands or how you cross your legs can help you feel more at ease the next day.

Rehearse your talking points

Sure, the interviewer is going to have your resume in front of them, but neither of you wants you to just run verbatim through the document. Come up with specific, real-world examples for the points on your resume and be prepared to talk about them. You probably already did some practice questions, but take the time to review the points you really want to hit in the interview.

Do a last sweep for info

Visit the company's website and social media profiles to see what's going on at the company in real time. It can give you background information to use during your interview ("Ah yes, I saw that you just had an intriguing breakthrough in widget production last week!"). But it can also save you from making an awkward mistake ("Good thing your own CEO hasn't been indicted for insider trading. What? Didn't see that news?)

Set your alarm

I'm setting this as a separate to-do because it's so important if you have a morning interview. You want to make sure you have time to get ready in the morning, without being late for the interview. So if you have to be up at a specific time to allow timely prep and travel, set your alarm. Set two alarms. (I believe in not messing around here.)

Get plenty of sleep

I know, it's a cliché, but it's true. More sleep leads to better cognitive function, and you want to be at your very best. Sure, coffee can help, but not nearly as much as genuine rest. Go to bed as early as you can.

— Kate Lopaze, The Job Network

WORK ISSUES

4 tips for talking work-life balance with your boss

Here are 4 tips for having a productive conversation with your boss or manager about work-life balance:

DO SOME SOUL SEARCHING

Before you discuss the issue with your manager, do your best to get to the root of the problem. Is your personal life suffering because of unrealistic expectations from your superiors at work, or is it possible that these expectations are self-imposed and that you are "overworking" your job?

How do you judge? One way to gauge whether the problem lies with you or whether it lies with your boss is to work a normal 40-hour week and see what happens. Skip staying late for one week. Forbid yourself from logging work time over the weekends and then just wait.

If your boss doesn't notice that you haven't worked longer hours or completed extra work, the demand might be self-inflicted. If your boss does notice and mentions it, make a note. This will become important in later discussions.

IDENTIFY THE PROBLEM

If you've determined that the pressure you feel at work is, in fact, coming from your manager, next you must identify the exact problem.

Ask yourself: Is your work-life imbalance stemming from an unreasonable workload that is impossible to complete within the confines of a 40-hour work week? If so, you aren't alone. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, one-third of employed people in the U.S. spend some part of their weekends doing work.

For others, the problem of balancing life and career lies in a rigid schedule that doesn't offer the flexibility to duck out of work for, say, an annual doctor's appointment or important errand. Both scenarios can be frustrating and confining.

Identify the source of the problem before you meet with your boss. This will allow you to come to the meeting armed with suggestions on how to handle the situation at hand.

ARRANGE MEETING; BE PREPARED

Once you have identified the problem, ask for a meeting and come equipped with solutions. This will look different for everyone but here are some possibilities:

Suggest ways to delegate tasks to spread the workload more evenly across your team to lighten your workload.

Request flexible hours that work better with your schedule. For example, if you are a parent and want more time with your children, you might suggest a schedule that allows you to work from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. instead of the normal 9-to-5.

Suggest an amended schedule. Instead of working five days a week, ask to work four 10-hour shifts. This will enable you to have three days off each week instead of the typical two-day weekend.

Request a longer lunch break. This will allow you to run errands or attend appointments without taking time off work.

Suggest one work-from-home day each week. Cutting your commute out of your day even one day a week can free up additional hours.

While not ideal, asking for unpaid time off can be a solution in a pinch.

KNOW WHEN TO MOVE ON

A severe work-life balance can wreak havoc on your well-being. If you've exhausted all these possibilities and still can't make headway in achieving a reasonable work-life balance, it may be time to move on. This means you'll have to dust off your job application skills, and get ready to build a resume and cover letter for each new opportunity you discover. Put aside some time each week to begin looking for a new job. Finding this time will likely be tough, given that your work-life balance is already out of whack, but it's critical that you find it.

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ERROR TIME

LEARNING FROM MISTAKES CAN BE KEY TO CAREER GROWTH

There's a lot to learn from being wrong, says Bryan Powell, a former high school teacher and current tour guide in Washington, D.C. "I used to tell my students that all great things started from a mistake, that great actions, great inventions, great pieces of literature and art — they all began after one or two big errors or a couple of bad rough drafts," says the 37-year-old father of two.

For Powell, that mistake happened during his first year out of the University of Maryland when he was "doing grunt work" for a large insurance company in Virginia. "I basically allowed a client to make a fraudulent claim, a really dumb, obviously phony claim. It took a few court dates and a lot of legal work to get my company out of the mess," he says.

Powell says he was let go soon after "They didn't really beat around the bush or try to make it sound like there was more to the story than there was," he says. "They basically said 'you messed up, you cost us a lot of money and you're out.' "

Finding a spark

Powell says he moved back home to sulk for a few weeks until his mother decided she'd had enough. "It's funny how our moms end up being these great catalysts in our lives. I know I would have eventually got my act together but the vision of my 5-foot mother standing over my bed at 6:30 on a Monday morning, telling me to do something with my life was about as much of a punch to the gut as I needed."

Powell says he took an immediate job with a local yogurt shop and began looking for another job in the insurance industry when he had an epiphany. "I realized I hated insurance. I hated having to deal with people who had experienced something bad in their lives and who were looking for a helping hand, and I hated not always being able to provide that helping hand," he says.

The other thing Powell realized was that he actually enjoyed his 20 hours a week at the yogurt place. "I loved the direct interaction with the customers, I loved talking to my co-workers and I loved the idea of providing an actual product," he says.

Powell didn't find the food industry particularly attractive so he went back to the career services office at the University of Maryland and discovered that what he really wanted to do was teach. "I took an accelerated program and began teaching within 15 months," he says. "I liked my day-to-day responsibilities as a teacher. I liked the students and I liked the idea of this transfer of knowledge. It wasn't as tangible as yogurt but it was definitely a real thing."

Think it through

Ellen Ryder, a career consultant in Arlington, Texas, says most of today's employees can learn a lot if they think over the cause and effect of their mistakes. "The thing to consider is a pattern of mistakes," Ryder says. "If you're consistently making errors and you're normally a dependable individual, you're probably not interested enough in your job to do good work."

Ryder says employees who messed up a project should pinpoint where they went wrong. "I once worked with someone who had a million great ideas and could organize a team and keep everyone on the same page, and yet her projects always faded out in the end. Even though they started out like gangbusters, someone else would have to come in and fix whatever went wrong. One time, she canceled a presentation with our CEO because she wasn't ready. That's a no-no, especially if the CEO is coming in from the San Francisco office for the day" Ryder says.

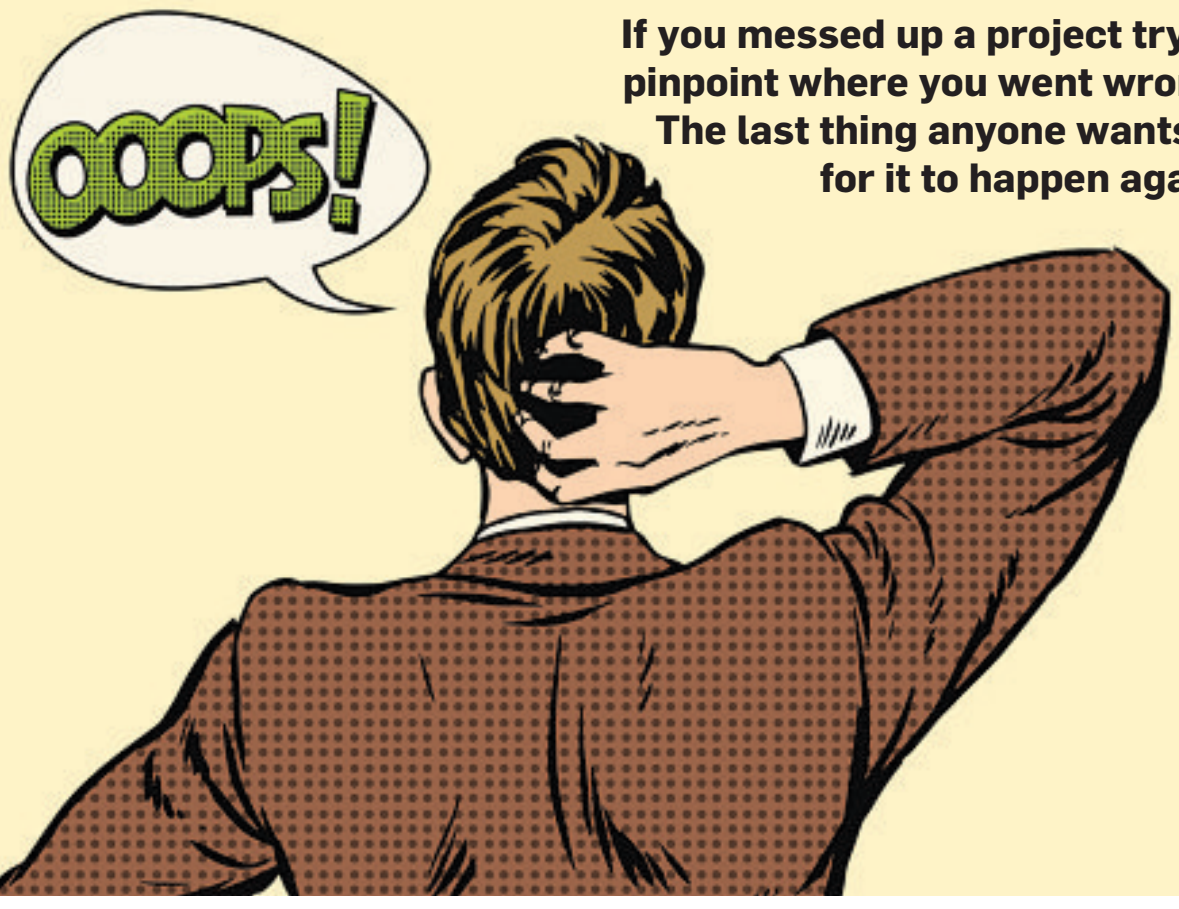
The issue, according to Ryder, was that her friend would get so consumed with the minutiae that she didn't know how to bring everything together in the end. "She wasn't a closer," Ryder says. "She didn't know how to finish."

After discussing it with a manager, Ryder says her friend enrolled in a few project management classes and created an elaborate index-card system to track her progress, from start to finish — "the key word being 'finish,'" says Ryder. "It changed everything about her approach. She really made a transformation."

Powell, now in his third career act as a tour guide, can relate. "I really enjoyed teaching but I realized was that what I really enjoyed was speaking," he says. "I didn't like grading papers and giving tests. I just liked standing in front of the class, leading a discussion. I'd do it for 12 hours a day if I could."

So he does, just not in a classroom. Powell says he didn't have to endure another big error to switch paths. He just knew it was time to do something different. "Teaching is a great metaphor for life," Powell says. "You always get a revision and you don't turn it back in until it's ready."

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If you messed up a project try to pinpoint where you went wrong. The last thing anyone wants is for it to happen again.



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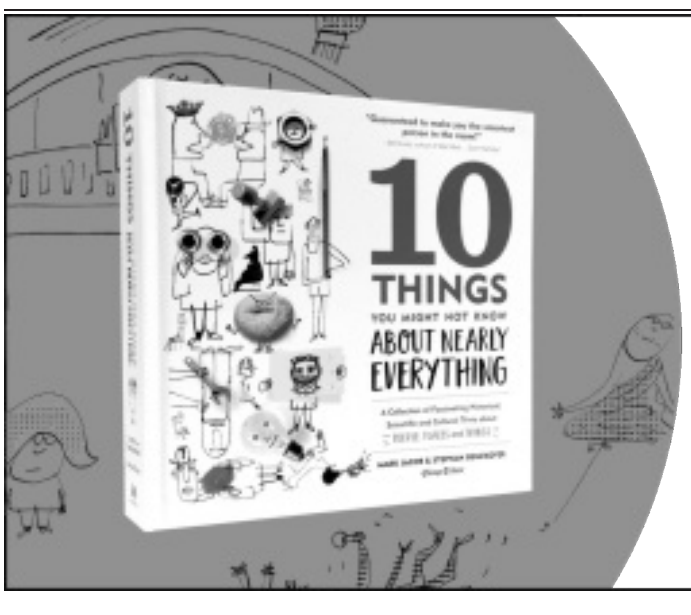
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NFL DRAFT
WILL ALL 4 OF THE TOP QB PROSPECTS GO BEFORE THE BEARS PICK AT NO. 8?

They can have 'em



The Bears brass will be happy to watch from the sideline as the QB frenzy at the NFL draft kicks off in 11 days.

The more quarterbacks who go early the merrier.

Scouting the top QBs, Pages 6-7

Plus, some developmental QBs who might interest the Bears in our position preview, Page 7



BEARS

CHICAGO TRIBUNE ILLUSTRATION USING TRIBUNE, GETTY PHOTOS



NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Fire midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger gets a good look as Zlatan Ibrahimovic of the Galaxy scores the only goal Saturday.

Soccer fans catch dose of Zlatan mania

Ibrahimovic's larger-than-life persona invades Bridgeview



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

A Chicago Fire season ticket holder, Jeff Church expected the razzing he received at Toyota Park for wearing a white Galaxy jersey with No. 9 "IBRAHIMOVIC" on the back to Saturday's game.

"It isn't every day you get a chance to see a living legend, so this was in his honor," said Church, a youth soccer coach from Dyer, Ind., who brought his teenage daughter, Jiana. "This was different."

This was the highlight of the Fire home season despite a 1-0 loss, a sellout due largely to the presence of otherworldly striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic, the Galaxy's 36-year-old superstar and — for one blustery, 38-degree afternoon in April — soccer's gift to Chicago. This was a glimpse at greatness, a rare chance to see one of the few players a sport knows by a singular name such as Messi and Ronaldo, an opportunity to see a soccer magician work his Ibracadabra.

In a city where the NHL and NBA playoffs took the year off, the Cubs keep flirting with .500 and the White Sox remain at the mercy of Mother Nature, Ibrahimovic's first MLS start offered the weekend's most intrigue.

*Turn to **Haugh, Page 5***



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CUBS 14, BRAVES 10

Turning the tables with one crazy 8th

Once trailing 10-2, the Cubs score nine runs — on only three hits — in a wild eighth inning to pull off unlikely comeback. **Page 3**

White Sox: Abominable snow, man: Minneapolis storm wipes out Saturday and Sunday games against Twins. **Page 5**

OPENING SHOT | Steve Rosenbloom
Compliments to Yu Darvish on very efficient work Friday. I mean, why wait for the World Series to choke when you can do it in your home debut? More Rosenbloom, **Page 2**

Evaluating the Paxson era

In his 15 years in the Bulls' front office, John Paxson has had plenty of hits — and misses. **Plus:** Assessing the roster. K.C. Johnson, **Pages 8-9**



TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLOOM

This out route not a big deal

The weekend forecast calls for a wintry mix of rain and snark:

Sorry, but I don't think Cameron Meredith is worth all the hand-wringing and yammering and criticizing about the Bears' tender offer and subsequent failure to match the Saints' deal, not after he managed just one good season and not after he tore his ACL and partially tore his MCL in his left knee.

Breathe, people, breathe.

Stevie Sunshine is here to guarantee Bears general manager Ryan Pace will give everyone a lot more worthwhile chances to rip his misevaluations of players and contracts. I mean, the Meredith episode is amateur stuff for a GM who bid against himself to sign Mike Glennon and then guaranteed him the starting job.

Rest up, people. We're less than two weeks from the draft, and you will need all your strength to react to what might be another Pace pantsing party.

Did Pirates manager Clint Hurdle leave us a written list of unwritten rules before leaving town? No? Bummer. But, hey, at least he left town.

Counting the Cubs' home opener, Loyola is on a two-game losing streak. Better sign that new contract quick, Porter Moser.

Miguel Montero was designated for assignment by the Nationals after going 0-for-11 in four games, and I'm wondering, does Montero think that's Jake Arrieta's fault too?

Stevie Sunshine's Weekly Power Rankings:

■ 1. Luscious. *You come at the queen, you best not miss.*
■ 2. Bacon. *I saved the $85 for a ticket to Baconfest so I could spend it on, duh, more bacon.*
■ 3. Javier Baez. *The Tuesday edition.*
■ 4. Javier Baez. *The Wednesday edition.*
■ 5. Javier Baez. *The Thursday response to Clint Hurdle edition.*
■ 6. #PutYourSticksOut. *In the wake of the Saskatchewan, Canada, bus crash that killed 16 people — players, coaches and a broadcaster — from the Humboldt junior hockey team, people are leaving hockey sticks propped up on the porch because "the boys might need it ... wherever they are."*
■ 7. MacMurray Ranch pinot noir. *From the vineyard started by Fred MacMurray, the "My Three Sons" guy. True fact. Kids, ask your parents.*
■ 8. The Blackhawks' ending their season. *Finally.*
■ 9. The Bulls' ending their season. *Finally.*
■ 10. Robusto cigars. *For when you don't have all afternoon. Or two of them for when you do.*



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Bears let Cameron Meredith, who missed the 2017 season, sign with the Saints.

Pistons coach Stan Van Gundy thinks tanking is a problem for the NBA, but I would argue the problem is tanking without getting all the pingpong balls awarded to the three worst teams.

Do the Bulls have a "best" player on a championship team on their roster? If Lauri Markkanen grows up to be Dirk Nowitzki, then yes. If he doesn't, then it would have helped to tank properly to get all the pingpong balls awarded to the three worst teams.

Which makes the Blackhawks look worse: The Penguins' Stanley Cup repeat going on a three-peat or the Golden Knights coming from not having a roster a year ago to the top of the Pacific Division?

Trick question. The answer is Artemi Panarin.

Tell you what, Stan Bowman is lucky John McDonough made the decision not to fire him before Panarin went off in the Blue Jackets' playoff opener.

The Hawks are betting Bowman's and Joel Quenneville's jobs on the idea that their young players will improve faster in the next year than their older core will continue to plummet.

The Stanley Cup playoffs started with California having more teams than Canada.

Two Stanley Cup playoff games in the first round are scheduled to be shown on the Golf Channel. Yes, the Golf Channel. NHL TV deals — a tradition unlike any other.

The Cubs plan to bring college football back to Wrigley Field, and I'm thinking, shouldn't people be bringing college football back to Champaign first?

What's up, Tyler Houston?

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MEDIA

Comcast keeping BTN for Chicago

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL | Chicago Tribune

Comcast says it is dropping the **Big Ten Network**, co-owned by the 14 conference schools and Fox, from its Xfinity service in states without Big Ten schools.

While Chicago-area Xfinity subscribers will not be affected, the move means fans and alumni who are Comcast customers in so-called "out-of-market" areas would lose access to the channel.

Comcast explicitly has said Xfinity customers in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania will be safe from its unilateral move. Xfinity service is not available in Nebraska and Iowa.

But conflicting information spread via social media Thursday, with company statements sometimes at odds with what Comcast's customer relations people apparently were telling stunned subscribers.

"We evaluate our channel lineups regularly," a Comcast spokesman said by email Friday, explaining the move. "We weigh several factors in making decisions like this, ranging from the costs programmers charge us to carry their channels and the amount of viewership to available alternatives."

The Big Ten Network, on Twitter, instructed those who are upset to share their displeasure with Comcast, whose Chicago media properties include NBC Sports Chicago and NBC-5 (WMAQ).

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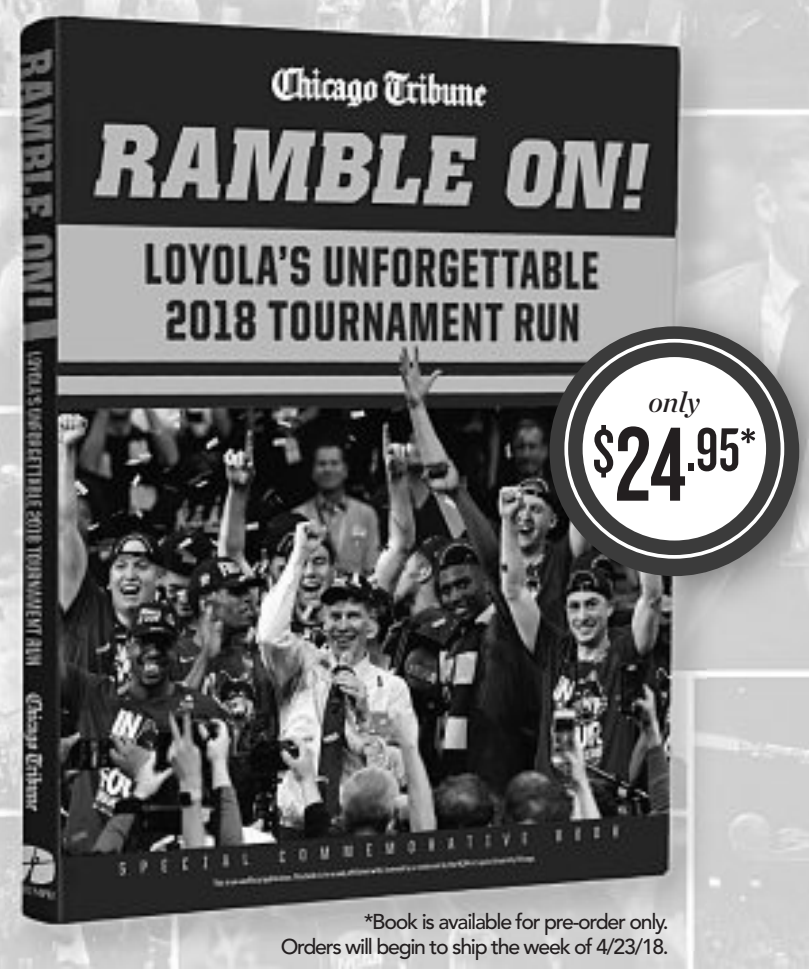
"The outpouring of concern and outrage from fans nationwide speaks for itself," Big Ten Network said in a statement. "BTN is a valuable part of Comcast's sports lineup, and we share their frustration."

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9 times ... with 2 outs

Cubs claw back from 8-run deficit, despite 'the worst elements ... ever'

By Mark Gonzales | Chicago Tribune

Like most of his Cubs teammates and the remaining 1,000 or so fans at bitterly cold Wrigley Field on Saturday afternoon, Javier Baez was in survival mode.

"I was trying not to get jammed and have my hand feel numb the whole inning," Baez said.

Manager Joe Maddon said the game was played under the worst baseball conditions he has witnessed, but Baez provided some warmth with a three-run double that tied the score during a zany nine-run eighth inning in the Cubs' unforgettable 14-10 win against the Braves.

The Cubs trailed by eight runs early but chipped away to a 10-5 deficit entering the eighth as the windchill factor dipped to 25 degrees. Then, with two outs, the Braves imploded. The Cubs scored nine runs while putting the ball in play three times, with five walks, two hit batters, an error and a wild pitch providing the rest of the offense against three relievers.

Baez's bases-clearing double against Jose Ramirez tied the score following an RBI infield single by Willson Contreras and Ben Zobrist's run-scoring walk. Ramirez and Sam Freeman combined to walk the next four batters for two more Cubs runs. Then, new pitcher Peter Moylan's wild pitch and catcher Kurt Suzuki's throwing error on the same play allowed two more to score.

"Fortunate," Maddon said of the result.

For Maddon, the elements surpassed the soggy, cold conditions during the suspended Game 5 of the 2008 World Series as the worst he's experienced.

"We're going to do what we're asked or told to do, but I'm just here to tell you those were the worst elements I've ever participated in a baseball game, ever," Maddon said.

Maddon, who managed the Rays against the Phillies in that unseasonable series 10 years ago, suggested that some of the wildness displayed by Braves relievers might have been caused by the elements.

If the Cubs had not made a game of it with a run in the sixth and two in the seventh, Maddon was prepared to use first baseman Efren Navarro to pitch the eighth.

Nevertheless, "the game really should not have been played," Maddon said.

The subdued music in the Cubs clubhouse mirrored the players' mix of relief and satisfaction.

"It's not a good feeling when you're down that much, especially in that weather," said Kyle Schwarber, who came off the bench in the sixth and drew the go-ahead walk in the eighth. "You want to be out there with those guys and grind it out. But it's a great sign of resilience."

Kris Bryant credited everyone, from the fans to the trainers to the clubhouse attendants to injured first baseman Anthony Rizzo — who distributed coats and warm water bottles to teammates — for keeping spirits up during gloomy times.

Reliever Eddie Butler helped make the comeback possible by pitching 3 ⅔ innings after starter Jose Quintana was pulled in the third after allowing seven earned runs. Toward the end of his outing, Butler told catcher Contreras to set his target down the middle of the plate because the elements were becoming more challenging.

"I had kind of an idea where the ball was going to go but had no pinpoint control," said Butler, who allowed three runs (two earned).

Butler became more energized while watching the eighth-inning comeback in the training room.

"The trainers said for everyone to keep doing exactly what you're doing," Butler said. "I was getting the same thing stretched out for 20 minutes. I said, 'I'm super loose now.' "

Maddon said he would celebrate with a glass of wine under stipulations of a diet in which he can sip only after victories.

Maddon had a quick response when it was suggested he might need something stronger.

"Then I won't be able to talk to you guys (Sunday)," Maddon said.

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THE BOX SCORE

ATLANTA	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Ozzie Albies 2b	5	2	3	4	.313
Dansby Swanson ss	6	2	3	2	.357
Freddie Freeman 1b	5	1	2	1	.320
Kurt Suzuki c	3	0	2	1	.300
Nick Markakis rf	5	0	2	2	.298
Lane Adams lf	4	2	1	0	.286
Charlie Culberson 3b	4	1	1	0	.150
Peter Bourjos cf	5	1	1	0	.150
Sean Newcomb p	2	1	0	0	.000
Dan Winkler p	0	0	0	0	.000
b-Preston Tucker ph	1	0	0	0	.300
Luke Jackson p	0	0	0	0	—
Jose Ramirez p	0	0	0	0	—
Sam Freeman p	0	0	0	0	—
Peter Moylan p	0	0	0	0	—
TOTALS	**40**	**10**	**15**	**10**	

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Ian Happ lf-cf	4	0	0	0	.222
Steve Cishek p	0	0	0	0	.000
Justin Wilson p	0	0	0	0	—
c-Tommy La Stella ph	1	1	1	1	.300
Brandon Morrow p	0	0	0	0	—
Albert Almora Jr. cf	2	2	1	1	.276
Efren Navarro 1b	3	0	0	0	.167
Kris Bryant 3b	3	2	2	0	.352
Willson Contreras c	5	1	1	2	.288
Ben Zobrist 1b-lf-rf	3	3	3	2	.326
Javier Baez 2b	5	1	1	4	.191
Addison Russell ss	3	1	1	0	.213
Jason Heyward rf-cf	3	2	0	0	.200
Jose Quintana p	1	0	0	0	.000
Eddie Butler p	1	0	0	0	.000
a-Kyle Schwarber ph-lf	1	1	0	2	.238
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Atlanta	135	100	000—10	15	2
CUBS	101	001	29x—14	10	2

a-walked for Butler in the 6th. b-struck out for Winkler in the 8th. c-singled for Wilson in the 8th. **E:** Albies (2), Suzuki (3), Baez (2), Russell (2). **LOB:** Atlanta 12, CUBS 9. **2B:** Albies (8), Swanson (7), Markakis (3), Culberson (1), Bryant (6), Baez (2). **3B:** Zobrist (1). **HR:** Albies (5), off Quintana; Almora (1), off Newcomb. **RBIs:** Albies 4 (11), Swanson 2 (10), F.Freeman (12), Suzuki (3), Markakis 2 (9), Almora (3), Contreras 2 (3), Zobrist 2 (7), Baez 4 (14), Schwarber 2 (7), La Stella (4). **S:** Newcomb. **SO:** Swanson (1), Adams (1), Bourjos (1), Newcomb (2), Tucker (1), Happ (3), Navarro (2), Contreras (1), Baez (1), Russell (1), Heyward (2), Quintana (1), Schwarber (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta 6 (Swanson, Suzuki, Markakis, Adams, Newcomb, Tucker); CUBS 4 (Baez, Navarro 3). RISP: Atlanta 7 for 20; CUBS 3 for 13. **Runners moved up:** Albies, Culberson, Bourjos, F.Freeman, Bryant, Contreras, Baez. **GIDP:** Markakis 2. **DP:** CUBS 2 (Butler, Russell, Zobrist), (Baez, Russell, Navarro).

ATLANTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sean Newcomb	5⅓	6	3	2	4	7	4.02
Dan Winkler	1⅓	1	2	2	1	2	2.25
Luke Jackson	⅓	1	2	2	0	1	13.50
Jose Ramirez, **L**, 0-1	⅓	2	5	5	2	1	13.50
Sam Freeman	0	0	2	1	3	0	1.23
Peter Moylan	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	0.00

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Jose Quintana	2⅓	7	7	7	4	1	8.16
Eddie Butler	3⅔	5	3	2	2	2	2.45
Steve Cishek	1	2	0	0	1	0	1.17
Justin Wilson, **W**,1-0	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.91
Brandon Morrow	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.00

S.Freeman pitched to 3 batters in the 8th. **Inherited runners-scored:** Winkler 3-0, Ramirez 2-2, S.Freeman 2-2, Moylan 3-2, Butler 3-3. **HBP:** Jackson (Heyward), Ramirez (Bryant). **WP:** Newcomb, Butler, Wilson, Moylan. **Umpires:** H, Chad Fairchild; 1B, Mike Estabrook; 2B, Alfonso Marquez; 3B, Bruce Dreckman. **Time:** 3:43. **A:** 36,788 (41,649).

HOW THEY SCORED

BRAVES FIRST: Albies homered. Swanson grounded out. F. Freeman lined out. Suzuki walked. Markakis singled, Suzuki to second. Adams lined out. **One run. Braves 1-0.**
CUBS FIRST: Happ struck out. Almora homered. Bryant doubled. Contreras struck out. Zobrist walked. Baez popped out. **One run. Tied 1-1.**
BRAVES SECOND: Culberson grounded out. Bourjos singled. Newcomb sacrificed, Bourjos to second. Albies doubled, scoring Bourjos. Swanson doubled, scoring Albies. F. Freeman walked. Suzuki singled, scoring Swanson, F. Freeman to third. Markakis grounded into fielder's choice, Suzuki out at second. **Three runs. Braves 4-1.**
BRAVES THIRD: Adams singled. Culberson walked, Adams to second. Bourjos struck out. Newcomb walked, Butler pitching. Adams to third, Culberson to second. Albies grounded out, scoring Adams, Culberson to third, Newcomb to second. Swanson singled, scoring Culberson, Newcomb to third. F. Freeman singled, scoring Newcomb, Swanson to third. Suzuki walked, F. Freeman to second. Markakis doubled, scoring Swanson and Freeman, Suzuki out at home. **Five runs. Braves 9-1.**
CUBS THIRD: Almora Jr. walked. Almora Jr. to on Newcomb's wild pitch. Bryant flied out, Almora Jr. to third. Contreras grounded out, scoring Almora Jr. Baez struck out. **One run. Braves 9-2.**
BRAVES FOURTH: Adams safe on Baez's error. Culberson flied out. Adams to second on Butler's wild pitch. Bourjos reached on Russell's error, Adams to third. Newcomb struck out. Albies singled, scoring Adams, Bourjos to third. Swanson grounded out. **One run. Braves 10-2.**
CUBS SIXTH: Zobrist singled. Baez reached on fielder's choice, Baez safe at second on Albies' error. Russell singled, Zobrist to third, Baez to second. Heyward struck out. Schwarber walked, scoring Zobrist, Baez to third, Russell to second. Winkler pitching. Happ struck out. Navarro lined out. **One run. Braves 10-3.**
CUBS SEVENTH: Bryant walked. Contreras flied out. Zobrist tripled, scoring Bryant. Baezz grounded out, scoring Zobrist. Russell struck out. **Two runs. Braves 10-5.**

CUBS 13-BATTER, 9-RUN EIGHTH > > >



Baez's three-run double off of Ramirez ▲ Schwarber's score and celebration ▼

CRAZY 8TH
Trailing 10-5 in the eighth inning Saturday, the Cubs scored nine runs — all with two outs. A rundown of the 13 plate appearances:

Braves pitchers

Jason Heyward
A 10 C 5 — HBP — Outs ○○○

Kyle Schwarber
A 10 C 5 — K — Outs ●○○

Tommy La Stella
A 10 C 5 — 1B — Outs ●○○

Runners on first and second

Efren Navarro
A 10 C 5 — K — Outs ●●○

Kris Bryant
A 10 C 5 — HBP — Outs ●●○

Bases loaded

Luke Jackson

Willson Contreras
A 10 C 6 — 1B — Outs ●●○

Heyward scores, bases loaded

Ben Zobrist
A 10 C 7 — BB — Outs ●●○

La Stella scores, bases loaded

Javier Baez
A 10 C 10 — 2B — Outs ●●○

Bryant, Contreras, Zobrist score

Addison Russell
A 10 C 10 — IBB — Outs ●●○

Runners on first and second

Jason Heyward
A 10 C 10 — BB — Outs ●●○

Bases loaded

Jose Ramirez

Kyle Schwarber
C 11 A 10 — BB — Outs ●●○

Baez scores, bases loaded

Tommy La Stella
C 12 A 10 — BB — Outs ●●○

Russell scores, bases loaded

Sam Freeman

Efren Navarro
C 14 A 10 — K — Outs ●●●

Before Navarro strikes out, Heyward scores on wild pitch, Schwarber scores on Kurt Suzuki's error. La Stella to third.

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Peter Moylan

CUBS NOTES

Tax-free day: Butler saves pen

By Mark Gonzales | Chicago Tribune

Eddie Butler's 3 ⅔ innings of relief saved the bullpen Saturday as much as it enabled the Cubs offense to rally for a 14-10 win against the Braves after **Jose Quintana** exited early.

Manager **Joe Maddon** was able to go without using relievers **Pedro Strop**, **Carl Edwards Jr.**, **Mike Montgomery** and **Brian Duensing**, even after Quintana allowed seven earned runs in only 2 ⅓ innings.

Only one Cubs starter — **Kyle Hendricks** in Thursday's 6-1 loss to the Pirates — has pitched more than five innings in the last five games. **Yu Darvish** and Quintana combined for only seven innings Friday and Saturday.

"We haven't gotten any depth (from the starters)," Maddon said. "We're surviving it kind of, and I look at that as a positive because these guys are so good and are going to turn it on and get on a nice little roll. The same thing with the offense."

Butler is third on the team with 14 ⅔ innings.

"He's been fabulous," Maddon said. "He's really saved our bullpen a ton."

Almora returns: Albert Almora Jr. felt well enough to start after missing Friday's game due to illness. He smacked a home run in the second inning before he was lifted as part of a double switch in the sixth.

Maddon thought it better to start the right-handed-batting Almora against Braves left-hander **Sean Newcomb**, which ensured the center fielder of a favorable matchup rather than taking the chance on a potential late-inning situation.

Rare rally: The Cubs rallied from an eight-run deficit to win for the first time since they beat the Nationals 10-9 after trailing 8-0 on July 7, 2011. The Cubs scored nine runs in an inning for the first time since the fifth inning against the Pirates on July 30, 2012.

According to Cubs historian **Ed Hartig**, Saturday marked the first time the Cubs scored nine runs on three or fewer hits in an inning since May 19, 1954, when they reached on three hits, four walks and three errors against the Dodgers at Ebbets Field.

Rizzo update: Maddon said slugger **Anthony Rizzo** remains on schedule to return Monday from the 10-day disabled list. Rizzo has been nagged by lower-back stiffness.

UP NEXT | **Braves** (Teheran 0-1, 7.07)
at **Cubs** (Chatwood 0-2, 4.91)
1:20 p.m. Sunday, WGN-9

CUBS



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Cubs manager Joe Maddon, left, and Pirates manager Clint Hurdle have disagreed on Javier Baez's actions.

Maddon, Hurdle bringing the heat



Paul Sullivan
On the Cubs

When a teammate told Javier Baez he was wrong to flip his bat dramatically and not run hard on a popup Wednesday night, Baez took the criticism to heart and apologized afterward for setting a bad example for his young fans.

Baez surely didn't realize the story would take on a life of its own.

When Pirates manager Clint Hurdle commented on the bat flip, questioning Baez's "respect" for the game, Baez calmly disputed the charge.

"I bust my ass every day," he said, informing his critics to "save" their opinions.

That might have been the end of it, but Cubs manager Joe Maddon entered the steel-cage match Friday with a figurative folding chair, verbally bashing Hurdle with some not-so-veiled criticism of the veteran manager's old-school thinking.

"It reveals you more than it reveals the person you are talking about," Maddon said of Hurdle's criticism.

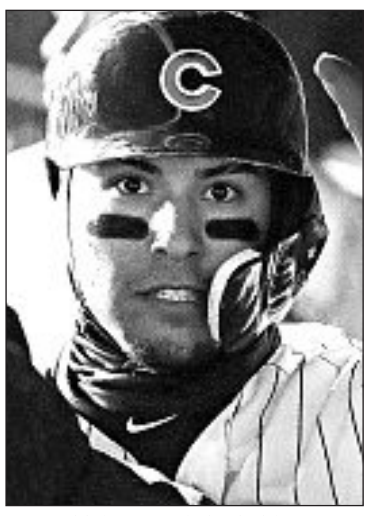
In so many words, Baez and Maddon were saying: "We can police ourselves, so mind your own bleeping business."

No matter where one stands on the debate over Baez's bat flipping, the fact the Cubs and Pirates are engaging in a spitting match this early in the season is interesting. It shows the Cubs aren't going to back down to any insult and the Pirates aren't afraid to call out what may be the cockiest team in baseball.

It's great theater, and we can only hope it continues when they meet in Pittsburgh on May 28.

It's reminiscent of the Cubs-Cardinals spat in the summer of 2015, when Anthony Rizzo allegedly was hit on purpose and Maddon accused an unnamed Cardinal of employing mob mentality.

"I don't know who put out the hit," Maddon said that day. "I don't know if Tony Soprano is in the dugout. I didn't see him in there, (but) we're not going to put up with that from them or anyone else."



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Cubs infielder Javier Baez says respect gets shown to baseball when "I bust my ass every day."

Back then the Cubs were the underdogs and Maddon was trying to get in the Cardinals' heads. It seemed to work, and when the teams met in the National League Division Series the Cubs upset the Cardinals 3-1 to advance to the NL Championship Series.

It was a strategic maneuver former manager Dusty Baker used in 2003 when the Cubs played a big September series against the Cardinals and their manager, Tony La Russa, accused Kerry Wood of throwing at hitters.

"I've heard Tony say things before," Baker said. "As far as I'm concerned, tricks are for kids, and I don't take kindly to threats."

The Cubs won four of five in the series, and Baker and La Russa engaged in a shouting match from the opposing dugouts during one memorable game. Doug Glanville, now an analyst with NBCSCH, said Friday it was probably the best series he ever had been involved in during his career.

Maddon and Hurdle could make this year's Cubs-Pirates series one to watch. Maybe the Baez thing will blow over, though we still haven't heard from Willson Contreras, whom Hurdle also ripped for complaining to the plate umpire.

In so many words, Baez and Maddon were saying: "We can police ourselves, so mind your own bleeping business."

Maddon insisted he has a great relationship with Hurdle, in stark contrast to Baker and La Russa, who obviously had no use for each other.

But even if the Hurdle-Maddon relationship gets strained by Maddon's comments, the two men couldn't possibly replicate the Baker-LaRussa shouting match because the Wrigley Field dugouts are now so far apart they couldn't hear each other yell.

One thing we do know is Hurdle can't match Maddon when it comes to confusing everyone with his stream of consciousness. Asked Friday about all the "sideshows" going on with the team early in the season, he said the Cubs don't try to "hide" anything.

"If we can't give you an answer, we'll tell you we can't tell you," Maddon said. "Otherwise the best way to disarm is ... the protagonist from the Tom Clancy movies, the Jack Ryan theory ... it wasn't only the president's friend, it was his best friend, the dude in 'Clear and Present Danger' ... with the drug bust in the Caribbean.

"Why run away from that answer? That was Jack's advice to the president. Where the spin doctors are trying to create this smokescreen to throw everybody off course, I love the way our guys do this, and they have our support. We're all going to screw up on occasion and say some stupid things, but we try to keep it to a minimum."

What's Maddon talking about? Who knows?

It looks as if it's going to be one of those seasons. Keep the beer cold.

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ON BASEBALL



PAUL SULLIVAN

TOUCHING 'EM ALL

THREE UP

Joe Mauer: Twins veteran knocked out career hit No. 2,000 against the White Sox, which gave him a .412 average and a .545 OBP.
Reynaldo Lopez: With a 0.69 ERA over his first two starts, he looks like the cream of the crop of White Sox pitching prospects.
Bullpenning: There were only five complete games through Thursday, as teams continue to downplay the importance of starters.

THREE DOWN

Miguel Montero: Nationals release the former Cubs catcher for the 2016 World Series champions after an 0-for-11 start.
Tyler Austin: After Red Sox pitcher Joe Kelly plunked him, Yankees hitter slowly "charges" the mound like he wanted to be stopped.
Gary Sanchez: Yankees slugger had no walks in 50 plate appearances and a .140 average through Friday.

THE LIST

Fewest RBIs per plate appearance (of qualifying players, through Thursday):

C	Jose Peraza	0 in 44
M	Lewis Brinson	1 in 54
C	Willson Contreras	1 in 49
KC	Jon Jay	1 in 48
KC	Whit Merrifield	1 in 47

FACT CHECK

11 RBIs for Japanese sensation Shohei Ohtani in his first seven games. Only two American League players have had more in their first seven: Dale Alexander (14 for the 1929 Tigers) and Mitchell Page (13 for the 1977 A's). Ohtani has three home runs, which came in consecutive games from April 3-6.

AROUND BASEBALL

Bosio won't throw brushback at Cubs

If anyone was going to have a job for life in the Cubs organization, **Chris Bosio** seemed like the perfect candidate.

When Bosio came to the North Side as pitching coach at the start of the Cubs' rebuild in 2012, many of us figured he was here because his old friend, **Dale Sveum**, was hired as manager.

But Bosio proved his worth immediately, outlasted Sveum and **Rick Renteria** and was instrumental in the development of **Jake Arrieta**, **Kyle Hendricks**, **Pedro Strop** and other pitchers while helping to make the Cubs an annual contender.

But Bosio shockingly was fired in the purge of some of **Joe Maddon's** coaches after the 2017 season, and he left without much of a goodbye. When asked for reasons for the split, Maddon and Cubs President **Theo Epstein** stressed the need for a "new voice," which basically is sports lingo for "it's none of your business."

Bosio left town without saying his piece and eventually wound up with the same job with the Tigers, joining another crusty veteran in manager **Ron Gardenhire**.

"He's a very intelligent baseball guy, and with pitchers he thinks beyond the lines and outside the box and has a lot of plans," Gardenhire said. "We're all trying to get into this new world, us older guys, and 'Bos' has been in it and is helping me.

"It's a good working situation, and these (pitchers) have to be happy they have a guy like him. He says it like it is. That's kind of my way too."

Bosio never shied away from giving his opinion on things in Chicago. So why stay mute after his firing?

"It was time to move on," he said before a game last week against the White Sox. "There's nothing really to be said."

So he's OK with the Cubs providing the narrative for the decision?

"I have a job to do here, and that's the way I generally go about life," he said.

Bosio said he had no hard feelings about the decision, which left many of us scratching our heads.

"I have a lot of great memories, a lot of great friends," he said. "A World Series ring, three National League championships the last three years. We came from the very bottom of the NL Central to the top and were there every year and a couple of wins from getting back to the World Series again last year. How can you have any hard feelings about anything? Everybody gave their heart and soul, and I wish them nothing but the best of luck."

Last week Bosio was excited that Arrieta was back and finally starting his season after missing part of spring training. The two Cubs exiles spoke in spring training after Arrieta signed with the Phillies.

"He's happy with where he's at, hungry and dying to get out there," Bosio said. "He's like a younger brother to me, just like a lot of those guys are. I'm so appreciative of how those guys went about their business when we were together and wish them all the best in their careers. They know that."

Bosio said he also has communicated with some of his former Cubs pitchers, but now is time for everyone to move on and look to the future.



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Tigers pitching coach Chris Bosio won't second-guess the Cubs for firing him last winter.

"There were some text messages when everything went down, but I want to give them their space," he said. "They should be concentrating on their season. I would expect the same out of any one of our guys who left. There's always going to be lines of communication, but this is a big year for all of us. We're trying to do a lot of things in Detroit. And there are a lot of expectations on that team on the North Side, like we had. ...

"When you accomplish what we accomplished and invest the way they have with the stadium, like the Rickettses have, and the baseball operations department, the expectations are to win it all. But that's the way it is when you build that franchise. I wouldn't expect anything less, and their fans shouldn't either."

Revisionist history: **Mark McGwire** hit what was then a major-league-record 70 home runs in 1998, dueling with **Sammy Sosa** all summer.

Twenty years later, long after admitting to PED use, McGwire told The Athletic columnist **Jayson Stark** he could have done it without steroids.

"Absolutely," he said. "I just know myself. I just know. I was a born home run hitter. I mean, unfortunately, I did (take PEDs). And I've regretted that. I've talked about that. I regretted it. I didn't need to. That's the thing. Didn't need to.

"But I know. Deep down inside, I know me as a hitter. And I know what I did in that box. And I know how strong my mind is. And I know what kind of hitter I became. And yes. Yes. Definitely."

If he was so sure of his ability to do it without PEDs in 1998, he should have tried to do it while clean. Unfortunately, he can't go back in time. McGwire would have been better off keeping his thoughts to himself on this, but when your ego is that inflated, I guess you can't help yourself.

Modest proposal: The actual attendance at Monday's rescheduled White Sox-Rays game on the South Side was 974, according to a report from the Tampa Bay Times. The paid attendance was 10,377, which will go down in the box score as the official number. If the Sox were smart, they would offer free tickets to the Cubs-Sox series in late September to anyone with a ticket stub from that game. Only true diehards would come out on a day like that. They should be rewarded.

WHITE SOX

Moncada's task: Lock in mentally

Renteria issues warning with encouragement

By Colleen Kane
Chicago Tribune


Moncada

MINNEAPOLIS — White Sox manager Rick Renteria took a few extra minutes after Thursday night's 4-0 loss to the Twins to meet with second baseman Yoan Moncada.

Most of the Sox players had a difficult night at the plate against right-hander Jose Berrios. But Moncada went 0-for-4 with three strikeouts, and his batting average dropped to .184 through the first 12 games. He also misplayed a ground ball that allowed Eduardo Escobar to reach in the eighth.

Renteria's purpose for the chat was twofold. He wanted to reinforce to Moncada that he should worry about himself and not outside expectations. And he wanted to remind Moncada he needs to maintain his focus and his willingness to learn throughout an entire game and season.

"He's by no means a finished product, and I want him to understand he's not a finished product," Renteria said. "But I want him to understand there are certain things you have to do. You have to maintain focus, and if you're not hitting, you've got to catch the ball. And if you're not catching the ball, you better hit. But you can't fail at both, because then there's a problem. So a lot of it has to do with learning, focusing and continuing to concentrate."

It was the second time in two games Renteria had addressed Moncada specifically.

In Wednesday's victory over the Rays, the Sox called for a suicide squeeze with Omar Narvaez on third base. But Moncada laid off the bunt, and Narvaez was caught in a rundown.

"He just told me in those situations, I have to execute," Moncada said Thursday through a team interpreter. "It doesn't matter if it's a good or bad pitch, I have to bunt the ball. I understood that, and I know that it was my mistake.

"It's always good when you have a manager like Ricky who is able to communicate in your own language and can explain to you the things that you need to do and why things happen. After we talked, I felt better. I'm not saying that I felt good, because I knew that it was my responsibility, but after we talked I was able to digest a little bit better the situation just because of the way he talked to me."

The outside expectations Renteria spoke of are real for Moncada.

He joined the Sox organization in December 2016 in the Chris Sale trade as baseball's top prospect. After he was called up to the majors in July, he took a while to heat up before a solid September.

Moncada is taking a while this season too.

He is 9-for-49 with three doubles, a homer, three RBIs, eight walks and a team-leading 24 strikeouts for the Sox, who are off to a 4-8 start. Their games Friday and Saturday against the Twins in Minneapolis were postponed because of rain and snow.

Moncada's swing is not in sync, he said, and it doesn't help that he is playing for the first time in his life in cold, snowy weather. Renteria has also noticed an issue with head movement.

"He's got to just stay within his approach, get pitches he can handle, try not to do too much," Renteria said. "Honestly, I think he's pulling his head a little bit, so he's not really seeing the ball into the zone as well as I would like him to see the ball into the zone. But on top of that just continue to eliminate noise."

Moncada said he hopes guidance from the coaching staff and fellow Cuban Jose Abreu will help him to overcome his recent struggles.

"I'm not frustrated," Moncada said. "I know that probably the results are not there, the good results, but I still have plenty of confidence. I believe in myself because I know what I'm capable of doing. Right now it's just a matter of a rough time, but I still feel very confident in myself."

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WHITE SOX NOTES

Snowstorm wipes out rest of series vs. Twins

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White Sox manager Rick Renteria says it's "incredible" to be dealing with snow in mid-April.

MINNEAPOLIS — White Sox players had more fun with the weather Saturday, posting videos on social media around snow-covered Minneapolis and Target Field.

But baseball is still nowhere in sight.

The Twins postponed their Saturday and Sunday games against the Sox because of a snowstorm that began Friday night and was expected to last at least 24 hours. The teams opened the series Thursday with a chilly but dry 4-0 Twins victory, but they didn't play Friday due to snow and rain.

The Sox went to Target Field on Saturday but stayed indoors to do strength and conditioning work and hitting and throwing side sessions in the batting cages.

Manager **Rick Renteria** said the players would have Sunday off as they travel to Oakland for a three-game series that begins Monday night.

"We've been trying to cover and stay on top of it to the best of our ability," Renteria said by phone Saturday night. "(Sunday) is a matter of going ahead and giving them a break. It's freezing out there. Now it's just let's get on a plane and get to Oakland safely and get ready for that series."

The Twins didn't announce makeup dates for any of the games. The Sox return to Minneapolis for series June 5-7 and Sept. 28-30, their final three games of the season. They share an off day June 4 that could be used to turn the next series into a four-game meeting. They also have mutual off days June 25, Aug. 20 and Sept. 6.

Right-handers **Reynaldo Lopez, Miguel Gonzalez** and **Carson Fulmer** were slated to pitch the last three games and instead will be bumped in order to the Athletics series. Now the Sox's biggest concern is getting their flight out of Minnesota safely Sunday.

"To say that I'm not concerned about that, I would be lying," Renteria said.

UP NEXT
White Sox (Lopez 0-1, 0.69)
at **Athletics** (TBA)
9:05 p.m. Monday, NBCSCH

Minors watch: Sox No. 6 prospect **Dane Dunning** is off to a great start with high Class A Winston-Salem. The right-hander has given up one earned run over 11⅓ innings with 16 strikeouts in two starts.

He took a no-hitter into the seventh inning Wednesday against Myrtle Beach, and in an interview with Milb.com afterward, he credited **James Shields** with helping him establish a new grip on his curveball.

"He was struggling with it a little bit in spring training, and sometimes you don't realize you're changing your grip mid-season or even year to year," Shields, 36, said. "Sometimes you go into spring training naturally thinking you're going to have a good curveball, and it's just a grip adjustment from the year before. I just showed him what I do, and he ended up throwing a bullpen and feeling really good with it. I'm glad he's doing well with it."

GALAXY 1, FIRE 0



Star-powered

Ibrahimovic scores only goal to give Galaxy win over Fire

By Kevin Baxter
Los Angeles Times


CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY NUCCIO DINUZZO
LA Galaxy forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic tries to stop the Fire's Bastian Schweinsteiger, top, then celebrates after scoring a goal Saturday.

The Fire battled the wind, rain and a windchill that dropped below freezing to a draw Saturday.

They didn't do as well against Zlatan Ibrahimovic and the LA Galaxy, though, with Ibrahimovic's header in first-half stoppage time proving the difference in a 1-0 loss. Yet when Fire coach Veljko Paunovic looked toward the leaden sky afterward, he insisted he saw not just storm clouds but a silver lining as well.

"A small mistake decided the game," he said. "But for me, most importantly, the team is growing (and) getting better. We have more fluidity in our possession. We create opportunities.

"I would like to see more goals, but we're getting closer."

More wins would probably be a good thing too.

Saturday's result, the Fire's third one-goal loss, dropped their record to 1-3-1. For now, however, Paunovic will take his silver linings where he can find them.

"Obviously nobody is happy with the result and some mistakes we made that we will fix," he said. "But I'm very positive. Nobody wants to lose, but I'm proud of my team."

The biggest mistake came just seconds before the intermission when the Fire momentarily lost track of Ibrahimovic, the man most in the crowd of 21,915 — the largest for a Fire game in Toyota Park history — came to see. And that was hard to do since the Swedish superstar, at 6-foot-5, was the largest man on the field.

But when Galaxy captain Ashley Cole squared up for a cross from nearly 40 yards out, Ibrahimovic dashed toward the goal, cutting between defenders Bastian Schweinsteiger and Grant Lillard to nod home the goal, his third in as many games since coming to MLS last month from Manchester United.

And the margin on the scoreboard would have been bigger had a pair of Galaxy goals in the first nine minutes not been disallowed because forward Ola Kamara was offside.

The visitors, who had the wind at their backs during the first half, were aided by gusts that topped 30 mph.

When the teams changed sides for the second half, their fortunes shifted too, with the Fire dominating play and forcing Galaxy keeper David Bingham into three tough saves in a 10-minute span that preserved both his second shutout and his team's first road win.

Ibrahimovic took credit for both the sellout crowd — "I heard they never fill the stadium, so I should come often here" — and the win. But for Fire captain Dax McCarty, sending the biggest crowd in franchise history home chilled and with only a loss for their trouble was a missed opportunity.

"It was a great atmosphere — (the) fans were loud," McCarty said. "It's nice to see the stadium being that full, (but) you've got to win games, you've got to play better, you've got to score goals and you've got to entertain them.

"You have to be a team that's easy to root for, and right now we're struggling a little bit. ... It's on us to improve, get better and try to fill this place up more."

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Soccer fans experience Zlatan mania

Haugh, *from Page 1*

And the difference in the outcome was what everybody came to see: an Ibrahimovic goal in first-half stoppage time when he headed in a diagonal cross from teammate Ashley Cole. In the Univision booth, the announcer bellowed: "There is the lion, there is God, there is Zlatan!"

There was the intimidating 6-foot-5, 209-pounder with his trademark orange Nike soccer boots and familiar man bun, distinguishing himself the way he knows best.

"I feel I should have scored another two goals because I missed chances I normally don't miss, but we won the game," Ibrahimovic said. "It was not an easy game, especially with the weather. We come with the sun. They come with the wind. The sun was the stronger today. So we're happy."

Ibrahimovic stayed all smiles taking postgame selfies in the hallway with Blackhawks legend Marian Hossa. Fire star Bastian Schweinsteiger waved some buddies into the Galaxy locker room to meet Ibrahimovic, his former Manchester United teammate. Sports celebrities appeared just as giddy around Ibrahimovic as fans such as Darren Goodwin, who drove from St. Louis to experience the spectacle with 21,915 others — the largest crowd ever for a Fire game at Toyota Park.

"I never thought I'd be breathing the same air as Zlatan," Goodwin said. "He's a mythological figure. In American sports, he's probably somewhere between Wayne Gretzky or Michael Jordan in terms of stature."

The comparison Zlatan fan Jake Daar made was Conor McGregor, the unpredictable UFC fighter with a similarly large, loyal following. Daar, wearing one of the hundreds of the easy-to-spot No. 9 jerseys, booked his flight from Raleigh, N.C., once the Galaxy signed Ibrahimovic last month.

"I loved going against a player like that."

— Fire goalie Richard Sanchez on facing Zlatan Ibrahimovic

"I had been wanting to visit a friend here and when I saw this on the schedule, it was must-see," Daar said. "Zlatan says, 'I know how good I am, now watch me.' "

So the soccer world stares, from Sweden to the southwest suburbs, where Ibrahimovic's countrymen Jimmie Kotilainen and Jacob Ryd drove several hours each to support their favorite player. Their long trips proved worth it for both Swedes who came to America to play college hockey, Ryd at Marian University in Fond-du-lac, Wis., and Kotilainen at Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne, Ind.

"We had to be here," Ryd said.

Added Kotilainen, in Ibrahimovic's yellow Swedish national team jersey: "It's his confidence. He doesn't just talk, he backs it up."

A day after Ibrahimovic signed with the Galaxy, for example, he took out a full-page ad in the Los Angeles Times that read, "Los Angeles, you're welcome" over a huge picture of him. Then Ibrahimovic went out in his Galaxy debut March 31 and scored two goals in 19 minutes, one a highlight-reel dandy from 40 yards and the other a game-winning header.

"The fans wanted Zlatan," he said after that game. "And I gave them Zlatan."

Those expectations explain why, when Ibrahimovic fails to convert opportunities into goals, the crowd acts so surprised, such as when Fire goalie Richard Sanchez rejected close shots at the 33rd and 74th minutes. One day, Sanchez will tell his grandkids about the day he stopped Zlatan, which sounds like a comic book title.

"That was a great feeling," Sanchez said. "I wished we could have won but I loved going against a player like that."

It's not every day you play against a guy with 31.4 million Instagram followers who has written the autobiography "I Am Zlatan." With due respect to Kris Bryant and Patrick Kane, and possibly Japanese pitcher Yu Darvish, Chicago doesn't have an athlete who approaches Ibrahimovic's international superstardom. On Tuesday, the guy perfect for Hollywood will appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" and Ibrahimovic already met Shaquille O'Neal at a Lakers game. Since Ibrahimovic signed a two-year, $3 million contract last month — turning down what one report said was a $100 million offer from a Chinese team — Galaxy spokesman Brendan Hannan estimates he has received 400 interview requests.

Based on the rock-star reception Ibrahimovic received in Bridgeview, that seems low.

"It was cool," Ibrahimovic said of the local response. "I heard they never fill the stadium, so I should come often."

Not speaking for the Fire or their goalies, but Zlatan is welcome here anytime.

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How many arms will go before ... ?

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Hurry up, don't be late.

The more quarterbacks that go early — how about 4? — the more options the Bears will have with the eighth pick in the NFL draft. Let's see what the experts are saying about the top 4 QBs on the big board.

By Rich Campbell | Chicago Tribune

Ryan Pace finally is enjoying his view as the NFL draft approaches.

A year after trading up to select quarterback Mitch Trubisky second overall, the Bears' fourth-year general manager sees other quarterback-needy teams jockeying for position atop the first round. That stress is behind him.

"It's easier to sleep," Pace said, "not only when you feel like you have the guy who has all the physical traits, but when he has the makeup you really want in that position."

Pace and the Bears, though, still are affected by this year's heralded quarterback class, if not invested in it.

If four are drafted in the top seven, the Bears would have a better chance of landing their preferred non-quarterback with the eighth pick. That's one of the Bears' best-case scenarios.

The other: Three quarterbacks go in the top seven, and some team determined to select the fourth trades for the Bears' pick.

Hey, they can dream.

Reality, at least, is on their side. Teams understand that having a quality quarterback equates to sustained success, so their determination — or desperation — to pick one is shaping this year's draft.

USC's Sam Darnold, Wyoming's Josh Allen, UCLA's Josh Rosen and Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield are the top prizes. New Browns general manager John Dorsey, with the first and fourth picks, is the ringmaster.

Remember how last year's draft played out. The quarterback class was widely regarded as pedestrian, but the Chiefs and Texans joined the Bears in trading up, taking Patrick Mahomes and Deshaun Watston, respectively.

This year, the movement already has begun, the suspense already captivating.

"I would sell the farm for Sam Darnold," said NFL Network draft analyst Daniel Jeremiah, formerly a scout for the Ravens and Eagles. "I would probably sell the tractor and some yard tools for Rosen."

Here we profile the top four quarterbacks and what respected draft analysts are saying about them. Quotes are edited for length and clarity.



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Josh Allen

WYOMING

Measurables			
Height	Weight	40-yd. dash	Hand size
6-5	237	4.75	10 1/8 inches
2017 season			**Career**
TDs	INTs	Comp%	Attempts
16	6	56.3	649 in 3 yrs.

'You've got to look beyond the stats'

Mike Mayock, NFL Network: "It does worry me that he was a 56 percent (completion) guy. ... With this kid, it starts with the ground up, and I don't think his feet and his eyes are connected. And that's a big, big deal with quarterbacks. He's the most physically gifted quarterback in this draft class, but he's got a lot of work to do on his footwork. ... His team wasn't very good. He didn't have a lot of receivers. You can make up excuses. But at the end of the day, if you're (using) a high pick on a kid with a 56 percent completion percentage, the anticipation better be that you think you can help that get over 60."

Mel Kiper, ESPN: "You've got to look beyond the stats. Stats are for losers, in my opinion, in a lot of ways. The kid won. When he was out there, they won football games. A lot of guys have stats and can't get their team over .500. Wyoming (in 2017) lost four key guys to the NFL. Wyoming can't reload, yet he led them to a bowl game. The two games he didn't play in? They lost. If you watch the throws, it wasn't all on him. Incompletions are a result of bad offensive line play, not having a running game this year, receivers dropping balls. Certainly, there are times when he could be a little more precise and accurate. But for the most part, if you watch the kid play, he can whip it to any point on the field. Very competitive. Great mobility."

Bucky Brooks, NFL Network: "I do see the traits that you want — prototypical size, outstanding arm talent and athleticism. The one thing that I'm having a tough time getting past would be the low completion percentage and the underperformance in big games. When you look at his track record against Power Five schools, it's hard to kind of justify or explain a guy who has one touchdown, eight interceptions in three appearances. To me, if you're taking someone No. 1, there has to be a signature game or some moment where you felt he was the best guy on the field, and I just haven't seen that to date with Josh Allen."



LEON BENNETT/GETTY

Sam Darnold

USC

Measurables			
Height	Weight	40-yd. dash	Hand size
6-3	221	4.85	9 3/8 inches
2017 season			**Career**
TDs	INTs	Comp%	Attempts
26	13	63.1	846 in 2 yrs.

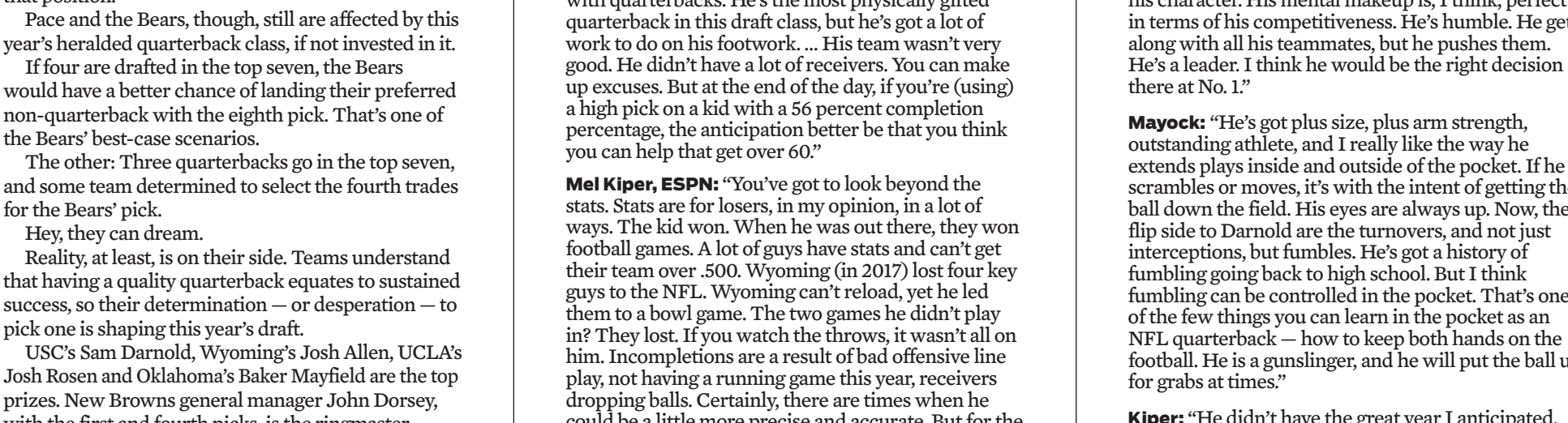
'I've seen him display the "it" factor'

Todd McShay, ESPN: "If you draft Sam Darnold, five years from now you're not coming back to the draft saying, 'We need a quarterback.' He has no durability issues to this point. He's as clean as can be in terms of his character. His mental makeup is, I think, perfect in terms of his competitiveness. He's humble. He gets along with all his teammates, but he pushes them. He's a leader. I think he would be the right decision there at No. 1."

Mayock: "He's got plus size, plus arm strength, outstanding athlete, and I really like the way he extends plays inside and outside of the pocket. If he scrambles or moves, it's with the intent of getting the ball down the field. His eyes are always up. Now, the flip side to Darnold are the turnovers, and not just interceptions, but fumbles. He's got a history of fumbling going back to high school. But I think fumbling can be controlled in the pocket. That's one of the few things you can learn in the pocket as an NFL quarterback — how to keep both hands on the football. He is a gunslinger, and he will put the ball up for grabs at times."

Kiper: "He didn't have the great year I anticipated. He came into the year looking like the clear-cut No. 1 pick overall (but) struggled. Some bad habits were developed. Made some bad decisions, some poor throws, some ill-advised throws. A lot of fumbles. There are some things he needs to clean up."

Brooks: "Sam Darnold would be a better player for Cleveland just in terms of what I've seen from him on tape. I've seen him shine in big games. I've seen him display the 'it' factor and the leadership quality that you want to see when the team is down early in the year. We talked to Clay Helton (Darnold's coach at USC), and he said the job of a franchise quarterback is to give everybody else on the field hope. I think you've seen that hope and optimism play out when he's had the ball in his hands with the game on the line."



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Baker Mayfield

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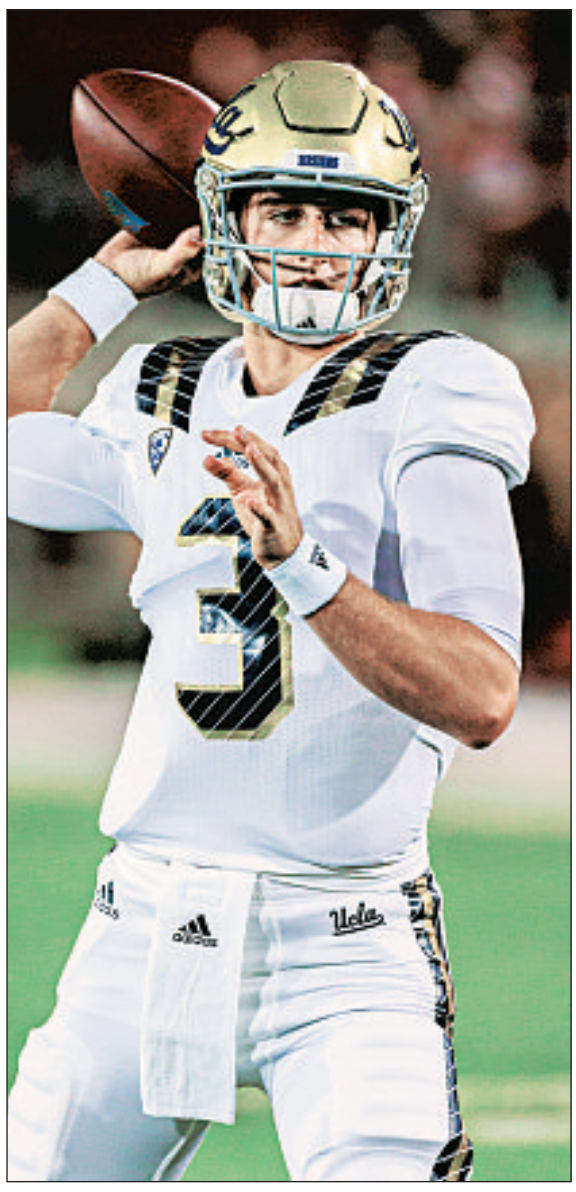
Measurables			
Height 6-1	**Weight** 215	**40-yd. dash** 4.84	**Hand size** 9 1/4 inches
2017 season			**Career**
TDs 43	**INTs** 6	**Comp%** 70.5	**Attempts** 1,497 in 4 yrs.

'The circus comes to town'

Mayock: "I'm not too worried about him being 6-foot-1, even though there is a very small percentage of those quarterbacks (who are successful in the NFL). I think it really comes down to off the field, face to face in the meeting rooms with the decision-makers, whether or not you're going to buy into his character and him being the face of your franchise. I think there are going to be some teams that say, 'No, I've seen some talent, but it's not my guy.' I think some other teams are going to say, 'No biggie, maybe some emotional competitive immaturity, but outside of that I'm good.' He's going to have to prove in the meetings that he is a different guy than Johnny Manziel — off the field, especially. That he has the character where he's going to be the first guy in, the last to leave. You're not going to see any of the BS you saw in college. He's not going to be giving anybody the finger or whatever. He's going to be about business."

McShay: "The more tape I study, the more I realize that this guy has got a chance to be really good at the next level. His accuracy stands out. On the field, the energy he brings, the instincts, you saw it throughout his career. And then he goes down to the Senior Bowl and really puts on a show. You can just kind of see all the players around him feeding off the energy he has, just as it was at Oklahoma. He's a unique player. There's some good and bad, and there's some things some people will get nervous about. The circus comes to town when Baker is around. He loves the spotlight. But the leadership is legitimate, and the energy he brings, everyone seems to feed off of it."

Daniel Jeremiah, NFL Network: "So many of us have tried to connect the dots and put Baker Mayfield with the Dolphins (at No. 11), partially because he's an alpha dog personality. He has some skills that would appear to be enhanced and elevated by working with Adam Gase. What they have in Ryan Tannehill, Mayfield is a little different, gives them a little more bite at the position when it comes to leadership."



DAVID MADISON/GETTY

Josh Rosen

UCLA

Measurables			
Height 6-4	**Weight** 226	**40-yd. dash** 4.92	**Hand size** 9 7/8 inches
2017 season			**Career**
TDs 26	**INTs** 10	**Comp%** 62.6	**Attempts** 1,170 in 3 yrs.

'Very similar to Jay Cutler'

McShay: "How does he treat his teammates? Can he be a good teammate? There has been some talk that he can be condescending to his receivers when they don't run the right route or if they're not in the right place at the right time. He's a 'Why Guy' too. And by 'Why Guy' I mean if you tell him to adjust his footwork on this seven-step drop, he's going to ask you: 'Why? What's the benefit of it?' If they're going to install some different plays, he's going to want to know: 'Why? What's the purpose? What are we trying to accomplish here?' For some coaches, that's a great thing. For other coaches, it becomes daunting. ...To me, he's the most polished pure pocket passer in this class. Do you like him enough that you're going to bring him into your building, and (is) he going to make it work from a personality standpoint? That kind of varies from one organization to the next, depending on who's in charge and who your leaders are. I think it's going to be really important that he goes to a place that's accepting and embraces who he is rather than fighting to always put him in a box that doesn't fit for him."

Kiper: "From a pure passer (standpoint); being under center; three-, five-, seven-step drop; the most artistic, picture-perfect, pure passing quarterback is Josh Rosen. But he's got durability issues. He had shoulder surgery two years ago and missed half the season. Two concussions this year ... and sat out their bowl game. For Rosen, I think the interview process will be important to convince people that: 'Hey, what you were hearing isn't true. I am all about football. Teammates rally around me.' That he can be the competitor on the football field that we know Allen is and Darnold is."

Brooks: "I view Josh Rosen as a guy that is very similar to Jay Cutler with the way he connects with his coaches, the way that he interacts and the way that he has a high IQ."

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DRAFT PREVIEW QUARTERBACKS

Trubisky means Bears can take pass

By Rich Campbell | Chicago Tribune

As the draft nears, we're taking a 10-day position-by-position look at what's out there and what the Bears need. Here's our assessment at quarterback.



Bears status

Mitch Trubisky's promising performance and presence as a rookie assured general manager Ryan Pace of the value of building the entire organization around him. With a 4-8 record in 12 starts, Trubisky threw seven touchdown passes with seven interceptions and had a completion percentage of 59.4. More important than the numbers, though, was Trubisky's development as a pocket passer. He improved reading defenses when dropping from under center, and he grew in his execution of situational football.

Level of draft need

Low: While a handful of quarterback-needy teams jockey for position to select from a top-heavy class, the Bears are happy to be outside the fray, having traded up last season to draft Trubisky second overall. They also signed veteran Chase Daniel to back up Trubisky and added 26-year-old Tyler Bray as a No. 3. Daniel and Bray played for Matt Nagy in Kansas City. Their familiarity with Nagy's scheme should not only help Trubisky, it also should give the Bears a fighting chance if Trubisky is injured. The Bears could draft a developmental quarterback on Day 3, but with Bray on board as a developmental player, the Bears would be best using their picks elsewhere.

Top prospects

Intriguing options for the Bears



Luke Falk
Washington State, 6-4, 215 pounds
Worth a look: Falk produced in Mike Leach's "Air Raid" offense, setting Pac-12 records for career passing yards and touchdowns. He has a quick, compact release, and his repetition in that offense has sharpened his ball placement on downfield throws. He positions receivers to gain yards after the catch and gives them an advantage on contested catches.
Stay away: Falk must improve anticipating throws. He also must be more poised in his decision-making; he had 13 interceptions in 12 starts last season. Falk was sacked 122 times in his career. Matched with 1,403 pass attempts, that makes for an inauspicious ratio. Perhaps that's a product of scheme, but teams must be comfortable with Falk's decision-making, pass-rush recognition and poise against the rush.



Kurt Benkert
Virginia, 6-4, 215 pounds
Worth a look: Benkert's arm talent is exceptional. He's comfortable throwing to all areas of the field, and he can power throws through tight windows. He keeps his eyes downfield against the rush, and he can run for yards and go off script.
Stay away: Arm strength isn't as valuable in Nagy's scheme as the ability to process information, so Benkert's top attribute won't be valued at Halas Hall as highly as it might be elsewhere. He completed only 57.5 percent of his 915 passes at Virginia.



Logan Woodside
Toledo, 6-1, 213 pounds
Worth a look: Woodside's experience in Toledo's quick-throw offense would fit well under Nagy, who utilizes similar concepts. He processes information quickly. His accuracy at all three levels down the field was a weapon against man-to-man coverage. He's a passionate competitor.
Stay away: Woodside is undersized compared with the NFL prototype, and his arm strength doesn't help.

Sleeper



Brandon Silvers
Troy, 6-2, 218 pounds
Worth a look: Four-year starter had a respectable career completion percentage of 64.4 for the Trojans. He can handle the ball, which projects well into the option concepts the Bears will feature. His arm strength and mobility are sufficient.
Stay away: Silvers must develop his ability to read the field and the mechanics of his slow release. Teams must decide whether he can improve against the blitz.



BULLS

WHERE THEY STAND

What is up?

By K.C. Johnson
Chicago Tribune

It may be jarring to see one of the most recognizable logos in sports with horns askew. But for the purpose of judging Bulls players' 2017-18 season in context of the first year of a rebuild, those horns are either up or down.

Kris Dunn

- *Games: 52*
- *Starts: 43*
- *Points: 13.4*
- *Assists: 6.0*
- *Steals: 2.0*

On rookie contract through 2020-21 if Bulls exercise options

Played best during Bulls' best stretch, showing signs of offensive closing ability. Posted league's fourth-highest steals average but didn't play enough games to qualify in injury-plagued season.

Zach LaVine

- *Games: 24*
- *Starts: 24*
- *Points: 16.7*
- *Assists: 3.0*
- *3-point%: 34.1*

Restricted free agent

Showed no signs of losing athleticism or scoring ability after ACL surgery. That trumps his struggles to fit with Dunn and Lauri Markkanen in small sample. Intriguing contract negotiations next.

L. Markkanen

- *Games: 68*
- *Starts: 68*
- *Points: 15.2*
- *Rebounds: 7.5*
- *3-point%: 36.2*

On rookie contract through 2021-22 if Bulls exercise options

A banner season in which he broke Kirk Hinrich's rookie franchise record for 3-pointers and became the first Bull since Elton Brand in 1999-2000 to post 1,000 points and 500 rebounds.

Robin Lopez

- *Games: 64*
- *Starts: 64*
- *Points: 11.8*
- *Rebounds: 4.5*
- *Field-goal%: 53.0*

Signed for $14.3 million for 2018-19

His value outweighs his statistics. His screening ability formed strong chemistry with Dunn. And while he never has had a high rebounding average, his ability to box out clears the way for others.

Justin Holiday

- *Games: 72*
- *Starts: 72*
- *Points: 12.2*
- *Rebounds: 4.0*
- *3-point%: 35.9*

Signed for $4.4 million for 2018-19

He's miscast as a front-line, main-option starter. But he shot well from 3-point range, and his veteran leadership is a positive for a rebuilding team. Needs to improve defensively.

Bobby Portis

- *Games: 73*
- *Starts: 4*
- *Points: 13.2*
- *Rebounds: 6.8*
- *Field-goal%: 47.1*

On rookie contract through 2019-20; may negotiate extension

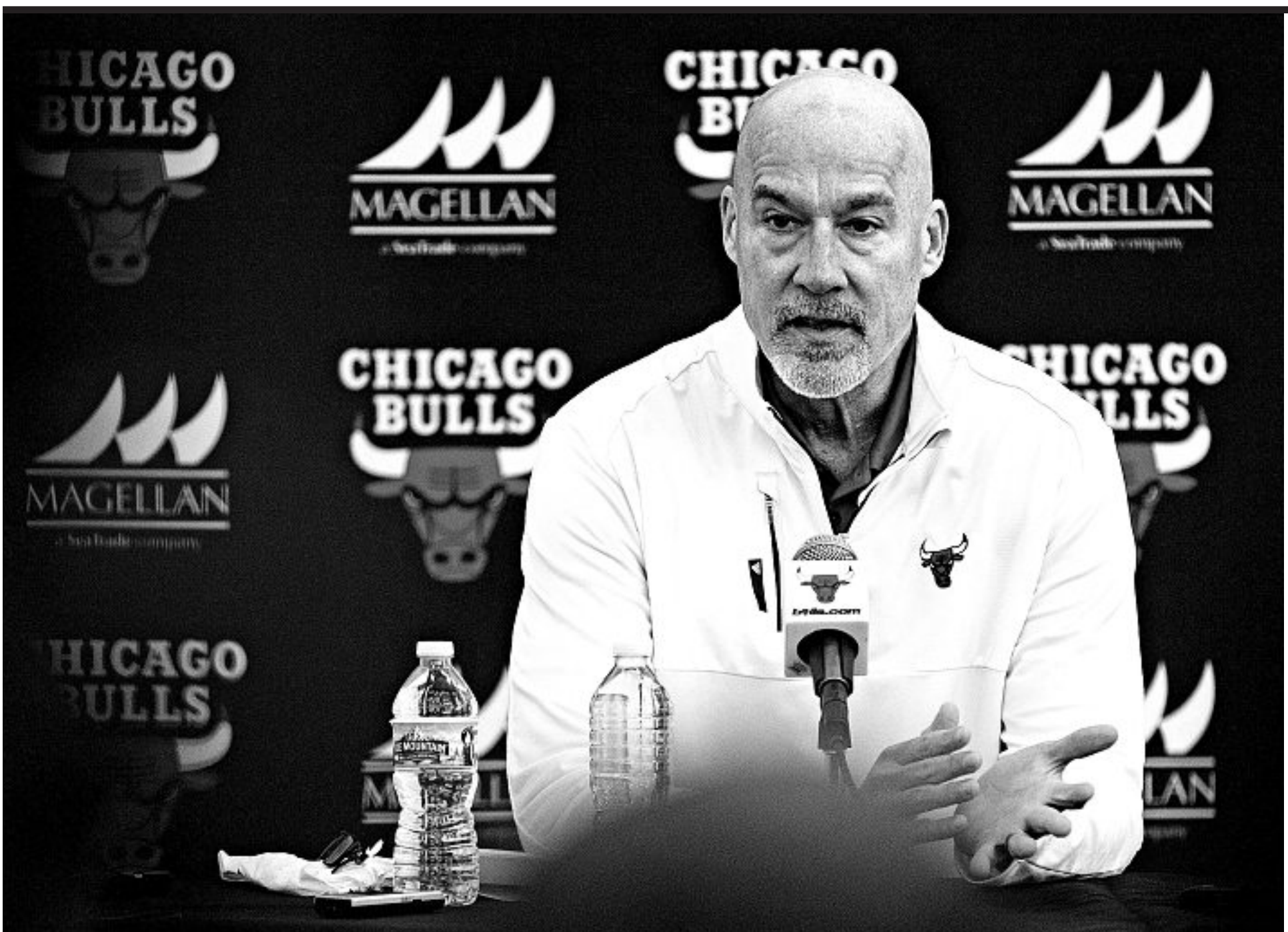
Similar to mentor and former Bull Taj Gibson, embraced role as consistent scoring option off the bench. That's big for any team. Extended his shooting to 3-point range, where he shot 35.9 percent.

Denzel Valentine

- *Games: 77*
- *Starts: 37*
- *Points: 10.2*
- *Rebounds: 5.1*
- *Assists: 3.2*

On rookie contract through 2020-21 if Bulls exercise options

Flashed some of the skills that defined his college career and shot 38.6 percent from 3-point range. He wants to start, but his scoring ability — and defensive issues — makes him a good bench piece.



For better and worse

15 years after succeeding Jerry Krause, ***John Paxson*** still targeting another crown

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K.C. Johnson
On the Bulls

John Paxson stepped to the dais and made his priorities for the Bulls clear.

"We want to win," Paxson said. "When you're a young team, sometimes you have built-in excuses and complain about not getting officials' calls or a poor road record. The next step is for those excuses to be put aside and to establish that we are ready to win."

Paxson didn't say that Thursday when he had his season-ending, state-of-the-Bulls news conference. He said that 15 years ago Saturday, when Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf introduced him as Jerry Krause's successor and the sixth executive vice president of basketball operations in franchise history.

Yep, it has been 15 years since Krause's shocking departure and Paxson's rapid ascension.

"For the last couple of years, I was interviewing people," Reinsdorf said that April 2003 day. "They just didn't know I was interviewing them. Hiring John was a very easy conclusion."

In Paxson's 15 seasons as head of basketball operations, the Bulls are 640-574 during the regular season and 39-52 in the playoffs. They have made the postseason 11 times and had eight winning seasons, four at .500 and three below .500, including the 27-55 mark for 2017-18 that began the second full rebuild of his tenure.

Under Paxson's watch, the Bulls have won five playoff series and advanced to the 2011 Eastern Conference finals.

But 20 years have passed since the dynasty ended after the Bulls won the last of their six titles. As a player on the Bulls' first three-peat team, Paxson doesn't need to be reminded of this.

"What we're trying to build is a basketball team, one that plays the right way (and) represents the organization the right way," he said.

Paxson did say this Thursday. He also preached patience, which speaks not so much to any mellowing but to maturing.

Paxson expressed confidence Thursday that the Bulls "are in a better place" now than before they made the Butler trade. Saying it doesn't make it so.

Paxson's retreat as the public face of the franchise while general manager Gar Forman assumed that role for several seasons offered perspective for a man who has been associated with the franchise since 1985 as a player, assistant coach, broadcaster and executive. And when the organization hit the reset button in June with the Jimmy Butler trade, Paxson said he knew his leadership traits were needed out front.

Coach Fred Hoiberg has praised Paxson's straightforward and direct communication throughout the season. Longtime front-office employees have cited Paxson's accessibility and accountability for creating a strong working environment. He consistently has offered transparency on injuries or issues regarding the team, often proactively providing updates.

Paxson also works well with Forman and created an inclusive front office that featured the hiring of Matt Lloyd, now an assistant general manager with the Magic, from the public relations staff.

Of course, none of this matters a hoot to the season-ticket holder shelling out big bucks to see a seventh banner hoisted to the United Center rafters — nor should it.

Paxson expressed confidence Thursday that the Bulls "are in a better place" now than before they made the Butler trade. Translation: Paxson believes the franchise is closer to a title.

Saying it doesn't make it so, but the first season of the rebuild drew mostly positive responses to the trade's return. Lauri Markkanen appears to be a franchise cornerstone, Kris Dunn showed strong potential and Zach LaVine's athleticism, if not his consistency, remained intact after left ACL surgery.

The Bulls jumped from 30 victories in Krause's last season in 2002-03 to 47 in 2004-05, the last time Paxson oversaw a full rebuild. Over two seasons Paxson and Forman completely flipped Krause's roster, save for Tyson Chandler and Eddy Curry. They hit on Kirk Hinrich, Ben Gordon, Luol Deng and Chris Duhon in the draft, Antonio Davis in the trade market, Andres Nocioni in free agency and Scott Skiles as a coaching hire.

The transformation following the debacle that was the 2007-08 season was more of a reboot than a rebuild, although the Bulls did draft Joakim Noah, Derrick Rose and Taj Gibson and worked the margins of free agency adroitly to augment holdover Deng.

No look at Paxson's tenure can discount the luck — both good and bad — involved in Derrick Rose's Bulls career.

The Bulls overcame 1.7 percent odds to win the 2008 draft lottery and select Rose No. 1 overall, propelling the franchise back to championship contention. It then had to endure the cruel succession of Rose's knee injuries after signing him to a no-brainer, maximum contract extension after he became the youngest MVP in league history in 2011.

Now the Bulls need to hit on two first-round picks in June and at some point add another impact player to the new core of LaVine, Dunn and Markkanen. Paxson acknowledged how much work remains.

The late-season attempts to maximize draft lottery pingpong-ball combinations proved distasteful. Paxson also acknowledged this Thursday when he said "it goes against everything as a competitive person that you believe in."

Winning always has driven Paxson. Some fans get upset because of Reinsdorf's loyalty to executives. After 18 years, Reinsdorf let Krause go.

Fifteen years in, the Reinsdorfs still believe in Forman and Paxson, who aren't going anywhere. It's time to get to work.

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Cameron Payne

- *Games: 25*
- *Starts: 14*
- *Points: 8.8*
- *Assists: 4.5*
- *3-point%: 38.5*

On rookie contract through 2019-20; may negotiate extension

Expectations were low after his disastrous rotational turn in 2017-18. Established himself as a decent reserve. Showed defensive edge and ability to play with pace, even as he got shot-happy.

David Nwaba

- *Games: 70*
- *Starts: 21*
- *Points: 7.9*
- *Rebounds: 4.7*
- *Field-goal%: 47.8*

Restricted free agent

Played with pace and toughness and showed glimpses of being a reliable defensive stopper. While his offensive game is limited, he became more consistent from 3-point range after the All-Star break.

Jerian Grant

- *Games: 74*
- *Starts: 26*
- *Points: 8.4*
- *Assists: 4.6*
- *Rebounds: 2.3*

On rookie contract through 2019-20; may negotiate extension

Doesn't appear to fit in plans with Dunn and Payne slotted for point-guard spot. Played well for long stretch before being removed from rotation so Payne could get some minutes.

Cristiano Felicio

- *Games: 55*
- *Starts: 16*
- *Points: 5.6*
- *Rebounds: 4.2*
- *Field-goal%: 59.1*

Signed through 2020-21; $24 million left on deal

Started the season in poor shape and fell out of the rotation. Fared better down the stretch when he started, but he didn't make a consistent impact on defense and his hands are still poor.

Paul Zipser

- *Games: 54*
- *Starts: 12*
- *Points: 4.0*
- *Rebounds: 2.4*
- *3-point%: 33.6*

Has non-guaranteed $1.5 million deal for 2018-19

Struggled with injuries and shooting. All signs point to the former second-round pick's time being up. Only took 124 shots from inside the 3-point line for a paltry 34.6 percent.

Noah Vonleh

- *Games: 21*
- *Starts: 4*
- *Points: 6.9*
- *Rebounds: 6.9*
- *3-point%: 30.0*

Restricted free agent

Acquired in a trade from the Blazers, a calf injury ended his season early and his Bulls future is uncertain at best. Strong rebounder with potential for 3-point range. But there's a reason he's on his third team.

Sean Kilpatrick

- *Games: 9*
- *Starts: 1*
- *Points: 15.4*
- *Rebounds: 2.8*
- *3-point%: 39.6*

Two non-guaranteed years remaining

Showed ability to score consistently in small sample size. Depending on what Bulls do in the draft and with Nwaba in restricted free agency, he could return as reserve scoring option.

Omer Asik

- *Games: 4*
- *Starts: 0*
- *Points: 1.0*
- *Rebounds: 2.5*
- *Blocks: 0.5*

Signed through 2019-20

Acquired in the Nikola Mirotic trade with the Pelicans, he's a practice body and contract equalizer for potential trades. Is guaranteed $11.2 million in 2018-19 and $3 million in 2019-20.

HORNS UP

The best moves of the Paxson era

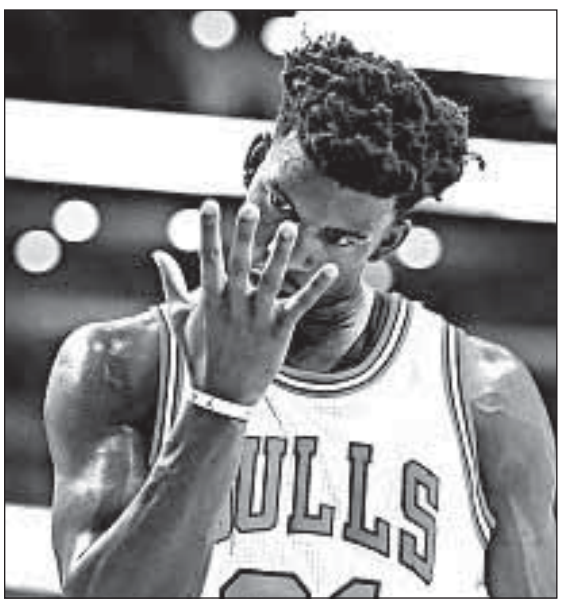
1 Hiring Scott Skiles
Jerry Krause never wavered from his belief that Bill Cartwright would be the perfect coach for Tyson Chandler and Eddy Curry. But it would be hard to discredit the success of Skiles, whom Paxson hired from relative league estrangement after Skiles crashed and burned with the Suns. The tough-minded Skiles fit perfectly with no-nonsense young additions Kirk Hinrich, Luol Deng and Andres Nocioni to change the culture and return the Bulls to the postseason.

2 Hiring Tom Thibodeau
The two-decades assistant coach was, uh, slightly prepared for his first head coaching chance. The Bulls led the NBA in wins in two straight seasons. And championship chances returned to West Madison Street.

3 First-round picks
It's hard to dispute the back-to-back impacts of Hinrich and Ben Gordon, the former of which was a bit of a scramble in Paxson's first draft after Jay Williams' career-ending motorcycle accident. Taj Gibson went from 26th pick to franchise mainstay, epitomizing the toughness and selflessness of the Thibodeau era. Jimmy Butler moved from 30th pick to Most Improved Player to All-NBA stud. Heck, even Joakim Noah, albeit a top-10 pick, proved a revelation — and a Defensive Player of the Year — when some fans clamored for Spencer Hawes. That Noah was drafted with a pick from the Curry trade to Knicks made it more impressive.







NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (THIBODEAU AND BUTLER), CHICAGO TRIBUNE (SKILES)







CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY NUCCIO DINUZZO (THOMAS), CHRIS SWEDA (DEL NEGRO) AND BRIAN CASSELLA (RONDO/WADE)

HORNS DOWN

The worst moves of the Paxson era

1 Draft-day trades
The Bulls got a big one right with Deng, but they whiffed badly on Tyrus Thomas, with some theorizing the fall from playoff contender to lottery team and the shocking draft lottery victory against 1.7 percent odds to draft Derrick Rose provided solace for missing on LaMarcus Aldridge. There's no such solace for Doug McDermott. The Bulls traded picks that became Gary Harris — who would look good in a Bulls uniform now — and Jusuf Nurkic, the latter of whom the Nuggets eventually traded to the Trail Blazers. McDermott is on his fourth team since 2014. In laudatory aggressiveness, the Bulls also took a huge swing and miss when they traded Hinrich to the Wizards for salary-cap space in 2010 to go for The Big Three that landed with the Heat.

2 2008 coaching search
After 52 days, 13 known interviewed candidates and dalliances with high-profile names such as Mike D'Antoni and Doug Collins, the Bulls hired first-time coach Vinny Del Negro after he wowed ownership in a final interview. An almost-forgotten aspect? Dwane Casey, who has distinguished himself with the Timberwolves and Raptors, was a finalist and lost out to Del Negro, who went 82-82 with two first-round exits.

3 Signing Dwyane Wade and Rajon Rondo
At least the franchise didn't saddle a last gasp at relevance with long-term money. It just cost a lot of it to allow Wade to save some professional face before returning to his beloved Heat after slightly more than one season. Worse, the moves, which did help return the Bulls to the playoffs, didn't fit with what handpicked coach Fred Hoiberg wanted to do offensively. And they came after the Bulls seriously entertained a draft-day trade of Butler to the Celtics.

— K.C. Johnson

It's time to get this story straight

B.J. Armstrong talks Rose, as well as doing business for, and with, the Bulls

By K.C. Johnson | Chicago Tribune

Fifteen years ago, B.J. Armstrong had just finished his third season as a special assistant to Jerry Krause, scouting and learning the nuances of management.

"I learned a lot in those years working for Jerry," Armstrong said Friday by phone in a rare interview.

In April 2003, Bulls Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf hired John Paxson from radio broadcasting to replace Krause, a decision Reinsdorf called "an easy one." At the time, given Armstrong's ties to the organization and role, Armstrong had been listed as a candidate in multiple media reports.

Armstrong left the organization in May 2005.

"Like anyone working, of course you want to continue to move up in your profession," Armstrong said. "But at that moment, I was still learning the business. I wasn't looking to replace Jerry Krause. And certainly I hadn't spoken to Jerry Reinsdorf. There was no reason for me to feel at any point that I was looking to move up in Chicago because Jerry (Krause) was doing it and I was just making the transition to the front office. It was a very educational process for me."

He said leaving the Bulls after five seasons in management and seven of his 11 seasons as a player was hard.

"It was difficult emotionally for me to leave because I was drafted by Chicago," Armstrong said. "The city embraced me. The fans were incredible. I had an emotional attachment to that city, to that team. It wasn't like I was working for any team. I grew up in that organization. We won titles there. I was a part of the history there.

"I'm from Detroit, but Chicago is a second home for me. My adult life, I grew up in Chicago. When I go back there, I always have fond memories."

Armstrong initially dabbled in media, working as an analyst for ESPN. But he quickly discovered his passion was in sports representation. He joined Wasserman Media Group in 2007 and was promoted to executive vice president and managing executive for Wasserman's basketball group in 2012.

"My experiences taught me my true passion was working with the players," Armstrong said. "I love the business. I love sports. I love everything about the team aspect. But I have this deep appreciation for the players and their perspective. I always remember how tough it is and things I wish I had known when I first came in the league. I like to help them understand how precious these moments are."

Armstrong represents Derrick Rose, Denzel Valentine, Draymond Green and Suns promising rookie Josh Jackson, among many others. He negotiated Rose's monster, $185 million lifetime deal with Adidas. And he now gets to do a different kind of business with Reinsdorf and Paxson, his backcourt teammate on the Bulls' first three-peat team.

"It hasn't been awkward at all. Actually, it's been quite pleasant," Armstrong said of negotiating with the Bulls. "I consider Jerry (Reinsdorf) a mentor. And I consider John a friend. I've known John for almost 30 years."

In fact, Armstrong, who resides in Los Angeles and has returned to his media roots with an entertaining podcast called "In The Key," said the business relationship has offered a perspective of Reinsdorf he didn't previously have.

"Jerry calls now and he's got jokes," Armstrong said. "He calls just to give me a hard time. The one thing I didn't expect was to learn how much of a sense of humor Jerry Reinsdorf has. He's really funny. I never got a chance to see his sense of humor when I was working or playing for him. He was always very serious. Now, when you're negotiating and you're talking business, he's a really funny person.

"Talking with John is easy. Look, John and I have been in battles together. I know who John is. He knows who I am. We're always able to get right to the business of it. We grew up in the business together."

Their business included Rose's rapid rise to becoming the youngest most valuable player in NBA history to his difficult descent because of multiple knee surgeries. The dynamic played out most dramatically when Rose sat out the entire 2012-13 season after his first surgery for a torn left ACL.

The Bulls at one point leaked that Rose had been physically cleared to play.

"A lot has been said about it," Armstrong said, addressing the topic publicly for the first time. "Behind closed doors when you have an injury like that, it's very significant. You don't know how people are going to respond to it.

"I look at this from a lot of different perspectives. I never had an ACL as a player. But when guys had an ACL, that basically meant his career was over. Now you have guys coming back in a year or a year and a half or two years. I just recall sitting there with the doctors and nobody really knew. I'm so torn with it because I know how badly he wanted to return and how much work and effort he put into it. And for whatever reason, it didn't work out.

"I don't like injuries, period. And when you have that injury, I have so much empathy for it. I've chosen not to hear the noise because I've seen these injuries and my heart goes out to anyone who sustains it. ... Everyone did the best they could. And the Bulls were always supportive.

"I know how badly Derrick wanted to win for Chicago. I'm just heartbroken about it because I know how much Chicago means to him and how much that team meant to him. But you know what? It's part of it. Maybe someday he'll talk more about it. But that was such a trying time for him because he wanted that more than anything. Wherever he's at, Chicago is home — no ifs, ands or buts about it."

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BASEBALL

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	2017 VS. OPP W-L	IP	ERA
Atl	Teheran (R)		0-1	7.07	2-1	0-1	6.0	3.00
Cubs	Chatwood (R)	1:20p	0-2	4.91	0-2	0-0	4.0	0.00
Mil	Chacin (R)		0-1	6.59	2-1	1-1	6.0	13.50
NY	Syndergaard (R)	12:10p	2-0	3.94	3-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
StL	Martinez (R)		1-1	2.41	2-1	1-2	17.2	6.62
Cin	Bailey (R)	12:10p	0-2	3.24	0-3	0-2	7.1	17.18
Pit	Nova (R)		1-1	5.19	2-1	2-0	15.0	0.00
Mia	Urena (R)	12:10p	0-2	5.06	0-3	0-0	4.1	4.15
Col	Anderson (L)		0-0	5.65	1-2	0-0	5.2	6.35
Was	Strasburg (R)	12:35p	2-1	2.21	2-1	0-0	0.0	0.00
SF	Beede (R)		0-0	4.50	1-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
SD	Lucchesi (L)	3:10p	1-0	1.72	1-2	0-0	0.0	0.00
Ari	Godley (R)		2-0	0.64	2-0	1-1	23.1	3.86
LA	Kershaw (L)	3:10p	0-2	1.89	1-2	3-0	21.2	2.08
AMERICAN LEAGUE TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	2017 VS. OPP W-L	IP	ERA
Bal	Bundy (R)		0-1	1.35	1-2	2-2	29.2	3.94
Bos	Sale (L)	12:05p	1-0	1.06	2-1	3-0	22.0	2.05
NY	Severino (R)		2-1	3.50	2-1	2-0	11.2	1.54
Det	Liriano (L)	12:10p	1-1	2.13	1-1	1-0	6.0	3.00
Tor	Garcia (L)		1-0	3.18	2-0	0-2	12.1	4.38
Cle	Kluber (R)	12:10p	1-1	1.57	1-2	1-0	7.2	1.17
LA	Ohtani (R)		2-0	2.08	2-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
KC	Skoglund (L)	1:15p	0-1	9.64	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00
Oak	Manaea (L)		1-2	1.74	1-2	1-3	24.2	4.01
Sea	Hernandez (R)	3:10p	2-1	6.60	2-1	2-0	12.0	0.75
NY	Cessa (R)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
Det	Boyd (L)	6:10p	0-1	1.38	0-2	0-1	2.1	19.29
Tex	Colon (R)		0-0	1.64	0-1	0-1	5.2	12.71
Hou	Verlander (R)	7:08p	2-0	1.45	3-0	2-1	19.0	4.74
INTERLEAGUE TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	2017 VS. OPP W-L	IP	ERA
Phi	Lively (R)		0-1	5.56	1-1	0-0	0.0	0.00
TB	Snell (L)	12:10p	1-1	3.60	1-2	0-0	0.0	0.00

TEAM REC-Team's Record in games started by today's pitcher. VS OPP-Pitcher's record versus this opponent 2017 statistics.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
CUBS 14, Atlanta 10
White Sox at Minnesota, ppd.
BOSTON 10, Baltimore 3
WASHINGTON 6, Colorado 2
St. Louis 6, CINCINNATI 1
Texas 6, HOUSTON 5 (10)
Philadelphia 9, TAMPA BAY 4
Pittsburgh 1, MIAMI 0
Milwaukee 5, N.Y. METS 1
L.A. Angels 5, KANSAS CITY 3
SAN DIEGO 5, San Francisco 4
Arizona 9, L.A. DODGERS 1
Oakland at Seattle, late
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, ppd.
Toronto at Cleveland, ppd.

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
St. Louis at **Cubs**, 6:05
White Sox at Oakland, 9:05
Baltimore at Boston, 10:05 a.m.
Miami at N.Y. Yankees, 5:35
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 6:05
Kansas City at Toronto, 6:07
Washington at N.Y. Mets, 6:10
Texas at Tampa Bay, 6:10
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6:35
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 6:40
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 9:10
Houston at Seattle, 9:10

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Atlanta 4, **CUBS** 0
White Sox at Minnesota, ppd.
St. Louis 5, CINCINNATI 3
Colorado 2, WASHINGTON 1
BOSTON 7, Baltimore 3
Toronto 8, CLEVELAND 4
N.Y. Yankees 8, DETROIT 6
MIAMI 7, Pittsburgh 2
N.Y. METS 6, Milwaukee 5
Philadelphia 2, TAMPA BAY 1
HOUSTON 3, Texas 2
L.A. Angels 5, KANSAS CITY 4
San Diego 5, SAN FRANCISCO 1
SEATTLE 7, Oakland 4
Arizona 8, L.A. DODGERS 7

home team in CAPS

NL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Martinez STL	14	48	4	18	.375
RFlaherty ATL	12	41	7	15	.366
Grandal LAD	10	36	6	13	.361
Dickerson PIT	11	45	10	16	.356
Cabrera NYM	12	49	12	17	.347
Posey SF	13	44	5	15	.341
Swanson ATL	12	50	5	17	.340
Bryant CHC	13	51	7	17	.333
Hoskins PHI	12	36	7	12	.333

HOME RUNS
Harper, WAS 6
Molina, STL 5
Polanco, PIT 5
Thames, MIL 5
5 tied at 4
RUNS
Albies, ATL 13
Harper, WAS 13
Pham, STL 13
Cabrera, NY 12
Harrison, PIT 12
Freeman, ATL 11
Polanco, PIT 11
5 tied at 10
RBI
Polanco, PIT 15
Martinez, STL 14
Harper, WAS 13
Franco, PHI 12
Tucker, ATL 12
4 tied at 11
HITS
LeMahieu, CO 20
Ozuna, STL 19
Pirela, SD 19
Dietrich, Miami, 18
Martinez, STL 18
5 tied at 17
DOUBLES
Albies, ATL 7
Dickerson, PIT 7
Hosmer, SD 7
Pollock, AZ 7
3 tied at 6
TRIPLES
Baez, CHI 2
KMarte, AZ 2
SMarte, PIT 2
22 tied at 1
STOLEN BASES
Turner, WAS 5
6 tied at 4
STRIKEOUTS
Corbin, ARI 29
Scherzer, WAS 27
Ray, ARI 23
Syndergrd, NY 22
Strasburg, WAS 21
Gonzalez, WAS 20
4 tied at 19
through Friday

AL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Cano SEA	11	33	12	14	.424
Mauer MIN	10	34	6	14	.412
Betts BOS	13	50	15	18	.360
MChapman OAK	14	53	12	19	.358
HRamirez BOS	11	42	8	15	.357
Altuve HOU	14	54	8	19	.352
Segura SEA	11	46	10	16	.348
Judge NYY	14	53	13	18	.340
Simmons LAA	15	62	13	21	.339

HOME RUNS
Chapman, OAK 5
Davidson, CHI 5
Trout, LA 5
KDavis, OAK 4
Diaz, TOR 4
Dozier, MIN 4
Gallo, TEX 4
18 tied at 3
RUNS
Betts, BOS 15
Gardner, NY 15
Trout, LA 14
Judge, NY 13
Simmons, LA 13
3 tied at 12
RBI
Gregorius, NY 13
Chapman, OAK 12
Haniger, SEA 12
Ramirez, BOS 12
5 tied at 11
HITS
Simmons, LA 21
Altuve, HOU 19
Chapman, OAK 19
Pujols, LA 19
5 tied at 18
DOUBLES
Betts, BOS 7
Bogaerts, BOS 7
DMachado, DET 7
Gregorius, NY 6
6 tied at 5
TRIPLES
Castellanos, DET 2
Cozart, LA 2
Fisher, HOU 2
Sanchez, CHI 2
21 tied at 1
STOLEN BASES
Anderson, CHI 6
Gordon, SEA 5
Buxton, MIN 4
RDavis, CLE 4
5 tied at 3
STRIKEOUTS
Cole, HOU 36
Hamels, TEX 30
Kluber, CLE 27
Bundy, BAL 25
through Friday

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	7	4	.636	—	7-3	W-3	4-2	3-2
Cleveland	8	6	.571	½	6-4	L-1	6-2	2-4
WHITE SOX	4	8	.333	3½	2-8	L-1	1-5	3-3
Detroit	4	9	.308	4	4-6	L-5	1-5	3-4
Kansas City	3	10	.231	5	3-7	L-5	1-7	2-3
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Boston	12	2	.857	—	9-1	W-3	7-1	5-1
Toronto	9	5	.643	3	7-3	W-1	4-3	5-2
New York	7	7	.500	5	5-5	W-1	3-3	4-4
Baltimore	5	10	.333	7½	4-6	L-2	2-4	3-6
Tampa Bay	3	11	.214	9	2-8	L-3	1-5	2-6
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Los Angeles	13	3	.813	—	9-1	W-7	4-2	9-1
Houston	10	5	.667	2½	6-4	L-1	6-2	4-3
Seattle	8	4	.667	3	7-3	W-4	4-1	4-3
Oakland	5	10	.333	7½	3-7	L-2	3-5	2-5
Texas	5	11	.313	8	3-7	W-1	2-8	3-3

through Saturday

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Pittsburgh	10	4	.714	—	6-4	W-1	4-2	6-2
Milwaukee	8	7	.533	2½	4-6	W-1	2-5	6-2
St. Louis	8	7	.533	2½	6-4	W-3	2-4	6-3
CUBS	7	7	.500	3	5-5	W-1	2-3	5-4
Cincinnati	2	12	.143	8	1-9	L-7	1-6	1-6
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
New York	11	2	.846	—	9-1	L-1	5-2	6-0
Philadelphia	8	5	.615	3	7-3	W-5	5-1	3-4
Atlanta	8	6	.571	3½	6-4	L-1	4-2	4-4
Washington	7	8	.467	5	3-7	W-1	3-6	4-2
Miami	4	10	.286	7½	2-8	L-1	3-8	1-2
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Arizona	11	3	.786	—	8-2	W-3	5-1	6-2
Colorado	8	8	.500	4	5-5	L-1	2-4	6-4
San Francisco	6	8	.429	5	4-6	L-2	3-4	3-4
San Diego	6	10	.375	6	5-5	W-2	3-7	3-3
Los Angeles	4	9	.308	6½	3-7	L-3	3-5	1-4

through Saturday

BREWERS 5, METS 1

Harvey hit hard; Mets' run ends at 9

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chase Anderson breezed into the seventh inning, Jonathan Villar sliced a three-run homer inside the foul pole and the Brewers stopped the Mets' nine-game winning streak with a 5-1 win Saturday night.

Jett Bandy also went deep against Matt Harvey as the Brewers finally cooled off the Mets and improved to 6-2 away from home. Slumping shortstop Orlando Arcia came off the bench and homered in the ninth.

About the only bit of bad news for the banged-up Brewers was another injury: Ryan Braun was removed in the fifth with back tightness.

The only offense the Mets (11-2) could muster came on a bloop RBI single by Yoenis Cespedes off Anderson (1-1), who allowed just two hits in 6⅓ innings. The first was Amed Rosario's single up the middle on an 0-2 pitch with two outs in the fifth.

Jeremy Jeffress and Josh Hader finished the three-hitter. Hader retired all six batters he faced, striking out the first five, for his first major-league save.

Harvey (0-1) gave up a leadoff double to Travis Shaw in the second and walked Domingo Santana. One out later, Villar curled an opposite-field drive just inside the left-field foul pole. Bandy homered to left in the fourth.

Harvey was charged with four runs on eight hits in five innings. He threw 95 pitches and has gone 11 consecutive starts without getting an out in the sixth, the longest current streak in the majors.

The Mets will try to start a new streak Sunday when they send out Noah Syndergaard (2-0, 3.94). He has struck out 16 and walked one in 13 innings this season. Syndergaard will face Jhoulys Chacin (0-1, 6.59).

AROUND THE HORN

■ **Red Sox:** Hanley Ramirez hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs in a 10-3 victory over the Orioles that pushed the Red Sox to 12-2, the best start in their 118-year history. J.D. Martinez hit a solo home run, and Andrew Benintendi drove in three. Marcus Walden pitched the final three innings for his first save.

■ **Cardinals:** Greg Garcia homered twice for the first time in his career, powering a 6-1 victory that gave the Reds the worst record in MLB at 2-12. The last time the Reds opened a season so badly was in 1931, when they lost 17 of 19. The Cards have won a season-high three in a row and have scored 24 runs and hit eight homers in the last three games.

■ **Angels:** Mike Trout, Justin Upton and Luis Valbuena homered as the Angels won their seventh straight, beating the Royals 5-3. Trout leads the AL with six homers. The Royals have lost five straight. The Angels will start Shohei Ohtani on Sunday.

■ **Nationals:** Max Scherzer struck out 11 and retired his final 20 batters as the Nats ended a three-game skid by beating the Rockies 6-2. Scherzer (3-1) issued a one-out walk in the first, and Charlie Blackmon followed with a home run. That was all the Rockies managed against Scherzer, who struck out the next five batters and left after seven innings. He has struck out at least 10 in three of his four starts.

■ **Phillies:** Jake Arrieta got his first win as a Phillie and J.P. Crawford and Scott Kingery drove in two runs each in a 9-4 victory over the Rays. Arrieta gave up three runs on seven hits in 6 ⅔ innings in the Phils' fifth straight win. Crawford homered and doubled. Chris Archer allowed seven runs on eight hits in four innings.

■ **Rangers:** Ronald Guzman's first career home run tied it before he put the his team ahead with an infield single in the 10th as the Rangers rallied from five runs down to beat the Astros 6-5. Joey Gallo hit a two-run homer for the Rangers, who snapped a five-game losing streak. The Astros have lost three of four.

ON THIS DATE

1947: Jackie Robinson played his first major league game, for the Dodgers. He went 0-for-3, but scored the deciding run in a 5-3 victory over the Boston Braves in Brooklyn. He was the first black to appear in the majors since 1884.
1958: Major League Baseball came to California as the transplanted Giants and Dodgers played the first game on the Pacific Coast. Playing in Seals Stadium in San Francisco, Ruben Gomez blanked the Dodgers 8-0.
2000: Cal Ripken became the 24th player to reach 3,000 hits when he lined a clean single to center off Twins reliever Hector Carrasco.

Red Sox 10, Orioles 3

BALTIMORE	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Mancini lf	4	0	2	0	.288
Alvarez dh	3	1	2	2	.304
Machado ss	4	0	1	0	.311
Vielma ss	0	0	0	0	—
Jones cf	4	0	1	0	.234
Gentry cf	0	0	0	0	.250
Davis 1b	4	1	2	0	.143
Beckham 2b	4	0	0	0	.183
Sisco c	4	0	0	1	.286
Valencia 3b	4	0	0	0	.143
Santander rf	3	1	1	0	.205
TOTALS	**34**	**3**	**9**	**3**	
BOSTON	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**AVG.**
Betts rf	1	1	0	0	.353
Swihart lf	3	1	2	1	.333
Benintendi lf-cf	5	2	2	3	.229
Ramirez 1b	5	2	2	3	.362
Martinez dh	5	1	3	2	.283
Devers 3b	5	0	0	0	.245
Bradley Jr. cf-rf	3	0	1	0	.209
Leon c	4	1	1	0	.167
Holt 2b	4	1	2	0	.150
Lin ss	4	1	2	0	.500
TOTALS	**39**	**10**	**15**	**9**	

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E: Machado 2 (2), Valencia (1). **LOB:** Baltimore 5, Boston 7. **2B:** Mancini (2), Davis (1), Santander (3), Benintendi (3), Ramirez (3), Holt (1), Swihart (1). **HR:** Alvarez (2), off Velazquez; Ramirez (3), off Cobb; Martinez (3), off Cobb. **RBIs:** Alvarez 2 (7), Sisco (4), Benintendi 3 (8), Ramirez 3 (15), Martinez 2 (13), Swihart (1). **SO:** Machado (1), Davis (1), Beckham (2), Sisco (2), Valencia (2), Santander (1), Benintendi (2), Ramirez (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 2 (Machado, Sisco); Boston 2 (Benintendi, Devers). RISP: Baltimore 1 for 8; Boston 5 for 12. **Runners moved up:** Beckham 2, Sisco, Swihart. LIDP: Lin. **GIDP:** Jones, Beckham, Devers. **DP:** Baltimore 2 (Beckham, Davis), (Machado, Valencia); Boston 2 (Lin, Holt, Ramirez), (Lin, Holt, Ramirez).

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cobb, **L**,0-1	3⅔	10	8	7	1	0	17.18
Castro	2	3	1	1	1	1	3.97
Hart	1⅓	2	1	0	0	1	0.00
Givens	1	0	0	0	0	1	6.23
BOSTON	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Velazquez, **W**,2-0	5	6	2	2	1	5	3.29
Kelly	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.40
Walden, **S**,1-1	3	3	1	1	0	3	5.00

Inherited runners-scored: Castro 1-1, Hart 1-0. **Umpires:** H, Stu Scheurwater; 1B, Gary Cederstrom; 2B, Eric Cooper; 3B, Cory Blaser. **Time:** 3:05. **A:** 33,584.

Nationals 6, Rockies 2

COLORADO	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
LeMahieu 2b	4	0	0	0	.308
Parra lf	3	1	0	0	.245
Blackmon cf	4	1	1	2	.279
Gonzalez rf	4	0	0	0	.236
Desmond 1b	3	0	0	0	.185
Rusin p	0	0	0	0	—
Story ss	3	0	0	0	.190
McMahon 3b	3	0	1	0	.087
Wolters c	2	0	0	0	.188
Gray p	2	0	0	0	.000
Senzatela p	0	0	0	0	.000
Valaika 1b	1	0	0	0	.067
TOTALS	**29**	**2**	**2**	**2**	
WASHINGTON	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**AVG.**
Turner ss	4	0	1	0	.211
Difo 2b	4	1	2	1	.286
Harper rf	3	1	2	0	.292
Adams 1b	4	0	0	0	.185
Madson p	0	0	0	0	—
Doolittle p	0	0	0	0	—
Wieters c	4	2	2	2	.214
Taylor cf	4	1	1	1	.167
Sierra lf	4	0	1	2	.222
Reynolds 3b	4	0	1	0	.125
Scherzer p	2	0	1	0	.300
a-Zmrmn ph-1b	1	1	1	0	.136
TOTALS	**34**	**6**	**12**	**6**	

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a-singled for Scherzer in the 7th. **E:** Gonzalez (1). **LOB:** Colo. 2, Wash. 7. **2B:** Harper (1), Sierra (2). **HR:** Blackmon (5), off Scherzer; Wieters (1), off Gray. **RBIs:** Blackmon 2 (8), Difo (1), Wieters 2 (2), Taylor (2), Sierra 2 (2). **SB:** Turner (6), Harper (2). **SO:** LeMahieu (2), Parra (1), Blackmon (3), Gonzalez (1), Desmond (2), Story (2), McMahon (2), Wolters (1), Difo (2), Adams (1), Taylor (2), Sierra (1), Reynolds (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Colo. 1 (LeMahieu); Wash. 6 (Turner 2, Difo, Adams, Wieters 2). RISP: Colo. 0 for 2; Wash. 4 for 11.

COLORADO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gray, **L**,1-3	5⅔	8	5	5	1	6	6.23
Senzatela	⅓	2	1	1	0	0	9.00
Rusin	2	2	0	0	2	1	7.00
WASHINGTON	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Scherzer, **W**,3-1	7	1	2	2	1	11	1.33
Madson	1	1	0	0	1	1	2.35
Doolittle	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.57

Senzatela pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. **Inherited runners-scored:** Rusin 2-1. **WP:** Rusin. **Umpires:** H, Gabe Morales; 1B, Jerry Meals; 2B, Ben May; 3B, Ron Kulpa. **Time:** 2:53. **A:** 31,700 (41,313).

Cardinals 6, Reds 1

ST. LOUIS	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Pham cf	4	2	3	1	.327
DeJong ss	4	0	0	0	.246
Martinez 1b	3	0	1	1	.373
Ozuna lf	3	0	0	1	.288
Molina c	4	0	0	0	.268
Bader rf	4	1	1	0	.143
Munoz 3b	4	0	0	0	.118
Garcia 2b	4	3	3	3	.333
Mikolas p	3	0	0	0	.143
Holland p	0	0	0	0	—
Wong ph	0	0	0	0	.162
Hicks p	0	0	0	0	—
TOTALS	**33**	**6**	**8**	**6**	
CINCINNATI	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**AVG.**
Hamilton cf	4	0	0	0	.167
Peraza ss	3	0	0	0	.250
Floro p	0	0	0	0	—
Mesoraco ph	1	0	1	0	.250
Iglesias p	0	0	0	0	.000
Votto 1b	4	0	0	0	.250
Gennett 2b	4	0	3	0	.328
Duvall lf	3	0	1	0	.130
Barnhart c	4	1	1	1	.265
Ervin rf	2	0	1	0	.200
Pennington 3b	4	0	0	0	.167
Finnegan p	1	0	0	0	.000
Brice p	1	0	0	0	.000
Blandino ss	2	0	0	0	.091
TOTALS	**33**	**1**	**7**	**1**	

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Cincinnati	000	010	000—1	7 0

LOB: StL 7, Cin. 8. **2B:** Pham (3), Martinez (3), Garcia (2). **HR:** Garcia (1), off Finnegan; Garcia (2), off Finnegan; Barnhart (2), off Mikolas. **RBIs:** Pham (5), Martinez (15), Ozuna (10), Garcia 3 (4), Barnhart (3). **SB:** Pham 2 (5), Bader (1). **SF:** Ozuna. **SO:** Pham (1), DeJong (2), Bader (1), Munoz (3), Mikolas (2), Hamilton (3), Peraza (1), Pennington (1), Brice (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** StL 4 (DeJong, Ozuna, Molina, Bader); Cin. 3 (Pennington, Blandino 2). RISP: StL 3 for 11; Cin. 0 for 5.

ST. LOUIS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Mikolas, **W**,2-0	7	4	1	1	2	4	4.26
Holland	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.86
Hicks	1	2	0	0	1	1	0.00
CINCINNATI	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Finngn, **L**,0-1	4⅓	6	5	5	4	4	10.38
Brice	1⅓	2	1	1	0	4	5.40
Floro	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Iglesias	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.42

Inherited runners-scored: Brice 2-0. **HBP:** Iglesias (Wong). **Time:** 2:43. **A:** 19,213 (42,319).

WINS ABOVE REPLACEMENT SINGLE SEASON

Player (age that year)	WAR	YEAR
Tim Keefe+ (26)	20.2	1883
Old Hoss Radbourn+ (29)	19.4	1884
Pud Galvin+ (27)	18.4	1884
Jim Devlin (27)	18.3	1876
Guy Hecker (28)	17.9	1884
Walter Johnson+ (25)	16.4	1913
Charlie Buffinton (23)	16.3	1884
John Clarkson+ (27)	16.2	1889
Silver King (20)	16.0	1888
John Clarkson+ (25)	15.0	1887
Walter Johnson+ (24)	14.8	1912
Jim McCormick (27)	14.7	1884
Tommy Bond (23)	14.3	1879
Old Hoss Radbourn+ (28)	14.3	1883
Amos Rusie+ (23)	14.1	1894
Babe Ruth+ (28)	14.1	1923
Jim Whitney (25)	13.5	1883
Tommy Bond (22)	13.4	1878
Jim Devlin (28)	13.4	1877
Dwight Gooden (20)	13.3	1985
Kid Nichols+ (20)	13.2	1890
Tony Mullane (25)	13.1	1884
Silver King (22)	13.0	1890
Cy Young+ (25)	13.0	1892
John Clarkson+ (23)	12.8	1885
Cy Young+ (34)	12.8	1901
Pete Alexander+ (33)	12.7	1920
Walter Johnson+ (26)	12.7	1914
Ed Morris (22)	12.7	1885
Steve Carlton+ (27)	12.5	1972
Toad Ramsey (21)	12.5	1886
Babe Ruth+ (26)	12.5	1921
Carl Yastrzemski+ (27)	12.5	1967
Walter Johnson+ (27)	12.4	1915
Babe Ruth+ (32)	12.4	1927
Mickey Welch+ (24)	12.3	1884
Ed Walsh+ (31)	12.2	1912
Roger Clemens (34)	12.1	1997
Rogers Hornsby+ (28)	12.1	1924
Matt Kilroy (21)	12.1	1887
Hal Newhouser+ (24)	12.1	1945
Charlie Buffinton (27)	12.0	1888
Pete Alexander+ (29)	11.9	1916
Barry Bonds (36)	11.9	2001
Russ Ford (27)	11.9	1910
Bob Gibson+ (32)	11.9	1968
Barry Bonds (37)	11.8	2002
Lou Gehrig+ (24)	11.8	1927
Fergie Jenkins+ (28)	11.8	1971
Babe Ruth+ (25)	11.8	1920
Charlie Ferguson (23)	11.7	1886
Pedro Martinez+ (28)	11.7	2000
Christy Mathewson+ (27)	11.7	1908
Amos Rusie+ (22)	11.7	1893
Babe Ruth+ (29)	11.7	1924
Ed Walsh+ (29)	11.7	1910

source: baseball-reference.com

Rangers 6, Astros 5 (10)

TEXAS	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Choo rf	5	0	0	0	.226
Profar ss	3	2	2	0	.226
Gallo dh	5	1	2	2	.212
Beltre 3b	4	1	2	1	.298
Guzman 1b	5	1	2	2	.375
Rua lf	5	0	2	0	.178
Centeno c	5	0	0	0	.176
Kiner-Falefa 2b	4	1	1	1	.222
Robinson cf	4	0	0	0	.167
Tocci cf	0	0	0	0	.111
TOTALS	**40**	**6**	**11**	**6**	
HOUSTON	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**AVG.**
Springer cf	5	1	2	0	.213
Bregman 3b	5	1	2	0	.241
Altuve 2b	3	1	1	0	.351
Correa ss	5	1	1	2	.280
Gurriel 1b	5	1	2	3	.333
Reddick rf	4	0	0	0	.286
Gonzalez lf	4	0	0	0	.191
Gattis dh	4	0	0	0	.200
Stassi c	3	0	0	0	.304
TOTALS	**38**	**5**	**8**	**5**	

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Houston	000	500	000	0—5 8 0

E: Profar (2). **LOB:** Texas 7, Houston 7. **2B:** Profar (2), Gallo (3), Correa (5), Gurriel (1). **HR:** Kiner-Falefa (1), off Morton; Beltre (1), off Morton; Gallo (5), off Peacock; Guzman (1), off Peacock; Gurriel (1), off Minor. **RBIs:** Gallo 2 (13), Beltre (3), Guzman 2 (2), Kiner-Falefa (1), Correa 2 (12), Gurriel 3 (3). **SO:** Choo (3), Profar (1), Gallo (3), Guzman (2), Rua (2), Kiner-Falefa (1), Robinson (3), Springer (1), Correa (1), Reddick (1), Gonzalez (1), Gattis (2), Stassi (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Texas 3 (Guzman, Centeno 2); Houston 5 (Springer, Correa, Reddick 2, Gattis). RISP: Texas 2 for 5; Houston 2 for 9.

TEXAS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Minor	5	5	5	5	1	2	4.60
Barnette	2	0	0	0	1	3	0.00
Bush	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.12
Kela, **W**,1-0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.00
Martin, H, 4	⅔	2	0	0	0	0	2.35

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
CUBS	ATL 1:20 WGN-9 AM-670	STL 6:05 WGN-9 AM-670	STL 7:05 NBCSCH AM-670	STL 1:20 ABC-7 AM-670		@COL 7:40 WGN-9 AM-670	@COL 7:10 NBCSCH AM-670
WHITE SOX	@MIN 1:10 NBCSCH AM-720	@OAK 9:05 NBCSCH AM-720	@OAK 9:05 WGN-9 AM-720	@OAK 2:35 NBCSCH AM-720		HOU 7:10 NBCSCH AM-1000	HOU 6:10 WGN-9 AM-720
CUBS MINOR							@NYRB 2:30 AM-1200

SUNDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB		
Noon	Yankees at Tigers	MLBN
1:20 p.m.	Braves at Cubs	WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670
7 p.m.	Rangers at Astros	ESPN, WMVP-AM 1000
MINOR-LEAGUE BASEBALL		
1 p.m.	Scranton-W.B. at Charlotte	NBCSCH
COLLEGE BASEBALL		
1 p.m.	Iowa at Nebraska	ESPNU
1 p.m.	Texas at Oklahoma	ESPN2
1:30 p.m.	Maryland at Michigan	BTN
4 p.m.	Mississippi at Vanderbilt	ESPNU
NBA PLAYOFFS		
Noon	G1, Bucks at Celtics	TNT
2:30 p.m.	G1, Pacers at Cavaliers	ABC-7
5:30 p.m.	G1, Jazz at Thunder	TNT
8 p.m.	G1, Timberwolves at Rockets	TNT
BOXING		
7 a.m.	Emanuele Felice Blandamura vs. Ryota Murata	ESPN2
GOLF		
7 a.m.	Open de Espana	Golf Channel
Noon	PGA RBC Heritage	Golf (more, 2 p.m., CBS-2)
2 p.m.	Champions Mitsubishi Classic	Golf Channel
NHL PLAYOFFS		
2 p.m.	G3, Penguins at Flyers	NBC-5
6 p.m.	G3, Jets at Wild	USA
6:30 p.m.	G2, Blue Jackets at Capitals	NBCSN
9:30 p.m.	G3, Golden Knights at Kings	NBCSN
AHL		
4 p.m.	Manitoba at Wolves	WPWR-50
COLLEGE LACROSSE		
11 a.m.	Women, Maryland at Ohio State	BTN
6 p.m.	Men, Rutgers at Maryland	BTN
MOTORSPORTS		
1 p.m.	NASCAR Cup Food City 500	FOX-32
3:30 p.m.	IndyCar Grand Prix of Long Beach	NBCSN
RODEO		
4 p.m.	PBR Tacoma Invitational	CBSSN
MLS		
3 p.m.	Sounders at Sporting KC	ESPN
5 p.m.	NYCFC at Atlanta United	FS1
PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER		
7:25 a.m.	Arsenal at Newcastle United	NBCSN
9:55 a.m.	West Bromwich at Manchester United	NBCSN
COLLEGE SOFTBALL		
11 a.m.	Rutgers at Michigan	ESPNU
6 p.m.	Mississippi State at Mississippi	ESPN2
TENNIS		
6 a.m.	ATP Monte Carlo, ATP Marrakech	Tennis Channel
2 p.m.	U.S. Men's Clay Court final	Tennis Channel
4:30 p.m.	College, Central Fla. vs. South Fla.	Tennis Channel

LATEST LINE

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE	SUNDAY
at **Cubs** -163	Atlanta +153
St. Louis -154	at Cincinnati +144
Pittsburgh -137	at Miami +127
at New York -190	Milwaukee +175
at Washington -195	Colorado +180
at Los Angeles -200	Arizona +180
at San Diego -116	San Fran. +106
AMERICAN LEAGUE	**SUNDAY**
at Minnesota -169	**White Sox** +159
at Boston -214	Baltimore +194
at Cleveland -131	Toronto +121
New York (G1) -210	at Detroit +200
New York (G2) -149	at Detroit +139
Los Angeles -200	at Kansas City +180
Oakland -113	at Seattle +103
at Houston -325	Texas +295
INTERLEAGUE	**SUNDAY**
at Tampa Bay -141	Philadelphia +131

NBA PLAYOFFS

pregame.com	SUNDAY
at Boston 4	Milwaukee
at Cleveland 6½	Indiana
at Okla. City 3½	Utah
at Houston 11½	Minnesota

NHL PLAYOFFS

	SUNDAY		
at Phila.	-110	Pittsburgh	+100
at Minnesota	-105	Winnipeg	-105
at Washington	-150	Columbus	+140
at Los Angeles	-140	Las Vegas	+130

AHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OL	SOL	PT	GF	GA
x-WOLVES	42	22	7	4	95	243	205
x-Gr. Rapids	42	25	2	7	93	237	210
x-Manitoba	41	26	4	4	90	250	197
Rockford	40	28	4	4	88	239	234
Iowa	33	27	10	6	82	232	246
Milwaukee	38	32	4	2	82	216	235
Cleveland	25	41	7	3	60	190	258

x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Rockford 4, **Wolves** 3
Toronto 6, Laval 4
Hershey 2, Bridgeport 1
Rochester 4, Syracuse 2
Belleville 3, Utica 1
Grand Rapids 6, Cleveland 4
Iowa 4, Milwaukee 2
Providence 5, Springfield 0
Lehigh Valley 2, WB/Scranton 1 (SO)
Hartford 4, Binghamton 2
San Antonio at Texas, late
San Jose at Stockton, late
Ontario at Bakersfield, late
San Diego at Tucson, late

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

MIDWEST LEAGUE

WESTERN	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cedar Rapids (Twins)	6	1	.857	—
Beloit (Athletics)	5	3	.625	1½
Clinton (Mariners)	5	3	.625	1½
Burlington (Angels)	4	3	.571	2
Kane County (DBacks)	3	5	.375	3½
Wisconsin (Brewers)	3	5	.375	3½
Peoria (Cardinals)	2	5	.286	4
Quad Cities (Astros)	2	5	.286	4
EASTERN	**W**	**L**	**PCT.**	**GB**
South Bend (Cubs)	6	2	.750	—
W. Michigan (Tigers)	6	2	.750	—
Lansing (Blue Jays)	6	3	.667	½
Dayton (Reds)	5	3	.625	1
Lake County (Indians)	4	5	.444	2½
Bowling Green (Rays)	3	6	.333	3½
Great Lakes (Dodgers)	2	6	.250	4
Fort Wayne (Padres)	2	7	.222	4½

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Wisconsin at Peoria, ppd.
Beloit at Kane County, ppd.
South Bend at Lake County, ppd.
Dayton at Great Lakes, ppd.
Quad Cities at Burlington, ppd.
W.Michigan at Lansing, ppd.
Clinton at Cedar Rapids, ppd.
Ft. Wayne at Bowling Green, ppd.

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

TAMPA BAY 2, NEW JERSEY 0
April 12: TAMPA BAY 5-2
Saturday: TAMPA BAY 5-3
Monday: at New Jersey, 6:30
Wednesday: at New Jersey, 6:30
x-April 21: at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-April 23: at New Jersey, TBA
x-April 25: at New Jersey, TBA

BOSTON 1, TORONTO 0
April 12: BOSTON 5-1
Saturday: BOSTON 7-3
Monday: at Toronto, 6
Thursday: at Toronto, 6
x-April 21: at Boston, TBA
x-April 23: at Toronto, TBA
x-April 25: at Boston, TBA

COLUMBUS 1, WASHINGTON 0
April 12: Columbus 4-3 (OT)
Sunday: at Washington, 6:30
Tuesday: at Columbus, 6:30
Thursday: at Columbus, 6:30
x-April 21: at Washington, TBA
x-April 23: at Columbus, TBA
x-April 25: at Washington, TBA

PITTSBURGH 1, PHILADELPHIA 1
April 11: PITTSBURGH 7-0
April 13: Philadelphia 5-1
Sunday: at Philadelphia, 2
Wednesday: at Philadelphia, 6
Friday: at Pittsburgh, TBA
x-April 22: at Philadelphia, TBA
x-April 24: at Pittsburgh, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NASHVILLE 2, COLORADO 0
April 12: NASHVILLE 5-2
Saturday: NASHVILLE 5-4
Monday: at Colorado, 9
Wednesday: at Colorado, 9
x-Friday: at Nashville, TBA
x-April 22: at Colorado, TBA
x-April 24: at Nashville, TBA

WINNIPEG 2, MINNESOTA 0
April 11: WINNIPEG 3-2
Friday: WINNIPEG 4-1
Sunday: at Minnesota, 6
Tuesday: at Minnesota, 7
x-Friday: at Winnipeg, TBA
x-April 22: at Minnesota, TBA
x-April 25: at Winnipeg, TBA

VEGAS 2, LOS ANGELES 0
April 11: VEGAS 1-0
April 13: VEGAS 2-1 (2OT)
Sunday: at Los Angeles, 9:30
Tuesday: at Los Angeles, 9:30
x-Thursday: at Vegas, 9
x-April 21: at Los Angeles, TBA
x-April 23: at Vegas, TBA

SAN JOSE 1, ANAHEIM 0
April 12: San Jose 3-0
Saturday: San Jose 3-2
Monday: at San Jose, 9:30
Wednesday: at San Jose, 9:30
x-Friday: at Anaheim, TBA
x-April 22: at San Jose, TBA
x-April 24: at Anaheim, TBA

(best-of-7; x-if necessary)

GOLF

PGA RBC HERITAGE
3rd of 4 rds; Harbour Town Links; Hilton Head, S.C.; 7,099 yds; par 71

200 (-13)	
Ian Poulter	69-64-67
201 (-12)	
Luke List	70-64-67
Si Woo Kim	68-65-68
202 (-11)	
C.T. Pan	70-65-67
Billy Horschel	66-69-67
203 (-10)	
Kevin Kisner	69-68-66
Chesson Hadley	66-68-69
204 (-9)	
Rory Sabbatini	64-70-70
205 (-8)	
Ryan Moore	69-69-67
Matt Kuchar	66-70-69
Danny Lee	69-66-70
206 (-7)	
Byeong Hun An	73-67-66
Lucas Glover	74-65-67
Webb Simpson	69-68-69
Andrew Landry	69-68-69
Satoshi Kodaira	73-63-70
Martin Laird	67-69-70
Bill Haas	69-66-71
Brandt Snedeker	70-64-72
207 (-6)	
Charley Hoffman	72-69-66
Jonas Blixt	67-73-67
Kevin Streelman	70-70-67
Dylan Frittelli	72-68-67
Patrick Cantlay	67-72-68
Brian Harman	70-68-69
Ted Potter	72-66-69
Emiliano Grillo	72-66-69
Whee Kim	68-68-71
Scott Piercy	71-65-71
Xander Schauffele	68-68-71
B. DeChambeau	68-64-75
208 (-5)	
Ty. Van Aswegen	73-69-66
Tom Hoge	70-67-71
Brice Garnett	68-68-72
Charles Howell III	68-67-73
209 (-4)	
Rod Pampling	72-70-67
John Huh	66-74-69
Matt. Fitzpatrick	69-71-69
Beau Hossler	70-69-70
Matt Every	73-66-70
210 (-3)	
O. Schniederjans	73-69-68
Jonathan Byrd	71-71-68
Russell Knox	70-72-68
J.J. Henry	72-69-69
Chris Kirk	70-70-70
Nick Watney	68-72-70
Stewart Cink	70-70-70
Fabian Gomez	68-71-71
Mich. Thompson	74-65-71
Bud Cauley	71-68-71
Dustin Johnson	69-69-72
Cameron Smith	68-68-74
211 (-2)	
Ryan Armour	71-71-69
Fran. Molinari	73-69-69
a-Doc Redman	71-71-69
Wesley Bryan	69-71-71
Zach Johnson	70-70-71
Austin Cook	71-68-72
K.J. Choi	69-70-72
Peter Malnati	68-70-73
212 (-1)	
Kevin Tway	71-71-70
Aaron Baddeley	73-69-70
William McGirt	71-70-71
Ryan Palmer	73-65-74
Brian Stuard	69-68-75
213 (even)	
Scott Stallings	74-68-71
Brian Gay	71-71-71
Jim Furyk	70-70-73
214 (+1)	
Gr. McDowell	73-69-72
Dominic Bozzelli	70-72-72
Martin Kaymer	69-73-72
Harris English	67-73-74
215 (+2)	
David Lingmerth	71-71-73
Keith Mitchell	71-71-73
Ben Martin	74-68-73
216 (+3)	
Davis Love III	73-69-74
218 (+5)	
Michael Kim	76-66-76

OPEN DE ESPANA
3rd of 4 rds; Centro Nacional; Madrid; 7,096; p72

199 (-17)	
Paul Dunne	66-65-68
200 (-16)	
Nacho Elvira	68-66-66
201 (-15)	
Jon Rahm	67-68-66
Henric Sturehed	67-68-66
202 (-14)	
Brett Rumford	68-66-68
203 (-13)	
Andy Sullivan	75-63-65
204 (-12)	
Marc Warren	66-69-69
Aaron Rai	67-71-66
Jorge Campillo	70-67-67
205 (-11)	
Maximilian Kiefer	69-67-69
Andrew Johnston	68-68-69
Neil Bradley	71-66-68
Jac. Kruyswijk	69-70-66
206 (-10)	
Robert Rock	70-65-71
Callum Shinkwin	67-67-72
Pedro Oriol	68-71-67

LPGA -LOTTE CHAMPIONSHIP
4th of 4 rds; Ko Olina GC; Kapolei, Hawaii; 6,419 yards; par 72

276 (-12)	**$300,000**
Brooke M. Henderson	68-66-73-69
280 (-8)	**$184,255**
Aza. Munoz	74-70-69-67
281 (-7)	**$106,763**
Ariya Jutanugarn	73-69-70-69
Shanshan Feng	67-69-74-71
Inbee Park	69-69-71-72
282 (-6)	**$58,342**
Peiyun Chien	74-71-67-70
Lindy Duncan	70-68-74-70
Lizette Salas	69-71-70-72
283 (-5)	**$44,891**
Dani Iacobelli	73-68-70-72
284 (-4)	**$40,856**
M. Jutanugarn	72-68-72-72
285 (-3)	**$33,309**
P. Thnlbnyaras	75-72-68-70
Michelle Wie	72-73-69-71
Eun-Hee Ji	69-72-73-71
Cyd. Clanton	74-69-70-72
Ji Hyun Kim	71-70-71-73

PGA CHAMPIONS MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CLASSIC
2nd and 3rd of 3 rds; TPC Sugarloaf; Duluth, Ga.; 7,179 yds; Par 72

205 (-11)	**$270,000**
Steve Flesch	66-71-68
Bernhard Langer	67-69-69
Scott Parel	68-73-64
207 (-9)	**$108,000**
Jay Haas	65-71-71
208 (-8)	**$86,400**
Wes Short	69-69-70
209 (-7)	**$72,000**
Vijay Singh	72-69-68
210 (-6)	**$64,800**
Clark Dennis	72-70-68
211 (-5)	**$49,500**
Joe Durant	70-72-69
Jerry Kelly	71-65-75
Jeff Sluman	70-69-72
Kevin Sutherland	69-70-72
212 (-4)	**$37,800**
Esteban Toledo	71-72-69
Duffy Waldorf	77-67-68
ALSO: 224	**$2,880**
Fran Quinn	72-73-79
229 (+13)	**$1,638**
Todd Hamilton	78-74-77
230 (+14)	**$1,422**
Tom Watson	78-78-74

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Baltimore: Recalled RHP Alex Cobb from Bowie (EL). Placed 2B Jonathan Schoop on the 10-day DL.
Oakland: Recalled RHP Ryan Dull from Nashville (PCL) and activated him from the 10-day DL. Placed RHP Liam Hendriks on 10-day DL.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati: Reinstated LHP Brandon Finnegan from the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Zack Weiss to Louisville (IL).
Pittsburgh: Claimed LHP Enny Romero off waivers from Washington.
San Diego: Claimed LHP Tyler Webb off waivers from Milwaukee and assigned him to El Paso (PCL). Transferred RHP Dinelson Lamet to the 60-day DL.
MIDWEST LEAGUE
Quad Cities: Announced LHP Carlos Hiraldo was transferred from extended spring training to the team. Placed LHP Adam Bleday on the temporarily inactive list.

HOCKEY

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
Grand Rapids: Recalled F Mike Borkowski from Toledo (ECHL).

COLLEGE

Michigan: Junior C Moe Wagner announced he is entering the NBA draft.

NBA PLAYOFFS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

TORONTO 1, WASHINGTON 0
Saturday: TORONTO 114-106
Tuesday: at Toronto, 6
Friday: at Washington, 7
April 22: at Washington, 7
x-April 25: at Toronto, TBA
x-April 27: at Washington, TBA
x-April 29: at Toronto, TBA

BOSTON VS. MILWAUKEE
Sunday: at Boston, noon
Tuesday: at Boston, 7
Friday: at Milwaukee, 8:30
April 22: at Milwaukee, 1
x-April 24: at Boston, TBA
x-April 26: at Milwaukee, TBA
x-April 28: at Boston, TBA

PHILADELPHIA 1, MIAMI 0
Saturday: PHILADELPHIA 130-103
Monday: at Philadelphia, 7
Thursday: at Miami, 6
April 21: at Miami, 1:30
x-April 24: at Philadelphia, TBA
x-April 26: at Miami, TBA
x-April 28: at Philadelphia, TBA

CLEVELAND VS. INDIANA
Sunday: at Cleveland, 2:30
Wednesday: at Cleveland, 6
Friday: at Indiana, 6
April 22: at Indiana, 7:30
x-April 25: at Cleveland, TBA
x-April 27: at Indiana, TBA
x-April 29: at Cleveland, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

HOUSTON VS. MINNESOTA
Sunday: at Houston, 8
Wednesday: at Houston, 8:30
April 21: at Minnesota, 6:30
April 23: at Minnesota, 7
x-April 25: at Houston, TBA
x-April 27: at Minnesota, TBA
x-April 29: at Houston, TBA

GOLDEN STATE 1, SAN ANTONIO 0
Saturday: GOLDEN STATE 113-92
Monday: at Golden State, 9:30
Thursday: at San Antonio, 8:30
April 22: at San Antonio, 2:30
x-April 24: at Golden State, TBA
x-April 26: at San Antonio, TBA
x-April 28: at Golden State, TBA

PORTLAND VS. NEW ORLEANS
Saturday: New Orleans 97-95
Tuesday: at Portland, 9:30
Thursday: at New Orleans, 8
April 21: at New Orleans, 4
x-April 24: at Portland, TBA
x-April 26: at New Orleans, TBA
x-April 28: at Portland, TBA

OKLAHOMA CITY VS. UTAH
Sunday: at Oklahoma City, 5:30
Wednesday: Oklahoma City, 7
April 21: at Utah, 9
April 23: at Utah, 9:30
x-April 25: Oklahoma City, TBA
x-April 27: at Utah, TBA
x-April 29: Oklahoma City, TBA

(best-of-7; x-if necessary)

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
N.Y. City FC	5	0	1	16	14	4
Atlanta FC	4	1	0	12	13	6
New England	3	2	1	10	10	6
Columbus	3	3	1	10	9	7
Orlando City	3	2	1	10	11	10
N.Y. Red Bulls	3	2	0	9	13	6
Montreal	2	4	0	6	6	12
Philadelphia	1	2	2	5	3	6
D.C. United	1	3	2	5	6	10
FIRE	1	3	1	4	7	9
Toronto FC	1	3	0	3	3	6
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Sporting KC	4	1	1	13	12	9
LA Galaxy	3	2	1	10	8	8
Vancouver	3	3	1	10	8	11
Los Angeles FC	3	2	0	9	11	10
FC Dallas	2	0	3	9	7	3
Colorado	2	1	2	8	9	5
Real Salt Lake	2	3	1	7	6	14
Minnesota	2	3	0	6	6	9
Houston	1	2	1	4	7	6
San Jose	1	2	1	4	7	8
Portland	0	3	2	2	6	12
Seattle	0	3	0	0	0	5

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
LA Galaxy 1, **FIRE** 0
N.Y. RED BULLS 3, Montreal 1
COLORADO 2, Toronto FC 0
D.C. UNITED 1, Columbus 0
FC Dallas 1, NEW ENGLAND 0
Houston at San Jose, late
Minnesota at Portland, late

NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CLUB	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
North Carolina	3	0	0	9	6	2
RED STARS	1	1	1	4	4	4
Seattle	1	0	0	3	2	1
Portland	1	1	0	3	3	3
Washington	1	2	0	3	5	6
Houston	0	0	2	2	1	1
Utah	0	1	2	2	1	2
Orlando	0	1	1	1	1	3
Sky Blue FC	0	1	0	0	0	1

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Red Stars 1, UTAH 0
North Carolina 4, WASHINGTON 2

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUBS	W	T	L	GF	GA	PTS
Man City	28	3	2	93	25	87
Man United	22	5	5	63	25	71
Liverpool	20	10	4	78	35	70
Tottenham	20	7	6	65	30	67
Chelsea	18	6	9	57	33	60
Arsenal	16	6	10	61	43	54
Burnley	14	10	9	33	29	52
Leicester	11	10	12	49	47	43
Everton	11	9	14	39	54	42
Newcastle	10	8	14	33	41	38
Bournemouth	9	11	14	41	56	38
Watford	10	7	17	42	60	37
Brighton	8	11	14	31	46	35
Huddersfield	9	8	17	27	54	35
West Ham	8	10	14	40	58	34
Crystal Palace	8	10	16	36	54	34
Swansea	8	9	16	27	46	33
Southampton	5	13	15	33	53	28
Stoke	6	9	18	30	63	27
West Brom	3	12	18	26	52	21

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Southampton 2, Chelsea 3
Swansea 1, Everton 1
Burnley 2, Leicester 1
Crystal Palace 3, Brighton 2
Huddersfield 1, Watford 0
Liverpool 3, Bournemouth 0
Tottenham 1, Man City 3

TENNIS

ATP U.S. MEN'S CLAY COURT CHAMPIONSHIPS
SF, Houston; clay-outdoor
#6 Steve Johnson d. T. Fritz, 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-2
#8 Tennys Sandgren d. Ivo Karlovic, 7-6(2), 7-6(4)

WTA CLARO OPEN COLSANITAS
QF; Bogota, Colombia; clay-outdoor
Dalila Jakupovic d. #2 Magda Linette, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1
Semifinals: #5 Lara Arruabarrena d. Dalila Jakupovic, 6-1, 6-2
Anna Karolina Schmiedlova d. #7 Ana Bogdan, 6-3, 6-2

WTA SAMSUNG OPEN
QF; Lugano, Switzerland; clay-outdoor
#2 Elise Mertens d. Mona Barthel, 6-5, 5-7, 7-6 (0)
Aryna Sabalenka d. C. Giorgi, 6-3, 6-0
Vera Lapko d. K. Flipkens, 6-4, 7-6 (4)
Stefanie Voegele d. T. Korpatsch, 6-4, 6-3
Semifinals: #2 Elise Mertens d. Vera Lapko, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4
Aryna Sabalenka d. St. Voegele, 6-4, 6-2

ATP GRAND PRIX HASSAN
QF;Marrakech, Morocco; outdoor-clay
Joao Sousa d. N. Basilashvili, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1
Pablo Andujar d. A. Vatutin, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3
#4 Richard Gasquet d. Gilles Simon, 6-2, 7-6 (4)
#2 Kyle Edmund d. Malek Jaziri, 6-2, 6-1
Semifinals
#2 Kyle Edmund d. #4 Richard Gasquet, 6-3, 6-4
Pablo Andujar d. Joao Sousa, 6-4, 6-4

AUTO RACING

NASCAR XFINITY-FITZGERALD GLIDER KITS 300
At Bristol Motor Speedway ; Bristol, Tenn. ; lap length: 0.533 miles

FP	SP	DRIVER	M	LAPS
1.	7	Ryan Preece	T	300
2.	2	Justin Allgaier	C	300
3.	4	Daniel Hemric	C	300
4.	13	Elliott Sadler	C	300
5.	9	Spencer Gallagher	C	300
6.	6	Brandon Jones	T	300
7.	25	Tyler Reddick	C	300
8.	1	Cole Custer	F	300
9.	15	Ross Chastain	C	300
10.	21	Ryan Truex	C	300
11.	16	Alex Labbe	C	300
12.	10	Austin Cindric	F	300
13.	5	J.H. Nemechek	C	299
14.	8	Shane Lee	C	299
15.	23	Ryan Sieg	C	299
16.	28	Joey Gase	C	299
17.	35	Garrett Smithley	C	298
18.	12	Ryan Reed	F	298
19.	30	Joe Nemechek	C	298
20.	26	BJ McLeod	C	298

C-Chevrolet; F-Ford; T-Toyota
Winner's average speed: 67.857 mph.
Time: 2:21:57. **Margin:** Caution.
Caution flags: 12 for 93 laps.
Lead changes: 13 among 8 drivers.
Lap leaders: C. Custer 0; J. Allgaier 1-47; C. Custer 48; D. Hemric 49-55; C. Bell 56-90; A. Cindric 91; R. Preece 92-109; D. Hemric 110-163; R. Preece 164-173; C. Briscoe 174-183; B. Jones 184-285; R. Preece 286; B. Jones 287-290; R. Preece 291-300.

XFINITY DRIVER POINTS

261: E. Sadler	240: J. Allgaier
255: D. Hemric	226: Chr. Bell
247: T. Reddick	218: C. Custer

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

Predators go up 2-0 on Avs

Tribune news services

Ryan Hartman's empty-net goal with 1:09 left wound up the winner as the Predators held off the Avalanche 5-4 on Saturday in Nashville, Tenn., for a 2-0 lead in their first-round Western Conference series.

After Hartman gave the Predators a 5-3 lead, Alexander Kerfoot pulled the Avalanche to 5-4 with 35.8 seconds left.

But the Avalanche couldn't get another puck past Predators goalie Pekka Rinne, who made 26 saves.

Kevin Fiala had a goal and an assist, and Viktor Arvidsson, Ryan Johansen and Austin Watson scored a goal apiece for the Predators.

Bruins 7, Maple Leafs 3: The Bruins chased Leafs goalie Frederik Andersen with three goals in the first 12:13 and coasted to the victory in Boston to grab a 2-0 lead in their Eastern Conference series.

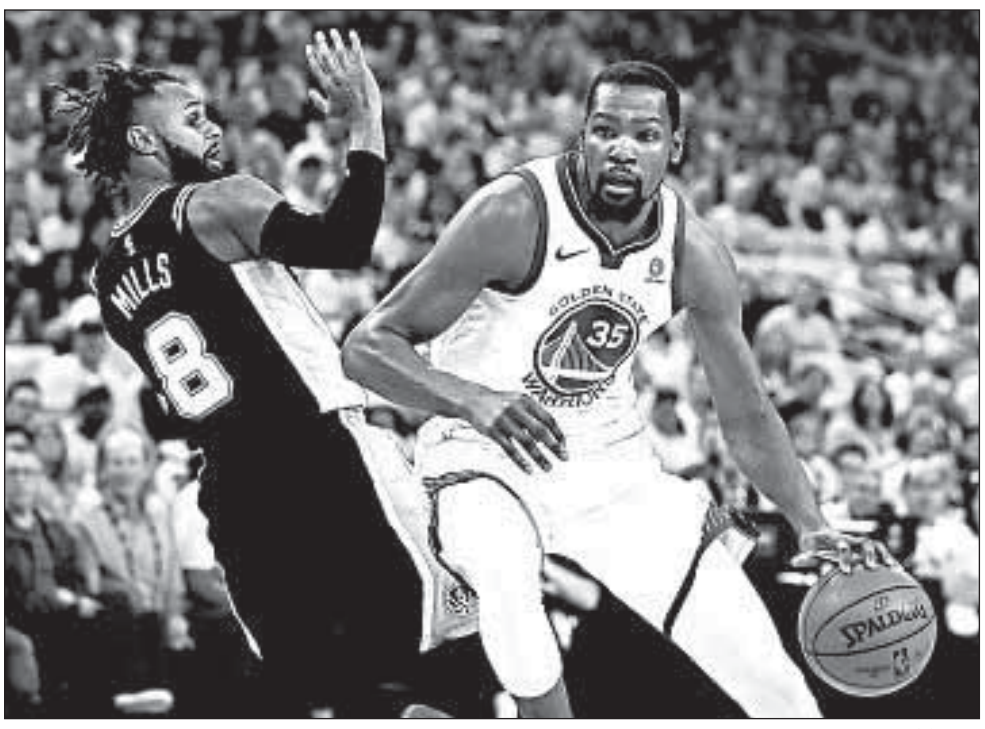
Andersen was replaced by Curtis McElhinney after goals by David Pastrnak, Jake DeBrusk and Kevan Miller.

A little more than two minutes later, Rick Nash beat McElhinney at 15:00 to put the Bruins up 4-0.

Pastrnak earned a hat trick with two more goals in the third period.

Lightning 5, Devils 3: Alex Killorn scored twice in a four-goal second period, helping the Lightning beat the Devils in Tampa, Fla., for a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference series.

The Lightning scored three times in a 2:47 span in the second period, and the Devils pulled goalie Keith Kinkaid after Killorn's third goal in two games made it 5-1 with 6:48 left in the period. Kinkaid yielded five goals on 15 shots.



BEN MARGOT/AP

Warriors forward Kevin Durant attempts to drive around Spurs guard Patty Mills on Saturday.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Fast start for Warriors

Raptors put Game 1 woes behind them; 76ers also triumph

Associated Press

Kevin Durant helped the defending NBA champions get defensive in a hurry, finishing with 24 points, eight rebounds and seven assists as the Warriors returned to their old dominant selves at playoff time to beat the cold-shooting Spurs 113-92 on Saturday in Oakland, Calif.

Durant, Draymond Green and Klay Thompson took charge in Game 1 of the Western Conference first-round series as the Warriors continue to play without two-time MVP Stephen Curry, sidelined since March 23 with a sprained left knee. Thompson scored 27 points, making 11 of 13 shots.

The Warriors recorded 32 assists on 44 field goals and held a decisive 51-30 rebounding advantage.

"We did not end the season on a high note," Thompson said. "We kind of hobbled into the playoffs, (but) we know how talented we are. We have been here before and know what it takes to win."

Rudy Gay led the Spurs with 15 points off the bench as leading scorer LaMarcus Aldridge was limited to 14 points on 5-for-12 shooting. The Spurs shot 40 percent for the game.

Raptors 114, Wizards 106: Serge Ibaka had 23 points and 12 rebounds, Delon Wright scored 11 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter and the Raptors snapped a 10-game losing streak in playoff openers by beating the Wizards in Toronto in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference first-round series.

DeMar DeRozan added 17 points, C.J. Miles and OG Anunoby each had 12, and Kyle Lowry finished with 11 points and nine assists for the Raptors, whose only previous opening-game victory came in 2001.

"It's out of the way now," DeRozan said of the streak. "Worry about Game 2."

Said Wright: "I think the fans are more relieved than we are."

The Raptors used 3-pointers as a main offensive weapon as they hit 16 of 30 from behind the arc.

John Wall had 23 points and 15 assists for the Wizards, while Markieff Morris added 22 points and 11 rebounds.

76ers 130, Heat 103: Ben Simmons had 17 points, 14 assists and nine rebounds in his playoff debut, and the 76ers romped again without injured center Joel Embiid, beating the Heat in Philadelphia in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference first-round series for their 17th straight win.

Embiid is recovering from a broken orbital bone around his left eye.

JJ Redick scored 28 points to lead the Sixers, who are making their first playoff appearance in six years. Marco Belinelli added 25.

"There is a gratitude that we have," coach Brett Brown said. "Finally, here we are, and our fans genuinely have something to be proud of with us."

Kelly Olynyk had 26 points to pace the Heat.

IN BRIEF GOLF

Poulter has another victory in his sights

Tribune news services

The resurgent **Ian Poulter** shot a 4-under 67 on Saturday to take a one-shot lead into the final round of the RBC Heritage in Hilton Head Island, S.C., putting him in position for his second victory in three weeks.

Before April, Poulter had not won on tour in more than five years. Now, he's one more solid round away from adding another title to his dramatic win at the Houston Open on April 1.

Seven of the Englishman's last 11 rounds have been in the 60s after having just three such showings in his first 20 rounds this season. His latest left him at 13-under 200, a stroke ahead of **Luke List** (67) and **Si Woo Kim** (68).

■ **Steve Flesch

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ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

"Arte Diseno Xicago" at the National Museum of Mexican Art includes works by Enrique Alferez, who as a child began helping his father carve statues for churches.

Intertwined

Story of Mexican art in Chicago is the story of Chicago art

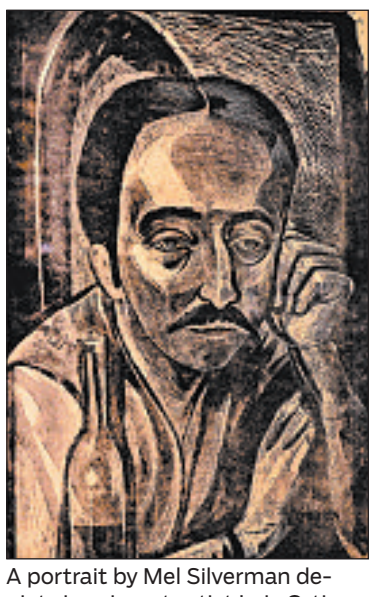
By Steve Johnson | Chicago Tribune

There's a kind of Zelig quality to the new "Arte Diseno Xicago" exhibition at the National Museum of Mexican Art.

Its subtitle is "Mexican Inspiration from the World's Columbian Exposition to the Civil Rights Era," and across those 80 years this eye-opening show intersects with so many key figures in Chicago art and the culture more broadly.

There is the gifted young sculptor Enrique Alferez — whose audacious, deco-influenced religious figures dominate the show's opening gallery; the Moses is particularly striking — shown in a circa-1925 photo seated amid the apprentices working at Lorado Taft's University of Chicago studio.

There is the ceramicist Jesus Torres, a former field-worker in Mexico, becoming the lead artist assistant to Edgar Miller, the longtime Chicago designer and architect renowned for his free-thinking work on a range of Old Town homes.



A portrait by Mel Silverman depicts immigrant artist Luis Ortiz.

There is Errol Ortiz, Chicago-born son of the immigrant artist Luis Ortiz, trained at the School of the Art Institute and identified with the Chicago Imagists.

Over there is Diego Rivera, represented in a 1955 portrait he made of Alfred MacArthur, the Oak Park brother of the

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Gladiators say goodbye

The 'Scandal' team looks back before the series finale

By Yvonne Villarreal
Los Angeles Times

Glancing inside stage 12 at Sunset Gower Studios in Hollywood on a recent mid-March day, a person could be forgiven for thinking a phone service ad was being shot: The smartphones are out and in serious use.

But this is what it's like during a lunch break on the set of "Scandal," which, as the show that helped fuse TV watching and Twitter thumb-tapping, has as deep a relationship with the personal device as any tech company. And this isn't an ordinary early spring afternoon — just five days from now, this freight train of a political drama will screech to a halt when filming wraps, forever. As of Thursday's finale (9 p.m., ABC) crisis manager Olivia Pope (Kerry Washington) and her band of cohorts will hang up their white hats.

So it's little wonder that the cast is intent on keeping its digital scrapbook stocked. Selfies are being taken, and quick videos are being shot.

Created by prolific producer and Chicago native Shonda Rhimes, "Scandal" is a thoroughly modern nighttime soap.

Centered on Pope, the first black female character to lead a network drama in nearly 40 years (and her heart-thumping love affair with President Fitzgerald "Fitz" Grant, played by Tony Goldwyn), "Scandal" premiered to little fanfare and middling reviews in spring 2012.

But the decision to wed whiplash storytelling with the cast's early adoption of social media, particularly Twitter, made the show a bona fide hit and a symbol of hope for appointment television by the end of the second season.

Often dismissed as a guilty pleasure, the show took twists-and-turns storytelling to new heights and prepped viewers for them with breathless (as in "Can not breathe") tweets.

But it also dealt with topical matters, such as election rigging and police brutality, something ABC Entertainment President Channing Dungey says should not to be overlooked when putting its legacy into context.

"The show won a Peabody for its willingness to tackle complex issues head-on," she said via email, "and I think part of its legacy — in addition to Kerry top-lining the show as an African-American woman — will be about its willingness to explore political culture, gender disparities, sexual politics and race in America."

Thursday nights, which the show has called home since its debut, may never feel the same again, at least not to hundreds of thousands of #Gladiators.

The show's end also begins the

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MITCH HAASETH/ABC

"Scandal," centered on Olivia Pope (Kerry Washington) and her love affair with President Fitzgerald "Fitz" Grant (Tony Goldwyn), wasn't an immediate hit when it premiered on ABC in spring 2012.

Oscar winner Lonergan an unlikely but welcome writer for Starz's 'Howards End'

By Meredith Blake
Los Angeles Times

Kenneth Lonergan is not the first name that comes to mind when you think "stately period piece."

In a 25-year career as a screenwriter, director and dramatist, Lonergan has gravitated to contemporary tales of tragedy and alienation, often revolving around well-meaning, self-sabotaging screw-ups. He clinched this reputation last year with a screenwriting Oscar for "Manchester by the Sea," his wrenching portrait of an emotionally arrested Massachusetts janitor moving on — if not exactly recovering — from nearly unimaginable personal loss.

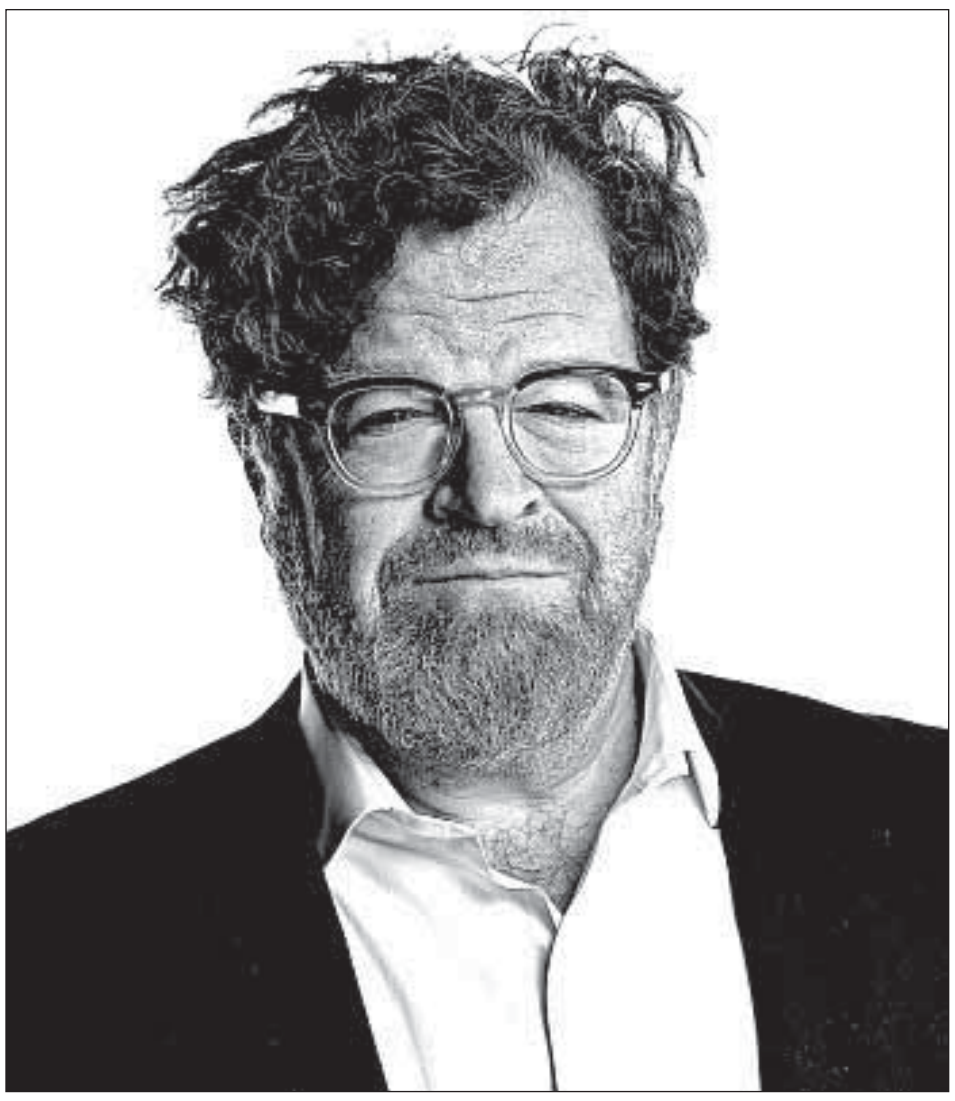
He also hasn't worked in television since penning two episodes of the Nickelodeon animated series "Doug" in the early 1990s, and he had never previously adapted a novel.

All of which made him an unlikely choice to adapt "Howards End," E.M. Forster's 1910 novel about the intersecting fortunes of three families in Edwardian London, into a miniseries on Starz.

Even Lonergan was unsure initially that he was the person for the job. For starters, when he was first approached about the project, he'd never actually managed to finish the book.

"It just didn't grab me the first time," the writer says on a miserably rainy and windswept March afternoon that feels like a scene taken from Forster's novel, the plot of which turns on a misunderstanding involving an umbrella. "I don't push through most books, which is not a good habit."

He tried again and finished the book but worried about what he saw as Forster's overly schematic exploration of class and its thinly developed romantic relationships, a point he raised with executive producer Colin Callender.



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Kenneth Lonergan, who won a screenwriting Oscar for "Manchester by the Sea," had little experience with TV and literary adaptations before tackling E.M. Forster's "Howards End."

"My response was, 'That's exactly why we want you to write it,' " says Callender, who approached Lonergan about the BBC/Starz co-production well before "Manchester by the Sea" became a critical and commercial success.

Though Lonergan wasn't known for his literary adaptations, Callender was excited by his portrayals of women and young people as well as his "peerless" range. "I think what he does is explore character in great depth, and in a way that's surprising and unexpected," he said. "He avoids the easy traps, the easy cliches."

The result is a revelation: Lonergan has enhanced Forster's novel rather than dramatically altering it.

The story follows Margaret and Helen Schlegel (Hayley Atwell and Philippa Coulthard, respectively), a pair of unmarried, upper middle-class sisters, and their interactions with the wealthy Wilcox family, headed by Ruth (Julia Ormond).

Directed by Hettie Macdonald, the four-part series offers a glimpse at a society in flux that's both historically faithful and relatable to contemporary viewers, especially the independent, idealistic Schlegel sisters. Lonergan was particularly taken by Margaret, who offers a unique combination of "a really lively emotional life and a really sharp intelligence. You don't see a lot of characters that think their way through things the way she does."



LAURIE SPARHAM/STARZ

Hayley Atwell, left, and Matthew MacFadyen co-star in Starz's remake of "Howard's End."

"There's no point in doing anything if you can't put in some jokes."

— "Howards End" writer Kenneth Lonergan

This version stands on its own merits despite the long shadow cast by the Oscar-winning 1992 Merchant Ivory film starring Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson. Lonergan says he wasn't intimidated by the popularity of that adaptation, which he recalls only fleetingly.

The chance to work on a period piece was a primary selling point for Lonergan, who calls Stanley Kubrick's "Barry Lyndon" one of his favorite films and cites the BBC's 1995 version of "Pride and Prejudice" starring Colin Firth, Jennifer Ehle and Firth's wet shirt, as "the gold standard of long-form literary adaptations."

"All that dialogue is straight out of the book. They speak in the most formal, Jane Austen-y sentences, and it works just beautifully," he says, praising the miniseries for capturing Austen's "incredible sense of humor."

His version of "Howards End," which aired to glowing reviews on the BBC in November, also feels surprisingly funny, with Helen and Margaret's hypochondriac brother, Tibby (Alex Lawther), and dotty Aunt Juley (Tracey Ullman) providing steady comic relief.

"There's no point in doing anything if you can't put in some jokes," says Lonergan, whose curmudgeonly demeanor is tempered by a wit so dry, you can't always be sure it's there.

Director Macdonald, who has known Lonergan since they were both young interns at London's Royal Court Theatre, was struck by the humor, verve and intellect of his adaptation — qualities present in the novel but somewhat overlooked by the staid romanticism of the Merchant Ivory film. "His writing is just so full of life, and that seemed to me brilliant and unusual for a period drama," she says.

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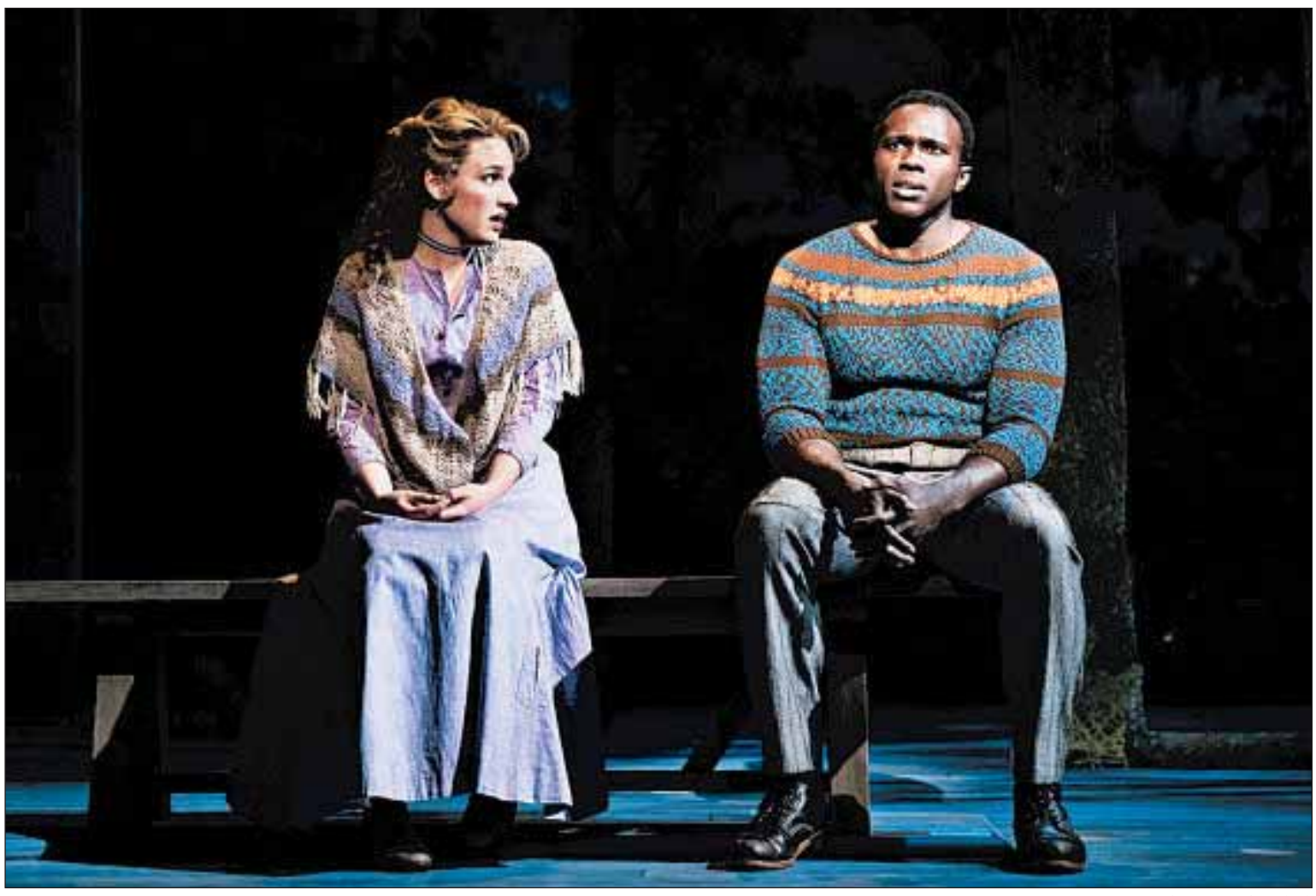
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BROADWAY REVIEW 'Carousel'

A vivid reminder that life is all too short

By Chris Jones
Chicago Tribune



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Jessie Mueller and Joshua Henry star in a production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel" at the Imperial Theatre in New York.

NEW YORK — God is in "Carousel."

So is human love and sexual desire, but let's leave that aside for a moment.

In 1945, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II created the greatest musical ever written about the brevity of life. Its signature and now retrospective aspect is that a guy who makes a series of disastrous mistakes, deeply wounding the woman he loves, and who has loved him back ferociously without regard for her own emotional or physical well-being, gets the chance to come back for a day and attempt reparations. Will you? Will I? Unlikely, but, aside from containing some of the most beautiful music ever written for the theater, the show's enduring appeal rests on its beguiling promise that death, and all the pain we leave behind, does not have to be final.

Director Jack O'Brien's Broadway revival, a production brimming and heaving with the emotional complexity of its own endeavor in the here and now, signals those themes early. The Starkeeper, richly played by John Douglas Thompson, affects not so much benevolence toward his human charges as weariness at the frequency of their mistakes. He is present from the start of the "Carousel Waltz," which does not begin in the mill where Julie Jordan (the from-Chicago actress Jessie Mueller) and Carrie Pipperidge (Lindsay Mendez) toil and dream (as did director Nicholas Hytner's famous production in the 1990s), but in the place where Billy Bigelow (Joshua Henry, previously the original Aaron Burr in Chicago's "Hamilton") may or may not be redeemed. Everything stays in that context: Renee Fleming's singing (as Nettie Fowler), predictably magnificent, has an otherworldly tone; Mueller's beautiful voice, always at its best when singing Richard Rodgers, interprets the ballads as if her deeply sad Julie always knows how the story will end.

This is an intensely melancholic performance: Julie's grief at the death of her love seems to come in unstoppable waves, the most affecting moment of the night.

Most of these characters move through space and time through dance, not your traditional scenic transition. This choreography — which I thought extraordinarily expressive, beautiful and emotionally resonant — is from Justin Peck, who is working on his first major musical and thus comes with a bushel of fresh ideas. His work is groundbreaking not so much in terms of narrative, but in the emotional trajectory of dance storytelling. Nowhere is this more apparent than in Louise's ballet, which, as danced by Brittany Pollack, is almost too painful for any flawed parent to watch.

There are no horses on sticks. Dancers dance the carousel, as they do the clambake, as they do the stupid schemes that men have always done to try to get money and seem more manly, and that end up destroying the fragile fabric of human society, and, too often, its women.

Peck's work is very much at one with Santo Loquasto's truly stunning design. With the help of Brian MacDevitt's lights and Ann Roth's thematically sophisticated costumes, Loquasto keeps tricking you into thinking you're watching a kind of pocket "Carousel," almost something in a toy theater, something old-timey, only to suddenly impose depth and scale and ambition.

Just one example is the ship, by which Billy self-destructs. It arrives as a great shadow in the wings, slowly coming into focus and looming with all the horror of a shark.

Henry is preoccupied with the forces that have made Billy Bigelow so angry and resentful that he can barely function in the world. It is a legitimate approach to the character, but it belies how the people who let us down the most often also charm us first. Which brings me back to sexuality. In "Oklahoma," Rodgers and Hammerstein built a musical on one young woman sexually curious about two very different kinds of men. In "Carousel," that woman was split into two. Carrie, whom the truly fantastic Mendez treats with far more dignity than Carrie ever usually gets, marries Enoch Snow (the superb Alexander Gemignani) and gets most everything she thinks she wants except a man she physically desires, as the book later reveals. Julie, resolute from the start, wants a much riskier but also a more intense kind of love, and the tragedy is that she picks an abusive man incapable of seeing the redemption her love offers. While alive, anyway.

But despite there being so very much here to love — truly — for the show to work at its peak prowess, you have to see what she first thinks she sees in Billy, the man who persuades her to give up so much. Here, that is difficult. Some of the issue comes from a lack of connection between these two gifted lead performers, but it mostly flows from Henry's yet-unmet need to embrace his character's belief that he could do better. That is why he sings the great "Soliloquy," which Henry renders in bravura fashion, but that lacks even a flash of optimism. It will be dashed in Act 2, of course, but it has to float there for a moment, a shining musical vista of a human ideal.

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At "Arte Diseno Xicago" at the National Museum of Mexican Art in the Pilsen neighborhood, sculptor Enrique Alferez's deco-influenced religious figures dominate the opening gallery.

Mexican art's Chicago story

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philanthropist John D. MacArthur.

And there is the celebrated African-American painter Archibald Motley Jr., in the show with a large-scale painting on a mat made of palm leaf strips, a technique likely inspired by his travels to Mexico to visit his nephew in Cuernavaca. The relative, visitors to the show learn, is the author Willard Motley, whose Chicago Defender pen name was Bud Billiken.

Jane Addams and her Near West Side Hull-House are on hand. So is the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in the 1960s, for whom one of the artists was a photographer. And Mayor Richard J. Daley, rendered in tile, in a mural by Genaro Alvarez.

These and other connections were able to be brought to light thanks to an exceptional funding source for the free museum in the Pilsen neighborhood, which bills itself as "one of the most prominent first-voice institutions for Mexican art and culture in the United States."

"Arte Diseno Xicago" is Spanish, of course, for Art Design Chicago, and this show was produced by the museum with a grant from the current, yearlong Art Design Chicago event, a citywide showcase of Chicago's role in the visual arts led and principally funded by the city's Terra Foundation.

When the Terra put out feelers for the event, said Cesareo Moreno, the show's curator and the museum's chief curator, "we knew instantly this would be the perfect opportunity to do something we've all been talking about and wishing we could do. They approached us and we jumped on it."

Terra funding helped Moreno go to New Orleans, where Alferez settled, to learn more about him and to Oregon, where Luis Ortiz lived out his final years. "The other thing that would not have happened without the Terra," he said, was the additional staff. "We've had about four interns working on this project the last couple of years — somebody who can follow through, find the film clip, the book ...."

Certainly the show exhibits a depth of research, and it wants to share it with you. Detailed wall cards throughout paint, along with the artwork, their own picture: of the development of Mexican art in Chicago. On them, if you take the time to read, you'll discover all these intersections.

"The two big ones that jump out time and again in the exhibition are Hull-House as a meeting ground for people to share techniques and tools. And then the School of the Art Institute," Moreno said. "You have people walking into Hull-House who never really created anything but who know how to use tools. They know how to work the machete to work the land, to carve stone and cut wood. And once they come into the urban environment, they realize they need to learn to speak English.

"In the city they would go to Hull-House to take English classes. Lo and behold, they would discover a small jewelry-making place or a ceramics kiln and then discover, 'Oh, I can do this.' " And some of the most talented ones, encouraged by instructors, would go on to study at the School of the Art Institute.

The exchange went both ways too. "Addams and several of the teaching artists traveled to Mexico to familiarize themselves with their customs and traditional beliefs," says the text.

Travel to Mexico was influential for Margaret Burroughs too. The future founder of the DuSable Museum of African American History drew inspiration for her own artwork and social activism, it is explained, by time spent in Mexico with the artist Elizabeth Catlett. Catlett, meanwhile, settled in Mexico after — more connectivity first traveling there in 1946 with her first husband, Charles White, who'll have his own big Art Design Chicago retrospective at the Art Institute later this year.



Luis Ortiz is represented in the exhibition. The immigrant's son trained at the School of the Art Institute and identified with the Chicago Imagists.



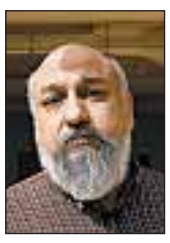
Masks and crafts by Maria Enriquez de Allen also are part of "Arte Diseno Xicago," a broad historical overview of Chicago Mexican artists.

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Moreno

But beyond the demonstration of just how intertwined the Chicago art world can be, the exhibition is stuffed with stories too.

Moreno found the first mention of a tamale in Chicago, being sold on a street corner and described by the Mexican artist Jose Maria Velasco, visiting here for the 1893 World's Fair. "They were delicious, a bit small and with too much anise seed," he wrote, in text that is printed on a gallery wall.

Chicago, we learn, also produced the first example in what would become the Chicano Mural Movement, a 1968 outdoor mural known as "Peace" and also "Metafisica," by Mario Castillo. It was, the text says, "the first of countless Chicano murals to be painted throughout the following decades in Latino neighborhoods."

Then there is the story of Alferez, whose life sounds like a screenplay. "It should be a movie, exactly!" said Moreno. "What a life!"

Born in Zacatecas, Mexico, in 1901, he was helping — at age 8 — his father, an atheist, carve religious statues for churches in the area. At 12 he ran away from home, only to be captured and conscripted into Pancho Villa's forces during the Mexican Revolution. Not until 10 years later did he escape and flee to Texas.

Working then at an El Paso photography studio, he attended a lecture by the visiting Chicago sculptor Taft, who encouraged him to enroll at the School of the Art Institute, which began Alferez's career as an artist.

"I was introduced to a lot of new people" in the process of developing the exhibition, Moreno said. "For me, Enrique Alferez is the one that stands out so much."

More than that, though, he said, "Arte Diseno Xicago," this broad historical overview of Chicago Mexican artists, feels like a potentially significant moment in the life of the 31-year-old museum.

"For so many years we've always looked to Mexico. We've always looked back to our homeland and the culture and the arts that came from Mexico. And of course we would also celebrate the Mexican-American experience in the United States.

"But maybe this is the start of a new chapter for us, where we can securely say that, you know, Chicago is part of our history and here's why and here's how, and really sort of celebrate our history in this city, in the Midwest. It's important in that we are now fully, fully aware and acknowledging the vast history that we have here in the 20th century."

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‘You were a good boy’

Growing up, Chicago brothers discover their father’s friends were mobsters. They wrote a book.



Rick Kogan
Sidewalks



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Michael Jr., left, and Jeffrey Gentile have written a memoir about growing up close to organized crime.

Childhood is, or should be, a time of innocence, and for a while that is the way it was for brothers Michael Jr. and Jeffrey Gentile. And then a pistol fell out of a coat.

“We were taking the coats from people who had come over to visit our parents and this gun just dropped on the floor,” says Michael. “For us it wasn’t a matter of, ‘Oh my God, look, a gun!’ but, ‘Hey, we better figure out which coat this fell from and put it back.’ ”

The brothers were born 14 months apart in the mid-1950s and grew up in the western suburbs, and everything was just fine for a time, or as Jeffrey puts it, “just like episodes of ‘The Wonder Years,’ until they started to get interrupted by episodes of ‘The Sopranos.’ ”

As they write in their book, “Mob Adjacent: A Family Memoir”: “Once Michael and I started paying attention, the veneer that wrapped around our family fiction cracked, and there was no putting it back together. One day you’re a kid learning to read; the next you’re reading the newspaper, and there’s an article about the man who came to dinner last week. Pictures too. Yup, that’s him. The newspaper said he’d been indicted for running a suburban gambling ring and was looking at five years in prison.”

The man who came to dinner remains nameless, but the names of many of the others who pepper the book’s pages and frequented the brothers’ lives read almost like an old most-wanted list.

“Through geography and happenstance, our father grew up and knew well the post-Capone generation of Chicago criminals and crime bosses,” says Michael Jr. “They were his friends.”

The names of those people, some with well-known nicknames, pop from the pages: Manny Skar, Richard Cain, Joey “The Clown” Lombardo, Frank “Skip” Cerone and his brother James “Tar Baby” Cerone and their cousin “Jackie the Lackey” Cerone.

A childhood “just like episodes of ‘The Wonder Years,’ until they started to get interrupted by episodes of ‘The Sopranos.’ ”

— Jeffrey Gentile, co-author of “Mob Adjacent”

The brothers’ grandfather came here as a 2-year-old from Italy in 1896, settling with his parents and siblings in the then heavily Italian neighborhood around Grand Avenue and Aberdeen Street. After he helped a neighbor fight off two men who were attacking him, that man, a crime figure named Vincent Benevento, conferred on him the sort of respect and connections that can go a long way in Chicago.

He had a son named Michael (in 1929), the father of Michael Jr. and Jeffrey, and together they worked in the produce business. Then the son went to war (Korea) and afterward, with the help of some by-then nefarious childhood friends, opened a bar. He married (a woman named Mary Ann) and started a family. The Gentile brothers have a sister named Lisa.

“My dad was kind of the go-to guy for his friends,” says Jeffrey. “He was always clean as a whistle and good at what he did and so when a place was in trouble, my dad was called in.”

And so it was that in the early 1960s, he was running Orlando’s Hideaway, part of a notorious strip of entertainments along Mannheim Road in the near western suburbs. Those of a certain age are likely to remember the fancy hotels, nightclubs and restaurants, and perhaps some of the illegal gambling and prostitution, too, that comprised what was known as “Glitter Gulch,” a sort of mini Las Vegas.

It was at Orlando’s where the brothers met “a small, quiet, balding man, always perfectly tailored.” The boys were told to address him as “Mr. Sam.” He was Sam Giancana, head of the Chicago Outfit from the mid-1950s to the mid-1960s.

Giancana, often known as “Momo,” used Orlando’s as a meeting place. The brothers were there when Frank Sinatra came to call and, they write, “We heard an unforgettable explosion as Mr. Sam raged at Sinatra” — about a Nevada casino deal that supposedly involved Joseph Kennedy, father of JFK, a Sinatra pal. “We have never seen anyone so angry before or since. Snarling, really. Spitting mad. Literally. Red face. Eyes bulging. Insane. Terrifying.”

That is but one of the lively anecdotes in “Mob Adjacent,” a book that came to life after Michael Jr., who has had a long career in the produce business, produced and hosted a 10-part series of short YouTube videos about his family.

These premiered in November 2016. “I thought that the videos were good but that they were only a half effort,” says Jeffrey. “I always wanted to write a book about our family and so Michael and I began to collaborate, to share memories and stories.”

The foundation for the book was letters and journal entries that Jeffrey had been keeping for decades. To flesh those out, the brothers talked, often for more than 14 hours at a stretch, at Michael’s home here and Jeffrey’s in Pasadena, Calif.

“Mob Adjacent” is a fine and lively book, one that gives a solid and not overwhelming history of organized crime in these parts, and offers a very detailed narrative of their family and their own lives. It is frank and honest and surprisingly amusing.

“Our lives are the result of geography and happenstance,” says Jeffrey. Or, as he writes in the book, “Being mob adjacent meant we got the best seats in the house. It also meant we got to go home after the show.”

Their father died in 1995. At his wake, Jimmy Cerone approached the open casket, patted the corpse’s cheek and whispered into the coffin, “You were a good boy.”

His sons do justice to their father’s life, and this project has made them appreciate one another. “Writing this book gave us a greater understanding of who we are and where we came from,” says Michael.

It has also given them something of a cottage industry. At their website, **mobadjacent.com**, you will find a way to order the self-published book, see the video segments and purchase all manner of items, from an array of T-shirts to shot glasses, pens and mugs. The brothers have written a pilot episode for a television series that they are shopping around to agents and producers.

“It is a sitcom based on our lives,” says Michael. “But it could also be a drama.”

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‘Scandal’ signs off ABC on Thursday

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whittling of Rhimes’ 15-year presence at ABC. Although she will have four series (“Grey’s Anatomy,” “How to Get Away with Murder,” “Grey’s” spinoff “Station 19” and “For the People”) on the network, Rhimes announced last year that her company, Shondaland, would exit ABC Studios for a multi-year deal with Netflix.

Gathered around the show’s iconic OPA conference table, Rhimes and executive producer Betsy Beers, along with the sprawling cast — Washington, Goldwyn, Bellamy Young (Mellie), Katie Lowes (Quinn Perkins), Guillermo Diaz (Huck), Darby Stanchfield (Abby Whelan), Joshua Malina (David Rosen), Jeff Perry (Cyrus Beene), Scott Foley (Jake Ballard), Joe Morton (Rowan Pope), George Newbern (Charlie) and Cornelius Smith Jr. (Marcus Walker) — reflected on the show’s run.

Is it ending the way you thought it would?

Rhimes: It’s ending exactly the way I thought it would, which is good because for a while there — it’s not an easy thing to do. So I think we thought, sitting in the writer’s room, *are we going to make it in time?* There’s only so many exits to get there. *Are we going to do it correctly and do it right?* And I feel like we got there.

Beers: I didn’t necessarily know what was going to happen exactly in the big sense. I had the experience (the cast) had. I try not to read the script until the table read. I thought it was amazing, and I thought in terms of the way — well, you’ll see. But it’s incredibly elegant and at least thinking about where we started, it’s a beautiful way to finish.

Rhimes: I think I should say it’s not as if I knew where we would end seven seasons ago. We ended the way I knew we were going to end when I figured it out a couple of months ago.

Morton: It was very satisfying. I think that was the ultimate feeling by the time we left the table read.

How did you know it was time to end it — when did it all come together for you?

Rhimes: I don’t know if there’s a general answer to that because I have a show that’s still going 14 seasons later. I always knew the story had an endpoint. I also knew that I didn’t want this to be a show that stayed too long at a party, and I wanted to end while we were all still *in it*, while the story was still being told and told very well and we were all really excited about it. There was an evolution of these characters that you get to see happens and Olivia Pope had a place she was going. And when it was clear that we were getting there, it just felt organic.

Is it hard not to feel nostalgic at this point?

Lowes: I am the person who’s constantly making people remember memories from the pilot and first season. I don’t know why I am doing that! Maybe that’s my personal way of processing. I keep sitting here, having long scenes and saying like, “Kerry, I remember the first time you rang and the phone said ‘Kerry Washington’ ... but I keep doing this just as a way to make people cry. *(Laughs)*

We hear a lot about the “Scandal” pace — it’s infamous. What was it like getting acclimated to that rapid-fire dialogue and storytelling?

Rhimes: I just knew there was a lot to say, and I knew this was a world in which people were busy, and so I remember at the top of the pilot, I think it said that “everybody in this world speaks incredibly quickly,” or something like that. It was written at the top of the first page.

Washington: We had a table read ... and at the beginning you (Shonda) made an announcement and said, “I don’t know why, but it works better when you speak faster.” I think because we seem smarter.

Stanchfield: Yeah, but Shonda, do you remember in the first season, it was like after two episodes, you wrote us an email —

Goldwyn: “Talk Faster.”

Perry: I got this early affirmation of that, Shonda, because Judy Smith. Somewhere, right before we started, she hooked me up with ex-chief of staff Sam Skinner, and I said, among many things, I said, “Sam, what’s the tempo? What’s the duration? What does a day feel like?” He paused and he said, “You ever try to drink out of a fire hose?” I said, “Uh, beautiful. OK, I get it.”

Washington: I don’t know how many people know this, but Tony and I got an email in Season 1 that said, “in Olitz (Olivia and Fitz) scenes, ignore.”

Rhimes: Time stopped. That was outside the world.

Morton: The interesting thing is, once you’ve learned how to do that, it’s very difficult not to do that in all your work. You suddenly find yourself doing it in all your work and realizing, “Wait, wait, wait. This is not ‘Scandal’ life.”

This is a show that will be remembered for the way it utilized Twitter and engaged with its audience. What prompted your early adoption of social media?

Washington: I was on social media because I have a friend, Allison Peters, who is a social media consultant but also one of my best friends since high school, and she convinced me to go on Twitter and I came across an article before we aired that was like, “These were the most buzzed-about shows on social media.” And because we had a small order our first season — it was seven episodes — I thought, ‘Well, maybe that would help us. I want to be one of those shows.” And she said, “Everyone on the show should live-tweet.” But I didn’t want to be like the bossy lead actor, so I said, “Shonda, what if everybody on the show live-tweeted?” And she said, “Yes.”

Rhimes: I had the experience on “Grey’s (Anatomy)” where we had sort of blogged every episode — back in the days when people blogged and people were really intense and insane about it. So we knew that there was an engagement there anyway, and so we told everybody to go on Twitter, and they got on Twitter, and then the press got on Twitter with us, which was the most interesting part. Sort of followed along and had conversations, and then Oprah got on Twitter with us and it just got really intense.

Newbern: I also thought it would affect the way people saw the character. But it had kind of the opposite effect.

Rhimes: I remember ABC coming to us for another show and saying, “We want to test hashtags,” and me going, “You can’t test hashtags.” They’re formed by the community. They form their own hashtags. We don’t test a hashtag. It doesn’t make any sense and not really being able to explain what happens online on Twitter is so spontaneous and authentic.

Josh, you were on “West Wing” and are used to people talking about it in the context of the current political climate. With “Scandal,” what goes on in its world USED to seem out of the realm of possibility —

Malina: To me, the subversive thing about “Scandal” is that over the past seven years, we have put up a variety of villainous characters in the government that are the heroes of the piece. And I think that’s perhaps more reflective of the real state of affairs than “West Wing” was in some ways. If “West Wing” was a liberal fantasy, then “Scandal” is, in its way, subversively reflective of the state of affairs.

What are you most proud of that the show accomplished?

Young: Contributing to the big conversations that are in America and the world right now. “The Lawn Chair” (an episode that explored police brutality) being a perfect example ... it never was afraid to take on what matters to people. It always tried to remember its audience. The show also realized that America, in particular, is going through a lot right now and it never shied away from being there as a sounding board.

Goldwyn: The thing that has always blown me away is that Shonda and our team of writers, who are amazing, seem to infuse the show in the most entertaining, fun, outrageous roller coaster ride kind of way, infuse it with conversations that Shonda — that they — want to have.

Smith Jr.: I think one of the things that is unique, and what I appreciate about the show, is that it highlights individual truths and also universal truths and melts them together in a way that is accessible and recognizable to pretty much anybody watching it.

Washington: I just want to add one more thing. ... I think in this town, there’s a lot of talk about how poorly behaved people in this business are, in particular actors ... just how toxic work environments can be. One of the things that’s most important to me walking away from this is when we say we’re family, we’re not pretending. I can’t imagine having done these past seven seasons, doing it in a toxic work environment. It would have destroyed us all, (rather) than elevated us all.

Give me one word to either describe or hint at what we can look forward to from the finale.

Lowes: Fishnets.
Perry: Pillow.
Newbern: Orange.
Morton: Credit.
Smith Jr.: Hands.
Diaz: Picture.
Stanchfield: Stone.
Foley: Life.
Washington: Monumental.
Goldwyn: Beyond whiskey.
Young: Sign.

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OLIVIA POPE

Kerry Washington and Scott Foley, playing Jake Ballard, in “Scandal,” the first network drama with a black female lead in almost 40 years.



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SHONDA RHIMES

The Chicago native created, executive produced and wrote “Scandal” as well as “Grey’s Anatomy.”



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CELEBRITIES

Clarke takes on Kennedy tragedy

By Amy Kaufman
Los Angeles Times

Jason Clarke isn't the kind of actor whose name alone can get a film made. And he recognizes that. Ever since he arrived in Hollywood — already in his mid-30s, a veteran Australian television star with a handful of cop procedurals under his belt — he's been cast by directors rather than producers.

"It's not producers saying, 'This guy can bankroll our film,' " said Clarke, now 48. "It's always been directors saying 'He's right for the part.' That's who I am, and I accept that. Do I get hurt when I hear, 'Oh, they're out to get such and such actor and you're way down the list?' Yes. Does it upset? Yes. But I'm pretty happy with my lot."

In fact, that's what Clarke first heard after he read the script for "Chappaquiddick," a political drama of the cover-up after Massachusetts Sen. Ted Kennedy drove off a bridge in 1969 — an accident that left his passenger, Mary Jo Kopechne, dead. Clarke wasn't anyone's pick for the lead role.

But when what Clarke describes as "bigger names" pulled out of the project, the actor and his manager went to bat for the part. With his team at William Morris Endeavor, Clarke found "a way to make the financials work," surrounding himself with a strong cast (Ed Helms, Kate Mara, Bruce Dern) and finding a respected director in John Curran.



CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION

"Should Ted Kennedy still have been able to sit as a senator after this? No, he shouldn't have."

— Jason Clarke, star of "Chappaquiddick"

Judging by his resume alone, it's kind of surprising that Clarke isn't more famous. Since his breakout role in 2012's "Zero Dark Thirty" — he played a CIA operative — he's gone on to lead action franchises ("Dawn of the Planet of the Apes," "Terminator Genisys") and work with top directors like Terrence Malick ("Knight of Cups"), Baz Luhrmann ("The Great Gatsby") and Dee Rees ("Mudbound").

To prepare for the role, Clarke read biographies on the family's major figures: patriarch Joe Sr., JFK, Bobby and of course Ted.

Though Clarke was sympathetic to Kennedy's situation — especially the fact that he was raising 14 kids by the time he was 34 — he also came to the conclusion that the senator should have served time for the incident. After he drove off the bridge, Kennedy was able to free himself from the vehicle, but Kopechne was not. Though Kennedy said he tried to save her, he failed to report the accident for 10 hours. He pled guilty to leaving the scene, but only received a two-month suspended jail sentence.

"Should Ted Kennedy still have been able to sit as a senator after this? No, he shouldn't have," Clarke said. "There should have been criminal charges against him, and there weren't."

"Having to play a Kennedy is a dangerous thing," Curran said. "You can really fail miserably taking that on. But I had faith Jason could do it, because I knew he'd play it for extremes and not pull any punches."

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April 15 birthdays: Country singer Roy Clark is 85. Actress Lois Chiles is 71. Actress Emma Thompson is 59. Country singer Chris Stapleton is 40. Actor Seth Rogen is 36. Actress Alice Braga is 35. Actress Samira Wiley is 31. Actress Emma Watson is 28.

WATCH THIS: SUNDAY



Reba McEntire

"53rd Academy of Country Music Awards" (7 p.m., CBS): Many of the genre's stars gather again for one of the top events in their field, as Reba McEntire hosts the ceremony at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. Chris Stapleton leads the nominees with eight bids, followed by Thomas Rhett with six, and Keith Urban and songwriter Shane McAnally with five each. Scheduled performers include Rhett, Urban, Jason Aldean, Kelsea Ballerini, Dierks Bentley, Kenny Chesney, Luke Bryan, Florida Georgia Line and Blake Shelton.

"Reap What You Sew: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery" (6 p.m., HMM): Aurora Teagarden (Candace Cameron Bure) and her mother, Aida (Marilu Henner), are delighted when old family friend Poppy Wilson (Jordana Largy), a star of DIY videos, returns to Lawrenceton. That only increases the horror, then, when Aurora and her friend Sally (Lexa Doig) find Poppy fatally stabbed in this 2018 TV movie.

"Bob's Burgers" (6:30 p.m., FOX): Aziz Ansari ("Master of None") is a guest voice in the new episode "The Trouble With Doubles," in which Bob and Linda (voices of H. Jon Benjamin and John Roberts) have an unnerving night as they and another couple try to get out of an escape room. While the elders are away, Louise (voice of Kristen Schaal) organizes a night of watching zombie movies, but Tina (voice of Dan Mintz) eventually has to take over when the occasion becomes too scary. Sisters Sarah and Laura Silverman also supply guest voices.

"Little Big Shots" (7 p.m., NBC): "Beauty and the Steve" is the title of a new episode that has a very direct link to "Beauty and the Beast," since a young mega-fan of that story is among the youngsters showcased by host Steve Harvey. Also featured are a British magician, a history devotee, a singer from Canada, an opera performer from Dubai, and a basketball commentator ... the latter only five years old. Harvey also is an executive producer of the show along with Ellen DeGeneres.

"Brooklyn Nine-Nine" (7:30 p.m., FOX): Conned into investing in a pyramid scheme, Jake and Charles (Andy Samberg, Joe Lo Truglio) try to get out of it and recover as much of their money as possible in the first half of the new, hour-long presentation "NutriBoom/DFW." Then, Jake's half-sister (guest star Nasim Pedrad) comes to New York for a visit — which quickly becomes too long when Jake and Amy (Melissa Fumero) find they can't tolerate the woman.

"The Walking Dead" (8 p.m., AMC): Showrunner Scott Gimple promises combat-weary viewers that tonight's Season 8 finale, "Wrath," will deliver a "conclusion" of sorts to the strife between the Saviors and the alliance of the Alexandria, Hilltop and Kingdom communities. It just may not be the kind of resolution either fans or the show's character's want; either way, there will be fallout to deal with next season. The season premiere of the companion series "Fear the Walking Dead," immediately follows.

"Timeless" (9 p.m., NBC): In a plot that would wreak havoc on conspiracy theories if it were true, the teenage John F. Kennedy (played by guest star Grant Jordan) factors into the new episode "The Kennedy Curse," as he ends up landing in the present day with Wyatt and Rufus (Matt Lanter, Malcolm Barrett). He then goes AWOL in San Francisco, where assassination remains his destiny at that age unless the time travelers can retrieve him first. Abigail Spencer also stars.

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SUNDAY EVENING, APR. 15

MOVIES

	PM		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS	2	53rd Academy of Country Music Awards (N) (Live) © HD						News (N) ♦
	NBC	5	Little Big Shots: "Beauty and the Steve." (N) ©		Genius Junior: "Big Brains, Big Surprises." (N) ©		Timeless: "The Kennedy Curse." (N) © HD		NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)
	ABC	7	American Idol: "111 (Top 24 Solos)." (N) © HD				James Comey - An ABC News Exclusive Event (N)		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN	9	Friends ©	Friends ©	The Goldbergs ©	The Goldbergs ©	Weekend News (N)	Instant Replay (N) ©	Chicago's Best ©
	Antenna	9.2	3's a Crowd	The Ropers	3's Comp.	B. Miller	Mork/Mindy	Alice ©	Benson ©
	This TV	9.3	In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		Heat/Night ♦
	PBS	11	Call the Midwife (N) © HD		Unforgotten on Masterpiece (N) © HD (Part 2 of 3)			Dishalicious: "Mexican."	The Interview Show
	The U	26.1	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	How I Met	How I Met	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV	26.3	Columbo: "Strange Bedfellows." ©				Touched by an Angel ©		Ngt. Gallery
	H&I	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce	26.5	♦ Daddy's Little Girls ★★		Saints & Sinners		Black Knight (PG-13,'01) ★★ ♦		
	FOX	32	The Simpsons (N)	Brooklyn Nine-Nine: "Nutriboom; DFW." (N) HD		Last Man-Earth (N)	Fox 32 News at Nine Sunday (N)		Fox Chicago Final Word ♦
	Ion	38	NCIS: Los Angeles HD		Private Eyes: "The Code."		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: LA ♦
	TeleM	44	♦ (6) Furious 7 (NR,'15) ★★★ Vin Diesel. ©				Don Francisco (N)		Noticiero
	CW	50	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Anger Mgt
	UniMas	60	♦ (5:30) Vice	The Last Castle (R,'01) ★★ Robert Redford, James Gandolfini.					Drug Wars
	WJYS	62	Ever Increasing Faith		Truth of God		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Eat Well ♦
	Univ	66	Pequeños gigantes ©				Crónicas: Historias (N)		Noticias (N)
CABLE	AE		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Flip Wars ♦
	AMC		♦ (6:46) The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead (Season Finale) (N) ©		(9:10) Fear the Walking Dead (Season Premiere) (N) ©		
	ANIM		♦ River Monsters (N)		Jeremy-Mighty Rivers (N)		Robson Green: Extreme		Rivers ♦
	BBCA		Killing Eve (N) ©		Skyfall (PG-13,'12) ★★★ Daniel Craig, Judi Dench. © ♦				
	BET		♦ (6:50) Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain (R,'13) ★★ ©				Kevin Hart		Kevin Hart ♦
	BIGTEN		♦ College Lacrosse (N)		College Football: Rutgers Spring Game. (Tape) ©				The B1G
	BRAVO		Housewives/Atl. (N)		Southern Charm (Series Premiere) (N)		Housewives/Potomac (N)		Watch What
	CLTV		News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		News ♦
	CNBC		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark ♦
	CNN		CNN Newsroom (N)		The Kennedys (N)		Pope: Powerful Man (N)		Report (N) ♦
	COM		♦ (5:45) Step Brothers ★★		Tommy Boy (PG-13,'95) ★★ Chris Farley. ©				Tommy ♦
	DISC		Naked and Afraid ©		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N) ©		Afraid ♦
	DISN		♦ (6:40) Zombies (NR,'18) Milo Manheim.		Bizaardvark		Stuck	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd ©
	E!		♦ Fifty Shades of Grey ★★		The Arrangement (N) ©		(9:01) The Royals (N) ©		Arrangmnt ♦
	ESPN		MLB Baseball: Texas Rangers at Houston Astros. (N) (Live)						SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2		♦ College Softball (N)		Formula One Racing: Heineken Chinese Grand Prix.				
	FNC		Legends Lies (N)		The Next Revolution (N)		Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		Legends ♦
	FOOD		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Worst Cooks (Season Premiere) (N)		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
	FREE		♦ (6:45) Inside Out (PG,'15) ★★★ Phyllis Smith ©				(8:50) Mulan (G,'98) ★★★ © ♦		
	FX		♦ (6:30) Sicario (R,'15) ★★★ Emily Blunt. ©				Trust: "That's All Folks!" (N) ©		
	HALL		♦ (6) My Summer Prince		When Calls the Heart (N)		Meet the Peetes (N) ©		Golden Girls
	HGTV		How (N)	How (N)	Caribbean	Caribbean	Island (N)	Island (N)	Hunters
	HIST		The Untold Story of the 90s: "Part 1." (N) ©				Waco Siege (N)		Pickers ♦
	HLN		Unmasking a Killer ©		Unmasking a Killer (N) ©		Death Row Stories ©		Death Row ♦
	IFC		The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift ('06) ★★ ©				Fast and Furious-Drift ♦		
	LIFE		Lethal Admirer (NR,'18) Karissa Lee Staples. ©				(9:02) Mommy's Little Angel ('18) ♦		
	MSNBC		Kasie DC (N) ©		Headliners (N) ©		Headliners ©		Date. Ext. ♦
	MTV		Jersey Shore: Family Vacation ©				Jersey Shore--Vacation		Ex-Beach ♦
	NBCSCH		Bensinger	Poker (N)	Heartland Poker Tour ©		World Poker Tour (N)		The Loop (N)
	NICK		Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©
	OVATION		♦ (6) Grumpy Old Men (PG-13,'93) ★★		Grumpier Old Men (PG-13,'95) ★★ Jack Lemmon.				
	OWN		227 ©	227 ©	227 ©	227 ©	227 ©	227: "Pilot."	227 ©
	OXY		Snapped ©		In Ice Cold Blood		Snapped ©		Ice Cold ♦
	PARMT		Bar Rescue: "In a Pinch."		Bar Rescue ©		Bar Rescue (N) ©		Rescue ♦
	SYFY		♦ Shooter ★★	G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13,'13) ★★ Dwayne Johnson. ©					Expanse ♦
	TBS		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Jokers	Drop/Mic	Joker's Wild
	TCM		The Smallest Show on Earth (NR,'57) ★★★				Born Free (PG,'66) ★★★ © ♦		
	TLC		Long Island Medium: "A Big Decision." (N)				Long Lost Family (N)		Medium ♦
	TLN		Living-Edge	Manna Fest	In Grace	Turning Point With Doctor		Sig. Insights	Paid Prog.
	TNT		♦ Basketball (N Subject to		NBA Basketball: Timberwolves at Rockets (N Subject to Blackout)				
	TOON		King of Hill	King of Hill	Burgers	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty
	TRAV		The Dead Files (N) ©		The Dead Files ©		The Dead Files ©		Dead Files ♦
	TVL		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Mom ©	Mom ©	King
	USA		♦ (6) NHL Hockey: Winnipeg Jets at Minnesota Wild. (N)				Law & Order: SVU		Mod Fam
	VH1		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Tyler Perry's-Marriage Counselor ♦		
	WE		Monk ©		Monk ©		Monk ©		Monk © ♦
	WGN America		Blue Bloods: "Silver Star."		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Messenger
PREMIUM	HBO		♦ (6) The Italian Job ★★★		Here and Now (Season Finale) (N) ©		Silicon (N)	Barry (N) ©	Last Week
	HBO2		Here and Now ©		Undercover Brother (PG-13,'02) ★★★			Popstar: Never Stop ♦	
	MAX		Underworld (R,'03) ★★ Kate Beckinsale. ©				(9:05) A Perfect Getaway (R,'09) ★★ ♦		
	SHO		The Circus	The Circus	Homeland: "Clarity." (N)		Billions (N) ©		Billions ♦
	STARZ		Howards End (N) ©		Ash (N)	Howards End ©		Ash vs Evil	Howards ♦
	STZENC		♦ (6:23) Blue Streak ('99) ★		Ghostbusters (PG-13,'16) ★★ Melissa McCarthy.				Shopaholic ♦

Horoscopes

Today's birthday (April 15): Your shared finances expand this year. Strategize, research and prepare to surpass professional limitations and barriers. Spring plans support summer domestic renewal, career moves and family fun. Transform a group challenge into triumph next winter. Invest in your community.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Take charge. You're powerful and confident, with this new moon and Mercury direct in your sign. Communication barriers dissolve. Speak out.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Articulate your feelings. Insights, breakthroughs and revelations sparkle under this Aries new moon. Discover the past anew. Words and traffic flow better with Mercury direct.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Team coordination comes together naturally, with Mercury direct. Begin a six-month phase for friendship, social networks and community with this new moon. Grow a collective endeavor.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Brainstorm and create. It's easier to advance professionally, with Mercury direct for three months. Begin a new six-month professional phase with this new moon.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Launch educational explorations with this Aries new moon. It's easier to travel and study, with Mercury direct. Traffic flows better. Study with a master.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Sign contracts and negotiate deals. Invest for shared benefit. Financial partnerships flower now that Mercury's direct in Aries along with the new moon.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Lines of communication clear with Mercury direct. Noise dissipates and you can hear each other again. Collaboration blooms anew with this Aries new moon.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. New energy floods your work, health and vitality, with the new moon and Mercury stationing direct in Aries. The fog clears. There's less confusion.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Share your heart, especially now, with the new moon and Mercury direct in Aries. Begin a family, fun and romance phase. Creative efforts bear fruit.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Family communications flow with greater ease, with Mercury direct. A new domestic phase arises with this Aries new moon. Wrap your love around home and family.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Creative efforts leap ahead. Sign papers, post and publish. Solutions arise in conversation with this new moon and Mercury direct, both in Aries. Start another chapter.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Surpass old limitations and barriers in your relationship with money with this new moon. Step into new levels of prosperity, with Mercury direct.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

Bridge

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K Q 9 6 5 ♥ A 10 7 2 ♦ 4 ♣ A 5 3

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 10 6 ♥ K J 10 7 5 2 ♦ K J 4 2 ♣ 3
Partner opens one diamond and right-hand opponent bids one spade. What call would you make?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A 6 ♥ A J 5 ♦ Q J 5 4 3 ♣ K 5 2
Partner opens one diamond and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 10 9 6 ♥ A 7 5 ♦ 10 9 6 5 ♣ Q 7 6

West	North	East	South
1♥	2♣	2♥	?

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.

OBVIOUSLY (**OB-vee-us-lee**): In an easily understood manner.

Can you find 19 or more words in OBVIOUSLY?

Average mark: 14 words
Time limit: 25 minutes

Here are the rules:
1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of an "s," such as "bats" and "cats," are not used. 3. Use only one form of a verb — either "pose" or "posed," not both. 4. Proper nouns and slang terms are not used.

Answers to the word game:

obvious; oily; olio; boil; bolo; bolus; busy; busily; busy; vial; slyl; silo; slob; slub; soil; solo; soul; lobo; lousy

— Kathleen Saxe, distributed by Andrews McMeel Syndication for UFS



The new Art Institute show by Mounira Al Solh, "I strongly believe in our right to be frivolous," presents the portraits and stories of more than 200 refugees on yellow legal paper.

Mounira Al Solh's Art Institute show is intense, devastating and essential



LORI WAXMAN



ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO PHOTOS

Al Solh has recorded the faces and words of emigres befriended in her hometown of Beirut but also in Chicago, Athens and elsewhere.

As President Donald Trump escalates a potential trade war with China and orders the National Guard to police the border with Mexico, the Art Institute offers a valuable lesson in cultural openness. It's right there on the museum's Michigan Avenue facade, where three enormous banners give equal billing to a drawing of a wrinkled, veiled Middle Eastern woman proffering a cup of tea; a 3,000-year-old bronze bell, used for ritual purposes during the Western Zhou dynasty; and a horse and rider, both clad in heavy metal armor forged in southern Germany during the early Renaissance.

Step inside the museum and the examples shift from image to language. From the ceiling of the vast Griffin Court of the Modern Wing hangs a rainbow of plexiglass panels scrawled with dizzyingly expressive Chinese characters by master calligrapher Wang Dongling. Below, across a wall of glass, swirl three lines of pale yellow Arabic script announcing the entrance to a solo show by the artist Mounira Al Solh. At the bottom of an adjacent wall, in bold black typography as tall as a child, Kay Rosen writes F-L-O-O-R; at the top, the letters go upside down, the L is dropped, and the remaining letters spell R-O-O-F.

The overall effect is sparkling, cosmopolitan, and likely only partially legible to even the most polyglot of visitors, be they tourist or local.

This inability to fully comprehend what is being said and seen, and beyond that, what has been experienced — and the profound need to make every effort toward doing so — deepens inside Al Solh's sensitive exhibition, her first in a U.S. museum.

The artist, who was born in 1978 to a Syrian mother and Lebanese father, and who grew up amid the Lebanese civil war, presents three related projects which together add up to hundreds of hand-drawn and collectively embroidered portraits of Syrian refugees and other displaced Middle Easterners.

The title of her show, which appears in Arabic on one set of doors and in English on another, translates as "I strongly believe in our right to be frivolous." This reads at first like the wrong epithet for a body of work that tells so many crushing stories of prison, suffering and injustice, but it goes some way to explaining the mix of familiar, banal and imaginative elements that find their way in amid the devastation. There are classical theater and dead children, pop music and imprisoned siblings. What is the right to exist really worth if it is not followed sometime thereafter by the right to pleasure?

There are men and women, old and young, bearded and clean-shaven, veiled and long-haired, smiling and moody.

To be in Al Solh's exhibition is to be surrounded by refugees. The walls of one large room, painted a warm but dismal gray, are ringed round with an interminable line of people from Damascus and Aleppo, from Raqqa and Homs, peering out from the yellow legal paper on which the artist has recorded the faces and words of emigres befriended in her hometown of Beirut but also in Kassel, Chicago, Arnhem, Athens, Berlin and elsewhere.

Theirs is the ceaselessness of borders and checkpoints, of bureaucracy, of moving from one country to another, one internment camp to another. There are men and women, old and young, bearded and clean-shaven, veiled and long-haired, smiling and moody. Some of Al Solh's sketches feature painstakingly realistic detail, others swoop with stylistic flourishes. There are names and locations and dates, handwritten accounts that fill all the available space, some that are nearly silent.

Though the pictures number more than 200, they ask to be stopped at and considered individually. Intimacy and connectivity emanate from every single one, traced in the slow act of an artist attending to and drawing the living, breathing person in front of her. And yet, for those who don't speak or read Arabic, the language that marks these documents, understanding is necessarily fragmentary and delayed. Booklets of English translations, tied to a central bench, oblige visitors to sit, encircled and watched over by these refugees. I tried hard to follow along, to be worthy of the conversations on which I was being allowed to listen in.

This all felt like a meaningful inversion of reality.

It is a reality in which Gul and her daughter were expected to provide sexual favors to the guards at the Qamishli airport in order to fly out of Syria. In which Samir broke his leg while working at a construction site in Beirut, distraught because he had lost contact with his family in Raqqa during bombardments against the Islamic State group, known as ISIS. In which Salma chose to live in Chicago because it is too difficult to be a divorced woman in Kuwait or Jordan, where she grew up. In which Zafir, who speaks Aramaic and used to work for a church in Syria, now lives with his brother in a leaky shack in a parking lot in Beirut, taking care of luxury automobiles. In which Hani, having managed to liberate his brother from an ISIS jail, was locked up for a month by the Syrian Army while trying to re-enter Lebanon. In which Heidi, along with her fellow classmates, was bombed by government forces while writing her business and economics exams at the university in Homs.

Other testimonies, too devastating to share freely, are embroidered as text and placed under the protection of a tented bed called a *sperveri*. The canopy, woven with traditional symbols that subtly echo the stories within, connects past and present, though less here, far from the Art Institute's subterranean gallery of Islamic Art, than in its first display at the Benaki Museum of Islamic Art in Athens.

Al Solh will continue making these portraits as she moves through the world, gifting some to her sitters, adding others to what remains an ongoing — and distressingly endless — series.

"Mounira Al Solh: I strongly believe in our right to be frivolous" runs through April 29 at the Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave., 312-443-3600, ***www.artic.edu****.*

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CroisiEurope, a European line, is marketing its itineraries to North Americans. Signage, announcements and menus are in French and English, and tour guides speak both languages.

CRUISE ISSUE

RIVER REVAMP

European river cruises ply new waters with immersive experiences, exercise

By Ellen Uzelac
Chicago Tribune

River cruising in Europe is redefining itself with itineraries that are "curated" to individual tastes, a new emphasis on active touring options (snowshoeing in the Black Forest, anyone?) and staff positions like "adventure host."

That's right, adventure host.

It's a pretty radical makeover. As Rick Kaplan, president of Premier River Cruises travel agency in Los Angeles, frames it: "What you're seeing in the industry right now is cruise lines trying to broaden their base. They're trying to get everyone engaged, no matter what aspect of travel they most enjoy."

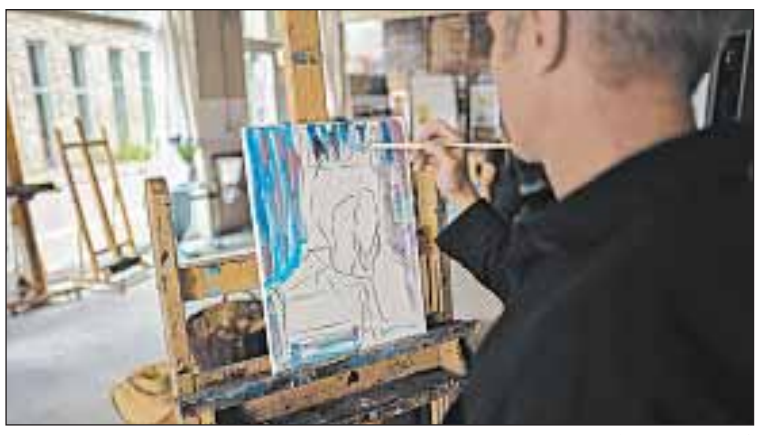
Cruise lines can only do so much to amp up the onboard experience, due to the small size of the ships made for river touring.

As a result, the focus is on the destination — and the many ways in which to experience, say, a Budapest or an Amsterdam beyond the obvious must-see attractions.

"People are looking for more dynamic river cruises," says Pam Hoffee, managing director of Avalon Waterways. "They're looking for more variety and choice versus the more traditional experience where things are either dictated or prepackaged. Choice is the operative word."

Some of the lines — Avalon, Scenic and Crystal, for example — have elevated the traditional listening device used on guided shore excursions with GPS technology that helps travelers explore destinations on their own.

In a nutshell, here's what's new in the European river-cruising world: a fresh focus on immersive tours that dig deep into local life, a rise in special-interest voyages and programming for every fitness level.



AVALON WATERWAYS



TAUCK

Special-interest European cruises can focus on everything from painting classes to musical performances.

Deep-dive itineraries

Many of the lines are pushing immersive itineraries in a big way. What does that look like?

Grand Circle Cruise Line, which pioneered the home-hosted lunch, encourages its program directors to go off-script and talk about what's going on in the culture and the country, no matter how controversial. The idea is to give passengers real insight into a people and a place.

At Crystal, immersive experiences include cooking lessons in the houses of locals, chats with artists, and dining at restaurants you won't find in travel guides.

Crystal's curated destination program, new this year, allows travelers to focus on five types of experiences: gastronomy, cultural landmarks, active programming, concierge-designed private tours and personal connections with locals, like a visit to a family's home in a small village in Slovakia to learn firsthand about the country's culture and cuisine.

"It's about experiencing a destination rather than observing it," says Walter Littlejohn, vice president and managing director of Crystal River Cruises. "Your vacation becomes more authentic. That's become important to travelers. Not everyone wants a manufactured experience."

Targeted themes

If you have a special interest, there's likely a cruise designed around it. Classical music, beer, wine, nature, World War II, Jewish heritage, art, photography and Christmas markets are among the themed cruises in Europe this year and next. Two of the most popular offerings: wine and classical music.

Wine cruises are an especially big draw, and no one recognizes that more than AmaWaterways, which helped develop the niche in 2010 with 13 departures. Ama has 50 wine-themed cruises in Europe this year, with 64 planned for 2019.

The cruises feature wine tours and tastings, visits to vineyards and onboard tastings and lectures led by wine experts.

Classical music is another perennial favorite — not surprising given that many host ports are steeped in musical tradition.

Tauck's "Musical Magic Along the Blue Danube" is considered a standout, with opera performances, talks with local professors and music-themed sightseeing. The cruises also feature seminars and performances with two onboard "maestros," or music scholars.

Planning ahead, many of the lines are already promoting cruises that will include premier seating at Oberammergau's passion play in 2020 in Bavaria. The performance has been staged there every 10 years since 1634.

Children in mind

European river cruises typically are not kid-friendly. Tauck and Adventures by Disney are two exceptions, with departures planned especially for grandparents, parents and children.

On Tauck, kids ages 5 and older will see the Louvre in Paris by way of scavenger hunt. At Normandy, they get to sample rations that troops ate in World War II. In Vienna? Waltz lessons.

Disney has less formal programming than Tauck but it does welcome kids at least 4 years old and offers interconnecting cabins for families. Don't expect to see Mickey Mouse on board, but there will be opportunities to watch classic Disney films.

Newcomer to North American market

France-based CroisiEurope, the continent's largest river cruise line, began marketing to North Americans three years ago. North Americans looking for a cruise-like-a-local experience now account for 20 percent of passengers. That's up from zero.

Signage, public announcements and menus are in both French and English, and tour guides speak both languages.

"Our passengers ... want to meet and interact with people from all over the world, not to travel exclusively with other Americans," says John McGlade, general manager for the U.S. and Canada. CroisiEurope also offers Spanish-language cruises.

Passengers on the move

The push into active programming is a departure for most of the lines — and a welcome one for their target demographic: travelers in their 50s, 60s and older who are fit and active.

Many cruises have offered passengers a small fleet of bikes for years — but this goes way beyond biking. For example, Avalon features "classic," "discovery" and "active" options in each port, allowing travelers to experience the itinerary at their own pace and pleasure. The active traveler might take a jogging tour through Amsterdam, a biking tour around Vienna, or a canoe trip on the Danube. Next year, Avalon will have an adventure host onboard each ship who will be a resource for active guests.

Meanwhile, AmaWaterways rolled out a wellness program this year that will be extended fleetwide in 2019. Wellness hosts lead morning and afternoon workouts that may include yoga, tai chi, Pilates, and onshore circuit training as well as talks on diet, stress management and nutrition.

Ama, in concert with active travel company Backroads, also offers biking tours with expert trip leaders and titanium bikes.

As for snowshoeing in the Black Forest? That's a Crystal offering.

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Museums that explore European emigration



Rick Steves
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Every year millions of Americans visit Ellis Island, where their ancestors may have arrived from "the old country." But Europe has many excellent "Ellis Islands in reverse" — museums at the places where millions said goodbye to the land of their birth.

Is there anything more poignant than a person willing to sacrifice everything in pursuit of a better life? That's the story of many hardscrabble Europeans heading off to dreamed-of opportunities in far-off America. Others, who faced persecution or even starvation, really had no choice — it was leave or die. Museums in Ireland, Belgium, Germany and Sweden — many just recently opened — tell some of these compelling stories.

On my most recent trip to Ireland, I checked out Dublin's new interactive exhibit called "Epic: The Irish Emigration Museum." With so much anxiety surrounding immigration in the United States today, it was thought-provoking to learn how many Americans were just as worried about Irish immigrants 160 years ago.

I had never fully appreciated the Irish diaspora until my recent visit. The Irish Emigration Museum celebrates how this little island has had an oversize impact on the world (an estimated 70 million people worldwide claim Irish heritage). The museum uses a high-tech approach to explain the forces that scattered so many Irish around the globe. Historic photos of filthy tenements and early films of bustling urban scenes round out the plight of the common Irish emigrant.



RED STAR LINE MUSEUM

Emigrants at a dock in Antwerp, Belgium, en route to New York. Red Star was one of the biggest carriers on the Atlantic.



RICK STEVES' EUROPE

The Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship and Famine Museum in Dublin features a re-creation of living conditions in a replica of a ship that made many trans-Atlantic voyages.

The building is not far from the Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship and Famine Museum. This floating exhibit is housed in a replica of a real ship that made 16 eight-week trans-Atlantic crossings, carrying about 200 per voyage to their new lives after the Great Potato Famine of the 1840s.

On the continent, there are more places to learn about the plight of European emigrants, particularly the cutting-edge Red Star Line Museum, in Antwerp, Belgium. In late-19th-century Europe, the Industrial Revolution and a tremendous population boom led to political instability and economic difficulties. During the great migration between 1873 and 1935, the Red Star shipping line brought some 2 million emigrants from Antwerp to New York City.

This was the exit point for people from all over Europe — especially Germany and Eastern Europe. Jews fleeing pogroms in Czarist Russia and later Nazi persecution in Germany — among them Irving Berlin, Golda Meir and Albert Einstein — accounted for at least a quarter of the company's passengers taken across the Atlantic. The 10-day steamer journey transported cargo, luxury travelers and "steerage-class" peasants alike. Before boarding, emigrants underwent humiliating health exams and nervously waited while clerks processed their paperwork.

The Red Star Line Museum fills the hall that processed many who passed through Antwerp on their way to a new life. The museum combines personal stories with high-tech presentations to detail the "other end" of the Ellis Island experience. One powerful exhibit — using wraparound video screens — drives home the point that immigration remains as common today as it was in the heyday of Ellis Island. Displays profile immigrants throughout history — from the first humans who left Africa in 40,000 B.C. to migrant workers of today.

In Hamburg, Germany, the engaging BallinStadt Emigration Museum tells the story of those from Germany and beyond who went first to Hamburg, by train or even on foot, before boarding a ship to cross the ocean. Creative themed exhibits give a look at the origins of the 5 million German emigrants who passed through here, the reasons they chose to leave (from poverty to persecution), their experiences on the trans-Atlantic ships and their challenges forging a new life in the new land. It offers a dynamic and kid-friendly look at a powerful topic.

Finally, the House of Emigrants in Vaxjo, Sweden, is a fascinating stop for anyone with Swedish ancestors. The inspiring "Dream of America" exhibit captures the experiences of the 1.3 million Swedes who sought a better life in the American Promised Land in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Economic woes (and, much like in Ireland, a potato famine) wracked Sweden from the 1850s to the 1920s. Roughly 20 percent of the men and 15 percent of the women who were born in Sweden during the last half of the 19th century left the country. Rounding out the exhibit, homage is paid to prominent Swedish-Americans, including aviator Charles Lindbergh, union organizer Joe Hill and the second man on the moon, Buzz Aldrin.

With so many of us owing our lives to ancestors who risked theirs emigrating to the U.S., it's important to learn about their epic journey. Adding a visit to an emigration museum in Europe can also give us greater understanding toward those currently seeking refuge on our own soil.

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Thinking about going on a cruise? Advice for first-timers

By Joe Kafka
Associated Press



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Most cruise lines sell daily or weeklong alcohol and soft drink packages that may save you money.

Honeymooners Zach and Alyssa Bynum of Louisville, Ky., had never been on an ocean cruise until last summer when they sailed aboard Celebrity Equinox.

"We enjoyed the atmosphere and experience, including the excursions and onboard activities," said Zach Bynum. "We have definitely talked about doing another."

The Bynums booked their trip after talking with Zach's grandmother, who'd cruised before. First-timers often book on the advice of family or friends, said Peter Giorgi, Celebrity Cruises' chief marketing officer, and those first-timers frequently come back. "For someone to enjoy something so much that they can't help but recommend it to their friends, family and loved ones is the greatest co-sign of all," Giorgi said. "No amount of advertising dollars can buy that."

If you've never done it, the idea of a cruise might be daunting. Here are tips for first-timers.

Booking: Inside cabins are cheapest, ocean view is next, then rooms with a balcony, and most expensive, suites. If prone to motion sickness, lower decks and cabins closest to ship's center are the most stable. Peruse layouts online before picking a cabin and to familiarize yourself with the ship's features.

■ Every cruise line has a different style. To book the right ship for you, experts recommend using a travel agent. It doesn't cost extra and might save money, because agents often have access to deals.

Packing and departure: Plan your wardrobe carefully, depending on itinerary and expected weather. Laundry and dry cleaning onboard are expensive.

■ The days of required formal wear — jackets, ties, evening gowns — at dinner are generally long gone, though some passengers will dress up.

■ Pack a power strip. Most cabins have only one or two outlets.

■ If you're flying to your departure port, arrive a day ahead. If your flight is canceled or delayed, you might miss the sailing.

■ A mandatory muster drill — where everyone reports to a deck for safety and evacuation information — is held shortly after departure.

■ It takes a few hours for luggage to be delivered to cabins.

What's free, what's not: No need for cash onboard. Cruises provide plastic cards (like credit cards) to charge purchases to your account and also as ID for exiting and reboarding the ship at ports.

■ Meals in dining rooms, buffets and poolside are included with cruise fare. Specialty restaurants charge extra and often get booked up, so make reservations ahead.

■ Water, coffee, tea, juice and milk are free. Alcohol and soda are not, except for the most upscale cruise lines. Cruises sell daily or weeklong alcohol and soft drink packages that may save you money, depending on your drinking habits.

■ Shows, gyms, water parks and many other facilities and activities are free. Some fitness classes are free, some are not. Spa services are extra. On a budget? Avoid the casino and gift shop.

■ Using cellphones at sea, if service is available, is costly. Consider putting phones in airplane mode. Most ships offer Wi-Fi packages, but they're pricey, so you might wait to go online until you're at a hot spot in port.

■ On top of your cruise fare, cruise lines usually suggest an amount to tip the staff, or automatically add daily tips to your bill for distribution among room stewards, wait staff and others. Tips are automatically added to alcohol.

Excursions: Shore excursions may be booked through the cruise line, or you can go off on your own in port or hire independent tour guides. Booking through the ship guarantees you will not be left behind if your tour is delayed for some reason. If you go off on your own and return late, the ship will leave without you.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

After 2 false starts, who pays for unused tickets?

By Christopher Elliott
King Features

I recently had tickets to fly from Tucson, Ariz., to the Galapagos, via Los Angeles and Quito, Ecuador. The Tucson-to-LA flights were one-way tickets, and the LA-to-Quito segment was connected in our reservations. However, all of the tickets had been booked through the Chase website, except the Galapagos tickets, which were purchased through MyTrip.com.

I missed the LA-to-Quito flight because of flight delays outside of our control, which screwed up the Galapagos flight. I canceled the flight ahead of time and attempted to reschedule for a fee of $201. I received four new e-tickets from MyTrip with flight information for a flight with Ecuador's national airline, Tame, confirming the reschedule. But, two days later, when I arrived at 7 a.m. for our departure flight at 9 a.m., an airline representative told me I wasn't "on the manifest." It turns out my reservation had been canceled. I bought tickets with another airline for the next flight out, five hours later, for an additional $1,100.

I have contacted MyTrip by phone and by email multiple times, requesting a refund for the rebooking fee and the one-way tickets, since neither service was actually provided, despite being paid for. Any advice you can provide about how to navigate the rules and obtain a refund would be extremely helpful and greatly appreciated.

— Victoria Ramirez, Tucson, Ariz.

A: Wow, what a mess. It looks as if you were self-booking and using a discount online travel agency to get from Tucson to the Galapagos. Nothing wrong with that, as long as you know what you're doing.

Booking a one-way, unconnected ticket is a little risky, as you found out. That's because the airline has no way of knowing of your connection unless you tell it. So American wouldn't have known that you needed to get to Quito, and with your first flight delayed, you'd be stranded at LAX.

If you'd worked with a competent travel agent, the tickets would have been connected in the reservations system — meaning that if one segment had a problem, the other airlines would find a way to re-accommodate you at no extra cost. As it turns out, you had to reschedule your trip and pay $1,301 more.

But who is responsible for this?

It's possible that some of the confusion is related to your airline, which allowed you to book unconnected tickets on the same itinerary. Certainly, your online agent bears some responsibility, although only for the flights it booked. And, of course, you made your fair share of mistakes.

Contacting your online agency, MyTrip.com, was the right first step. You can find the company's English-language support page on its site: **www.mytrip.com/gb/support**.

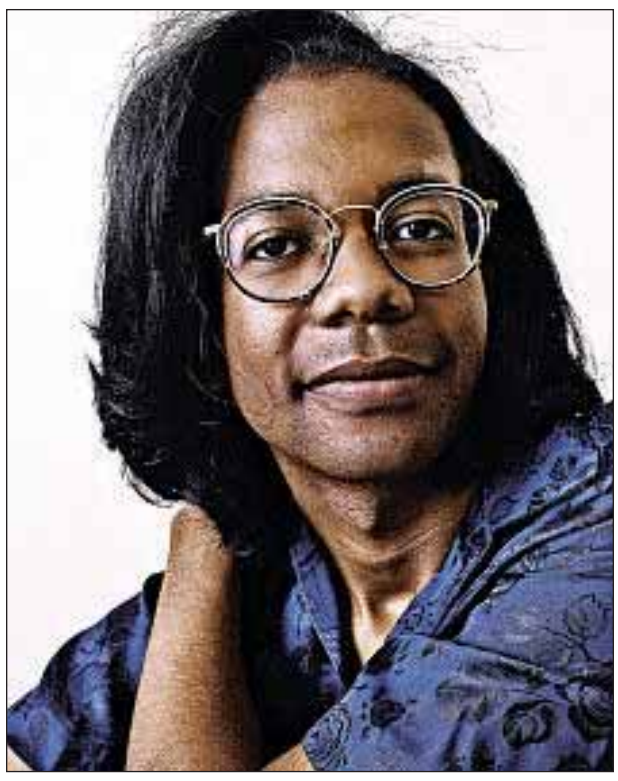
Technically, you were not entitled to a refund of either the change fee or the new fare, since you made your own reservation. But when I asked MyTrip.com about your reservation, it tried to help. It turns out you'd disputed the first change fee on your credit card. You asked your bank to lift the dispute, and the airline agreed to reverse the fee. MyTrip.com also says it checked with Tame, which refunded the original fare you paid to reach the islands.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER
CLARK MOORE

Stockholm and Oslo on actor's bucket list

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency



CLARK MOORE PHOTO

In the hit film "Love, Simon," Clark Moore plays a high school student named Ethan, who — unlike the titular character — is out and self-aware of his sexuality.

Clark, who grew up in Atlanta and resides in Los Angeles, says that every time he leaves LA, he "flirts with the idea of moving. I found myself looking at apartment listings in the windows of real estate agencies in Paris on my last trip. When my mind drifts, I often find myself on Zillow looking at houses on Martha's Vineyard. Hopefully, these big trips will become more frequent."

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: What would be your dream trip?

A: Attending the royal wedding (of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle).

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?

A: I have vague memories of going on a Carnival or Disney cruise and loving it. I must have been 7 or 8 when I went. I remember there was a kids' club where parents would drop off their children and go drink on the deck or enjoy a romantic dinner. But I interpreted that as "no parents allowed" and reveled in its exclusivity. I remember telling my parents, "I'm going to the kids' club. You can't come."

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: It's a close tie between Martha's Vineyard and Paris. In Paris, I would encourage (people) to stay long enough to see all of the big tourist sites, but still be able to go off the beaten path and explore some of the outer arrondissements (of Paris). On Martha's Vineyard, I would encourage them to throw out their itinerary and just enjoy being there — sunrise walks on the beach, watching the summer showers from a rocking chair on the porch and midday catnaps.

Q: What untapped destination should people know about?

A: I don't know how untapped it is, but I recently spent a couple of days in the English countryside and found the crisp, clean air incredibly rejuvenating.

Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

A: Always be willing to push yourself outside of your comfort zone. My most recent trip to Paris was a solo adventure. At first I was terrified, but the time to myself gave me space for self-reflection and introspection for which I'm profoundly grateful.

Q: Where are your favorite weekend getaways?

A: I love to get out to Palm Springs (Calif.). The desert can be very relaxing and peaceful. And my good friend from college has a lovely family home in Ventura (Calif.) that I've been fortunate enough to visit a couple of times. There's nothing as soothing as falling asleep to the sound of the waves crashing against the sea wall.

Q: If you've ever gone away for the holidays, which was the best trip?

A: We always spend our holidays between my family home in Atlanta or my grandmother's home in St. Louis. I've been trying to convince my family to spend Christmas in Gstaad (Switzerland), but my mother loathes the cold.

Q: Where would you like to go that you have never been to before?

A: I have been dying to get to Stockholm and Oslo. Generally, I want to explore the Scandinavian countryside.

*For more from the reporter, visit **www.jaehakim.com**.*



VIKING CRUISES

The new Viking Sun docks in Shanghai last month.

Viking doubles down on Chinese plans

By Ellen Uzelac
Chicago Tribune

SHANGHAI – When Viking Sun was christened here to great fanfare in March, the big reveal wasn't so much the influencer Viking has become in small-ship ocean travel but its powerful connection to China.

Viking is best known for its river ships in Europe. What you probably didn't know: This year, Viking is offering 100 sailings on the Rhine and Danube exclusively for Chinese travelers.

"We believe in the Chinese market," said Torstein Hagen, Viking's chairman. He said he expects Chinese travelers to eventually account for half of its European river cruise market.

Viking's history with China dates to 2004, when it began operating river cruises on the Yangtze. The Chinese connection deepened when China Merchants Bank Financial Leasing financed the construction of the 930-passenger Viking Sun, Viking's fourth small ship since the line entered ocean cruising in 2015.

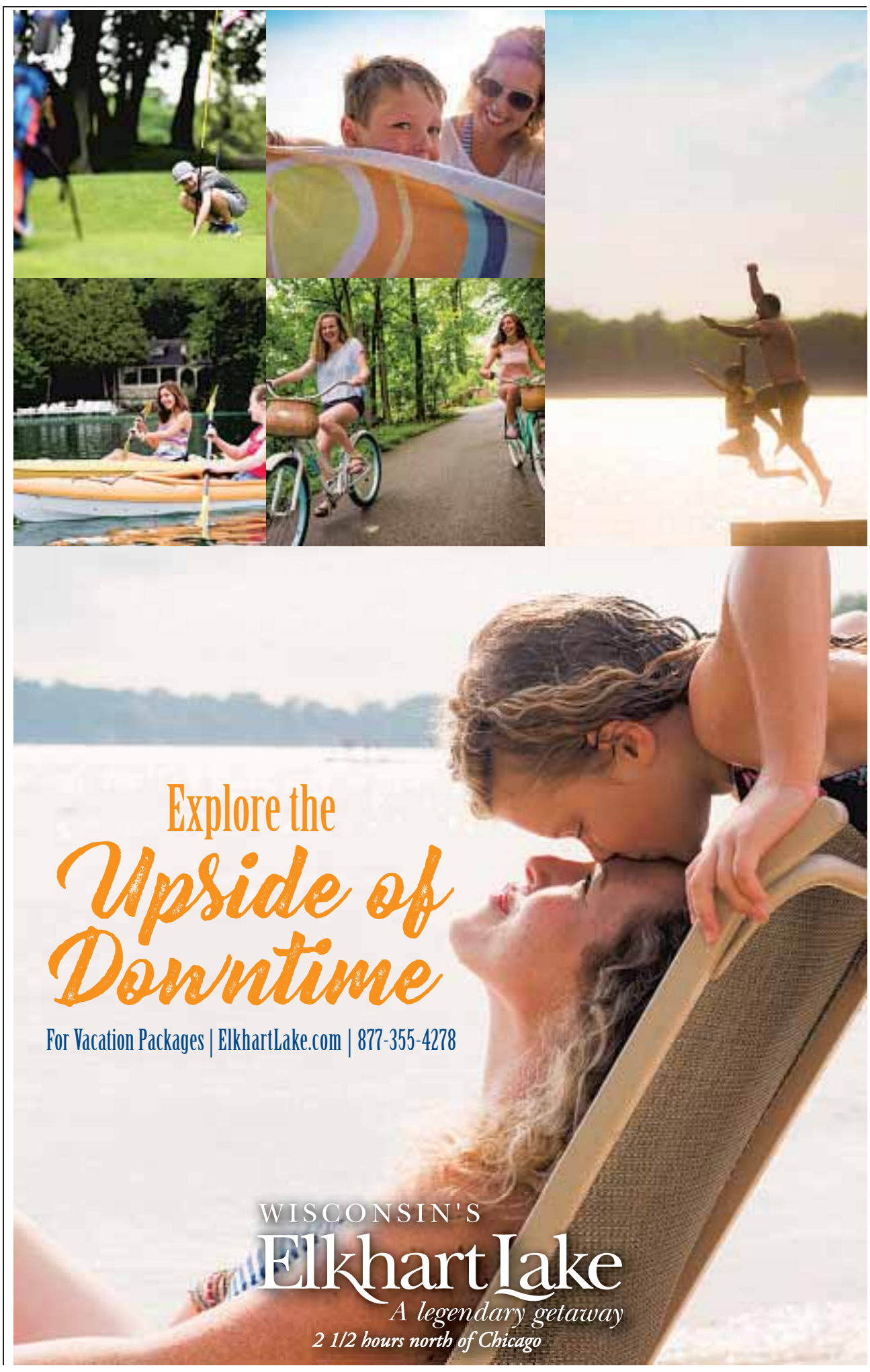
The christening took place a little over halfway through a sold-out 141-day world cruise. The ship will spend the summer sailing in the Baltic and Northern Europe, finishing the year in the Mediterranean. An eight-day Western Mediterranean itinerary starts at $1,999 per person. The 128-day world cruise in 2019? A mere $49,995 a person.

A fifth ship, Viking Orion, will launch in July. When Viking Jupiter joins the fleet in 2019, it will make Viking the largest small-ship cruise line in the world. Ten additional ships are in the pipeline. Hagen said it's not unthinkable that one will be dedicated to the Chinese market.

Ellen Uzelac is a freelance writer.

GEOQUIZ ANSWER

Mississippi. The magnolia is also the state flower and the state tree.





WILD WOMEN EXPEDITIONS

Kayaking is a big part of a Wild Women Expeditions adventure in British Columbia.

TIPS, TRIPS & DEALS

Wild, women-only adventure

By Phil Marty | Chicago Tribune

Women who are experienced kayakers and comfortable with wilderness camping will find plenty of opportunity to do both in the Great Bear Rainforest Kayak Adventure that's being offered July 10-17 by Wild Women Expeditions. The rainforest — the world's largest intact temperate one of its kind — extends roughly 250 miles along the central and north coast of British Columbia Two female guides lead the trip, plotting each day's route through the open coastline and protected inner passages. This is for intermediate to advanced kayakers who are comfortable paddling four to six hours a day, including paddling into wind and waves. Wilderness campsites must be set up and broken down each day, and kayaks and gear must be carried to and from the beach. Cost of the trip is about $2,290 per person, double occupancy, plus taxes of 12 percent. Wild Women Expeditions offers eight other women-only trips in British Columbia, plus others worldwide. Info: 888-993-1222, **tinyurl.com/y7keebky**

Cascadia in Canada

For couples and individuals wanting to explore the Great Bear Rainforest and other areas of British Columbia, Maple Leaf Adventures has added a new vessel to its fleet and is accepting bookings for fall expeditions. The Cascadia is a 138-foot catamaran that can accommodate 24 passengers in well-appointed cabins while still being able to get into wilderness locations that a larger ship can't. Dates and rates for Cascadia trips are at **http://tinyurl.com/y7hsjwgw**. Maple Leaf also has a special offer for Great Bear Rainforest autumn trips on the Cascadia with free flights between Vancouver and the start and finish points of the trip, a savings of about $750 per person. Trips have to be booked before May 31. Details are at **tinyurl.com/y8dr69ow**.

Southwest flying high

Southwest Airlines came out on top of the heap in a Consumer Reports ranking of domestic airlines. The ratings were based on a survey of more than 50,000 Consumer Reports members' experiences in economy class. Southwest had a satisfaction rating of 85 out of 100. Other airlines in the ranking were Alaska (84), JetBlue (83), Virgin America (83), Hawaiian (80), Delta (75), Allegiant (70), American (68), United (67), Frontier (63) and Spirit (62). **tinyurl.com /ycoge8xd**

Phil Marty is a freelance writer.



POWER PRACTICAL

GEAR BOX

See camping in a new light

By Jeff Banowetz
Tribune News Service

At first glance, the Luminoodle Light Rope might look like a bit of a novelty item. But upon further inspection, this string of LED lights with a USB port at one end is an incredibly versatile product for anyone who likes to spend time outdoors after the sun goes down.

The Light Rope is waterproof and flexible, providing ambient lighting wherever you need it at the campsite. Hang it in the tent, string it from trees, or use the accompanying magnets to attach it to your car.

Unlike lanterns, the Light Rope offers good visibility without blasting the area with too much light. It runs off of a USB power bank. You can choose from a variety of rope lengths ranging from 5 to 20 feet. Stuff the rope in its carrying bag and you end up with a portable lantern for trips away from your campsite.

Choose the Color Light Rope and swap between 15 different colored lights by remote control — the perfect option for a nighttime tailgate; $20-$90, **powerpractical.com**.

NEED TO KNOW

600,000 clay figures mark war's grim toll

By Virginia Mayo
Associated Press



VIRGINIA MAYO/AP

A volunteer places clay figures in a field in Ypres, Belgium, which was the site of much carnage during World War I.

YPRES, Belgium — A special remembrance installation of 600,000 crouching clay figures has opened to the public in Ypres, Belgium, seeking to help visitors from around the world reflect on what happened during World War I a century ago.

Belgium is honoring its civilian and military dead with the figures, each about the size of a large fist. They fill a no man's land between what was once German and British trenches.

Since 2014, students, tourists and others have been creating the pieces in mobile workshops around the world and in the city of Ypres, the site of much carnage during the war. Each individual piece comes complete with a dog tag that includes the name of the casualty and the name of the artist who created the piece.

The installation opened in March. Belgian rain and mud will weather the figures for eight months before they are finally removed and given away in November, when the centenary commemorations end.



BARB THOMPSON PHOTO

Get Behind the Arts will be April 28-29 in Wisconsin.

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:

■ Get Behind the Arts offers the chance to visit artist studios in Racine and Kenosha, Wis. The self-guided tour will be April 28 for locations in Racine and April 29 in Kenosha. More than 100 artists and craftspeople will be represented. A brochure showing participating locations is at **tinyurl.com/y7ofe5rr**.

■ The Wisconsin Grilled Cheese Championship will be April 28 in Dodgeville. Watch the cheeseheads in action, chow on food from vendors and wash it down with beer or wine. **www.grilledcheesewisconsin.com**

■ The Indiana Historical Society explores one of the hometown favorite teams with "Indianapolis Colts: The Exhibit." It includes videos, photos, memorabilia and player interviews, among other things. The exhibit will be on display through Sept. 14, 2019, at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center in downtown Indianapolis. 317-232-1882, **tinyurl.com/ycnzq3mf**

■ Arts and crafts by members of the Native American Circle at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City, Ind., will be on display and for sale through April 29 at the Southern Shore Art Association gallery in Michigan City's Uptown Arts District. The works include paintings, jewelry and crafts. **www.southernshoreartassociation.com**

■ Ernest Hemingway's connection to the northern Michigan area will be celebrated during The Last Good Country: Walloon Lake, an Ernest Hemingway Occasion. The event will be April 27-29 at the Hotel Walloon in Walloon Lake. Activities include meet-and-greets with Hemingway's personal assistant and daughter-in-law, Valerie Hemingway, tours of locations from "The Nick Adams Stories" and more. A two-night lodging package is available from the hotel. 231-535-5000, **tinyurl.com/yc6ggubs**

■ Families visiting Michigan might want to check out the state tourism folks' listing of 16 Museums for the Entire Family. Included are the Air Zoo in Portage, the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center in Alpena and the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation in Dearborn. **tinyurl.com/y7zsxoph**

■ Cape Comic Con, which will be April 20-22 in Cape Girardeau, Mo., will feature professional comic book artists and publishers and vendors offering comics, toys and collectibles. There will also be gaming tournaments, workshops and panel discussions. **www.cape-con.com**

■ A Ulysses S. Grant Symposium will be held April 27-28 in Quincy, Ill. Speakers will include Larry Werline, a Grant impersonator; Sam Wheeler, Illinois state historian; and Tim Good, superintendent of White Haven U.S. Grant Historic Site in St. Louis. Among tours available will be the Dr. Richard Eels home, a former Underground Railroad site, and the Lincoln Gallery, stocked with artifacts from the Abraham Lincoln assassination. **tinyurl.com/y8fa5dzz**

■ SmarTours has a nine-day/seven-night Dubai and Abu Dhabi tour that's priced from $1,999 per person, double occupancy, including round-trip air from New York on Emirates Airline. Also included are three nights' lodging in Abu Dhabi and four nights in Dubai, some meals and escorted touring. The advertised price is for trips booked by April 26 and paid for by check. Price if booked after the 26th is $500 higher. 800-337-7773, **tinyurl.com/y77lzylc**

■ Gate 1 Travel has an escorted tour that visits Mount Rushmore and Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks and is priced from $1,099 per person, double occupancy, land only. Price includes six nights' lodging, touring by motor coach with a tour director, and entrance fees. With round-trip air from Chicago the price is from $1,845 per person. **tinyurl.com/ycjuev67**

■ Starting June 30 and running throughout the summer, the Museum of Modern Art PS1 in the Queens borough of New York City will be running Warm Up, its live music series. This is the 21st season for the event, 3-9 p.m. Saturdays for 10 weeks. **tinyurl.com/y7s6xxyd**

■ Robert Plant, Charlie Musselwhite and Ben Harper will be among the headliners for the Telluride Blues and Brews Festival, slated for Sept. 14-16 in Telluride, Colo. **www.telluridebluesandbrews.com**

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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In late March, Royal Caribbean's Symphony of the Seas leaves the French shipyard where it was built. It will spend summer cruising the Mediterranean before making its way to Miami.

1st trip for largest cruise ship

Symphony of the Seas to spend spring, summer in Europe; Caribbean is next

By Richard Tribou
Orlando Sentinel

The world's largest cruise ship, Royal Caribbean's Symphony of the Seas, recently began cruising in Europe, where it will spend the summer before making its way to Miami in the fall.

Symphony of the Seas is the fourth Oasis-class vessel in Royal Caribbean's fleet. The 228,081-ton, 1,188-foot-long ship has a maximum capacity of 6,680 guests with 2,200 crew.

The Oasis-class vessels have each held the title of World's Largest Cruise Ship, certified in turn by Guinness World Records. Each one has been slightly larger than the previous one, with Oasis of the Seas first taking the title almost a decade ago when it debuted in 2009, followed by Allure of the Seas in 2010 and Harmony of the Seas in 2016.

The new ship has 28 more staterooms than Harmony of the Seas. It features the same design, with seven distinct neighborhoods and several of the same features that debuted on Harmony or are mainstays across the fleet. Those include the 10-deck twisting dry slide The Ultimate Abyss, FlowRider surf simulators, a zip line, twin 40-foot rock climbing walls, an ice skating rink and the AquaTheater.

Unique to Symphony is the "world's largest laser tag arena" in the Studio B space that doubles as the ice skating rink. For laser tag, it transforms into a glow-in-the-dark venue themed around the fate of the last planets of the galaxy.

Also new to the fleet is the Ultimate Family Suite, a two-level suite that features a slide, a floor-to-ceiling Lego wall, air hockey, a movie-theater-style TV room with a popcorn machine, and a 212-square-foot wraparound balcony with its own climbing wall feature, bumper pool table and whirlpool. It's a two-bedroom suite that can accommodate up to eight guests.

A new Mexican food concept called El Loco Fresh and a casual seafood option called Hooked made their debut on the ship.

The many other dining options are the same as on other ships in the fleet, including fusion food venue Wonderland, Jamie Oliver's Italian dining venue, Japanese cuisine at Izumi, the Chops Grill steakhouse and 150 Central Park, which serves seasonal American cuisine.

Entertainment offerings include Broadway show "Hairspray," original production "Flight," which is a humorous look at the history of flight, skating show "1977" and, in the AquaTheater, "HiRo."

Another new feature is an app-based mobile check-in.

The ship will spend its first season cruising in the Mediterranean.

It then repositions to Miami on a 12-night trans-Atlantic voyage that departs Oct. 28 and begins Caribbean sailings Nov. 9, with the first seven-night cruise starting Nov. 17.

It looks like a condo, but it's a cruise ship — with killer views

By Jane Wooldridge
Miami Herald

That boxy new ship one sees while driving across the MacArthur Causeway between Miami and Miami Beach? It's the 5,119-passenger MSC Seaside, the newest vessel from the European cruise line MSC. It joins 3,502-passenger Divina, which arrived in 2013, and a half-dozen others that MSC will bring to North America by 2020.

We toured the ship just after it arrived. Along with a few first-at-sea features, we found others executed in interesting ways. (We didn't sail, so we can't comment on service or food.)

Squared shape: Nautical classicists may decry the decidedly boxy shape that makes Seaside look more like a condo-set-asea than a cruise liner. Once on board, you'll appreciate the endless views and wide range of spaces (19 bars, four pools, four slides and three specialty restaurants) made possible by the change.

Onboard tech: Everybody has it these days. MSC keeps up with the trend, with digital wristbands and touch-screen displays around the ship where you can book appointments. The multilevel atrium features a massive series of LED screens that transport you from under the sea (think corals and jellyfish) to far-away places.

Flexible modular staterooms: Connected staterooms finally are becoming more available at sea. On Seaside, those cabins are modular too, meaning they can be reconfigured to fit your group's specific needs, with up to 10 people in a single lodging configuration.

Views: Most modern cruise liners have their engine room aft. Seaside's engines are located mid-ship, which increases stability and puts its outdoor boardwalk closer to the sea (on deck 8) rather than higher. Other view-ready design elements include windows flanking bars, restaurants and the ship's atrium; plus balconies on 76 percent of the staterooms. And for those who love a safe thrill, the clear Bridge of Sighs atop the ship lets you "walk" on water as you peer down 131 feet.

Boutique "hotel": The idea of a hotel-within-a-hotel — or in this case, a ship-within-a-ship — isn't new. Concierge decks and spa cabins are found on many liners, and Norwegian Cruise Line has a private cabin-and-lounge area with its own pool, called The Haven. MSC's Yacht Club goes further, incorporating a bright airy lounge, 86 suites, private sundeck and pool, and a private restaurant. The successful formula is found on a half-dozen MSC ships, including Seaside.

Adventure park: Nobody does water features like Carnival. And nobody does high-octane adventures (think surfing and skydiving simulators) like Royal Caribbean. MSC follows the trend but adds a few twists, stretching its zip line to the longest at sea (394 feet) and adding a jungle theme to its waterpark. Bonus: The waterslide features "slideboarding" technology that makes the experience a competitive interactive game.

Low-tech kid spaces: Europeans have a knack for creating children's spaces that are sophisticated and low-tech. On Seaside, you'll find a play area with fiberglass islands, logs and palm trees begging to be climbed. A nearby bench is set up for selfies surrounded by a group of colorful kids made of Legos.

Retro zone: Baby boomers can relive their youth at the 1950s-themed lounge and playroom, complete with two full-length bowling lanes, air hockey and the driving compartment of a '56 Chevy Bel Air convertible that's been transformed into a DJ booth. In turquoise, of course.



MSC CRUISES

The MSC Seaside, based in Miami, holds 5,119 passengers and has 19 bars, four pools and four slides.



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Alessio Piantanida, executive pastry chef aboard MSC Seaside, whips up treats at Venchi, a shipboard shop from the Italian chocolatier.

Chocolate wall: Yes, that really is chocolate flowing down the recirculating wall fountain at the counter of Venchi, the Italian chocolatier. If that's not enough to rev your endorphins, the scent of freshly made jimmies, nonpareils, squares, liquor-filled bonbons, hot cocoa and sorbets may put you into a stupor.

Brunch: On land brunch is a Sunday staple, but at sea it's a meal rarely served. Seaside is one of the places where that's starting to change. At the Butcher's Cut specialty restaurant, you can order Mediterranean omelets, carnitas with tater-tot hash, country chicken and biscuits, wild blueberry pancakes and made-to-order bloody marys for a modest fee. Brunch is served on selected days throughout the cruise — not just on the weekend.

Champagne bar: There are plenty of bubbly bars on the oceans. Seaside's curvy bar offers wide views to the sea, fresh oysters ($29 per dozen) and caviar with the usual trimmings ($42 for 1 ounce). You can buy Dom, Roederer, Moët & Chandon or Veuve Clicquot by the bottle, or sip a glass of bubbly for $20.

Roy's: The first shipboard restaurant of Roy Yamaguchi, the award-winning chef behind Roy's Restaurants in Hawaii and elsewhere, is in a wow of a space, with low tables set into the wood floor set with red leather benches (instead of those tricky tatami mats). The Asian Market Kitchen menu comes with an extra fee and features braised pork bao buns, watermelon poke, Roy's famous ribs in Mongolian marinade, fried whole snapper in Thai coconut curry sauce, and a wide array of sushi and sashimi dishes. Wash it all down with Japanese whisky, hot sake or a citrus basil punch.

Sports bar: Every big cruise ship has a sports bar — or two. Along with memorabilia and a dozen beers on tap, Seaside's bar has curved leather booths big enough for a gang to watch the game on the screen inside. You choose the channel.

FORK IN THE ROAD



CELEBRITY CRUISES PHOTOS

The Rooftop Garden Grill is a specialty dining option on Celebrity Edge and will serve barbecue-style fare from the highest part of the ship.

Celebrity Cruises' new ship looks to raise culinary bar

Scheduled to debut in Florida in November, Edge will offer 29 distinct places to eat and drink

By Richard Tribou
Orlando Sentinel

When Celebrity Edge makes its way to Florida, it promises to offer the most dining options ever for the cruise line.

Details on the ship's 29 distinct places to eat and drink were revealed at a recent event in New York that not only touted the number of venues, but also their originality.

"Culinary is one of Celebrity Cruises brand pillars and we applied our ongoing commitment to freshness, locally sourced, farm-to-table, unique ingredients and theatrical presentation to come up with concepts and venues that go above and beyond anything we've ever done," said Celebrity Cruises President and CEO Lisa Lutoff-Perlo. "We've kept our guest favorites, while adding some new specialty venues and concepts that build on what Celebrity is known best for."

Starting with the complimentary dining, Celebrity Edge has taken its main dining room concept and split it into four venues, all of which will share items pulling from the fleet's established main dining room menus, but each with a specific cuisine focus: Southern Italian at Tuscan Restaurant, French at Normandie Restaurant, Mediterranean at Cyprus Restaurant and contemporary at Cosmopolitan Restaurant.

Guests will be able to book early or late seating as well as open seating in all four of the restaurants, which will have menus that change nightly.

"More menu selections, more dining times, and more flexibility than ever before," Lutoff-Perlo said.

The ship also has two class-specific dining rooms: Blu for the Aqua class and Luminae at The Retreat for the suite-class guests.

For specialty dining, the ship features a new steakhouse, seafood, top-deck grill and French bistro as well as two dining options on the ship's unique side-of-the-ship Magic Carpet transport and the sensory-focused dining and entertainment venue Eden Restaurant.

"Every specialty restaurant we have on Edge has never been seen before in our fleet," said Brian Abel, vice president of hotel operations for the line. "We're looking at our culinary and saying how can we be more innovative on Edge than we are on our previous ships."

The Fine Cut Steakhouse will have a private dining room and be the most modern approach to a steakhouse the line has done. It will also feature alfresco dining in a private, hedge-lined terrace. For seafood, Raw on Five will feature sashimi and hand-rolled sushi, but also at times have an extended alfresco dining venue when the Magic Carpet is parked on Deck 5.



Fine Cut Steakhouse is a specialty dining venue on Celebrity Edge featuring contemporary design and a private dining room.



Raw on 5 is a specialty dining option on Celebrity Edge with a focus on seafood, including sashimi and hand-rolled sushi.



Tuscan Restaurant is one of four dining venues on Celebrity Edge. Southern Italian food will be the focus.

Cornelius Gallagher, the line's associate vice president for food and beverage, and a Michelin-star chef, said Raw on 5 flavors will be "bright, light and explosive" while the Magic Carpet venue will be like dining on the French Riviera.

"You're out in this beautiful venue overlooking the ocean, and that was the inspiration," Gallagher said. "The offering on the menus is going to be sort of what you might find in a resort in San Tropez."

The Magic Carpet will have a special role when the ship is in port and moves up to its highest point for service, called Dinner on the Edge.

"There isn't even a deck here, which makes it even more thrilling," Lutoff-Perlo said. "It becomes an extraordinary sky-high dining experience. It will be a culinary journey for your taste buds, your eyes and your sense of wonder all at the same time."

The idea is that when at port, the dining team goes ashore and purchases locally sourced ingredients and then creates a meal that pays deference to the port city.

"This is one of Chef Cornelius' passions and commitments," Lutoff-Perlo said. "Depending upon the port, our chefs have established relationships with local reputable suppliers and purchase through them directly. The result is that guests are served the most fresh, locally sourced ingredients to create memorable dishes on board Edge."

One specialty restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner is Le Grand Bistro with a focus on French food, but from different levels of dining from pastries to entrees. There will be a to-go menu with baguettes, cheese and meat boards and wine, while the seated experience is an elevated take on what you find at a Parisian bistro.

This is also the venue in which cruisers can take part in an animated dining experience courtesy of the line's partnership with TableMation, known for its Le Petit Chef experience.

"Guests are going to be immersed in these beautiful 4K table projections," Gallagher said. "It's fun. It's whimsical and truly delicious."

Whimsy is also on the menu at Eden Restaurant, which has a design inspired by the Garden of Eden and will feature dance performances during the meal.

"One of the things that we're looking at with Eden Restaurant is how to do things differently," Gallagher said. "We want there to be some sort of interaction between guests and the dish. It's a blend of not only culinary offerings but also performance art. It has to be seamless."

Another specialty dining option is the Rooftop Garden Grill, which has menu items one might find in a relaxed restaurant including things such as burgers and fries.

"The Rooftop Garden Grill is the type of place I would go to every day," Gallagher said. "Really simple, delicious, barbecue-style fare."

In addition, there are six more complimentary cafes on board as well as 11 bars and lounges.

Beverage choices on board will be robust with more than 500 wine options organized by ocean. For Eden, the ship will feature a curated list of ancient world wines, as in nontraditional sources such as Turkey and China.

The line also plans a distinctive approach to cocktails.

"It's flavor first," Gallagher said. "It's sort of like a chef creating a dish because we want to make sure there's some element of theater and entertainment in the preparation and presentation of the cocktails."

The 29 places to eat and drink on board far outpace the 19 venues of the Solstice class, which debuted more than 10 years ago.

"On Celebrity Edge, we've combined unique concepts, expansive menus, and incredible design to serve a platter of exciting new dining experiences never before seen at sea," Abel said.

The 2,918-passenger ship is under construction at STX France shipyard in St. Nazaire, France. The ship debuts in November, set to sail seven-night alternating eastern and western Caribbean itineraries out of Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale. It will then migrate to the Mediterranean for summer 2019.

A sister ship, Celebrity Beyond, is slated for delivery in spring 2020 with two more on order for 2021 and 2022.

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ask amy

By Amy Dickinson

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Wife is worried about her secret debt

Dear Amy: I'm in a long-term marriage. I have hidden debt (in my name only).

The debt is around $45,000. I incurred this debt through light gambling, buying clothes, makeup, travel, hobbies, gifts to adult children and also moving it around to prevent my husband from finding out about it. I completely manage this debt because my income covers it.

In the marriage, part of our income is shared for household needs and the remainder is for each spouse to handle as they wish, with the expectation of much of it going to savings as we are nearing retirement.

Except for some diminishing of retirement expectations, the debt has not affected our financial strength. The lying and dishonesty, however, are affecting the emotional strength of our relationship.

Obviously, there are other issues involved in our marriage, but at this point, this is the question: Should I tell my husband and incur his wrath and the possible end to the marriage? Or should I not tell him of the debt and leave the marriage by my own choice? Or should I stay the course and, since it's manageable, assume that everything will be OK when the debt is paid off? I think I know what I'm going to do, but I'm interested in your response.

—Imprisoned

Dear Imprisoned: You don't mention if you have stopped spending — but you must. I also don't quite know what qualifies as "light gambling," but this is another issue for you to be brave enough to address. You could start by seeking treatment and group support through Debtors Anonymous (debtorsanonymous.org), or another similar organization.

You need to understand that your entire question is about the value you see in running, hiding and leaving the relationship over this. So please don't think that this debt is "manageable," or that it isn't having a huge impact on your life, because your debt is running the show.

Of course it is affecting your relationship, as well as your financial future. All of the money you are plowing into servicing this debt is money you are not investing in your retirement. There are ways to negotiate lower rates and payments to your debtors, and you may be able to substantially lower your burden by facing this and communicating with them.

And, yes, you should tell your husband. I can imagine that this will be disappointing and possibly devastating news for him, but your secrecy is imprisoning you. When you disclose this, you will start your recovery. Read "How to Get Out of Debt, Stay Out of Debt and Live Prosperously (Based on the Proven Principles and Techniques of Debtors Anonymous)," by Jerrold Mundis (2012, Bantam).

Dear Amy: My brother and I have not gotten along well in the last few years. It stems from his "ghosting" our family during a medical crisis of mine. His behavior was prompted and encouraged by his girlfriend.

Fast-forward to now, and he is engaged to this same woman. I know that I will be invited to their wedding, but my question is, am I obligated to attend, as this is my brother? Several family members and family friends will be going, so my absence would likely be noticed. However, if this was a friend who had treated me as such during my medical emergency, I would choose to send a polite card and decline to attend the wedding.

What are your thoughts?

— Estranged Sibling

Dear Estranged: You should do whatever you want to do. I would encourage you to attend, however. The reason is this: Families are built on occasions, celebrations and shared experiences.

You know that if you don't attend, your estrangement will become solidified. As it is, your witnessing this important celebration is demonstrating to your brother how family members should behave. They should show up for one another. Yes, your brother should have shown up for you when you needed him, and if your relationship is more active, you will be able to express this to him.

Dear Readers: I still receive, read and appreciate "Ask Amy" postal mail. I have a new postal address, so I am noting it here. People wanting to write to me can address mail to "Ask Amy" PO Box 194, Freeville, NY 13068.

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balancing act

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'You know really nothing about men,' reader mansplains



RICHARD DREW/AP

Heidi Stevens criticized Tony Robbins' #MeToo comments, specifically his anecdote about a famous, powerful man who refused to hire a woman because she was attractive.

Some weeks my inbox is a dumpster fire.

This week it's a dumpster fire next to a tire fire with some land mines exploding in the background.

I criticized Tony Robbins' #MeToo comments Monday, specifically his anecdote about a famous, powerful man who refused to hire a woman because she was attractive.

"I was with someone the other day," Robbins said at an event in March. "Very famous man, very powerful man. He's saying how stressed he is because he interviewed three people that day. One was a woman, two were men. The woman was better qualified, but she was very attractive, and he knew, 'I can't have her around because it's too big a risk.' And he hired somebody else. I've had a dozen men tell me this."

I argued that intelligent, fair-minded managers don't assume their employees are a roving band of marauders not to be trusted around shiny, new things.

I wrote that if, indeed, a dozen famous/powerful men are running companies filled with employees who are incapable of respecting human boundaries, who feel entitled to what's not theirs, who can't follow basic laws against harassing and assaulting co-workers, who can't talk about profit-and-loss reports and return-on-investment projections without slipping into some light, sexual banter ... the problem doesn't lie with #MeToo.

The problem lies with those employees and a workplace culture that has given famous, powerful men carte blanche to treat people in a degrading, demeaning fashion. #MeToo is trying to change all that.

Then my inbox burst into flames.

Men wrote to tell me I should quit complaining, since my looks obviously got me my job. Other men wrote to let me know I'm too ugly to worry about whether women's looks play a role in our hiring prospects.

Other men wrote to let me know I simply don't know a thing about men.

"Well, apparently you know really nothing about men," one gentleman wrote, cc'ing both my husband and one of my male colleagues. "Yes, that's the way we (many) think and also that having a really beautiful woman around is a real distraction."

Several people wrote to let me know I simply don't understand risk assessment.

"In a perfect world the most qualified person would be hired and we can sing 'Kumbaya' at the fireplace," one man wrote. "However, as a partner in a small business, ultimately we are responsible for the actions of our employees. We have had training with our employees as well as written documentation as to what is or is not acceptable behavior. The problem lies in the fact that we cannot control boorish behavior. Let's say our male employee Billy Buffoon treats Innocent Imelda poorly. We discipline Billy according to our office policy, etc. But, if Imelda is upset enough, she will go to Larry the Lawyer, who will take the case on a contingency and sue our company. Even if we are found innocent of all charges, the litigation will cost us upwards of $50,000-$100,000. If you put yourself in my position, where is there less risk for the company, with the attractive, qualified female or the less-qualified male?"

Here's my question: Where does that leave women?

Should we simply accept that we will forever be passed over for jobs, even when we are the most qualified candidate?

Should we accept that if we do get hired, we better keep our mouths shut if we're harassed or assaulted, lest we harm the future hiring prospects of women at large?

Should we apply only to man-free workplaces?

What are our options? What would you have us do, loyal readers, with our college degrees and our brains and our mortgages that beg to be paid?

Take your time.

Meanwhile, we're working on a better option. One that doesn't force women to choose between two lousy setups: Abandon our career aspirations, or accept that they come with the risk of harassment and assault — which we best shut up about.

We're inspired by Tarana Burke's #MeToo movement, inspired by the women who blew the whistle on Harvey Weinstein, inspired by the men who spoke out about Kevin Spacey, inspired by the 700,000 female farmworkers who signed a letter of solidarity against workplace sexual assault, inspired by the hotel workers and factory workers and lawyers and scientists and engineers and professors and actors and chefs and journalists who've stood up and said, "Yes. Me Too."

We — women and men — are joining their voices with stories of our own and our unwavering support.

Because we know #MeToo isn't just a reckoning. #MeToo isn't about revenge or further separating men from women.

#MeToo is a movement that says: Hey. Women need workplaces. Workplaces need women. But workplaces aren't always safe, equitable places for women. Here are a bunch of examples, across a bunch of industries.

Let's fix that. Together. Employees, don't abuse your colleagues. Managers, don't allow your employees to abuse or be abused. Parents, educators, faith leaders, mentors: Do your part to raise upstanders who neither abuse nor sit idly by when they witness abuse.

I firmly believe this will work. It's already working.

Survivors of sexual harassment and assault are speaking up in numbers and at a volume that was unimaginable less than a year ago. Behaviors that were accepted as a deeply entrenched, if unfortunate, are no longer getting a pass. Women have changed. What we'll put up with has changed.

If your response to that is, "Fine. Then I won't hire women," I would urge you to think long and hard about whether that's a sustainable solution. Given that we're graduating from college and earning advanced degrees at higher numbers than men, I think it's not.

Maybe, as my gentleman emailer said, I know nothing about men. But I know a lot about women. And we're not about to quit this fight.

All the pieces came together

‘It was perfect’: Evanston man proposes to girlfriend in Tribune ‘Jumble’

By Christen A. Johnson
Chicago Tribune



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Aly Jiwani worked with the creators of “Jumble” to turn the April 8 puzzle into a marriage proposal to Paula Acuna.

When Aly Jiwani began to consider taking the next step with his anagram-loving girlfriend, Paula Acuna, he had a vision for the perfect puzzle proposal.

“One of our earliest memories is to use our Chicago Tribune app on her iPad and zoom into the ‘Jumble’ page,” said Jiwani, 30, of Evanston. “Then we use a piece of scratch paper on the side to solve the ‘Jumble.’ ”

“Jumble” is a cartoon-word game combination in which you unscramble four words, and once you unscramble those words, there are circled letters within the words, and those letters are used to solve a mystery answer that is based on the cartoon, according to David Hoyt, the “Jumble’s” wordsmith.

Jiwani said Acuna, of Wilmette, loves word puzzles, everything from The New York Times crossword to a book of NPR Sunday puzzles he gave her.

“It’s a thing,” Jiwani said. “I enjoy doing the puzzles with her. She’s way sharper at puzzles than I am.”

Jiwani sought out the Tribune about six months ago to make his proposal plans come to life.

“I began doing research in terms of the differences between the Chicago Tribune (newspaper) and the ... Tribune Content Agency (the separate business unit that syndicates articles and features),” he said. “I had a friend at the Tribune, and she connected me to the agency. It took me two or three emails, but after following up, I was put in touch with David directly.”

Jiwani, who was introduced to the “Jumble” by Acuna, said he “was pretty starstruck” when Hoyt reached out in January via email and then a phone call.

“Once he and I got on the phone,” said Hoyt, “I told him what his options were.”

Collectively, Jiwani and Hoyt started coming up with ideas on what the answer to the clue would be. After an initial failed pitch that “wasn’t punny enough,” Jiwani came up with the answer: “had a nice ring to it.”

Once that was decided, Jiwani was tasked with coming up with a setting for the cartoon.

“I started thinking about something that’s personal to us,” said Jiwani. “We like to sail on Lake Michigan, so I pitched that to Jeff (Knurek), the one who does the drawings. I came up with us being on a sailboat, with our dog Benji as well, with me going down on one knee with the ring in hand.”

Knurek, the “Jumble” cartoonist, was eager to include all of Jiwani’s ideas in the image.

“I did my best to bring them into the ‘Jumble’ world but still maintain their features, so people can look at the cartoon and say, ‘Oh yeah, that’s them,’ ” said Knurek.

The last element was the dialogue in the cartoon, which Hoyt said was crucial.

“We had to make sure that the dialogue all made sense,” he said. “In this case, because it has to do with what’s being said, it was important that the dialogue all match. It has to play for everybody and be completely understandable. And that’s the trick.”

Jiwani came up with the wording for the dialogue: “Would you like to be my first mate for life?”

“The first mate is a boating term,” he explained, “which is used for the person second in command. Paula will immediately get it. It’ll be nice and personal for us.”

There were some wording tweaks, and at the last minute, Jiwani said, the “Jumble” creators threw in a bonus: “David told me they added ‘Paula’ to the dialogue! It’s truly personal now.”

Hoyt and Knurek said they’ve been approached many times to do birthday, proposal and anniversary “Jumbles,” but that there was something special about Jiwani’s story.

“It’s a great story,” said Hoyt, “and a part of what makes it so great is Aly’s efforts. He’s a little sweetheart, and it was very delightful to work with him.”

Jiwani said he was “really grateful of the Tribune staff, David and Jeff especially” because they were “genuinely excited” with him.

“They didn’t look at it as a chore or a special request,” he said. “They’re super into it.”

Acuna’s parents, who are retired and living in Phoenix, Ariz., were also ecstatic about Jiwani’s plan for a “Jumble” proposal — so much so that her father subscribed to the Chicago Tribune print newspaper for one year so that he could see the “Jumble” when it was in the paper April 8.

“As I talked to my future in-laws about what I was planning, her father drove around Phoenix looking for a newsstand



ALY JIWANI PHOTO

Acuna displays her engagement ring and the "Jumble" she solved to uncover Jiwani's proposal. The puzzle ran in the Chicago Tribune and about 600 other newspapers.

that sells the Chicago Tribune," said Jiwani. "He calls me back and says he couldn't find anyone that could guarantee the Tribune on April 8, so he said, 'I just signed up for a one-year subscription.' "

The personalized "Jumble" ran in the Chicago Tribune and about 600 other newspapers. Jiwani said Hoyt and Knurek typically run the puzzles with the longer clues in the Sunday papers.

With all the excitement and even after all of Hoyt and Knurek's efforts, Jiwani said the "Jumble" duo just "kept making it better" for him.

"The icing on top? David said, 'It's a Sunday night. Why don't we all meet for dinner after?' " recalled Jiwani.

He made reservations for the night of the proposal and told Acuna they were going to meet somebody special.

"I had no idea who I was meeting at dinner," said Acuna. "David was the first one who greeted me, and then I put it together. He greeted me with a big hug."

Acuna was surprised by the whole proposal, too, and says it was a "very happy day."

"It worked out well that I was focused on the words of the puzzle, and I didn't look at the comic until I had all the words," she said. "I looked at the puzzle and saw my name and that it was a proposal. I was trembling as I was writing in the answer."

The couple has not set a date yet but plan to marry "sometime next year."

At dinner Acuna got to hear all the details about how the "Jumble" proposal came together.

"It was a huge production, and everything he went through to get it done, like adding my name in there, makes it so special. Now he's getting all the points for most creative. It was perfect."



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This is the cartoon that ran with the "Jumble." The answer was "had a nice ring to it."

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER BRIDGET GAINER

Chakena Sims, left, a board member at Chicago Votes, and Morgan Malone, a project manager at Teamwork Englewood, speak to teenage girls at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center in January.

Giving juveniles in detention a glimpse of a different future

By Alison Bowen
Chicago Tribune

A cosmetologist. A pediatrician. An anesthesiologist. A computer engineer. Maybe choose two, one teen suggested.

All were potential careers mentioned by teenagers over lunch at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, which houses kids ages 12 to 17 who have cases pending in juvenile court. The conversations were part of a series called "Tell Your Story," organized by County Commissioner Bridget Gainer to bring Chicagoans in various professions together at a speed-networking event with detained minors.

"I thought, if they can't leave at this moment, then let's bring people to them," Gainer said.

She has been visiting the center for years. For kids inside, placement there is a fork in their future. She worried they would be forgotten in the large West Side facility.

"It's really easy to forget that these kids are here," she said.

The idea of "Tell Your Story" is to paint a picture of potential professions for boys and girls who might consider their future already in jeopardy.

According to the Circuit Court Office of the Chief Judge, about 92 percent of the 218 residents are male; the average stay for residents is 30 days. All attend Nancy B. Jefferson Alternative School, located within the detention center, with classes from Spanish to driver's education. They also have access to chapel services and programs like "Tell Your Story."

Late last year, Courtney Jones, a Chicago real estate agent, spoke to a group of kids at the detention center.

He explained he, too, had been in juvenile detention. He'd hit someone with a brick, he said, when he was defending someone. Sitting behind locked doors gave him time to re-evaluate his priorities, he said.

"I did not have to go that way," he said. He told the girls to take advantage of opportunities.

Leaning forward in his chair, he looked around the table and said, "You owe you and your God a life here."

Other speakers emphasized similar themes: Your life matters. Your future has value. We care about you.

As a group of teenage boys listened attentively, Debra Vines, who runs the autism awareness group The Answer Inc., said that, like some of them, she'd grown up on the West Side.

She told them to take advantage of the opportunity to focus on their education. "Even though you're locked down, you're not locked in up here," she said, pointing to her forehead.

Think about other possibilities for your life, she told them. Nearby, on a brick wall, a poster hung with Frederick Douglass' words: "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

The residents, as they're called, are just children, officials like to remind visitors.

"They've gotten themselves into a bad situation," Gainer said. "But it's not forever. And it's so important for them to hear from other adults that this is just the beginning of their lives. There's so much more ahead of them."

As the event was wrapping up, the adults offered to answer more questions. A girl raised her hand and said simply, "Thank you."

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A week of things to do with the kids

Tuesday

THE RETURN OF THE OTTER

Small mammals don't come any cuter than the otter. Learn about the return of river otters to northeastern Illinois in this talk by a Cook County Forest Preserve wildlife biologist (co-sponsored by Chicago Audubon). Otter fans gather at 7 p.m. (the program begins at 7:15) at North Park Village Nature Center, 5801 N. Pulaski Road. Free. **tinyurl.com/ycv9ehb5**

Wednesday

'BEAUTY AND THE BEAST'

This stage version of the "tale as old as time" is perfect for those too young or too squirmy for the Disney movies, because Chicago Kids Company's adaptation runs just an hour. You won't hear "Be Our Guest," but you'll get new songs — and CKC folds in audience participation for its target audience of pre-K and early-grade children. 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (with additional performances through June 29) at the Stahl Family Theater, 5900 W. Belmont Ave. $12. **tinyurl.com/y8dppyrw**

Thursday

PUPPET-THEATER FESTIVAL NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR

The Chicago International Puppet Theater Festival takes place every other year, so it won't be back in its full glory until early 2019. But to keep the city smiling, it's sponsoring a small neighborhood tour featuring two master puppeteers: Tarish "Jeghetto" Pipkins and Joshua Holden. Catch one of five performances, Thursday through Sunday, on the city's South or West sides. See site for specifics: **tinyurl.com/ycmljjkz**

Friday

JUICEBOX: MEHER DANCE COMPANY

The city's Juicebox series for little ones (big siblings welcome) continues, this season with a focus on dance and movement. Taking the stage this weekend is Chicago's Meher Dance, a company devoted to Bollywood and Indian choreography. As with all Juicebox concerts, it happens twice: 11 a.m. Friday at the Chicago Cultural Center (Preston Bradley Hall), 78 E. Washington St.; 11 a.m. Saturday at Garfield Park Conservatory (Horticulture Hall), 300 N. Central Park Ave. Free. **tinyurl.com/ybsgnrl9**

By Web Behrens | Chicago Tribune

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION



CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

The Chicago Park District, Friends of the Park and Humboldt Park neighbors celebrate their 29th annual Earth Day with this all-ages community event, "Your Earth, Your Legacy." A park cleanup begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, followed by a tree planting at 11 and, at noon, two hours of live music. Gather at the boathouse inside Humboldt Park, 1440 N. Humboldt Blvd. Free. **tinyurl.com/y7o4bcjm**

UNEARTH SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Chicagoland gears up for a STEMtastic weekend as annual celebrations of Earth Day (April 22) begin two days early. Most of the great events in Chicago Botanic Garden's Unearth Science fest are concentrated on the weekend, but it kicks off Friday night with Experimental Words, a rhythmic collaboration between local scientists and slam poets. Activities Saturday and Sunday include Surviving the Zombie Apocalypse (learning how to identify edible plants, for ages 8 and up) and CSI: Underground (solve a mock crime, for 10 and up). Find the full lineup online. At the garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. Free admission; $25 parking. **tinyurl.com/y8ocvecu**

Saturday

DIA DEL NINO FAMILY FESTIVAL

Family fun mixes with fitness games and wellness education during this delightful spring festival, produced by the National Museum of Mexican Art. The agenda is a little different this year: Instead of kicking off with a walk from the UIC Pavilion, the festival is contained entirely in Pilsen, at the museum itself and throughout adjacent Harrison Park. The 10 a.m. walk has evolved into a Costume Caminata: March around Harrison Park while dressed in superhero regalia! Events continue until 3 p.m. Meet at the National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th St. Free. **tinyurl.com/ydbzu5d9**

LAMB AND WOOL FESTIVAL

Have a *wooly* good time at this two-day, all-ages fest at Kline Creek Farm — a "living history farm" where families can experience life circa the 1890s. That means learning how farmers harvested wool in the late 19th century, before watching it with modern-day electric buzzers. Post-shearing, kids wash, dry and dye a tuft of wool. Visitors can also catch border collies in action, herding a flock of sheep. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kline Creek Farm, 1N600 County Farm Road, West Chicago. Free. **tinyurl.com/yapblb4h**

'CURIOUS GEORGE: THE GOLDEN MEATBALL'

Curious George loves meatballs almost as much as his friend Chef Pisghetti. But when a rival chef steals away Pisghetti's customers, George travels all the way to Rome to learn how to win them back. Catch this 50-minute Theatreworks USA touring show, geared for younger kids, at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. at McAninch Arts Center, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn (on the College of DuPage campus). $14-$20. **tinyurl.com/y9do8cna**

Sunday

EARTH DAY AT COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES

Earth Day brings a few free ways to celebrate in Cook County's forest preserves. Feeling like rolling up your sleeves and volunteering for Mother Earth? The family can join a cleanup day in a South Side Forest Preserve, with snacks, games and nature hikes as the reward. Or head to nearby South Holland for a party with puppet shows and Earth Day Jeopardy. The city cleanup runs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Beaubien Woods, off Doty Avenue just south of 134th Street; registration recommended. Or 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sand Ridge Nature Center, 15891 Paxton Ave., South Holland. **fpdcc.com**

CONCERTS FOR KIDS: TUNES WITH TIM

Tunes with Tim is the kindie persona of Tim Bredrup, who specializes in music for the pre-K set. Check out a sampling of Tim's music on his site (http://tuneswithtim.com/video/), then catch his Beat Kitchen set. Doors open at 11 a.m., concert at noon at Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. $6-$7. **tinyurl.com/yakjurwp**

MEET AARON REYNOLDS

Local children's author Aaron Reynolds — known for books such as "Creepy Carrots!" and for his hilarious presentations for kids — has written another clever picture book. Illustrated by Caldecott Medalist Dan Santat. "Dude!" (http://us.macmillan.com/books/9781626726031) follows the beach-time adventures of two surfing besties, a platypus and a beaver, who have a rather limited vocabulary. Grown-ups should have a blast reading this one out loud: How many meanings can you convey with one word? Meet the author at 1 p.m. at Anderson's Bookshop, 123 W. Jefferson Ave., Naperville. Free to attend; $18 for "Dude!" **tinyurl.com/y9evuuf2**

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Wine industry toasts young women

Marketers react to ways female buyers shop, drink

By Kristy Kennedy
Chicago Tribune



Courtney Brown, from left, Jennifer Palmert and Donna Hachiya socialize at a monthly wine tasting club at Humming-bird Studios in Chicago's Lincoln Park community in March.
KRISTAN LIEB/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

When Emma Spike moved to Chicago, she thought a wine tasting group like the one she had belonged to in New York would be the perfect way to make some new friends.

Not finding one, she decided to start her own and, last year, founded Lincoln Park Ladies Wine Club. About 20 women get together, each bringing a $20 bottle of wine that matches that month's theme. For instance, French reds or sparkling wines. Bottles go in paper bags, so they can taste and critique.

"It's a good icebreaker. Everyone's taste is different, so you can talk about the different notes. It's a good conversation starter," Spike said.

It's been about a decade since marketers and the wine industry started paying closer attention to women like Spike. It seems women, and especially millennial women, are having a love affair with wine. Recent studies by the Wine Market Council and Nielsen show women are buying and drinking wine more often than men and more often, in general. As a result, the industry is taking note of women's habits around wine — how they consume it, how they shop for it and how it fits in their lives.

"We do know from our research that 60 percent of wine consumers are women, so of course, women are very important to the wine industry and for reasons beyond those percentages," said Jennifer Jo Wiseman, vice president of E&J Gallo Winery. "One reason is because women frequently connect to one another and gathering around food with family and friends."

Women are likely the ones buying the wine because they tend to be the primary shoppers in their households. "(In the past), consumer research would focus solely on the moments when people consumed products and not incorporate the moments when they were actually making the decision in the shopping aisle," Wiseman said. Current research is focused on how women shop. Convenience has become an important feature. Wine might be available at different locations within a grocery store, signs or pamphlets might suggest typical food pairings, and wine can now be purchased at some convenience stores. People can even grocery shop at some stores with a glass of wine in hand.

The industry is doing more than catering to women who are buying wine to drink at home. In a nod to the fact that about half of Super Bowl watchers are women, Yellow Tail wine advertised during the game this year for the second time in 40 years.

"Why not plant a seed that you can watch the game and drink wine," said Marina Velez, a senior product manager with The Beverage Information Group. "Why wouldn't I have wine while I'm tailgating?" Recently, she's been able to enjoy wine while catching a Yankees game.

Velez also attended a concert where she bought a small, plastic bottle of sparkling wine. Wine purveyors have found success in packaging that makes the beverage more convenient. As a result, Champagne is no longer just for New Year's Eve or very special occasions. "Now the trend is to celebrate each moment, to celebrate when you get together with family and friends," Velez said.

Millennials are driving some of these trends. Like many of her peers, Katie Roller made wine part of her life after studying abroad. While in Spain, she saw how wine was ingrained in the culture and decided to add it to her lifestyle when she returned home.

"It spoke to me and changed the way I thought about food and wine, and the way I feed myself," she said. Roller works in the wine industry in New York's Finger Lakes region and is a member of Women for Winesense, a national networking and educational wine organization for industry professionals and aficionados.

Such groups offer women a way to connect in the male-dominated industry and give them an outlet for their point of view. The wine industry made some mistakes when it first started paying attention to women, said Deborah Brenner, founder and CEO of Women of the Vine & Spirits, an organization for beverage professionals. Cute names and labels, and varieties with fewer calories or a lower alcohol content didn't fare well.

"Women aren't buying wine because of a gimmick," Brenner said. Drinking wine has become a lifestyle for many women. Cooking shows have had an impact on the way people cook at home. Wine is more common at the dinner table and as a result is enjoyed on a regular basis. Women are just as likely to open a bottle in celebration as they are to have some with popcorn, and are as happy to have it with company or alone after work, Brenner said. Women and wine make a natural pairing because wine is meant to be shared, and that works with the way women socialize.

A group of friends hosting wine tastings in their homes each month inspired a wine-tasting event business in Bend, Ore. More than 10 years ago, Diane Sienko and her friends were turning women away from their group because they couldn't seat more than eight around their kitchen tables. Sienko saw an opportunity in her foodie, wine-drinking town. In partnership with Bend Wine Cellar and the Jackalope Grill, she offers "Women Tasting Wine" to 30 to 50 women each month. Women meet to taste three flights of two wines paired with food. Winemakers, one from France, sometimes come to speak to the group.

In Ohio, women can stencil signs, paint ceramic pottery, crochet an infinity scarf or discuss books while sipping wine at The Winery at Spring Hill. Two radio stations also host a monthly ladies night with games. Before the business opened nine years ago, owners discussed what weekday events they could offer to draw in women from the surrounding Cleveland and Youngstown areas.

"A lot of people who go to wineries are women," said Tom Swank, vice president and wine maker. "Women will go out in groups and have a ladies night, where men typically go to a bar or a sporting event." Swank has found the strategy improves his business on weekends, as well. "Women are the decision-makers when it comes to social activities. We like to cater to them so they bring back their friends and husbands."

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Hollander's memoir leaps off the page

'Sylvia' creator turns to graphic novel form for unforgettable story

By Kathleen Rooney
Chicago Tribune



Nicole Hollander published the "Sylvia" comic strip for 33 years.



NICOLE HOLLANDER PHOTOS

Hollander's book consists of stand-alone illustrated prose vignettes.

Ever wondered of Nicole Hollander, creator of the shrewd and radical, tough and hilarious, internationally syndicated comic strip "Sylvia"*: Where on earth did this sharp, outspoken feminist, leftist cartooning genius of socially conscious sarcasm come from?* Her new book, "We Ate Wonder Bread," offers a full-color answer: the 1940s and '50s in a long-vanished Jewish milieu in a working-class neighborhood on Chicago's West Side.

While this coming-of-age narrative is her first graphic memoir, it continues the irreverent and progressive work that her fans have come to know and love — and her haters to detest, right from the opening dedication onward.

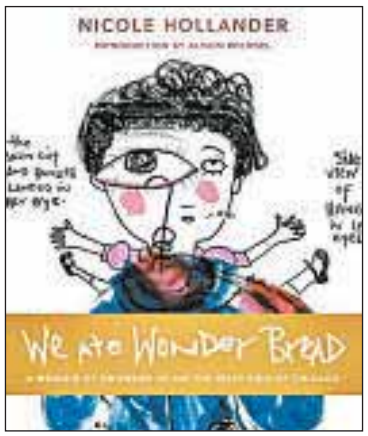
"To my father," she writes, "who took me along when he joined the Carpenters Union and who started me thinking about who had power and who was dispossessed." And "to Shirley and Esther and Olga, who were strong, witty women, and to all of us who were waiting for feminism for all of our lives and embraced it wholeheartedly when it arrived."

"Sylvia" ran for more than three decades before it was retired in 2012. During that 33-year period, Hollander never shied away from applying her acerbic and verbally daring humor to politics, current events and popular culture. Hence Alison Bechdel's correctly laudatory assessment in her introduction to "We Ate Wonder Bread"; the "Fun Home" author writes that Hollander's memoir "is also a superhero origin story," because while Sylvia is not technically a superhero, "she was a heroine to me and she certainly possesses powers far beyond those of mere mortals," not unlike her creator, who "paved the way for later generations of women cartoonists."

Divided into brief and vibrant sections with such titles as "Eating Quickly: Difficult Family Dinners" and "Marilyn: The Princess on the Top Floor," the book consists of stand-alone illustrated prose vignettes that accumulate to create an overall arc. Colorful, crowded, crayoned images in her deliberately busy, coarse and layered style deliver Hollander's portraits of the people that populated her childhood and the places that they inhabited.

The texture of her early life in Lawndale comes across as arrestingly rich in sensory overload: White Shoulders perfume and Lady Aster Chicken Fat, "the Golden Dome in the Garfield Park Field House" and "the lush zinnia garden grown by Jenny's Italian father-in-law."

Prickly with cross-outs and added details, the drawings almost appear to move, animating the motion of Hollander's memory across her past. In the opening piece about her family home at 3914 W. Congress Parkway, "The Courtyard: Where It All Began," the caption of the drawing reads: "Our apartment was reached by going through a wrought iron fence," but "fence" is crossed out and replaced with "arch." Quivering black squiggles cover the lower right-hand side, labeled in all caps: "NO FLOWERS NO GRASS."



'We Ate Wonder Bread'

By Nicole Hollander, Fantagraphics, 124 pages, $22.99

As in any good memoir, Hollander's acknowledgment of the uncertainty inherent in the act of recollection serves to bolster her authority and cement the reader's trust. When she labels a photo collage of a beige brick building with one arrow pointing up and one pointing down, asking, "Did Rosie live here or here," the audience appreciates her honesty and is invited to consider their own grasp on their long-past childhoods.

Both the text and the images brim with love and judgment, as when she writes of her angry and difficult father: "We were not allowed to read at the dinner table. Dad was the only one allowed to read." She accompanies the observation with a funny and grotesque drawing of a diapered homunculus labeled "the needy baby inside my father's heart."

She interrupts the domestic anecdotes with insightful revelations about the development of her style. Listening to the radio as a family on Sundays, she writes, "Jack Benny was my favorite. I learned timing from him. I adapted it to my cartoon strip. The long pause and then the surprise, worked in cartoons as well."

Repetitive and recursive, the book has the feeling of hanging out with a favorite relative at a family reunion, one whom you love hearing tell you the same legendary yarns from different angles.

Of her mother, Hollander writes that everyone confided in her, "even I, who knew how untrustworthy she was," noting that "my mother would have repeated everything that went on in the kitchen because it would have been a great story and she couldn't help but tell it." Here, as she has done over the course of her superb career, Hollander proves that she inherited her mother's sterling gift for spotting and telling an unforgettable story.

Kathleen Rooney is the author of "Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk."

The art of finding the treasure in life by daydreaming

By Patrick T. Reardon
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Patricia Hampl's latest book is "The Art of the Wasted Day."

Patricia Hampl laughs and says, "I have a list."

We're talking over the phone about that bane of modern life, the to-do list, she in the kitchen of her St. Paul, Minn., home and me in Chicago in my own kitchen. I've just mentioned that interviewing her is on my to-do list for the day.

It's humorous because the subject of our conversation is her new book "The Art of the Wasted Day" (Viking, $26), which is about daydreaming, the antithesis of list-making. It's about how rich life is when one focuses, at least part of the time, on being rather than on doing.

The idea of constantly doing something, of always accomplishing something, seems to be woven into the American DNA. Indeed, as Hampl, a critically hailed essayist, poet and memoir writer, notes in her book, the Declaration of Independence promises the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Which means that, while life and liberty are guaranteed, happiness isn't, only the job of seeking it. "The essential American word isn't happiness. It's pursuit," she writes.

Over the phone, she expands on this: "Any form of rest in our culture is seen as sloth — not just bad behavior, but close to sin."

In fact, when Hampl was a young Catholic girl growing up in St. Paul, she discovered that according to "The Baltimore Catechism," daydreaming was a sin. She didn't care, though, daydreamer that she already was.

"Daydreaming doesn't make things up. It sees things. Claims things, twirls them around, takes a good look. Possesses them. Embraces them. Makes something of them. Makes sense. Or music. How restful it is, how full of motion," she writes.

A few pages later, she touches on the often-frenetic efforts that modern-day Americans pursue in their search for happiness — the yoga classes, meditation sessions, purchases of probiotic foods — and suggests an alternative:

"How about just giving up? Giving up the habit of struggle. Maybe it's a matter of giving over. To what? Perhaps what an earlier age called 'the life of the mind,' that phrase I fastened on to describe the sovereign self at ease, at home in the world when I decided to embrace that key occasion of sin — the daydream. Happiness redefined as looking out the window and taking things in — not pursuing them."

"The Art of the Wasted Day" is a memoir of Hampl's meandering reflections on the treasure that idleness and openness can be as well as the insights of such daydreaming luminaries as Walt Whitman, "that model lounger"; Gregor Mendel, the monk who founded the modern science of genetics; and Hampl's hero, Michel de Montaigne, the 16th-century French essayist.

While it's not the sort of self-help book that provides 10 easy steps for getting your life back on track by tearing up your to-do list, Hampl's book suggests, in its elliptical, lollygagging way, an approach to life that has to do with rising above — or putting to the side — all the busyness that engulfs all of us.

When Hampl suggests wasting time, she's not talking about filling hours with mind-numbing surfing on the internet or binge-watching television or shopping for the sake of having something to do. Instead, it's about being still, being aware, about hearing sounds, really hearing them, about seeing what is in front of your eyes, about being open to what one thinks and remembers and feels. The whole range of emotions, even sadness.



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"The Art of the Wasted Day" was the result of a lot of daydreaming by Hampl, and, in the midst of the project, her husband of 27 years, Terrence Williams, died unexpectedly of heart failure. Although he'd been ill, "we thought we could keep him running," Hampl says.

Later, when she got back to her book, she found that she was incorporating him into the text, most often by directly addressing him as if he were there hearing her tell her story. "It wasn't planned that he would be part of it," she explains. "I just liked having him around again."

Hampl tells me that she made a conscious decision not to discuss the details of his death in the book. His entry into the book, she explains, was through her own daydreaming, her being face-to-face with his absence and her desire to remember him as he was and as he would have been if still alive, the two of them engaged in the normal give-and-take of being a couple.

"What happens with this kind of daydreaming," she says, "is a kind of float, a kind of floating." It's beyond simple happiness or sadness. It's an openness to the fullness of life, the vastness of life.

Patrick T. Reardon is the author of eight books including "Requiem for David," a collection of poems dealing with the suicide of his brother.

Who will win the Pulitzer?

Predicting book awards is a stupid idea, but let's set the odds anyway

By John Warner | Chicago Tribune

I did something stupid last year and attempted to predict the winner of the Pulitzer Prize for fiction. That I successfully placed the lowest individual odds (3-1) on the winning book — "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead — does not mitigate the inherent stupidity of trying to predict the winner of a book award. That one of my other favorites, "The Sport of Kings" by C.E. Morgan, was named a finalist shouldn't fool me into believing I have a special insight into something essentially unknowable.

And yet, here I am, ready to take another shot in advance of Monday's prize announcements.

The first place to look for Pulitzer contenders is the National Book Awards, as they share an important eligibility requirement — the book must be written by an American citizen — and are judged by figures from the literary world. Books that managed to run one prize gantlet may have what it takes to run another. Indeed, "The Underground Railroad" won the National Book Award/Pulitzer double last year.

This year, Jesmyn Ward became a two-time National Book Award winner for "Sing, Unburied, Sing," and no doubt she's in the Pulitzer mix.

But not all prize juries are the same. Last year, "The Underground Railroad" looked like a juggernaut, and for all its virtues and accomplishments, "Sing, Unburied, Sing" doesn't feel quite the same. I wouldn't be surprised to see it win, but I'm not giving it 3-1 odds. Let's say more like 7-1.

George Saunders' "Lincoln in the Bardo," winner of the Man Booker Prize, has to be on the Pulitzer radar, not just because of the book's pedigree, but because of the subject matter as well. Novels that seek to reveal something about the American experience seem to impress the Pulitzer board, so an exploration of the grief of the 16th president fits the bill. I'll make it a co-equal favorite at 7-1.

Two previous winners, Elizabeth Strout and Jennifer Egan, are contenders with "Anything Is Possible" and "Manhattan Beach," respectively, but only three writers have ever won two fiction Pulitzers. John Updike was the last to do it with "Rabbit Is Rich" in 1982 and "Rabbit at Rest" in 1991. Make both books 40-1.

Of this year's National Book Award finalists, I think Elliot Ackerman's "Dark at the Crossing," Lisa Ko's "The Leavers" and Min Jin Lee's "Pachinko" all deserve odds of their own, each at 25-1. None of these would be a shocking champion.

Jonathan Dee's "The Locals," a story set in the Berkshires in the years between 9/11 and the financial meltdown of 2008, is another book that speaks to some of our national ailments: 30-1.

Books that fall outside literary fiction tend to have a hard time when it comes to these prizes, but in "The Book of Joan," Lidia Yuknavitch blends genres to construct a future dystopian novel with definite echoes of the present. If the jury hears those echoes, it has a shot: 70-1.

I would like to say that the greatest living American novelist, Percival Everett, is a contender for "So Much Blue," but I would be very surprised (while delighted) if this kind of justice is done: 120-1.



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Jesmyn Ward is the author of "Sing, Unburied, Sing."



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George Saunders wrote "Lincoln in the Bardo."



ELIZABETH STROUT PHOTO

Elizabeth Strout is the author of "Anything Is Possible."

Every so often an indie press book is elevated to the prize, and my dark horse of dark horse picks this year is "Stephen Florida" by Gabe Habash, published by Minneapolis' Coffee House Press: 150-1.

As always with these predictions, though, the best guess for which book will win is "none of the above." Let's call it 50-50.

If you have money to risk and someone to bet, put it on something surprising to be announced Monday.

John Warner is the author of "Tough Day for the Army."

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read next based on the last five books you've read.

1. "The Second Mrs. Hockaday" by Susan Rivers
2. "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas
3. "The Stolen Marriage" by Diane Chamberlain
4. "The Salt House" by Lisa Duffy
5. "The Alice Network" by Kate Quinn
— Pam A., Vernon Hills

Every recommendation this week will be a past Pulitzer Prize winner. For Pam, I'm going with 1995's **"The Stone Diaries"** by Carol Shields.

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1. "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee
2. "The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit" by Michael Finkel
3. "It's All Relative: Adventures Up and Down the World's Family Tree" by A.J. Jacobs
4. "American Wolf: A True Story of Survival and Obsession in the West" by Nate Blakeslee
5. "God: A Human History" by Reza Aslan
— Lisa N., Clarendon Hills

For Lisa, I think **"The Known World"** by Edward P. Jones is the right book. It's a slow meal but a satisfying one.

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1. "Chemistry" by Weike Wang
2. "In the Fall They Come Back" by Robert Bausch
3. "Shots Fired: Stories From Joe Pickett Country" by C.J. Box
4. "Anything Is Possible" by Elizabeth Strout
5. "Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI" by David Grann
— Marie A., La Grange

"Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson is the book for Marie.

Get a reading from the Biblioracle

To get a reading from the Biblioracle, send a list of the last five books you've read to **books@chicagotribune.com**.

NATIONAL BEST-SELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "I've Got My Eyes on You" by Mary Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster, $26.99) *Last week: —*

2. Red Alert: An NYPD Red Mystery Novel" by James Patterson and Marshall Karp (Little, Brown, $28) *Last week: 1*

3. "The Disappeared: A Joe Pickett Novel" by C. J. Box (Putnam, $27) *Last week: 2*

4. "Accidental Heroes: A Novel" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte, $28.99) *Last week: 3*

5. "The Great Alone: A Novel" by Kristin Hannah (Holtzbrinck, $28.99) *Last week: 4*

6. "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng (Penguin, $27) *Last week: 6*

7. "The Woman in the Window: A Novel" by A.J. Finn (William Morrow, $26.99) *Last week: 7*

8. "Before We Were Yours: A Novel" by Lisa Wingate (Ballantine, $26) *Last week: 8*

9. "Cave of Bones: A Leaphorn, Chee & Manuelito Novel" by Anne Hillerman (Harper, $26.99) *Last week: —*

10. "The Female Persuasion: A Novel" by Meg Wolitzer (Riverhead, $28) *Last week: —*

For the week ended April 8, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

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HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos" by Jordan B. Peterson (Random House Canada, $25.95) *Last week: 1*

2. "The Rational Bible: Exodus" by Dennis Prager (Regnery Faith, $34.99) *Last week: —*

3. "Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World — and Why Things Are Better Than You Think" by Hans Rosling with Ola Rosling and Anna Rosling Ronnlund (Flatiron, $27.99) *Last week: —*

4. "Dear Madam President: An Open Letter to the Women Who Will Run the World" by Jennifer Palmieri (Grand Central, $20) *Last week: 6*

5. "Giada's Italy: My Recipes for La Dolce Vita" by Giada De Laurentiis (Clarkson Potter, $35) *Last week: 10*

6. "I've Been Thinking ...: Reflections, Prayers, and Meditations for a Meaningful Life" by Maria Shriver (Dorman, $20) *Last week: 9*

7. "Russian Roulette: The Inside Story of Putin's War on America and the Election of Donald Trump" by Michael Isikoff and David Corn (Twelve, $30) *Last week: 4*

8. "Make Trouble: Standing Up, Speaking Out, and Finding the Courage to Lead — My Life Story" by Cecile Richards (Touchstone, $27) *Last week: —*

9. "Secret Empires: How the American Political Class Hides Corruption and Enriches Family and Friends" by Peter Schweizer (Harper, $28.99) *Last week: 3*

10. "Tiger Woods" by Jeff Benedict and Armen Keteyian (Simon & Schuster, $30) *Last week: —*

CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS



1. "Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI" by David Grann (Vintage, $16.95)

2. "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng (Penguin, $27)

3. "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee (Grand Central, $15.99)

4. "Rocket Men: The Daring Odyssey of Apollo 8 and the Astronauts Who Made Man's First Journey to the Moon" by Robert Kurson (Random House, $28)

5. "Chicago: A Novel" by David Mamet (Custom House, $26.99)

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MONDAY EVENTS



MARY SCHMICH AT NLU
2012 Pulitzer Prize Winner in Conversation
Monday, April 30, 7:00pm
National Louis University
122 S. Michigan Ave. Chicago
312-261-3010
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TUESDAY EVENTS



SALLY HELGESEN
How Women Rise
Tues., April 17, Luncheon at 12 noon
University Club of Chicago
76 E. Monroe, Chicago
847 446-8880
www.thebookstall.com

The Book Stall presents author, speaker, and leadership consultant **SALLY HELGESEN** for a talk about her new book, "**How Women Rise**: Break the 12 Habits Holding You Back from Your Next Raise, Promotion, or Job." It explores specific behaviors that get in women's way as they seek advancement and offers solutions to help women realize their full potential. For luncheon reservations (required), call **847 446-8880**.

WEDNESDAY EVENTS



NATALIE MORALES
At Home with Natalie
Wednesday, April 18 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
26 S. La Grange Rd. La Grange
708-582-6353
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Anderson's Bookshop in **La Grange** is pleased to welcome NBC anchor **Natalie Morales** sharing copies of her new cookbook, **At Home with Natalie**. This is a booksigning line only event. Tickets exclusively at NatalieMoralesAndersons.brownpapertickets.com.



JENNIFER PALMIERI
Dear Madam President
Wed., April 18 at 7 pm
Glencoe Public Library
320 Park Ave., Glencoe
847 446-8880
www.thebookstall.com

The **Glencoe Public Library** and The Book Stall present **JENNIFER PALMIERI** for a talk about her book "**Dear Madam President**: An Open Letter to the Women Who Will Run the World," a forward-thinking framework for reimagining women in leadership roles of all types. Ms. Palmieri was the Director of Communications for Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign and prior to that served as the White House Communications Director for President Obama.

THURSDAY EVENTS



KAREN DIONNE
The Marsh King's Daughter
Thursday, April 19 at 6 pm
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Anderson's Bookshop in **La Grange** hosts Midwest author **Karen Dionne** with her thriller, **The Marsh King's Daughter**. This event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the author's new book at **Anderson's Bookshop**.



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You Are a Badass at Making Money
Thursday, April 19 at 7 pm
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Anderson's Bookshop in **Naperville** welcomes celebrated success coach **Jen Sincero** with her motivational book, **You Are a Badass at Making Money**. 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**.



JESSE ROGERS
Try Not to Suck
Thurs., April 19 at 6:30 pm
The Book Stall
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The Book Stall hosts **JESSE ROGERS**, who covers the Cubs for ESPN100 and ESPNChicago.com, for a discussion of "**Try Not to Suck**: The Exceptional, Extraordinary Baseball Life of Joe Maddon." This new book, co-authored with MLB.com's Bill Chastain, delves behind the scenes and dissects the mystique that makes Maddon so popular with players and analysts alike. Free and open to the public. Purchase of the book from **The Book Stall** is required to enter the signing line.

FRIDAY EVENTS

WENDY MOGEL
Voice Lessons for Parents: What to Say, How to Say It, and When to Listen
Fri., April 20 at 7 pm
New Trier High School Northfield
7 Happ Road, Northfield
847 446-8880
www.familyactionnetwork.net

The Family Action Network (FAN) and The Book Stall welcome renowned speaker and parenting expert **WENDY MOGEL** for a talk about "**Voice Lessons for Parents: What to Say, How to Say It, and When to Listen**," her new guide to the art of talking with children that shows how a change in voice can transform conversations and ease the relationship between parents and their children.

SATURDAY EVENTS



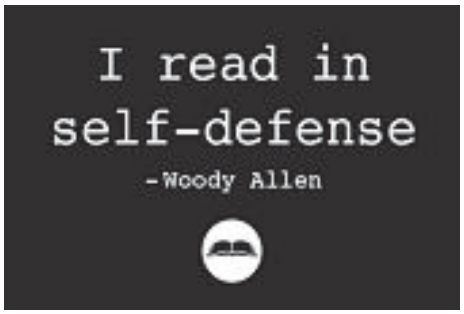
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The Book Stall welcomes **DR. CORY FRANKLIN** for a talk about his new book "**The Doctor Will See You Now**: Essays on the Changing Practice of Medicine," an eclectic collection of essays on the realities of the practice of medicine today. Dr. Franklin spent 25 years as the director of intensive care at Cook County Hospital in Chicago.



UPCOMING EVENTS



AARON REYNOLDS
Dude!
Sunday, April 22 at 1 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
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www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in **Naperville** welcomes back local author **Aaron Reynolds** with his fun new picture book, **Dude!** 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**.

FAISAL MOHYUDDIN
The Displaced Children of Displaced Children
Sun., April 22 at 2 pm
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The Book Stall hosts Chicago writer, artist and educator **FAISAL MOHYUDDIN**, an English teacher at Highland Park High School, for a launch party celebrating his prize-winning debut poetry collection "**The Displaced Children of Displaced Children**." Appearing with Mr. Mohyuddin will be special guest poetry readers.



AMOR TOWLES
A Gentleman in Moscow
Sun. April 22 at 3 pm
Wilmette Jr. High School
620 Locust Rd., Wilmette
(847) 256-6930
www.wilmettelibrary.info/onebook

The **Wilmette** Public Library and The Book Stall host **AMOR TOWLES** for a talk about "**A Gentleman in Moscow**," the library's 2018 "One Book, Everybody Reads" selection. His popular bestselling novel tells the story of Count Alexander Rostov, an aristocrat sentenced in 1922 to house arrest in a tiny attic room in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. This event is free and open to the public.



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Piquant pillows



Leah Eskin
Home on the Range

Soup dumplings, darling pork-packed pillows, differ from their landlocked cousins in one detail: They're bursting with broth. Posing a puzzle worthy of the trivia app HQ: How does the soup slip inside?

The dumpling novice ponders the possibilities: a splash of liquid and lightning-fast folding? A scalding syringe? Magic?

Correct. In an act of culinary sleight-of-hand, the broth is cooked to a quiver, cooled to a gel and cubed. The cubes are tossed with pork and wrapped into the raw dumpling. As the packet steams — big reveal — the meat cooks and the cubes melt ... into soup.

Ingenious and delicious, both. Leaving only the question of technique. A: Nibble a small hole, slurp out the soup, dip the dumpling and down it. Small bite; big win.

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Beginner soup dumplings

Prep: 1 hour **Cook:** 6 minutes **Makes:** 16 dumplings

Expert soup dumplings start with homemade broth and hand-rolled wrappers. This version takes a couple of shortcuts — and still steams up delicious.

- 1 tablespoon cold water
- 1 teaspoon gelatin
- ½ cup pork, beef or chicken broth
- 4 ounces ground pork
- 1 teaspoon finely grated fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped green onion
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1/4 teaspoon Chinese rice wine
- 1 pinch each: salt and white (or black) pepper
- 16 wonton wrappers (4 ounces total)

1 **Set:** Drop water into a glass measuring cup. Sprinkle with gelatin. Bring broth to a boil; pour over gelatin, whisking to dissolve. Pour into a small baking pan and chill until jiggly, about 30 minutes.

2 **Mix:** Meanwhile stir together all remaining ingredients (except wrappers). When broth is set, cut into tiny cubes or scramble to bits with a fork. Stir cubes into pork.

3 **Fold:** Set four wrappers on a work surface; brush edges with water. Settle 1 tablespoon filling in the center of each. Bring the four points of each wrapper up to meet in the middle, forming four pyramid-shaped dumplings. Firmly press seams together. Are these the 18-pleat round dumplings of soup-dumpling fame? No. Will they work just fine? Yes. Fill remaining dumplings.

4 **Steam:** Line a steamer basket with parchment paper or a few leaves of bok choy or lettuce. Settle in dumplings. Steam over boiling water until dumplings are cooked through, about 6 minutes.

5 **Serve:** Set one dumpling on a big spoon. Nibble or poke a small hole. Slurp out soup. Drizzle dumpling with sauce and down it.

Dumpling sauce: Pour ¼ cup dark (chinkiang) vinegar into a bowl. Scatter with fine shards of ginger.

Provenance: Adapted from Imperial Lamian in Chicago.

Aquafaba can help make luxuriously creamy cocktails

By Lisa Futterman
Chicago Tribune

There's something extra special about a foamy cocktail. Sipping a cool tart drink through that frothy, marshmallowy top layer makes you feel like a kid at the soda fountain. But the thought of raw egg whites (both separating them and consuming them) can be a bit off-putting.

Along comes aquafaba, the sexy made-up name for the not-so-sexy liquid that comes in cans of chickpeas. Derived from the Latin term for "bean water," aquafaba was made famous in 2015, when an American software engineer named Goose Wohlt posted his discovery on social media and vegans and their friends began frenetically whipping chickpea brine and adding the resulting meringuelike foam to — everything.

After surprising myself by creating a successful aquafaba chocolate mousse, I decided to leap into mixology. Would my leftover chickpea liquid make a frothy cocktail as pretty, creamy and delightful as an egg white does?

Remarkably and resoundingly, yes. I added the aquafaba to a pisco sour on a recent warm night, using exactly the same proportion and technique (more on that later) as I would with an egg white. My drink came out topped with a silky foam, without a hint of unpleasant eggy-ness of course, but also without any trace of beany flavor or aroma. The tiny bit of salt in the brine boosted the flavor of the citrus and liquor.

More good news: You can use the liquid from freshly cooked (Instant Pot users and hummus lovers, take note) or canned chickpeas, and it freezes beautifully if you want to save your cocktail adventures for a later date.

The technique is simple. Replace 1 egg white (1 fluid ounce) in your favorite cocktail recipe with 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) aquafaba. We recommend a "dry shake," which means shaking all the ingredients without ice for 10-15 seconds before adding ice and shaking again. The dry shake allows the proteins in the egg/aquafaba to be broken down a bit by the acid and liquor to better emulsify the drink before chilling. Now go ahead and create a Ramos gin fizz, Clover Club, pisco sour, sloe gin fizz or any other cocktail recipe that calls for egg white.

We created a template for successful aquafaba sour cocktails. Feel free to get creative with different combinations of liquor and citrus. (And if you are out of aquafaba, a fresh egg white will do!)

Lisa Futterman is a freelance writer.



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Aquafaba sour

Over the course of a few experiments, the Tribune test kitchen determined that using aquafaba from low-sodium organic chickpeas resulted in the most balanced flavors and aromas. We also used a split, 50-50 base of an aromatic London dry gin and Campari, while bumping the simple syrup and lemon juice up to 1 ounce each, but mileage may vary. One thing's for sure: The resulting foam is beautifully creamy.

Makes: 1 cocktail

- 2 ounces pisco, gin, Campari or whiskey
- 1 ounce aquafaba
- 3/4 ounce simple syrup
- 3/4 ounce fresh lemon juice
- Angostura bitters for garnish

Place all ingredients except the bitters in a cocktail shaker, and shake vigorously for 15 seconds. Add ice, and shake again until well-chilled. Strain into a chilled coupe, and decorate with a few drops of bitters.



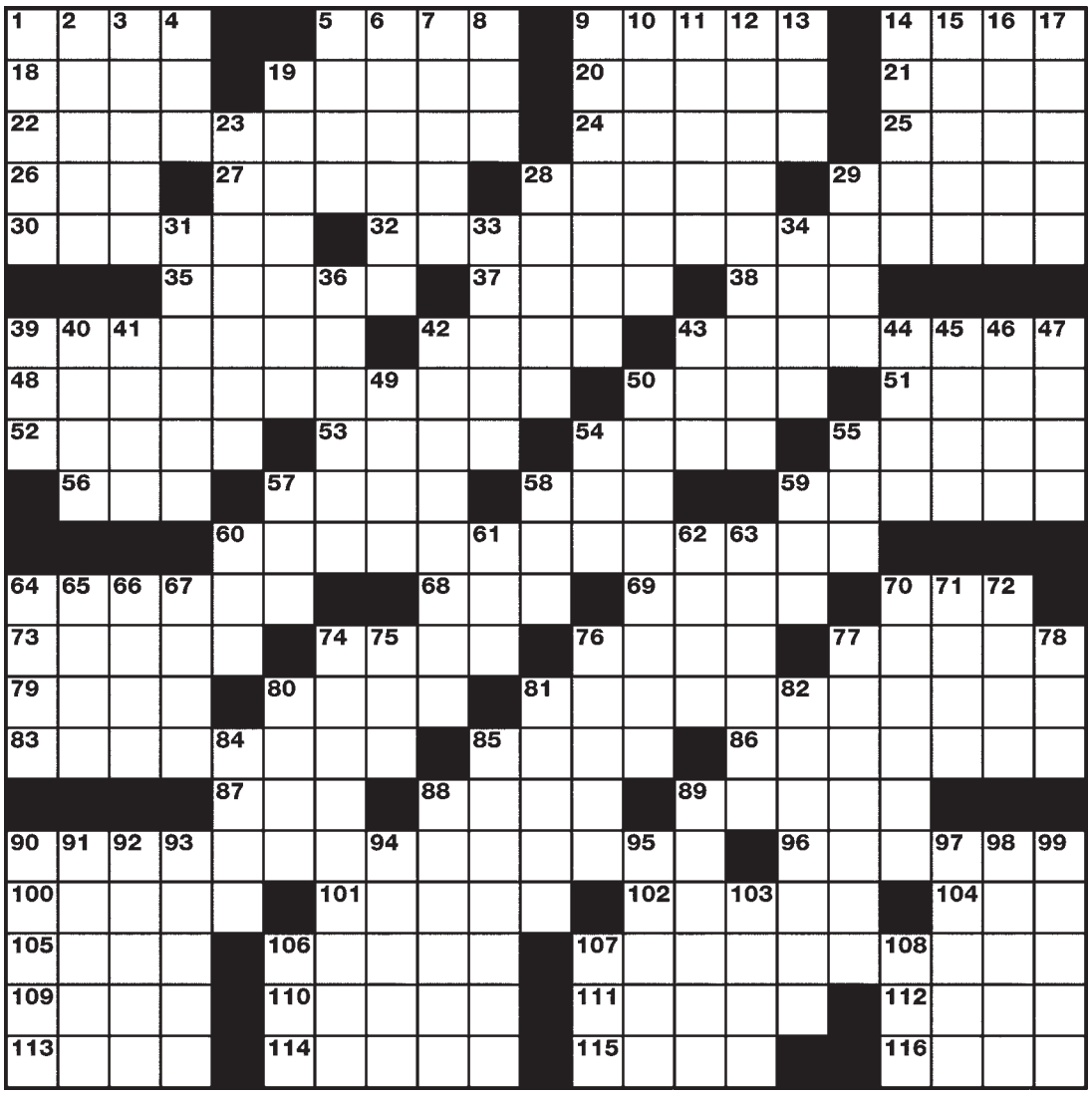
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MOVING PICTURES: Action movies all

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Across

1 Country singer McEntire
5 Tomato variety
9 Music staff symbols
14 Lower leg
18 Annoyingly suave
19 Less iffy
20 Gets well
21 Move carefully
22 1979 Peter Sellers film
24 Cross a threshold
25 Random stack
26 German article
27 Prior to opening
28 Matched up
29 Hit the trail
30 Squeaking bone, e.g.
32 Disney animated release of 1959
35 Alpha __ Minoris (Polaris)
37 Shopping complex
38 Twitter titter
39 *Star Trek* alien
42 Population center
43 Closed, as a parka
48 2016 Pixar film
50 Perch appendages
51 Poetic lowland
52 Vieux __ (French Quarter)
53 Scopes out
54 Percussion instrument
55 Wading bird
56 "Tell __ story"
57 Bend, as biceps
58 __ Claire, WI
59 Corporate owner
60 Aykroyd/Murphy role-reversal film
64 Where FDR served as a senator
68 Droop
69 Course of action
70 Klutzy one
73 Riding horse
74 Power measure
76 Spanish custard
77 Swiss mathematician
79 Crow's-nest support
80 Circle segments
81 Denzel Washington's second Oscar film
83 Poised to reach higher, say
85 Horse-drawn carriage
86 Coastal breeze descriptor
87 Term of endearment
88 Luau locale
89 Presented in its entirety
90 Mel Brooks' Western spoof
96 Responsible (for)
100 Sports coat feature
101 Backs with bucks
102 Short, easy putt
104 Small, for short
105 Concert boxes
106 Italian bridge
107 De Niro's second Oscar film
109 Shaken seasoning
110 Color gradations
111 Assemble, with "together"
112 *Museo* display
113 Low *número*
114 Leg extender
115 *Casablanca* heroine
116 Trade org.

Down

1 Clad like a judge
2 End of a kindergarten song
3 Jewelry, slangily
4 Writer Rand
5 German urban region
6 Consequences introducer
7 First-billed name in *The Iron Lady*
8 Comprise
9 For a song
10 Soup legume
11 Eroded
12 Nest departer
13 Former Ukr. designation
14 Antique photo tone
15 Japanese verse
16 Sea kayak stopover
17 Down and out
19 Doesn't retire
23 Nursery rhyme lad
28 Substantial
29 What tech support provides
31 Arctic plain
33 Some Mideast rulers
34 Conks
36 Big name in the Bundestag
39 Pizza Hut sister brand
40 Actor Neeson
41 Concerning, in memos
42 Lives harmoniously (with)
43 Cali wine
44 Even a single time
45 Seldom seen
46 Musk of SpaceX
47 Small bit of progress
49 A new color now
50 Whodunit phrase
54 Mountain pass
55 Comprises
57 Prepare with a skillet
58 What one may 57 Down
59 Farm enclosure
60 Demolition material
61 DC baseballer
62 Jai __
63 *1812 Overture* "instrument"
64 Cartridge contents
65 Cash advance
66 Small statue
67 It means "adverse to"
70 Should, so to speak
71 Gucci of fashion
72 Trepidation
74 Metaphor for a bad start
75 Virtuoso
76 Overly delicate
77 Coming after
78 Lunch bread
80 Very much
81 Dull sounds
82 Gradient
84 Golfer Mickelson
85 Most morose
88 Fireplace framer
89 Applications
90 Strong gust
91 Rapper Kendrick
92 Important part of a Tell tale
93 Citrus peels
94 Branch of Islam
95 Web commerce
97 Fuzzy images
98 Light melodies
99 Actress Page or Pompeo
103 Typography measure
106 Blood-bank units: Abbr.
107 NY engineering school
108 Ram's lament

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. Divide 50-50: 2 wds. ___ 37 57 72 124 149 158 68 110

B. Stay true to principle: 2 wds. ___ 10 36 78 143 60 51 90 100 132

C. Quickly: sl., hyph. ___ 138 101 9 53 112 77 17 47

D. Be congenial: 3 wds. ___ 128 97 153 84 111 118 18 58

E. Ample space ___ 21 79 115 69 34 63 144 8 45

F. Downcast; glum ___ 52 139 81 151 94 27

G. Added: 2 wds. ___ 56 33 103 19 159 6 15 108

H. Night crawler's nemesis: 2 wds. ___ 116 129 24 83 64 120 4 55 40

I. Mob ___ 35 96 148 122 5 26

J. Highland plaid ___ 127 38 89 65 113 137

K. Conservative element: 2 wds. ___ 136 67 32 49 74 3 154 109 126

L. Female sleepwear ___ 31 62 13 86 117 147 133

M. Legitimate ___ 156 61 71 95 23 141

N. Lack of interest ___ 42 82 102 131 75 28

O. Awkward ___ 106 80 125 1 142 98 157 73 16

P. Very friendly:sl., hyph. ___ 107 66 7 91 123 29 54 43 145 99

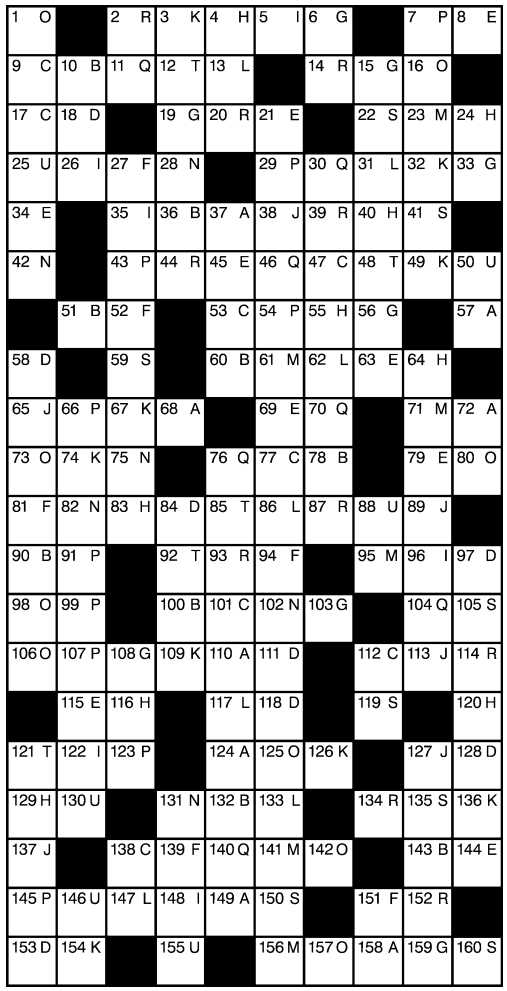
Q. Deserving contempt ___ 46 11 76 30 70 140 104

R. Progressing: 3 wds. ___ 14 114 87 93 152 134 44 39 2 20

S. Ta-ta in Tokyo ___ 41 59 150 135 22 105 160 119

T. Dance that takes two to do ___ 92 121 12 85 48

U. Conditions ___ 25 130 155 50 88 146



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It's Up To You

By Charles Preston

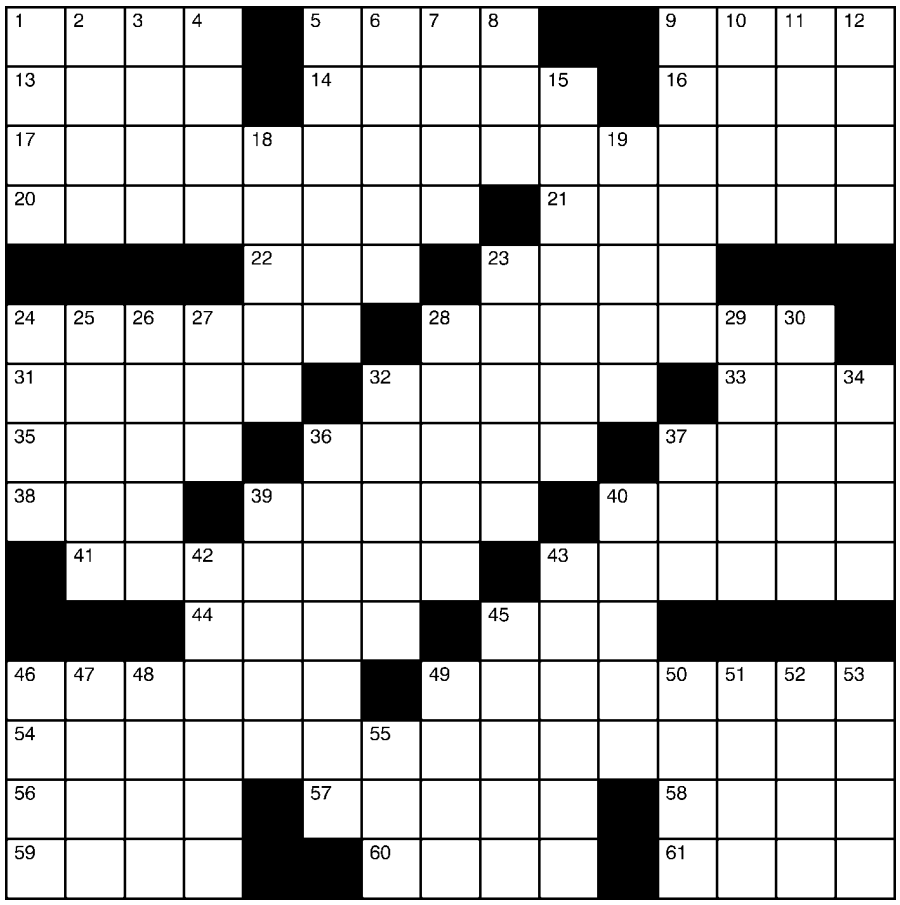
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1 Ewe-talk
5 Tops off
9 Exhort
13 #2
14 Quaker gray
16 Bologna boniface
17 With 31 Across, timely date
20 Fellow sailors
21 Recital
22 Capp and Hirt
23 See 28 Across
24 Pest
28 With 23 Across, timely year
31 See 17 Across
32 Get on in time
33 Torso feature
35 Rug type
36 Intimidated
37 Gourd
38 Lulu
39 Looks out for
40 Abominated
41 Tried to refute
43 Bedevil
44 Uncork
45 Supporting
46 Certain curtain
49 Had a yen
54 Timely poem
56 Otherwise
57 Grasps the nettle
58 Topnotchers
59 Roe or doe
60 Mouse house
61 Submerged

Down

1 Tub scrub
2 Racqueteer Arthur
3 On the briny
4 Trick ending
5 With craft
6 Throes
7 Nadir
8 View
9 Acquired
10 Labor Dept. organization
11 Like ___ of bricks
12 Hurl the gauntlet
15 Experienced again
18 ___ *Depends on You*
19 He played Phileas Fogg
23 Social affairs
24 Breath taker
25 Leaf-sucker
26 Enswathe
27 Covering leaf
28 Crosscut
29 Greek letter
30 Sounds of pain
32 Actress Sophia
34 Pea holders
36 Provided as specified
37 Links norm
39 Dido
40 Gives ear to
42 Kegler
43 Trustworthy
45 Gets on
46 Hustled
47 She played Della Street
48 River to the Wash
49 On earth
50 Eventful periods
51 Costa ___
52 Serene scene
53 Rolltop
55 Carryall vehicle



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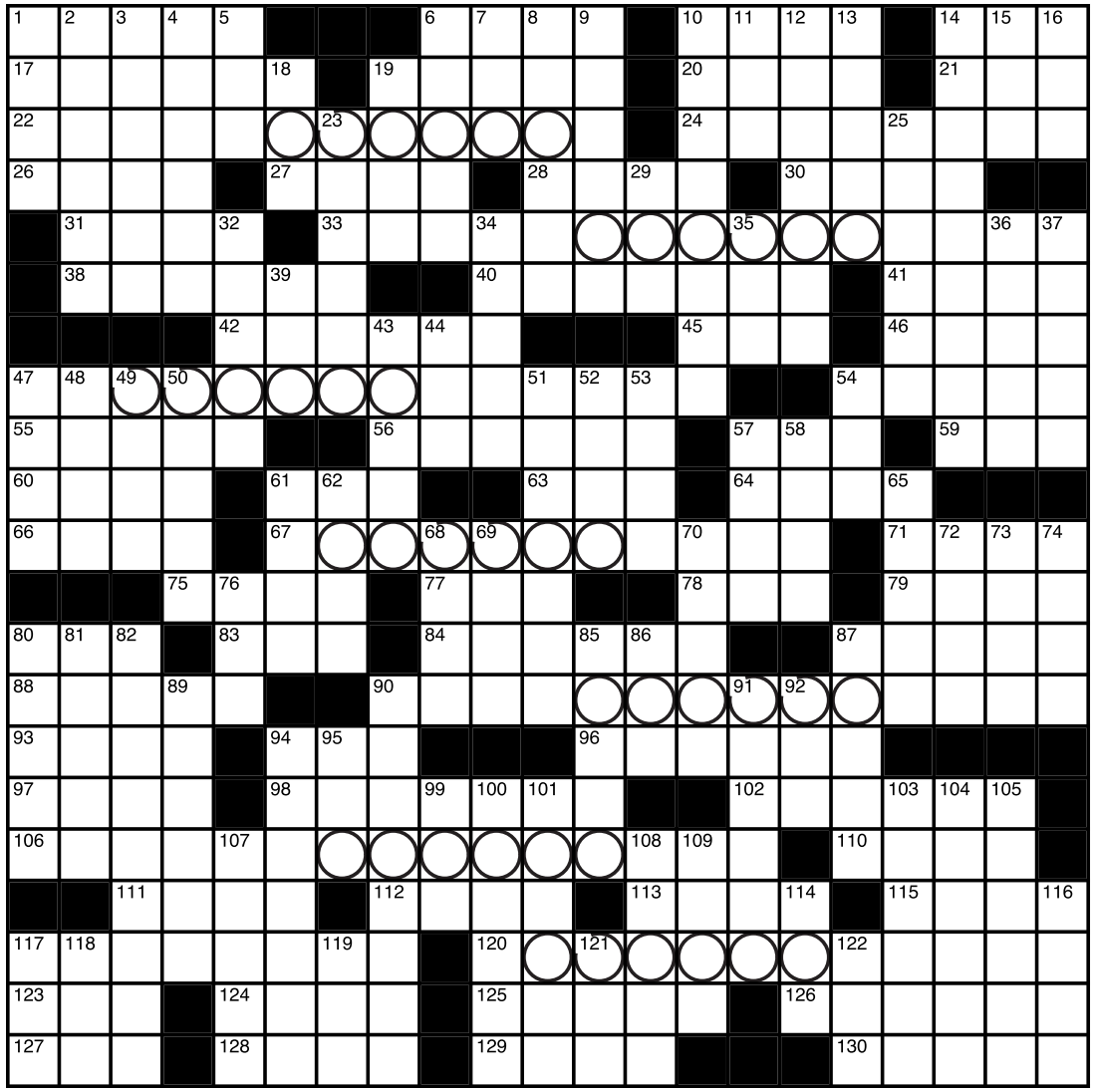
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Across

1 High-fives, e.g.
6 Big name in Champagne
10 Langston Hughes poem
14 Cinematic FX
17 "The War of the Worlds" narrator of 1938
19 Hum-dinger of an instrument?
20 It's composed of balances
21 Crew member
22 Coastal casino center
24 Block-stocking building
26 Champagne word
27 Indian nurse
28 First name in architecture
30 Out of concern that
31 Noodle concoction?
33 Current route
38 Charlie Brown correspondent
40 Lights into
41 It floods Florence periodically
42 Straightens up
45 "We need a cat!"
46 Costa __
47 Chinese and Vietnamese
54 Pretentious sort
55 Poppycock
56 Some decision makers
57 Smartphone ancestor, briefly
59 Cos. with Xings
60 Source of stress, probably
61 Like this ans.
63 St. Pete's place
64 Goals
66 Hombre's hand
67 Hotel evaluation system
71 Terrible time?
75 Builder's need
77 "__ the fields we go ... "
78 Common Market letters
79 Advanced, as old age
80 Tell
83 Courses for coll. credit
84 Third-least populous state
87 Staples Center player
88 Ladybug's lunch
90 Three-dimensional arrangement of atoms inside a diamond, say
93 Acidity-correcting fertilizer
94 Asian honorific
96 Watching closely
97 Biol. branch
98 Like a well-grounded argument
102 Play the flute
106 Article seen daily
110 Lab vessel
111 Mystery writer Nevada __
112 Middle of a Latin trio
113 Wind worth a warning
115 Regrets
117 Pretends
120 Website evaluation tool
123 Champagne word
124 Iota
125 Long time follower?
126 One getting smashed at a bash?
127 Tats
128 Nasdaq rival
129 Ladies of Sp.
130 Flippant

Down

1 Q-tip
2 Speak without restraint
3 Refer (to)
4 Typewriter roller
5 D.C. VIP
6 Papier-__
7 Action film weapon
8 Sacred songs
9 Journalist Bill inducted into the TV Hall of Fame in 1995
10 Follies
11 Private eye
12 Washington Monument, for one
13 Additional
14 Dior or Klein
15 Beetle juice?
16 Boiling state
18 Transit syst. component
19 Longtime TV broadcaster of 87-Across games
23 Well-shod Marcos
25 Annual winter telecast, with "The"
29 Coastline feature
32 In a fitting way
34 __ belli: act of war
35 2016 W.S. losers to the Cubs
36 Bring upon oneself
37 Contemptible sorts
39 Afflict
43 IV part
44 I strain?
47 __ McAn shoes
48 The last Mrs. Chaplin
49 It may be proper
50 Creator of many talking animals
51 To the extent that
52 Cabbage
53 Morales of "The Brink"
54 Frying pan spray
57 Scrolling unit
58 Frisbee, e.g.
61 "Immediately!"
62 Forklift load: Abbr.
65 Classic Fender guitar, familiarly
68 Crowd sound
69 Count (on)
70 Author Zora __ Hurston
72 Collaborative website
73 Crude gp.?
74 Bone-dry
76 Chap
80 Staple for a collegian on a tight budget
81 On the double
82 Atavism
85 Exorbitant
86 Mary __ cosmetics
87 No. 2 at the statehouse
89 "You got that right!"
90 Film lover
91 Small amount
92 "Is that __?"
94 Carb-loaded
95 Gym unit
99 Inlet or cove
100 Some rechargeable shavers
101 One offering quarters
103 Albania's capital
104 Actresses Linney and Dern
105 Gives a seat to
107 Seafood serving
108 Tough bosses to work for
109 Hard to come by
114 Seer's claim
116 Open carriage
117 Meas. checked after tire rotation
118 Cariou of "Sweeney Todd"
119 "__ the season ... "
121 Pueblo pronoun
122 Frozen Wasser



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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.

OSSANE

UNHAME

LYASAW

DILERV

FOTTIU

GEBINN



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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.

Level: 1 2 3 4

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Stepmother wants to try again to fix familial rift



Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: My husband and I have been very happily married for 11 years. It is a second marriage for each of us, and I had nothing to do with my husband's divorce, which occurred after his children were out of college and which was completely the choice of his ex-wife. In fact, I didn't meet my husband until four years after his divorce.

My stepson and his wife have made it clear to me, despite my best efforts to create a warm relationship with them, that they want nothing to do with me. I have no such problems with my husband's other son, or with my husband's parents or extended family. I am a warm person with many friends and have always been baffled by this rebuff, but have learned to accept it and try my best to be friendly when we do see them. Happily, they live in a distant state, so such occasions are infrequent.

And yes, on one occasion (a few years ago), I did try to ask gently if I had done something wrong and if I could somehow make amends, but it only made matters worse with my daughter-in-law.

Their ongoing rudeness includes postings on Facebook about long visits to our home where I am never mentioned, never included in any pictures, and to the uninformed reader, totally nonexistent. This couple has never sent me a birthday card; on my last birthday, they sent a text to my husband several days afterward, saying, "Tell your wife happy birthday for us."

I always remember their birthdays and Christmas with generous gifts. In other words, I have never stopped trying.

The icing on the cake came today with a sympathy card mailed only to my husband, referencing only his grief, with regard to the death of a beloved pet that we have shared for the term of our marriage. They are aware that I loved this dog like a child.

I feel that I should respond to this somehow, but I can hear my mother's voice saying, "Do not dignify their poor behavior with a response." What would you suggest? I am at a total loss, and my husband does not get involved in any way in this matter.

Gentle reader: While Miss Manners is inclined to agree with your mother, she will permit you one more attempt at addressing the issue head-on.

Letters often work better than conversations, as they give the recipient time to reflect before answering. It might say something like, "You were so kind to acknowledge my birthday last year, and our grief over Scruffy's death. I would dearly love to hear from you directly, or least begin to rectify our distant relationship. Your family means the world to me and after all of these years, it seems a shame that we do not have the close relationship that we all enjoy with the rest of the family." Approaching it without blame and only subtextual shaming is always an effective mix when it comes to family.

Dear Miss Manners: I am currently 25 weeks pregnant with my first child. My husband and I are thrilled, and have made a decision not to find out the gender of our baby. Since I have started showing in the last few weeks, I have noticed how people think they have free rein to make comments on my body and appearance.

I know most of these comments are innocent and mean no harm. But I've heard everything from "You're blossoming!" (not so bad) to "I've been looking at your backside to see if your bottom is wobbling."

Most of these comments allude to these people trying to guess the gender of our baby. I even had two women look me up and down and then make their assessment out loud: "Your legs don't look any bigger, so it must be a girl!"

The most confusing part is that almost every comment that I've received has come from a mother. Shouldn't these women know better than to judge pregnant women's bodies? Not only is it rude and something they probably wouldn't say to someone who isn't pregnant, but it really makes an impact when you're already self-conscious about the way your changing body looks.

Is there a way to stave off these comments nicely? Most of these people are family or co-workers and I don't want to cause problems with a snarky comeback.

Gentle reader: Snark is all in the delivery. Miss Manners asks you to remove it from your voice when you give these people the satisfaction of what they really want from you: a request for advice.

"Really? Did you find that the size of your legs were a credible predictor of your baby's gender?"

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to ***missmanners.com*** *or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.*



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Last week's crosswords

"VIP ROSTER"

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"Spring Into Action"

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"Low Flow"

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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

LEWIS H. LAPHAM: MARK TWAIN: Mark Twain's autobiography renders moot the funeral arrangements for the American idea. The man is at play with the freedom of his mind, which, unless I misread the history lesson, is what America is about.

Last week's Sudoku

6	5	3	2	7	9	8	1	4
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This week's Jumble

SEASON ALWAYS OUTFIT
HUMANE DRIVEL BENIGN

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KATE MATHIS

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POTTERY BARN

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Friends of faux

Designers embrace artificial flowers

By Jura Koncius | The Washington Post

When then-first lady Michelle Obama wanted hibiscus garlands for a Korean state dinner, the fresh blossoms proved too fragile to string together. So artist Livia Cetti was tapped to create gorgeous garlands of paper blooms to adorn the White House. No longer the pariahs of decor, fake flowers are showing up at some of the best addresses.

"There is a place for faux flowers today," says Whitney Robinson, editor-in-chief of Elle Decor. "They are essentially copies of what you would buy fresh."

Although beautiful arrangements such as the bowl of 400 fresh lavender roses at a Zurich restaurant star in his Instagram feed (@whowhatwhit), Robinson recognizes that "not everyone has the time or budget to be able to buy fresh consistently. We are entering a new era in faux flowers as well, toward a new generation of paper flowers that takes the artistry to the next level."

In the past few years, consumers have embraced artificial flowers, unapologetically welcoming the silk, polyester or polyblend version of succulents, orchid plants and hydrangea bouquets into their homes. Although they might have once carried a stigma, perhaps harking back to a dusty arrangement on a grandmother's coffee table, the tide has turned, thanks to modern materials and more sophisticated designs. Decorators and design bloggers feature faux flowers in their projects and on social media. Retailers are selling individual faux blooms as well as prearranged mixed bouquets and planters. On Etsy, roses and poppies spring forth in polyester and in tissue paper.

Monica Bhargava, Pottery Barn's executive vice president of design, often mixes real blooms, such as fragrant roses, along with faux on her office desk in San Francisco. Pottery Barn has created flower shops for its faux line and created videos about how to design with them.

"All of us are living crazy lives," Bhargava says. "It's nice to come home to things like these faux botannicals, which are effortless



EMILY A. CLARK/INSTAGRAM

A faux orchid posted by blogger Emily A. Clark, who likes the low-maintenance option.



JOSS & MAIN

A dahlia ranunculus floral arrangement in a decorative vase ($190.99, **jossandmain.com**).

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— Livia Cetti, paper-flower artist

and fun."

The charm of handcrafted paper flowers is captured by artisans such as Cetti, a paper-flower artist working in the Bronx who was once a stylist for Martha Stewart. She has written two how-to books on paper flowers and sells her wares at high-end shops such as John Derian in New York and on her website, the Green Vase (**www.thegreenvase.com**). Her blooms start at $35 each.

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Design bloggers, who are always photographing their own spaces and looking for ways to add color and interest, have hastened the flowering of faux.

"I don't have the money for fresh flowers in every corner," says blogger Emily A. Clark. "This gives the look and feel of it. I have five kids to water and feed. I don't need anything with more maintenance right now."

Incorporating faux flowers hasn't stirred her readers. "I hardly have anyone call me out on it," she says. "Some people are still against it, but I'm over it."

"People want to have the fresh-flower look in their home," says Donna Garlough, style director for Joss & Main. "These let them get the look without the expense or the maintenance."

Garlough says that although single branches and sprigs are still popular, Joss & Main is seeing increased interest in prearranged centerpieces, which can cost from $50 to $150.

"There's a lot of cool stuff out there, from faux tulips in Mason jars to faux succulents in sculptural organic vessels," she says. Garlough says arrangements are popular for second homes: "Who wants to arrive at a vacation home and be greeted by dead flowers?"

Designer Erin Paige Pitts of Gibson Island, Md., and Delray Beach, Fla., can relate. "The quality of faux flowers has come a long way," Pitts says. "The flowers on my dining table in Delray are faux, but no one thinks they are, they look so good. It's nice to get to my house there and have the feeling of flowers even when I haven't been there in weeks."

Although there's no watering, artificial flowers need care. Garlough says that when you unwrap them, "they need a bit of 'zhuzhing,' but so do real flowers."

So move them around a bit and fluff out the branches if needed. To keep silk or synthetic arrangements dust-free, you can clean gently with a soft, dry cloth or use the small brush attachment of your vacuum. Cetti advises keeping paper flowers out of direct sun and high-humidity areas. A blow-dryer can be used to get the dust off.

Squeezing plants into small spaces



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Vertical container gardens offer space for a wide range of herbs and flowers, even on a small porch or balcony. Janice Parker designed this container garden, located in New York. She recommends slow-growing plants for small spaces.



Connecticut landscape architect Janice Parker designed this outdoor garden. She suggests using plants with bold color to bring maximum beauty to a limited outdoor space.

By Melissa Rayworth
Associated Press

As herb and vegetable gardens, composting and other aspects of green living become more popular, many people with limited outdoor space are looking for ways to squeeze the most out of it.

"A client in a modern high-rise in downtown Chicago did not have a typical garden per se, but did have a large outdoor balcony with a beautiful view," says interior designer Edyta Czajkowska, founder of the Chicago design firm Edyta & Co. "We created a garden space for her by using planters in varying sizes that she could plant flowers and herbs in. We stuck to one plant per planter, which created an organic yet tailored look, while still elevating something as simple as garlic or chives."

Even a small patio or balcony can be made useful and plant-friendly, interior designers say.

Here, Czajkowska and two other experts — Connecticut landscape architect and designer Janice Parker, and Atlanta interior designer Jen Sypeck — offer advice on creating a lush and plant-friendly area even in a tiny space.

Map out your plan.

Assess your space realistically, says Czajkowska, and then seek inspiration at a home and garden store or on Pinterest.

Decide what your goals are. Do you want to fill the space with beautiful blooms, cutting some for indoor flower arrangements throughout the summer? Or would you love to grow an ample crop of herbs for cooking or become a composter? Once you choose, get creative.

"A vertical garden is a great option for smaller spaces as it only utilizes wall space, and you can actually plant quite a bit in it," Czajkowska says. "Just like with small interior spaces, you'd be surprised at what you can fit into a space that's well-thought-out."

As you plan, consider which tools or equipment you'll need for gardening or other outdoor work. One space-saving solution: For seating, choose closed benches with storage space inside.

Choose plants strategically.

If you're a first-time gardener, Sypeck says, "start with a hardy plant like rosemary or lavender. Both of these beauties offer a statement moment, an ornamental element, aromatic benefits and are hard to kill."

Another good option is buying premade container gardens with plants and flowers that work together. "Chances are a garden expert paired everything with similar needs," she says. "That way, you can water accordingly and provide the correct amount of sunlight needed."

For vivid color without too much effort, consider a preplanted container of succulents such as cheveria, kalanchoe and sedum. They're hardy, Sypeck says, "but they don't look like it, as they produce vibrant colors and flowers. When paired together, they create a striking container garden, with the same care requirements."

If you want color and beauty during the warm season, Parker says, "stick with annuals for high impact color from May to October."

If your outdoor space doesn't get much sun, choose plants that do well in the shade.

And in a limited space, "choose plants that grow slowly and keep their form," Parker says, like boxwood roses or Japanese maples.

Embrace color and drama.

In a small space, Parker says, don't be afraid to go big. For example, instead of planting herbs or flowers in small planters, choose one large and dramatic planter as a design statement.

She and Sypeck say there are many beautiful, lightweight planters available that are made with a mix of fiberglass and zinc or bronze, so you can create a dramatic look that's safe for rooftops or balconies where weight is an issue.

"I personally love mixing materials and styles with my outdoor containers," Sypeck says. "Layering with a variety of heights and textures is my approach, and I tend to favor copper, cement and stone, all with a soft, modern sensibility."

She also recommends repurposing unexpected items as eye-catching containers: "An old copper ice bucket was one of my latest victims turned into a now-thriving succulent garden," she says. "I've also been known to spray-paint a pot or two if I'm craving a new color and vibe."

Even a small composting bin can be hidden inside an attractive planter, helping that practical item blend well into an outdoor living space.

Earth tones work well for planters, Parker says, but "one wonderful brightly colored planter can be terrific" too.

Make other details count.

Think of a balcony or small patio as an outdoor room, Parker suggests. Choose a beautiful table as a focal point, even if it's small and will have plants on it.

Also consider lighting, and how the space will look and feel at night, as well as during the day. If the outdoor space doesn't have electricity, no problem. Use LED candles or battery-powered lights clustered around the space.

"Outdoor lighting will really create a sense of intimacy," Parker says, "and welcome you out into the space."

As a finishing touch, add a sculpture or other item — like a decorative birdcage painted a bright color — amid your plants.

Pine trees require special pruning method in spring

By Beth Botts
Chicago Tribune

If you have a pine shrub or tree in your yard, spring is the time to control its growth.

Keeping a pine in check is not a simple matter of pruning branches. "Pines aren't like other evergreens," said Ben Fortin, horticulturist at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. You can't just cut in the middle of a pine branch, like you can when pruning a yew or boxwood.

If you do that to a pine branch, you'll remove the terminal bud — the bud on the end — and the whole branch is likely to die, Fortin said. "The needles will drop off, and they won't regrow," he said.

Of course you can prune out dead or diseased pine branches any time. Just be sure to cut them close to the trunk, right where the branch starts to flare.

Slowing a pine's growth calls for a different technique: trimming the new shoots, or candles, while the plant is actively growing in spring. These shoots appear at the ends of branches as clusters of closely packed bud scales. The shape varies with the species, but in general they are long and more or less cylindrical.

If a pine candle is left alone, its bud scales will open to grow into new needles, and it will add to the length of the branch. To restrain that growth, use a sharp pair of pruners to cut off one-half to one-third of the length of each candle.

"You'll need to trim every single candle on the plant," Fortin said. Obviously, this is more practical with a small shrub, such as a Mugo pine, than with a full-grown white pine or Austrian pine that is 20 or 30 feet tall.



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Controlling the growth of a pine shrub or tree requires trimming the new growth, or candle, at the end of each branch while the plant is actively growing in spring.

Annual candle trimming can slow a pine's expansion, but the plant will still get gradually bigger over time. It isn't really possible to keep a pine to a chosen size, Fortin said, which is why he doesn't recommend it as a hedge plant or a shrub in a limited space.

Before planting a pine in your yard, think hard about the room it will take up when it reaches its full mature size, and whether you are willing to do the work of trimming candles every year to try to control it. A pine tree gets wider as it gets taller, and the lower branches are likely to die off as higher branches shade them out. The plant label should tell you how large the tree will be when it is mature.

Some varieties of pine have been developed that grow more slowly and keep a more compact shape. The arboretum's Plant Clinic can help you find a pine cultivar that will suit you and your yard, or it can suggest a different plant that might accomplish your purposes.

"Pines are beautiful," Fortin said. "But you really shouldn't plant one you don't have space for."

*For tree and plant advice, contact the arboretum's plant clinic (630-719-2424 or **plantclinic@mortonarb.org**).*

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By Debbie Carlson | Chicago Tribune

Traveling for work means taking a smaller version of your office with you. The good news is that improvements in technology make it easier to work from the road without hauling a bunch of wires and heavy equipment.

Many of the new office products are wireless, so no more tangles in your briefcase, and many of these items weigh under 5 pounds, so you won't break your back lugging around all those tools. Some even pull double-duty, letting you use them for work or play. We still can't help you with flight delays or traffic, but these new products can make you more productive on the road.



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Does it pay to be loyal to hair care brand?



ELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel



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Which products are right for your hair? The ones that fit your individual needs. Experiment to see what works for you.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Here's a question that has been on my mind for a really long time, but I keep forgetting to write you. The problem comes up every time I am at the beauty salon or standing in the hair care department at a drugstore or Target. Is it better to stick with only one brand of hair products? Are they formulated to work best when used together? For instance, should I buy the same brand of shampoo, conditioner, hair mask, deep conditioner, mousse, serum and spray? Or can I mix and match?

— PeeDee

Dear PeeDee: Hair care companies definitely want you to think it's crucial to stick with one brand and only one: theirs. But don't.

We all need to experiment to see what works best for us. Every single person's hair is different. My sisters and one sister-in-law have curly hair, but the products I like best don't always work the same way on their curls. And they swear by an array of different products that I've tried and found useless. I wish I had a dollar for every magical hair solution I've tried at their recommendation, only to be let down by the results.

To make it even more complicated, our hair changes how it responds to various products depending on — where to start? — weather, geography, hormones, pregnancy, age, diet. So stuff that worked great when we're 25 is a flop at age 40. And don't get me started on the products I have come to love that are discontinued without notice.

Forget about brand loyalty. Trade the products you don't like with your friends and relatives, and keep experimenting.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Mother's Day is coming, and I dread it. First of all, I have to share it every year at a brunch with my mother-in-law. My husband is very attentive to his mom with a card, flowers and a gift (which I usually pick out and wrap for him). But for me? Well, he says I'm not his mother, so this day doesn't apply to our relationship. I counter that I'm the mother of his children (they're too young to pay attention to Mother's Day right now), and that's why he should make the day special for me too. Who is right? And if you agree with me, do you think I deserve special attention that doesn't involve his mother?

— Don't Use My Name, Please

Dear No Name: Listen carefully: Do not get between your husband and his mom. Slap a big smile on your face and just suck it up.

How about this? Lead by example. Show you're a good sport, and change the dynamic by buying her a "To My Mother-in-Law" card. I agree that being the mother of his children absolutely is a good reason for your spouse to shower you with attention on this day, but it ain't gonna happen. I'm hoping your kids will, as they grow older, show their love for you and their grandma on this special day.

You could be churlish and tell your husband that Father's Day is coming up and the same argument can be made: He's not *your* father. But why don't you two call a truce? Get past the resentment and agree to exchange cards on Mother's Day *and* Father's Day — or better yet, each of you can write a personal note about what your spouse means to you. Isn't that a lot more meaningful than eggs Benedict and unlimited mimosas?

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I currently wear a size 12 or 14 in pants. I am trying to purchase the equivalent of Dockers for women and can't find them anywhere.

I do not like the cropped-pants look. In my office, we can be business casual, and I just want a normal pair of decent-quality khakis or something similar in a few colors. The pants that I see are cropped, capris, jeggings, wide leg with some kind of decoration at the bottom of the leg, or floral. Yikes! Everyone does not look good in prints.

Men have it so easy in this business-casual environment. Please tell me where I can get the khaki pants I want.

— Barbara H.

Dear Barbara: I won't try to argue you out of khakis by suggesting you step it up a little and branch out from the machine-washable pants you want to wear to work. (Although a pair of well-fitting black trousers could serve you every bit as well as those khakis.) Anyhow, Dockers makes women's pants. You can buy them online and at Macy's, Kohl's and elsewhere. Lands' End (**www.landsend.com**) and L.L. Bean (**www.llbean.com**) also specialize in what you're searching for.

As to your point that "Men have it so easy in this business-casual environment"? I agree, but they all look the same, and that's not much fun.

Finally: Thanks for steering clear of capris. They look awful on virtually everyone. Also awful: the cropped-above-the-ankle, wide-leg pants that are now in style.

Angelic readers

Readers were eager to come to the rescue of Christopher D., who has standard-size pillows and doesn't like that sheet sets for his king bed come only with king-size pillowcases.

Fran F. writes, "I solved this problem very simply. I measured the standard cases, turned the king pillowcase inside out and ran a line of stitching at the measurement line down the closed short end of the pillowcase, then cut off the excess. It's now a standard size that will fit my pillows."

Kathy K. agrees, adding, "If you don't have a sewing machine, ask a friend to do it, or take it to your dry cleaner/tailor. Or you could try iron-on hemming tape. Also, Bed Bath & Beyond has a huge variety of colors and even a couple of patterns of two-pack standard pillowcases, so you can buy coordinating ones if you have more than two pillows. Voila!"

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to ***answerangelellen@gmail.com****.*

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How to pull off summer trends for men

By Noah Zagor | Chicago Tribune

Guys, if you are in need of an instant wardrobe update, take comfort: Summer's best looks are all based on tried and true classics. These are looks that you are already familiar with, but this time around, they get amped up with color, extra details and new cuts. With summer in sight, it's time to wake up your style. Here's how to get the look.



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Louis Vuitton goes tropical.



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Paul Smith turns up the volume.

Ultimate Hawaiian shirt

If you're looking for a way to have some serious summer fun with your wardrobe, you're in luck. Designers have turned the volume up to 11, with extra-bold prints and loud colors on classic tropical-print, short-sleeve shirts. From J.Crew's jungle prints to Louis Vuitton's in-your-face kaleidoscope of bright red, orange and yellow flowers, there are amazing options out there right now. Paul Smith's take on the trend features a mix of bright flowers and tropical fish that feels like a psychedelic snorkeling adventure committed to fabric.

How to pull off the look: Your're not on the beach, so take care to keep the look out of Club Med territory. Instead of shorts and flip-flops, try tucking one of these shirts into a pair of loose-fitting, lightweight dress pants in tan or gray. Throw on a pair of chunky black lace-ups, like Doc Martens, to anchor the look.



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Louis Vuitton dressed-up anorak.



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Valentino technical parka.

Take a hike

This spring it feels as if every designer wants you to take a hike through the great outdoors. Waterproof lightweight anoracks with extra pockets, pop-overs that feel like vintage Patagonia fleeces and hiking shorts with drawstring cords hanging like accessories have made the move from REI to designer shopping sites like Mr. Porter.

French designer Lanvin's spring collection took cues from vintage camping gear, ranging from sleek hiking parkas to throwback fleeces and drawstring cargo shorts. Cult favorite brand Engineered Garments featured hiking jackets, loose-fitting cargo pants and fishing vests updated in Crayola bright colors.

How to pull off the look: It can be a little easy to get lost in this trend, but if you're feeling confident, go for it and wear the look head to toe. If you want to test the waters, many of these pieces can be adopted into your current wardrobe. Try wearing a lightweight anorak with a shirt and tie, cropped chinos and (sockless) loafers. Or, replace a sweater with a bright-colored fleece.



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Zara pale-yellow summer suit.



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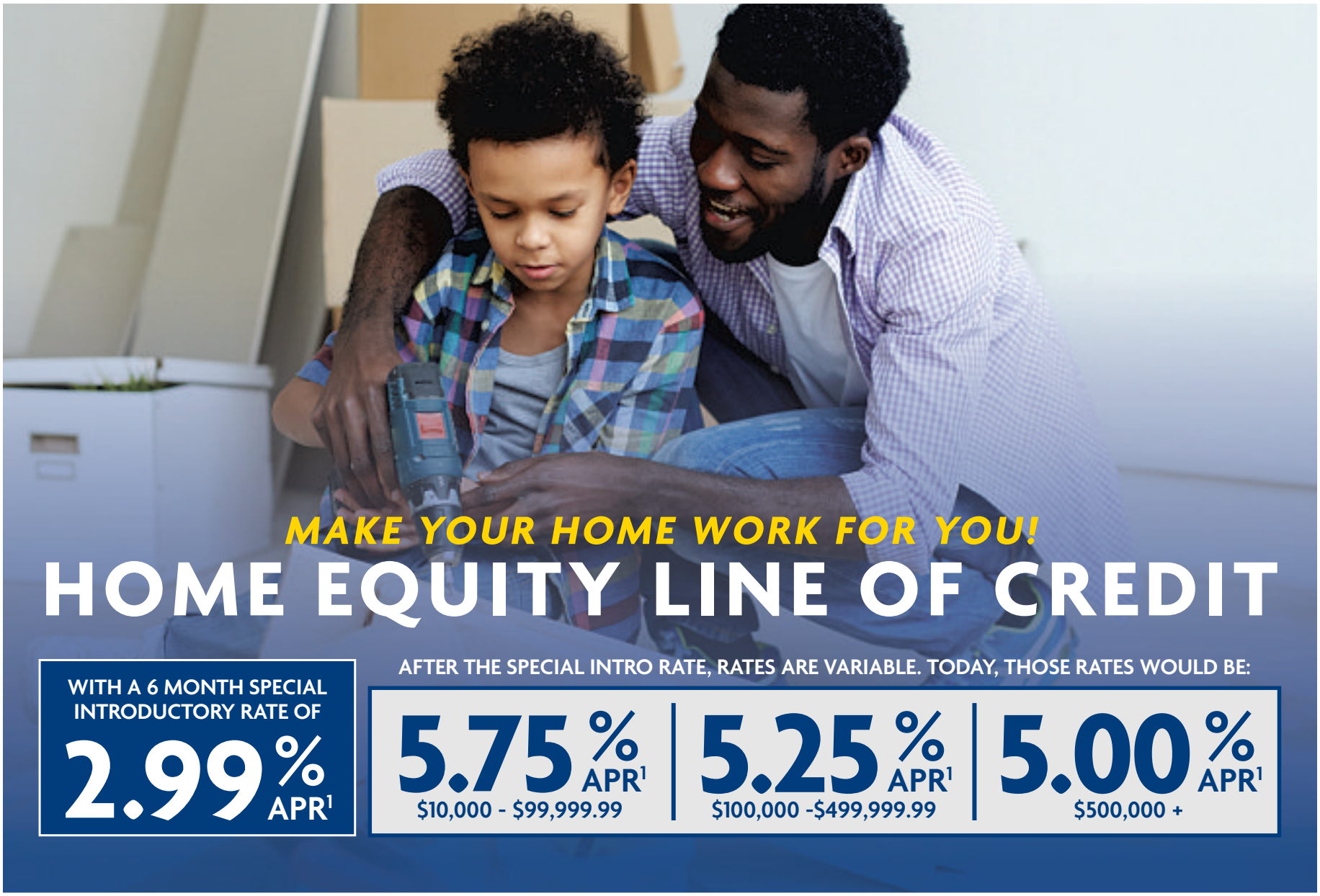
Ermenegildo Zegna slouchy, double-breasted suit.

Yes, you are wearing a suit

No trend better exemplifies the age-old adage that classics never really go away, they just get updated, than spring's new crop of suits. Slouchy silhouettes cut from lightweight fabrics in colors like dusty rose, mustard and teal are the perfect antidote to the slim "Mad-Men"-inspired suits that have dominated men's wardrobes for the last 10 years.

How to pull off the look: From Zara's sporty, powder-blue suits complete with an athletic stripe down the leg to Ermenegildo Zegna's slouchy, double-breasted suit in pale pink, designers across the board are putting their own spin on the new chilled-out, everyday suit. With this look, keep things minimal, and let the suit do the talking. Worn with your favorite T-shirt and sneakers, these suits are as laid-back as your favorite tracksuit . Even if you've never had to wear a suit a day in your life, you now have a reason to want to.

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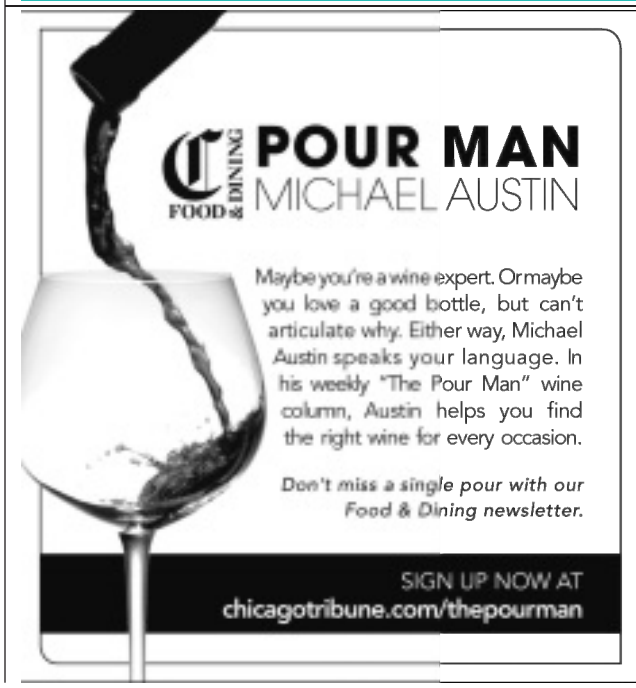
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Candid Candace



By Candace Jordan
Chicago Tribune

Lookingglass celebrates with David Schwimmer

Lookingglass Theatre Company welcomed more than 400 guests to its 30th anniversary "gglassquerade" celebration March 24 at the Four Seasons Chicago. Themed "Under the Seas: Reflecting on 30 Years," the gala featured a program hosted by ensemble member David Schwimmer and a video retrospective of the theater's history narrated by "The Late Show's" Stephen Colbert.

Heidi Stillman, Lookingglass Theatre artistic director, welcomed guests and presented a congratulatory video from Mayor Rahm Emanuel. John McGowan, board chair, acknowledged the event's co-chairs: Lester Coney, Allegra Biery and Kathy Fanning, and honorary co-chair, Gerry Barad.

Schwimmer emceed the program with humor and charm, speaking about the creation of Lookingglass Theatre, which he co-founded in 1988 with eight fellow Northwestern University students.

With fellow ensemble member Joey Slotnick, Schwimmer presented the Civic Engagement Award for Philanthropy to philanthropists Barbara Bradford and Robert Sherman, owners of A. Marek Fine Jewelry. "We enjoy the plays, we enjoy the talents, but most of all, we enjoy the friendships," Sherman said.

Former Lookingglass Theatre Executive Director Rachel E. Kraft received the second Civic Engagement Award.

After receiving the award, Kraft said, "This company has nourished me with its fierce commitment to storytelling, including exposure to stories I didn't even know I needed." Douglas R. Brown, Kraft's husband, stood and made a surprise donation of $30,000 in her honor.

Rachel Kraft's uncle and owner of the New England Patriots Robert Kraft attended in support of his niece as the event's platinum sponsor.

A total of $1.1 million was raised for Lookingglass Theatre's artistic and education initiatives.

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved with many local organizations, including some whose events she covers.

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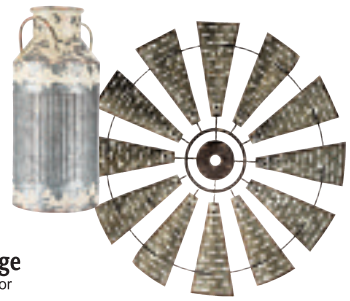
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Younger homebuyers face a mountain of obstacles, including rising home prices and interest rates and unpaid college debt. Some parents are pitching in to help financially.

Thanks, Mom and Dad!

3 ways parents can help grown kids own a home

By Marilyn Lewis
NerdWallet

When responsible first-time homebuyers need help buying a home, the family bank sometimes can lend a hand.

Younger homebuyers face a mountain of obstacles, including rising home prices and interest rates, too few homes for sale and unpaid college debt.

Student debt is a major source of trouble. When the National Association of Realtors surveyed recent homebuyers who had problems saving up a down payment, 53 percent of those in the youngest group (37 and younger) blamed student loan debt for their difficulty.

Families appear to be pitching in to help, according to the results of that survey in a 2018 Realtors association report. Among homebuyers who made a down payment, 23 percent of those 37 and younger used a gift and 6 percent a loan from family or friends — the highest proportion for either type of assistance among all age groups.

Family assistance like this works best when the kids qualify for a mortgage on their own and parents make the purchase more affordable with, for example, a bigger down payment or a lower interest rate, says Jeremy Heckman, a certified financial planner with Accredited Investors Wealth Management in Edina, Minn.

To create a businesslike distance for these transactions, Heckman suggests that parents consider disclosing the assistance to all immediate family, think about treating all siblings equally, use contracts and document the gifts.

Formal agreements offer important benefits, says San Francisco real estate attorney Andy Sirkin. The documents define obligations and minimize misunderstandings. And if parent lenders die or become incapacitated, all their heirs can view the transaction and its history.

Here are three ways parents can help make it more affordable for new homebuyers to purchase a home:

Give money. A gift of money is often best, Heckman says. Parents can write a check for any amount they choose. That's it — no contract or ongoing commitments. Or they can pay all or part of an expense such as mortgage closing costs. Providing down payment assistance can help new borrowers avoid paying for private mortgage insurance, which will help keep their monthly payment low.

Strict rules dictate how cash gifts are used in a home purchase, and they vary by mortgage type, lender and lender

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According to the latest Federal Reserve estimates, homeowners control more than $14.4 trillion in equity; that rose nearly $1 trillion during 2017.

Equity-rich Americans have options for tapping into funds



Kenneth R. Harney
The Nation's Housing

Americans are awash in record amounts of equity in their homes, posing the question for millions: So what do we do with it?

Leave it for a rainy day or retirement? Tap into it to remodel the house? Make a down payment on a vacation condo?

These are crucial financial decisions, but the abundance of equity is giving large numbers of owners options they didn't have before.

According to the latest Federal Reserve estimates, homeowners control more than $14.4 trillion in equity, up by nearly $1 trillion during 2017. This explosive growth is being driven by increases in home values and selling prices, tight inventories of houses for sale and pay-downs of principal on existing mortgages.

As a practical matter, not all of this can be turned into spendable cash. Only roughly $5.4 trillion is "tappable," according to data analytics and software firm Black Knight. That is, it could be extracted by owners using loan types that require borrowers to retain at least 20 percent equity after a transaction.

To illustrate, say you own a $400,000 house with a $200,000 first mortgage balance. You have $200,000 in equity, putting aside transaction costs. You'd like to transform some of it into cash to invest in a new business venture. How much can you get?

Most lenders require that the

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Rules for drones may be prudent



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Not everyone is thrilled about the prospects of drones flying around. Safety and privacy are two big concerns.



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Community Living

With the arrival of spring, community association residents are sure to hear buzzing in the air. In addition to the customary power tools, mowers and blowers, those noises might be coming from drones.

Residents and contractors alike are embracing unmanned aircraft systems, as they are named by the Federal Aviation Administration, which governs them. For recreational users, flying a drone is an enjoyable hobby. For commercial users, it saves time and labor.

Nik Clark, partner at Milwaukee-based Superior Reserve Engineering and Consulting, said the company drone has been used to capture high-resolution images of roofs, chimney caps and gutters.

"The drone allows us to very quickly make visual inspections without having to stage ladders or scaffolding," he said.

Another flyer is Stathie Panayi, president at Adams Roofing in Elk Grove Village.

"The benefits we found are it helps give our production team a bird's-eye view of the project before we start and (see) if there are any obstacles like parking, waterways or even really, really high roofs," he said.

Perhaps someday property managers will send up drones to scout for violations like unauthorized barbecue grills or marijuana plants on balconies or in fenced backyards.

Not everyone is thrilled about the prospects of drones flying around their neighborhoods. Safety and privacy are the two biggest concerns. Residents don't want to get hit in the head with a flying machine, and they don't want one to crash through their window. Nor do they want to be photographed while sunning themselves on the community pool deck.

"There are still a few people who are very uncomfortable while I fly around," Panayi said. "Some even want it stopped, so we make sure to advise the management company and board members" before he launches his drone.

It's not too soon for boards to think about how they want to control drone activity on their properties, said association attorney David Bloomberg at Chuhak & Tecson in Chicago.

They have the authority to enact rules and policies to mitigate problem drones, he said.

He offered some possible rules boards might consider appropriate for their associations: Operators must provide the association with identification, including make and model, of their drones. Operators must provide proof of registration, which the FAA requires of both recreational and commercial flyers. Commercial operators must show proof of their remote pilot certification, another FAA requirement. All operators must agree to comply with applicable FAA regulations. They must agree to be responsible for any damage caused by their drones.

"You can also have limitations on which hours a drone can be operated on the property," Bloomberg said. "You might say you can't fly your drone over the swimming pool."

What the attorney does not favor is outright bans. In most instances, the pros outweigh the cons. Plus, sentiments evolve. Residents who are against drones today might welcome them as the technology advances and even more benefits emerge.

If an association is determined to disallow drones, you can try, but Bloomberg is not confident a ban can stand up to a lawsuit.

"You're risking a real challenge by somebody, and I think a court would overturn it," he said. "Flying a drone is not unlawful or infringing on the rights of the association. You'd have to create an argument that it is inherently dangerous, and that's a tough one."

Relying on the blanket provision against nuisances, which appears in most governing documents, is also risky because it is subject to interpretation by a judge, he said.

His recommendation is for associations to enact rules along with appropriate fine amounts for violations.

"Come up with an amount that will properly deter" inappropriate conduct, he said, "and put it in writing."

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Regulation, disclosures cut risks of reverse mortgages



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Some older adults may be wary of reverse mortgages, but new legal requirements have made them safer. Still, homeowners should consider all their options first.

Q: I have a friend who owns his home outright. He is experiencing financial difficulty but refuses to look into a reverse mortgage because an attorney friend of his told him to stay away from reverse mortgages. In my opinion, a reverse mortgage sounds like the only way for him to go, since he has no wife or children to consider when he passes. Any ideas why people are afraid of reverse mortgages?

A: That's a very good question. Over the years, I have often written that a reverse mortgage should be the last resort; see if you can get a new loan or refinance your existing mortgage before looking at a reverse.

Why was I so negative? Two reasons: First, the upront costs were very high, and second, all too often there was no regulation and no enforcement against the reverse mortgage lender. For years, celebrities like Fred Thompson, Henry Winkler and Pat Boone were touting the benefits of reverse mortgages, but they were not disclosing all of the facts, all the pros and cons.

However, there have been significant changes in recent years. First, to get a reverse mortgage, you now have to demonstrate you have the ability to pay your real estate tax and maintain adequate homeowners insurance. Second, before you can get such a loan, you must talk with a professional housing counselor. You have to know the facts before you can get this kind of loan.

Yes, in your friend's situation, since he has no immediate family, a reverse mortgage probably makes sense. However, I will continue to strongly suggest that anyone considering a reverse mortgage should look at all the options first, such as refinancing, selling your present home and downsizing, or getting loans or gifts from relatives. Once you have carefully reviewed all options, then make your decision.

Reader response to a recent column on service animals: Just to clarify, a service dog is not for just the blind and deaf. I broke my neck in Iraq and my dog is trained to help me with balance and can pull me 100 yards to find help if I fall.

My response: We often forget about those of you who served — and unfortunately sacrificed — for our county, and we must continue to be understanding and thankful. I received a number of similar emails; if my recent column suggested that service dogs are limited to assist the blind and the deaf, I apologize. A service dog is trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. That includes the blind and the deaf, but also includes people like the reader above. Other situations in which a service dog may be used: pulling a wheelchair, alerting and protecting someone who is having a seizure, and even retrieving medications for someone with a mental illness.

Again, landlords and community associations must allow, without question, a service dog on the premises, even if the rules of the property preclude all animals.

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If you're like many parents with a college-bound child, what you hold in savings may not be enough to cover four years' tuition. So as you contemplate how to cover the shortfall, should you consider tapping into your home equity?

Refinancing your mortgage or applying for a home equity line of credit can be tempting, since interest rates on these tend to be significantly lower than student, parent and personal loans. They're also fairly easy to access as long as you have a decent credit score and more than 20 percent equity in your home.

But just because you *can* tap home equity for college doesn't mean you should. The biggest argument against doing so is that taking any loan out against your home requires offering your house as collateral. Should you have trouble repaying that debt in the future, your ownership of the home can be jeopardized.

Contrast that to parent or personal loans, or student loans your child takes out. Although these will carry higher rates, they aren't secured by your home. Some education-oriented loans also offer flexibility for repayment should you fall on hard times, with policies for temporarily deferring payments or even forgiving the loan.

If you still decide that tapping home equity is your best avenue for making college ends meet, note that a home equity line of credit may be better for families applying for financial aid, since a cash-out refinance can hurt your eligibility calculation. You can also run into financial aid ramifications with home equity lines of credit, if you don't time your withdrawals carefully.

As with many tempting uses of your home equity, putting your house on the line can be a risky proposition. So you owe it to yourself and your future to carefully consider all of the available options.

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Owners can tap equity, but beware of details

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total mortgage indebtedness secured by your home not exceed 80 percent of the property's value — $320,000 in this case. So assuming that you qualify on credit and other criteria, you might be able to pull out up to $120,000 from your equity.

There are three main ways you might accomplish this:

Home-equity line of credit. This is a credit line secured by your home equity that allows you to withdraw amounts you need whenever you choose. Typically, HELOCs come with floating interest rates tied to an index, often the bank prime rate. You pay only interest for a preset period, at which point your outstanding balance comes due. Or the HELOC morphs into full amortization mode, requiring payments of principal plus interest.

Here's an example of current HELOC terms from an active lender, TD Bank. Your house is valued at $400,000, you've got a $200,000 balance on a first mortgage at 3.25 percent that you snagged when rates were near historic lows. Assuming you have solid credit, you might qualify for a $100,000 HELOC at an annual percentage rate, or APR, of 3.99 percent, with monthly interest-only payments of $327.95.

Looks good. But there are complications: If you want to use that $100,000 for anything other than home improvement or purchase, your interest payments won't be deductible under new tax rules. Plus, with the Federal Reserve planning to ratchet up interest rates, your interest costs likely will increase.

Cash-out refinancing. This involves replacing your current first mortgage with a larger one, allowing you to pocket the additional funds. A downside here: The loan you exchange your precious 3.25 percent rate for is likely to cost at least 1 percentage point more than your current loan. And you should check with your tax adviser on what precisely may be deductible if your new total debt exceeds the amount of your original mortgage.

Here's an example of a $100,000 cash-out refi using the same scenario above, provided by Paul Skeens, president of Colonial Mortgage Group in Waldorf, Md.: Your new mortgage amount on your $400,000 home will be $300,000, with a new fixed rate for 30 years at 4.375 percent, plus half a point (0.5 percent of the loan amount). Your monthly payment comes to $1,497.86.

Skeens says in the present rising-rate environment, most of his clients are opting for the fixed-rate cash-out refi instead of a HELOC. But Freddie Mac Deputy Chief Economist Len Kiefer says both cash-outs and HELOCs are likely to grow in popularity — the key difference being the rate owners have on their current mortgage.

Home-equity loan. These are traditional second mortgages and come with fully amortizing fixed rates currently in the low and mid 5 percent range and higher, depending on your credit. TD Bank, for example, quotes a rate of 5.31 percent APR for 15 years with a payment of $805.98 for the same $100,000 deal discussed above. Some lenders offer more generous qualifying terms than HELOCs, but the loans have the same tax restrictions if you want to deduct the interest.

Bottom line: If you're among the newly equity-rich Americans, check out your options with lenders. Or just sit tight and enjoy the ride.

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HOME OF THE WEEK

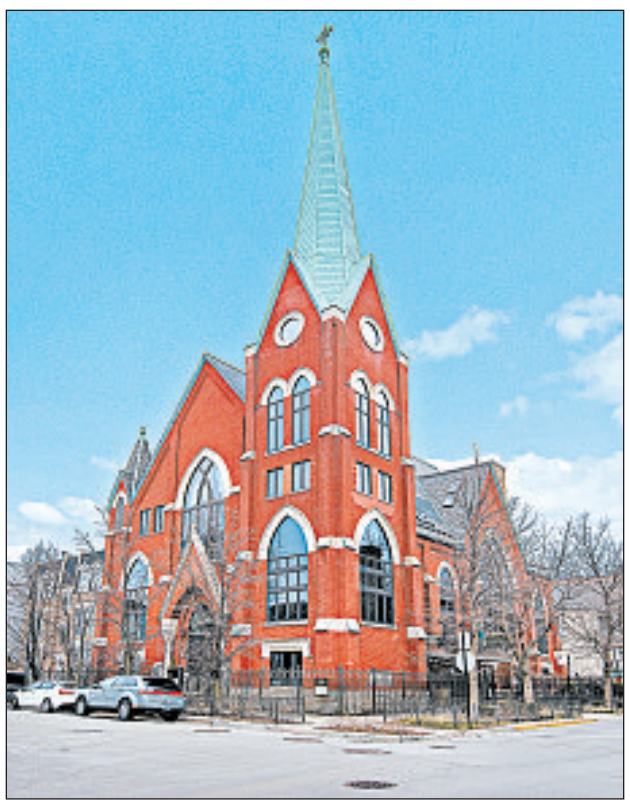
Chicago penthouse in former church: $847,500

ADDRESS: 3101 N. Seminary Ave. Unit D in Chicago
ASKING PRICE: $847,500
Listed on April 6, 2018

Live in a historic former church dating to 1887. This two-bedroom penthouse boasts vaulted ceilings, exposed brick and skylights with switch-operated windows. The open floor plan includes a gourmet kitchen with a large pantry, high-end stainless appliances, custom gray cabinetry, granite counters and a breakfast bar. A terrace is located off the family room. Lofted office overlooks the living room and includes a storage closet. Master suite has a walk-in closet and bath with built-ins.
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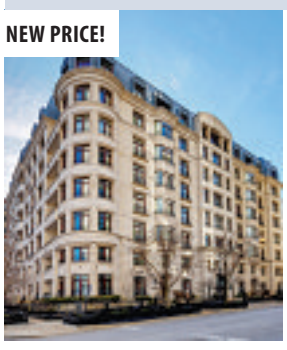
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A gift of money is often the easiest way to help young homebuyers. Parents can write a check for any amount; gifts of $15,000 per person or less avoid gift tax limits.

Contract can list expectations

Parents, *from Page 1*

offer, says Mark Case, a senior vice president at SunTrust Mortgage.

Lenders like to see money gifts — easily traceable checks, bank transfers or wire transfers — in a borrower's bank account three or four months before applying for a mortgage, Case says. Givers and recipients may need to sign letters confirming that the money isn't a loan.

When it comes to taxes, anyone can give any other person a gift up to $15,000 in value (money or, say, stocks) in 2018 without filing the gift tax return, IRS Form 709. So a parent with two children can give each of them — and even the children's partners — up to $15,000 this year without having to complete Form 709. A tax professional can confirm how the rules apply to individuals' specific circumstances.

Finance the mortgage. Parents with cash to invest can become the mortgage lender, offering extra-easy terms, like no closing costs or no down payment. Heckman says they can charge a higher rate of interest on their money than it earns in a savings or money market account and still offer kids a lower-than-market mortgage rate.

"I said, 'This could be a win-win for both of us,' " says Jay Weil, an attorney in Wayne, N.J. He and his wife, Judy, have financed two mortgages for their son Matt and Matt's wife, Allison.

Jay and Judy Weil fully funded the younger couple's first home, a Columbia, Md., townhouse. They decided to use a service that facilitates family loans. They worked with National Family Mortgage, which charges one-time setup fees of $725 to $2,100, depending on the loan size; provides all necessary forms and documents to meet state, local and IRS requirements; guides families through the settlement and filing process; and connects borrowers with loan servicers.

Then in 2017, the Weils lent the kids money again, for a $579,900 house in Laurel, Md. Matt and Allison got two loans. One was a primary mortgage from SunTrust Mortgage for $259,900, at 3.875 percent. His parents provided a second mortgage for $260,000 at 1.98 percent. They used money earned from the sale of their first home to make a down payment.

Family lenders must charge at least the applicable federal rate, the minimum interest rate required to keep the assistance from being considered a gift.

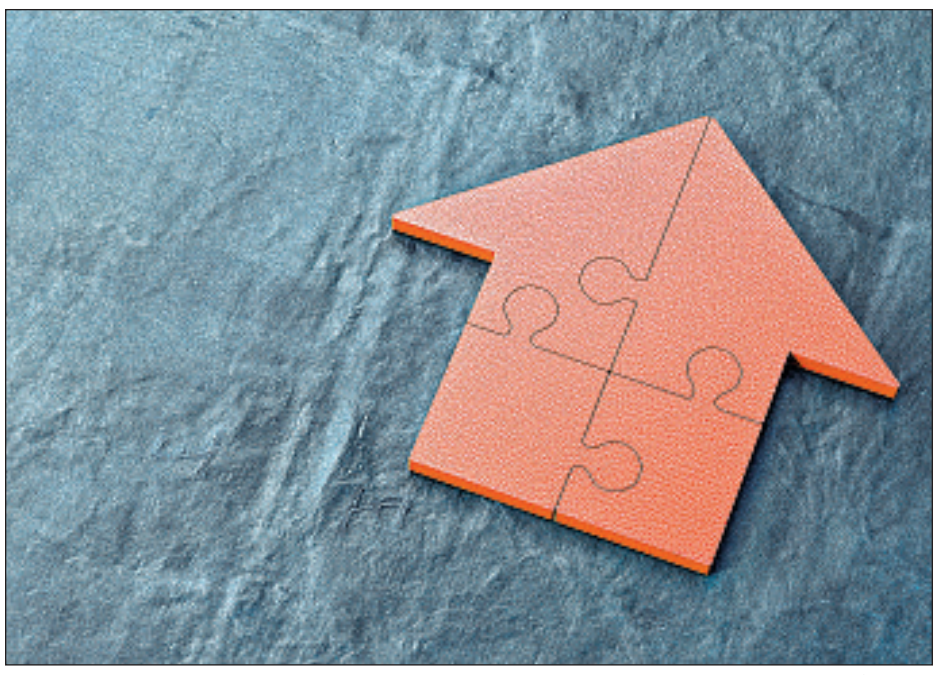
Co-borrow. Although riskier for parents, co-borrowing is another option. Mortgages with co-borrowers were nearly a quarter of all new-purchase mortgages in the third quarter of 2017, according to Attom Data Solutions, a real estate data company.

Co-borrowing helps borrowers overcome a limited credit history or a too-high debt-to-income ratio, says Case, of SunTrust Mortgage.

Parents apply for the mortgage too. They must meet the lender's credit requirements and sign loan papers with their kids at closing.

Aside from the mortgage itself, a separate family contract can define expectations and details such as who gets how much equity when the home sells and what happens in case problems arise, says Sirkin, the real estate attorney.

For parents interested in being co-borrowers, there are some things to keep in mind. Not all loans allow co-borrowers, so it's good to confirm the option when mortgage shopping. Some lenders may call this step co-signing, which may have different parameters, but the outcome is the same: Parents and children are equally responsible for the loan and any missed mortgage payments. Parents' credit could be affected, making it hard to finance another big purchase, even if children make payments on time.



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A fraction of a percentage point can mean thousands of dollars over the life of a loan.

Down payment, credit score are key to loan interest rate

By Pat Setter
The San Diego Union-Tribune

Securing a home loan is probably one of the most stressful parts of buying a new home. To get the best loan possible, it's important to know what factors affect interest rates — a fraction of a percentage point can translate into thousands of dollars less or more over the life of a loan.

"When rates increase by 1 (percentage point), a buyer loses 10 percent in purchasing power," said Michael Deery, a mortgage specialist and president of Citywide Financial Corp.

Since December, interest rates have gone up three-quarters of a percentage point and are now in the 4.375 to 4.5 percent range for a conventional mortgage loan.

Deery said that means a buyer who could afford a $600,000 home in December can only afford a $555,000 home today.

That's why it's important to get the lowest interest rates possible.

The single biggest factor homebuyers can control in getting lower interest rates is their personal credit scores. A high credit score generally leads to a lower interest rate. For a conventional loan, that score should be 740 or higher. (A good credit score is above 700 and an excellent credit score is above 800.)

Credit rates should be checked once a year. If you're planning on buying a home, a credit rate check should be one of the first things you do, so you will have time to fix any errors or improve your score, which may take some time. Paying down credit cards, if you have a high balance, is a good way to get started, Deery said.

The amount of a down payment will also affect interest rates: The higher the down payment, the lower the interest rate.

Loans with a standard 20 percent down payment will have a lower interest rate, but that is often not an option in pricey home markets, especially for first-time homebuyers.

Mortgage plans that require borrowers to pay only 3 to 5 percent down are abundant, but those loans will then require private mortgage insurance. The insurance is either added to the cost of the monthly loan payment or absorbed in higher interest rates.

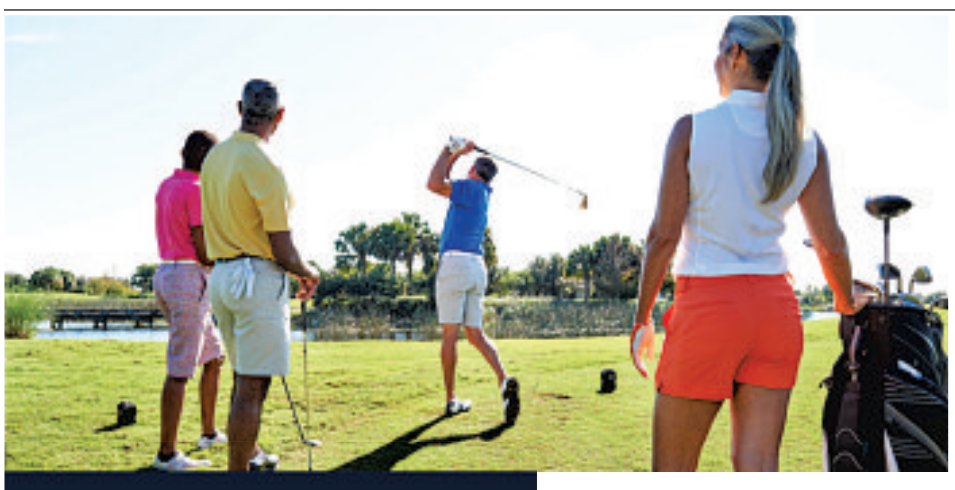
Also consider the length of a loan. Shorter terms have lower interest rates, but the monthly payment will be higher because you'll have less time to pay off the loan.

If you're planning on staying in your home only for a short time, you might want to look at adjustable-rate loans instead of fixed-rate loans.

Fixed-rate loans don't change over the life of the loan.

Adjustable rates often start out fixed for a few years and then fluctuate with the market. The initial interest rate is sometimes lower than in a fixed rate, so if you're planning on selling your home after a few years, an adjustable rate could save you money.

For those who plan on staying in their home for a longer period, fixed rates are a safer option. "We're moving into a higher interest market in the next few years," Deery said.



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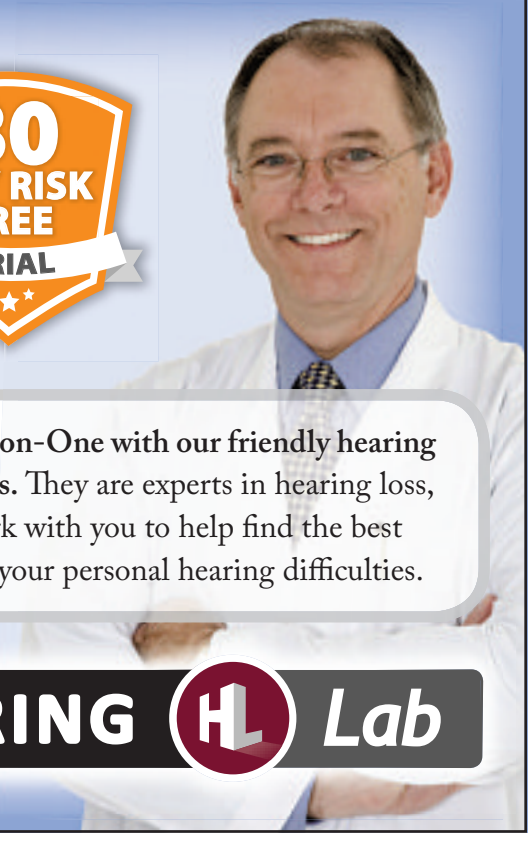
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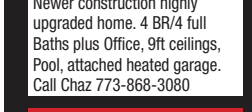
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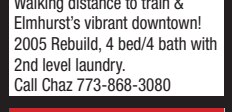
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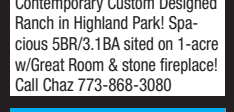
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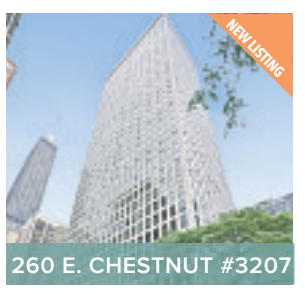
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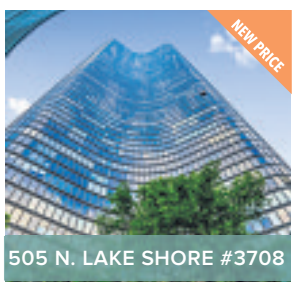
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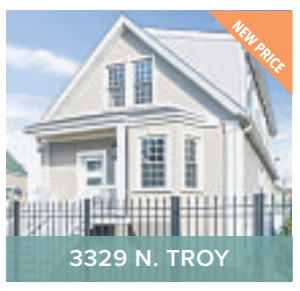
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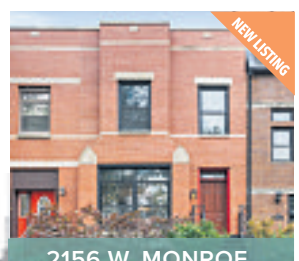
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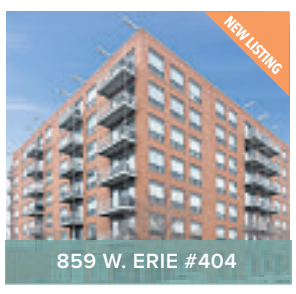
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ELITE STREET

Bears OC buys Lake Bluff home for $1.63M

By Bob Goldsborough
Chicago Tribune



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Chicago Bears offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich and his wife, Megan, paid $1.63 million for a five-bedroom, 6,806-square-foot house in Lake Bluff.

Chicago Bears offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich and his wife, Megan, paid $1.63 million on March 23 for a five-bedroom, 6,806-square-foot Cape Cod-style house in Lake Bluff.

New Bears head coach Matt Nagy hired Helfrich in January. Helfrich previously had been the head football coach at the University of Oregon from 2013 until 2016, accepting an $8.1 million buyout of his contract.

Now Helfrich and his wife have put down some roots near Halas Hall. And it's only a few short blocks away from Bears general manager Ryan Pace's three-bedroom home, which Pace purchased in 2015 for $1.297 million.

Helfrich and his wife bought the house in an off-market transaction. Built in 1970 and situated on a 1.45-acre lot one block from Lake Michigan, the 15-room house has 4 ½ baths, cathedral ceilings, five fireplaces, hardwood floors and millwork.

The house was not publicly listed. Tracy Wurster of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices KoenigRubloff Realty Group privately represented the sellers and declined to comment in detail on the deal, simply calling it a "very pleasant transaction."

Former White Sox infielder Juan Uribe cuts asking price for his condo to $999,999 — $300,000 less than before: Former Chicago White Sox infielder Juan Uribe on Thursday cut the asking price of his three-bedroom, 1,887-square-foot unit on the 29th floor of the Regatta high-rise in the Near East Side to $999,999, which is $300,000 less than his first asking price for the unit back in March 2017.

Uribe, 39, played for the White Sox from 2004 until 2008, is retired from Major League Baseball and lives in the Dominican Republic. In 2007 he paid $1.04 million for the condo.

After moving back to the Dominican Republic and renting out the unit, Uribe placed it on the market in March 2017 for $1.299 million. Over the next year, he cut his asking price no fewer than 10 times before taking it off the market recently. Now Uribe has relisted the unit with a sub-$1 million asking price for the first time.

"He's motivated," listing agent Sergio Aguirre of Northlake Realtors told Elite Street. "He wants to (sell) it now."

The unit has three baths, two balconies, an open floor plan and views of the skyline, Chicago River and Lake Michigan. The 44-story Regatta building has an indoor pool, a fitness center, a children's playroom and a theater.

"The views there are pretty amazing, and they're unobstructed because they're on the river and you face Navy Pier," Aguirre said. "It's a great building to be in, and it's nice to be in Lakeshore East because you have that park."

Former Chicago Bears guard Jermon Bushrod sells Vernon Hills home for $635,000: In an unusual situation, former Chicago Bears guard Jermon Bushrod last month sold his five-bedroom, 3,525-square-foot Georgian-style house in the Indian Creek area of Vernon Hills for $635,000 — and it was the second time in the past two years that Bushrod had sold the home.

Bushrod, 33, played for the Bears from 2013 until he was released in early 2016. He recently signed with the New Orleans Saints.

Bushrod paid $790,000 in 2013 for the house. In mid-2016, he listed it for $834,900 and struck a deal to sell it for $820,000. However, the buyer, Robert Booy, was unable to secure a mortgage, so Bushrod agreed to act as the bank and provide financing for Booy.

In late 2016, Booy was charged with mail fraud in what federal prosecutors called a "Ponzi-type scheme" that defrauded at least 15 clients out of more than $1 million in retirement savings. That case is pending.

Eventually, Bushrod foreclosed on Booy and regained possession of the house. After retaking possession, Bushrod listed the house last June for $789,900. Over the next six months, he cut his asking price five times, bringing it to its final listing price of $689,900.

Built in 2001, the house has four baths; Brazilian cherry hardwood floors; a dining room with a designer painting and a custom chandelier; a recently refinished basement with engineered hardwood floors, a custom wet bar and a built-in entertainment center; large walk-in closets in all bedrooms; and a kitchen with cherry wood cabinets, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and a butler's pantry. Outside on the property are a pool and professional landscaping.

Penny Silich of Re/Max Prestige represented Bushrod.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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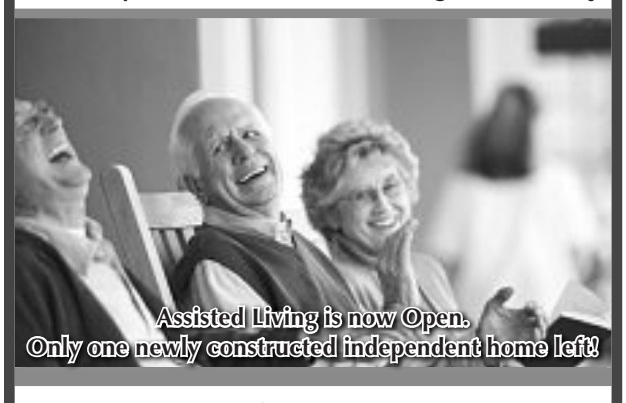


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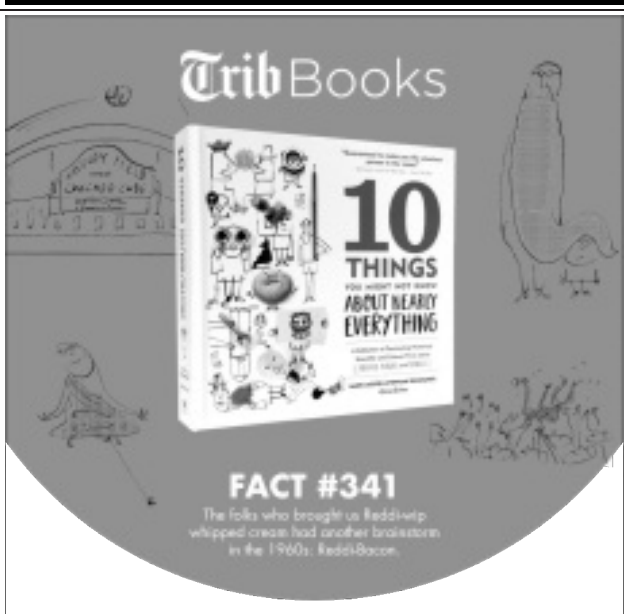
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As the EPA seeks to ease emissions standards, the Trump administration is also threatening to revoke California's ability to set higher vehicle emissions standards.

COMMENTARY

Automakers, keep it clean

Industry should stay on path to more fuel-efficient vehicles

By Mark Phelan
Detroit Free Press

History will not be kind to the Trump administration's attempt to tear up fuel economy standards the auto industry and federal government agreed to six years ago, but the auto industry can avoid sharing the same fate.

Automakers can stay on the right side of history — and what their customers want — by honoring the deal they struck in 2012.

They probably will. The engineering, investment and production plans are already in place to achieve the goals government and industry engineers hammered out.

The Environmental Protection Agency under President Donald Trump appointee Scott Pruitt announced on April 2 plans to ease emissions standards for cars and trucks from model years 2022 to 2025, citing standards agreed on by President Barack Obama as "too high."

The administration's action "will not suddenly prompt automakers to abandon all plans for cleaner, more fuel-efficient vehicles," Autotrader senior analyst Michelle Krebs said. "These are global automakers who see the rest of the world marching in a different direction. To play in other markets, they must meet the standards of other countries, most notably China, the biggest car market in the world, which is demanding cleaner vehicles."

The last thing automakers want is a wholesale rollback of environmental protection. They can't afford to develop one set of technologies for the U.S. and another for the rest of the world. They value the predictability they got with a set of regulations that reached from 2012 to 2025. It allowed long-term planning for investments that will total hundreds of billions of dollars.

Unlike much of the current administration, automakers also realize that climate change is real, and an imminent threat. They don't want to replace cigarette-makers as death-dealing, science-denying villains the public loves to hate.

The auto industry has learned a few lessons from history:

- Gasoline prices always eventually go up.
- Companies selling efficient vehicles prosper over the long run.
- It's better to be part of the solution than the problem.

Automakers' response to the Environmental Protection Agency decision makes it clear they get that:

Ford: "We continue to support increasing clean car standards through 2025 and we have not asked for a rollback. We will continue to work with EPA, NHTSA and California on one national standard with additional flexibility to help us provide more affordable options for our customers."

GM: "Regardless of the standards, we remain committed to improving fuel economy, reducing emissions and an all-electric future. Our priorities for modernizing the standards are the need for one national set of requirements and the need to comprehend new technology developments and increased shared and autonomous electric vehicles. We look forward to working with all parties on modernized standards that achieve better fuel economy for our customers and a better environment for everyone."

Honda: "Honda supports maintaining the stringency of the standards, which will help maintain one national program, but doing so in a way that provides flexibility for manufacturers in achieving compliance and promotes advanced technologies."

The repeated call for "one national standard" is noteworthy. It's code for a battle automakers should have stopped fighting decades ago: California's right to set its own standards for public health reasons.

California signed onto the national fuel economy and emissions standards the federal government and industry reached in 2012, but it retains the ability to require a minimum level of zero-emission vehicle sales, a provision that rankles automakers.

Automakers' demand for "a single national standard" has become an article of faith that overrides what any good car salesman could tell you: The customer is always right.

"California has made it very clear that it's ready to fight for the right to maintain its own standards," Edmunds analyst Jessica Caldwell said. "When you consider how long a court battle could take, it seems most likely (automakers) will continue to stay the course on their current plans to build vehicles that meet California's targets."

While automakers' eagerness to relitigate California's status helped put them in the position of arguing against the furthest-reaching and most engineering-based emissions deal ever, the EPA under Obama helped open the door to the current craziness.

The 2012 agreement always included a midcycle review for any necessary tweaks. The review was supposed to end about now, but the EPA changed the rules in 2016, cutting discussions short and saying there would be no changes.

That act of bad faith is exactly the kind of thing industries fear when they work with regulators. The EPA knew full well in 2012 that 2016 was an election year and a Republican might win. Cutting the review off improperly only emboldened its opponents.

The EPA lost the moral high ground and undermined the goodwill built up negotiating the 2012-2025 standards.

The auto industry can show that it honors its agreements — and that it knows a good deal when it has one — by continuing to live up to its end of the bargain. It may argue for small changes in the timing and details of the targets for 2025, but should remain on the current path to more efficient and sustainable vehicles.

"(Automakers) are caught between a national protection measure versus global competitiveness and innovation creation," IHS Markit senior analyst Stephanie Brinley wrote.

"To remain globally competitive, IHS Markit expects that the upcoming influx of electrified powertrains — from full battery electric to full and mild hybrid to plug-in hybrid electrics — will remain a strategic absolute."

ANALYSIS

Driverless cars may make traffic worse instead of better

By John Gallagher
Detroit Free Press

Optimists predict that autonomous vehicles operating in on-demand fleets will greatly reduce traffic congestion, lower the need for parking lots and garages, and create new mobility options for poor and low-income people. But skeptics predict the driverless future will mean more congestion, more need for parking, and fewer options for the poor and needy.

These dueling forecasts pose crucial concerns for the health and safety of cities. Urbanized areas are home to most of America's population and the greater share of economic activity.

Poor planning in the last century — bulldozing highways through urban neighborhoods, failing to charge drivers for contributing to air pollution, etc. — burdened cities with massive traffic jams, air pollution, deaths and injuries from accidents. The question now: Can urban planners and civic leaders avoid making the same mistakes?

Most forecasters agree driverless fleets will encourage people to use on-demand services instead of owning a car. It's possible that could reduce the number of vehicle miles driven.

But the ease of dozing through a commute may promote longer or more frequent trips — keeping vehicles on the road more, not less. Avoiding the usual pains of driving, like looking for parking, would further encourage more trips. And if all those trips are for a single occupant rather than carpools, that, too, could produce more vehicles on the road.

If driverless cars become cheaper to use than taking the bus, that could put more people in autonomous vehicles. If demand for public transit collapses, then poor and working-class people, may find even fewer ways to get around.

To avoid ill effects, public policy could encourage more people to use fewer vehicles. One idea is to use taxilike autonomous vehicles with separate compartments for each passenger, with the computer setting the route. Policymakers also could design taxes and fees that favor driverless shuttles and buses over single-occupant cars.



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The 2018 Armada, a full-size SUV, is the flagship of Nissan's flotilla of crossovers.

Beauty of this beast is value

By Robert Duffer
Chicago Tribune

Big has never been so bountiful. That's a challenge for the 2018 Nissan Armada full-size SUV.

The flagship of Nissan's flotilla of crossovers contends in a crowded class of redesigned family leviathans spanning from GM's 2015 family of full-sizers to the upstream 2018 Lincoln Navigator to the forthcoming Mercedes GLS. The only stale one on the market is the Toyota Sequoia, which is appreciated for its rugged old-school truckness.

The redesigned Armada offers value with refinement and capability. It's not as flashy or expensive as the competition, and the in-car technology carries far too many buttons to be intuitive, but it checks all the important boxes for an eight-seat truck-based family hauler.

Armada is still very nicely equipped in the top-of-the-line Platinum Reserve trim level. Because it rides high even in the lowest seating position, and because the rear headrests can limit rear visibility, Nissan uses an "intelligent rear view mirror" which has a camera view from the top of the rear liftgate projected onto the actual mirror, in addition to the standard backup camera in the 8-inch touch screen. Instead of glancing in the mirror and seeing a gaggle of cackling tweens, for instance, you'll see what traffic is behind you and in the blind spot before changing lanes.

2018 NISSAN ARMADA
Full-size SUV

As tested:
$65,400
(excluding $1,295 destination)

Base price: $62,090

Mpg: 13 city, 18 highway

Engine: 5.6-liter Endurance V-8

Transmission: Seven-speed automatic

Parting shot: Good balance of value and refinement.

Power liftgate comes with the Platinum, so closing it from the driver's seat when the kids forget is simple. Third-row 60/40 split seats also get the power treatment for easy flat-floor storage, and the handle on the side of the second row 60/40 split seats is durable yet easy enough to be operated by grade schoolers getting in the third row. Second row slides forward for easy third-row ingress, and lays flat for a full flat floor for transporting folding tables and chairs, and a pinata or two.

Despite being powered by a Titanesque 390-horsepower 5.6-liter V-8 engine that Nissan calls best in class, the ride is surprisingly refined and quiet. Acceleration is lovely for such a behemoth, but it steers and handles exactly like what it is. The seven-speed transmission replacing the outgoing five-speed is smooth and predictable, and the four-wheel-drive powertrain as a whole churns out 394 pound-feet of torque, good enough to tow 8,500 pounds. Direct injection and variable valve timing combine with the additional gears to improve fuel economy by 1 mpg to 15 mpg combined, though we averaged 17 mpg at 34 mph. GM and Ford's full-size products do it better at 18 mpg combined, which makes fuel economy the biggest deficit of the Armada.

The center stack controls aren't far behind. After a week with the Armada, there was no greater understanding of the layout logic, which includes trip odometer and vehicle info display buttons mounted high up on either side of the gauge cluster. The touch screen is too far removed to want to touch, and a button for every function leads to a lot of unsafe time looking down to figure out which does what.

That's too bad, because the overall feel of the Armada is refined value, even if it doesn't feel as fresh as the competition.

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Why objects in mirror are closer than they appear



Bob Weber
Motormouth

Q: When was the right side mirror first used, and when and why was the warning changed to "objects in mirror may be closer than they appear"? Which leads to another question: Why do they say "may" when that is how it was made?
— R.F., Grayslake, Ill.

A: According to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR 571.111, S5.4.2) "Each convex mirror shall have permanently and indelibly marked at the lower edge of the mirror's reflective surface, in letters not less than 4.8 mm nor more than 6.4 mm high the words 'Objects in Mirror Are Closer Than They Appear.' " We don't know how "may be" sneaked in there. We are also not sure when the first right outside mirror appeared, but the left outside mirror became standard in the 1960s. We do know why objects appear larger: Convex lenses bend light. It is like looking through the wrong end of binoculars. Legend has it that the first rearview mirror was simply an ordinary, hand-held, household mirror.

Q: When will the national motor vehicle safety folks recognize the significant number of accidents caused by the blinding headlights that have become popular in the last few years? The glare from headlights is particularly blinding. Additional lamps like fog lights should not be used as supplementary headlights. If they are, they should automatically turn off when opposing traffic comes in range. Am I the only adult driver that sees this as a problem?
— P.B., Philadelphia



SUSAN WALSH/AP 2012

We don't know when "may be" sneaked into the warning on car mirrors, but we know that convex lenses bend light.

A: Our eyes begin to degenerate at around 40 years old. As we age, glare becomes more of an issue. According to AAA: "Senior drivers can face substantially increased risk, because of decreased visual distance and sensitivity to the contrast between darkness and bright lights along roadways. Difficulties like these are the most common reasons older drivers limit or regulate their own driving. Many senior drivers also find they just don't need to be driving at night as often as they used to and primarily drive during the day. This can result in driving under less stressful conditions, too. If you cannot avoid driving at night, there are several ways to manage the risks." AAA offers these tips:

Adjust your speed to the reach of your headlights. Do not "overdrive" your headlights by driving at a speed that wouldn't allow you to stop for an obstacle at the far reaches of your headlights. Compensate for reduced visibility by decreasing your speed and increasing following distance to four or more seconds behind the car in front of you.

Keep your eyes moving. Do not focus on the middle of the area illuminated by your headlights. Watch for sudden flashes of light at hilltops, around curves or at intersections, because these may indicate the presence of oncoming vehicles.

Look at the sides of objects. In dim light during reduced visibility, focus on the edges or outlines of objects. Your eyes can pick up images more sharply this way than by looking directly at the object.

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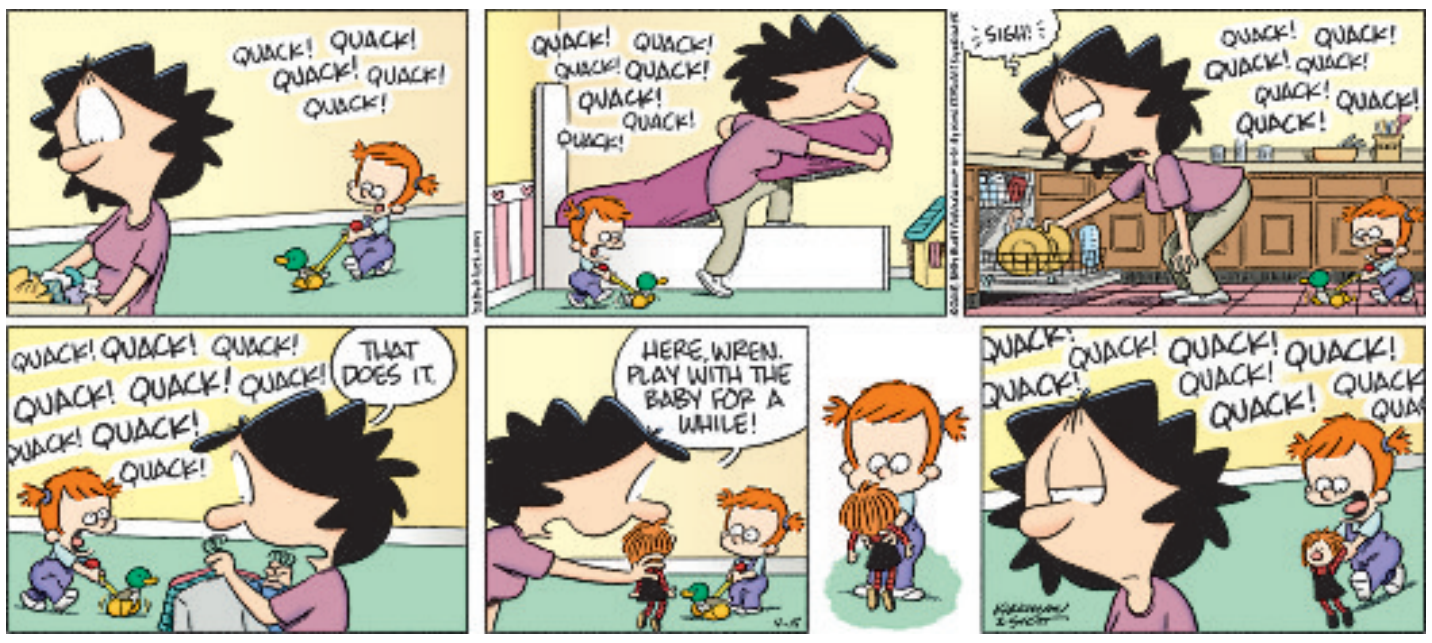
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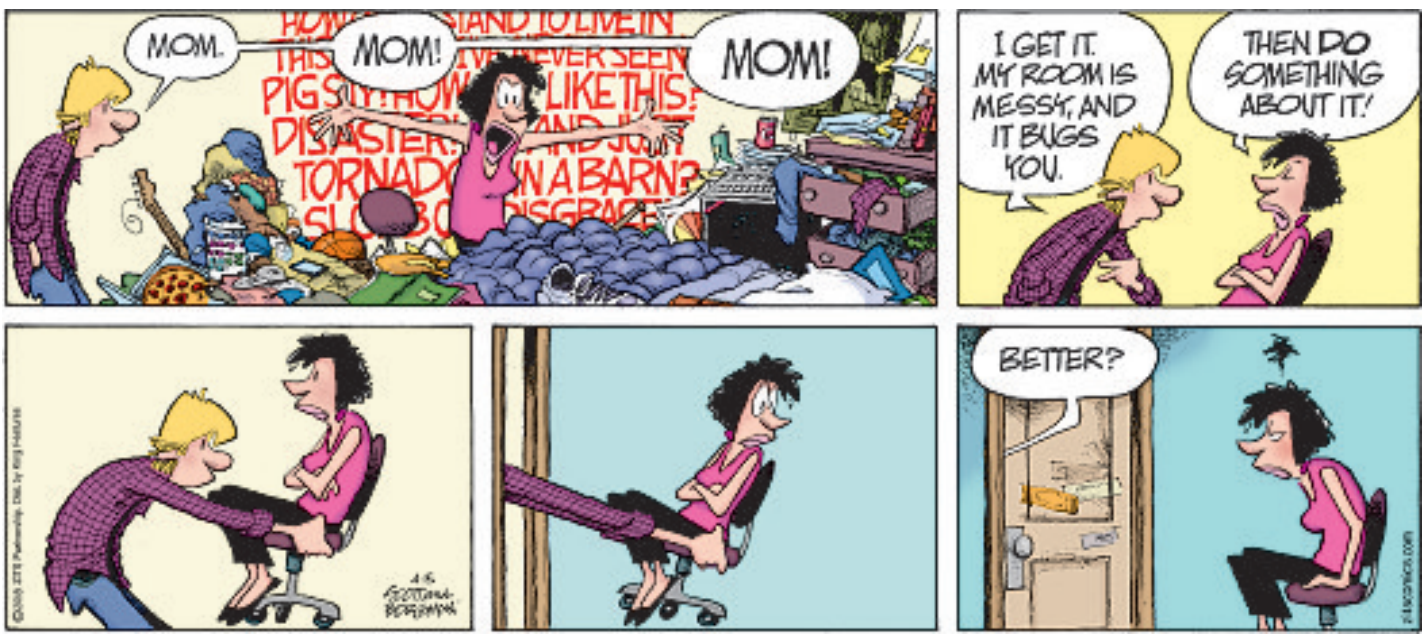
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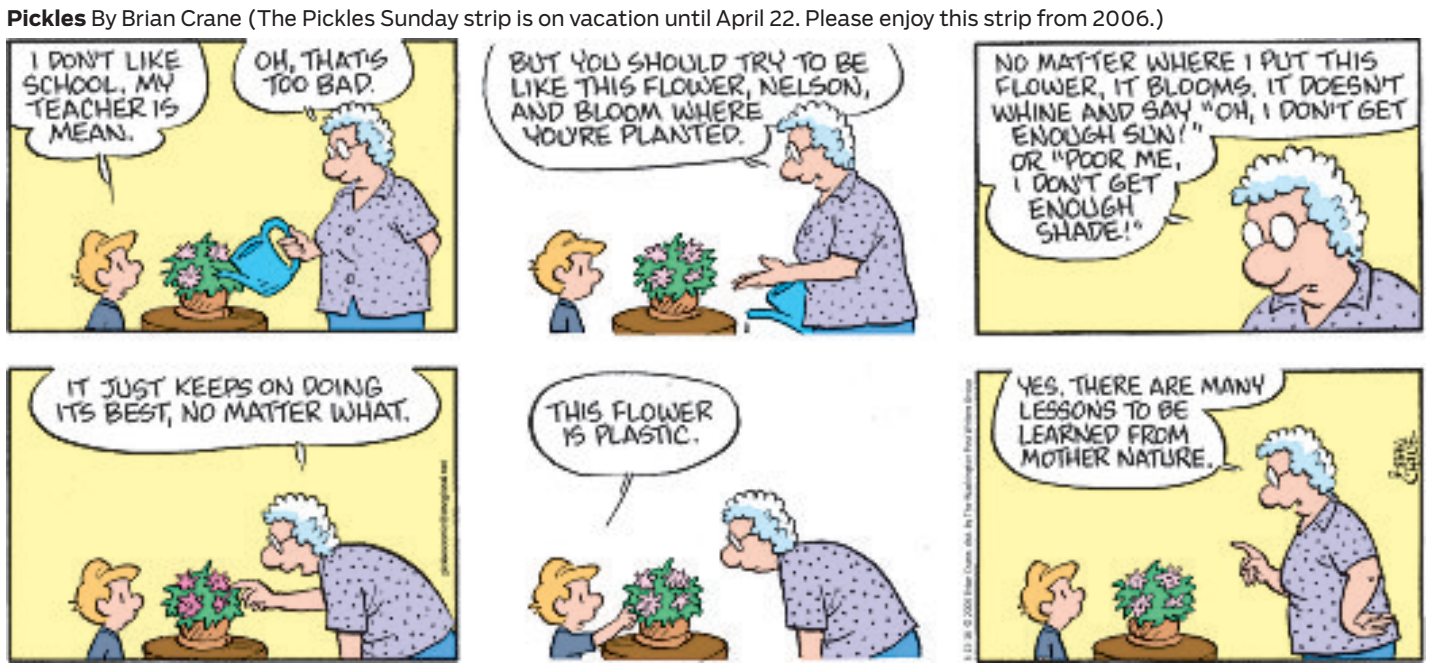
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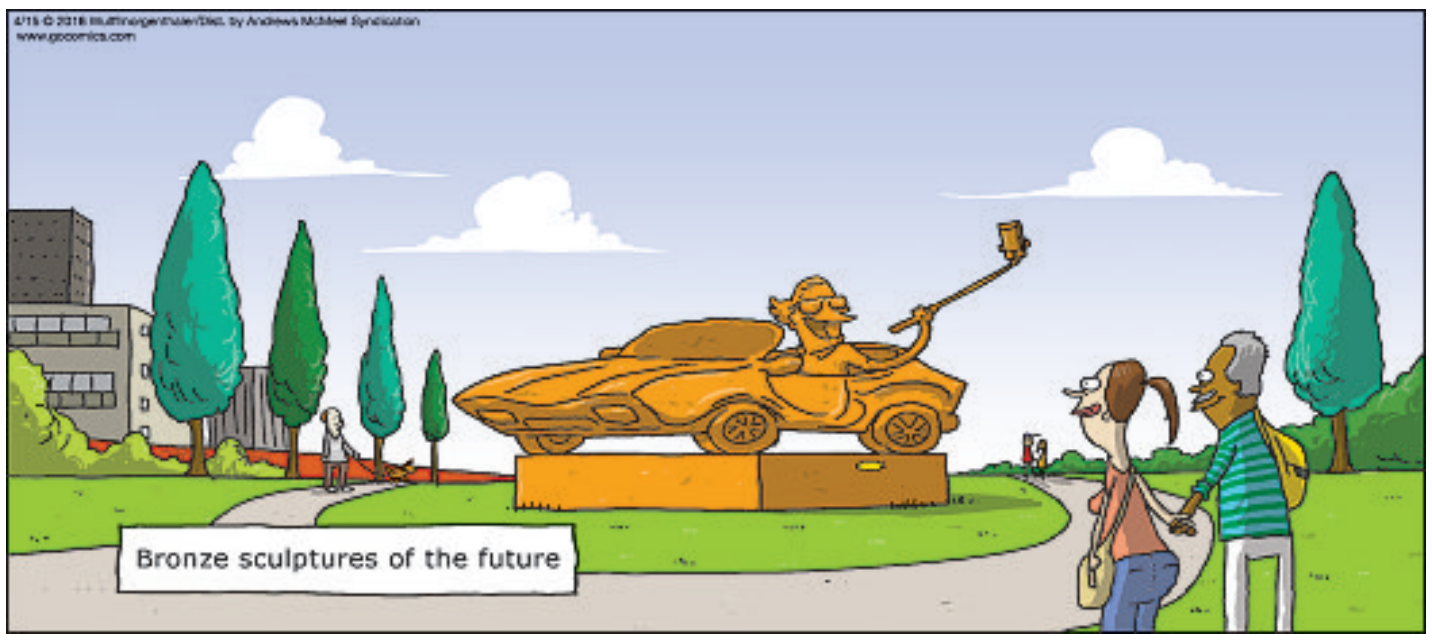
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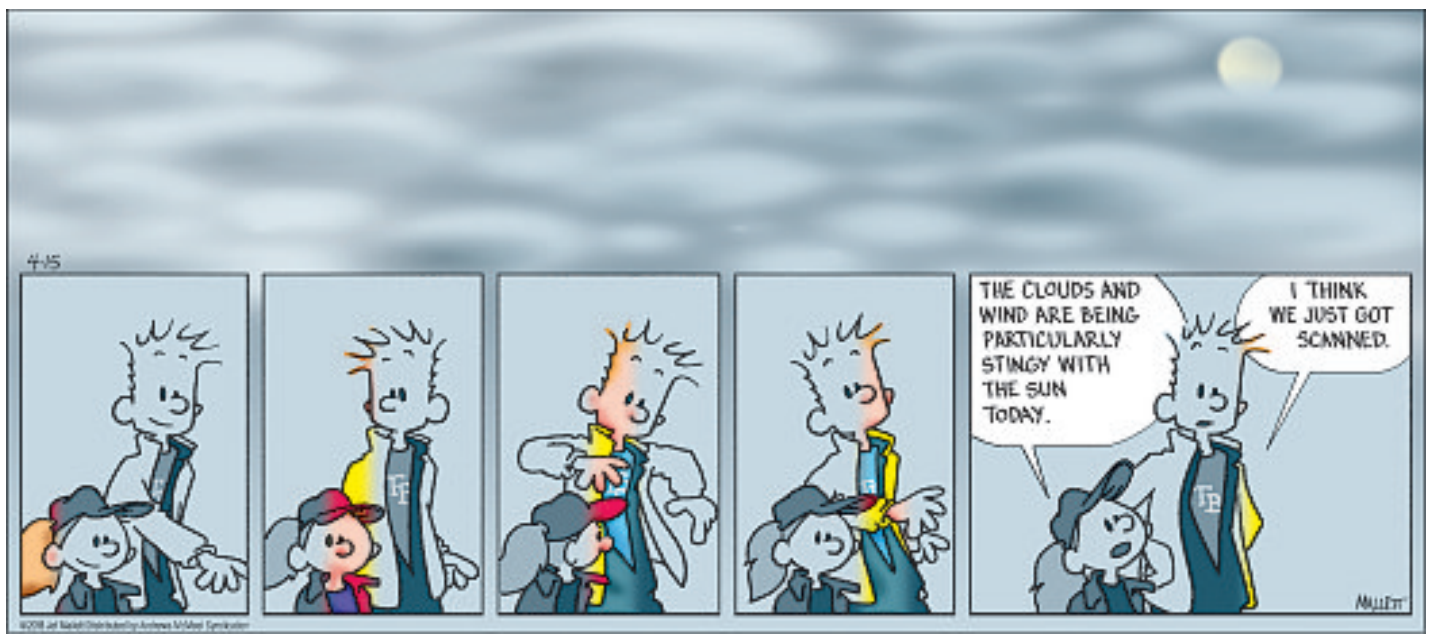
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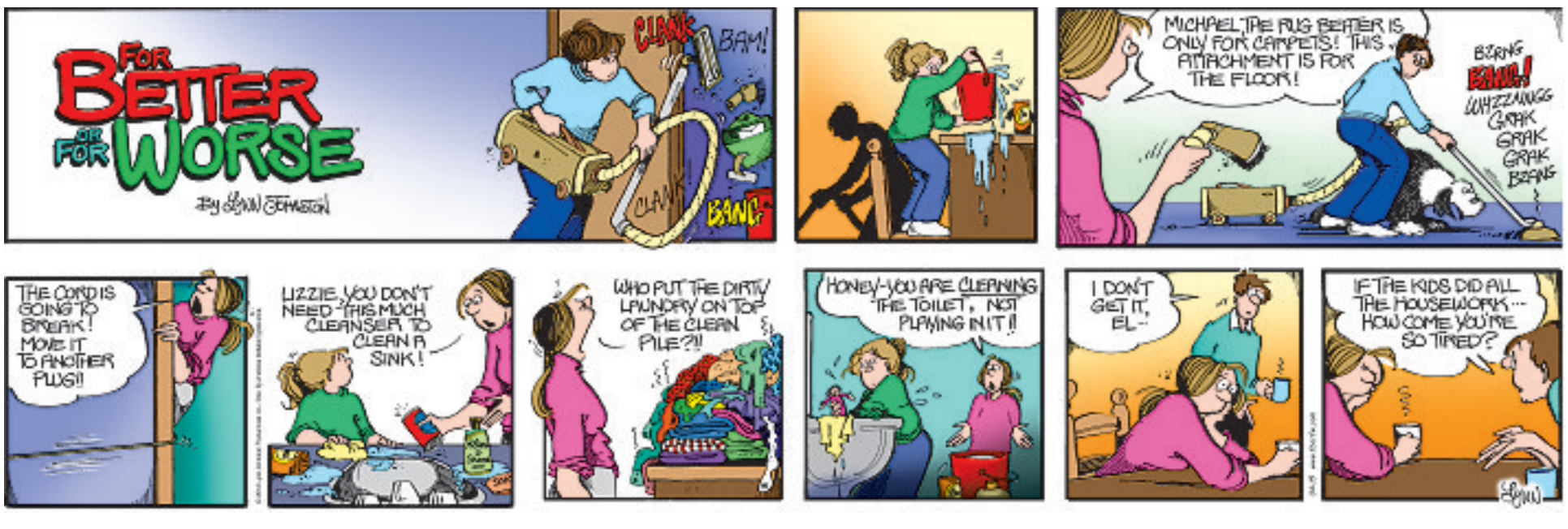


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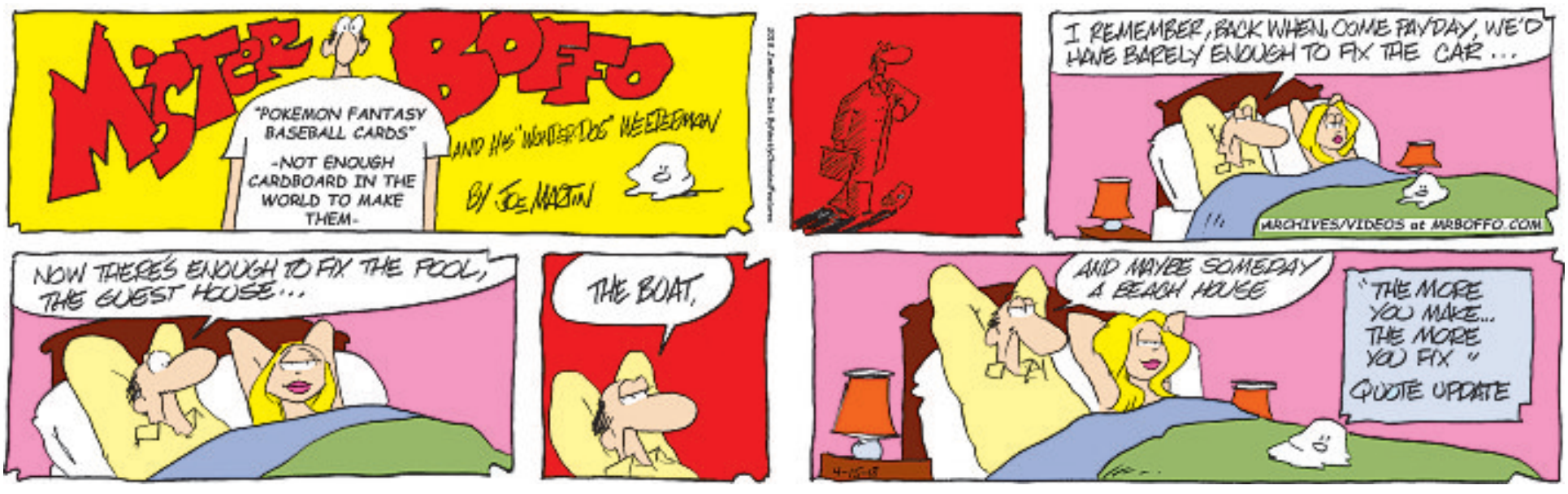
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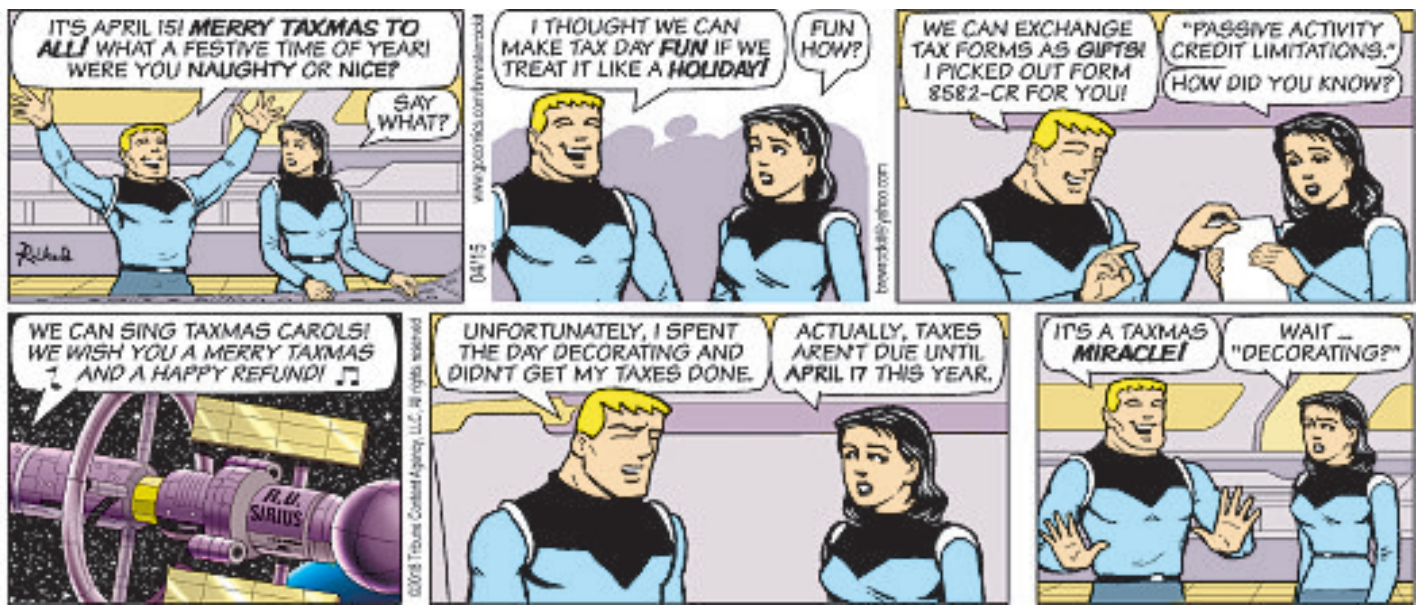
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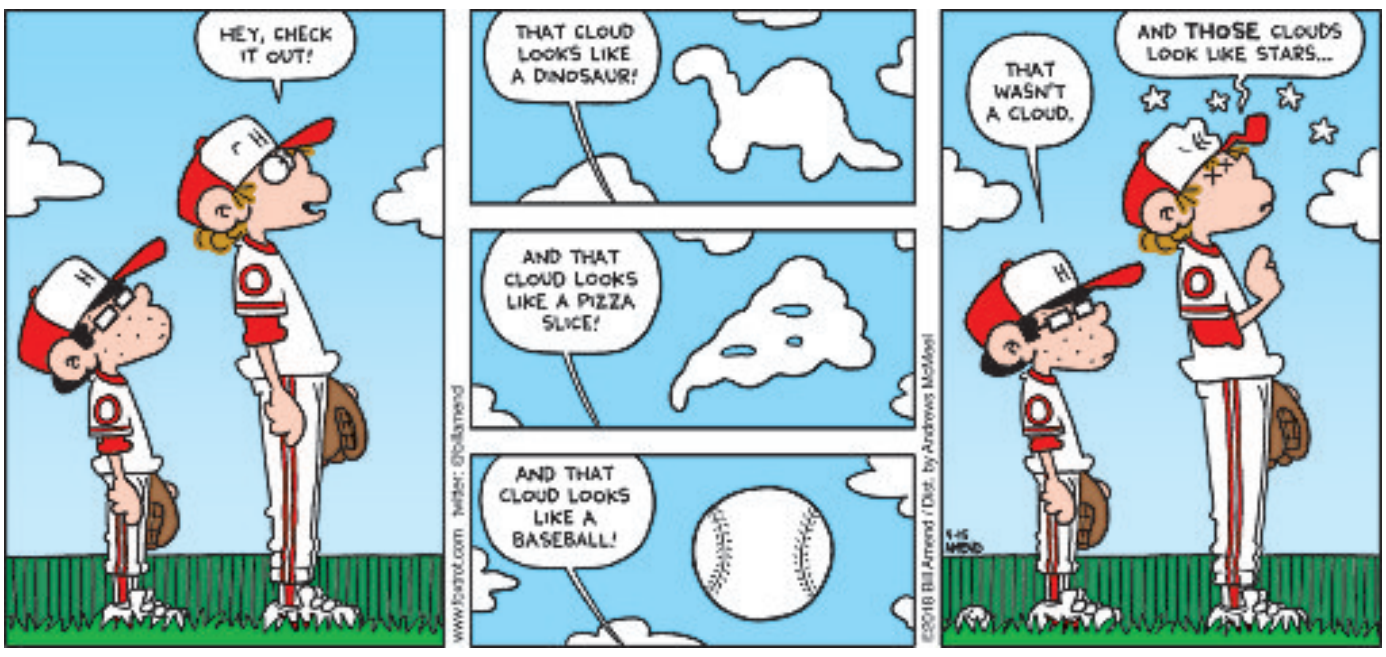
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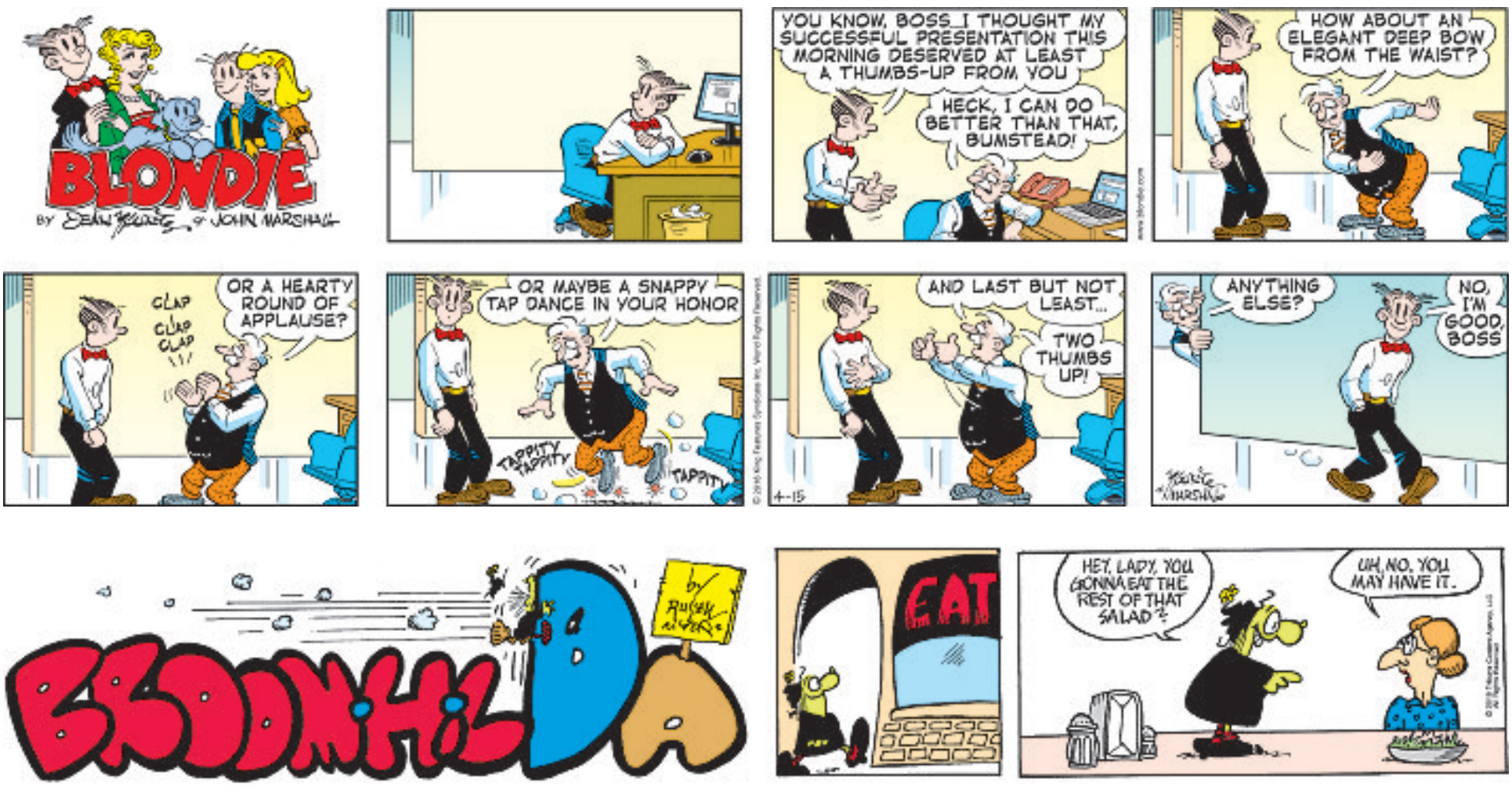
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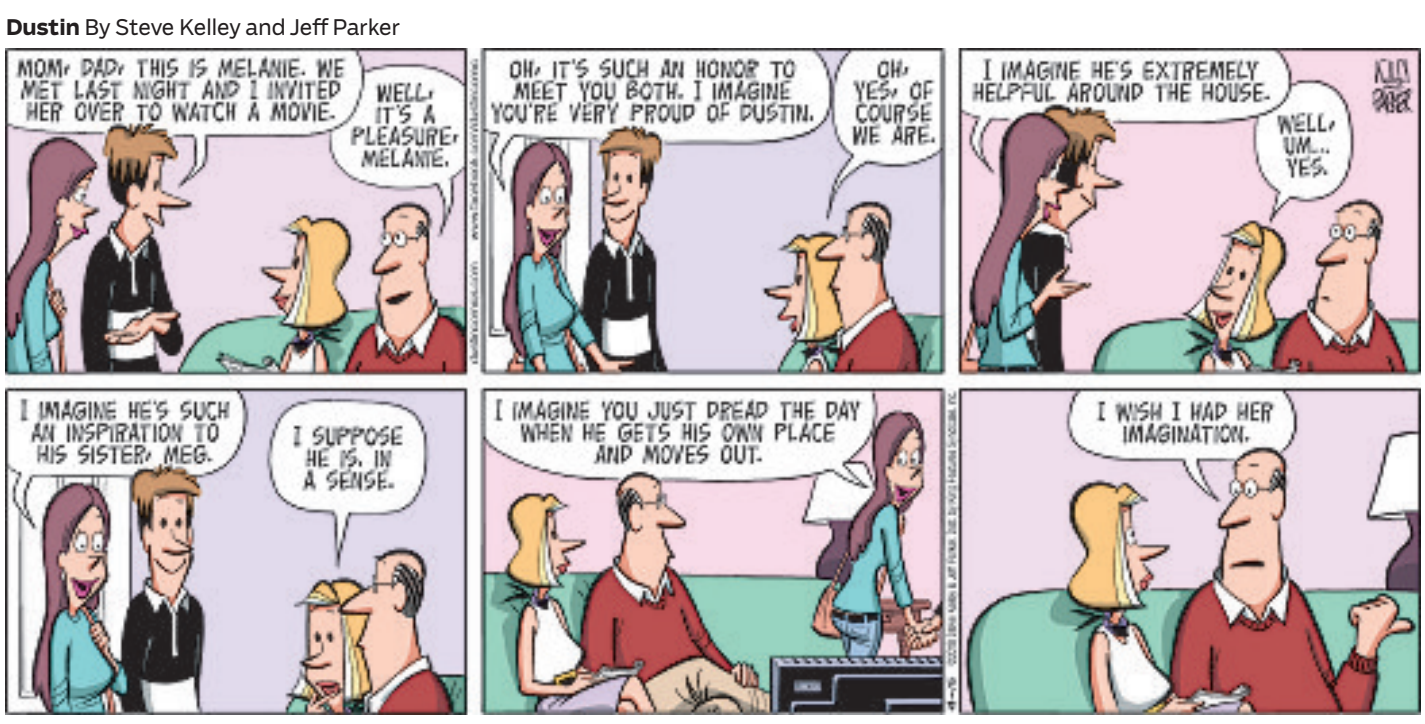
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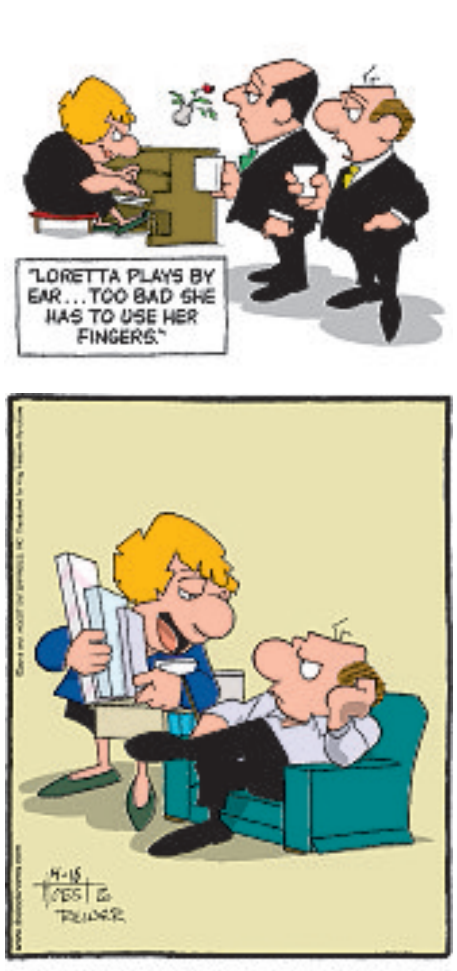




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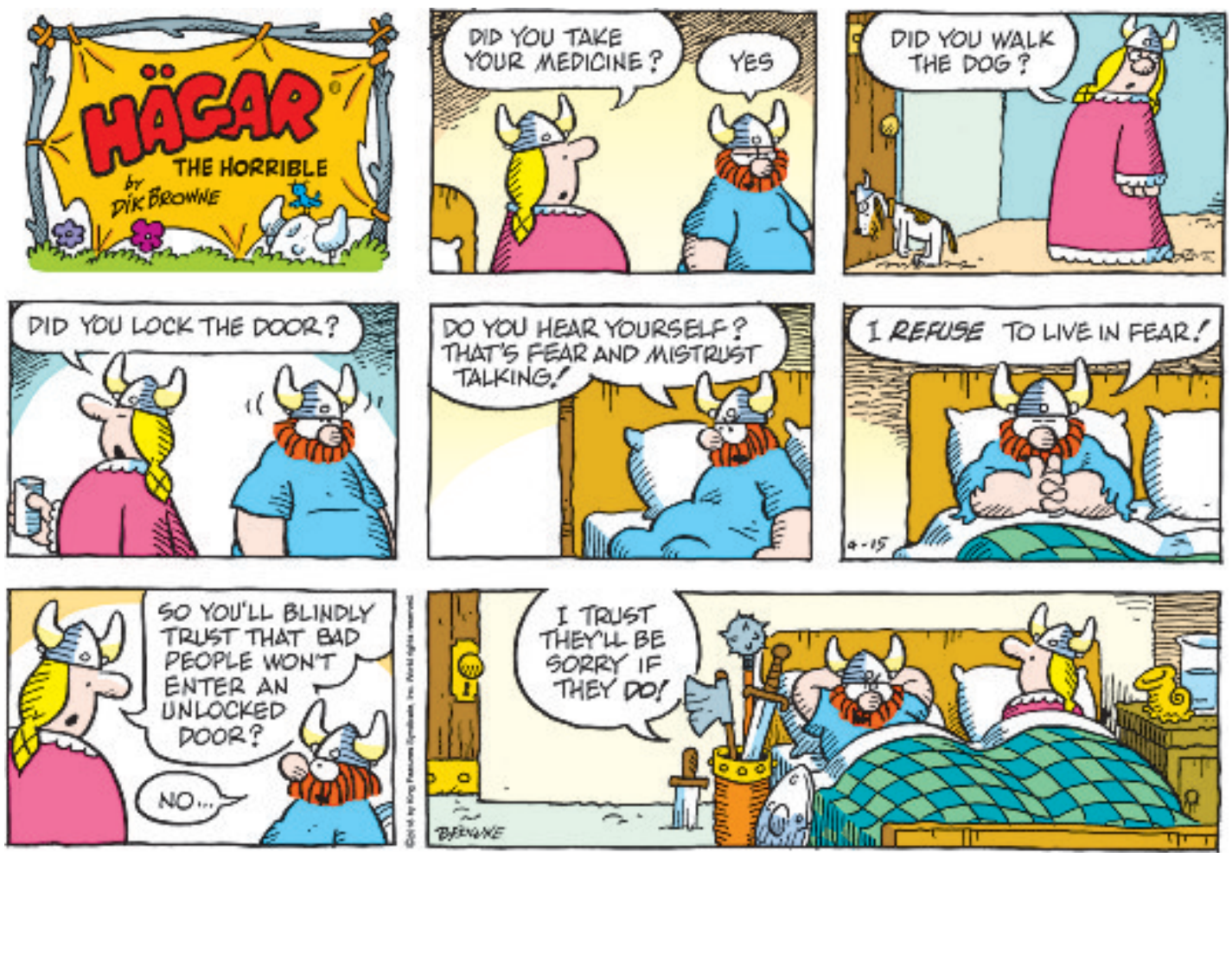


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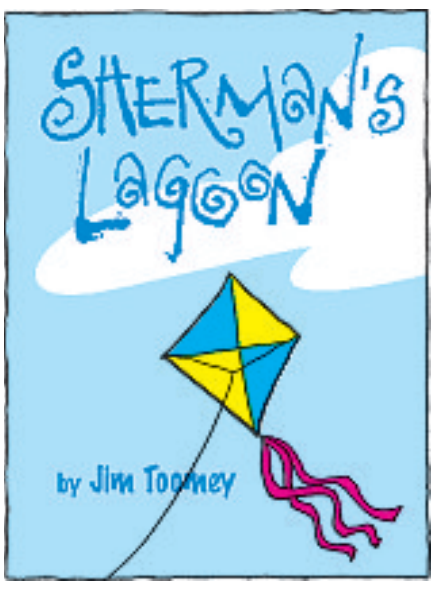


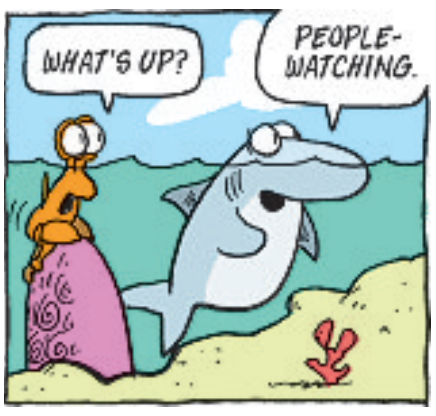


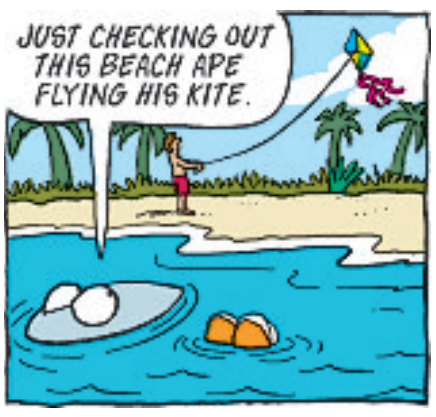


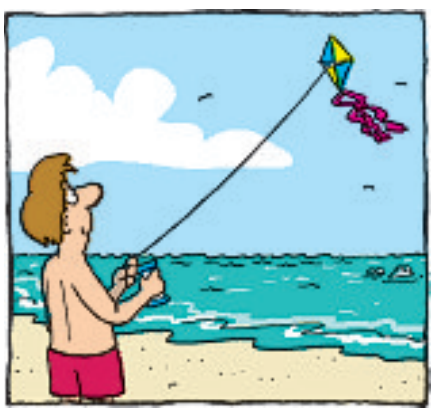


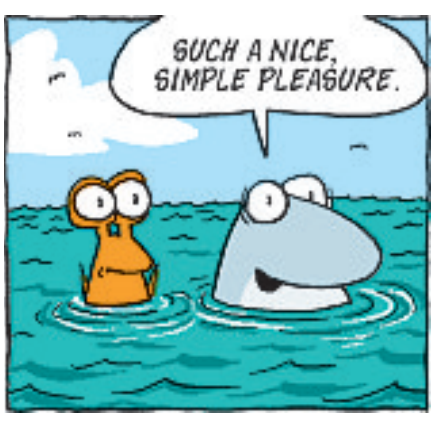
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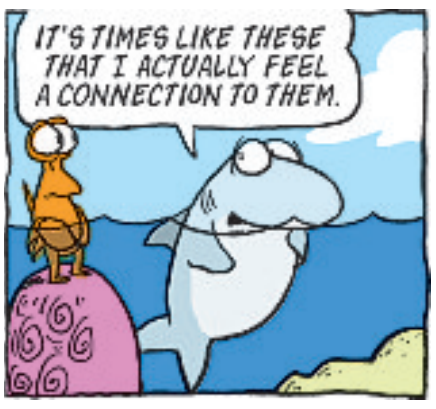






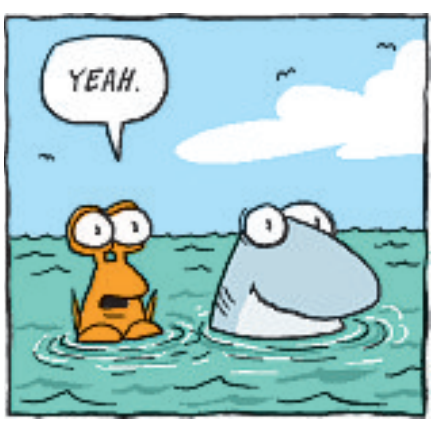






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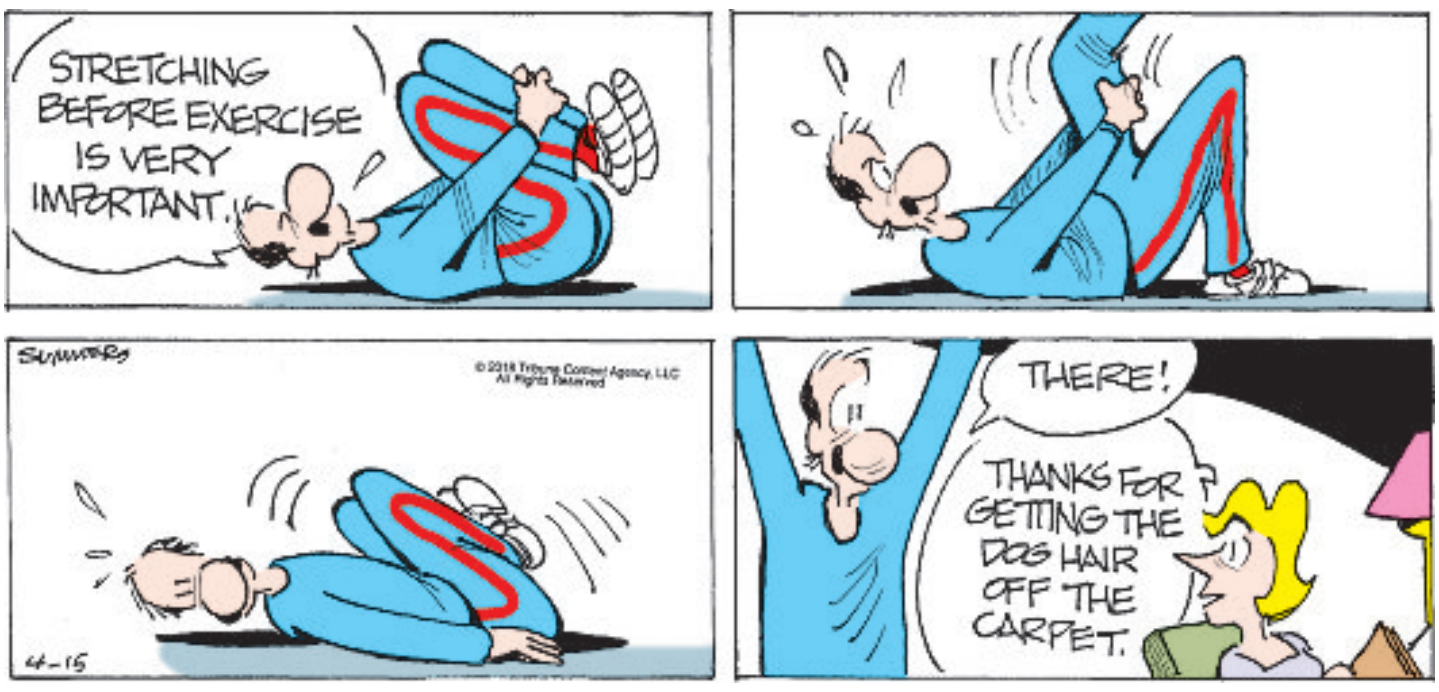
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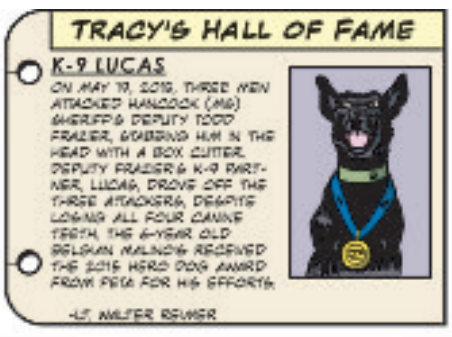
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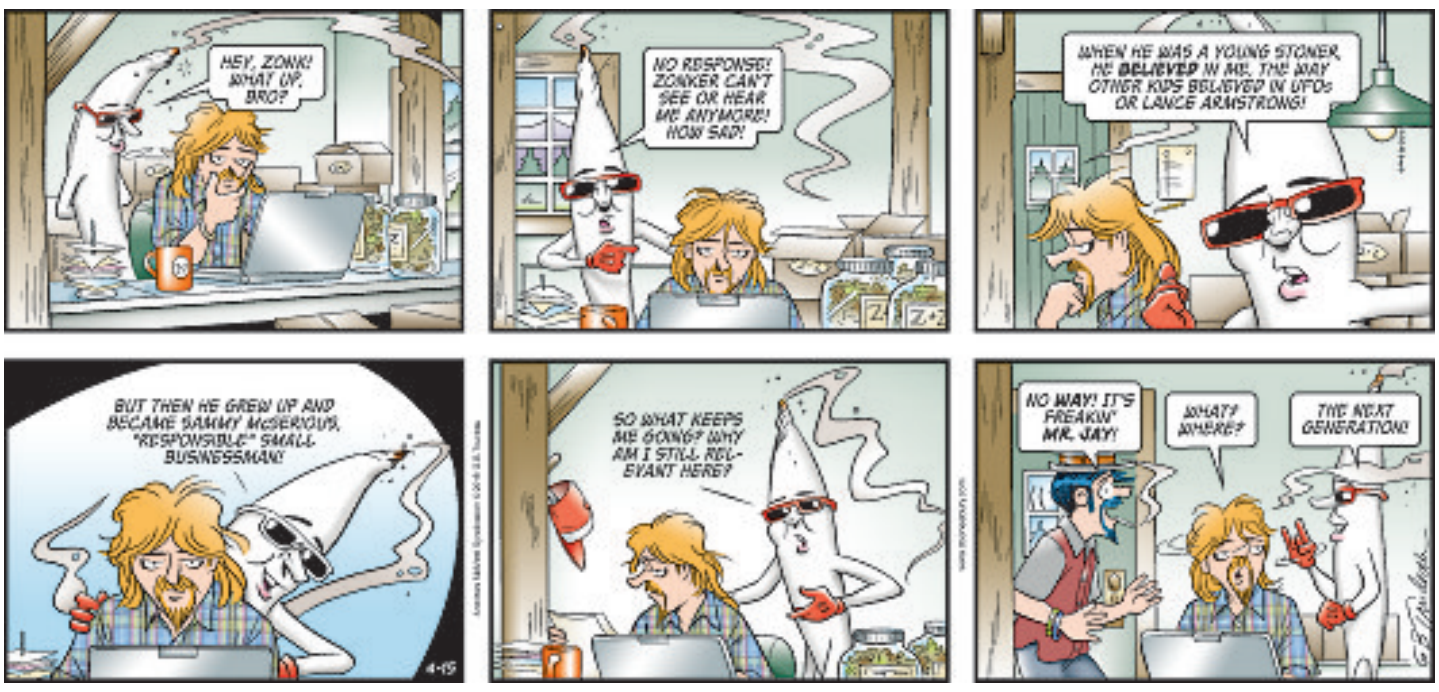








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WALTER SCOTT'S

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Mark Duplass was so creepy as David Kaczynski in *Manhunt: Unabomber*. What's he been in before?

—Courtney V., Miami, Fla.

A: The New Orleans–born director, producer, writer and actor, 41, who has a production company with his brother, Jay, hasn't appeared much on broadcast television or in studio movies, opting for cable TV and indie films. His recent credits include HBO's *Togetherness* and FXX's *The League*. In the movie comedy *Tully* (May 4), he plays the wealthy brother of Charlize Theron's character, hiring his sister a night nanny—nicknamed Tully (Mackenzie Davis)—when she is overwhelmed after giving birth to a third child.



5 THINGS

Mark Ruffalo Goes Green

Ruffalo, 50, will once again bulk up as the giant, green superhero the Hulk—and portray his mild-mannered, brainy counterpart, Bruce Banner—in the next installment of the Marvel Studios movie franchise. He joins Iron Man, Thor, Spider-Man, Black Widow and the gang in *Avengers: Infinity War* (April 27). Here are five facts about the three-time Oscar-nominated actor.

1. He competed in wrestling in junior high and high school in Wisconsin and Virginia (following in his state wrestling champ father's footsteps).
2. Pre-stardom, he worked at a guitar store and as a bartender, a gardener and a house painter.
3. His first on-camera job was a 1989 Clearasil commercial, which earned him $30,000.
4. He was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2002, which turned out to be benign after surgery.
5. He is a daily practitioner of meditation, which he says changed everything: work, luck and the way the world looks to him.



Reba Revs Up for ACM Awards

Reba McEntire returns to host the 53rd Academy of Country Music Awards (April 15 on CBS). Plus, the "Fancy" singer, 63, received her 16th nomination for Female Vocalist of the Year. If she wins, it will be her eighth win in the category. "I've got my outfits ready," says McEntire, who recently became the first woman to portray Colonel Sanders in KFC commercials. "That's the hardest part. Five or six. One for the red carpet, some for the show and some in case one doesn't zip up right."





WALTER SCOTT ASKS

Elisabeth Moss

The former *Mad Men* actress, 35, returns to her Emmy-winning role in the critically acclaimed Hulu series *The Handmaid's Tale*—based on Margaret Atwood's dystopian novel—when it returns for its second season April 25.



What's going on with your character, June/Offred, in season two? She has this ticking time bomb, her pregnancy, that we deal with all season. In a way, it's a beautiful thing from her love affair with Nick [Max Minghella]; but at the same time, she knows that [her child] will be taken away from her at birth.

Even though Offred's not in a position of power, the fact that she can have a baby means she has an ability to which other women aspire. Absolutely. What everyone wants most is a healthy child. That is going to create a bond, a link, between Serena [Yvonne Strahovski] and June that isn't necessarily a good thing, but it's there. June is carrying something that Serena wants very badly. I can't say how that manifests itself, but it's something all the characters are highly aware of the entire season.

What do fans say to you? The thing that means the most to me is that [the show] gives them strength, or bravery. This show is very dark, and those moments are distracting sometimes because they're so brutal. But I do think that the idea is how you rise above that brutality that is grinding you down.

Your biggest challenge right now? Getting enough sleep. I know that's probably lame, because I have such a wonderful, privileged life. But sometimes sleep is a bit of a struggle. When I'm working, I get an average of five or six hours, so it's not good.

What's the *Handmaid's Tale/Gilmore Girls* connection? Go to *Parade.com/moss* to find out.

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Amy Schumer Feels Pretty

The newlywed—who married chef Chris Fischer Feb. 13—takes up the issue of body image in her new movie comedy, *I Feel Pretty* (April 20). Schumer plays Renee, a woman struggling with insecurities who wakes up after an accident believing she's the most beautiful female in the world. But what happens when she finds out nothing really changed? "It's a sweet, funny movie that I think will make us all feel better," says the *Trainwreck* star, 36. "It made me feel better to play the role."



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If Earth Day is inspiring you to cycle more, maybe even to work, this foldable bike could fit the bill. The snappy blue **EuroMini ZiZZO Via** has seven speeds, an aluminum frame, front and rear fenders—and it weighs only 26 pounds. **$300, amazon.com**





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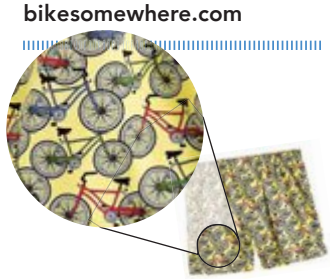
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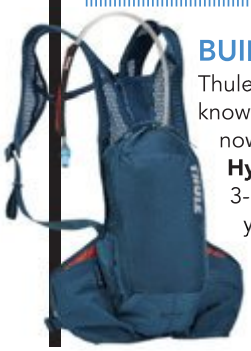
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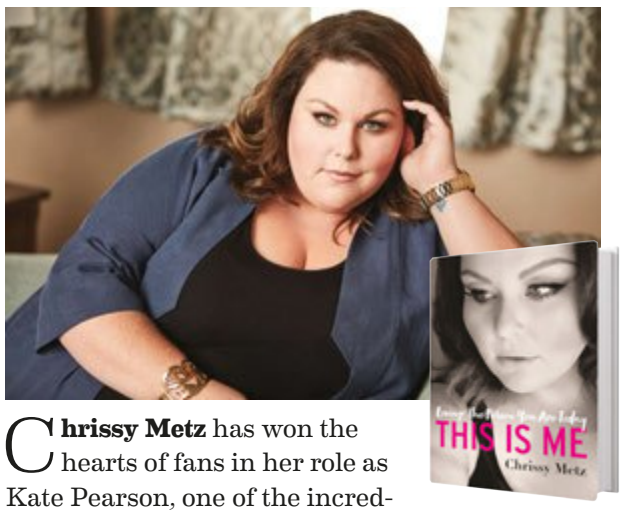
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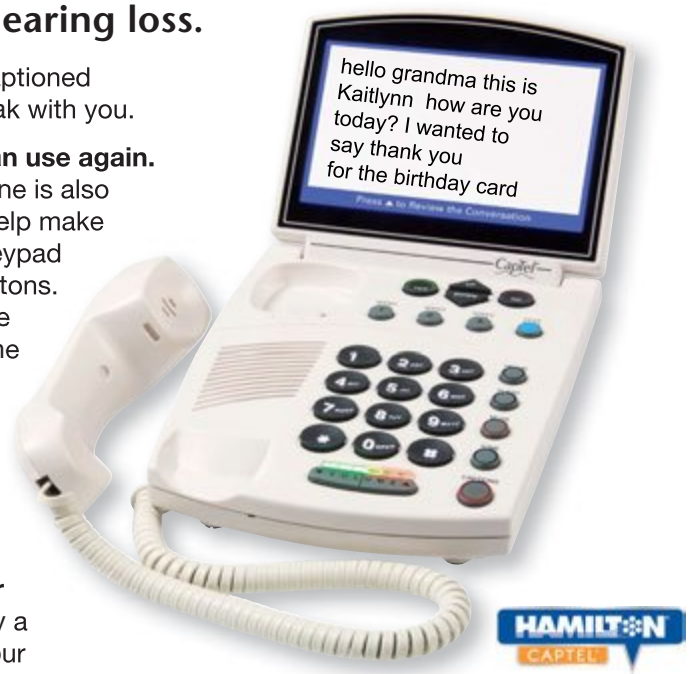
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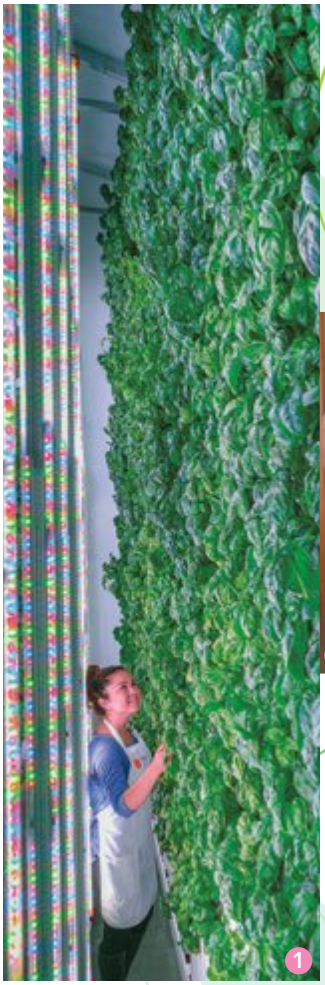
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the best of earth day











We may formally celebrate Earth Day just once a year (April 22), but concerned Americans, companies and organizations are making a difference every day and in every state—from sea to shining sea.

by alison gwinn

PROBLEM #1: PLASTIC POLLUTION

That plastic straw in your morning iced coffee or lunchtime soda? It's not so innocent. Americans use more than 500 million straws every day. Many end up in the ocean (along with plastic bags), where sea life accidentally consumes them. Nearly 90 percent of the debris in oceans is plastic.

To battle the problem, the Earth Day Network, the nonprofit behind Earth Day, is focusing on plastic pollution in 2018. Go to **earthday.org** to join the fight. And check out these states for inspiration.

▸ In **Washington**, with support from the environmental group Lonely Whale, Seattle has become the nation's first major city to ban the use of plastic straws. By July, the city won't allow restaurants or other businesses to offer them, a move expected to save 1 million straws a month. Lonely Whale's Strawless in Seattle campaign and #StopSucking social media challenge urge other big cities to get on board. **lonelywhale.org**

▸ Plastic bags are the most common beach litter in **Delaware** after cigarette butts. Students in a University of Delaware master's seminar called Debating Marine Conservation created a program called Businesses for Better Bags. The students partnered with the Fashion and Apparel Studies department and designed four reusable bags for local businesses to sell. The hope is the movement will go statewide. **lewesplasticbagproject.weebly.com**

▸ After graduating from Virginia Tech determined to live a zero-waste lifestyle, Gabriella Jacobsen, now 23, developed an eco-friendly reusable tote bag made from 100 percent organic cotton. It's decorated with low-impact dyes and sewn in a fair-trade factory that employs Americans with disabilities. A percentage of the profits from the sale of the bags, made by her company, Green Upward, goes to Arcadia, an Alexandria, **Virginia**, organization that promotes sustainable food systems. **greenupward.com**

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Rogers, **Arkansas**, hires Iraq and Afghanistan veterans to take wood and metal from decommissioned semitruck trailers and turn it into home, office and patio furniture. **ecovetfurniture.com**



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VERTICAL FARMING

Plenty, a startup headquartered in South San Francisco, **California**, is building a 100,000-square-foot vertical farming warehouse (similar to its Bay Area project) near Seattle. The goal: produce 4.5 million pounds of greens annually. Using 20-foot-tall towers, the farm will grow plants, lighted by LED lamps, seeded in a mixture made of recycled plastic bottles (no soil). Water and nutrients are fed in from the top. The company says the method can yield 350 times the produce per acre (without pesticides), and they aim to build these vertical farms outside major cities across the country. **plenty.ag**

GOT MILKWEED?

The once ubiquitous, regal eastern monarch butterfly, **Illinois**' state insect, is threatened with extinction thanks to disappearing flowering plants, including milkweed. The Prairie Rivers Network is working with



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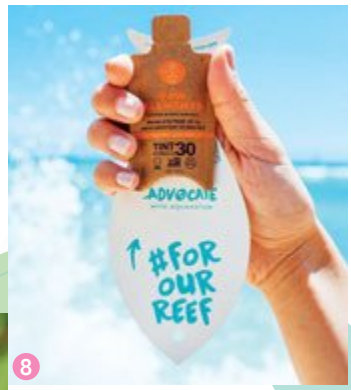
schools, churches, businesses and neighborhoods statewide to reestablish the native habitat for the monarch and other pollinators. **prairierivers.org**

RAMP IT UP

New permeable boat ramps in **West Virginia** are friendly to aquatic habitats, reducing post-storm runoff (which sometimes includes pollutants—even petroleum products—from surrounding areas). The ramps, made of permeable pavers, take in water and allow some of it to percolate into the ground instead of encouraging speedy runoff like concrete and asphalt do.

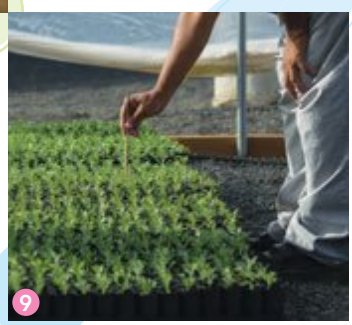
SAFER SUNSCREEN

The coral reefs surrounding **Hawaii** have been endangered by oxybenzone, an ingredient in sunscreens that causes bleaching, DNA damage and other deformities. To help protect the reefs, Aqua-Aston Hospitality,



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Hawaii's largest chain of hotels and resorts, has teamed up with Raw Elements to offer visitors free reef-friendly, mineral-based sunscreen. **rawelementsusa.com**



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NATIVE HABITATS

▸ In **Idaho**, prison inmates fill "cone-tainers" with soil and tiny sagebrush seed, then water and fertilize the seedlings. Crews from the Bureau of Land Management and the Idaho Department of Fish & Game plant them in areas damaged by wildfires.

▸ Lander Middle School students in **Wyoming** planted several hundred sagebrush seedlings in hopes of turning reclaimed mining land into a habitat for mule deer and the greater sage grouse. The plants were grown from seeds as part of the Abandoned Mine Lands Native Plants Project.

EARTH SHOTS

(1) The upsides of vertical farming, (2) actor Tom Skerritt goes strawless, (3) the latest wood-splitting technology at Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage, (4) Gabriella Jacobsen's Green Upward bags, (5) an Earthship near Taos, N.M., (6) catching wind in Iowa, (7) Illinois welcomes back butterflies, (8) Hawaii's eco-friendly sun care, (9) sagebrush seedlings in Idaho

A BETTER GRAIN

Kernza is an environmentally friendly grain (nutty with a high protein content) developed by the **Kansas**-based Land Institute. General Mills and the University of **Minnesota** are collaborating with the Institute to help promote the grain. Its dense, long roots help prevent erosion and store nutrients underground. **landinstitute.org**

GARDEN SMART

For just $25, Mississippians can rent a raised bed at the nonprofit 34th Street Wholistic Gardens and Education Center in Gulfport, **Mississippi**. The organic and hydroponic garden and wellness park has more than 25 master gardeners and provides workshops, training and seminars to promote health, wellness and careful stewardship of the Mississippi Gulf Coast region. **34thstreetgardens.com**

A BRIGHTER LIGHT

More than 1,300 energy-efficient LED bulbs have been handed out by pastor Kevin Bates and his parishioners at Piney Mountain United Methodist Church in **North Carolina**. The "working church" with a love of the land

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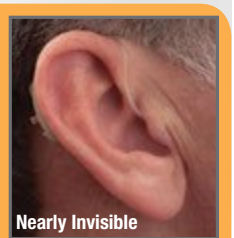
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BICYCLE POWER

Oregon's eco-friendly small-batch winery Illahe Vineyards is solar-powered, uses no irrigation and its grape plants are hand-pruned and harvested, then hauled by horses—Percheron drafts named Doc and Bea—to be processed. The winemakers de-stem the grapes using a hand-powered crank and then pump them into barrels using a bicycle, which employees take turns riding. **illahevineyards.com**

BETTER LUNCH TRAYS

Styrofoam trays, plates and bowls take centuries to break down. Now, thanks to the Urban School Food Alliance in **Pennsylvania**, compostable lunch trays are replacing 880,000 of the nonrecyclable products that were used each month in Philadelphia schools (all of which went into landfills). **urbanschoolfoodalliance.org**

PLANT A TREE!

TreeUtah, a statewide nonprofit, and 155,000 volunteers planted more than 370,000 trees across **Utah**. One acre of trees produces the amount of oxygen consumed by 18 people every year. Trees slow and filter rainwater, protecting aquifers, and lower air temperatures. **treeutah.org**

HARNESS THE WIND

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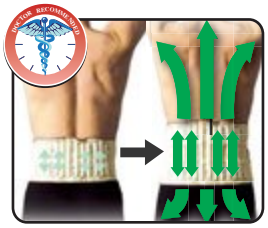
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deciding in 2015 to acquire all of the city's electricity from renewable sources. The town gets most of its power from a wind farm in Amarillo, 500 miles away, and this summer will add solar energy from a West Texas farm.

▸ **Iowa** is a wind energy leader; wind provides 36 percent of the state's electricity and is expected to provide 40 percent by 2020.

TAKE AN ECO-VACAY

▸ Rent an "earthship" outside of Taos, **New Mexico**, at the Greater World Community—the world's largest off-the-grid subdivision. **earthshipglobal.com**

▸ Mowdy Ranch mustangs eco-sanctuary near Coalgate, **Oklahoma**, has dedicated 1,280 acres to 150 wild Choctaw ponies, famed for their toughness and endurance (as seen in the 2004 film *Hidalgo*). **mowdyranch.com**

▸ Adventure Green Alaska recognizes **Alaska** businesses that meet environmental and sustainability standards, including Diamond M Ranch Resort (which uses fish waste as fertilizer), Orca Island Cabins (solar-powered yurts) and Alaska Alpine Adventures (which espouses Leave No Trace). **adventuregreenalaska.org**

▸ The Dancing Rabbit Land Trust in **Missouri** has created a sustainable community of solar- and wind-powered homes and has reserved many of its 280 acres as a wildlife habitat. Stay at the Milkweed Mercantile Eco Inn, where you'll sleep in a straw-bale building, shower with filtered rainwater and dine on locally produced organic food. **dancingrabbit.org**

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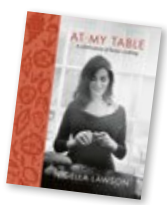
SUNDAY DINNER



NIGELLA'S EASY

ASIAN CHICKEN

Here's a twist on Sunday's traditional roast chicken: a bold-flavored bird and colorful spring salad from Nigella Lawson's new cookbook, *At My Table: A Celebration of Home Cooking*. The recipes from the best-selling author of *How to Be a Domestic Goddess* deliver all of the desired chicken-y goodness but with a tasty Asian flair. Add rice, and dinner is ready. —*Alison Ashton*



Butterflied Chicken With Miso and Sesame Seeds

Combine 1 Tbsp **vegetable oil**, 1 tsp **sesame oil**, 4 tsp **white miso**, 1 Tbsp **soy sauce**, 2 tsp **fish sauce**, 1 Tbsp finely grated peeled **ginger** and 1 large **garlic clove**, minced, in a small bowl. Place 1 (4-lb) butterflied **chicken** in a large zip-top plastic bag. Add oil mixture. Seal bag, turning to coat chicken with marinade. Place bag in a dish. Refrigerate overnight. One hour before roasting chicken, transfer chicken and marinade to a shallow roasting pan or rimmed baking sheet, placing chicken breast-side up. Let come to room temperature. Preheat oven to 400°F. Cover chicken with foil. Roast 45 minutes. Remove chicken from oven; remove foil. Baste with pan juices, drizzle with 1 tsp sesame oil and sprinkle with 2 tsp **sesame seeds** (white and/or black). Roast, uncovered, 20 minutes or until skin is browned, chicken is done and juices have caramelized. Cut into quarters. Serve drizzled with pan juices. **Serves 4**.

Bashed Cucumber and Radish Salad

In a large bowl, combine 3 Tbsp **rice wine vinegar**, 2 tsp **sugar**, 1 tsp **kosher salt**, 1 tsp finely grated peeled **ginger** and 1 large **garlic clove,** minced. Using a vegetable peeler, shave skin off 1½ lb cold **English cucumbers** (about 2 medium) in strips so you have dark-and-pale-green-striped cucumbers. Halve cucumbers lengthways; scrape out seeds with a teaspoon. Chop into 1½-inch-long chunks. Place cucumber pieces cut-side up on a cutting board; gently bash with the spiky side of a meat tenderizer or a rolling pin. Add cucumber pieces to dressing, tossing to coat. Let stand 15–20 minutes. Halve 12 oz **radishes** (about 3 cups). Add radishes, 1 tsp **sesame oil** and 1 tsp **black sesame seeds** to bowl; toss to coat. Serve immediately. **Serves 4–6**.

How to Spatchcock a Chicken



Why spatchcock (or butterfly) a chicken? The reasons are both practical and delicious. For one, the bird will lie flat in a roasting pan or on the grill so it cooks more evenly and a bit faster. Two, the chicken will be both crispy and juicy. Ask the butcher to do it for you, or follow these steps (visit ***Parade.com/video*** to watch how to do it):

- ▶ Lay chicken breast-side down on a cutting board.
- ▶ Using poultry shears or sturdy kitchen scissors, cut along both sides of the backbone to remove it (save it to make stock, if you like).
- ▶ Turn chicken breast-side up and gently press down on the breastbone with the palm of your hand until you hear it crack.

Save room for dessert! Visit ***Parade.com/bourbon*** for Lawson's No-Churn Bourbon Salted Caramel Ice Cream recipe.

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Ask Marilyn

By Marilyn vos Savant

Five delegates (A, B, C, D and E) participated in an international summit to discuss which superheroes to employ in the event of an impending collision with an asteroid. The following was observed.

1) Three delegates could speak Portuguese.

2) The most common language was Spanish.

3) The only common language between C and E was Italian.

4) The only common language among A, B and E was French.

5) B and C spoke English, but when D joined them, they all changed to Spanish, the only common language among the three of them.

6) One of the delegates spoke all five languages, another one spoke four languages, one spoke three languages, one spoke two languages and the other spoke only one language.

What language(s) did each delegate speak?

—Asfand K., Sahiwal, Pakistan

This is a great logic puzzle, readers. Don't give up too soon! The answer appears at the end of the column.

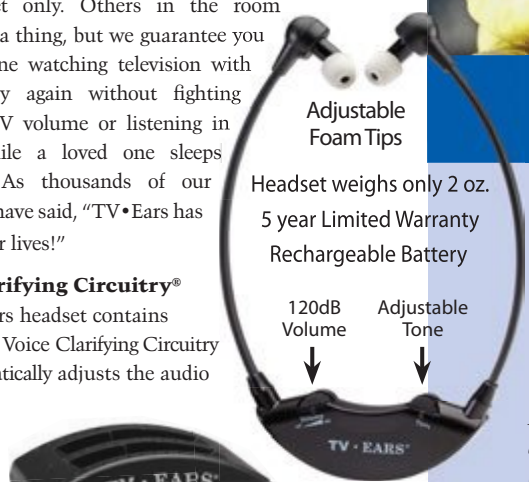
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Delegate A spoke French, Portuguese and Spanish. Delegate B spoke English, French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish, all five languages. Delegate C spoke English, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. Delegate D spoke only Spanish. Delegate E spoke French and Italian.

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2000 WATT SUPER QUIET INVERTER GENERATOR
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12" SLIDING COMPOUND DOUBLE-BEVEL MITER SAW
- Laser guide

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- 1.3 GPM
- Adjustable spray nozzle

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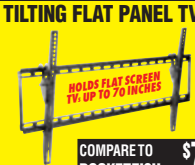
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TILTING FLAT PANEL TV MOUNT

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8", 5 SPEED BENCHTOP DRILL PRESS

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- 400 lb. working load

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