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Judge in spotlight as officers' trial nears

Former prosecutor to decide fate of 3 in alleged cover-up

By Jason Meisner and Megan Crepeau
Chicago Tribune

When the unprecedented trial over an alleged cover-up by Chicago police in Laquan McDonald's fatal shooting gets underway Tuesday, the spotlight will fall on a Cook County judge praised for her legal chops but unfamiliar to the pressure of handling a so-called heater case.

Associate Judge Domenica Stephenson, who will be sitting in judgment in what's expected to be a weeklong bench trial, has more than a decade of experience but was assigned her own courtroom only a year and a half ago.

A former Cook County prosecutor, Stephenson, 56, is regarded as quiet and low-key — the polar opposite of the veteran judge who oversaw Officer Jason Van Dyke's recent trial on murder charges stemming from McDonald's shooting.

While Judge Vincent Gaughan frequently lashed out at attorneys and cut them off if he grew weary of their arguments, Stephenson has been markedly patient in pretrial proceedings, allowing lawyers on both sides to make their case without interruption and sometimes letting hear-

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WHO'S WHO: A look at the key players in the trial of three cops accused of covering up details of the shooting death of Laquan McDonald. **Chicagoland, Page 10**

LINE OF DUTY FIREFIGHTERS AND CANCER



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Firefighters face multiple job-related hazards, a local fire chief said. In addition to fires, they deal with structures containing chemical toxins.

'Not just fighting fires'

Cancer among firefighters causes alarm, uncertainty and heartbreak

By Karen Ann Cullotta | Pioneer Press

Nearly 10 months had passed since Buffalo Grove firefighter Kevin Hauber died of colon cancer, but his 39-year-old widow had yet to remove the hospital bed from the dining room of their family home.

Even the sliding glass doors leading to the backyard patio remained unchanged, adorned with hand-painted messages from the four Hauber daughters, such as, "I have the best mom and dad in the world," "Rest in peace daddy" and "You will be forever missed!"

"I thought I'd be further down the road, but I'm not," said Kim Hauber, as she tended to the details of her husband's death — the unpaid medical bills, the pending transfer of the title to Kevin's SUV, what to do with a pair of his old firefighter boots resting on a step.

"I still haven't even cleaned out Kevin's closet yet, which is turning out to be a lot more emotional than I thought it would be," she said.

The Buffalo Grove Firefighter Pension Board ruled that the 51-year-old's death was related to exposure to toxins found in fires, which some studies recently have linked to a heightened cancer risk for firefighters. The decision earlier this year called for a death-in-the-line-of-duty benefit that would ensure Kevin Hauber's family would receive his full annual salary, which roughly totals $100,000 a year.

But as Kim Hauber and her four daughters struggled to mend their broken lives, a weekend trip this past summer to the Wisconsin Dells was interrupted by news from officials in Buffalo Grove.

Citing their "fiduciary responsibilities" to area taxpayers, village officials announced they filed a lawsuit in June challenging the pension board's decision to award a full death pension, arguing that not enough evidence exists that Hauber's fatal

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Climate report a warning for Midwest

Forecast: Stronger storms, higher temps, crop woes

By Tony Briscoe
Chicago Tribune

Rising temperatures in the Midwest are projected to be the largest contributing factor to declines in U.S. agricultural productivity, with extreme heat wilting crops and posing a threat to livestock, according to a sweeping federal report on climate change released Friday.

Midwest farmers will be increasingly challenged by warmer, wetter and more humid conditions from climate change, which also will lead to greater incidence of crop disease and more pests and will diminish the quality of stored grain. During the growing season, temperatures are projected to climb more in the Midwest than in any other region of the U.S., the report says.

Without technological advances in agriculture, the onslaught of high-rainfall events and higher temperatures could reduce the Midwest agricultural economy to levels last seen during the economic downturn for farmers in the 1980s.

Overall, yields from major U.S. crops are expected to fall, the reports says. To adapt to the rising temperatures, substantial investments will be required, which will hurt farmers' bottom lines.

These are some of the findings of the report released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The 1,600-page report — vetted by 13 government agencies and written collectively with the help of 300 scientists — is perhaps the most authoritative and comprehensive statement on the risks of climate change, which has contributed to

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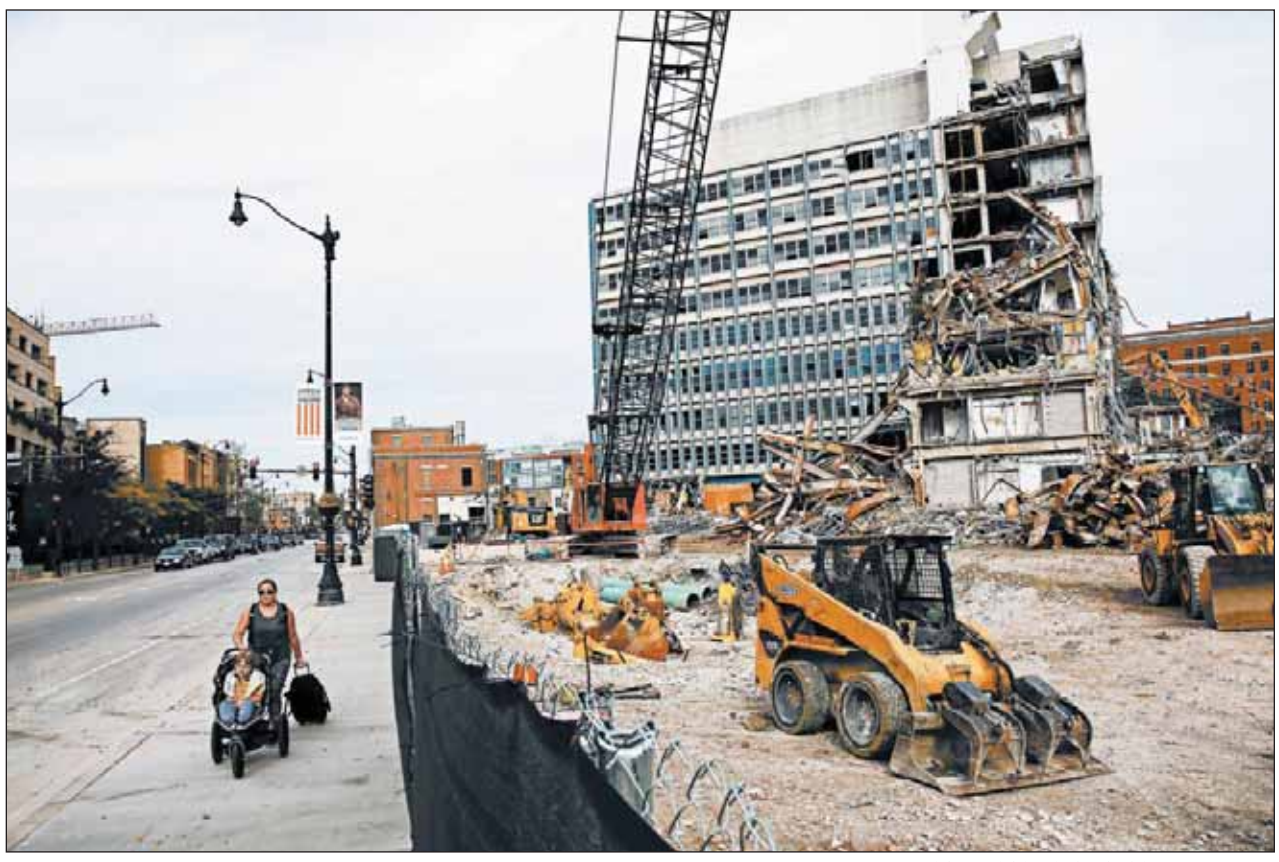
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Chicago is a place where demolition and rebirth are constants, unlike many of the ancient places in Italy.

Appreciating city's virtues through jet-lagged eyes



Ron Grossman

After three weeks abroad recently, I raced around Chicago for days, fueled by a morbid fear that nooks and crannies I cherish had vanished during my absence.

My wife and I had been in Italy, which we visited regularly before my leg went bad. Yet I hadn't been anxious about that country changing since I was last there, six years ago. That's why we love Italy: It gives you the feeling of being in a time warp.

In Florence, we attended a concert in the Signoria, the city hall where the Medici plotted their rivals' doom. We walked cobblestone streets where, eight centuries ago, Dante poetically bemoaned his passion for Beatrice, the unobtainable love of his life. Whereas our hometown poet, Carl Sandburg, proclaimed Chicago: "Hog Butcher for the World" — but now the Union Stock Yards is long gone.

Ruminating and jet-lagged, I drove to Bishop's Chili on Archer Avenue. Once its kind dotted the city: simple places serving no-nonsense fare. The menu gave you two choices: with or without beans.

I remembered an old song about soap bubbles, of all things.

They fly so high, nearly reach the sky,
Then like my dreams they fade and die.

The lyrics were still haunting me when I had breakfast the next morning at the Bridgeport Restaurant at 35th and Halsted streets. It, too, belongs to an endangered species: a coffee shop in the pre-Starbucks sense of the word.

A short-order cook flipped pancakes on the grill, the waitress having asked: "You want a short stack?" She called me "honey."

It might have felt like time stood still in Chicago, too, if I hadn't just been in Rome. Its sewer covers are inscribed "SPQR" — an abbreviation for "Senate and People of Rome," the seal put on public documents in Julius Caesar's day.

Here life is different. A Tribune colleague told me she bought a condo in Albany Park. The word didn't exist in the neighborhood's vocabulary when I grew up there. We rented a "flat."

The delicatessen and kosher butchers of Kedzie Avenue have been replaced by Thai restaurants and Middle Eastern bakeries. Previously I would have mourned that.

But Chicago looked different when I was sleep-deprived, days after landing at O'Hare airport. With my internal clock still operating on European time, my mind's eye compared split-screen images of Rome and Chicago.

Rome is an ideal tourist destination. Not to worry if a tight schedule rules out visiting the Coliseum *and* Vatican City. Both will be there next year.

Chicago, though, is constantly subject to revision by bulldozer. Like a soap bubble, the beauty of its streets is fleeting. What you see one day can be gone tomorrow.

That gives it a bittersweet fascination that I couldn't quite put my finger on, until now. The Kedzie Avenue of my youth is gone, but its passing opened up an exotically new bit of cityscape to be explored.

Chicago is suspended between past and present. That realization was underscored by a request I received after I'd unpacked.

A friend had told a director of a Spanish-language theater group that I'd crossed paths with the French writer Jean Genet. Could I speak to the troupe during a rehearsal of Genet's play "The Maids"?

Halsted Street connects Old Town, where I live, and the group's South Side theater. It took me past the Randolph Street produce market where I had been a florist, and Maxwell Street, the immigrant neighborhood where my father was born.

Passing them, I felt discombobulated. Gentrification intruded on my memories. But my destination made me feel at home, in a site I could scarcely have imagined. The theater was in an industrial building on a street in Bridgeport dominated by factories.

Seeing half-finished scenery, I had a flashback to a raked stage I'd built for a long-gone theater group in Hyde Park. On the faces before me, I saw a familiar expression. They were asking themselves: Does our talent match our dream? Old friends had pondered the question when launching the Second City company.

I told the cast and crew of the Genet production that they might want to think about this when trying to express the feelings underlying his words: Genet was openly gay when such was beyond the pale, and he traveled widely to stand in solidarity with marginalized people. I met him when he came to Chicago to join the demonstrators protesting the Vietnam War.

I can't say what the young people got out of our encounter. But when I left them I was tingling with excitement at the wonder of Chicago. Where else on Earth have so many dreams been launched? And by dreamers speaking one language after another?

Some are realized, others are crushed. But listen carefully to the din and confusion of joy and sorrow. You'll hear faint echoes of that old song:

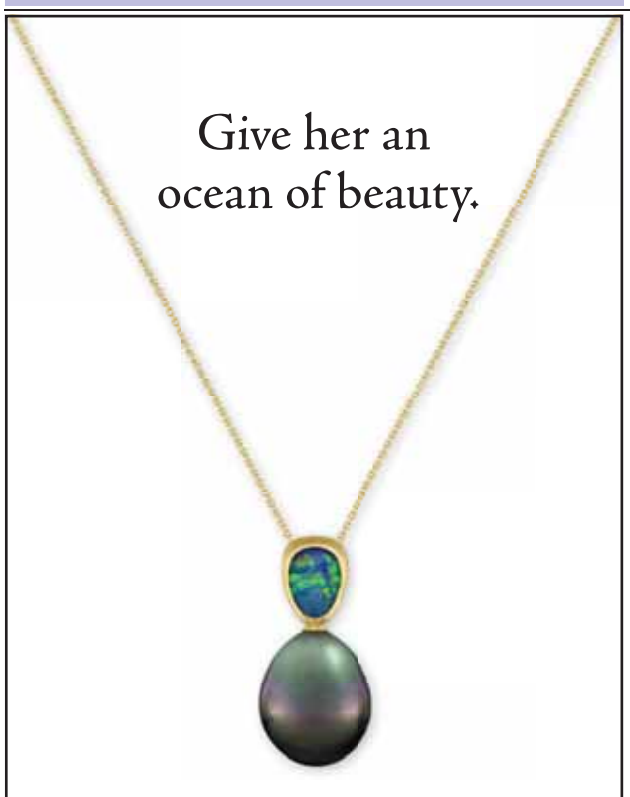
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Dozens of people skate during the official opening of the Millennium Park Ice Rink on Nov. 16.

9 things to like right now



MARY SCHMICH

Here's my latest list of 9 things I like, loosely pegged to the festive, frantic weeks we call the holidays.

1. Millennium Park: From the windows of the new Tribune office at Prudential Plaza, we're treated to one of the best holiday views in Chicago: the city's 60-foot Christmas tree towering next to an ice skating rink.

The tree is a Norway spruce, and in the wintry darkness it glows like a holiday fantasy. Every time I see it I think: This is what the holidays are supposed to look like.

The park is conveniently close to downtown's consumer frenzy but blissfully apart from it. You can even sing holiday carols at The Bean (aka Cloud Gate) on three upcoming Fridays and a Wednesday. Details are here: https://bit.ly/2fJFHrf

2. The Chicago Architecture Center gift shop: Looking for Chicago-centric holiday cards? Fun yet tasteful Chicago-themed gifts, like the $9.99 key chain with charms shaped like famous skyscrapers? This is the place.

The gift shop is in the center's new home, which Tribune architecture critic Blair Kamin has called "the latest jewel in Chicago's architectural crown."

Admission to the center (111 E. Upper Wacker Drive, overlooking the Chicago River) costs $12; taking one of the excellent city tours gets you free or discounted admission. But the gift shop is open to all, no charge. Not everything has a Chicago theme, by the way, and you can shop online.

3. A pleasant visit to renew my license: A few days ago, I went to the secretary of state's facility in the Loop to renew my driver's license. Remembering a couple of long-ago visits, I dreaded going.

But the line moved quickly, the clerks were cheerful, and the new photo wasn't terrible. When I posted about my pleasant, efficient visit on Facebook, dozens of people echoed the sentiment about other local license facilities.

In a world of bad news, it's heartening to know that a bureaucracy can change, and for the better.

4. Colectivo Coffee: Chicago roasts a lot of good coffee, so it feels heretical to recommend a roaster from Milwaukee. But since it opened its first Chicago coffeehouse in 2017, Colectivo has won a lot of Chicago fans with first-rate coffee and its airy, colorful, spacious cafes. It recently opened a third Chicago location, in addition to its Evanston site. Unlike a typical coffeehouse, it also serves beer.

5. "A Place to Call Home" This highly rated Australian TV series has been dubbed "Downton Abbey Down Under." Both shows focus on the social divisions between the landed rich and the working class, but "A Place to Call Home" is different.

It's more unabashedly melodramatic but I like it better, maybe because the landscape of New South Wales is less familiar, and partly because it wrestles with more modern questions of religion and sexuality. It begins shortly after World War II, when an Australian nurse comes home to see her ailing mother, following years in Europe, where she had converted to Judaism and joined the Resistance. On the ship back home, she meets a wealthy family and ...

I subscribed to Acorn TV to watch it, a bargain at $4.99 a month.

6. The novels of Domenico Starnone: I'd never heard of Starnone, an Italian journalist/screenwriter/novelist, until a couple of years ago when it was suggested that he's really Elena Ferrante, the pseudonymous writer of the wildly popular "Neapolitan" novels. Even if he's not Ferrante, the speculation goes, he's married to the mysterious woman who is.

Who knows? What matters is that his two recent novels, "Ties" and "Trick," are compelling on their own.

"Trick" is about a man in his 70s who churlishly agrees to baby-sit his young grandson for a few days; the encounter forces him to confront his waning powers. "Ties" is about a long and complex marriage. Both are translated from Italian to English by the American writer Jhumpa Lahiri. They're short and emotionally astute, a shrewd mix of humor and dread that keeps you reading.

7. A good side table: A lot of side tables are too big, too fancy, too tacky, too heavy, too pricey. After a long quest, I chanced into the $99 Duke accent table from Pottery Barn. It has a smooth circular metal top on a simple metal base. It's just big enough for a book or a coffee cup and light enough that you can easily move it around. I was surprised to discover it also works as a laptop desk.

8. Good holiday music: Good holiday music is not an oxymoron. The proof is these three albums I return to every year:

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" by the Blind Boys of Alabama. It's a Grammy-winning gospel twist on mostly familiar Christmas songs.

"A Dave Brubeck Christmas" by Dave Brubeck. The late, great jazz pianist offers a mellow spin on familiar tunes.

"Come Sunday" by Hank Jones and Charlie Haden. Jones, another late, great jazz pianist, joins bassist Haden on an album that sneaks a couple of Christmas tunes into a collection of spirituals that aren't specifically for the holidays but perfectly fit the mood.

9. A good poem: Wendell Berry's "Real Work" is about the psychological work we're called upon to do when we're not sure what to do. It's short, so copyright won't allow us to print more than one line, but it's a good line:

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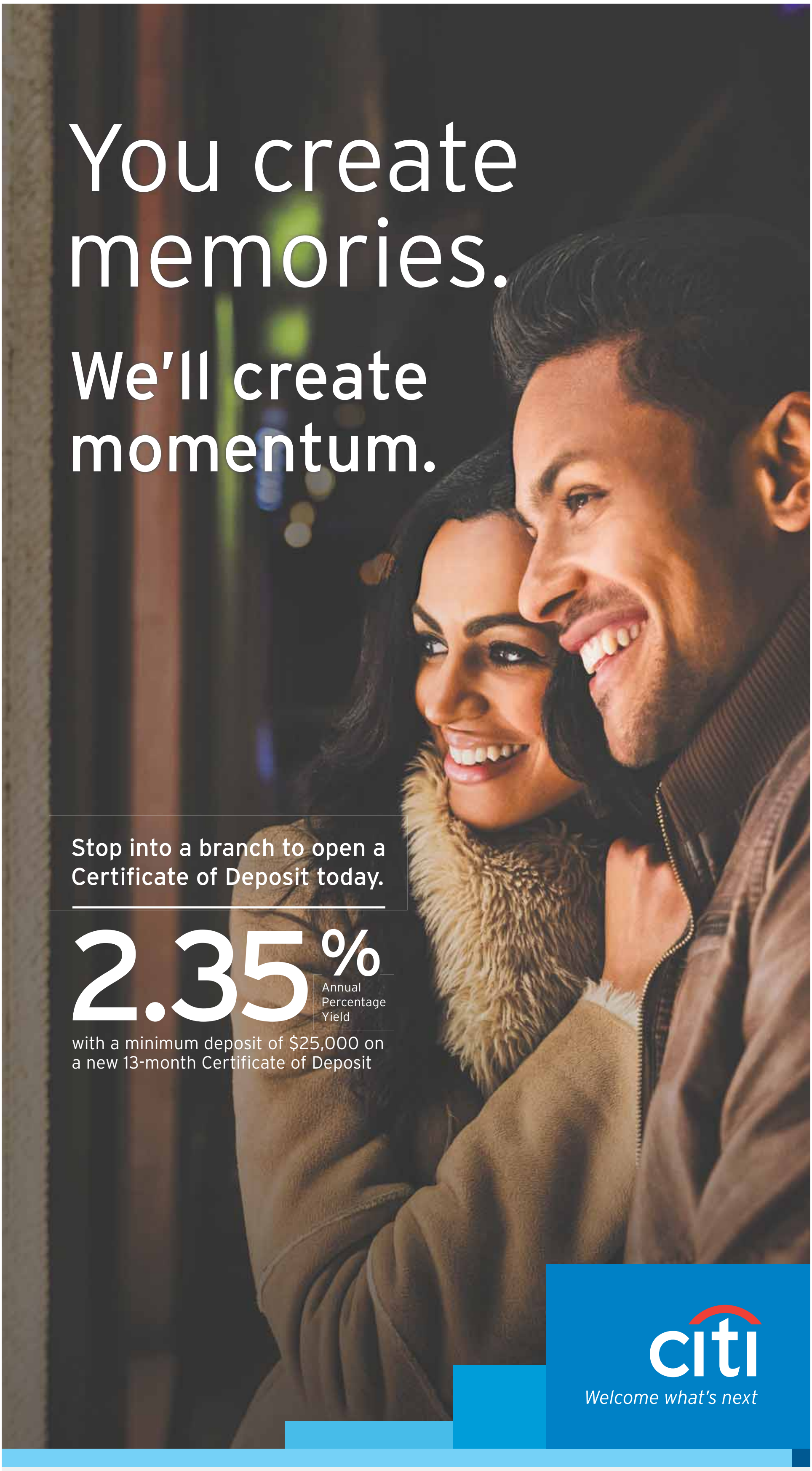


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Picky eating may put chinook salmon at risk

Study of game fish shows reliance on declining alewife

By Tony Briscoe
Chicago Tribune



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Researchers with the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant and Purdue University sorted through the stomachs of five species of game fish across Lake Michigan.

Chinook salmon, the most coveted catch for anglers in the Great Lakes, may have an uncertain future in Lake Michigan because of its picky eating habits, according to a new study.

Researchers with the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant and Purdue University sorted through the stomachs of five species of game fish across Lake Michigan to better understand the diets of salmon and trout species. Chinook salmon, the linchpin of Lake Michigan's recreational fishing industry, was the most inflexible eater, feeding almost entirely on alewife, a small herring native to the Atlantic coast.

The alewife, which had historically been blocked from entering the Great Lakes because of impassable Niagara Falls, arrived after the construction of Ontario's Welland Canal and established itself in all five Great Lakes in the 1950s. It was the most abundant fish in Lake Michigan in the 1960s and early 1970s.

But in the past several decades, Lake Michigan's food web has been dramatically altered by invasive mussels that filtered much of the lake's plankton — the alewife's main food source. Meanwhile, federal and state agencies collectively continued to stock Lake Michigan with millions of salmon each year, which in turn continued to voraciously eat the alewife.

Since 2012, chinook stocking has been cut by 57 percent in an attempt to balance the number of predators to prey. Still, the alewife numbers hit record lows in 2017, according to estimates from the U.S. Geological Survey.

Though alewife remains the main prey for all Lake Michigan trout and salmon, evidence suggests many species are adjusting. Lake trout and brown trout are feeding more on round goby, an invasive bottom feeder. Steelhead, which tends to swim closer to the surface, are eating more insects. Even coho salmon are incorporating tiny crustaceans into their regimen.

But chinook salmon are doubling down on alewife even as their numbers continue to tumble. Alewife made up about 97 percent of the food found in chinook salmon stomachs, according to a Purdue University-led study.

"It appears just based off stomach contents that lake trout and brown and steelhead have more flexible diets, and they may be better prepared and able to adjust," said Benjamin Leonhardt, who conducted the research as a master's degree student at Purdue. "But chinook salmon, it appears they just continue to consume alewife despite declines, so they may be more vulnerable than the other species."

The predicament is somewhat ironic considering that chinook and coho salmon were introduced into Lake Michigan in the late 1960s by fishery managers to keep alewife numbers in check. Data suggest they accomplished that goal.

For 45 years, the U.S. Geological Survey has trawled Lake Michigan to estimate the abundance of prey fish at depths between 5 to 114 meters, which makes up about 60 percent of the lake. In 1973, researchers estimated about 95,000 metric tons of alewife occupied these depths. After last year's trawl, the Geological Survey estimate dropped to its lowest mark: 90 metric tons of alewife, more than a 1,000-fold decline.

"They did their job very, very well," said Charles Madenjian, a research fishery biologist with the Geological Survey's Great Lakes Science Center. "They are an alewife eater extraordinaire."

The decline in alewife numbers occurred long before invasive mussels sapped the lake of its plankton, the base of the food chain. To Madenjian, this suggests the imbalance of predators and prey was more a factor than food availability.

But this wasn't solely a result of stocking efforts. Until recently, fishery managers also didn't realize salmon were spawning at higher-than-anticipated rates. In Lake Huron, where alewife numbers are even more dismal, chinook salmon have been migrating to Lake Michigan in search of food. This created a feeding frenzy in Lake Michigan that led to the alewife's decline. It's unclear what may happen if alewife numbers keep slipping.

Alewives never flourished in Lake Superior, which still maintains a chinook salmon fishery. There, salmon feed on a wider variety of prey fish. But Lake Superior salmon are also much smaller.

"A big one in Lake Superior is 6 or 7 pounds," Madenjian said. "A big one in Lake Michigan is over 20 pounds, and some have gotten well over 30."

In the past 20 years, the catches and weight of salmon have declined, Madenjian said. Other species have fared much better. Catches of coho salmon and steelhead have remained steady. Anglers reeled in more than four times as many lake trout last year compared with 2006 levels.

In the new report, it showed salmon and trout caught in the eastern side of Lake Michigan had much more diverse diets. While alewife made up 90 percent of the brown trout's diet in western Lake Michigan, it constituted a little more than 20 percent of its diet on the eastern side.

Researchers say this may be due to fewer alewives in the east, in addition to different landscape. Because the western shores are mainly rocky, it's easier for fish like round gobies to hide. In the east, the sandy shores leave other species of prey fish exposed.

While fewer alewife is bad news for chinook salmon, it does have its upside, according to Tomas Hook, director of the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant. In addition to eating plankton, alewife are known to feed on the eggs of native fish, Hook said. Alewife also contain an enzyme that causes early mortality rates in the offspring of larger fish that consume them.

In areas like Lake Michigan's Grand Traverse Bay, scientists say the drop in alewives has allowed for a recovery in cisco, also known as lake herring, a native species that was greatly reduced during the alewife invasion.

Whether salmon might switch to eating a species of cisco remains to be seen. In the meantime, fishery managers continue to follow the alewife closely as they ponder how the nuisance turned indispensable.

"Some people think that it started at the bottom of the food web, and these changes caused alewives to decline," Madenjian said. "Some blame it on a bad winter or two. In my own opinion, predation played a major role, and salmon and trout stayed with them until the very end."

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Solis won't seek another term on City Council

Represented 25th since 1996, faced 4 re-election rivals

By Gregory Pratt
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Ald. Danny Solis said he is proud of his service and looks forward to more family time.

Ald. Danny Solis, who over the past two decades on the City Council served as an influential behind-the-scenes player in Chicago politics, won't seek re-election, he said Saturday.

Appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley in 1996, Solis is the council's second-longest-serving Latino. His ward includes the Pilsen neighborhood. Solis, 69, chairs the zoning committee, giving him some power over just about every development in Chicago.

"After 23 years representing the greatest community in Chicago, it's time to enter a new chapter in my life and pass the baton of public service to another," Solis said. "Chicago's challenges are many, but our capacity to meet them is unlimited, and I know that the citizens of the 25th Ward will make their voices heard in this upcoming election season."

Solis got his start in politics as an activist and protester who criticized the power structure as a student at the University of Illinois at Chicago in the 1970s. He later helped start an alternative high school for dropouts and co-founded the United Neighborhood Organization before forging close ties with Daley and Rahm Emanuel.

In recent years, Solis has drawn criticism from Pilsen activists and residents who accuse him of being too cozy with developers that are changing the neighborhood's character through gentrification. Solis defended his record on Saturday, rebutting the criticism by saying, "The job of any alderman, the first priority is to work to make the neighborhoods he represents better. That means safer, better schools and creating jobs. I think under that criteria, you can't deny what I've done."

Solis said he's worked with organizations to support affordable housing development in Pilsen and worked to shut down bars that were "bad for the neighborhood."

"I have no embarrassment," he added. "I'm proud of what I've done in Pilsen."

In a statement released through a spokesman, Emanuel called Solis a "champion" for his constituents.

"Danny Solis deserves the thanks and congratulations of our entire city after a lifetime of public service, and I will be the first in line," the mayor said in the statement. "As a leader in the City Council for more than 20 years and as a leader in his community for even longer, Danny has been a champion for immigrants, for school students and for families. His efforts have paid dividends in our classrooms, in the halls of new libraries and in parks that will delight for generations. Danny has transformed his ward, and along with it Chicago. I will forever look fondly on the eight years Danny and I served this great city together and while the simple view may be that he was an ally on City Council, the reality is much more. Danny is a friend."

Solis' retirement is the latest high-profile departure from the City Council. Longtime Ald. Margaret Laurino also has announced she's stepping down from the post previously held by her father, ensuring someone from outside her family will represent the Northwest Side's 39th Ward for the first time since 1965.

The council's longest-serving Latino alderman, Ricardo Munoz, 22nd, announced his retirement this summer. Ald. Ariel Reboyras, 30th, and George Cardenas, 12th, would be the longest-serving Hispanic members if they're successful in their re-election campaigns next year.

With at least four candidates vying to defeat him, Solis faced a likely tough battle for re-election in February. Many of the council's veterans are expected to have stiff challenges in February, including Emanuel's floor leader, 40th Ward Ald. Patrick O'Connor, Finance Committee Chairman Ed Burke, 14th, and Joe Moore, 49th, setting the stage for what could be a markedly different City Council next spring.

Solis' family emigrated from Monterrey, Mexico, decades ago, and his father bought their first home in Pilsen in 1967. Solis said his political interest stems from his "personal experience being an immigrant in the greatest country in the world."

"Even though it's the greatest country in the world, there's things that need to be fixed or made better," Solis said. "That's the attitude I've had most of my life."

Over time, Solis said, he "evolved" from a "radical" student activist who was arrested during protests to a pragmatist seeking common ground. As he got older, Solis said he realized the importance of compromise, which he said helped build strong relationships with Emanuel and Daley.

"I think they both respected that, even though I had a history of activism and being radical, they also saw the (evolution) of being a more pragmatic leader of my community," Solis said. "We got along well."

Solis praised both Daley and Emanuel but said he was "probably more intimidated by Mayor Daley because it's not just Mayor Daley, it's the whole legacy of his dad and the power that has been in Chicago for decades."

Emanuel is younger, and the two had a shared connection as Solis' political operative sister, Patti Solis Doyle, worked with the Clintons alongside Emanuel.

Asked why he's retiring, Solis ticked off 23 years in March as alderman, 16 years running a neighbors group in Pilsen and UNO, five years at the alternative high school and about half a decade in college.

"I just felt it was time for me to focus a little bit on my family, myself, my grandkids, my son who is going into college this year," Solis said.

Candidates vying to replace Solis include Aida Flores, Hilario Dominguez, Alex Acevedo, Troy Hernandez and Byron Sigcho-Lopez. He said he has not decided whom he will support to replace him.

In addition to Pilsen, Solis' ward also includes Chinatown, West Loop and the South Loop. He said he's proud that Pilsen recently was ranked one of the "coolest neighborhoods around the world" and said Chinatown is "the top Chinese-American neighborhood in the country." South Loop is the "next big neighborhood" in Chicago, he said.

"I have no regrets. I think I did my part. I made a difference," Solis said. "Some people will agree with me on that, some people won't, but in my heart I know what I've done. I'm happy about it."

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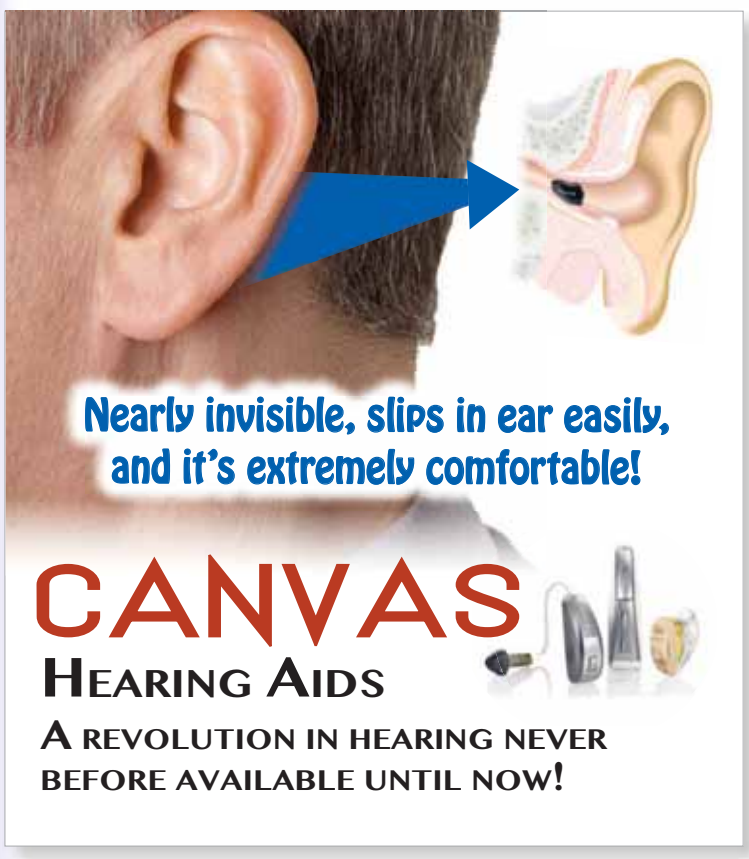
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Judge in spotlight as trial to begin

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Defendants in the case coming to trial Tuesday are, from rear left, Officer Thomas Gaffney, former Detective David March and ex-Officer Joseph Walsh.

ings stretch on for hours.

As the political fallout continues over the video-recorded shooting of the 17-year-old McDonald, the pressure on Stephenson is enormous. Whether she acquits or convicts former Detective David March, ex-Officer Joseph Walsh and Officer Thomas Gaffney, her decision will be closely scrutinized.

Despite the intense media interest in the case, Stephenson has chosen to hold the proceedings in her cramped second-floor courtroom, known at the Leighton Criminal Court Building as a "fishbowl" because of the thick, slanted glass partition separating the courtroom from the gallery.

Some defense attorneys who practice at the criminal courthouse at 26th Street and California Avenue grumble that as a former prosecutor, Stephenson, like many judges in the building, is too quick to give police officers the benefit of the doubt. Others have raised eyebrows at the fact that Stephenson's friend and former colleague in the state's attorney's office, James McKay, is defending March.

But those who best know Stephenson — who goes by the nickname Minnie — say she is fair-minded and up to the challenge.

"It's not whether she will feel pressure," said longtime criminal defense attorney Sam Adam Jr., who has known Stephenson for 20 years. "Any judge would feel pressure in this situation. The question is how will she handle it? I can't think of a better judge to have hearing this case."

Illinois Appellate Judge Bertina Lampkin, who served as a mentor to Stephenson at the "26th and Cal" courthouse, said Stephenson was the best litigator she'd ever had in her courtroom.

"She's as tough as anyone," Lampkin said. "Minnie is going to run this trial with dignity and grace. Of course, not everybody is going to be happy with the outcome, but nobody will walk out of there thinking they didn't get a fair trial."

Drawn to the city

Stephenson's legal career may have blossomed in Chicago, but her style has always been rooted in the small city of Kokomo, Ind., friends say.

About an hour's drive north of Indianapolis, Kokomo is where her Italian immigrant parents settled in the 1950s, opening a small pizza parlor called Martino's Italian Villa that grew into one of city's most popular restaurants. Like her five siblings, Stephenson started working at the restaurant as soon as she could reach the counter.

Stephenson's father, Frank Martino, died in 2004, but her mother, Angela, 82, still works at the restaurant. The family matriarch was awarded the key to the city in 2015 by Kokomo's mayor.

Stephenson's younger sister, Maria Martino, said in a phone interview that her sister's work ethic was forged early on at the restaurant.

A whip-smart student with the "gift of gab," Stephenson was also very protective when they were children, walking her younger sister from school to the restaurant for lunch every day, always sure to hold her hand when they crossed the street, Martino said.

"The sense I got was, you know, warmth and being cared (for) and protected," Martino said.

While the rest of the family stayed closer to home, Stephenson was always drawn to the big city. She has said that her parents emphasized the value of hard work and education and that she chose to pursue a career in law — particularly criminal law — because it was what interested her the most.

"Each case is different and challenging," Stephenson said in a 2008 interview in the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin. "I like the fact that in criminal law there are all kinds of experts you can use at trial and different areas you can learn, whether it's fingerprints, DNA, trace evidence."

Stephenson declined to comment to the Tribune for this story, citing the upcoming trial.

She earned her law degree from John Marshall Law School in Chicago in 1987 before moving back to Kokomo, where she spent several years as a solo practitioner and part-time county prosecutor. Four years later, Stephenson returned to the Chicago area to join the Cook County state's attorney's office, one of the largest prosecution offices in the country.

Like most assistant state's attorneys, she took on a variety of assignments, including felony review, preliminary hearings and night narcotics court. Eventually, she became the "first chair" prosecutor in Judge Lampkin's courtroom, where she handled everything from drugs and sex crimes to first-degree murder.

At the time, Stephenson and her husband had a young and growing family. Lampkin said she remembers being surprised at how smoothly Stephenson juggled motherhood and a demanding legal career.

"When she was in my courtroom, she had just had a baby," Lampkin said. "I remember we were on trial, and she was the first one there at 8 a.m. And then she'd still be working at 8 at night." Along with her growing legal skills, Stephenson was known around the courthouse for her Italian cooking, recipes no doubt passed down by her mom. "Every year she would bring two gigantic pans of sausage and peppers to my Christmas party," Lampkin said. "Her mom would make some kind of lasagna or mostaccioli."

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Stephenson's biggest trial as a prosecutor stemmed from the 1997 slaying of Arnold Mireles, a South Chicago activist who was ambushed in a murder-for-hire plot orchestrated by a landlord whose building violations Mireles had exposed.

With the news media closely watching the death penalty case, Stephenson was part of a high-powered prosecution team that included McKay and their top boss, then-State's Attorney Dick Devine.

The trial was complex with three separate juries rotating in and out of the courtroom hearing evidence against each of the three defendants.

Now in private practice, Devine said Stephenson was always detail-oriented and professional, able to keep straight which evidence pertained to each individual defendant without mixing up the facts.

"There is a very even-keeled manner about her," he said. "She was wonderful with witnesses. She has great people skills."

All three defendants were ultimately convicted for their roles in the slaying, although Roel Salinas, the landlord who orchestrated the murder, was acquitted of first-degree murder, sparing him from a potential death sentence. Lampkin sentenced Salinas in 2000 to 40 years in prison.

The victim's sister, Evelyn Mireles, told the Tribune last week that she found Stephenson to be compassionate and hard-working. It was Stephenson who honored the family's request to make sure a box filled with her brother's personal belongings was returned to them after the court proceedings concluded, she said.

"It meant a lot to us that she went out of her way to do that," Mireles said.

A bias for police?

Though she'd found success as a prosecutor, Stephenson had long eyed a judgeship. She ran for circuit judge in 2000 and 2002 but lost both races to candidates backed by the Cook County Democratic Party, election records show.

In 2007, Stephenson was appointed as an associate judge by the county's circuit judges after a grueling and competitive process. It requires trying to get face time with dozens of judges in Chicago as well as suburban courthouses from Rolling Meadows to Markham, trying to earn every vote.

Stephenson's first 10 years as a criminal division judge were spent as a "floater," handling her own cases while also filling in for other judges who were out sick or on vacation. Stephenson got her own courtroom just last year through tragic circumstances — the killing of Judge Raymond Myles in a robbery outside his home.

Early on in Stephenson's tenure, word circulated among defense attorneys who regularly work at the Leighton courthouse that as a former prosecutor she had a bias in favor of assistant state's attorneys and the police. That led to a slew of defendants using their automatic "substitution of judge" option — an SOJ in criminal court parlance — if she was randomly assigned to their case.

Defense lawyers who talked to the Tribune said the perception of bias also led others in their ranks to opt for jury trials in Stephenson's courtroom rather than risk a bench trial.

But others think the criticism was off the mark. Longtime criminal defense attorney Steven Greenberg, who has known Stephenson for most of her career, said it's widely thought that she has a "conservative way of looking at cases" because of her Indiana upbringing but that she's not considered to be any more inclined to believe the police than other judges.

"I don't think I've ever seen a judge who didn't start out on some level giving police the benefit of the doubt," Greenberg said. "Certainly some are quicker than others to take that presumption away. But even if it's subconscious, there is just a higher hurdle to convict a police officer than there is for your run-of-the-mill defendant."

Greenberg said that given her track record, Stephenson will be careful to look at the evidence and apply the law rather than get caught up in the emotion surrounding the McDonald case. "She knows how serious this case is, not just for the public but also for the officers on trial," he said.

Sam Adam Jr. agreed. He said he was aware early on in Stephenson's career that other defense attorneys were "SOJ-ing her left and right" because they perceived she was biased.

But after trying several cases in front of Stephenson, Adam said he was one of the first to spread the word among colleagues that she was as fair as they come.

"There was no predetermined outcome like with some judges who want to play advocate for one side or the other," Adam said. "She calls balls and strikes and stays out of the lawyers' way."

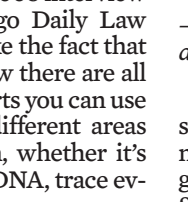
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Meet the players in the next Laquan McDonald-related trial

By Megan Crepeau and Christy Gutowski
Chicago Tribune

The unprecedented trial of three Chicago cops accused of covering up details of the 2014 shooting death of Laquan McDonald gets underway Tuesday at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

Former Detective David March, ex-Officer Joseph Walsh and Officer Thomas Gaffney all face charges alleging they filed false police reports that exaggerated the threat posed by McDonald before Officer Jason Van Dyke shot him 16 times.

Unlike Van Dyke's recent trial on murder charges, all three defendants accused in the alleged cover-up have waived their right to a jury and opted to have a judge decide their fate. Here's a look at the key players:

The judge

Domenica Stephenson: A longtime Cook County prosecutor before taking the bench, Stephenson is known as a dependable, hardworking judge with a low-key demeanor, though some defense attorneys believe she too easily favors the prosecution. Stephenson has presided over cases at the Leighton Criminal Court Building for a decade but was only assigned her own courtroom last year.


Holmes


Safer


Watson


Warner

The prosecutors

Patricia Brown Holmes: Appointed special prosecutor in 2016 to investigate the way police handled the McDonald shooting, Holmes has held a wide range of public positions: state and federal prosecutor, chief assistant corporation counsel for the city and Cook County judge. She also was appointed the inaugural chair of the state Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission, which investigates claims of police abuse. A cancer survivor who grew up on the Far South Side, Holmes has been in private practice since 2005 and is a founding partner of the Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila law firm.

Ronald Safer: In his years as a federal prosecutor, Safer rose through the ranks as he spearheaded many major cases, including the landmark trials against the Gangster Disciples gang leaders, including Larry Hoover. After going into private practice, he helped lead a review of the city's police disciplinary practices in 2014. As a partner at Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila, he focuses on white-collar crime and civil litigation and does pro bono work in wrongful-conviction cases.

Brian Watson: In addition to a law degree, Watson holds advanced degrees in both business and engineering. As an attorney, he has practiced throughout the country, including at the appellate level.

Kelly Warner: Warner's work focuses in part on internal investigations and regulatory inquiries. She has taught at Loyola University Chicago's School of Law and is a director at the Chicago Bar Foundation.


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Chicago police Officer Thomas Gaffney, left, ex-Officer Joseph Walsh and former Detective David March.

The defendants

David March: A detective for more than two decades, March, 60, was the lead investigator in at least 30 police-involved shootings before taking on that role in McDonald's death. He left the department after the city inspector general's office recommended his firing. March told the inspector general his investigation found the actions of all the officers were "absolutely proper" and that Van Dyke was justified in killing McDonald.

Joseph Walsh: Walsh, 49, was Van Dyke's partner for only the second time the night of McDonald's shooting. He is the only one of the three defendants who actually witnessed the teen being shot. He testified at Van Dyke's trial this fall in memorable fashion, at one point stepping down from the witness stand to re-enact the way he said McDonald threatened police with the knife. Walsh also left the department after the inspector general recommended his dismissal.

Thomas Gaffney: Gaffney, 45, was one of the first police officers to encounter McDonald that night. He followed the teen for a few blocks in a squad car while his partner trailed him on foot. McDonald used his knife to pop the tire and stab the windshield of Gaffney's squad car. Gaffney has been suspended without pay since his indictment last year.


Breen


Fahy


McKay


Pugh

The defense attorneys

Thomas Breen: The veteran criminal defense attorney, who represents Walsh, is no stranger to high-stakes courtroom drama. He helped clear Gary Dotson of a rape-related conviction in what became the nation's first DNA exoneration in 1985. A decade later, Breen was the lead counsel in the 1995 acquittal of Rolando Cruz, who had twice been convicted and sentenced to death for the 1983 murder of Naperville schoolgirl Jeanine Nicarico. The former prosecutor has more than 40 years in private criminal defense work and his well-known clients have included judges, politicians and, most recently, George Papadopoulos, the former Trump campaign adviser who pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI.

William Fahy: Fahy, who represents Gaffney, is a former Cook County assistant state's attorney who prosecuted death penalty cases during his decade in the office before he launched his own practice. He has carved out a niche defending police officers, firefighters and other government officials in criminal and administrative disciplinary proceedings. One of his most notorious cases was defending Anthony Abbate, a police officer, in the off-duty beating of a female bartender caught on security cameras inside a Northwest Side bar.

James McKay: The attorney for March, McKay was a longtime top Cook County assistant state's attorney who for three decades served as lead counsel in several high-profile criminal prosecutions, including the slayings of three members of singer Jennifer Hudson's family, four separate killings of Chicago police officers, the fatal shooting of community activist Arnold Mireles and the prosecution of serial killers Andrew Urdiales and Andre Crawford. In private practice, he works in criminal defense and represents civil plaintiffs in personal injury, medical malpractice and nursing home neglect cases.

Todd Pugh: He represents Walsh with Breen, his law partner. As a rookie law school student, Pugh assisted in the high-profile exonerations of Gary Gauger and Rolando Cruz. Pugh met Breen during Cruz's 1995 retrial. He continued his work with Breen as a law clerk and joined the firm after graduating from law school. While the two have partnered in noteworthy cases in state and federal court, Pugh is also well versed in appeals and post-conviction work. He won a reversal in 2000 in a DuPage County shaken-baby murder case. Pugh is a frequent lecturer on trial practice and forensic evidence and an adjunct professor at his alma mater, DePaul University College of Law.

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Hospital gunman 'disliked' at fire academy

Records show problems with female classmates, concern by instructor in '14

By Jeremy Gorner
Chicago Tribune

The gunman in last week's mass shooting at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center was a "disliked classmate" among his fellow Chicago fire academy trainees and was described as being "perverted" in the way he presented himself, according to an investigation into the man's alleged mistreatment of women as he trained to be a firefighter about five years ago.

Records released Friday afternoon by City Hall show how the Fire Department's internal affairs division investigated Juan Lopez on allegations he purposely bumped into or hit at least one female classmate during his two-month stint at the academy in 2014.

Lopez ended up being fired before the probe was concluded because he stopped showing up for work.

Authorities say Lopez killed Chicago police Officer Samuel Jimenez, 28; emergency room doctor Tamara O'Neal, 38; and pharmacist Dayna Less, 24, on Monday afternoon at Mercy Hospital, firing about 40 shots before dying in a shootout with a SWAT officer. Lopez, 32, opened fire at the hospital after confronting O'Neal, his exfiancee, to get his engagement ring back.

The shooting happened about 4 ½ years after the Fire Department's internal affairs division found that four of the 11 female trainees in Lopez's academy class "had some sort of incident" with him, according to records obtained by the Tribune through a Freedom of Information Act request. Other classmates of Lopez and at least one of his instructors also questioned whether he had the right temperament to work for the department.

"After several interviews with the other Candidates of the class, there seemed to be a general consensus that (Candidate Firefighter/EMT) Lopez was a disliked classmate," investigator Tom Floss wrote in a 19-page report about allegations of violence and harassment against Lopez.

According to the report, one female trainee stated that while she didn't witness any incidents involving Lopez, she believed "that he was perverted just by the way (he) presented himself."

One witness also described Lopez to investigators as "lazy, arrogant and chauvinistic." Another said Lopez acted aggressively toward the instructors. One talked about how Lopez's behavior made her "incredibly uncomfortable."

Within just a few weeks from the time Lopez started at the fire academy on March 17, 2014, one of his female classmates filed a complaint to supervisors about "multiple incidents" that occurred with Lopez, including that he had deliberately run into her during physical training, according to her allegations.

The woman "stated that CFF Lopez has been bumping into her on multiple occasions which has CFF Lopez viciously staring at her and with a snide response of 'Yeah, excuse me' that follows every hit," the woman alleged in the report. She said that "she informed CFF Lopez to 'not play around' and that she did not like him hitting her."

The woman recalled one instance in which the entire class was running on Roosevelt Road and how she was assigned as a "road guard" posted in front of a pothole. According to the report, the woman alleged that Lopez "looked right at her and stepped towards her and knocked her off balance."

Floss, the investigator, also interviewed another female trainee who alleged that in another incident, when a group of female trainees walked through a drill hall at one of the training facilities, "Lopez was reaching his arms back and attempting to inappropriately touch every (female's) legs with his arms or hands while they walked behind him."

The witness also complained that Lopez appeared to make insensitive comments to at least one female trainee in reference to an earlier lawsuit filed by other female candidates.

For example, when a representative from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission spoke to the recruits on their third day of class, the witness alleged that Lopez raised his hand and asked, "What do I have to do to sue the City of Chicago and how fast can I get paid?"

Lopez, in a May 8, 2014, interview with investigators, denied all the allegations made by the trainee who filed the complaint. He told investigators he believes he "has a fine relationship with the other females of the class," the report stated.

He did, however, acknowledge remarking about the lawsuit with what he said was a "stupid comment" aimed at a female classmate. He said he didn't think it would offend anyone.

Lopez also had threatened to shoot up the academy around the time of his firing, officials have said. But a Fire Department spokesman could not provide details on the purported threats, which were not documented on paper.

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A police vehicle sits at Mercy Hospital on Tuesday, a day after Juan Lopez killed three people there.

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LINE OF DUTY FIREFIGHTERS AND CANCER

Cancer among firefighters causes alarm

Firefighters, *from* ***Page 1***

colon cancer was a result of his work.

The Hauber family's experience is reflected in debates about the still-unclear link between firefighting and cancer unfolding across Illinois and the rest of the country, including Congress, where the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act (H.R. 931) was signed into law in July.

As firefighter pension boards rule some deaths are related to the job, even though the science to prove those claims is in its early stages, officials in cities and villages increasingly are stuck in the middle, sometimes turning to courts to decide if an employee's death was related to the job and if line-of-duty benefits are warranted.

Under the new federal law, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will collect data via a voluntary registry as part of its ongoing research into whether firefighters' work increases the odds of them developing some types of cancer. Firefighter advocates, meanwhile, cite existing statistics and say the connection already is indisputable.

In the series "Line of duty: Firefighters and cancer," Pioneer Press and the Chicago Tribune explore the research into the suspected relationship between firefighting and cancer, the challenge facing area policymakers and the effect the complexities of the situation have on firefighters and their families.

It also examines the differences in prevention efforts between well-funded departments, including those in affluent Chicago suburbs, and financially strapped departments farther downstate and in poor cities such as Gary — a situation that often divides members of fire service into haves and have-nots, and one that first responders and their families say is unfair and dangerous.

Yet, it's not solely an economic issue. Firefighters in the best-funded departments say they are affected by a historic lack of attention to the issue, leaving them without proper protection, and their families, such as the Haubers, fighting with communities over death benefits.

"I was disappointed and confused because when he first started working for Buffalo Grove, they promised that if a firefighter was injured or died because of the job, their family still would be taken care of," said Kim Hauber, who recently hired an attorney in her battle to retain her current pension benefits.

'Difficult to analyze'

Since the nation's first publicly funded fire departments were established in the 17th century, firefighting has been fraught with hazards inherent to the profession, such as back drafts, collapsing roofs, smoke inhalation, disfiguring burns and savage natural disasters like the massive wildfires that have raged across California in recent weeks.

But an advocacy group, the Firefighter Cancer Support Network, maintains cancer was the cause of 70 percent of career firefighter line-of-duty deaths in 2016, with firefighters having a 14 percent higher risk of dying from the disease than the public.

Those numbers do not include cancer deaths among the roughly 814,000 volunteer firefighters, who represent about 70 percent of the 1.16 million firefighters nationwide, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

The newly signed Firefighter Cancer Registry Act also requires the CDC to create a national cancer registry for firefighters to monitor and study the relationship between the profession and exposure to dangerous fumes and toxins while on the job. The data will be used to track the incidence of cancer in firefighters with the goal of developing a national safety protocol, including the recommended use of protective gear and improved prevention methods.

The new law was supported by a multiyear, large-scale study by the CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of nearly 30,000 firefighters from the Chicago, Philadelphia and San Francisco fire departments.

The study found higher rates of certain types of cancer among firefighters than the general U.S. population. The findings suggest firefighters may be at higher risk of digestive, oral, respiratory and urinary system cancers than the general population.

Despite the new law and the study's findings, an absence of national guidelines means funding and cancer prevention protocol vary dramatically among the roughly 28,000 fire departments across the United States.

Above all, firefighters from across Chicago and the suburbs who were interviewed for this series said a major challenge in preventing cancer within their ranks is transforming a deeply entrenched culture built on the image of the brave, soot-covered hero battling fires and saving lives.

"I think in the firefighting community, we have a lot of guys who think they're invincible," said Chicago Fire Department Capt. Tony Martin, who serves as a trustee for the Chicago Firefighters Union Local 2 annuity and benefit fund.

"If they work out and work hard, they don't think cancer will ever happen to them, until it does, and that changes your entire perspective," said Martin, 53, who was diagnosed with oral squamous cell cancer in 2004.

A fourth-generation firefighter, whose family history with the Chicago Fire Department dates to 1906, Martin said he began work at a desk job within weeks after his diagnosis, followed by a return to the field after his treatment and recovery.

"It's an Irish thing. ... You walk out the door you walked in," Martin said, adding, "They caught it really early, and I was very fortunate because I didn't have any symptoms."

Spurred on by his own experience and the increase in cancer among his peers, Martin said he began to collect data on local cases, looking at active, disabled and retired Chicago firefighters who were diagnosed with the disease.

Martin said he decided to gather his own statistics on the issue due to the dearth of any centralized, governmental database — the type of information that, officials with the CDC say, will be included in the new voluntary cancer registry.

"Working on the pension board, I have the honor to help them," Martin said. "I've seen some terrible tragedies, but it's something that's very difficult to analyze because the exposures are so varied."

'Awareness can only help'

While it is typically difficult to determine if it is one dangerous call or repeated toxic exposures that cause cancers in firefighters, the death of Evanston Fire Department Capt. Ron Shulga, 55, in May 2017 was linked to his work on a December 1989 fire at the Varsity Theater, said Evanston fire Chief Brian Scott.

Shulga was among the crew that arrived at the fire scene 29 years ago at 1710 Sherman Ave., and was exposed to heavy black smoke emanating from the roof and rear of the building, Scott recalled recently.

After working at the scene for several hours, Shulga was exposed to smoke and chemicals, which he was not able to clean off his gear for more than a week, leading to a prolonged exposure to toxins, Scott said.

The source of the fire was an old transformer near the back of the theater that was later determined to contain polychlorinated biphenyls — PCBs — a chemical that is among the carcinogens considered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to pose a cancer risk to people.

Diagnosed in 2000 with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Shulga, who was a married father and a 29-year veteran of the department, was able to return to full duty in 2001, but the disease resurfaced twice, in 2011 and in 2016.

Despite a stem cell transplant and high-dose chemotherapy treatments, Shulga eventually halted his work with the department and died in May 2017.

He had no family history of the disease, Scott said. At that point, cancer risks "had been on our radar for years," Scott said.

"But Capt. Shulga's passing was another motivating factor for us to get more defined and comprehensive procedures in place," he said.

Like other fire departments, the Evanston department now follows a strict cancer prevention protocol before and after a fire call to try and minimize firefighters' exposure to carcinogenic toxins, Scott said.

"Firefighting is a vocation, and we do whatever we can to help others, and we don't have a problem putting our own lives at risk," Scott said. "But for the things we can control, we need to do as much as possible, and I think more data and awareness can only help."

'With increased exposure comes increased risk'

For decades, researchers have known that fires generate toxic combustion products, some of which are known or suspected to cause cancer, and that firefighters may be exposed to these toxins while performing their jobs.

But while cancer risk among firefighters has been evaluated in previous studies, the conclusions were limited by relatively small study populations and short follow-up periods, said Robert Daniels, lead author of the 2010 CDC's NIOSH study.

The retrospective, longitudinal study, which is ongoing, has fewer of the limitations found in previous studies.

For the current study, cancer incidence and deaths were analyzed among a large number of career firefighters over a 60-year period, from 1950 to 2009, Daniels said.

Among the study's key findings were that firefighters had more cancer deaths and cancer cases than expected, with the higher rate of the disease primarily due to digestive, oral, respiratory and urinary cancers, Daniels said.

The study also found there were about twice as many malignant mesothelioma cases than were expected, with firefighters' exposure to asbestos in buildings while fighting fires likely being the primary cause of the disease, Daniels said.

In addition, some cancers occurred at a higher-than-expected rate among younger firefighters. For example, firefighters who were younger than 65 years old had more bladder and prostate cancers than expected, Daniels said.

While the NIOSH study supports the scientific evidence that firefighters are at increased risk of some types of cancer, Daniels said, the study cannot determine if a specific individual's cancer is related to his or her job duties.

In addition to firefighters' exposures to toxins, an array of other factors may influence whether a particular cancer develops, Daniels said. Those factors include family history and lifestyle habits, such as diet, exercise, smoking and alcohol consumption.

"There is no way to tell if a cancerous tumor is occupation-related by just looking at the tumor," Daniels said. "Because of that, there's always an amount of uncertainty, and it can be hard to get at the truth."

Still, Daniels said: "There is unequivocal evidence that firefighters are exposed to carcinogens, and it's not too far of a stretch



Firefighters serve as pallbearers at the funeral of Lt. James Carney, 43, of the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District, in December 2017. He was diagnosed with cancer in 2013.

Debate complicates firefighters' cancer prevention efforts

By Karen Ann Cullotta
Pioneer Press

The evolving science assessing the heightened cancer risks in fighting fires does not yield many definitive answers, experts say.

As a result, many fire departments around the country try to mitigate cancer risks through a patchwork of prevention initiatives that are tethered to research, yet stymied by the sometimes contradictory studies.

"It's a huge problem with a lot of unknowns," said Steve Kerber, director of the Firefighter Safety Research Institute at Northbrook-based Underwriters Laboratories. "There are a lot of studies out there that make the link between firefighters and cancer, but it doesn't answer specific questions about what exactly is happening."

While both researchers and firefighters have long known the dangers of smoke inhalation and the heightened risk of pulmonary disease, various studies within the past five years, including one by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, have led to a better understanding of the possible connection between cancer and the toxins that firefighters are exposed to while on the job, Kerber said.

The environment in which a fire develops has changed dramatically over five decades, he said.

"We went from using all natural materials (in household goods) to using almost entirely synthetic materials, so it should not be much of a surprise," Kerber said.

For example, a couch that was made with wood, cotton and horsehair decades ago now is composed entirely of synthetic materials that contain potentially toxic chemicals brought on, in part, by furniture manufacturers' switch around 1950 to using polyurethane in their products, Kerber said.

"But synthetics are made from crude oil, which burns very differently, has more toxins and spreads much faster, too," he said.

As part of a demonstration examining the differences, researchers with the institute staged two living rooms — one with wooden furniture, a cotton-covered sofa and other so-called "legacy" furnishings and another with modern items, such as a microfiber-covered, polyurethane-foam-filled sectional sofa, Kerber said.

After a lit candle was placed on each side of the different sofas, allowing fires to grow, the modern room burst into flames within three minutes and 30 seconds, while the fire in the legacy room took roughly a half hour to reach the same point.

While firefighters battle fires that could be burning quicker than in decades past, they're also in environments that include black smoke emanating from burning synthetic materials, which contain harmful hydrocarbon particulate matter, Kerber said.

"We have somewhere along the lines of 70,000 different chemicals, and everything is made from them, but we know the health implications of less than 1 percent," Kerber said. "The chemicals are changing faster than we can understand them."

To address other unknowns, researchers are studying whether the health hazards to firefighters exposed to toxins can be from just one exposure, or repeated exposures, as well as whether each person's body is resilient in different ways, Kerber said.

Officials with the American Chemistry Council say the goal should be "to protect firefighters from exposure to any smoke from fires, regardless of the contents of what is burning."

"Fires, and the resulting smoke, are toxic regardless of the source of those fires and what is being burned," said Kathryn Murray St. John, a spokeswoman for the council. "It is a misconception to think that smoke from an old wooden house burning is somehow less dangerous than smoke from a modern house burning."

The council, which is based in Washington, advocates and lobbies for chemical manufacturing companies.

While the American Chemistry Council recognizes "elevated rates of some cancers among firefighters, such as mesothelioma," they are generally attributed to specific causes, such as asbestos exposure, St. John said.

"The increased cancer rates for the specific cancers identified by (the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) were not attributed to use of any specific materials or products in modern-day buildings," she said. "While there have been claims that chemicals in modern-day products may contribute to increased cancer rates in firefighters, such cause-and-effect relationships have not been established."

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KIM HAUBER PHOTO

Kevin Hauber is surrounded by daughters Kaitlyn, 12, and 10-year-old triplets Megan, Brooklyn and Nicole days before he died in January.



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Kim Hauber learned last summer that Buffalo Grove was challenging a pension board decision on benefits in her husband's death from cancer.

to say that with increased exposure comes increased risk."

But Daniels said the NIOSH study does not yet yield scientific evidence to support the general consensus among firefighters that cancer deaths in their ranks are surging.

"There is absolutely more awareness of firefighter cancer deaths than in the past, and more attention is given to prevention, but I can't say if there are more or less cases," he said.

Balancing acts

As researchers like Daniels continue to study whether firefighters have a higher risk of cancer due to exposure to toxins while on the job, officials at departments across the Chicago suburbs are becoming increasingly vigilant about combating what many describe as the most daunting challenge now facing firefighters.

The death of Waukegan firefighter Kevin Oldham, 33, from pancreatic cancer in 2011, followed by the diagnoses of two members of the department who currently are battling cancer, has made preventing cancer a top priority for the department, Waukegan fire Chief George Bridges Jr. said.

"Firefighters these days are not just fighting fires. They are dealing with structures that are categorized as (hazardous materials) incidents because of all of the chemical toxins in the buildings," Bridges said. "As a fire chief, firefighters are my superheroes, and the byproducts of today's fires are their kryptonite."

He added: "It really touched home after Kevin's death. ... He was very young, and had a wife and kids.

"We are a family here, and when someone dies or is ill, and to think there's something we can do to help prevent this, it hurts us even more," Bridges said.

As fire chiefs like Bridges cope with the loss of a firefighter and struggle to find ways to help those who are still battling cancer, government officials in the area face formidable challenges posed by cancer cases.

In Buffalo Grove, village officials said the decision to file a lawsuit contesting the firefighter pension board's ruling to grant Kevin Hauber's family a full pension was made after much deliberation.

Paying the Hauber family the full pension benefit would cost taxpayers an additional $1.7 million over the course of the pension, officials have said.

In addition, officials said the pension board's decision represented a "precedent-setting case," which, if not challenged, would have a long-term, negative financial effect on municipalities.

"It's very difficult to balance the human interests of Kevin's widow and her children with the financial and fiduciary responsibilities we have to our residents," Buffalo Grove Village Manager Dane Bragg said. "It is definitely challenging, and we have been sensitive of that from day one. But sometimes, you have to make a decision that is not the most popular position to be in."

When a municipality designs a pension system, officials should ensure that the contractual agreements in cases of employee disability and death are stated clearly, and they also "need to honor them," said Jeffrey Brown, dean of the Gies College of Business for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

While fatalities from catastrophic injuries suffered during a service call have none of the ambiguity inherent to cancer deaths, Brown said pension policy contracts should be airtight and eliminate any lingering questions for family members about their benefits.

"I'm sympathetic to these families because public pensions have become a hot-button political and financial issue," Brown said. "But a pension policy should be writ large with a promise that the city is obligated to either pay the pension benefit or not."

After the cancer death of Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District Lt. James Carney, 43, village officials did not fight the Fire Department pension board's decision to grant his widow and their two young children a full pension benefit, said Steve Shetsky, a fellow firefighter and member of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4224.

Carney, who was raised on his family's farm in Wadsworth, was diagnosed with cancer in 2013 after medical examinations determined the disease was the result of repeated exposure to carcinogens while he was out fighting fires, Shetsky said.

According to court records, Carney, who had sought medical attention after he was having trouble sleeping and was coughing at night, was diagnosed with pericarditis, which is the swelling of the tissue around the heart.

After a surgery was performed, doctors found a tumor between Carney's heart and the membrane enclosing the heart. His firefighting career ended after diagnosis and treatment for pericardial mesothelioma, court records show.

While Carney was granted line-of-duty disability pension benefits and his death was ruled as duty-based, officials denied a request that his family be covered by a health insurance benefit under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act, prompting a February 2016 lawsuit against the fire protection district.

A June decision by the Illinois Appellate Court upheld a ruling by the Circuit Court of Lake County that the Carney family is indeed entitled to the line-of-duty disability pension benefit.

"Every aspect of this entire process has been extremely difficult for everyone involved," Shetsky said.

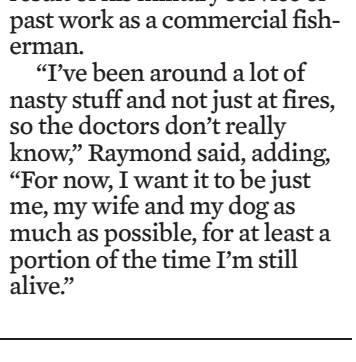
"This seems to have become the new norm ... municipalities contesting line-of-duty benefits. They risked their lives for their communities in the short time they lived, and now, their loved ones face a battle."

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GRANT RAYMOND

'I'm not sitting here whining about it'

Chicago firefighter, 46, glioblastoma, a form of brain cancer



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Chicago firefighter Grant Raymond undergoes testing with a speech language pathologist. Raymond had a brain tumor surgically removed.

Diagnosis

Chicago firefighter Grant Raymond was stricken with a debilitating headache on New Year's Day in 2017. After a brief examination in a hospital emergency room, he was assured the headache likely was the result of too much merrymaking on New Year's Eve. He was released and sent home.

But 10 months later, following countless excruciating headaches and an onslaught of other symptoms, Raymond, 46, was finally diagnosed with glioblastoma, a rare form of brain cancer.

His view

Raymond says he and his wife, Nia Raymond, are relieved his treatment at the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago is keeping his tumor stable, but they're casting a wary eye on the future.

While he had hoped to return to his job with the Fire Department once he was fully recovered, he recently decided to retire — years earlier than he had anticipated before he was diagnosed with cancer.

Prognosis

"All is good. ... I'm not sitting here whining about it," said Raymond, whose surgery to remove his brain tumor resulted in bouts of aphasia, a partial loss of the ability to understand or express speech.

A once voracious reader and history buff with a formidable vocabulary, Raymond remains witty and articulate, and knows precisely what he wants to say, but often finds himself searching for the right words to express himself.

He said he remains uncertain if his cancer is related to his profession, or if it could be the result of his military service or past work as a commercial fisherman.

"I've been around a lot of nasty stuff and not just at fires, so the doctors don't really know," Raymond said, adding, "For now, I want it to be just me, my wife and my dog as much as possible, for at least a portion of the time I'm still alive."

KERI PACELLI

'We're breathing it all in, and where is it all going?'

University Park firefighter, 42, colon cancer



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University Park firefighter Keri Pacelli holds her helmet, which has photos of her daughters, Brianna, 15, and Jenna, 11, taped to it. She has returned to work.

Diagnosis

When a colonoscopy in February detected what turned out to be a golfball-sized, cancerous tumor on her large intestine, Keri Pacelli said she was flabbergasted.

"I was very surprised because I thought it was probably just my gallbladder," Pacelli said. "I knew that cancer can be part of life, but I just didn't think it would be when I was only 40."

Her view

As a busy working mother with two young daughters, Pacelli said she didn't have time to worry much about her occasional bouts of gastrointestinal flare-ups, and is grateful her doctor urged her to get a colonoscopy.

Following her diagnosis, Pacelli said she heard from four other young firefighters diagnosed with colon cancer within a 10-mile radius of University Park.

"We're crazy if we think any of this cancer is not because of all of the carcinogens ... the smoke and burning plastics," Pacelli said. "We're breathing it all in, and where is it all going?"

Prognosis

After surgery and chemotherapy, Pacelli has now returned to her job as firefighter. She remains hopeful that a workers' compensation attorney can help her get back some of her lost sick time and recoup the deductibles paid on medical bills, totaling more than $400,000.

GENE WASHINGTON

'We thought it was wasting time to put on a mask'

Maywood firefighter, 54, prostate cancer



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Gene Washington was a firefighter in Maywood for 28 years but recently retired after learning he has prostate cancer.

Diagnosis

In 2010, a doctor conducting a routine checkup detected Gene Washington's protein levels were high. The longtime firefighter said he was devastated when a biopsy uncovered an aggressive form of prostate cancer.

"I had previous tests, and the other doctor never caught it," said Washington, a married father and grandfather.

He has been dealing with a prostate cancer diagnosis for the past eight years.

His view

"Years ago, it was ridiculous, but we thought it was wasting time to put on a mask. You'd wake up the next day and blow your nose, and black soot would come out."

Washington said no one has determined whether his cancer stems from his profession.

"Maybe it's a contributing factor, but we just don't know how cancer manifests in your body," he said.

Prognosis

As Washington awaits word from his doctors at the University of Chicago on when he will start radiation therapy, he has decided to retire earlier than anticipated.

"Cancer has made me realize how short life is, and I still want to be able to someday enjoy taking my wife on a gondola ride in Venice, to tour the Eiffel Tower and to see the ruins in Rome," Washington said, adding, "I don't really discuss my cancer with a lot of people because I'm a private person. I'm not one to broadcast my problems, but I'm not ashamed of it, either."

— Karen Ann Cullotta, Pioneer Press

Ex-Bear: Football's concussion risk exaggerated

Injury ended career, but he blames treatment, not game

By John Keilman
Chicago Tribune



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Merril Hoge testifies in 2009 before the House Judiciary Committee about brain injuries in football.

Merril Hoge said teams at every level now treat concussions with far more caution, reducing the risk of long-term issues.

Merril Hoge is an odd emissary for the message that football's concussion risk has been exaggerated. Hoge, a bull-necked former running back for the Chicago Bears, saw his NFL career end because of the injury, and later sued the team doctor for allegedly mishandling his care.

But Hoge, who went on to a 21-year career as an ESPN analyst, has just written a book whose title sums up his contrarian take: "Brainwashed: The Bad Science Behind CTE and the Plot to Destroy Football."

Hoge and a contributor, Boston University neuropathologist Dr. Peter Cummings, argue that some scientists have linked football and CTE, the dementialike disease formally known as chronic traumatic encephalopathy, without proper evidence. They also fault journalists for repeating the findings without acknowledging the limitations of the science.

In a recent interview with the Tribune, Hoge, 53, said he separates his personal experience from his conviction that CTE is overhyped and has no proven connection to football.

"The science community is screaming ... 'We don't know what causes it, and we don't know what it causes,' " he said. "But when you see a headline, that is not what you see. ... That is what drove me to write the book — the truth of the science versus what you see in the headlines."

Hoge spent seven seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers before joining the Bears as a free agent in 1994. He suffered one concussion in a preseason game after colliding with Kansas City Chiefs defensive end Derrick Thomas, and just over a month later got a second in a game against the Buffalo Bills.

That concussion was so severe that Hoge blacked out and briefly went into cardiac arrest, he says. His memory and cognition were so dysfunctional after the blow that a doctor refused to clear him to play, forcing him into retirement.

His post-concussion symptoms, which included depression and "brain fog," lingered for two years. He describes having to tape notes to the bottom of a television camera so he could keep his thoughts in order while working for ESPN.

But Hoge views those problems as a sign that his treatment was bungled, not that football is inherently dangerous. He sued the Bears' team physician, saying the doctor had not conducted a proper examination before allowing him to resume play after the preseason concussion (he won a $1.5 million judgment, but says he ultimately settled for $500,000).

Hoge said teams at every level now treat concussions with far more caution, reducing the risk of long-term issues. When it comes to CTE, which has been diagnosed in more than 200 former players, Hoge and Cummings are skeptics.

"Right now, all you can really say about the pathology people are calling CTE is that it's a staining pattern from this protein, tau, in the brain," Cummings said. "We have no idea how it gets there, why it gets there and we have no idea what symptoms, if any, it produces in people."

The two take particular aim at researchers from Boston University's CTE Center who have found the disease in the brains of many high-profile players. In one paper issued last year, the center diagnosed CTE in 99 percent of the brains they received from deceased former NFL players, and in 91 percent of those from ex-college players.

The paper noted that the finding can't be extended to all football players, given that the brains might have come only from people who showed signs of neurological problems. But Hoge says that caveat was lost in the media coverage.

"That's a little like walking into an Alzheimer's disease brain bank, testing the brains for Alzheimer's, and then saying, '99 percent have Alzheimer's!' " he writes in the book. "That tells you nothing about the cause or the risk of me or you getting Alzheimer's if we play football."

A spokeswoman for the CTE Center said the researchers were unavailable for interviews. But experts outside the center, including those at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Mayo Clinic and numerous universities, agree with the same premise — that the leading culprit behind CTE appears to be repetitive head trauma.

"It has thus far only been reported in people who've received hundreds or thousands of blows to the head," said Dr. Julian Bailes, director of neurosurgery and co-director of NorthShore University HealthSystem Neurological Institute. "It's certainly associated with that, with the provision that there's a lot that hasn't come together to complete the picture."

Still, Bailes said Hoge's book "adds to the discourse" — he even contributed a blurb — and is a helpful reminder that there are multiple viewpoints on CTE.

Critics point to one study "Brainwashed" doesn't mention: a 2015 paper from the Mayo Clinic comparing people who played contact sports and people who didn't.

Using brain samples from subjects who suffered neurodegenerative disorders before death, researchers found CTE in about a third of people who participated in contact sports, particularly football. They didn't find it at all in the brains of nonathletes.

Cummings said the study was flawed for two reasons: It relied on obituaries to confirm a subject's sports history, possibly missing ex-athletes whose participation wasn't noted; and it used brain samples of different thicknesses to make preliminary and final judgments on who had CTE.

"If you talk to any neuropathologist, they will say that using that a (thicker) section creates ... a real high risk of false positive staining," Cummings said.

But the researcher who led the study, Kevin Bieniek, disputed those critiques. He said relying on obituaries was meant to avoid "recall bias," in which family members inaccurately remember details of a person's life. And the thicker brain slices were used only to confirm CTE cases the Mayo Clinic had already diagnosed.

Bieniek did agree, though, that football should not be viewed as the sole risk factor for CTE. He said it has been found in people who participated in other rough sports, in members of the military, and even in people who were the victims of repeated domestic violence. "It doesn't necessarily matter how (the head trauma) is being sustained," he said.

Nonetheless, Hoge says football unfairly gets most of the blame for CTE, even though its rules, customs and equipment have evolved to minimize the number and severity of head impacts.

The game is safer now than it has ever been, he said, but that has gone unappreciated by those who have attempted to curb the sport, including Illinois legislators who earlier this year tried unsuccessfully to impose a ban on tackle football for kids younger than 12.

"There are just some kids that are born and love to play football," Hoge said. "And not just boys — girls too. Why rob them of that opportunity when there is no scientific evidence whatsoever that says they are going to be harmed by playing a contact sport?"

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U.S. report bodes ill for Midwest

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extreme weather that has cost the U.S. nearly $400 billion since 2015, the authors found.

According to the report, the threat to Midwestern agriculture is just one potential blow to the region.

Scientists say human activity is changing the planet's climate faster than at any point time in modern civilization, heralding costly and, in some cases, life-threatening consequences in every region of the country. Though the monstrous 2017 hurricane season and wildfires in California in recent years may be some of the most visceral images of the devastation a changing climate can wreak, the subtle effects from increasingly unpredictable water availability, more frequent heavy rainfall and hotter conditions in the Midwest are just as important, according to Jim Angel, Illinois' state climatologist, who contributed to Friday's report.

"Some of those things don't grab headlines as much but are still significant," Angel said. "We kind of got a taste of that in 2012 with the big drought that shook not only U.S. markets but world markets. Those kind of things should be a big concern by midcentury."

"The question is can they adapt fast enough."

— State climatologist Jim Angel, speaking of Illinois farmers trying to adapt to climate changes affecting agriculture

Illinois, a leading producer of soybeans and hogs, ranks third among the states in exported agricultural commodities, with $8.2 billion worth of goods shipped to other countries. The state has become 1.2 degrees warmer and 10 to 15 percent wetter in the past century. Angel said farmers are trying to adapt by increasing drainage and planting cover crops that will protect against heavier rainfall and runoff that can cause soil erosion.

"The question is can they adapt fast enough," Angel said.

Meanwhile, William Hohenstein, director of U.S. Department of Agriculture's climate change program, said the federal government is helping farmers track drought conditions.

"We are working to advance the ... drought forecasting," Hohenstein said. "USDA is also partnering with seed companies to develop new cultivars of crops that are more resilient to drought. To help improve soil health and conserve water, we are providing guidance through our Midwest Regional Climate Hub on conservation practices."

The reports cites other impacts climate change could have on the Midwest.

Warmer air also can hold more moisture, leading to more frequent and severe storms, which would overwhelm aging stormwater systems across the region. Scientists estimate the annual cost of retrofitting urban stormwater systems will exceed $500 million for the Midwest by the end of the century.

Higher temperatures also are expected to lead to diminished air quality. Without policymakers taking steps to mitigate the issue, hotter weather, which is more conducive to smog creation, could result in as many as 550 premature deaths per year by 2050, according to the report.

Brian Urbaszewski, director of the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago's environmental health program, said he fears that warming will extend the seasons in which we could see unhealthy levels of ozone. People with asthma and others who struggle with respiratory diseases, he said, will be the most vulnerable.

"This reinforces the need to cut down and get rid off of pollutants that form ozone," Urbaszewski said. "The problem with global warming is that it makes it harder."

Climate change, once a benign area of research, has become a polarizing and politicized issue in recent years, at times pitting scientists against politicians.

Friday's report, the fourth National Climate Assessment, is the latest in a line of federal research into climate change. Mandated by the Global Change Research Act of 1990, it seeks to assess the environmental, economic, and health and safety consequences of climate change. It builds on a 2017 report in which federal scientists found "it is extremely likely that human influence has been the dominant cause of the observed warming since the mid-20th century. For the warming over the last century, there is no convincing alternative explanation supported by the extent of the observational evidence."

The conclusions of Friday's study directly contradict the views of President Donald Trump, an outspoken skeptic of climate change who has vowed to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris Agreement, a global pact that aims to reduce greenhouse gases. On Wednesday, Trump tweeted about an incoming cold snap on the East Coast, saying: "Whatever happened to Global Warming?"

Under Trump, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency scrubbed references to climate change from its website.

Environmental advocates and journalists questioned whether the Trump administration's apparent distrust of climate science influenced the decision for NOAA to release the report the day after Thanksgiving, a day when newsrooms are thin and public interest is likely distracted by Black Friday deals. NOAA spokeswoman Monica Allen acknowledged the report was out "earlier than expected" but referred questions pertaining to the timing of its release and White House tampering to Mike Kuperberg, executive director for the U.S. Global Change Research Program.

"This report has not been altered or revised in any way to reflect with political considerations," Allen said.

Kuperberg could not be reached for comment.

Perhaps more consequential than the timing was the Trump administration's decision to dissolve a federal advisory panel that sought to translate these national and regional findings to the state and local levels. The defunct panel, chaired by Richard Moss, an adjunct professor in the Department of Geographical Sciences at University of Maryland, was revived earlier this year when it received funding from the state of New York, Columbia University's Earth Institute and the American Meteorological Society to complete its project. Its report will be released early next year.

Moss, a Deerfield native, argues that the information will be all-important to cities and states, which he said will be key to slowing climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions while also needing to design their communities to become resilient to the climate changes.

"It shows we can't waste any more time," Moss said. "We have to be reducing emissions to avoid the worst impacts in the future and then we have to get ready for what we can no longer avoid. Because we've already set in motion some pretty substantial changes."

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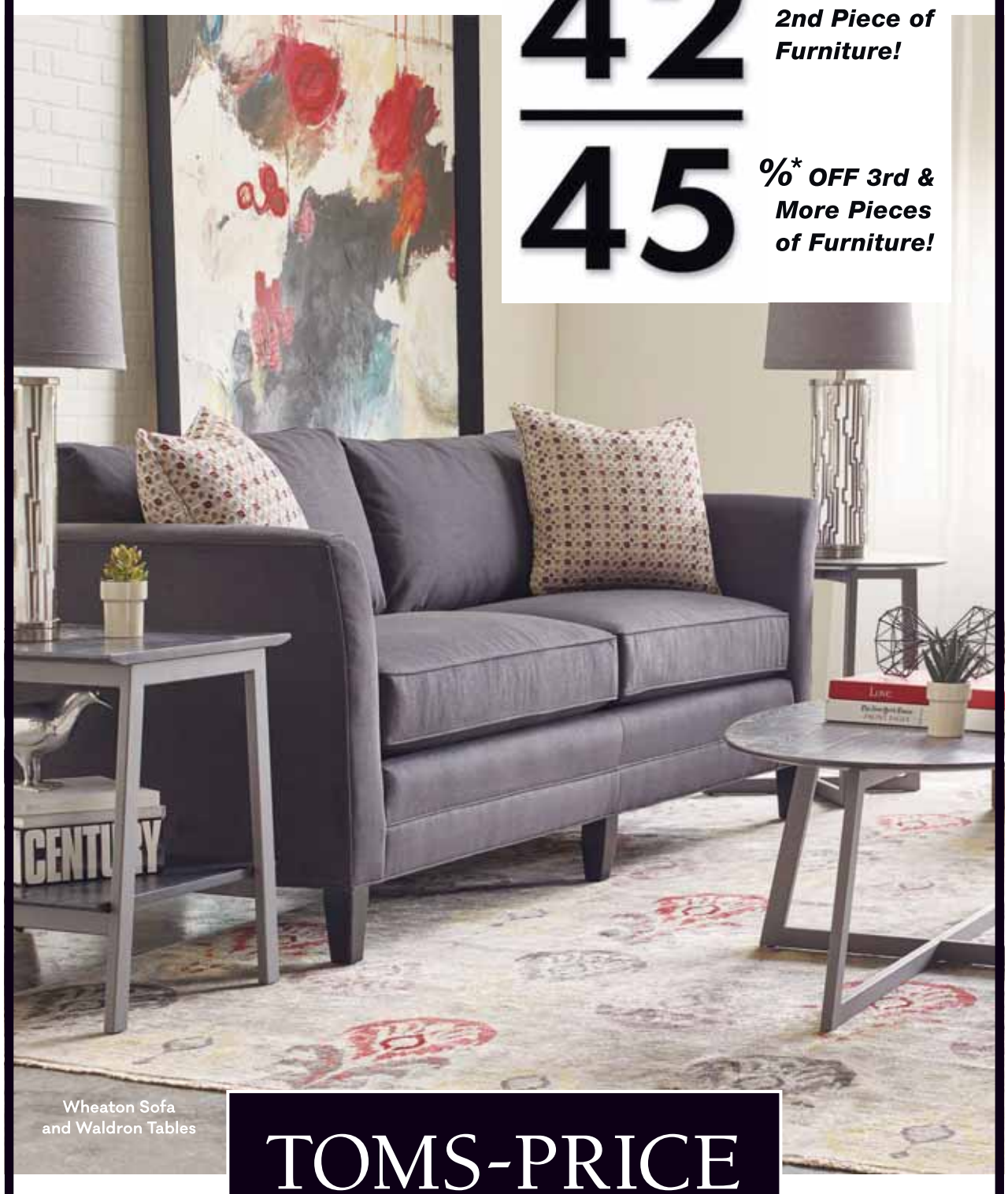
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Preckwinkle team redacts most of IG report on SUV

By Gregory Pratt
Chicago Tribune

The County Board president ordered a review of the security detail's practices, and her administration released initial results Wednesday in a 3-page document dated Oct. 26.

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle on Wednesday continued to keep secret details in a report that preceded the firing of her security chief, releasing a heavily redacted document in response to a records request.

County Inspector General Patrick Blanchard last month found that a county SUV used primarily by Preckwinkle security chief Delwin Gadlen was improperly used to transport political materials touting the board president and her allies. She then ordered a review of the detail's practices, and the Chicago mayoral candidate's administration released the initial results Wednesday in the form of a three-page document dated Oct. 26.

Everything in the report after each subheading is blacked out, however.

Those subheadings highlight several "areas of concern," including a "lack of management oversight and failure to adequately follow chain of command," "failure to report the theft of a county vehicle," "failure to implement a policy to adequately secure vehicles used to transport the executive" and "need to regularly conduct risk, vulnerability and threat assessments."

"As a result (of the review), it was determined that a change in leadership was warranted," Preckwinkle spokeswoman Becky Schlikerman said. "While we do not comment on personnel matters, it is imperative to maintain the safety of the president and the security detail while also being transparent."

The report follows the bizarre incident during the early morning hours following the 2016 election when a Chevrolet Tahoe assigned to Preckwinkle's security team was found abandoned near southwest suburban Lemont. In its cargo area, investigators found bags of political literature, a button with an image of Preckwinkle and a dry cleaning receipt with the phone number of her chief of security, Gadlen.

Blanchard's report did not say which candidates the political materials supported. But the Cook County sheriff's office, which responded to the scene, took photos showing the materials promoted the campaign of now-State's Attorney Kim Foxx, among others.

Blanchard's report concluded the SUV was improperly used to transport political materials but did not say who was driving when it was ditched or who placed the political materials in the vehicle. It did conclude that the SUV was driven primarily by Preckwinkle's chief of security.

On Election Day 2016, Gadlen drove Preckwinkle to campaign events but said he did so in his personal car, according to the report. She told investigators he took her home around 9:30 p.m.

A sheriff's police officer found the vehicle stuck in the mud with its engine still warm, and a witness told police that the driver had abandoned the Tahoe and walked away, Blanchard said in his report.

He did not find any wrongdoing by Preckwinkle's office, but the incident and her handling of it has led to criticism from county commissioners and some of her opponents in the Chicago mayoral race.

When interviewed by Blanchard's investigators, Gadlen said the vehicle was stolen, though the alleged theft was never reported to police, the inspector general's report said. According to the report, Gadlen said he had "no idea how the vehicle was stolen."

"How would I know how the materials got there?" he said. Asked again, the chief said the vehicle was stolen and that "(a) reasonable mind could say that the material could have been planted," Blanchard said. When asked whether he was curious to learn who stole the SUV, the chief said he had no interest and that such occurrences are commonplace, calling it "a joyride."

Preckwinkle's office has said she didn't permit or authorize the county vehicle to be used to disseminate campaign materials. She was not in the Tahoe that day and rarely travels in the vehicle, her office said.

When it was found, all the tires were slashed, as was the driver's seat, the center console and the dashboard, according to the inspector general's report.

Blanchard's investigators spoke to sheriff's and county officials experienced in executive protection who said the damage "appears inconsistent with damage typically associated with vehicle theft." Instead, the damage "looked hurried and staged," they said, according to Blanchard. All keys to the SUV are accounted for and there were no signs of it being forcibly started, the report said.

It's unclear how the vehicle ended up ditched. The Tahoe previously was driven to a county security specialist's home and left outside, Blanchard said.

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Experts: Wolflike creatures in western Illinois are coyotes

By Ted Gregory
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Jay Smith, shown in Batavia with what he said is a mounted red wolf, has doubts about experts' DNA findings.

The mystery was fun while it lasted, but those curious wolflike creatures spotted on a western Illinois man's trail cameras appear to be about as common as a critter that wanders suburban backyards.

"We're basically talking about coyotes here," said Doug Dufford, an Illinois Department of Natural Resources invasive wildlife manager. He coordinated DNA testing that was done by researchers with the Field Museum in Chicago, assisted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"We still have to talk about it a little bit in-house," Dufford said of preliminary results he received in recent days. "But I'm not seeing very much to believe that these things are anything other than coyotes."

The Field Museum's lead researcher on the project, Tom Gnoske, confirmed in an email that all the results indicate the animals are coyotes. For the most part, those conclusions have put to rest the possibility that a wolf pack is roaming a region of west central Illinois known as Forgottonia, which hasn't had a confirmed wolf sighting in decades.

Despite the results, the man who sparked interest in the curious canids — a family of carnivorous mammals that include wolves, coyotes, foxes and domestic dogs — remains convinced they are wolves.

"This is a textbook case of denial," said Jay Smith, a farmer, musician and amateur naturalist from Industry, a tiny town about 235 miles southwest of Chicago.

Smith, who started seeing the large canids about seven years ago on farmland his wife's family owns and has spotted them on trail cameras he's set up, submitted several carcasses of the animals to the Field Museum early this year. To bolster his contention in the face of the DNA results, Smith said the larger skulls and bone structures of the feet and toes of his animals are strong indicators that they are wolves or a hybrid. He also said the DNA testing is incomplete.

Dufford and other experts say the animals are still far smaller than a red wolf, which is smaller than other wolf species. Among those experts is David Mech, a senior scientist in biological resources with the U.S. Geological Survey who has studied wolves since 1958. Dufford did acknowledge that "some indication of ancient wolf" was found in the animals' DNA and that they have "a limited amount of hybridization with dog."

Smith cited the ancient wolf DNA as more proof that the animals are wolves — perhaps the virtually extinct red wolf — and that they need legal protection from hunting.

Dufford said virtually all coyotes have small amounts of wolf DNA and that dogs and wolves share about 99 percent of the same DNA. "The wolf element in the DNA suggests that at some point, a long time ago, a wolf bred with a coyote," he said, which might have occurred as far back as 100,000 years. "But this has been documented in other coyotes by other researchers.

"If Jay's animals are red wolves," Dufford added, "then every coyote in Illinois is a red wolf."

Wolves, which once roamed the U.S., gained a reputation as livestock thieves as European settlement spread. By the mid-1900s, they were nearly extinct with help from government extermination efforts. Programs have restored gray wolf populations in western and northern U.S. since then, but they are seen in Illinois. Red wolves remain virtually extinct in the wild, although a program in North Carolina has helped establish and maintain a population of about 50 in the U.S.

Smith believes the wolves never fully vacated Forgottonia, generally west of Springfield, east of the Mississippi River, north of St. Louis and south of Galesburg. He contends the area is so remote that wildlife biologists have overlooked it.

Dufford said he expected Smith to remain undeterred by the results. He's right. Smith said he plans to continue his push to protect the canids roaming Forgottonia and elsewhere until their genetic composition is subjected to more testing. He plans to reach out to the new governor, J.B. Pritzker, about the issue next year.

"It's just now getting really fun," Smith said.

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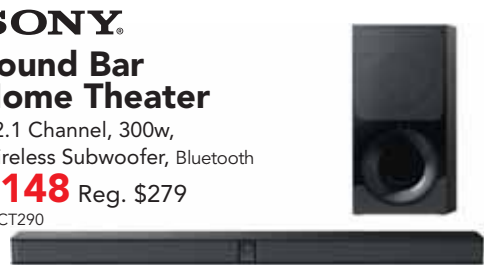
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The casket of 26-year-old Jemel Roberson is carried out of the church after his funeral Saturday at House of Hope Worship Center in Chicago.

'Justice will be served, but in God's time'

Mother of slain security guard says son died 'doing what he loved,' but loss 'hurts like crazy'



A woman holds a picture showing Roberson after his funeral.

By Mike Nolan
Daily Southtown

Family of slain security guard Jemel Roberson said during his funeral service Saturday they are "hurting to the core" and promised that "we will see justice is served."

Mourners who gathered at House of Hope Worship Center on Chicago's South Side nearly two weeks following the 26-year-old's shooting death heard how Roberson was a "talented young man" who played music at several area churches.

Roberson's mother, Beatrice Roberson, said her son "died doing what he loved" and that the loss "hurts like crazy."

"He was a good person, he had a good heart," she said.

Roberson, of Chicago, had been working security at Manny's Blue Room in Robbins in the early morning hours of Nov. 11 when a fight broke out between two groups of men and shots were fired.

Police from multiple local departments responded to the shooting, including a white officer from neighboring Midlothian, who shot Roberson, who was black, as he held one of the suspected bar shooters at gunpoint.

According to a preliminary Illinois State Police investigation into the shooting that cited "witness statements," the officer gave "multiple verbal commands" to Roberson to drop his gun and get on the ground before shooting him. The preliminary report also said Roberson was wearing "plain black clothing with no markings readily identifying him as a Security Guard."

Witnesses, however, have contradicted that account, saying that the officer opened fire on Roberson before giving him an adequate opportunity to respond to his verbal commands. They also reported that Roberson was wearing clothing clearly marked with the word "Security."

Family members have said that Roberson had aspirations of becoming a police officer.

Roberson's aunt, Louise Roberson, said a "racist white" police officer took her nephew's life, and that "justice will be done."

"The fight has just begun," she told several hundred mourners.

"He was a people person," Roberson's sister, Learahteen Bridges, said. "He loved everybody."

Bridges said the shooting was unjustified, and that Roberson's family is angry but "not hating."

"We're hurting to the core," she said. "We will see justice is served."

Roberson's mother said she didn't like the job her son had working as a security guard, but said he loved to help people.

As far as the unnamed officer who fatally shot her son, Beatrice Robeson said "I don't hate him, I pray for him."

The officer is on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of the state police investigation.

Acknowledging the anger that the circumstances surrounding her son's death has caused, she told those in the church that "if you want to honor my son's life, you show love."

"Justice will be served, but in God's time," she said.

A federal judge has denied a request by the family to identify the Midlothian officer involved in the shooting, and an attorney for Roberson's family has issued a subpoena to the state police requesting that by Friday they turn over all preliminary reports regarding the department's findings about the shooting.

That includes all police reports, witness statements and other investigative documents pertaining to the shooting, the name of the Midlothian officer who shot Roberson and any footage from the incident.

Cook County Sheriff's Police are also seeking the public's help in identifying possible witnesses to the shooting, which took place in the parking lot of Manny's.

The Rev. Michael Reynolds, pastor of new Life Celebration Church of God, which Beatrice Robeson attends, was critical of the police response.

He said Jemel Roberson "believed in being a good guy" and was "wearing one of the good guy hats," referring to a cap he was allegedly wearing at the time identifying him as "Security." Reynolds said that Roberson's life was "snuffed out by the so-called good guys."

The pastor said that security work was in Roberson and that he was a hero for subduing one of the suspected bar shooters.

Reynolds said Roberson would have followed a command from the police to drop his own gun, and would not "oppose or rebel" against "the people he admired."

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Security pros: Shooting of guard doesn't add up

'In 35 years, I've never seen security get shot by police'

By John Keilman
Chicago Tribune

The shooting death of security guard Jemel Roberson at the hands of a south suburban police officer has left security professionals puzzled, saying it was an anomaly in a line of work well-acquainted with danger.

Roberson, 26, was working security earlier this month at Manny's Blue Room, a Robbins nightclub, when several men got into a fight that ended with gunshots. Witnesses said Roberson subdued one of the men and was holding him at gunpoint in the parking lot when a Midlothian officer shot and killed him.

Authorities have released few details about the shooting, and witnesses have contradicted some of the official information that has come out.

The confusion left Chicago-area security trainers leery of making sweeping judgments about the incident, but some said the safeguards aimed at preventing such a tragedy appear to have failed.

"In 35 years, I've never seen security get shot by police," said Abe Khan, owner of Chicago's Reliance Security Services. "I would like to know what happened. It's crazy. Police officers don't do that."

One unanswered question is whether Roberson was carrying a weapon.

Dorian Myrickes, a fellow security guard who was working security with Roberson that night said the two were stationed inside the bar, and, by law, liquor-serving establishments are not allowed to have armed guards inside.

Guards are permitted to carry weapons outside.

Though police say Roberson was holding a gun when he was shot, they have not said whether it was his own weapon or one he picked up during the fracas.

Myrickes told the Tribune that Roberson had left his gun in his car, though he might have retrieved it when the trouble started.

Mike Brown, who runs Security Training Concepts on the South Side, said there's a good reason for the prohibition on armed guards inside of bars.

"Alcohol and guns do not mix," he said. "There is no way Manny's Blue Room could have (legally) hired him to work in an armed capacity inside because it would have jeopardized its liquor license."

The club's state liquor license had expired, according to government records.

Another question is how Roberson was dressed. The preliminary report from the Illinois State Police, which is investigating the shooting, said he was wearing "plain black clothing with no markings readily identifying him as a Security Guard."

Myrickes, though, said Roberson had a cap and sweatshirt emblazoned with the word "Security." A witness who lives next door said he also saw Roberson wearing a cap, though he wasn't sure if Roberson had it on when he was shot.

Louis Phillips, director of training at PTC Security Training Academy, said he has seen younger security guards dress casually on the job, but he advises against it, saying visibility is important.

Should it turn out that Roberson's clothes clearly marked him as security, Phillips said, Midlothian will have some explaining to do.

"(The officer) is going to be held accountable," he said. "They're going to sue the shoes off that town, and rightfully so."

He said another complication is that Manny's is outside of Midlothian. Police are almost always familiar with the employees of their town's liquor-serving establishments, he said, and while Robbins police might have known that Roberson was a security guard, Midlothian officers likely did not.

"If this is part of their patrol district, they know who works in that club," he said. "So when you call for an outside agency assist, their officers might not be familiar with that bar."

Midlothian police Chief Dan Delaney has called Roberson "a brave man who was doing his best to end an active shooter situation," though authorities have not outlined Roberson's actions that night.

Brown said he also regards Roberson as a hero, but he advises his students not to get into situations for which they are not trained, such as grappling with a gunman. "Is there a duty that (security guards) must take a person into custody? I argue no," he said. "You can make a citizen's arrest if an offense is being committed. Was he in his rights to make an arrest? Yes. But he didn't have the duty to do so."

Brown also cast doubt on the hypothesis advanced by community activists that the Midlothian officer, who is white, shot Roberson because he was black.

"I am of the opinion that (Roberson) was not shot because he was a black man," said Brown, who is African-American. "I am of the opinion he was shot because he was a security officer who could not be identified as such."

Khan said Roberson applied for a job with his company about two years ago, and he seemed to be an intelligent and serious young man. He said Roberson appeared to have done the right thing at the nightclub. "He did a super job," he said. "He protected life and property."

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Mike Brown, of Security Training Concepts on the South Side, said there's a good reason there aren't armed guards inside bars. "Alcohol and guns do not mix."

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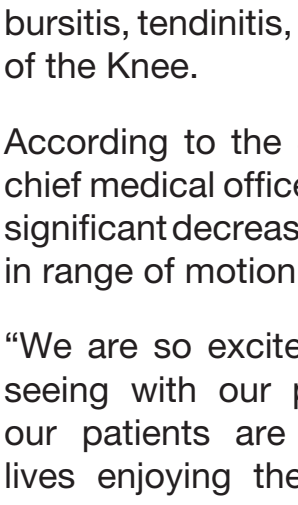
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People wait in line at St. Columbanus Catholic Church food pantry in Chicago to get Thanksgiving turkeys and other food on Wednesday.
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WHAT IF YOU HAD TO FEEL HUNGER PANGS?

By Kate Maehr and John Bouman

On a frigid morning earlier this month on the South Side, people of every race and age lined up out the front door of the Greater Lawn Public Health Center for two hours to receive bags of sweet potatoes, celery, squash and more.

Many were Latina mothers with young children in tow. Almost without fail, the kids' eyes lit up with joy upon seeing the boxes of mangoes at the end of the line — a poignant reminder to be thankful for the simple pleasures of life.

It's hard to fathom anyone wanting to deny low-income families basic food assistance. But a cruel and damaging proposal put forth by the Trump administration would make it harder for immigrants who are lawfully here to obtain permanent legal residence if they receive public benefits, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Medicaid, which are typically used by low-paid working families to make ends meet.

SNAP benefits, formerly known as food stamps, are a crucial front-line defense against the food insecurity that leads people to food banks. And the need for them is evident — more than 1.4 million people in Illinois are still at risk of hunger.

The mere threat of the policy change is already forcing some families to make an unconscionable choice between risking their chances for a green card and keeping their children healthy and fed. In some cases, immigrant parents who don't yet have their green cards are choosing to not apply for food assistance for their children who are American citizens.

"It's scary. I wish I could have an answer for all the people," said Jazmin Cerda, a public benefits associate for the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, which serves the mostly Latino neighborhood of Brighton Park. Some of Cerda's clients, many of whom are in dire need of assistance, are already choosing to not enroll in SNAP out of fear that it could hinder their chances of permanent legal residence, she said. That likely means less food for families, which could lead to poorer health and educational outcomes for the children. "The need for assistance will be greater than what it is now," Cerda said.

This dangerous proposal comes at a time when immigrants are already dropping out of SNAP, because of the heightened hostile rhetoric around immigration and deportations. SNAP participation among immigrant mothers of young children dropped 10 percent in the first half of this year, an alarming decline after 10 straight years of increasing participation, according to new research from Children's HealthWatch, a Boston-based nonpartisan network of pediatricians and researchers.

Commonly referred to as the "public charge" proposal, the White House seeks to expand the definition of what it means to be a public charge, or someone who is dependent on government services, as a factor in the determination of whether an immigrant becomes a legal permanent resident.

As it is now, the public charge test largely pertains to those receiving cash assistance or who are institutionalized for long-term care. Under the proposed change, that would be widened to include participation in SNAP, Medicare subsidies for medications, Medicaid and housing assistance. Making matters worse, the proposed new definition is presumptive and wholly unfair. If you're an immigrant trying to obtain a green card and don't receive any public benefits, you might still be considered a public charge if it is deemed likely that you will at some point.

It's essentially a poverty test that would cruelly push low-income immigrants further into the shadows.

But the need for assistance will not simply disappear. As wages remain stagnant and jobs with limited benefits proliferate, hardworking families will continue to need support to afford the basics — including food during this holiday season and beyond.

When immigrant families drop out of SNAP for fear that they could risk their chance at legal permanent residency, they'll turn to food pantries and soup kitchens. The Greater Chicago Food Depository and its 700 partner agencies in Chicago and throughout Cook County would not be able to meet such a surge in need. There will be other costs to pay. With fewer immigrant families participating in SNAP, there will be a decline in retail sales, which will in turn put jobs at risk.

No family should have to worry about where their next meal will come from.

Kate Maehr is executive director and CEO of the Greater Chicago Food Depository. John Bouman is president of the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law.

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CHANGE OF SUBJECT



By Eric Zorn

When columnists of 2068 look back on today,

what will make them cringe?

Plastics.

Our society's heedless and flagrant overuse of plastic packaging was the first thing that came up in conversation when I recently asked my wife and 21-year-old daughter to predict what people 50 years from now will look back on with dismay as they consider America in the 2010s.

Prompting this discussion was my colleague Mary Schmich's recent column headlined "Ah, the America of my childhood. So full of bunk and bigotry," in which she wrote of how bad — how racist and sexist in retrospect — were the "good old days" of her childhood in the 1960s.

What will prompt a similarly cool assessment of our times from a newspixel columnist in 2068?

Granted, it's almost impossible to predict what will happen in the next five weeks, let alone five decades. And it's difficult not to let one's political inclinations infect such an exercise — we will be shocked, 50 years from now, that America had not already adopted all my personal policy prescriptions and notions of fairness and justice.

Nevertheless, here's an honest guess at how such a column would read:

In the America of my childhood, the National Football League actually had a team named the "Redskins," the most brazen and offensive of the ways in which the culture stereotyped and marginalized the American Indians whose land and dignity we'd already taken.

In those days, most people walked the streets without carrying any firearms for protection whatsoever and — hard to believe, I know — were able to enter movie theaters, shopping malls, trains, buses, restaurants, beaches and concerts without passing through metal detectors.

When I was a kid, the U.S. was virtually the only country in the world where health care was considered a privilege, not a right. People died needlessly and were driven into bankruptcy for lack of a national health care system, and defenders of this shocking state of affairs couldn't stop crowing about the healing wonders of the free market.

Before scientists perfected laboratory-grown meat, we used a third of our arable land to grow feed for livestock — in effect processing that food through the guts of cattle, swine and poultry that fouled our atmosphere by producing massive amounts of greenhouse gases and polluted our waterways with their waste while assisting in the production of edible steaks, flanks, ribs and chops.

Humans — flawed, distractible, occasionally impaired humans — drove their own cars in my youth. About 35,000 of them died every year in motor vehicle crashes as a result. Fortunately for hundreds of thousands of people now alive who would otherwise be dead, the march of progress toward autonomously guided cars and trucks wasn't blocked by some early mishaps.

And those death traps we drove? Most of them burned fossil fuels and so contributed to relationships with repressive Middle Eastern theocracies that were often awkward, to say the least.

Voting laws nationwide were a crazy quilt of local restrictions, curious practices and Byzantine counting procedures often adopted by parochial partisan bureaucrats to advantage their own causes. We somehow thought these experiments in putative democracy that often frustrated the popular will were preferable to the imposition of national standards for mapping, registration, balloting, tallying and reporting.



Washington Redskins fans cheer. JASON BEHNKEN/AP

We treated cancer patients with what amounted to poison, toxic chemicals often just strong enough to kill the deadly cells without killing the patient. Infertility, obesity, unplanned pregnancies, heart disease and male pattern baldness — remember them? — were among the significant health concerns when I was a child in the '10s.

There had never been a female president. We had not yet built the massive dikes that continue to make coastal living possible. Adults gave trophies — symbols of victory and triumph — to me and my peers just for participating in a team sport, thinking it would enhance our self-esteem and not breed cynicism and a festering sense of entitlement.

Before the installation of hundreds of thousands of cameras on the public way and the near perfection of biometric identification technology, street and property crime were significant problems. An evildoer could rob or shoot you on the sidewalk and expect to get away with it.

It was perfectly normal and widely considered acceptable to indignantly declare one's objection to the idea that people could be born with genitalia that didn't match their ultimate gender identity.

We usually had to wait at least two whole days to have merchandise delivered from online retailers. And mainstream media outlets were still prim and cautious in their use of the common oaths we used to call profanity, though most of them blithely — ugh! — used "Redskins."

Like my journalistic forebears, I marvel that a country steeped in so much ignorance has advanced as much as it has.

Well, that's one guess, anyway. I wish I could be even more optimistic and predict an end to unemployment, homelessness, domestic violence, sexual abuse, income and educational inequality and the threat of nuclear annihilation, but there are some wounds that seem impervious to the healing powers of time and technology.

The young man, woman or intersex person who will actually write this column after Mary and I are gone is in grade school now, perhaps already starting to chafe and goggle at what today is considered normal.

Here's hoping there's a Chicago Tribune that will publish their withering retrospective.

Who else but Donald?

When asked by a reporter Tuesday about Time magazine's upcoming "Person of the Year" designation, President Donald Trump said, "I can't imagine anybody else other than Trump. Can you imagine anybody other than Trump?"

I can't. Since 1927, Time has named "the person or group of people who, for better or worse, had the greatest influence on the events of the year." Trump seems to think this is an honor, but it isn't necessarily. The title has been bestowed on Adolf Hitler, Josef Stalin, Nikita Khrushchev, Ayatollah Khomeini and Mikhail Gorbachev (twice).

No one on the world stage is even close to Trump for having influenced the events of the year, largely for the worse in my view. The only argument for not bestowing the title upon him again (he was Person of the Year in 2016) is that he'll be insufferable about claiming it as a great honor.

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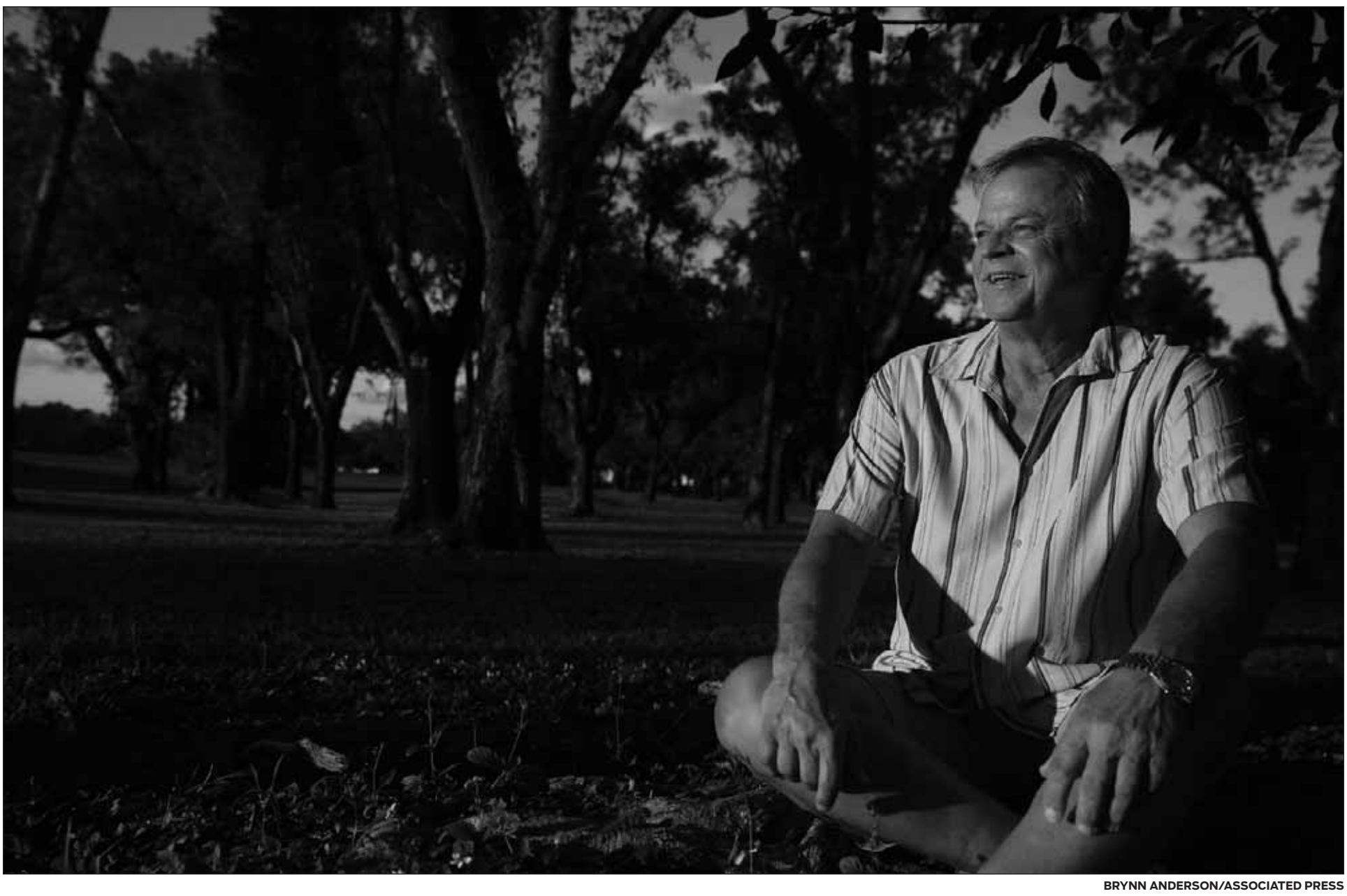
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Mike Touchette, a survivor of the 1978 Jonestown massacre in Guyana, poses for a portrait recently in Miami Springs, Fla. Nov. 18 marked the 40th anniversary of the tragedy.

The promise of Jonestown — before the final day

By Rebecca Moore

When people hear the word "Jonestown," they usually think of horror and death.

Located in the South American country of Guyana, the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project was supposed to be the religious group's "promised land." In 1977, almost 1,000 Americans had moved to Jonestown, as it was called, hoping to create a new life.

Instead, tragedy struck. When U.S. Rep. Leo Ryan of California and three journalists attempted to leave after a visit to the community, a group of Jonestown residents assassinated them, fearing that negative reports would destroy their communal project.

A collective murder-suicide followed, a ritual that had been rehearsed on several occasions.

This time it was no rehearsal. On Nov. 18, 1978, more than 900 men, women and children died, including my two sisters, Carolyn Layton and Annie Moore, and my nephew, Kimo Prokes.

Photojournalist David Hume Kennerly's aerial photograph of a landscape of brightly clothed lifeless bodies captures the magnitude of the disaster of that day.

In the 40 years since the tragedy, most stories, books, films and scholarship have tended to focus on the leader of Peoples Temple, Jim Jones, and the community that his followers attempted to carve out of the dense jungles of northwest Guyana.

But by fixating on the tragedy we miss the larger story of the Temple. We lose sight of a significant social movement that mobilized thousands of activists to change the world in ways small and large, from offering legal services to people too poor to afford a lawyer to campaigning against apartheid.

It is a disservice to the lives, labors and aspirations of those who died to simply focus on their deaths.

The impulse to learn the whole story prompted my husband, Fielding McGehee, and me in 1998 to create the website Alternative Considerations of Jonestown and Peoples Temple — a large digital archive documenting the movement primarily in its own words through documents, reports and audiotapes. This, in turn, led the Special Collections Department at San Diego State University to develop the Peoples Temple Collection.

Started in Indianapolis

The Temple began as a church in the Pentecostal-Holiness tradition in Indianapolis in the 1950s.

In a deeply segregated city, it was one of the few places where black and white working-class congregants sat together in church on a Sunday morning. Its members provided various kinds of assistance to the poor — food, clothing, housing, legal advice — and the church and its pastor, Jim Jones, gained a reputation for fostering racial integration.

Investigative journalist Jeff Guinn has described the ways early incarnations of the Temple served the people of Indianapolis. The income generated through licensed care homes, operated by Jim Jones' wife, Marceline Jones, subsidized The Free Restaurant, a cafeteria where anyone could eat at no cost.

While it's the kind of action some churches engage in today, it was innovative — even radical — for the 1950s.

In 1962, Jones had a prophetic vision of a nuclear catastrophe, so he urged his Indiana congregation to relocate to Northern California.

Scholars suspect that an Esquire magazine article — which listed nine parts of the world that would be safe in the event of nuclear war, and included a region of Northern California — gave Jones the idea for the move.

In the mid-1960s, more than 80 members of the group packed up and headed west together.

Under the guidance of Marceline, the Temple acquired a number of properties in the Redwood Valley and established nine residential care facilities for the elderly, six homes for foster children and Happy Acres, a state-licensed ranch for mentally disabled adults. In addition, Temple families took in others needing assistance through informal networks.

It was at this time that young, college-educated white adults began to trickle in. They used their skills as teachers and social workers to attract more members to a movement they saw as preaching the social gospel of redistribution of wealth.

My younger sister, Annie, seemed to be drawn to the Temple's ethos of diversity and equality.

"There is the largest group of people I have ever seen who are concerned about the world and are fighting for truth and justice for the world," she wrote in a 1972 letter to me. "And all the people have come from such different backgrounds, every color, every age, every income group."

Interracial communalism

But the core constituency comprised thousands of urban African-Americans, as the Temple expanded south to San Francisco, and eventually to Los Angeles.

Frequently depicted as poor and dispossessed, these new African-American recruits actually came from the working and professional classes: They were teachers, postal clerks, civil service employees, domestics, military veterans, laborers and more.

The promise of racial equality and social activism operating within a Christian context enticed them. The Temple's revolutionary politics and substantial



AP 1976

The Rev. Jim Jones founded the group.

programs sold them.

Regardless of the motives of their leader, the followers wholeheartedly believed in the possibility of change.

During an era that witnessed the collapse of the civil rights movement, the decimation of the Black Panther Party and the assassinations of black activists, the group was especially committed to a program of racial reconciliation.

It was one of the few long-term experiments in American interracial communalism, along with Father Divine's Peace Mission movement, which Jim Jones emulated.

Members and nonmembers received a variety of free social services: rental assistance, funds for shopping trips, health exams, legal assistance and student scholarships. By pooling their resources, in addition to filling the collection plates, members received more in goods and services than they might have earned on their own. They called it "apostolic socialism."

Living communally not only saved money, but also built solidarity. Although communal housing existed in Redwood Valley, it was greatly expanded in San Francisco. Entire apartment buildings in the city were dedicated to accommodating unrelated Temple members — many of them senior citizens — who lived with and cared for one another.

As early as 1974, a few hardy volunteers began clearing land for an agricultural settlement in the Northwest District of Guyana, near the disputed border with Venezuela.

While the ostensible reason was to "provide food for the hungry," the real reason was to create a community where they could escape the racism and injustice they experienced in the United States.

"My memories from 1974 till the beginning of '78 are many and full of love, and to this day they still bring tears to my eyes," recalled Peoples Temple member Mike Touchette, who was working on a boat in the Caribbean as the deaths were occurring. "Not only the memories of building of Jonestown, but the friendships and camaraderie we had before 1978 is beyond words."

But Jim Jones arrived in 1977, and an influx of 1,000 immigrants — including more than 300 children and 200 senior citizens — followed. The situation changed. Conditions were primitive, and though the residents of Jonestown were no worse off than their Guyanese neighbors, it was a far cry from the lives they were used to.

The community of Jonestown is best understood as a small town in need of infrastructure, or, as one visitor described it, an "unfinished construction site."

Everything — sidewalks, sanitation, housing, water, electricity, food production, livestock care, schools, libraries, meal preparation, laundry, security — had to be developed from scratch. Everyone but the youngest of children needed to pitch in to develop and maintain the community.

Some have described the project as a prison camp.

In several respects that is true: People weren't free to leave. Dissidents were cruelly punished.

Others have described it as heaven on earth.

Undoubtedly it was both; it depends on who — and when — you ask.

Erased promise

But then there is the final day, which seems to erase all the promise of the Temple's utopian experiment. It's easy to identify the elements that contributed to the final tragedy: the anti-democratic hierarchy, the violence used against members, the culture of secrecy, the racism and the inability to question the leader.

The failures are apparent. But the successes?

For years, Peoples Temple provided decent housing for hundreds of church members; it ran care homes for hundreds of mentally ill or disabled individuals; and it created a social and political space for African-Americans and whites to live and work together in California and in Guyana.

Most importantly, it mobilized thousands of people yearning for a just society.

To focus on the leader is to overlook the basic decency and genuine idealism of the members. Jim Jones would have accomplished nothing without the people of Peoples Temple. They were the activists, the foot soldiers, the letter writers, the demonstrators, the organizers.

Don Beck, a former Temple member, has written that the legacy of the movement is "to cherish the people and remember the goodness that brought us together."

In the face of all those bodies, that's a difficult thing to do.

But it's worth a try.

The Conversation

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CONSENT DECREE:

What's in it for Chicago's cops?

Chicago police officers want politicians to stop interfering with policing. They want better training, equipment and supervision. They want clarity about department policies, performance metrics and promotions. They want respect.

What they don't want is a consent decree. At least that's the posture of the local Fraternal Order of Police, which speaks for its members, and which has resisted reform efforts at every step. At fairness hearings last month, union officials told a federal judge that the consent decree would be illegal, would violate their contracts, would put officer safety at risk and increase violence in Chicago.

The union has angled unsuccessfully to derail the consent decree in court. FOP leaders complained about being shut out of negotiations even as they urged members not to participate in focus groups or provide input via an online comment box, options described as "illegal attempts to gain information from our members."

There's going to be a consent decree. The fairness hearings are among the final steps in a process that unfolded after black teenager Laquan McDonald was shot and killed by a white police officer who has since been convicted of second-degree murder.

A subsequent investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice concluded — unsurprisingly — that Chicago cops are poorly trained and supervised; prone to unnecessary violence against civilians, especially minorities; and rarely held accountable for misconduct.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan's lawsuit forced the city to the table to negotiate the consent decree — a blueprint for reform, overseen by an independent monitor reporting to a federal judge.

Despite the FOP's dire warnings, 170 police officers took part in focus groups to help shape the draft agreement. They had a lot to say. In a summary of the discussions, facilitators wrote that the officers "were engaged in the discussion despite the fact that they were free to decline to participate; their obvious deep frustration with the current state of crime and policing in Chicago; and their disagreement with the need for a consent decree in the first place."

What are the biggest challenges cited by officers? Lack of support — from supervisors, politicians, the criminal justice system, community members and the news media. Inadequate training and equipment. Officers said they are expected to be mental health counselors, victim advocates and social workers, but they are not prepared for those roles. Department policies are poorly communicated, they said, but officers are punished for not following them.

They're required to be trained on equipment they don't have. They don't get enough practice with firearms. Recruits come out of the academy unprepared to work the streets and are assigned to field training officers who are poorly equipped to mentor them. After that, they get little hands-on training, mostly available only on the day shift, and they can't be spared for training anyway because of manpower shortages. Supervisors don't supervise because they're afraid of making mistakes that will keep them from being promoted.

Most of these are longstanding complaints that could (and should) have been addressed without a consent decree. They weren't. That's a strong argument for federal oversight. But officers are wary of the added scrutiny and the focus on holding errant cops accountable for misconduct. They worry that an honest mistake will cost them their livelihood. They say fear of being second-guessed could cause them to hesitate in dangerous situations, costing their lives.

Here's the bottom line: Police officers are given a badge and gun and the authority to shoot citizens. The people who grant that power have every right to demand that it isn't abused. That's the compact between public and police.

The right equipment, training and supervision can give officers confidence to do their jobs safely, professionally and without hesitation.

Chicago cops may not welcome a consent decree. But if they want all those other things, this is how to get them.

A new Marshall Plan to ease Central America's agony — and benefit the U.S.

At the end of World War II, much of Europe lay in literal ruins. As many as 20 million people were dead. Millions of survivors were displaced from their home countries. Factories, office buildings, roads and bridges were wrecked. Famine loomed.

The U.S. government, having played a large role in defeating Germany, could have chosen to declare its job done and leave Europeans to rebuild Europe. Instead, this country opted to restore economic health and prevent political upheaval. Americans had learned the hard way that our security and prosperity were inseparable from events in Europe.

In 1948, President Harry Truman launched the Marshall Plan, named after Secretary of State George Marshall. Over more than a decade, it provided 16 countries a huge amount of aid — equal to 5 percent of U.S. gross domestic product, which would be nearly $1 trillion today. The effort did much to bring prosperity and democracy to a bloodied continent. It also helped stem the tide of communism in early years of the Cold War.



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A group of Salvadorans joins a caravan heading toward the U.S. from San Salvador last week. Conditions have become so desperate people are leaving as never before.

For years, Central America has endured a humanitarian crisis. It was easy for Americans to ignore, but now we realize how civil strife, poverty and organized crime in our backyard endanger us. Conditions have become so desperate that people are leaving El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras as never before.

From 2014 through 2017, reports The Wall Street Journal, immigration authorities in the U.S. and Mexico apprehended more than 335,000 migrants from El Salvador alone. Since 2014, the number of U.S. asylum applications from those countries has quadrupled. Thousands are making their way through Mexico toward our southern border, hoping to be admitted.

Many are running for their lives. El Salvador has the highest homicide rate on the planet. "Migrants from all three countries cite violence, forced gang recruitment, and extortion, as well as poverty and lack of opportunity," reports the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations. Vicious criminal gangs live off drug trafficking, kidnapping and extortion, and governments hobbled by corruption can't stop them. About 60 percent of Hondurans and half of Guatemalans live in poverty.

Given the dire circumstances in Central America, strict border security is a never-ending challenge for Washington — and a partial solution at best. "You have asylum seekers saying I'd rather be in jail in the U.S. than killed in my own country," Maureen Meyer of the Washington Office on Latin America, a human rights organization, told the Journal.

The U.S. should address the migrant crisis at its source. These countries need improved governance, economic growth and public safety. In the early 2000s, Washington largely succeeded with Plan Colombia, which helped end a leftist insurgency and overcome the power of criminal drug cartels in a country once hopelessly out of control. A similar effort would help Central America.

President Donald Trump instead has threatened to slash U.S. aid to countries that fail to stop outmigration. That would be self-defeating. The U.S. should build on the Alliance for Prosperity, which was undertaken with support from President Barack Obama and a Republican-controlled Congress. The program initially allocated $750 million a year in economic and security aid, conditioned on recipient governments making progress on corruption control, policing and human rights. It's a good start, but more may be needed.

Daniel Runde, a scholar at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, says much of the violence comes from gangs that metastasized after the U.S. deported tens of thousands of hardened gang members to the region. It would make more sense going forward to put such criminals in U.S. prisons, where they would present no threat to their own countries or ours. "I'd rather have them here and throw away the key," he says.

The U.S. can also provide assistance and counsel on how to improve police agencies and courts, combat corruption, strengthen institutions of civil society, protect property rights and collect taxes. That would require a sustained bipartisan commitment over years if not decades. If it succeeds, it would not only stem the flood of migrants northward; it would pay lasting dividends to the peace and security of the Western Hemisphere.

The alternative? More chaos, more crime and more caravans. Ignoring Central America, it turns out, isn't an option.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

No one can accuse me of being hasty.

But after a lifetime of stubborn adherence on my part and criminal behavior on yours, your excellencies, you seem to have finally succeeded in driving me away. I'm not even sure there's such a thing as a former Catholic, but I'm about to find out.

My hopes for the Baltimore meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops weren't ever high, because fool me 6,000 times, shame on you. But that 6,001st time, well, I'm just all out of willingness to be conned into believing that you — who've so long seen the devastation of innocents principally as a PR problem — are ever going to change. ...

The men who run the church continue to think so well of one another that I sometimes wonder whether they have met. ... When and if the bishops do fully rouse themselves, I won't be in the pews to hear about it.

I am a true-believing, rosary- and novena-praying graduate of St. Mary's Elementary School, the University of Notre Dame and l'Universite catholique de Louvain in Belgium. I covered the Vatican for The New York Times and was a fellow at the Catholic University of America's Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies. I never thought it would come to this.

Melinda Henneberger, USA Today

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PERSPECTIVE



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Migrants headed north as part of the caravan from Central America ride a truck last week near Mexicali, Mexico, en route to Tijuana along the U.S. border.

How the U.S. can help caravan migrants stay home



CLARENCE PAGE

When a caravan of Central American families seeking asylum in the United States was almost a thousand miles away, President Donald Trump called it a "national emergency" on Twitter and ordered more than 5,000 troops to protect the border.

But by the time the first group of migrants arrived at the port of entry in Tijuana, Mexico, near San Diego, a few days before Thanksgiving, the troops were told to pack up and leave.

What a difference an election makes.

The president's warnings of invading terrorists, disease, "Middle Easterners" and "criminal aliens" — all, according to Trump, thanks to the "open borders" Democrats — turned out mostly to be hype, just as the president's skeptical critics had predicted.

We saw similar fear-mongering from the president in April, as another migrant caravan started out with about 1,500 people in southern Mexico but dwindled to a few hundred by the time it reached the California border. Trump's tireless fear-mongering this time still failed to prevent his party's loss of its majority in the House of Representatives.

So our troops, including National Guard and regular Army, are being brought home.

After daily streams of his pre-election tweets sounded alarms about an "invasion," Trump seemed suddenly to forget about the caravan after voters handed the Democrats control of the House.

His immigration policy suffered a further setback late Monday when a federal judge appointed by President Barack Obama temporarily blocked a new Trump rule that bars asylum for immigrants who enter the United States outside of a legal checkpoint.

Trump signed the rule by proclamation on Nov. 9, invoking national security powers in response to the approaching caravan, and let it go into effect immediately without the customary period for public comment.

Judge Jon Tigar of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California said the policy signed by the president "irreconcilably conflicts" with immigration law and the "expressed intent of Congress."

"Whatever the scope of the president's authority," the judge wrote, "he may not rewrite the immigration laws to impose a condition that Congress has expressly forbidden," Tigar wrote in his order.

Team Trump vows to fight for the temporarily blocked rule in court. But even if they eventually win, it will take more than border protection and immigration enforcement to end the crisis that has led to a backlog of hundreds of thousands of asylum requests.

For that we must turn to the root causes of the crisis in the countries where the caravans originate, mainly the Northern Triangle countries of Central America: El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

Back in 1984, when President Ronald Reagan's administration opposed leftists fighting for power in El Salvador and Nicaragua, Reagan warned that without U.S. intervention, events in Central America could move "chaos and anarchy toward the American border," including "hundreds of thousands of refugees" seeking "entry into our country."

That day appears to have arrived. After an unexpected surge of 68,000 unaccompanied migrant children from Central America made headlines in 2014, the Obama administration worked with Congress and leaders in the Northern Triangle and in 2016 provided $750 million to support anti-corruption measures and development funds in the region.

Although Team Obama reported measurable progress, including a drop in Honduras' murder rate by a third, Team Trump cut aid to the Northern Triangle by almost 20 percent to $615 million this year — and the president wants to cut even more.

But further reductions in aid programs without regard to their effectiveness would invite more disasters in countries already suffering from the biggest drivers of migration: crime, violence, poverty, corruption and a lack of economic opportunity.

When he was a candidate, Trump's Latin American policy boiled down to "Build a wall." Those three words still make a catchy applause line in the president's rally speeches. But a wall to keep migrants out of this country would be a poor substitute for policies that would help them to stay in their own.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

No more freeloading

I wholeheartedly support the message on Tuesday's editorial page ("Facing Facebook and Google: Without a fairer market, quality news can't thrive," Nov. 20) and support ending the Free Ride that Facebook and Google are getting when it comes to appropriating the top-tier journalism of the Chicago Tribune, The New York Times and other sources of rigorous and professional journalistic excellence.

FYI, more than 20 years of my career was in the heyday of the evolution and global expansion of information technology at a Fortune 10 enterprise.

— Wayne Munn, Waukegan

Badmouthing bishops

As a Catholic, I always sit up straight when fellow journalists editorially lecture the church. I've done it a few times myself. But your editorial on the recent meeting of the American bishops ("The bishops duck and cover," Nov. 17) was built on some astonishingly false assumptions rather nastily put. To wit:

At their important 2002 meeting in Dallas that established protocols for dealing with sexually abusive priests, the bishops did not *refuse,* as you assert, to establish tough new policies regulating their own behavior. That issue was simply not on the agenda.

The bishops meeting this month in Baltimore did not "cave (ed) to (Pope) Francis' command" to postpone action. To suggest otherwise — and in such faux tough-guy language — is to misunderstand the bonds of fidelity that tie Catholic bishops everywhere to the Bishop of Rome. Equally off the mark is the assumption that going their own way would have done the church in the U.S. any good without the support of Francis. But to write as you do that the bishops acquiesced in order to keep their jobs is to display the willful ignorance of a prejudiced observer.

The most outrageous statement in your editorial is the casual reference to "child sex abuse scandals that perennially soil the church." Perennially? The Catholic Church is 2,000 years old, and child abuse surfaced as a scandal only 16 years ago. Moreover, as I reported in the liberal Catholic magazine, *Commonweal,* there was very little in the Pennsylvania grand jury's report that we did not already know from The Boston Globe's 2002 investigative reporting and especially from the subsequent two-year investigation by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the bishops' behest. Nearly all the alleged abuse in the grand jury's report occurred in the last century, and most of the priests named were long dead. What *was* new was the grand jury's finding that since the reforms of 2003 only two priests from the dioceses studied had credible accusations against them — surely evidence that the procedures are working.

— Kenneth L. Woodward, Chicago

Override the NRA

Our nation is in crisis as we experience yet another senseless shootout in Chicago. First and foremost on our legislators' agenda should be how to keep guns out of the hands of mentally unstable people. It should be obvious that the National Rifle Association's influence over our legislators is putting our nation at even greater risk. We need to claim our nation back, by getting it out of the clutches of the NRA, with stricter gun control laws. It wasn't always like this. Let's make America great again.

— JoAnn Lee Frank, Clearwater, Fla.

Disrespect for troops

President Donald Trump's gratuitous and derogatory comments about retired Adm. William McRaven, the Navy SEALs and the bin Laden matter are but the latest example of his disrespect for the military.

He who wraps himself in the flag of patriotism, but magically avoided the draft, earlier failed to follow the established presidential tradition of visiting Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day, claiming he was busy on the telephone.

Somewhat earlier, after spending the taxpayers' money to go to France in recognition of Armistice Day, Trump, unlike the leaders of other relevant countries, failed to go to the ceremony, claiming that the rain and logistics prevented his appearance. This after he had chosen that visit to criticize our allies, thereby distracting attention from the memorial.

Moreover, so far Trump has not visited any deployed troops, claiming he has been too busy, yet he has found more than ample time to play golf. While he is full of patriotic mouthing, it stands in sharp juxtaposition to his actions, which have been, and are, disrespectful of our military, past and present.

— William P. Gottschalk, Lake Forest

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Reports differ on asylum deal

Mexico's next leaders were said to be open to migrants waiting there and not in U.S.

By Cecilia Sanchez and Patrick J. McDonnell
Los Angeles Times



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Central American migrants wait at the U.S.-Mexico border in Tijuana. The Trump administration is actively seeking a solution to the border crisis.

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's incoming political leadership is denying a published report that it has agreed to a Trump administration proposal requiring asylum-seekers arriving at the southwest border to wait in Mexico as U.S. authorities consider their claims for safe haven.

The Washington Post reported Saturday that Washington had won the support of the government of Mexican President-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador — who takes office on Dec. 1 — for a plan mandating that asylum-seekers at the border remain in Mexico as their claims move through the U.S. immigration system.

The Trump administration has long sought such an accord with Mexico as a means of resolving what it has termed a "crisis" of escalating number of Central American asylum applicants — and limited detention space in which to hold them on U.S. territory as their petitions are considered.

Critics on both sides of the border have long assailed the notion of Mexico serving as a way station or detention grounds for Central Americans and others applying for asylum in the United States.

The administration of Mexico's current president, Enrique Pena Nieto, rejected a similar Trump proposal last year.

But The Post quoted Olga Sanchez Cordero, Mexico's interior minister-designate, as saying Mexico's new government had accepted the policy as a "short-term solution" to the issue of Central American migration — which has been dramatized in recent weeks as thousands of U.S.-bound Central American migrants have made their way north through Mexico in caravans.

Later Saturday, however, after the Post published its report, the incoming interior minister denied that Mexico had agreed to host U.S. asylum-seekers as their cases awaited judgment.

"There is no agreement of any sort between the future Mexican federal government and the U.S. (government)," Sanchez Cordero said in a statement.

Moreover, the interior minister-designate said Mexico's new government had rejected any deal in which Mexico would be considered "a safe third country" for U.S. asylum applicants.

The White House has also pushed the alternative, "safe third country" approach in talks with Mexican officials. Under the safe third country plan, Central Americans seeking asylum would generally have to file for protection in Mexico, not in the United States.

Trump took to Twitter on Saturday to seemingly support the plan. "Migrants at the Southern Border will not be allowed into the United States until their claims are individually approved in court. We only will allow those who come into our Country legally," he tweeted.

He added, "No "Releasing" into the U.S. All will stay in Mexico. If for any reason it becomes necessary, we will CLOSE our Southern Border."

The "safe third country" proposal is a variant of the Trump administration's so-called "Remain in Mexico" plan, under which asylum seekers would wait in Mexico until their cases were adjudicated in the U.S.

With a safe third country designation, the United States would consider Mexico a secure nation for receive asylum applicants. In practice, that would bar most asylum seekers who entered Mexico from filing asylum claims in the United States. The United States already has such a safe-country understanding with Canada.

But immigrant advocates have long opposed a "safe third country" designation for Mexico for a number of reasons — principal among them its widespread and rising violence, which often targets Central American migrants. Mexico can't be considered "safe" for asylum seekers, many argue.

Critics also say that Mexico's system for processing refugee requests is already overwhelmed and ill-prepared to handle a huge new influx.

In her statement, Mexico's incoming interior secretary echoed vows of leftist President-elect Lopez Obrador to protect the "human rights" of caravan travelers and other Central American migrants, while providing them with food, health care and shelter. The president-elect has also vowed to help Central Americans acquire work papers if they opted to remain in Mexico.

More than 6,000 caravan members, mostly Hondurans, have arrived this month to the Mexican border cities of Tijuana and Mexicali, posing a humanitarian, logistical and political challenge for the two cities on the Mexico-California border. The migrants say they are fleeing poverty and violence in their homelands. Tijuana's mayor declared a "humanitarian crisis" on Friday as the border city sought federal and state aid to house the migrants.

Sanchez is a special correspondent.

Along border, militias walk a line

Unsanctioned by DOD, groups ready to rebuff migrants

By Andrea Castillo
Los Angeles Times



JOHN GASTALDO/FOR THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

Robert "Little Dog" Crooks, of Las Vegas, is one of several minutemen patrolling the U.S.-Mexico border near Campo, Calif.

CAMPO, Calif. — Robert Crooks is up before sunrise on a hill he calls "Patriot Point," walkie-talkie in hand and loaded semi-automatic handgun holstered on his right hip.

To protect himself, he wears a vest padded with National Geographic magazines — including one celebrating great white sharks.

Directly in front of him is a border wall made of steel landing mats left over from the Vietnam War. Just a few hundred feet from the Mexican border, Crooks scans the landscape for any sign of an immigrant trying to cross into the United States.

A Las Vegas resident, Crooks heads the Mountain Minutemen. Along with other militia members in Texas, his group has been gearing up as thousands of migrants from Central America steadily make their way to the U.S. border to ask for asylum.

The presence of the militias is small, coordinated — and has a muse in President Donald Trump.

Last month, Trump tweeted that "very bad thugs" and gang members were among the migrants. "This is an invasion of our Country and our Military is waiting for you!" the president proclaimed.

Along the border, almost 6,000 troops have been deployed.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said the troops will stay at the border through early December unless the Department of Homeland Security requests an extension.

Crooks, a 68-year-old retired commercial fisherman who wears a camouflage Trump hat, said the military presence was not enough and that the entire border should be shut down.

"This is a national emergency," he said.

Central American migrants have recounted acts of kindness from Mexicans throughout their journey north. In Tijuana, however, they have encountered an attitude among some Mexicans not unlike that expressed by Crooks. They, too, speak in terms of an invasion.

Antonio Cimota, 36, leads one of the groups protesting against the migrants in Tijuana, despite having parents who defied border officials when they entered Mexico: He crossed illegally into the U.S. as a child and lived here before returning to Mexico seven years ago.

He said he understands the circumstances that drive people to flee their country, but says: "As the president of the United States, Trump has every right to protect his borders. Just as we should be protecting ours."

Crooks said he gets why some Tijuana residents have reacted with hostility toward the Central American migrants.

"That's their town, their community," he said. "I think you're going to see an uprising of a nationalist movement in Mexico."

Crooks doesn't expect many migrants to stay in Tijuana long.

He thinks they'll be forced to go east to escape federal authorities. There are gaps in the border wall near the small town of Campo, and he and other members of his militia believe migrants are likely to try to use them to cross.

So for the last couple of weeks, he and a handful of associates have been camping out of their vehicles. His white Ford F-250 pickup has "MINUTE MAN" emblazoned on the doors in black lettering.

They consider themselves a savvy neighborhood watch.

Farther east, Harry Hughes, 55, of the U.S. Border Guard militia in Arizona said he's not anticipating caravan migrants will attempt crossing the border 65 miles south of his home. Terrain in that rural stretch of the desert is particularly rough, he said.

Shannon McGauley, 54, leads the Texas Minutemen. The bail bond agent from the Dallas suburbs said a dozen members of his group have been patrolling an area just east of McAllen, Texas.

McGauley believes the attention in Tijuana is just a diversion and that migrants will soon begin attempting to cross the border in Texas.

The presence of the militiamen is not supported by the Defense Department, according to planning documents obtained by Newsweek. Intelligence officials estimated 200 "unregulated armed militia members" were operating along the southwest border earlier this month. They also reported incidents of unregulated militias stealing National Guard equipment during deployments.

An American flag flies atop a tall flagpole on the hill Crooks stands on. Right underneath it is the Gonzales flag, named for the first battle of the Texas Revolution against Mexican rule. The flag is white, with a black star and a cannon with the words "Come and take it."

The Minutemen have nicknames for each other and speak in code. Crooks is known as "Little Dog" for the way he keeps on the trail of migrants until border agents arrive to detain them. His associates didn't want to be interviewed, saying they were afraid they could lose their regular jobs.

Several men were positioned atop other hills along the one-mile radius they patrol. They have dubbed the hills Donut Hole, Zoners and Couch Trail.

A call came in on Crooks' walkie-talkie.

"Little Dog, this is Weasel, do you copy?"

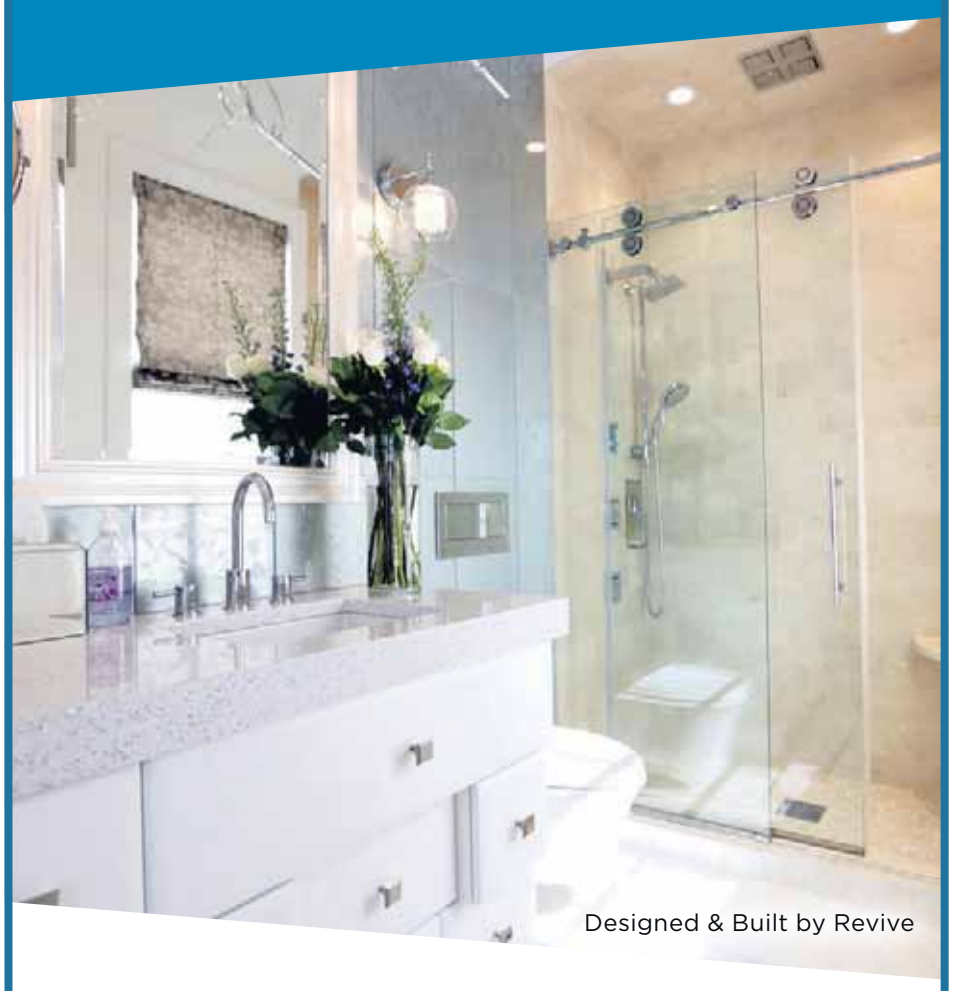
"Yo, Weasel, what's happening?"

"You've got an Omaha coming your way. I can see him."

A black Border Patrol helicopter flew overhead. Crooks raised his hand to his temple in a salute.

"The Border Patrol does fantastic work," he said. "There's just not enough of them."

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This Taser will buzz cops when fired

Maker promotes weapon's ability to alert police if used

By Peter Holley
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In the heart of an emergency, when the body's fight-or-flight response is fully activated, calling the police is often an afterthought.

That's what customers told Axon when the company, which makes Tasers for self-defense and law enforcement, asked for feedback from people who had used their products.

Their solution: a new Taser that automatically alerts authorities as soon as the weapon is fired.

"When you're under stress and your focus narrows to getting away from someone, then small details like picking up the phone and calling 911 can escape you," said Annie Pratt, Axon's director of consumer products. "We wanted to create a device that doesn't require people to be in the physical mental state to remember that last step."

To make that possible, Axon has partnered with Noonlight, a company that makes an app that automatically connects people with emergency services. To connect users with police, the Taser is always paired with Noonlight's app, officials from both companies said.

When the trigger on the TASER Pulse+ is pulled, a beacon on the device communicates with the app, which alerts authorities that a likely emergency is unfolding.

Using information from the app, including GPS, responding authorities have access to the user's identification and location, even when someone is fleeing the scene of the incident.

"Everything happens in real time," said Nick Droege, the co-founder of Noonlight. "We dispatch emergency services and the user is getting text message and a phone call from us so they can explain what's happened and 911 dispatchers are also seeing this information."

"We might also have their health information, which includes information about allergies and medication use, and their picture from their profile information," he added.

If a Taser owner presses the device's trigger while the safety is on, Pratt said, police aren't alerted.

If customers don't need assistance from authorities after firing the weapon — or if they've mistakenly pulled the trigger — a user can cancel an active alarm by sharing a four-digit code after they receive a text from the company's dispatchers asking them whether they need help.



COURTESY OF NOONLIGHT

A new Taser automatically alerts authorities via an app as soon as the weapon is fired.

The Taser Pulse+ has a 15-foot range and is designed to incapacitate someone for 30 seconds, Pratt said.

The device, which includes access to Noonlight, costs about $470, according to Axon.

The company declined to reveal how many individuals have purchased their Tasers and what percentage of their customers are individual owners versus law enforcement agencies.

Tasers remain controversial because of the physical toll they can exact and a track record that calls into question their effectiveness, according to some experts.

"Electronic weapons rarely work all the time," Ron Martinelli, a forensic criminologist, told CNN in 2015, noting that incapacitation can hinge upon where and how both electrical probes strike the body. "Historically, they tend to be about 60 percent effective."

Droege said his long-term goal is to create technology that completely removes the burden of contacting authorities when someone finds themselves in an emergency situation.

To get there, he said, Noonlight will partner with companies that create wearable devices and medical technology that can sense when someone is in physical distress.

In September, Noonlight added a feature to its app known as "automatic crash detection and response."

The app uses an algorithm that taps into a smartphone's sensors, allowing the platform to measure and detect minuscule changes in the user's location, motion and force.

For crash detection to work accurately via a smartphone, Droege said, the system relies on the device's GPS, accelerometer and gyroscope, both of which are used for maintaining orientation.

The app might also tap into sensors such as a phone's proximity meter or magnetometer. The former measures a phone's proximity to another object and the latter provides the phone with orientation to the earth's magnetic field.

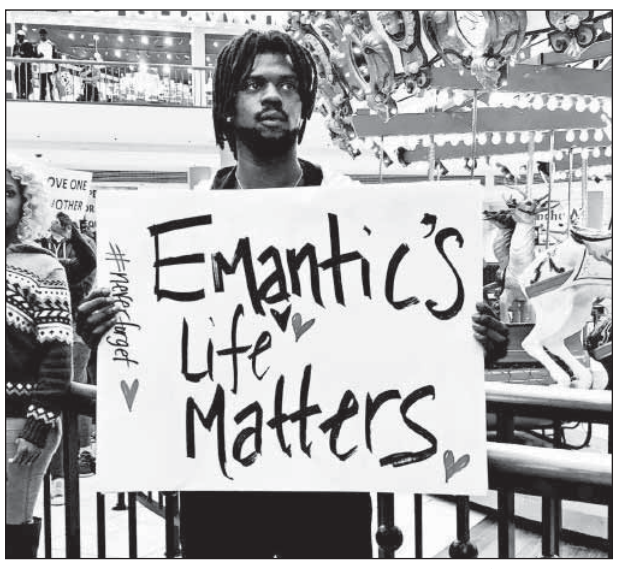
The sensors are used in conjunction with analytics data from billions of miles of driver data from Zendrive, a company that amasses data about driver behavior, such as aggressive and distracted driving. An algorithm pores over the dual streams of information, Droege said, noting that the data is regularly updated in hopes of improving the algorithm's accuracy.

If the sensors detect a sudden change in motion and force indicating that the user has been involved in an accident, the app alerts 911 without any prompting.

"You don't even have to be driving a vehicle for this platform to work," Droege said last month.

Police: Man shot dead by officer at mall not shooter

Associated Press



KIM CHANDLER/AP

More than 200 demonstrators chanted as they marched Saturday at the Riverchase Galleria mall in Hoover, Ala.

HOOVER, Ala. — Protesters on Saturday marched through an Alabama shopping mall where police killed a black man they later acknowledged was not the triggerman in a Thanksgiving night shooting that wounded two people.

An officer shot and killed 21-year-old Emantic Fitzgerald Bradford Jr. of Hueytown while responding to the Thursday mall shooting. Police said Bradford was fleeing the scene with a weapon.

Hoover Police initially told reporters Bradford had shot a teen at the mall, but later retracted the statement.

"We knew that was false," said stepmother Cynthia Bradford when she heard police were blaming him for the shooting.

She described her stepson, who went by E.J., as a respectful young man who is the son of a Birmingham police department officer.

Hoover Police Capt. Gregg Rector said investigators now believe that more than two people were involved in the initial fight ahead of the shooting, and that "at least one gunman" is still at large who could be responsible.

Rector said police regret that their initial statement about Bradford was not accurate.

More than 200 demonstrators, including several relatives, chanted "E.J." and "no justice, no peace" as they marched past Christmas shoppers at the mall. They held a moment of silence at the spot outside a shoe store where Bradford was killed.

"They should have never have killed him," Emani Smith, 7, Bradford's half-sister said, while other family members cried.

Family members described their horror of finding out from social media that Bradford was dead. Video circulated on social media of Bradford lying in a pool of blood on the mall floor.

The incident began Thanksgiving night with a fight and shooting in suburban Birmingham at the Riverchase Galleria, a mall crowded with Black Friday bargain hunters.

An 18-year-old was shot twice and a 12-year-old bystander was shot in the back.

Police said while Bradford "may have been involved in some aspect of the altercation, he likely did not fire the rounds that injured the 18-year-old victim." The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency is investigating the incident since it is an officer-involved shooting.

The Hoover Police Department is conducting its own internal investigation.

The officer who shot Bradford was placed on administrative leave while authorities investigate the shooting. The officer's name was not released publicly. The officers were not hurt.

Bradford is shown in photos on Facebook in an Army uniform, and he described himself as a combat engineer. A spokesman for the Army, however, told The Washington Post that he "never completed advanced individual training," and so did not serve.

Video posted on social media by shoppers showed a chaotic scene as shoppers fled the mall, which closed for the remainder of Thursday night.

A witness, Lexi Joiner, told Al.com she was shopping with her mother when the gunfire started. Joiner said she heard six or seven shots and was ordered, along with some other shoppers, into a supply closet for cover.

"It was terrifying," Joiner said.

A woman who described herself as the mother of the injured 12-year-old posted on social media that the girl was on a Black Friday shopping trip with other family members when the shooting happened, and didn't realize that the pain in her back was from a bullet.

"She was hurting a lot, but very brave and positive as always," the mother wrote after seeing the girl when she arrived at a hospital.

Girl who wrote essay on gun violence shot to death

Milwaukee teen dies from bullet fired from street

By Kristine Phillips
The Washington Post



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Bernice Parks, left, is consoled by Jasmine Wells, the godmother to Sandra Parks, on Tuesday in Milwaukee. Sandra Parks, 13, was killed Monday in her bedroom.

Sandra Parks knew too much about death, even at a young age.

"We are in a state of chaos. In a city in which I live, I hear and see examples of chaos almost everyday. Little children are victims of senseless gun violence," Sandra wrote two years ago about gun violence in her Milwaukee neighborhood.

Sandra called her essay "Our Truth" — a sobering reminder that, as she said, people's poor choices and hatred have led to so much violence. She wrote about trying to escape from the chaos, from the "black on black crime" that depressed her. Sometimes she would put on her headphones, she wrote, and let the music take her away.

But she couldn't escape from it.

Sandra, 13, was in her bedroom when a bullet fired from a gun outside, aimed at no one in particular, pierced a hole through her home and landed in her chest, officials said.

"Momma, I'm shot," she told her mother.

Sandra, the girl who called for peace and empathy, died Monday night.

"Tragically, her death was caused by someone who just decided they were going to shoot bullets into her house, and she's dead," Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett said.

Investigators have not said why gunshots were fired at the home, a few miles north of downtown Milwaukee.

Bernice Parks, Sandra's mother, told police she was awakened by gunshots shortly before 8 p.m., according to a criminal complaint cited by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. She saw her daughter bleeding on the floor.

"She said, 'Momma, I'm shot. Call the police,' " Parks told Fox affiliate WITI, her voice breaking as she sobbed. "I looked at her. She didn't cry. She wasn't hollering. She was just so peaceful. ... She didn't deserve to leave this world like that."

Police arrested Isaac Barnes, 26, and Untrell Oden, 27. They were walking home from a store when Barnes began to fire at no one in particular, Oden told detectives, the Journal Sentinel reported.

Authorities said Barnes's ex-girlfriend told a police officer that she suspected he was involved in the shooting. She was parked on a street near Sandra's home when Barnes, masked and armed with a rifle, approached her, the Journal Sentinel reported.

"You lucky the kids are in the car. I was going to fan you down," Barnes said, the woman told police.

Officers searched the neighborhood and found Barnes and Oden hiding in a house a few blocks away. An AK-47 rifle was in a bedroom, and a handgun had been thrown in a kitchen trash can. Authorities say four shell casings found outside Sandra's home were fired from the handgun, the Journal Sentinel reported.

Barnes is charged with first-degree reckless homicide with a dangerous weapon and endangering safety. He and Oden, both felons, are also charged with illegal possession of a gun.

In 2016, Milwaukee Public Schools held an essay contest about Martin Luther King Jr. Sandra, then a sixth-grader, took third place. She chose to write about gun violence because the world had failed to live up to the civil rights leader's dream, she said in an interview with Wisconsin Public Radio.

"The world that we have become now is, like, that all you hear about is somebody dying and somebody getting shot, and people do not just think about whose father, son or granddaughter or grandson that was that you just killed," Sandra said.

The teen, who was in eighth grade when she died, had hoped to go to college to be a writer, her mother wrote in a GoFundMe page set up to help the family pay for memorial services.

"I never felt so lost," Bernice Parks wrote on Facebook. "My chest feels like a (boulder) is smashing down on my heart. I need peace. I lost my love."

Florida wonders what to do with roaming park monkeys

By Tamara Lush
Associated Press



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A study points to the growing number of monkeys.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — A troop of roaming primates in north-central Florida will nearly double in size if state wildlife managers don't step in and stop the monkey business, according to new research.

In a study published recently in The Journal of Wildlife Management, researchers found that the number of rhesus macaques at Silver Springs State Park will grow to 350 animals or more by 2022. When the study was conducted in 2015, there were about 175 monkeys in the park, which is about 70 miles northwest of Orlando.

The study will help the state decide what to do with the animals.

In January, wildlife officials expressed a desire to curb or even eliminate the monkey population because of research that showed some of the animals in the park carry the herpes B virus, which could potentially spread to humans. There have been 50 documented human cases worldwide, but no known transmissions to people from the Florida macaques.

Still, the state wants to reduce the potential of human-monkey interaction, which is difficult since people sometimes try to feed the animals or take selfies with them.

"The more monkeys you get out there, the greater probability of interactions with people," said Steve A. Johnson, a wildlife ecology and conservation professor, and a co-author of the study.

While this kind of monkey is also found in other pockets of Florida, the research looked at two scenarios for the Silver Springs park, which is managed by the state: eliminating the macaques, and sterilizing the adult females.

"The monkeys invoke a lot of human emotion," said Johnson, adding that it's far less controversial to propose culling a nonnative species like a python from Florida's Everglades. "Some people, their opinion is that these animals have a right to be there."

Monkeys are not native to Florida. Experts say the primates are descended from monkeys intentionally released in the 1930s to increase tourism.

In hindsight, that was a bad idea.

C. Jane Anderson, a professor at Texas A&M University in Kingsville and another co-author of the study, said it's not just the potential monkey-human danger that needs to be considered when managing the animals.

"We do know there's a very good chance that the Macaques are having a negative impact on native species," she said.

She added: "They're amazing animals. They can adapt to all sorts of environments."

"What viral insanity should we spread this morning?"

'BREAKING' AMERICA

Confessions of an online troll: How lies become truth

By Eli Saslow
The Washington Post



JABIN BOTSFORD PHOTOS/WASHINGTON POST

Christopher Blair creates and posts fake news daily for his satirical Facebook page, America's Last Line of Defense.

NORTH WATERBORO, Maine — The only light in the house comes from the glow of three computer monitors as Christopher Blair, 46, sits down at a keyboard and starts to type. His wife has left for work and his children are on their way to school, but waiting online is his other community, an unreality where nothing is exactly as it seems. He logs onto his website and begins to invent his first news story of the day.

"BREAKING," he writes, pecking out each letter with his index fingers as he considers the possibilities. Maybe he would announce that Hillary Clinton died during a secret overseas mission to smuggle more refugees into America. Maybe he would award President Donald Trump the Nobel Peace Prize for his courage in denying climate change.

A new message pops onto Blair's screen from a friend who helps with his website. "What viral insanity should we spread this morning?" the friend asks.

"The more extreme we become, the more people believe it," Blair replies.

He had launched his new website on Facebook during the 2016 presidential campaign as a practical joke among friends — a political satire site started by Blair and a few other liberal bloggers who wanted to make fun of what they considered to be extremist ideas spreading throughout the far right. In the last two years on his page, America's Last Line of Defense, Blair made up stories about California instituting Shariah, former president Bill Clinton becoming a serial killer, undocumented immigrants defacing Mount Rushmore, and former president Barack Obama dodging the Vietnam draft when he was 9.

"Share if you're outraged!" his posts often read, and thousands of people on Facebook, most of whom do not recognize his posts as satire, click "like" and then "share." Instead, Blair's page has become one of the most popular on Facebook among Trump-supporting conservatives over 55.

"Nothing on this page is real," reads one of the 14 disclaimers on Blair's site, and yet in the America of 2018, his stories have become real, reinforcing people's biases, spreading onto Macedonian and Russian fake news sites, amassing an audience of as many 6 million visitors each month who think his posts are factual. What Blair first conceived of as an elaborate joke has begun to reveal something darker.

"No matter how racist, how bigoted, how offensive, how obviously fake we get, people keep coming back," Blair wrote on his personal Facebook page. "Where is the edge? Is there ever a point where people realize they're being fed garbage and decide to return to reality?"

Blair's own reality is beyond the shuttered curtains of his office: a three-bedroom home in the forest of Maine where the paved road turns to gravel; not his house but a rental; not on the lake but near it. Over the past decade, his family moved around the country a half-dozen times as he looked for steady work, bouncing between construction and restaurant jobs while sometimes living on food stamps. During the economic crash of 2008, his wife had taken a job at Wendy's to help pay down their credit-card debt, and Blair, a lifelong Democrat, had begun venting his political frustration online, arguing with strangers in an Internet forum called Brawl Hall. He sometimes masqueraded as a tea party conservative on Facebook so he could gain administrative access into their private groups and then flood their pages with liberal ideas before using his administrative status to shut their pages down.

He had created more than a dozen online profiles over the last years, sometimes disguising himself in accompanying photographs as a beautiful Southern blonde woman or as a bandana-wearing conservative named Flagg Eagleton, baiting people into making racist or sexist comments and then publicly eviscerating them for it. In his writing Blair was blunt, witty and prolific, and gradually he'd built a liberal following on the internet and earned a full-time job as a political blogger. On the screen, like nowhere else, he could say exactly how he felt and become whomever he wanted.

One day, while scanning through conservative forums on Facebook for something that might inspire his next post, he noticed a photo online of Trump standing at attention for the national anthem during a White House ceremony. Behind the president were several dozen dignitaries, including a white woman standing next to a black woman, and Blair copied the picture, circled the two women in red and wrote the first thing that came into his mind:

"President Trump extended an olive branch and invited Michelle Obama and Chelsea Clinton," Blair wrote. "They thanked him by giving him 'the finger' during the national anthem. Lock them up for treason!"

Blair finished typing and looked again at the picture. The white woman was not in fact Chelsea Clinton but former White House strategist Hope Hicks. The black woman was not Michelle Obama but former Trump aide Omarosa Manigault Newman. Neither Obama nor Clinton had been invited to the ceremony. Nobody had flipped off the president. The entire premise was ridiculous, which was exactly Blair's point.

"We live in an Idiocracy," reads a small note on Blair's desk, and he is taking full advantage. In a good month, the advertising revenue from his website earns him as much as $15,000, and it also won him a loyal army of online fans. Hundreds of liberals now visit America's Last Line of Defense to humiliate conservatives who share Blair's fake stories as fact. In Blair's private Facebook messages with his liberal supporters, his conservative audience is called "sheep," "hillbillies," "maw-maw and paw-paw," "TrumpTards," "potatoes" and "taters."

"How could any thinking person believe this nonsense?" he said. He hit the publish button and watched as his lie began to spread.

It is barely dawn in Pahrump, Nev., when Shirley Chapian, 76, logs onto Facebook. "Good morning, Shirley! Thanks for being here," reads an automated note at the top of her page. She puts her finger on the mouse and begins scrolling down.

"Click LIKE if you believe we must stop Sharia Law from coming to America before it's too late," reads the first item, and she clicks "like."

"Share to help END the ongoing migrant invasion!" reads another, and she clicks "share."



Chapian

The house is empty and quiet except for the clicking of her computer mouse. She lives alone, and on many days her only personal interaction occurs on Facebook. Mixed into her morning news feed are photos and updates from some of her 300 friends, but most items come directly from political groups: "Free Speech Patriots," "Taking Back America," "Ban Islam," "Trump 2020" and "Rebel Life." Each political page publishes several posts each day directly into Chapian's feed, many of which claim to be "BREAKING NEWS."

On her computer, the attack against America is urgent and unrelenting. Liberals are restricting free speech. Immigrants are storming the border and casting illegal votes. Politicians are scheming to take away everyone's guns. "The second you stop paying attention, there's another travesty underway in this country," Chapian once wrote on her own Facebook page, so she had decided to always pay attention, sometimes scrolling and sharing for hours at a time.

"BREAKING: Democrat megadonor accused of sexual assault!!!"

"Is Michelle Obama really dating Bruce Springsteen?"

"Iowa Farmer Claims Bill Clinton had Sex with Cow during 'Cocaine Party.' "

On display above Chapian's screen are needlepoints that had once occupied much of her free time, intricate pieces of artwork that took hundreds of hours to complete, but now she doesn't have the patience.

She has spent almost a decade in Pahrump without really knowing why. The heat can be unbearable. She has no family in Nevada.

She had lived much of her life in places such as San Francisco, New York and Miami. She'd gone to college for a few years and become an insurance adjuster, working as one of the few women in the field in the 1980s and '90s, and joining the National Organization for Women to advocate for an equal wage before eventually moving to Rhode Island to work for a hospice and care for her aging parents. After her mother died, Chapian decided to retire and move to Las Vegas to live with a friend, and when Las Vegas became too expensive, a real estate agent told her about Pahrump. She bought a three-bedroom trailer for less than $100,000 and painted it purple. She met a few friends at the local senior center and started eating at the Thai restaurant in town. A few years after arriving, she bought a new computer monitor and signed up for Facebook in 2009, choosing as her profile image a photo of her cat.

She wrote: "Looking to connect with friends and other like-minded people."

She had usually voted for Republicans, just like her parents, but it was only on Facebook that Chapian became a committed conservative. She was wary of Obama in the months after his election, believing him to be both arrogant and inexperienced, and on Facebook she sought out a litany of information that seemed to confirm her worst fears, unaware that some of that information was false. It wasn't just that Obama was liberal, she read; he was actually a socialist. It wasn't just that his political qualifications were thin; it was that he had fabricated those qualifications, including parts of his college transcripts and maybe even his birth certificate.

For years she had watched network TV news, but increasingly Chapian wondered about the widening gap between what she read online and what she heard on the networks. "What else aren't they telling us?" she wrote once on Facebook, and if she believed the mainstream media was becoming insufficient or biased, it was her responsibility to seek out alternatives. She signed up for a dozen conservative newsletters and began to watch Alex Jones on Infowars. One far right Facebook group eventually led her to the next, and soon Chapian was following more than 2,500 conservative pages, an ideological echo chamber that often trafficked in skepticism. Climate change was a hoax. The mainstream media was censored or scripted. Political Washington was under control of a "deep state."

Chapian didn't believe everything she read online, but she was also distrustful of mainstream fact-checkers and reported news. It sometimes felt to her like real facts had become indiscernible — that the truth was often somewhere in between. What she trusted most was her own ability to think critically and discern the truth, and increasingly her instincts aligned with the online community where she spent most of her time.

"I'm not a conspiracy-theory-type person, but . . ." she wrote, before sharing a link to an unsourced story suggesting that Democratic donor George Soros had been a committed Nazi, or that a Parkland shooting survivor was actually a paid actor.

Now another post arrives in her news feed, from a page called America's Last Line of Defense, which Chapian has been following for more than a year. It shows a picture of Trump standing at a White House ceremony. Circled in the background are two women, one black and one white.

"President Trump extended an olive branch and invited Michelle Obama and Chelsea Clinton," the post reads. "They thanked him by giving him 'the finger' during the national anthem."

Chapian looks at the photo and nothing about it surprises her. Of course Trump had invited Clinton and Obama to the White House in a generous act of patriotism. Of course the Democrats — or "Demonrats," as Chapian sometimes called them — had acted badly and disrespected America. It was the exact same narrative she sees playing out on her screen hundreds of times each day, and this time she decides to click 'like' and leave a comment.

"Well, they never did have any class," she writes.

Blair has invented thousands of stories in the past two years, always trafficking in the same stereotypes to fool the same people, but he never tires of watching a post take off: Eight shares in the first minute, 160 within 15 minutes, more than 1,000 by the end of the hour.

By the standards of America's Last Line of Defense, the item about Michelle Obama and Chelsea Clinton is only a moderate success. It includes no advertisements, so it won't earn Blair any money. It isn't even the most popular of the 11 items he published that day. But, just an hour earlier, Blair had come up with an idea at his computer in Maine, and now hundreds or maybe thousands of people across the country believe Obama and Clinton had flipped off the president.

"Gross. Those women have no respect for themselves," wrote a woman in Fort Washakie, Wyo.

"They deserve to be publicly shunned," said a man in Gainesville, Fla.

Blair had fooled them. Now comes his favorite part, the gotcha, when he lets his victims in on the joke.

"OK, taters. Here's your reality check," he writes on America's Last Line of Defense, placing his comment prominently alongside the original post. "That is Omarosa and Hope Hicks, not Michelle Obama and Chelsea Clinton. They wouldn't be caught dead posing for this pseudo-patriotic nationalistic garbage ... Congratulations, stupid."

Beyond the money he's earned, this was what Blair had conceived of as the purpose for his website: to engage directly with people who spread false or extremist stories and prove those stories were wrong. Maybe, after people had been publicly embarrassed, they would begin to question the root of some of their ideas.

Blair doesn't have time to personally confront each of the several hundred thousand conservatives who follow his Facebook page, so he built a community of more than 100 liberals to police the page with him. Together they patrol the comments, venting their own political anger, shaming conservatives who have been fooled, taunting them, baiting them into making racist comments that can then be reported to Facebook. Blair said he and his followers have gotten hundreds of people banned from Facebook and several others fired or demoted in their jobs for offensive behavior online. He has also forced Facebook to shut down 22 fake news sites for plagiarizing his content, many of which are Macedonian sites that rerun his stories without labeling them as satire.

What Blair isn't sure he has ever done is change a single person's mind. The people he fooled often come back to the page, and he continues to feed them the kind of viral content that boosts his readership and his bank account: invented stories about Colin Kaepernick, kneeling NFL players, imams, Black Lives Matter protesters, immigrants, Soros, the Clinton Foundation, Michelle and Malia Obama. Sometimes he wonders: Rather than of awakening people to reality, is he pushing them further from it?

"Well, they never did have any class," comments Shirley Chapian, from Pahrump, Nev., and Blair watches his liberal mob respond.

"That's kind of an ironic comment coming from pure trailer trash, don't you think?"

"You're a gullible moron who just fell for a fake story on a Liberal satire page"

"You my dear ... are as smart as a potato."

Chapian sees the comments after her post and wonders as she often does when she's attacked: Who are these people? And what are they talking about? Of course Michelle Obama and Chelsea Clinton had flipped off the president. It is true to what she knows of their character. That's what matters.

Instead of responding directly to strangers on America's Last Line of Defense, Chapian writes on her own Facebook page. "Nasty liberals," and then goes back to her news feed, each day blending into the next.

She scrolls upon another post from America's Last Line of Defense, reading fast, oblivious to the satire labels. It shows a group of children kneeling on prayer mats in a classroom. "California School children forced to Sharia in Class," it reads. "All of them have stopped eating bacon. Two began speaking in Allah. Stop making children pray to imaginary Gods!!"

She has seen hundreds of stories on Facebook about the threat of Shariah, and this confirms much of what she already believes. It's probably true, she thought. It was true enough.

"Do people understand that things like this are happening in this country?" she said. She clicked the post and the traffic registered back to a computer in Maine, where Blair watched another story go viral and wondered when his audience would get his joke.

"No matter how racist, how bigoted, how offensive, how obviously fake we get, people keep coming back."

—Christopher Blair



Japan: 'We need more workers'

Plan to import labor roils an immigration-averse, aging nation

By Simon Denyer
The Washington Post

YOKOHAMA, Japan — As the United States and Europe take steps to keep more people out, Japan is cautiously moving to let more people in.

This is a country that has long sought to defend its culture and its ethnic homogeneity by discouraging immigrants. Now, with its population continuing to shrink and age, and its labor force dwindling, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is thinking the previously unthinkable.

This month, his government introduced a bill that aims to bring in hundreds of thousands of "semiskilled" foreign workers in the years ahead, opening Japan's doors like never before.



SIMON DENYER/WASHINGTON POST

Members of the far-right Japan First party stage a protest against immigration while activists accuse them of racism.

He is careful to stress that this is not "immigration," because these workers are not supposed to stay indefinitely, but it is still a shift being described as a watershed moment in the country's modern history. Critics say the plan is ill-thought-out — an immigration policy by stealth that will cause problems down the line.

"This is the biggest turning point in postwar Japan," Akira Nagatsuma of the opposition center-left Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan told parliament, calling the government's proposal "irresponsible" and "half-baked."

"I am not saying no to foreign workers," he said. But he added that there needs to be rigorous planning and a meaningful debate on how to integrate foreigners into Japanese society.

What is not up for debate is the urgency of the situation.

Birthrates are falling across the developed world, and populations are aging, but nowhere is this hitting harder than in Japan.

Its population is expected to drop from about 127 million to just 88 million by 2065. People over 65 already account for 28 percent of the population, and 500 schools close every year because of a lack of students.

Letting in more people may be the only way to reverse the slide to stagnation and decline, experts say. The problem is what happens then.

"If depopulation continues, people will come to Japan somehow," said Toshihiro Menju, managing director of the Japan Center for International Exchange. "We need an immigration policy to prevent an immigration problem."

Abe's government is conservative, but it is also closely entwined with the business community, and the message it hears from every quarter — shipbuilding and construction, agriculture and fishing, elder-care establishments and convenience-store owners — is ever more insistent: We need more workers.

While the highly skilled have always been welcome, Abe wants to allow in 345,000 semiskilled workers by 2024, letting them come for a maximum of five years in about a dozen industries, including agriculture and construction.

If they pass some still-unspecified tests at the end of that period, they could be allowed to stay for five more years, and even bring relatives.

Previous efforts to ease Japan's labor shortage have had mixed results.

Abe initially tried to attract more women and seniors back into the workforce, and also sought to boost fertility rates, but those efforts could not overcome overwhelming demographic trends.

In the late 1980s, Japan opened its doors to the descendants of ethnic Japanese who had emigrated at the beginning of the century, and hundreds of thousands came from Latin America, especially Brazil and Peru.

But even though they looked Japanese, many barely spoke the language and many failed to integrate. In 2009, after the global financial crisis, Japan started offering them money to return home.

Workers of different ethnicities also came — but under much more restrictive policies.

The main vehicle was the Technical Intern Training Program, or TITP, introduced in 1993, under which workers from other Asian countries were supposed to be given training for three to five years before returning home.

"It is a sham, pretty much just a way of importing cheap labor from overseas," said lawyer Yoshihito Kawakami, adding that workers often don't receive any real training.

About 270,000 foreigners, many from Vietnam, China, the Philippines and Myanmar, work in Japan under the TITP program. Yet, because of the abuses inherent in the system, about 4,300 absconded from the program in the last six months alone, with many going underground as undocumented workers.

If Abe's bill passes, some foreign workers will bring relatives and some may stay long enough to gain permanent residency, as many of the arrivals from Brazil and Peru have done.

It could represent a sea change for a country where few people speak foreign languages or have much contact with foreigners.

Japan is home to 2.6 million foreigners, about 2 percent of the population, but based on current trends, that number could rise to 12 percent in 50 years, said Makoto Kato, who analyzes the economics of immigration.

That is approximately the ratio in Germany.

The problem is that Japan's unwillingness to admit that it is accepting immigrants means no government funds are allocated for integration efforts, and there is no law against hate speech or discrimination against foreigners, Kato and other experts say.

Masashi Ichikawa of the Japan Bar Association likens Japan to Germany in the 1970s, when it brought in "guest workers" from Turkey.

"The idea was that they would not stay in the country permanently, and so it wasn't necessary for the government to implement social integration policies," he said. "But in reality, they stayed. And now they are having to pay the price for that. I worry Japan will face similar problems."

A lack of inclusion could be a recipe for social unrest, while an economic downturn could leave Japan regretting how many people it allowed in, some experts warn.

Goshi Hosono, an independent member of parliament, says the latest move, if handled strictly but humanely, could prove a positive one for Japan.

Others see things differently.

The far-right Japan First party held rallies across Japan in October protesting Abe's plan, although the demonstrators were often outnumbered by activists accusing them of racism and hate speech.

"We should protect our own culture," said Kazuhiro Nakamura, the head of Japan First's office in Kanagawa. "People from different cultures tend to claim their own rights. Just as it has in Europe, that could lead to conflict."

Brexit provides economic opportunity for Ireland

'Special relationship' with United States the long-term goal

By Adam Taylor
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The "special relationship" between Britain and the United States has been a fixture of international politics for decades. Could Washington now also have a "special friend" in Ireland?

Daniel Mulhall, Ireland's ambassador in Washington, thinks so. And he says it's because of Britain's departure from the European Union.

"Brexit is a game-changer for Ireland," Mulhall said. "We become a bridge between the European Union and the United States both for investment but also for influence."

Those hopes even have a tangible symbol: This month, seeking to expand its diplomatic mission in Washington, the Irish government closed a deal to buy a 6,500-square-foot building once used by the Egyptian Embassy.

It's a far cry from Britain's gargantuan embassy compound, one of the biggest in Washington, but it's a signal of Dublin's intent.

Before he took up residence in Washington last year, Mulhall served as Ireland's ambassador to Britain. He personally campaigned against Britain's vote to leave the EU in 2016.

After voters pased Brexit, he told a reporter, he felt "sadness" that Britain's relationship with Ireland was at risk.

Now he sees Brexit as a new opportunity for Ireland — one that could rival Brexiteers' hopes for an economic future that relies on greater trade with the United States and other nations outside of Europe.

"Britain is under a cloud of uncertainty as far as its future access to the European single market in concerned," Mulhall said. "We feel that any country that's looking at either expanding its presence in Europe or establishing a presence for the first time will look less favorably on Britain and more favorably on Ireland."

After Brexit, British leaders have clung to the idea of an unbending Anglo-American bond. British Prime Minister Theresa May was the first world leader to visit President Donald Trump after he took office last year. Both leaders praised the "special relationship" during that visit, with May saying it was based "on the bonds of history, of family, kinship and common interests."

But at the same time, Britain's position as a member of the EU was one of its key selling points.

"We are strong and active members of the European Union, the gateway to the world's largest single market," said May's predecessor, David Cameron, in a 2010 speech.

Many other EU countries are now pledging to become Washington's new "gateway to Europe." Ireland may be a particularly attractive base for American companies: Its common-law system is similar to the American legal structure, and it is known for being one of the most business-friendly countries in the EU.

Ireland and the United States also share a common language.

"We will be the only English-speaking country left in the European Union," Mulhall pointed out.

Outside experts agree that Ireland is well positioned to strengthen its ties to the United States.

"Ireland's institutions have been calibrated toward attracting U.S. investment for decades, which places the country in a strong position to attract investment which may pivot away from the U.K. post-Brexit," said Neil Dooley, a politics lecturer at the University of Sussex.

Given that Ireland is a relatively small country — just 4.7 million — even a small change could have profound effects on the economy. Irish firms are reforming their business plans for a post-Brexit future, according to Sean Davis, the regional director for Enterprise Ireland, a state economic agency that promotes new export sales.

Companies sponsored by Enterprise Ireland opened 59 offices in the United States last year, according to Davis. There are more than 800 Irish-owned companies in the United States, with 100,000 employed by Irish-origin companies.

That's a useful talking point given the Trump administration's focus on protecting American jobs, but there could be other issues.

The United States has a considerable trade deficit with Ireland, and Trump has called out the country as a "tax haven." The tax cuts passed by Republicans in 2017 appear to have hit U.S. investment in Ireland, according to Irish estimates.

With Trump, there's the risk of unexpected feuds. The president is at odds with the Irish government on a variety of foreign policy issues; he has canceled one trip to Ireland amid planned protests. But any hopes for a "special relationship," with this president may be premature.

"I don't think Ireland kids itself that it has a special, meaningful relationship with the U.S.," said Brian Lucey, a professor at Trinity Business School at Trinity College Dublin. "Particularly with Trump, where there's a hard-nosed, mercantilist approach."

Madrid's move

Spain says it will back Brexit divorce. **Page 35**



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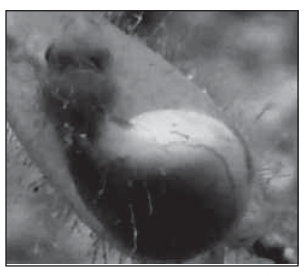
"Brexit is a game-changer for Ireland," said Daniel Mulhall, Irish ambassador to the U.S.

Mysterious egg on ocean floor a catshark, NOAA says

By Mark Price
The Charlotte Observer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A mysterious "translucent egg case" found this month off an uninhabited island near Puerto Rico has been identified by NOAA explorers as something few scientists had seen.

"Upon zooming in on this egg case," says a NOAA mission report, "we were able to clearly see the embryo actively swimming within the case."



NOAA

The egg casing was observed near Puerto Rico.

This embryo was a "very rare sighting" of a developing catshark, a little understood species of shark named for their bugged-out — and haunting — feline eyes.

Catsharks are "shy and nocturnal and often hide in crevices," reports National Geographic.

And they're small, typically growing about 20 inches in length in the ocean off Puerto Rico, NOAA says.

"Most catsharks live in seas above the upper continental slope, a location that makes it difficult to observe these sharks and collect specimens. Therefore, much information about catsharks remains to be discovered," AnimalDiversity.org reports.

They are not considered a danger to humans, despite having a mouth full of teeth, according to the Florida Museum of Natural History.

The egg casing was observed Nov. 15 during a NOAA exploration off "unknown and poorly understood deepwater areas" near Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The expedition began Oct. 30 and ended last week.

NOAA scientists used a roving camera to see the egg, which was attached to a coral branch more than 820 feet down, off mountainous Desecheo Island. The island, 13 miles off Puerto Rico, remains uninhabited by federal law "due to unexploded military ordinance," according to IslandsofPuertoRico.com.

The ocean floor in the area is full of "overhangs, crevices and large boulder-like features," where all types of sea life can easily hide, said the NOAA report.

Explorers reported seeing spotted catsharks multiple times during the expedition, some at depths of more than 1,500 feet. This species of catshark is typically seen at depths of 360 feet, but has been spotted as low as 1,300, according to the Florida Museum of Natural History.

That would make the one spotted at 1,500 a little deeper than the norm.

Red planet to get 1st U.S. visitor in years

Tried-and-true method slated to get mechanical miner to Mars

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Mars is about to get its first U.S. visitor in years: a three-legged, one-armed geologist to dig deep and listen for quakes.

NASA's InSight makes its grand entrance through the rose-tinted Martian skies on Monday, after a six-month, 300-million-mile journey. It will be the first American spacecraft to land since the Curiosity rover in 2012 and the first dedicated to exploring underground.

NASA is going with a tried-and-true method to get this mechanical miner to the surface of the red planet. Engine firings will slow its final descent, and the spacecraft will plop down on its rigid legs, mimicking the landings of earlier successful missions.

That's where old school ends on this $1 billion U.S.-European effort.

Once flight controllers in California determine the coast is clear at the landing site — fairly flat and rock-free — InSight's 6-foot arm will remove the two main science experiments from the lander's deck and place them directly on the Martian surface.

No spacecraft has attempted anything like that before.

The firsts don't stop there.

One experiment will attempt to penetrate 16 feet into Mars, using a self-hammering nail with heat sensors to gauge the planet's internal temperature. That would shatter the out-of-this-world depth record of 8 feet drilled by the Apollo moonwalkers nearly a half-century ago for lunar heat measurements.

The astronauts also left behind instruments to measure moonquakes. InSight carries the first seismometers to monitor for marsquakes — if they exist. Yet another experiment will calculate Mars' wobble, providing clues about the planet's core.

It won't be looking for signs of life, past or present. No life detectors are on board.

The spacecraft is like a self-sufficient robot, said lead scientist Bruce Banerdt of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

"It's got its own brain. It's got an arm that can manipulate things around. It can listen with its seismometer. It can feel things with the pressure sensors and the temperature sensors. It pulls its own power out of the sun," he said.

By scoping out the insides of Mars, scientists could learn how our neighbor — and other rocky worlds, including the Earth and moon — formed and transformed over billions of years. Mars is much less geologically active than Earth, and so its interior is closer to being in its original state — a tantalizing time capsule.

InSight stands to "revolutionize the way we think about the inside of the planet," said NASA's science mission chief, Thomas Zurbuchen.

But first, the 800-pound vehicle needs to get safely to the Martian surface.

This time, there won't be a ball bouncing down with the spacecraft tucked inside like there were for the Spirit and Opportunity rovers in 2004. And there won't be a sky crane to lower the lander like there was for the six-wheeled Curiosity during its dramatic "seven minutes of terror."

"That was crazy," acknowledged InSight's project manager, Tom Hoffman. But he noted, "Any time you're trying to land on Mars, it's crazy, frankly. I don't think there's a sane way to do it."

No matter how it's done, getting to Mars and landing there is hard — and unforgiving.

Earth's success rate at Mars is a mere 40 percent. That includes planetary flybys dating back to the early 1960s, as well as orbiters and landers.

While it's had its share of flops, the U.S. has by far the best track record. No one else has managed to land and operate a spacecraft on Mars. Two years ago, a European lander came in so fast, its descent system askew, that it carved out a crater on impact.

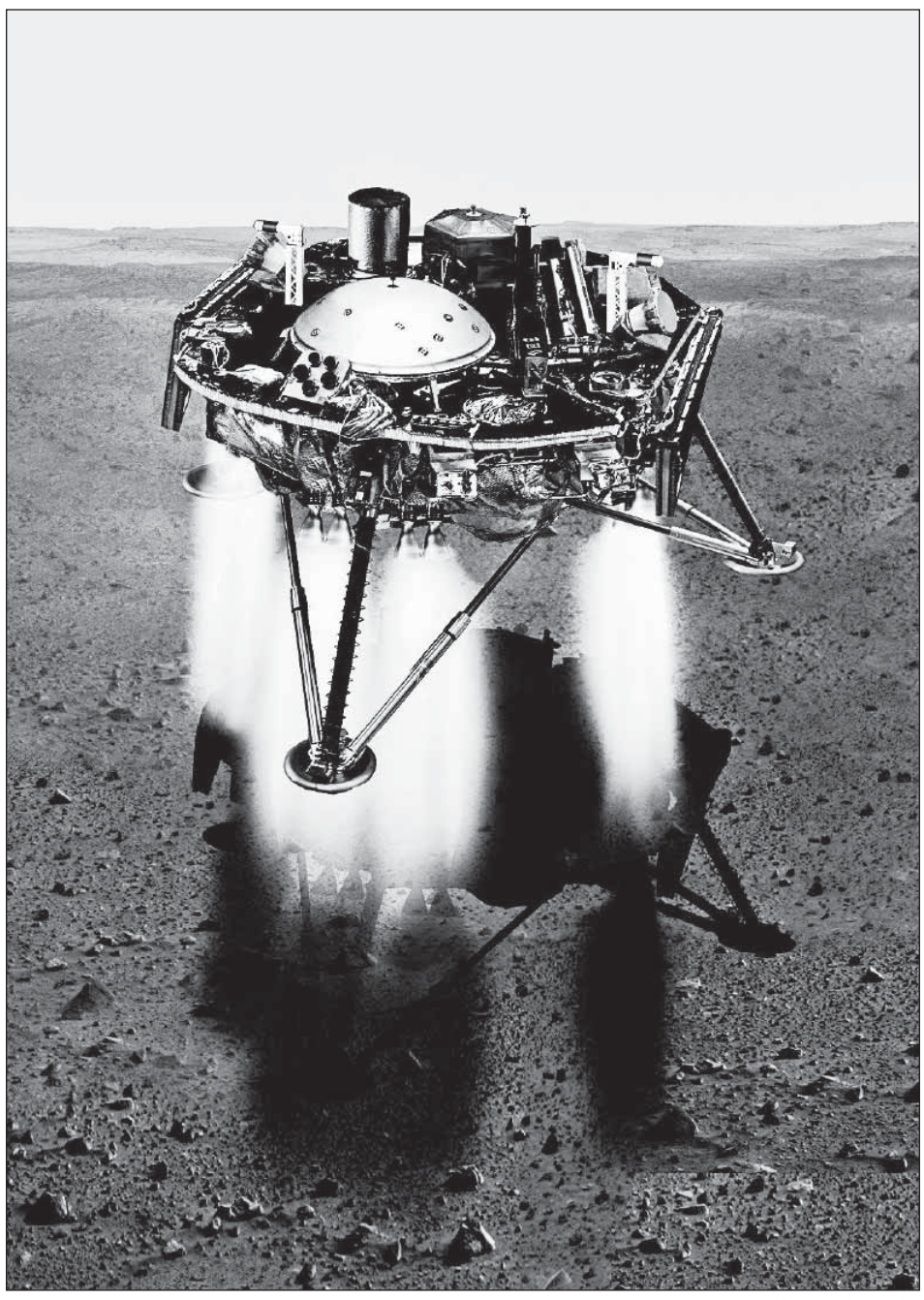
This time, NASA is borrowing a page from the 1976 twin Vikings and the 2008 Phoenix, which also were stationary and three-legged.

"But you never know what Mars is going to do," Hoffman said. "Just because we've done it before doesn't mean we're not nervous and excited about doing it again."

Wind gusts could send the spacecraft into a dangerous tumble during descent, or the parachute could get tangled. A dust storm like the one that enveloped Mars this past summer could hamper InSight's ability to generate solar power. A leg could buckle. The arm could jam.

The tensest time for flight controllers in Pasadena, Calif.: the six minutes from the time the spacecraft hits Mars' atmosphere and touchdown. They'll have jars of peanuts on hand — a good-luck tradition dating back to 1964's successful Ranger 7 moon mission.

InSight will enter Mars' atmosphere at a supersonic 12,300 mph, relying on its white nylon parachute and a series of engine firings to slow down enough for a soft upright landing on Mars' Elysium Planitia, a sizable equatorial plain.



NASA/JPL-CALTECH

NASA illustration shows a simulated view of InSight lander firing retrorockets to slow down as it descends toward the surface of Mars.

Hoffman hopes it's "like a Walmart parking lot in Kansas."

The flatter the better so the lander doesn't tip over, ending the mission, and so the robotic arm can set the science instruments down.

InSight — short for Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport — will rest close to the ground, its top deck barely a yard above the surface.

Once its twin circular solar panels open, the lander will occupy the space of a large car.

If NASA gets lucky, a pair of briefcase-size satellites trailing InSight since their joint May liftoff could provide near-live updates during the lander's descent. There's an eight-minute lag in communications between Earth and Mars.

The experimental CubeSats, dubbed WALL-E and EVE from the 2008 animated movie, will zoom past Mars and remain in perpetual orbit around the sun, their technology demonstration complete.

If WALL-E and EVE are mute, landing news will come from NASA orbiters at Mars, just not as quickly.

The first pictures of the landing site should start flowing shortly after touchdown. It will be at least 10 weeks before the science instruments are deployed. Add another several weeks for the heat probe to bury into Mars.

The mission will last one full Martian year, the equivalent of two Earth years.

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U.S. soldier and 2 Afghan troops reportedly killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan — The U.S. military said Saturday that a service member has been killed in Afghanistan, while in a separate incident two Afghan soldiers died when their helicopter failed to land properly.

The U.S. military did not provide further details on the soldier's identity or the time or place of death.

The two Afghan soldiers died Saturday when their helicopter made an "emergency landing" in the southern Kandahar province due to a technical problem, Defense Ministry spokesman Ghafor Ahmad Jawad said. He said two other soldiers were wounded. The Taliban claim to have shot the helicopter down.

In the capital, Kabul, a senior religious scholar was shot and killed, said Basir Mujahid, a spokesman for the capital's police chief. No one immediately claimed the killing of Abdul Basir Haqqan.

Rain has nearly doused Calif. fire but curbs grim recovery

PARADISE, Calif. — The catastrophic wildfire in Northern California is nearly out after several days of rain, but searchers are still completing the meticulous task of combing through ash and debris for signs of human remains.

Crews resumed the grim work Saturday as rain cleared out of the devastated town of Paradise. The nation's deadliest wildfire in a century has killed at least 84 people, and 475 are on a list of those reported missing. The flames ignited Nov. 8 in the parched Sierra Nevada foothills and quickly spread across 240 square miles, destroying most of Paradise in a day.

The fire burned down nearly 19,000 buildings, most of them homes, and displaced thousands of people, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said.

Taiwan president steps down as party leader after election loss

TAIPEI, Taiwan— Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen announced that she is stepping down as leader of the ruling Democratic Progressive Party after it lost local elections Saturday.

"The public has shown its opinion. We will conduct a deep review," Tsai said after the party won control of only six of 22 cities and counties.

The Chinese Nationalist Party, the main opposition force in Taiwan, won 15.

Taiwan's relations with China have deteriorated significantly since Tsai came to power in the 2016 election, partly because she does not recognize a 1992 agreement that characterizes Taiwan as a part of China.

Since she took office, five of the countries that recognized Taiwan as a sovereign country switched sides in favor of Beijing.



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A man throws a bike in a burning truck during a protest against rising oil prices and living costs near the Arc de Triomphe on the Champs-Elysees in Paris on Saturday.

French police clash with protesters decrying fuel taxes

PARIS — French police fired tear gas and water cannons to disperse violent demonstrators in Paris on Saturday, as thousands gathered in the capital and beyond and staged road blockades to vent anger against rising fuel taxes.

Thousands of police were deployed nationwide to contain the eighth day of deadly demonstrations that started as protests against tax but morphed into a rebuke of President Emmanuel Macron and the perceived elitism of France's ruling class.

Two people have been killed since Nov. 17 in protest-related tragedies.

Tense clashes on the Champs-Elysees on Saturday saw police face off with demonstrators who burned plywood, wielded placards reading "Death to Taxes" and upturned a large vehicle.

At least eight people, including two police officers, were injured in the day of unrest across France, according to authorities. Police said that dozens of protesters were arrested or detained in Paris for "throwing projectiles," among other acts.

In the Place de la Madeleine, scooters were burned to blackened shells.

"It's going to trigger a civil war and me, like most other citizens, we're all ready," said Benjamin Vrignaud, a 21-year-old protester from Chartres.

"They take everything from us. They steal everything from us," said 21-year-old Laura Cordonnier.

Macron has condemned violence by protesters at demonstrations.

Macron said in a strongly worded tweet: "Shame on those who attacked (police). Shame on those who were violent against other citizens No place for this violence in the Republic."

Nigeria's military acknowledges major attack

LAGOS, Nigeria — Nigeria's military on Saturday acknowledged a major attack against it by Islamic extremists after opposition lawmakers said 44 soldiers were killed, while public pressure on President Muhammadu Buhari grew over the failure of his pledge to defeat Boko Haram.

The president expressed "deep shock" and pledged "all the needed support" to the military to end the renewed threat, his office said late Saturday.

The military statement issued overnight, nearly a week after the attack, didn't say how many soldiers were killed.

As Buhari faces growing pressure over insecurity ahead of next year's presidential election, aide Bashir Ahmad said the president had summoned military chiefs and sent the defense minister to Chad for an "urgent meeting" with President Idriss Deby.

Syria state TV says 50 hurt in rebel poison gas attack

DAMASCUS, Syria. — At least 50 civilians were being treated Saturday following a suspected poison gas attack by Syrian rebel groups on the government-held Aleppo city in the country's north, according to reports in Syrian state media.

Most of those admitted to hospitals had breathing problems and blurred vision, doctors told state TV.

There was a stench of gas in Aleppo city after projectiles were fired, said Rami Abdurrahman, the head of Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

Rebel commanders and opposition figures denied they lobbed gas into Aleppo and accused Damascus of seeking to undermine an existing ceasefire. Earlier Saturday, government shelling of a rebel-held area in neighboring Idlib province killed at least seven civilians.

In Uganda: A Ugandan police official says at least 10 people have died in a boat accident on Lake Victoria.

Police spokesman Emilian Kayima said late Saturday that police marine units had pulled 40 survivors from the water.

He gave no details on the cause of the accident.

Hero dog: A German shepherd is being hailed a hero after alerting a Long Neck, Del., family to propane stove gas leak. The News Journal reports that 5-year-old Greta, a rescue dog, barked to wake up her owner, Ken Walsh, in the middle of the night earlier this month. Walsh's wife and 14-year-old son were also asleep.

Spain to back Brexit deal

May faces hard sell back home with Parliament, nation

By Raf Casert, Jill Lawless and Joseph Wilson
Associated Press



EMMANUEL DUNAND/GETTY-AFP

EU's President Jean-Claude Juncker greets Britain's Theresa May, who must now sell a Brexit deal to Parliament.

BRUSSELS — The European Union removed the last major obstacle to sealing an agreement on Brexit after Spain said it had reached a deal Saturday with Britain over Gibraltar on the eve of an EU summit.

British Prime Minister Theresa May, who held preparatory talks with EU leaders Saturday evening, will then have the momentous task of selling the deal to a recalcitrant British Parliament and a nation still split over whether the U.K. should leave the EU on March 29 and under what conditions.

May vowed to campaign "with my heart and soul" to win Parliament's backing for the deal."

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, who had threatened to oppose the deal, announced Saturday that Madrid would support the Brexit divorce deal after the U.K., and the EU agreed to give Spain a say in the future of the disputed British territory of Gibraltar, which lies at the southern tip of the Mediterranean nation.

Spain wants the future of the tiny territory, which was ceded to Britain in 1713 but is still claimed by Spain, to be a bilateral issue between Madrid and London, not between Britain and the EU.

In a letter obtained by The Associated Press, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and European Council President Donald Tusk assured Sanchez that Spain's "prior agreement" would be needed on matters concerning Gibraltar.

May said Britain had conceded nothing on the sovereignty of Gibraltar.

"I will always stand by Gibraltar," May said after meeting with Juncker. "The U.K. position on the sovereignty of Gibraltar has not changed and will not change."

The move should allow EU leaders to sign off on the Brexit agreement between Britain and a special summit Sunday.

Sanchez said the agreement reached would give Spain "absolute guarantees to resolve the conflict that has lasted for more than 300 years before Spain and the U.K."

May was on her way to Brussels when the deal came through and hopes to leave EU headquarters on Sunday with a firm agreement on the withdrawal terms for Britain's departure from the EU on March 29, as well as a comprehensive negotiating text on how future relations should look like once both sides agree on a trade agreement.

Back home however, May is under some intense pressure from pro-Brexit and pro-EU British lawmakers, with large numbers on both sides of the debate opposing the divorce deal and threatening to vote it down when it comes to Parliament next month.

The leader of Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party, on which May relies to get her government majority, on Saturday rejected her planned Brexit deal, arguing it would drive a wedge between Northern Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom.

Arlene Foster said in Belfast that the deal agreed to by May is unacceptable and must be improved upon in the weeks ahead.

She said that the draft agreement raises constitutional questions and instead insisted on "an outcome that does not leave Northern Ireland open to the perils of increased divergence away from the rest of the United Kingdom."

The DUP has said it may drop its backing of the government because of the Brexit plan.

Rush to impeach slows in House

Democrats plan issues agenda that includes oversight

By Lisa Mascaro and Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press



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Rep. Nancy Pelosi has been laying out her vision for the upcoming Democratic majority in the House.

WASHINGTON — Whatever happened to trying to impeach President Donald Trump?

As House Democrats begin laying out the vision for their new majority, that item is noticeably missing from the to-do list and firmly on the margins.

The agenda for now includes spending on public works projects, lowering health care costs and increasing oversight of the administration.

It's the balance that Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi is trying to strike in the new Congress between those on her party's left flank who are eager to confront the president, and her instinct to prioritize the kitchen-table promises that Democrats made to voters who elected them to office.

"We shouldn't impeach the president for political reasons and we shouldn't not impeach the president for political reasons," Pelosi recently told The Associated Press.

The California lawmaker, who hopes to lead Democrats as House speaker come January, calls impeachment a "divisive activity" that needs to be approached with bipartisanship. "If the case is there, then that should be self-evident to Democrats and Republicans," she said.

Those pressing for impeachment acknowledge they don't expect action on Day One of the new majority, but they do want to see Democrats start laying the groundwork for proceedings.

"We're for impeachment. We're not for getsworn-in-on-Jan.-1-and-start-taking-votes," said Kevin Mack, the lead strategist for billionaire Tom Steyer's Need to Impeach campaign. "Our argument is the Constitution outlines a process to remove a lawless president."

In a new ad, Steyer says Democrats "just need the will" to act. He says he's calling on Americans to join the 6 million who have already signed on to his group to "give Congress the courage to act."

"The American people are tired of being told to wait," Mack said. "Our argument to Congress is you are a co-equal branch of government. It's time to do what is morally correct."

Twice over the past two years since Trump was elected, Democrats have tried to force votes on impeachment proceedings, winning a high-water mark of more than 60 supporters, far from the 218 needed.

Republicans are counting on, and possibly even hoping for, impeachment fervor to overtake Democrats, leading them astray from campaign promises or dealmaking with Trump.

"We know the Democrats have a plan: They want to disrupt, they want to try to impeach," said Republican Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California after winning the GOP's internal election to serve as minority leader in the new Congress.

Pelosi has made it clear the new majority will not engage in what she calls a "scattershot" approach to investigating the administration.

Instead, the incoming Democratic leaders of House committees will conduct oversight of the president's business and White House dealings. Democrats are also trying to ensure special counsel Robert Mueller completes his investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election.

They may try to add legislation to protect that probe to the must-pass spending bill in December to help fund the government. They want Mueller's findings made public.

"You have to be very reluctant to do an impeachment," Rep. Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., the incoming chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said recently on ABC. Nadler, who served on the committee during President Bill Clinton's impeachment, cited "the trauma of an impeachment process."

Democratic leaders also know that moving quickly on impeachment would not sit well with their newly elected members, who helped the party win a House majority in the recent midterms. Many come from swing districts where impeachment could prove unpopular.

OBITUARIES

RICCARDO LEVI-SETTI 1927-2018

U. of C. physicist's interests included ancient sea creatures

By Graydon Megan
Chicago Tribune



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Riccardo Levi-Setti developed new microscopy tools.

Physicist and fossil hunter Riccardo Levi-Setti began a six-decade career with the University of Chicago in 1956 after spending part of World War II as a teenager hiding from the occupying Germans in Italy.

Family members said he hid in barns and caves in the northern province of Pavia as his parents were sheltered in the apartment of a family friend in their native Milan. He would sometimes sneak out to look for fossils in the surrounding mountains. His formal schooling was limited to tutoring by a graduate student in physics.

The combination of experience and education turned out a scientist who became an expert in trilobites, extinct sea creatures that lived more than 500 million years ago, and developed new tools in microscopy.

"He had many interests," said retired professor Dietrich Muller. "He started in pure physics and then wound up studying fossils and eventually doing electron and ion microscopy, which had applications in biophysics."

There was a common thread through those fields: a "certain sense of beauty, of imaging, of pictures," Muller said.

Levi-Setti, 91, who settled in Hyde Park after coming to Chicago, died of natural causes Nov. 8 after a brief stay in Montgomery Place in Chicago, according to his son Emile Levisetti who, like his brother Matteo, does not hyphenate his last name.

Levi-Setti was born in Milan in 1927. After Italian dictator Benito Mussolini cracked down on Jews, Levi-Setti could no longer go to school and his father's business was shut down by the fascists, his son said. After their apartment was taken over by the Gestapo, the family fled to Pavia. Circumstances forced his parents back to Milan, where they spent the rest of the war hidden in the apartment of Levi-Setti's godmother, Elisa Setti.

After the war, Levi-Setti added Setti to his name in honor of all his godmother had done to save his parents. He studied physics at the University of Pavia, getting a doctorate in 1952, his son said.

He was recruited to the University of Chicago by Nobel laureate Enrico Fermi, who fled Italy before the war and oversaw the first nuclear reaction at the University of Chicago in 1942. Levi-Setti was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to travel to the U.S. Family members said he narrowly missed sailing on the Andrea Doria, which sank after a collision as the ship neared New York.

After coming to the U. of C. as a research associate in 1956, he became tenured in 1963 and a full professor in 1965. He was on the school's faculty for six decades. In 1992, he succeeded Muller as director of the university's Enrico Fermi Institute, leading the interdisciplinary research unit until 1998.

Levi-Setti worked in multiple areas of physics. Early on, he discovered several subatomic particles, including the first hyperons and heavy mesons. He launched several balloon missions to study cosmic rays, tiny energetic particles from space that rain down on Earth. The data helped direct particle research in the 1970s, as physicists strove to understand the nature of matter in the universe. In the process, he became an expert in techniques to track the paths of particles using photographic emulsions and bubble chambers, which produce stunning images.

He became interested in microscopy and spectrometry, developing and refining techniques for using protons and ions to map the isotopes and surfaces of materials. He built a scanning ion microscope, with which he frequently partnered with colleagues at the University of Chicago Medical Center to image biological items, such as kidney stones, teeth and genetic material.

"The proton microscope he developed, for example, is really something of a tour de force in instrumentation," said colleague Henry Frisch. "That was something new and different.

"His interest in natural things like trilobites and the structure of the eye was part of his interest in how things are put together, how things work," Frisch said.

He was also a world-renowned expert and collector of trilobites, tiny ancient marine creatures that he called the "butterflies of the sea." Levi-Setti discovered thousands of the fossils on expeditions from Newfoundland to the Czech Republic. "It is time travel, and, at the same time, an addictive treasure hunt," Levi-Setti wrote in "Trilobites," his 1975 book on the subject.

Angela Olinto, dean of the division of the physical sciences, said she and Levi-Setti studied what are called strange quarks or strange particles. "He was a positive energy for the entire Enrico Fermi Institute and made fundamental contributions in two very different fields: particle physics and trilobites," she said in an email.

Levi-Setti, a fellow of the American Physical Society, was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship, the Leonardo da Vinci Award for Outstanding Achievement in Science, the Steinberg Award of the Association of Applied Paleontological Sciences, and the Commendatore dell'Ordine al Merito, given by the Italian Republic.

In addition to three books on trilobites, he also published two physics textbooks, "Elementary Particles" and "Strongly Interacting Particles."

"He was a special guy," Frisch said. "They don't make them like that anymore."

In addition to his two sons, he is survived by his wife of 41 years, Nika Semkoff Levi-Setti; and two grandchildren.

His first marriage ended in divorce.

Plans for a memorial service in early 2019 are pending, his son said.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON NOVEMBER 25 ...

In 1758 in the French and Indian War, the British captured Fort Duquesne in present-day Pittsburgh.

In 1783 the English evacuated New York, their last military position in the United States during the Revolutionary War.

In 1914 baseball great Joe DiMaggio was born in Martinez, Calif.

In 1963 the body of President John F. Kennedy was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1973 Greek President George Papadopoulos was ousted in a bloodless military coup.

In 1980 Sugar Ray Leonard regained the World Boxing Council welterweight championship when Roberto Duran abruptly quit late in the eighth round of their fight at the Superdome in New Orleans.

In 1986 the Iran-contra affair erupted when President Ronald Reagan and Attorney General Edwin Meese disclosed that profits from secret arms sales to Iran had been diverted to Nicaraguan rebels.

In 1987 Harold Washington, Chicago's first black mayor, died after suffering a heart attack in his City Hall office; he was 65.

In 1999 Elian Gonzalez was rescued by fishermen off the Florida coast; the 5-year-old boy's rescue set off an international custody battle between relatives in Miami and Elian's father in Cuba.

In 2002 President George W. Bush signed legislation creating the Department of Homeland Security, and appointed Tom Ridge to be its head.

In 2005 Palestinians took control of a border for the first time with the festive opening of the Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt.

In 2014 federal judges in Arkansas and Mississippi ruled that those states' bans on same-sex marriage were unconstitutional. **Also in 2014** the Food and Drug Administration unveiled rules governing calories displayed on retail menus.

In 2016 former President Fidel Castro, whoembraced Soviet-style communism in Cuba and defied the power of 11 U.S. administrations during his half century rule, died; he was 90. **Also in 2016** protesters attempted to stop holiday shopping along parts of Chicago's Magnificent Mile for the second year, urging a Black Friday boycott to demand civilian oversight of city law enforcement amid high-profile police shootings and gun violence.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
Nov. 24
Powerball ..... 11 33 51 56 58 / 18
Powerball jackpot: $155M
Lotto ..... 11 23 26 28 48 51 / 20
Lotto jackpot: $21.75M
Pick 3 midday ..... 133 / 1
Pick 4 midday ..... 7355 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto midday 01 13 18 24 41
Pick 3 evening ..... 160 / 5
Pick 4 evening ..... 3077 / 6
Lucky Day Lotto evening 14 18 31 36 40
Nov. 23
Mega Millions ..... 07 10 30 33 59 / 23
Mega Millions jackpot: $172M
Pick 3 midday ..... 530 / 1
Pick 4 midday ..... 6551 / 4
Lucky Day Lotto midday 10 22 24 36 40
Pick 3 evening ..... 785 / 4
Pick 4 evening ..... 4349 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto evening 01 12 21 26 35

Nov. 27 Mega Millions: $172M

INDIANA
Nov. 24
Lotto 12 24 25 29 36 37
Daily 3 midday ..... 864 / 0
Daily 4 midday ..... 5471 / 0
Daily 3 evening ..... 037 / 7
Daily 4 evening ..... 3133 / 7
Cash 5 ..... 04 26 30 33 35

MICHIGAN
Nov. 24
Lotto 09 11 21 23 40 41
Daily 3 midday 662
Daily 4 midday 8986
Daily 3 evening 563
Daily 4 evening 7503
Fantasy 5 ..... 11 15 17 27 31
Keno 01 02 03 04 06 08 09 10 11 13 17 21 25 26 32 37 44 45 55 61 65 74

WISCONSIN
Nov. 24
Megabucks 04 12 19 31 41 48
Pick 3 546
Pick 4 5161
Badger 5 ..... 01 04 10 29 30
SuperCash 07 15 27 28 34 39

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Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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Death Notices

Alwin, Janet G.

Janet G. Alwin. Age 80 of Park Ridge.Beloved mother of Steven (Karen) Alwin. Loving sister of the late Gary, William and Michael Verburg. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation Monday, November 26, 4-8 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Funeral Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. from funeral home to St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 12 noon. Interment Town of Maine Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Avenues to Independence, 515 Busse Hwy., Park Ridge, IL 60068. Funeral Information, www.ryan-parke.com.

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Bober, Walter P.

Beloved husband of Virginia (nee Woloszyn). Loving father of Thomas (Donna) Bober, Daniel (Debbie) Bober, Monica (John) Rose, and Peter (Liz) Bober. Proud grandfather of Matthew (Laura), Kelly (Bob) Sergent, Kathryn (Michael) Nora, Christina, Michael (Erin), Jonathan (Allie) and Eddie Bober, Jeffrey Rose, Daniel (Beth) Rose, Melissa (Gustavo) Prado, Lauren (Ryan) Johnson, and Peter Jr. Bober. Cherished great-grandfather of 21. Visitation Tuesday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Wednesday 11:15 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Michael Church, Mass 12:00 p.m. Interment private. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Buckley III, Francis Richard

Francis Richard Buckley III, loving son of Terri (nee Jacobsen) and the late Francis Richard Buckley Jr.; dear brother of Kelly (Marlin) Washington, Erin Buckley and Theresa Buckley; cherished grandson of Phyllis and the late William Jacobsen and the late Francis and Patricia Buckley; dearest uncle of Makalya and Maddox Washington; fond nephew and cousin to many. Visitation Monday 3-8 P.M. Funeral Tuesday 9:00 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S. 94th Ave. Tinley Park to St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Church Mass 9:30 A.M. Interment Private. Funeral Info: 708 532-3100

Lawn Funeral Home

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Carlin, Evelyn M.

Evelyn M. Carlin, nee Bendel, 99, passed away peacefully on November 9, 2018. Beloved wife of the late George; loving mother of Michael (Sue Ann), Thomas (Marianne), Cecile (Clifton) Owens, Daniel (Mary), Kathleen (James) Packard; proud grandmother of eight; great-grandmother of seventeen; sister to Florence Schimek of Englewood, FL. A Memorial Visitation will be held Sat., Dec. 1, at 10am, until the time of Mass at 10:30am, at St. Zachary Church, 567 W. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016. Inurnment at All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Catholic Charities or American Cancer Society.

Cremation Society Of Illinois

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Cody , Patricia

Patricia (Pat) Cody, born October 3, 1928, was 90 she died October 30th 2018. Married to the deceased Robert J Cody. Mother of Gale (Richard) Barbara (Richard) Nancy Robert Cathleen. Grandmother of 8 Great Grandmother of 2. Memorial will be held at St. Cornelius Church 5430 W. Froster Ave Chicago at 11am.

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Conwell, Terry



Terry Conwell, age 65, of LaGrange Park. Beloved husband of Toni (nee Gervase) for a wonderful 41 years. Loving father of Stephanie (Rick) Hicks and Andrew Conwell. Devoted Papa of Brady and Austin Hicks. Fond brother, uncle, and friend of many. Terry worked for Ford Motor Company for 25 years. Terry loved to travel, the Chicago Cubs, and the Chicago Blackhawks. Visitation 3 to 9 pm Monday, November 26th at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Meet at the funeral home 9:15 am Tuesday, November 27th for chapel prayers and procession to St. Francis Xavier Church, LaGrange for 10 am Funeral Mass. Interment private. For Service Info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Cremers, Louis Frans

Louis Frans Cremers, age 92, a longtime resident of Glenview and member of St. Catherine Laboure parish, passed away on November 22, 2018. He was born in Sittard, Limburg, The Netherlands on December 15, 1925 to the late Frans and Josephine Cremers. Loving father of Gemma and Lily (Bart) Henderson; devoted grandfather of Grace, Gemma, Sophie, Bobby and Audrey. Beloved brother of Matthew+ (Denise), Mimy+ (Ge+), Sjang+ (Claartje+), Gertruda+, Zef+ (Mary), Jose, Therese+ (Jan+), Gertje+ (Piet), Marie-Louise (Niek+), Frans (Lidwien), Elisabeth (Jim+); cherished uncle and great-uncle to his many nieces and nephews; faithful friend to countless people.

Louis was the 6th child of 12 children. He moved from The Netherlands to the United States in 1951, graduated from U. of Maryland with a Masters in Dairy Science, and married Mary Franzinelli in 1957, raising two daughters. Mary was the love of his life and together they loved to travel. Louis worked at Kraft R&D and is a proud founder of the Kraft research Alumni Club. His strong Catholic faith led him to help build St Catherine Laboure Church and School, and to help found the Willows Academy. His family and faith were most important to him. He easily put people at ease with his sweet disposition and often made them laugh. Louis was a kind and loving son, husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Visitation Friday, November 30 from 4 to 8 pm at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview. Visitation also Saturday, December 1 from 10am until time of Mass at 11am at St. Catherine Laboure Church, 3535 Thornwood, Glenview. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to The Willows Academy-Endowment Fund, 1015 Rose Ave., Des Plaines, IL 60016. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Davies, W. Allen



Allen Davies of Lake Forest passed away peacefully on November 9, 2018 at the Lake Forest Place nursing facility. He was born December 6, 1930 in Houston, TX.

Allen earned a BS degree in Chemical Engineering from Rice University and a SM degree in Chemical Engineering from M.I.T. A summer job with the Pan American Refining Company led to a career working for it and its successors, ultimately retiring from Amoco Corporation after 38 years. Allen designed refineries in Texas City, TX and Whiting, IN, rising to Director of Planning & Economics to supply Amoco refineries worldwide. He represented Amoco Internationally and served on the management committee of Amoco Production. His work took him on many trips to Europe, Egypt, the Middle East and the Philippines. When he retired he was the Manager of Investor Relations for Amoco.

A strong sense of civic duty lead him to serve on the Lake Forest District 67 Board of Education as president for 5 years and on the Lake Forest City Council for 7 years. He was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest. He also served on the boards of the Lake Forest Symphony, Friends of the Lake Forest Library, and the Chicago Hearing Society. In addition, he helped form AmoCARES, a group of retired Amoco employees that does volunteer community service.

He loved music, frequently attending concerts by the Lake Forest and Chicago Symphonies and Ars Viva. At home, he listened to an extensive record collection and had lifelong interests in woodworking and photography. He built many furniture pieces for his home and his family. He brought the Northshore Photography Club to Lake Forest Place retirement community to share his enthusiasm and encourage other amateur photographers, as president then news editor for many years. Allen was in great demand to take photographs for local organizations, including churches and the Boy Scouts. He also enjoyed hiking, singing in the church choir, and traveling around the world, which he documented in many self published travelogues.

Allen is predeceased by his brother Tom and his parents, R. Glenn Davies and Jewel Robinson Davies, and step-mother Grace Kniseley (nee Ryan) Davies. He is survived by his wife, Eliza (nee Taggart), and his three children, Bill Davies and his wife Candy (nee Ermilio), Carolyn (nee Davies) Holt and her husband Rick Holt, and Steve Davies and his wife Laurie McFarlane, as well as seven grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held in January at the Lake Forest Place Chapel, 1100 Pembridge Dr, Lake Forest, IL. The interment will be a private ceremony for the family at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to support the Chicago Hearing Society. www.chicagohearingsociety.org. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com

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DiCola, Vincent 'Jim'

Vincent "Jim" DiCola, age 84 of Oakbrook Terrace. Beloved husband of Maureen DiCola, nee Dormin; loving father of Marilyn Purcell, Beth (Fred) Jasinski, and Nancy Burkhardt, stepfather of Laura (Young) Stevenson, and Carlo (Ivonne) Perdomo; devoted grandfather of Laura (Matt) Kantrud, Mark, Ann, and Rachel Purcell, Alex (Amanda), Emily and Hannah Jasinski, Nicholas and Danielle Burkhardt, Foy, Young W., Maureen, and Anna Stevenson, Isabella, Julianna, Victoria, and Cristina Perdomo; great-grandfather of Fitz Thomas and Leo Vincent Kantrud; fond brother of Geraldine (the late Robert) McDonough, and the late August (Judy) DiCola; uncle and great-uncle of many nieces and nephews; he will be very missed by his beloved dog Lily. Jim was director of marketing and sales at Pepsi Cola Bottlers of Chicago, where he orchestrated many high profile sponsorships such as the Chicago Cubs, Taste of Chicago, Navy Pier, Lincoln Park Zoo, and the Grant Park Music Festivals. Memorial Gathering Saturday, December 1st, from 11 AM until time of Mass at 12 PM at Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church, 1 S 314 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace. Mass 10 AM. Interment Private. Memorials to American Cancer Society, 1801 S. Meyers Rd. Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181, are appreciated. Funeral Info: 630-932-1500 or knollcrest.net.

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DiMatteo, Raymond

Raymond DiMatteo age 82 of Rosemont born August 7, 1936 , passed away November 18, 2018; beloved husband of Joann (nee Stayton); loving father of Michael (Melinda), and Jennifer(Ed) Zimny; cherished grandfather of Raymond, Haley, Jacob, and Ava; dear uncle of Ralph (Lisa), Rocco (Paulette), Jim (Jan), George (Debbie) and "Uncle Ray" to everyone else. He owned the Pizza Factory in Barrington for many years. Visitation will be Monday November 26, 12 noon -2 pm at Oehler Funeral Home, 2099 Miner St (corner of Northwest Hwy/Rt14 and Rand Rd) Des Plaines, Funeral Service at 2:00 pm at the funeral home. Interment All Saints Cemetery For info please call 847-824-5155 or visit www.oehlerfuneralhome.com

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Doherty, Donald P



Donald P. Doherty, age 91, passed away Wednesday, November 21, 2018, surrounded by his family. Born Sept. 4th 1927 in McHenry to Paul J. and Vera Bolger Doherty,

Donald meant the world to his family. He was a role model to his children and an inspiration to his grandchildren. He always had a kind word and his generosity touched many. Donald always said it was a privilege to work. He felt he never worked a day in his life because he truly loved what he did. He loved being a resident of McHenry all of his life. Donald Doherty didn't only live in McHenry, he LIVED McHenry. He was honored to serve as Mayor of McHenry for 12 years, a city he cherished. Green Street, home to Bolger Drug Store, McHenry City Hall, his home and his church, held a special place in his heart. He proudly served his country in the United States Army, and he served his community in many ways. He served on the McHenry County Board and was a member of many organizations including the McHenry Chamber of Commerce, McHenry County Catholic Education Foundation and the Knights of Columbus. He was a McHenry High School distinguished graduate and McHenry Fiesta Days Parade Marshal. He was also a recipient of the Frank E Low Award.

He enjoyed going for car rides, going to the McHenry Country Club on Thursday nights and playing bingo with his friends.

Survivors include ten children, Colleen Jackson of Woodstock, Jay (Colleen Drumm) Doherty of Chicago, Celeste (Michael) Heidemann of McHenry, Cynthia (David) Henderson of McHenry, Christine (Kenne) Ludwig of McHenry, Carolyn (Bob) Sweeney of Woodstock, Joseph (Kimmy) Doherty of McHenry, Connie (Joe) Bopp of Sharon, WI, Catherine (John) Brodbeck of Crystal Lake, and Carmel (Donald) Ray of Temple, Texas; 21 grandchildren, Courtney (Joe) Fisher, Katelynn (Matthew) Fisher, Jay, Ignatius, Joseph and Rosalie Doherty, Michael and Adam Heidemann, Patrick and Sarah Jane Henderson, Phillip (Lauren), Lindsey, and Benjamin Ludwig, Erin and Kevin Sweeney, Casey and Delaney Doherty, Nathan (Cassie) and Mary Bopp, and Joseph and David Ray; 7 great-grandchildren, Ellody, Ehlyn, Evangeline, Jackson, and Olive Fisher, Penelope Ludwig, and baby girl Ludwig; and a sister, Mary Jean Hopkins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and beloved wife Rosalie, a sister Helen Ann; Sister in law Jinny Williams, Bea Newkirk and Son in law Randy Jackson.

The visitation will be from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday, November 25, 2018, at The Church of Holy Apostles, 5211 Bull Valley Rd, McHenry. On Monday, November 26, friends should go directly to meet the family at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 3500 W. Washington Street, McHenry, where the funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at St. Patrick Countryside Cemetery, McHenry.

Donald's family suggests memorials to St. Patrick Countryside Cemetery Enhancement Fund, 3500 W. Washington St. McHenry, IL 60050 or to Misericordia, 6300 N Ridge Avenue, Chicago IL 60660.

Arrangements were entrusted to **Justen Funeral Home & Crematory**, McHenry. For information, call the funeral home at 815-385-2400. Friends may leave an on-line condolence to the family at www.justenfh.com.

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Doyle, Robert F.

Beloved husband of the late Lina A. Doyle. Loving father of Michelle Doyle, Cathy (Chris) Gaddis, Dave (Anna) Doyle, Bernard (Cheryl) Doyle, Marty (Katie) Doyle, John (Anne) Doyle and the late Mary Doyle. Cherished grandfather of Claire Gaddis; Patrick (Nancy), Megan, Bridget and Michael Doyle; Brendan, Ryan, Colin and Kenny Doyle; Matthew, Sean and Shannon Doyle; Colleen and Jack Doyle. Fond uncle of many. Preceded in death by his parents Bernard and Elizabeth Doyle and his sisters Rosemary (Tom) King and Joanne Basnett. Visitation Tuesday 4:00 – 8:00 PM at Friedrichs Funeral Home, 320 W. Central Rd., at Northwest Hwy., Mt. Prospect. Visitation Wednesday 9:00 AM until Mass 10:00 AM at St. Raymond de Penafort Church, Elmhurst Rd. (Rt.83) at Lincoln St., Mt. Prospect. Interment All Saints. In lieu of flowers, memorials to The Cara Program, 237 S. Des Plaines St., Chicago, IL 60661 www.thecaraprogram.org. **Funeral info 847 255 7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com**

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Earley, Jr. , James Joseph 'Jimmy '

James Joseph Earley Jr "Jimmy", Beloved husband and best friend of Meg. Proud father of Eileen (Tim) Ziesemer, Annie and Kaitlin. Loving Pop Pop of Zoey and Jimmy. Dear son of the late Jim "Jake" and Mary Earley. Fond brother of Patti, Bill (Maureen), and the late Nancy (Mike) McClory. Cherished Godson of Aunt Mar. Dear Uncle to many nieces and nephews and friend to all. Funeral Thursday 9:30AM prayers at Donnellan Funeral Home 10525 S. Western Ave, Chicago to Most Holy Redeemer Church Mass 10:30 AM. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 3:00-9:00PM. For information 773-773-238-0075 or www.donnellanfuneralhome.com

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Emanuele, Dr. Robert L. 'Bob'



Dr. Robert "Bob" L. Emanuele passed away in his home at the age of 97. He was a beloved brother, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather and a cherished friend to many. He was a talented physician and surgeon, but he will also be remembered for his warm smile, sharp wit and thoughtful demeanor. He was a gifted story teller, an enthusiastic and shrewd card player, a lover of a good movies (especially westerns) and a meticulous and creative artisan of beautiful glass mosaics.

Bob was the son of Sicilian immigrants and grew up in Cicero and Berwyn. He attended Morton High School where he met Loretta, who would become his much-loved wife and mother of his 3 children. He graduated from Loyola University and the Chicago Medical School and was a Korean War veteran. Bob was very proud to have served in Korea and was a captain in the US ARMY and a surgeon in the very first MASH unit. If you knew him (and the TV series), it is not hard to imagine him as a real life "Hawkeye Pierce."

He had a passion for medicine and practiced at the Oak Park Hospital for over 40 years. He was highly thought of by his colleagues and a multi-term president of the medical staff. He was loved by his patients and touched the lives of so many.

For many years, he was a member of the Riverside Golf Club. He liked playing golf, but he loved playing cards. If there is a heaven, for him it will look like the 19th hole at the Riverside Golf Club.

Bob very much loved his family and is survived by his three children - Jeanne, Marty and Virginia. He will be missed by all, including his 4 grandchildren - Tyler, Brady, Allison and Nick. Bob was preceded in death by his wife Loretta, and after her passing, was very fortunate to have the love and companionship of Anita Chmielewski and her family. He loved her very much and deeply appreciated the love provided to him by her and her family.

We will all remember him for the loving, extraordinary man that he was. Family and friends will gather for a funeral service at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, November, 28th at Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, 1400 S Wolf Rd, Hillside, Illinois.

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Everett, Charles Joseph 'Cookie'

Charles J. Everett, 89, passed November 19, 2018. Born Chicago March 13, 1929, to Charles and Lauretta (Perreault) Everett. Survived by wife, Joanne (Penrod), four children, Gregg (Marc Gottschall), Paula, Mark (Mimi Schafer) and Marcy (Martin) Dunne, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Korean War veteran and recipient of Bronze Star. Cookie baker, woodworker, gardener and volunteer. Will be missed by all. Memorial service December 15, 2018, 1:00 pm at First Congregational Church of Western Springs, IL. Memorials to St. Thomas Hospice, 119 E. Ogden Ave., Ste. 111, Hinsdale, IL 60521 or First Congregational Church, 1106 Chestnut Street, Western Springs, IL 60558

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Fairlie, Grace L.

Grace L. Fairlie, age 85, of Arlington Hts., loving wife to the late John; loved mother to Douglas (Linda) and Thomas (Stephanie); cherished grandmother to Lauren, Gwendolyn, Audrey, and Ethan; dear sister, to the late Joseph (Patricia) Komosa and the late Norma and Edward Ryndak; and beloved aunt to many nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation will be held Friday from 10 am to 12 pm at Glueckert Funeral Home, 1520 N. Arlington Hts. Rd., Arlington Hts., IL 60004. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the ACLU (www.aclu.org). Funeral Information and condolences can be given at www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Feehan, Beverly Ann Long

Beverly Ann Long Feehan, passed into God's hands Wednesday, November 21, 2018. Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2018, from 3:00 until 7:00 pm., at the **Fred C. Dames Funeral Home**, 3200 Black at Essington Roads, Joliet. Funeral services will be Friday, at 9:15 a.m., from the funeral home chapel to St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 18 Woodlawn Ave., Joliet, where a Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be in Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name to the Joliet Area Community Hospice would be appreciated. For more information 815-741-5500 or to view a complete obituary, please visit www.fredcdames.com

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Fredrickson, Susan M.

Susan M. Fredrickson, nee Rozehnal, age 71; beloved wife of Jack M. Fredrickson; loving mother of Jack M. Fredrickson and Lori Susan Fredrickson; dear sister of Donna, John (Pamela), and Milo (Teri) Rozehnal. Memorial Visitation, Saturday, December 1, 2018 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 South Grant St. Hinsdale, IL. Interment Private. 630-323-1000 or www.sullivanfuneralhome-hinsdale.com

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Fujiyoshi, George J.

George J. Fujiyoshi, 85, of Chicago, passed away peacefully at home Nov. 16, 2018. Beloved husband of Jane Fujiyoshi; loving father to Kay (J.R.) Fujiyoshi-McIntosh; dear grandfather to Yehoshua and Yahna; loyal brother to Fumie, Kazue, Toshie, the late Tomiko, Matsuko, Lucy, Yoshie, Fusae, Hisae, Shigeru, and Kenneth; uncle of many, many nieces and nephews. Memorial visitation Sat. Dec. 1, 2018 10:00 am -11:30 am with memorial services at 11:30 am at Lakeside Church of Chicago, 3939 Howard St, Skokie, IL 60076. Info: www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com (773)472-6300.

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Goff, Joyce Penn 'Joy'



Joyce "Joy" Goff nee Penn. Age 86 , of Homewood, IL. Beloved wife of the late Donald M. Loving mother of Douglas (Debra), Kenneth (Ann), Robert (Donna), Kristin (Jason) Simon and the late David (Amy). Proud grandmother of Danielle (Kyle), Natalie (Hannah), Nicholas, Kate (Karo), Kathryn, Will, Thomas, Joshua, Sarah and Skylar. Preceded in death by her parents and brother. Joy was a 1953 graduate of Purdue Unv. and was a fitness instructor for the Aquacise, Aerobics and Silver Sneakers for over 35 years at the Homewood/Flossmoor Racquet & Fitness Club. Prior to that Joy was a fitness instructor at the Harvey YMCA for 8 years. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 11:00 am at the Living Springs Community Church, 19051 S Halsted, Glenwood, IL 60425, with an immediate reception to follow. In lieu of flowers memorials to the Humane Society, Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago and the Melanoma Research Foundation would be appreciated. . Arrangements entrusted to **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 708-206-2000

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Guglielmo, Deborah Suzanne



Deborah Guglielmo (nee Carroll) of Buffalo Grove, Illinois, passed on November 15, 2018 surrounded by family. Born in Norfolk, Virginia on August 8, 1953 to Frederick and Ruth Carroll. She is survived by her mother Ruth, husband Michael A Guglielmo Jr, sister Kathy (Larry) Foley, brother Bryan (Ginger) Carroll, children Michael A Guglielmo, III, Christopher M Guglielmo, and Alison M (Jake Colton) Guglielmo, grandchildren Nicolas, Giulia, and Damiano, and her dog Angel. Please join us as we celebrate Debbie's life on Saturday, December 1st. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. with services at 11:00 a.m. at St. Benedict Parish, 2215 W Irving Park Rd, Chicago, IL 60618. https://everloved.com/life-of/deborah-guglielmo/obituary/

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Heneghan, Mark

Mark Heneghan, 97, native of Tourmakeady, Co. Mayo, Ireland; beloved husband of Eileen nee Patton; loving father of Mary Ellen Bak, Mark, Evelyn Doyle, Michael, Teresa (Red) Jensen, Colm, Colleen, Seamus (Sharon), Peter (Sue) and the late Pat and Sean; cherished grandfather of 19 and great-grandfather of 4; preceded in death by 8 siblings. Visitation Sunday 3-9 PM at **Gibbons Family Funeral Home** 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (½ Block East of Austin) Family and friends will meet Monday 11:30 AM for Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Ransom Church, 8300 N. Greenwood Ave, Niles. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, alz.org. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

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Jackman, Deone

Deone Jean Griffith Jackman, 84, passed away peacefully with family by her side. Loving wife of the late Eugene Goldwasser and Frederic "Eric" Jackman; cherished Mother of Tara Jackman Nolan and Tom (Lisa Henderickson) Jackman; adoring Grandmother of Alexander and Jonathan Nolan. She was born, raised and educated in Canada. A retired Psychotherapist, avid collector and supporter of the arts. She and Eugene co-founded the Jackman Goldwasser Residency at the Hyde Park Art Centre. She was extremely active personally and financially to forwarding human rights organizations. An extended obituary and photos can be read at www.cremation-society.com/obituaries. Family and friends are asked to gather at the Hyde Park Art Centre; 5020 S. Cornell Ave., on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 600pm for a Celebration of Deone's Life. In lieu of flowers, Memorials in her name to the Hyde Park Art Centre, Jackman Goldwasser Residency Program preferred.

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Jasinski, Roy E.

Roy E. Jasinski, 84, passed away Saturday, November 17, 2018, peacefully to the Lord surrounded by his family in Batavia, IL. He was born June 17, 1934 in Chicago, IL, the son of the late Leo and Frances (nee Storc) Jasinski. He was united in marriage to Noreen (nee Dennehy) Jasinski on October 8,1955.

Roy was a runner, he completed the 100-mile Great Western States Run in 1980. He and his running friend, Buddy Alex, ran many many marathons, and ultra-marathons throughout the world. Among them the original marathon in Greece including Massada. Roy also enjoyed cooking for family and friends. He was an avid world traveler, lifetime Cubs fan, and daily reader of the Chicago Tribune.

He is survived by Noreen, his loving wife of 63 years; loving and very proud father of; Kathryn Jasinski, Carrie (Tim) Kelly, Mary Kae (Shawn) Moss, cherished Poppa of Jono (Danielle) Moss, Ryan Moss (friend Michelle), Kate (Ken) Kelly, Emily (Connor) Pillman, two great-grandsons; Finn and Gavin Moss, devoted brother-in-law, caregiver, and friend of Margie Dennehy, and dear lifelong friend of Jerry Kownacki, Lane Tech 1952.

A family memorial mass was held privately.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Roy's name may be directed to, The Sisters of Providence Retirement Fund, 1 Sister of Providence Ave, Saint Mary-of- the Woods, IN 47876.

Thank you to Northwestern Hospice; Nurse Laura, Vannesha, Jennifer, Mary, Chaplain Dee and especially his favorite caregiver Weng, as well as Eucharist Minister Bob. The family would also like to thank the Sisters of Providence for their prayers and kindness to Roy and his family during his illness. For additional information please contact **Moss Family Funeral Home** at 630-879-7900 or www.mossfuneral.com

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Kemppi, R.S.M., Sister Emily Mary

Sister Emily M. Kemppi, R.S.M. Beloved Sister of Mercy for 66 years. Devoted daughter of the late Emily nee Poremba & Emil Kemppi. Loving sister of Barbara (Jack) Varner & Donald (Cele) Kemppi. Proud aunt & great aunt of many nieces & nephews. Visitation Wednesday at Mercy Circle, 3659 W. 99th St. in Chicago from 3:30 pm until 7:00 pm with a Welcoming at 3:00 pm. Mass of Christian Burial Thursday 10:00 am at Mercy Chapel, 3659 W. 99th St. in Chicago. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Sisters of Mercy would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Kivisto, Carol R.



Carol R. Kivisto (nee Opsahl) passed away quietly on May 22, 2018. Carol was born on December 12, 1929 in Chicago, Illinois to her parents Alfred Olai and Margaret Charlotte Jensen Opsahl. Carol attended Darwin Elementary and graduated from Kelvin Park High in 1947. She moved to Franklin Park with her parents and grandparents, Alvina Fischer Jensen and Wilhelm Jorgen Jensen. Carol took a job with International Harvester in Melrose Park where she met her future husband Lauri J Kivisto. They wed on February 28, 1953. Carol is survived by their children Lori J. (Ralph J. Pazar) of Geneva IL, Dr. Eric A. Kivisto of Mendota IL., Margery C. (Roger P. Tully) of West Chicago IL. Carol's grandchildren are Daniel J. Pazar of Chicago, IL, Zachary J. Pazar of St. Louis, Mo., Brenna C. Tully, Conor P. Tully, and Emma C. Tully of West Chicago, IL. Carol is survived by her Cousin Joan Walton's children and their families. She is also survived by her Cousins Patricia Larsen of Willowbrook, IL., her children and their families, and Ronald Crane of Las Vegas, NV. Our families thank Season's Hospice of Naperville, IL. and The **Cremation Society of Illinois** for the exceptional care and support of our loved one.

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Kriegsmann, Kyle C.



Kyle Christopher Kriegsmann, 26, visual artist and student at Columbia College, of Chicago's Bowmanville neighborhood, passed away unexpectedly but peacefully at his apartment in Buena Park, November 21, 2018. Beloved son of James Michael Kriegsmann and Wendy Sue Fairchild; faithful companion of Billy the shih tzu/maltese mix. Nephew of Donna (the late Brian) Havemann, Holly Holland and the late Steve Fairchild, and the late Rick Fairchild. Cousin and friend of many. A celebration of Kyle's life is being planned. We will remember you as Kyle of the Infectious Smile, always. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Nature Conservancy, www.nature.org. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.

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La Barbera, Filippo

La Barbera, Filippo, Loving husband of Carmela nee: D'Alfonso. Devoted brother of the late Salvatore, Antonio, Michele, and Francesco. Cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral Monday, prayers 9:00 a.m. at the **Elms Funeral Home**, 7600 W. Grand Ave., (North at 76th Ave.) Elmwood Park to St. Vincent Ferrer Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. www.elmsfh.com or 708-453-1234

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Labinger, Joseph H.

Joseph H. Labinger, 64. Survived by the love of his life, Simona Lazia; son Jordan Labinger; daughters Jenna (Alex) Plakas and Ariana Lazia; granddaughters Eleni and Ella, sisters Linda Olsen and Marilyn Werner; the Neiburger Family and many friends who loved him dearly. Chapel service, Monday 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the charity of your choice. For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Lelito, Matthew R.

MATTHEW R. LELITO, World War II Marine Corp Veteran, passed away peacefully in his home in Diamond, IL, formerly of Chicago, IL; He worked for the Post Office in Phoenix, Arizona & Chicago for 35 years. After retiring he moved from Hinsdale, IL to Essex, IL where he served as a volunteer Fireman for 15 years with the Essex Fire Department serving under Chief Austin Vinning. He moved then to Diamond, IL where he lived the rest of his life. He was the beloved husband of the late Twila (nee Monzel); loving father of Jean Warren & Debra Miller; cherished grandfather of five, great-grandfather of five; dear brother of the late Stephanie (late Joseph) Bruch; fond brother-in-law of Sherburn (Betty) Monzel & Ruth (late Jack) Reardon; fond uncle, great uncle and great-great uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, November 25, 2018, 2-8 p.m. at ZARZYCKI MANOR CHAPELS, LTD., 5088 S. Archer Ave., corner of Keeler. Funeral Monday, November 26, 2018, 8:45 a.m. from the funeral home to the Church of St. Bruno. Mass 9:30 a.m. Entombment Resurrection Garden Mausoleum. (773) 767-2166 or www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com



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Lester, Patricia Jean

Patricia Jean Lester, nee Taylor. Age 83. Born January 9, 1935 in Springfield, WV. Former wife of George Lester. Loving mother of Julia (Julie) Lester, Kay (the late Darryl) Handcock, Brooke (Michelle) Lester and David (Marina Balan) Lester. Devoted grandmother of Max and Joshua Kornfield, Melissa (Kyle) Rhoades, Stephanie Handcock, Andrew Lester and Carina (Andrew Carr) Balan. Great-grandmother of Owen and Hannah Rhoades. Beloved aunt of many nieces and nephews. Dear sister of Jake and Anne. Preceded in death by her parents; Clarence and Inez Taylor, siblings: Eva, Peg, John, Ruth, and Mary Susan. Mrs. Lester received her RN from Berea College, Kentucky (1956) and Masters in Nursing from Roosevelt University (1991). Visitation Monday, Nov. 26, 3-8 p.m., at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Memorial Service Tuesday, Nov. 27, 11 a.m., at First United Methodist Church of Park Ridge. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to First United Methodist Church of Park Ridge or Covenant Village Benevolent Fund. Info., www.ryan-parke.com.

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Lindstrom, David G.

David Gempel Lindstrom passed away unexpectedly at the age of 57, on November 17, 2018, in Flossmoor, Illinois. He is survived by his parents, William and Julie Lindstrom of Flossmoor, sister Helen (David) Clark of Saratoga, California, his brother Lowell (Jennifer) Lindstrom of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and his brother William of Santa Barbara, California. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 11 A.M at Flossmoor Community Church, 2218 Hutchison Rd Flossmoor, IL. For additional information contact tews-ryanfh,com or 708-798-5300

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Manta, Despina T.

Despina T. "Denise" Manta (nee Tomaras) age 80. Beloved wife of Mark Frank Manta. Devoted mother of John (Jennifer), George (Amy) and Barbara (Paul Wilbur) Manta. Loving grandmother of Christopher, Thomas, Mark, Robbie, Katy and Charlie. Dear sister of Bessie (Louis) Cappas and the late George Karras. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Despina was an active member of St. Constantine & Helen's Philoptochos Society. Visitation Wednesday, Nov. 28th, 3-9 PM at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Trisagion service Wednesday evening 7 PM at the funeral home. Friends and family will gather on Thursday, Nov. 29th, 9:45 AM at St. Constantine & Helen Church (11025 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills) for 10 AM service. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidasfh.com (708) 974 4410

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Mason, Nena Lowry



Nena Lowry Mason, 62, of Dillon, CO, passed away in a skydiving accident on October 14, 2018. She was born on August 10, 1956, raised in Glenwood, IL, attended HF '74, ISU '78, earned her Master's in Nutrition Ed and was a Certified Diabetes Educator. Beloved daughter of the late Thomas and Joyce Lowry. Nena lived with a vitality that few possess, and she consistently and joyfully offered an ear to those who needed to speak, a heart that never judged, and open arms to those who needed comfort. Nena was truly happy in the outdoors. She was an avid and expert skydiver for over 41 years, a skier, cyclist, base jumper, rock climber, and hiker. Nena left our world far too soon; she is survived and eternally missed by her husband Brick Mason, stepson Ethan, stepdaughter Nichole, brothers Tom (Laurie), Craig (Leslie), and Bob (Connie) Lowry, sister Patricia Crofoot, and her nieces and nephews Craig, Kristin (Tim), Kate, Carolyn (Joe), Kelly, Becca (Les), Karen, Ben, and Maggie. Please join us for a celebration of her life at the Flossmoor Community Church Community House on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 1pm-4pm. We miss you, Nena. We always will.

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McCauley, Loretta M.



Loretta M. McCauley, nee Crossen, age 91, passed away November 23, 2018. Beloved daughter of the late Philip and late Isabel Crossen; cherished wife of the late Edward Downes McCauley; loving mother of Edward McCauley, Denis (Karen) McCauley, Julianne (Marc Lipinski) McCauley, Ellen (Joseph) Zerega, Michael (Sara) McCauley, and Joseph (Nancy) McCauley; dear grandmother of Cate, Chris, Clare, Anne, Laura, Elizabeth, Marco, E. Thomas, Emily, Elise, Grace, John, Madeline, Mason, Ryan, and David; proud great-grandmother of Luke; and fond aunt of several nieces and nephews. Born in Detroit, MI, graduated from Marygrove College in 1949, with a Bachelors of Science. Lying in state Monday, November 26, 2018, from 10:30 a.m. until time of Mass at 11:30 a.m. at Franciscan Village Chapel, 1270 Franciscan Dr. Lemont, IL. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Mary of Providence, Chicago, www.smopchicago.org. or to Franciscan Village. Info: **Markiewicz Funeral Home, P.C.** 630-257-6363 or www.markiewiczfh.com

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Michaels, Lillian

Lillian Michaels, Age 99. Beloved wife of the late Bernard Michaels. Loving mother of Arlene (Larry) Miller and Gary (Terri) Michaels. Proud grandmother of Seth Miller, Sarah Michaels, Rebecca Miller, Adam Michaels, and Annie Michaels. Cherished great-grandmother of Gefen Levy. Service Sunday 10AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lieberman Center, www.cje.net, or JourneyCare, www.journeycare.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Modugno, Lydia

Lydia Modugno (nee D'Alessandro), beloved wife of Frank Modugno; loving mother of Donald (Aida) Modugno, Victor (Maureen) Modugno, Carla (Michael) Zubricki, and John Modugno; devoted grandmother of Nicholas, Michael, Joey, Brianna, Alyssa, Mark, Catie, Alex, Juliana, Reese, Mia, Maxx, and Luke; dear sister of Tina Amariti, the late Maria Augelli, the late Tony D'Alessandro, and sister-in-law of Teresa Helfand; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; cherished cousin and friend of many. Funeral Monday, 9:45 a.m. from **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels, Sciaraffa Funeral Directors**, 450 W. Lake Street (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Road) to St. Isidore Church, 427 W. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale, 60108 for Mass at 10:45 a.m. Entombment All Saints Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 3:00-9:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 781-1100. For information call (630) 889-1700.

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Mueller, Katharina

Katharina Mueller age 94, beloved wife of the late Mathias. Loving mother of Manfred. Cherished grandmother of Michael and Leslie Mueller; great grandmother of Alana Mueller and Leah Mueller. Visitation at **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles, on Thursday from 8:30am until the time of service 10:15am. Funeral mass 11:00am St. Thecla Church. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. Active Member of the Kerneir German Club and Donauschwaben German Club. Funeral Info. 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Mulcrone, Karen A,

Karen A. Mulcrone, nee Krupa, beloved wife of the late Laurence; loving mother of Joseph (Katherine), Julie (Jonathan) Sochacki, Coleen (Patrick) VanDeWalle and Kristen (Christopher) Bauer; dear grandmother of Christopher and Alice Mulcrone, Zachary, Elizabeth and Benjamin Sochacki, Annie, Liam and Patrick VanDeWalle, Maximus, Addyson, Aubrey, Hayley and Joslyn Bauer; fond sister of Marlene (Alan) Comella and Cheryl (George) Pruger; dear sister-in-law of Rev. Joseph, Mary (Robert) Nellis, Rev. Thomas, Ellen (Jeff) Schuetzner, Michael (Laura), James (Tina) and Jean (John) Gronke; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Thursday 9:15 a.m. from **Linhart Funeral Home** 6820 West Cermak Road, Berwyn to Divine Infant Church, Westchester. Mass 10 a.m. Inurnment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 3-8 p.m. Donations can be made to the Mary Frances Mulcrone Scholarship Fund c/o Chicago Hearing Society, 1444 West Willow Street, Chicago, IL 60642. Info at www.linhartfuneralhome.com or (708) 749-2255

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Murphy, Angela M.

Angela M. Murphy nee Taglia, age 88 of Morton Grove. Beloved wife of the late William J. "Bill" Murphy; loving mother of Raymond Murphy and Brian Murphy; proud grandmother of Karli, Shaye, Victoria and Lindsey; devoted daughter of the late Carmen and the late Grace Taglia; caring sister of Bill (Gerri) Taglia and the late Frances (the late Anthony) Catino; aunt of many. Special thank you to her friend Hazel Walker and caregivers Jeannette Castro and Dorothy Kepa. Visitation Monday, November 26, 2018, 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. at **Saint Martha Church**, 8523 Georgiana Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to **Saint Martha Church**. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Muscato, Donald T.

Donald T. Muscato, age 88. Beloved husband of Ruth, nee Santora. Dear brother of the late John Jr (the late Frances). Fond uncle of Mark (Lori), John (Jane) and Geri Muscato, Tony (Sandy) Weyhe and Ann Marie (George) Hejna and great uncle of Amanda, Nicole, Connor and Dayton. Funeral Tuesday 9:45 a.m. from **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave to Most Holy Redeemer Church Mass 10:30 a.m. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum. Visitation Monday 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. 773-779-4411

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Nathan, Walter



Walter Nathan, 95, adored patriarch of a large family that surrounded him with love every day. He was Founder and Chairman of RTC Industries which he passionately built into a global business, and today has 28 facilities worldwide. He was a long-time national leader of the American Jewish Committee, a Trustee at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), his alma mater, where he was a Director of the Institute of Design. He served on the Board at the Chicago Lighthouse and was a committed supporter of The Leo Boeck Institute. Walter was an avid sailor and served honorably in the United States Navy during WW II. Walter Nathan was born in Frankfurt, Germany on August 13, 1923. He studied in Belgium as a child and immigrated to Chicago, the city he loved, in 1938; beloved husband for 68 years of Ann, nee Cole; loving father of Susan (Dr. Steven) Sholl, Richard (Anne) Nathan, Nina (Steve) Schroeder, and Betsy (Daniel Goldberg) Nathan; adored grandpa of Dr. Ben (Alida), Mollie, Henry, Andrew, Tom, Will, Billy, Johnny, Peter, Lily, Jack, Levi, Charlie, and Nate; dear brother-in-law of Lou Cole and David Cole; cherished uncle of Jim (Maryjo) Nathan, Jacqui (Kay Chapman) Nathan, Lisa Nathan and guiding light to all other cherished family members and friends. Memorial Service Monday, November 26, 2018 at 12 Noon, Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Avenue, Glencoe. The family will be receiving condolences immediately following the service at Am Shalom. In lieu of flowers, contributions to IIT's Institute of Design, www.id.iit.edu, American Jewish Committee, www.ajc.org, Leo Boeck Institute, www.leoboeck.com or Chicago Lighthouse, www.chicagolighthouse.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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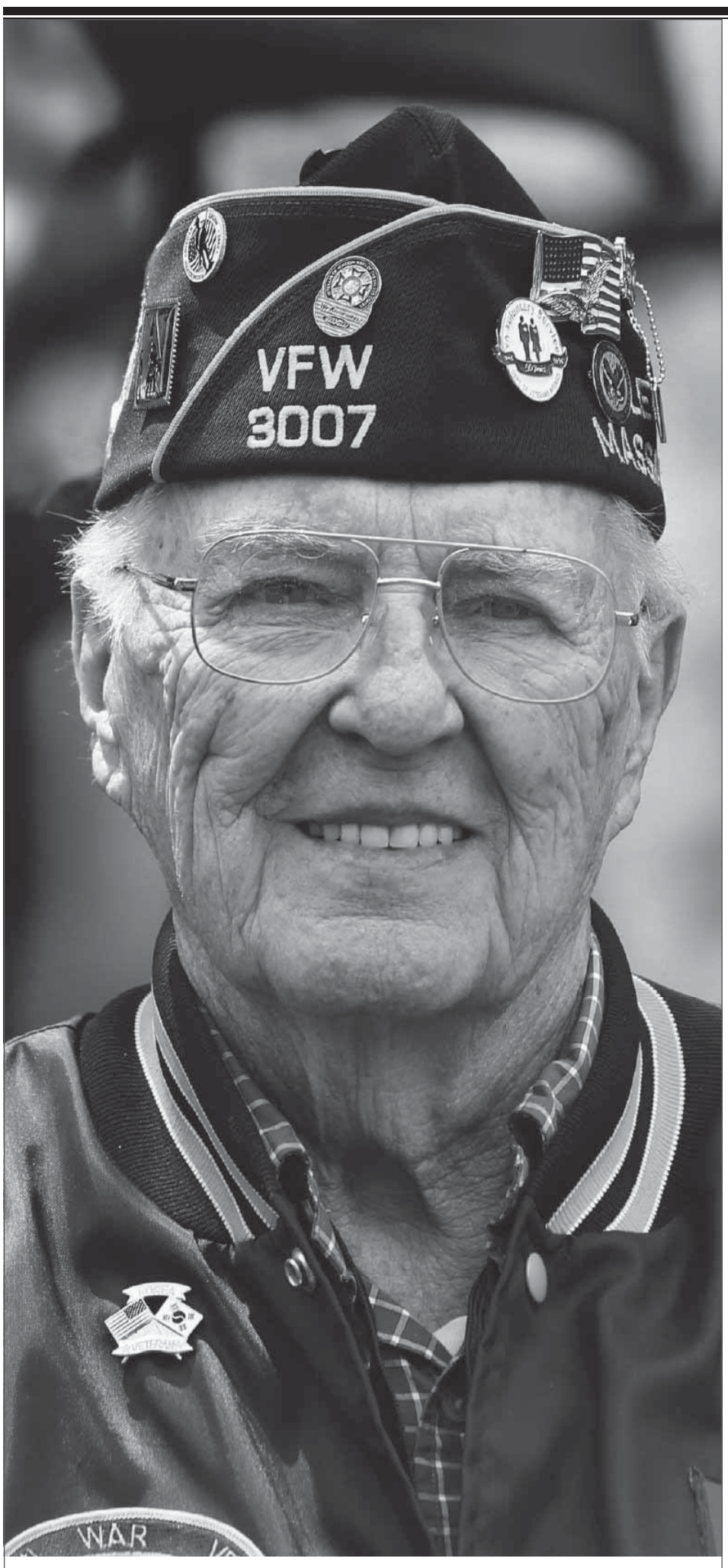


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Niedermaier, Heidi Elizabeth



Heidi Elizabeth Niedermaier, 47, of Chicago, Ill., passed away in her home after a long illness on Sunday, November 18, 2018. She was born June 30, 1971 in Naperville, IL to Clark Bell and Victoria Boucher. Heidi is survived by her husband, Michael J. Zdeb; her son, Jeffrey S. Niedermaier, Jr.; her daughter, Gretchen A. Niedermaier; her father, Clark W. Bell; her half-sister, Natalie T. Bell. She will be lovingly remembered by Dale Niedermaier, Jeffrey Niedermaier, Sr., Holly Bell, Laural Bischoff, Karl Bischoff, Victoria L. Zdeb, Anthony R. Zdeb, and numerous others. Heidi was a proud, generous mother and a devoted wife. A straight-A graduate of DePaul, she practiced as a paralegal and fostered a formidable knowledge of contract law—even challenging her expert husband on some matters! Her unmatched eye for fashion is attested to in thousands of photographs, the products of lengthy "photo shoots" for which she posed in fabulous outfits alongside her two children. Heidi filled her life with projects big and small, but she had an enduring drive to bring family and friends together. Her loved ones will never forget the gatherings she hosted in her beautifully decorated home and at downtown restaurants to celebrate holidays and events with flair, love, and laughter. Visitation Thursday, November 29, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. until the time of the Funeral Mass at 7:00 p.m. at Assumption Catholic Church, 323 W. Illinois St., Chicago, IL 60654. The family asks that donations be made in lieu of flowers to Project Semicolon. For further information please call 312-421-0936 or www.michalikfuneralhome.com.

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O'Connor, Jeanette Elizabeth "Grams"

O'Connor, Jeanette Elizabeth, née McCanna age 96, 64 year long St. Juliana parishioner. Beloved wife of the late Thomas T. O'Connor; loving mother of Terrence (Debra), Thomas (deceased), Daniel (deceased), and Diane (Robert) Zimmerman; proud grandmother of Tonia, Russell, Shannon (George) Blair, Thomas, Edward, Jessica Zimmerman, and Peter; great-grandmother of Justin, Aidan, Charlie, and Finnegan Blair. Fond aunt and relative to many. Visitation will be Saturday morning 24Nov2018 0930-1100 hrs. at St. Juliana Church 7201 N. Oketo followed by 11 am Mass. Interment at All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Misericordia Home appreciated.

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Onderdonk, William A., Jr.



William A. Onderdonk, Jr., age 92, of Park Ridge, IL and Naples, FL passed away peacefully on November 10, 2018 with family at his side. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 53 years, Mary Jeanne, nee Erickson, parents William and Gertrude, sister Jean (Petty), and daughter-in-law Karen Onderdonk. He is survived by his children Beth (Paul) Truax, Todd (Sarah) Onderdonk, and David (Gloria) Onderdonk; grandchildren Jennifer (David) Downs, Lauren (Jordan) Alzos-Benke, John, Colin, Daniel, Eric, Adam, and Benjamin (Karina) Onderdonk; great-grandchildren Emily, Luke, and Eli Downs, Otto and Spiro Alzos-Benke, and Zoe Onderdonk. He was a World War II veteran, graduated from Denison University, retired from Commonwealth Edison, was a Member of the Park Ridge Presbyterian Church and was very much loved. Visitation on Saturday December 1, 2018 at 11AM followed by Memorial Service at 12PM at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Burial at Memorial Park Cemetery will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to One Hope United (formerly Central Baptist Children's Home), where he served on the board for many years – 333 S. Wabash Ave., Ste. 2750, Chicago, IL 60604.

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Piskorski, Joseph F.

Loving husband of Geraldine A (nee Pryzbyla). Dear brother of Richard (Paula) Belch. Devoted son of the late Joseph H Piskorski and Lucja Geppert. Fond uncle of Christopher (Elizabeth) Belch and Jennifer Belch. Joseph was the owner of Illinois Telecommunications Company and Kiwanis Officer of the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District for many years. In lieu of flowers donations to Des Plaines Kiwanis, dpkiwanis.org. Memorial visitation will be Friday, Nov 30, 2018 from 4-8 pm at The **Riverwoods Funeral Chapels**. Family and friends will meet Saturday at St Mary Catholic Church 10 am Mass, 794 Pearson St. Des Plaines. Inurnment All Saints Catholic Cemetery

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Plicner, Joyce

Oct. 27, 1941 – Nov. 11, 2018



Resident of Walnut Creek

Joyce was born to Adriana and Peter Kersten in Chicago IL, the youngest of three children. She attended St. Angela's Catholic School and Providence High School and often reminisced fondly of the friends she made there. An adventurous spirit, Joyce set out to California with her best friend Carolyn after high school and the two ended up living in Hollywood. She had many funny stories to tell about her experiences there. During a brief visit back to Chicago she met Paul Plicner and although their time together was short, she always said it was the beautiful letters he wrote to her when she went back to California that made her fall in love with him. She returned to Chicago and the two were married Sept 26, 1964.

Joyce and Paul had two children and settled in St. Charles, IL for a short time. Some of the people they met there became life-long friends who they travelled and visited with throughout their lives. In 1974 the couple moved to Walnut Creek, CA, where they remained. Joyce loved being a mother and grandmother and raised her children with the utmost compassion and patience, and with the belief that they could accomplish all they set out to do. Her optimism flowed into every aspect of her life.

In California, Joyce's bubbly personality, friendly smile and determination led her to a successful career in sales; culminating at Warner Lambert, where she worked for over 20 years before retiring in 2001. The daughter of Dutch immigrants, Joyce spent much of her adult life trying to connect and learn about her relatives overseas. She made many trips with her husband, son, daughter and grandchildren in an effort to get to know her relatives and learn about her family history. She met and visited with several generations of relatives throughout Holland and Australia, and welcomed them into her home when they visited America. She loved to travel and made many other trips throughout the US, Europe, South America and Asia.

Joyce enjoyed living in Walnut Creek. She made many friends in hiking groups, neighborhood bunko, French class and more. She especially enjoyed her water aerobics group and the times they got together to watch "Dancing with the Stars." She was known throughout her neighborhood because she liked to walk her dog and talk with everyone she met.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband Paul, of 51 years. She is survived by her daughter Michele Piazzoni (Mike), son Matt Plicner (Jun) and grandchildren Allison, Chris, Alex, Jack, Kersten and Dash; brother Peter Kersten and sister Adriana Larson, as well as many other friends and family. Her unexpected passing leaves us all with a profound sadness that can only be softened by the many happy memories we each shared with her and the knowledge of her unwavering faith.

Friends and family are invited to the funeral service Friday, Nov. 30th 2018 at 10:30 am at St John Vianney Church, 1650 Ygnacio Valley Blvd. Walnut Creek.

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Prendergast, Marlene B.

Marlene B. Prendergast (nee Nelson) Nov. 23rd. Beloved wife of Edward J. Prendergast and the late Richard Avalos. Loving mother of Richard Avalos. Dear sister-in-law of many. Amazing aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt of many. Funeral Wednesday 9:00 a.m. from **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 S. Western to St. Barnabas Church 10134 S. Longwood Dr. for Mass 10:00 a.m. Int. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 3:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Info (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.

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Riley, Robert Farrell 'Bob'

Born Jun. 3, 1926 in Crystal Lake, IL, passed peacefully Nov. 13, 2018 in Chicago. Beloved son of the late William and Helen Riley. Loving father of Robert Jr., Kevin (Lisa), Mary Michelle (Craig) Scalise, John, and Tim (Carla). Adoring grandfather of Jillian and Kelly; Mary Clare and Madeleine Scalise; Aidan, Molly and Brenner. Fond brother of Sr. Maria Riley OP; preceded in death by siblings, William, Mary Jane Ryan, Fred, Philip, James, and Thomas. Veteran, St. Xavier University graduate, distinguished printing career, avid golfer, and devout Catholic. Mass Nov. 30, 11:00 a.m., St. Mary's Home, 2325 N. Lakewood Ave., Chicago, IL 60614. In lieu of flowers, donations to Little Sisters of the Poor-Chicago appreciated, www.littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org, 773.935.9600.

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Rogers, Mary Margaret

Mary Margaret (Buzan) Rogers was born on May 14, 1935, in Wilmette, IL, and passed away on November 20, 2018 with her children surrounding her. Mary Margaret was the beloved mother of Paula, Mike (Amy), and Beth (Steve). Mary Margaret is survived by 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and a multitude of friends. Services are private.

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Rowley, James R.

Proud Business Owner & Dog lover. Beloved husband of the late Catherine (nee Heiden) Rowley. Loving father of Susan Stube, Deborah (Robert) Piersma & Michael (LaDonna) Rowley. Cherished grandfather of Jamie, Labriola, Thomas, Joseph, Robert & Jeremy. Visitation Monday, November 26th from 3 until 8 p.m. Chapel prayers Tuesday, November 27th, 11:00 a.m. at the **Kerry Funeral Home & Cremation Care Center**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. www.kerryfh.com ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral

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Russell, Robert T.

Robert T. Russell, 90, of Naperville. Beloved husband of the late Bernadine B. nee Czerwinski for 61 years; loving father of Donna (Mark) Gudanick, Gary Russell, Jean (David) Berry and the late Mark, Carol, and Timothy; father-in-law of Kathy Russell, Rodney Beasley and Kristen Russell; proud grandfather of 13; brother of Frank Russell; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation at **Williams-Kampp Funeral Home**, 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton from 3:00 P.M to 8:00 P.M. Wednesday, November 28, 2018. Prayers 8:45 A.M. Thursday, November 29, 2018 the funeral home, going to St. John the Baptist Church, 233 Church St., Winfield. Mass at 9:30 A.M. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Funeral info 630-668-0016 or www.williams-kampp.com

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Scherman, Irwin "Irv"

Irwin "Irv" Scherman, 78, beloved husband of the late Natalie; loving father of Michael Scherman and Francine (Keith) Kenyon; cherished grandfather of Jacob and Steven Kenyon; devoted son of the late Frieda and Jack Scherman; dear brother of the late Calvin and the late Harry "Hoagy" Scherman; treasured uncle, cousin and friend of many. Chapel service Tuesday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Advanced Heart Failure Center at The University of Chicago Medicine. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

Shalom Memorial Funeral Home

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Schmidt, Frederick W. 'Fred'

Frederick W. "Fred" Schmidt, age 76, beloved husband of Jeri Schmidt; loving father of Bradley and Tyler (Miranda) Schmidt; dear brother of the late Kristine Ryan; cherished son of the late Henrietta Biroschik and Hans Schmidt, passed away peacefully on November 22 after enduring a long & arduous battle with Parkinson's. Fred proudly served in the US Army and was stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. He was a graduate of SIU and previously employed as an architect. Fred's passion was art and he was an accomplished artist. He was able to fix, build and design many things and was always willing to help others do the same. He felt the most free when riding his Harley. Fred will be remembered as a good husband, father and friend. Visitation Wednesday, November 28, 2018, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, PO Box 4777, New York, NY, 10163-4777. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990

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Schuth, Hazel J.

Hazel J. Schuth, age 111, of Walworth, formerly of River Forest, beloved wife of the late Otho D. Schuth; loving mother of Maureen Darling, the late Miriam (John) Reyher, and James N. Schuth; treasured mother-in-law of Mary Kee Marshall and the late Rodger M. Darling; cherished grandmother of 9 and great grandmother of 12; caring sister of the late Alice (Charles) Kennedy and the late Frances (Clarence) Malhiot; as well as the dear aunt of many. Services and interment are private. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Catholic Charities, (312) 655-7527 or Golden Years of Wisconsin, (262) 275.6103 . For more information visit www.ToyntonFuneralHome.com or call the funeral home at 262-275-2171

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Sgarioto, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Sgarioto (nee MacLellan), age 96, beloved wife of the late Samuel A.; loving mother of Carl (Mary) Sgarioto, JoAnne (Philip) Ducar, Donna (David) Ducar, Paula (Daniel) Burns and the late Rev. Michael S. Sgarioto, O. Carm; dear grandmother of Philip M. (Alison) Ducar, Scott Ducar, Joanna (Scott) Schultz, Nicholas Sgarioto, Deanna Ducar, Michael P. Sgarioto; dearest great-grandmother of Isabel Ducar, Michael Ducar, Nancy Schultz and Rory Michael Schultz; cherished daughter of the late Rory Michael and Catherine Isabelle (nee MacDougall) MacLellan; dear sister of Isabelle (the late Donald) McEachern, the late Catherine the late John) Sullivan, Sr. Alexius MacLellan (Sisters of St. Martha), the late Michael (the late Barbara) MacLellan, Christene (the late Roddie) MacLeod, the late Theresa (the late Donald) McEachern; fond sister-in-law of Richard A. (the late Loretta) Sgarioto and the late Sylvia (Michael) Parisi; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 2 to 9 PM. Funeral Monday 9:15 AM from Lawn Funeral Home 7909 State Road (5500 W) Burbank, IL 60459 to Our Lady of Loretto Church Mass 10:00 AM. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Funeral Info: 708-636-2320

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Simcock, Richard W.

Richard W. Simcock, age 74; beloved husband of Susan nee Marciniak; loving father of Matthew, Elyse (fiancé Kaiser Minhas) and the late Baby John and Baby Paul; fond brother of Stephen (Jo-Anne), Patricia (James) Hemphill, Donald (Kim); devoted brother-in-law of Mike (Cyndee) Marciniak; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 3-9 P.M. at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien. Funeral Tuesday meeting at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 2220 Lisson Road, Naperville for a 10:00 A.M. Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modell-darien.com

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Skoubis, Catherine Elizabeth 'Cathy'

On Oct. 10 2018, Cathy was embraced by the Universe at the age of 57 in Puxico, Mo.

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Skrobuton, Skip

Skip Skrobuton, age 69, of Homer Glen. Beloved husband of the late Gale (nee Kiesel). Loving father of Robert and Michael Skrobuton. Devoted brother of Pamela (Scott) Lorenz, Douglas Skrobuton and the late Cynthia (Charles) Biank. Dear uncle of Jennifer (Tristan) McClendon, C.J. (Katie) Biank and Nick Lorenz. Retired 31-year employee of Ameritech. In lieu of flowers donations to Special Olympics of Illinois appreciated. Interment Private. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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Stetz, Virginia M.

Virginia M. Stetz, (nee Bejrowski) of Buffalo Grove for 59 years passed away peacefully on November 10, 2018.

Visitation Thursday November 29th 4-8 pm at **Kolssak Funeral Home**, 189 S. Milwaukee Ave. (2 Blocks South of Dundee Road) Wheeling. Funeral prayers Friday November 30th at 9:15 am at the funeral home followed by a 10:00 am Life Celebration Mass at St. Mary Catholic Church, Buffalo Grove. Interment Maryhill Cemetery, Niles, IL. In lieu of flowers donations to Parkinson's Research appreciated. For full obituary and funeral info call 847.537.6600 or visit www.funerals.pro.

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SUNDFOR, SANDRA L.

Sandra L. Sundfor, age 77; beloved mother of Debra Fulscher, David (Kelly) Fulscher, and Michael Fulscher; devoted grandmother of Gina, Lillian, Cecilia, Jaclyn, Kate, Jake, Eliot, and A.J.; former mother in law of Heather Fulscher. A memorial service will be held Monday, November 26th, at 4:00 P.M. at West Suburban Temple Har Zion, 1040 N. Harlem Avenue, River Forest, IL 60305, with a reception to follow until 8:00 P.M. Contributions may be made to Sons of Norway, Elvesund Lodge #593; 835 Circle Avenue; Forest Park, IL 60130 (attn: Nancy Robinson, Lodge President, 630-240-9637). Arrangements entrusted to Lakeshore Jewish Funerals, 773-625-8621

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Thomas, Doris A.

Doris A. Thomas, nee Helder, 93, of Mokena. Beloved wife of the late Robert; Loving mother of Sherry (Steve) Siezega; Devoted grandmother of Kymberlee (Darren) O'Neill and Grant (Lynda) Siezega; Cherished great-grandmother of Brandon, Megan, and Chloe. Private services will be held Tuesday at Abraham Lincoln National Cemtery. Arrangements entrusted to **Brady-Gill Funeral Home**. Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guest book at www.bradygill.com . Info (708) 614-9900

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Thullen, Constance Fey 'Connie'



Constance ("Connie") Fey Thullen, 82, of Tucson, AZ, died November 4, 2018, at home surrounded by her family.

Connie was born March 23, 1936 in Englewood, NJ, the daughter of Dr. Harold E. Fey and Golda (Conwell) Fey; and grew up in the Hyde Park area of Chicago. Connie attended Hyde Park High School and received her bachelor's degree from Drake University, where she was a sister of the Delta Zeta sorority.

After college, Connie was set up on a blind date with Chicago native Edward J. Thullen to celebrate her birthday. The date apparently went well because she and Ed married on November 27th, 1959 and had four children. Throughout their marriage, Connie and Ed lived in Chicago, IL, Greensburg, PA, Mt. Prospect, IL, Mequon, WI, Bellevue, WA and Tucson, AZ, where they had many treasured family members and lifelong friends. Ed preceded Connie in death on January 2, 1996.

Connie was also preceded in death by her parents and her two brothers: Russell and Gordon. Surviving Connie are her four children: Leslie (Gary) Kunick of Eagle, ID; Christopher (Ying Fen) Thullen of Los Angeles, CA; Peter (Melanie) Thullen of Fall City, WA; and Mary Thullen-Lynch of Tucson, AZ; and her five dearly loved grandchildren: Christa, Jalen, Mackenzie, Aden and Bjorn.

Services to be held in Bellevue, WA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, 2121 K St. NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20037

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Weis , Marsha F.

Marsha F. Weis, loving daughter of the late Julius and Anne; devoted wife for 51 years of Stuart; beloved mother of Elliot and Alison (Perry); proud "Nana" of Peter, Adalie, and Max; dear friend of many. Graduate of Northwestern University School of Law. An accomplished lawyer and arbitrator, lover of the arts and docent at the Museum of Contemporary Art for 17 years, avid bridge player, and world traveler. Funeral services: **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL on Wednesday, November 28th at 11:30 am. Interment to follow at Westlawn Cemetery, Norridge, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Wetterquist, Patricia

Patricia Wetterquist, age 71, of Bridgeview, formerly of Cicero. Beloved mother of Donna Puga. Loving sister of Barbara Rust, Carol (William) Warren, Michael Wetterquist, Debra (Robert) Novotny, and Kathleen (Frank) Pietras. Fond aunt and friend of many. Services private. Services by **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**: 708-352-6500/hjfunerals.com

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Willerman, Marvin 'Marv'



Marvin Willerman, 90, of Lincolnwood and formerly of Chicago, passed away in his home on November 18, 2018 surrounded by his family. Marv was the beloved husband of Barbara (nee Bahcall) for sixty-one years, the loving father ("Daddio") of Karen Schmidt (Jeffrey Mark Schuster), James (Deanna) Willerman and Keith (Sheila) Willerman, and dearest grandfather ("Papa") of Jordan (Alexandra) Schmidt, Danielle Willerman, Blake Willerman, Ethan Schmidt, Aaron Schmidt, and Alec Willerman. Cherished brother of the late Ben, Oscar, and Lee Willerman and caring uncle to their children. Ever the intellect, Marvin was a retired professor of Education Administration at Northeastern Illinois University, published author, and formerly a beloved science teacher to many high school students with whom he kept in contact until his passing. He was a longtime handball enthusiast and was often in the crossfire of political and locker-room debate, meeting weekly with his long-time buddies. Marv will be lovingly remembered as an avid reader, writer, and scholar and will be missed by all those who knew and admired him. Memorial Services to be arranged at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Marv's honor to a charity of your choice.

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Zell, Kenneth L.

Kenneth L. Zell, Age 84. Beloved husband of Violet nee Derus. Loving father of Debbie (Robert) Butler, Sandra Zell, Cindy (Bill) Pahl and Joseph (Kara) Sturgeon. Cherished grandfather of Chris & Jason Butler, Ryan & Sean Clark, Hannah & Kevin Pahl and Owen Sturgeon. Great grandfather of Zoey and Bodhi. Dear brother of the late David (Diane) Zell. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday Nov. 27 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Service Wednesday 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment to follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Funeral info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com

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Zimmer, William James

William James Zimmer, 76, of Glenview, passed away November 20, 2018. He was the beloved husband of Bonnie Zimmer; Loving father of Samantha (Scott) Falbe; Cherished Grandfather of Austin and Blake Falbe; Dear brother to Rich, Jack, Jim, and the late Tom; Brother in law to Susan and Dennis Grosse. William served in the Army from 1964-1967. He enjoyed golfing but most of all he loved going to the movie's and watching movie's with Bonnie. Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 28th, 2018 from 4pm-8pm at Oehler Funeral Home, 2099 Miner St. (corner of Northwest Hwy./Rt.14 and Rand Rd.), Des Plaines. Funeral Mass Thursday, November 29th, 2018, 11am at St. Catherine Laboure (3535 Thornwood Ave, Glenview, IL 60026). Burial to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery. For information, please call 847-824-5155 or visit www.oehlerfuneralhome.com.

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SUNDAY, NOV. 25 NORMAL HIGH: **43°** NORMAL LOW: **28°** RECORD HIGH: **65° (1908)** RECORD LOW: **0° (1950)**

Early winter storm to hit Chicago area Sunday

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH	LOW
37	25

■ **Winter storm warning is in effect. Intensifying storm system to bring the season's first significant snowstorm.**

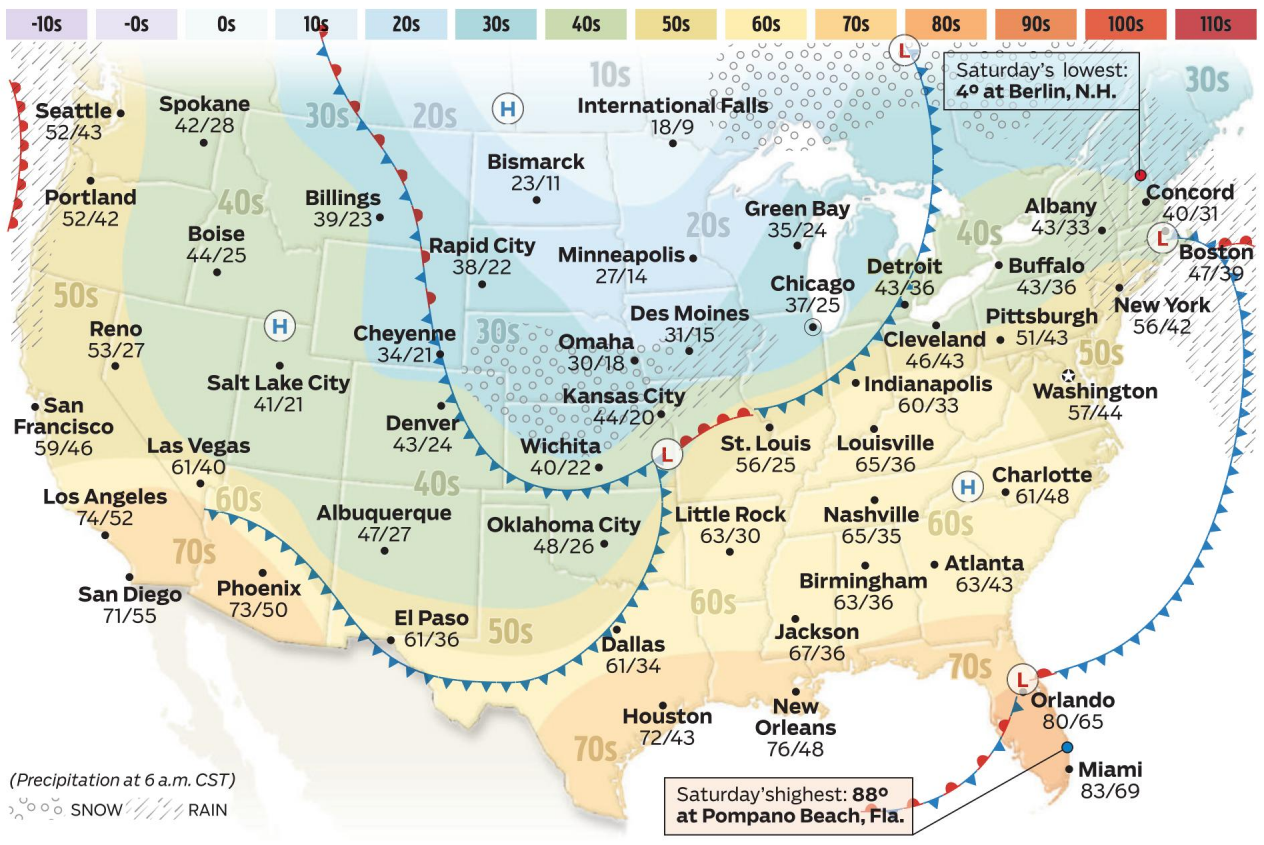
■ Gray, raw start to the day. Sunrise temps hover in the mid- to upper 30s, and hold nearly steady much of the morning.

■ Temps begin to fall as rain overspreads the area by noon. Rain changes to snow from NW-SE across the area during the day.

■ E winds become NE and increase to 20-30 mph. Winds become N-NW after dark, gusting over 40 mph.

■ Accumulating snow diminishes to flurries from NW-SE after midnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Satellite imagery late Saturday evening showed a swirling cloud mass over the central Rockies. This system will continue to amplify as it heads east, supporting low pressure development over southwest Missouri. Meanwhile, the leading edge of southbound cold air is expected to reach northern Illinois by early Sunday morning. This scenario suggests the Missouri storm system will intensify as it tracks northeast to lake Erie by Monday morning.

Rain is forecast to change to snow across the region Sunday, prompting the National Weather Service to issue a winter storm warning for much of northern Illinois. Snow, heavy at times, is likely across the metro area Sunday evening. Strong north to northwest winds will cause blowing and drifting snow as temperatures drop below freezing Sunday night.

MONDAY, NOV. 26

HIGH	LOW
28	14

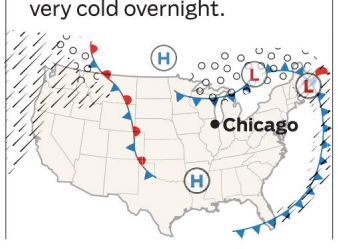
Blustery and cold as deep low pressure heads east. Temps struggle to reach the upper 20s. Variable clouds bring a chance of flurries. Colder at night. NW winds 20-30 mph and gusty.



TUESDAY, NOV. 27

HIGH	LOW
24	13

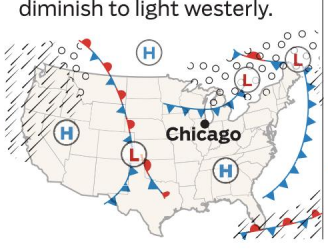
Continued rather blustery and quite cold. Temps peak in the mid-20s. Scattered clouds may bring a few flurries. W-NW winds 20-25 mph diminish late. Clear, very cold overnight.



WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

HIGH	LOW
29	24

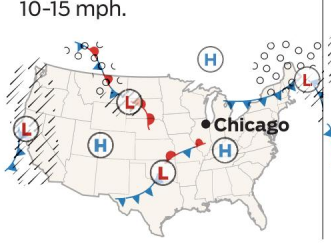
Mostly sunny skies belie another day of January-level chill. Temps again fail to reach freezing. Not as cold overnight as high clouds begin to increase. Winds diminish to light westerly.



THURSDAY, NOV. 29

HIGH	LOW
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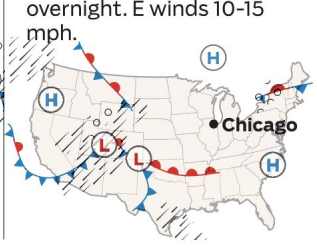
Filtered sun gives way to thickening clouds as milder air approaches. Temps remain well below normal, reaching the mid-30s by late afternoon. S-SE winds 10-15 mph.



FRIDAY, NOV. 30

HIGH	LOW
39	31

Periods of morning sun gives way to thickening clouds. Temps continue a slow day-to-day rise, climbing to near 40 degrees. Cloudy, not as cold overnight. E winds 10-15 mph.



SATURDAY, DEC. 1

HIGH	LOW
40	35

Climatological winter begins gray and wet. Extensive cloudiness and rain limit high temps to around 40 degrees. E-SE winds 20-25 mph. Windy overnight. Temps stay above freezing.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,

What would be the effect on Lake Michigan if Chicago received 45 inches of rain as coastal Texas did in August 2017, with Hurricane Harvey?

— Jim and Ed Schumer, Mount Prospect

Dear Jim and Ed,

If 45 inches of rain fell only on the Chicago area, the effect on the water level of Lake Michigan would be negligible. (Note that Lake Michigan and Lake Huron are actually one huge lake, connected by the Straits of Mackinac.)

Much of the rainfall water in 45 inches of rain in the Chicago area would not even enter Lake Michigan.

Rather, it would drain southwestward and away from the lake via the Des Plaines and Fox rivers.

Although horrendous flooding would occur in the Chicago area should it receive 45 inches of rain over a few days, the effect on the level of Lake Michigan would be minimal.

Write to: ASK TOM
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Chicago, IL 60618
asktomwhy@wgntv.com

WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Last weekend of November to bring season's first winter storm

SUNDAY TRAVEL TO BE IMPACTED —ESPECIALLY W/N OF THE CITY

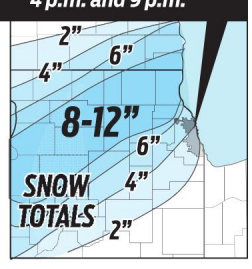


FORECAST SNOWFALL TOTALS

Precipitation is expected to begin as rain and change to snow through the day

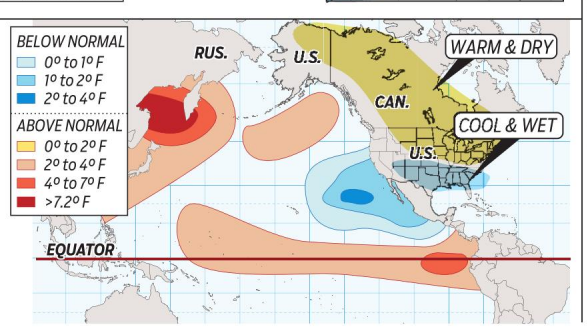
Snow accumulation rates of 1-2" per hour possible

Heaviest snow in Chicago expected between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m.



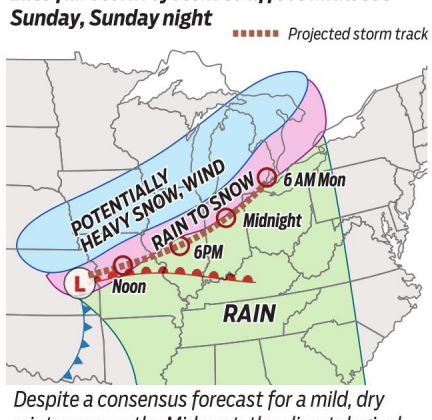
DEVELOPING EL NIÑO CYCLE PERSISTS — SEA SURFACE TEMP ANOMALIES OBSERVED 11/19/18

Abnormally warm equatorial Pacific increases likelihood of a mild December



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND 2018 IS TO TURN COLD, SNOWY

Late fall storm system to affect Midwest Sunday, Sunday night



Despite a consensus forecast for a mild, dry winter across the Midwest, the climatological fall season is to end cold and rather wintry. Accumulating snow is to fall across part of the region Sunday, Sunday night — followed by cold air with temps Monday through Friday expected to average more than 10° below normal.

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

PAUL MERZLOCK AND JENNIFER M. KOHNKE/WGN-TV

MIDWEST CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois						
Carbondale	sh	61	27	su	38	22
Champaign	rn	55	27	pc	31	19
Decatur	rn	55	26	pc	29	20
Moline	rs	37	21	pc	26	11
Peoria	rn	40	22	pc	26	14
Quincy	rs	43	21	pc	28	18
Rockford	rs	34	22	pc	27	12
Springfield	rn	51	24	pc	29	19
Sterling	rs	35	20	pc	26	10
Indiana						
Bloomington	sh	62	31	cl	36	22
Evansville	rn	64	31	pc	38	22
Fort Wayne	cl	49	34	rs	37	23
Indianapolis	sh	60	33	sh	36	22
Lafayette	rn	56	30	pc	33	20
South Bend	sh	41	30	ss	33	21
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	sh	35	24	cl	28	18
Kenosha	rs	36	26	sh	29	15
La Crosse	cl	31	18	pc	24	15
Madison	sh	33	22	pc	27	16
Milwaukee	sn	36	25	cl	29	17
Wausau	sh	29	18	sh	21	12
Michigan						
Detroit	sh	43	36	rs	39	25
Grand Rapids	sh	39	30	ss	32	24
Marquette	sh	33	23	sh	25	20
St. Ste. Marie	rs	38	23	sh	28	20
Traverse City	sh	37	30	sh	32	27
Iowa						
Ames	pc	29	16	pc	27	12
Cedar Rapids	ss	31	17	pc	26	12
Des Moines	sn	31	15	pc	26	10
Dubuque	sh	33	20	pc	28	16

OTHER U.S. CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	pc	56	31	pc	56	36
Albany	sh	43	33	rn	44	34
Albuquerque	pc	47	27	pc	48	27
Amarillo	pc	46	27	pc	53	28
Anchorage	sh	37	35	sh	37	31
Asheville	pc	61	43	pc	48	25
Aspen	su	32	8	su	37	15
Atlanta	pc	63	43	pc	49	30
Atlantic City	su	55	41	rn	55	36
Austin	pc	67	41	pc	58	36
Baltimore	su	56	45	rn	52	36
Billings	su	39	23	pc	42	33
Birmingham	sh	63	36	pc	48	28
Bismarck	cl	23	11	pc	21	6
Boise	pc	44	25	pc	44	32
Boston	rn	47	39	rn	46	42
Brownsville	ts	82	53	pc	64	48
Buffalo	sh	43	36	rn	43	29
Burlington	rn	40	33	sh	40	33
Charlotte	pc	61	48	pc	58	30
Charlstn SC	pc	66	55	ts	68	43
Charlstn WV	pc	62	42	sh	47	28
Chattanooga	pc	61	37	pc	46	26
Cheyenne	su	34	21	pc	41	28
Cincinnati	pc	61	36	sh	38	23
Cleveland	pc	46	43	rs	46	29
Colo. Spgs	su	40	19	su	46	26
Columbia MO	rs	49	21	su	31	20
Columbia SC	pc	64	50	pc	62	35
Columbus	pc	54	39	sh	43	26
Concord	rn	40	31	rn	37	34
Crps Christi	cl	74	48	pc	61	45
Dallas	pc	61	34	su	53	35
Daytona Bch.	pc	77	63	ts	78	52
Denver	su	43	24	su	50	30
Duluth	pc	25	14	pc	21	12
El Paso	su	61	36	pc	59	35
Fairbanks	pc	12	12	pc	23	14
Fargo	pc	15	6	pc	12	3
Flagstaff	pc	41	17	su	48	17
Fort Myers	pc	83	68	pc	82	64
Fort Smith	pc	55	27	su	48	28
Fresno	pc	63	46	pc	66	46
Grand Junc.	su	42	17	su	44	19
Great Falls	pc	39	26	pc	47	38
Harrisburg	pc	54	38	rn	48	33
Hartford	pc	47	33	rn	45	36
Helena	pc	38	19	pc	41	30
Honolulu	pc	82	69	pc	82	72
Houston	cl	72	43	su	58	39
Int'l Falls	pc	18	9	sh	15	7
Jackson	ts	67	36	su	49	30
Jacksonville	cl	73	63	ts	71	47
Juneau	rn	45	44	rn	47	41
Kansas City	rs	44	20	pc	35	21
Las Vegas	pc	61	40	su	63	39
Lexington	pc	62	36	sh	38	24
Lincoln	sn	30	16	pc	34	17
Little Rock	pc	63	30	su	49	27
Los Angeles	pc	74	52	pc	75	51
Louisville	pc	65	36	pc	40	24
Macon	pc	64	53	pc	57	33
Memphis	sh	63	31	su	46	27
Miami	sh	83	69	pc	86	69
Minneapolis	cl	27	14	pc	21	11
Mobile	ts	71	48	pc	55	37
Montgomery	sh	68	42	pc	53	32
Nashville	cl	65	35	pc	43	24
New Orleans	ts	76	48	pc	54	41
New York	pc	56	42	rn	51	39
Norfolk	su	58	43	sh	61	35
Okla. City	pc	48	26	pc	51	30
Omaha	sn	30	18	su	30	16
Orlando	pc	80	65	sh	82	55
Palm Beach	pc	84	65	pc	86	66
Palm Springs	pc	76	54	su	78	52
Philadelphia	pc	54	38	rn	51	34
Phoenix	su	73	50	pc	74	47
Pittsburgh	sh	51	43	sh	47	28
Portland, ME	rn	38	33	sh	40	35
Portland, OR	cl	52	42	sh	53	49
Providence	rn	47	34	rn	46	39
Raleigh	pc	61	45	sh	61	32
Rapid City	sh	38	22	su	38	21
Reno	pc	53	27	pc	56	36
Richmond	su	56	42	sh	57	32
Rochester	sh	45	36	rn	43	31
Sacramento	su	62	41	pc	63	47
Salem, Ore.	cl	50	41	sh	58	51
Salt Lake City	pc	41	21	su	41	25
San Antonio	pc	71	45	pc	62	38
San Diego	pc	71	55	su	73	53
San Francisco	pc	59	46	pc	60	49
San Juan	pc	86	75	pc	85	75
Santa Fe	pc	42	21	pc	44	23
Savannah	pc	66	56	ts	67	39
Seattle	cl	52	43	rn	55	51
Shreveport	cl	68	36	su	52	32
Sioux Falls	pc	28	16	su	28	11
Spokane	pc	42	28	sh	41	36
St. Louis	sh	56	25	su	35	22
Syracuse	cl	43	33	rn	41	31
Tallahassee	pc	71	63	ts	67	39
Tampa	pc	80	67	ts	79	56
Topeka	rs	40	17	su	37	19
Tucson	su	71	45	pc	72	42
Tulsa	pc	50	26	pc	49	28
Washington	pc	57	44	rn	53	35
Wichita	pc	40	22	su	47	25
Wilkes Barre	pc	44	31	rn	42	28
Yuma	su	75	53	su	75	49

WORLD CITIES

SUNDAY	FC	HI	LO
Acapulco	pc	84	72
Algiers	pc	69	58
Amsterdam	sh	41	38
Ankara	pc	53	28
Athens	cl	66	61
Auckland	ts	68	59
Baghdad	sh	64	52
Bangkok	pc	92	75
Barbados	pc	86	78
Barcelona	pc	62	47
Beijing	pc	53	30
Beirut	sh	67	61
Berlin	sh	41	32
Bermuda	ts	75	68
Bogota	ts	67	50
Brussels	sh	39	37
Bucharest	pc	48	35
Budapest	sh	46	42
Buenos Aires	pc	77	61
Cairo	pc	75	57
Cancun	pc	84	74
Caracas	pc	79	65
Casablanca	sh	68	59
Copenhagen	sh	38	30
Dublin	sh	47	42
Edmonton	pc	31	20
Frankfurt	sh	42	31
Geneva	cl	46	38
Guadalajara	pc	80	47
Havana	pc	87	65
Helsinki	pc	30	24
Hong Kong	sh	72	67
Istanbul	pc	55	50
Jerusalem	pc	60	48
Johannesburg	ts	83	62
Kabul	su	65	34
Kiev	fr	34	31

SUNDAY	FC	HI	LO
Kingston	pc	88	77
Lima	pc	74	64
Lisbon	rn	61	53
London	sh	47	37
Madrid	sh	57	45
Manila	pc	90	75
Mexico City	su	77	49
Monterrey	pc	84	48
Montreal	rn	37	33
Moscow	sh	31	24
Munich	cl	44	36
Nairobi	ts	77	60
Nassau	sh	84	72
New Delhi	fg	81	54
Oslo	su	27	16
Ottawa	rn	38	32
Panama City	ts	87	76
Paris	rn	46	39
Prague	cl	41	34
Rio de Janeiro	ts	85	72
Riyadh	pc	76	55
Rome	rn	61	52
Santiago	su	87	57
Seoul	su	55	35
Singapore	ts	87	77
Sofia	cl	53	37
Stockholm	su	31	23
Sydney	pc	71	60
Taipei	sh	76	67
Tehran	rn	50	43
Tokyo	pc	63	49
Toronto	cl	42	34
Trinidad	ts	84	75
Vancouver	sh	48	45
Vienna	sh	42	39
Warsaw	sh	35	30
Winnipeg	pc	13	4

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	47	38	Midway	49	42
Gary	51	46	O'Hare	47	47
Kankakee	51	41	Romeoville	48	40
Lakefront	48	42	Valparaiso	50	44
Lansing	48	39	Waukegan	48	41

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Sat. (through 4 p.m.)	0.18"	0.11"
November to date	1.60"	2.53"
Year to date	44.27"	34.02"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sat. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	3.6"	4.1"
Normal to date	0.9"	0.8"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Wind	NE 25-35 kts.	NW 30-40 kts.
Waves	5-7 feet	7-10 feet
Sat. shore/crib water temps		40°/39°

U.S. SNOW COVER

NOV. 24	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	18.3%	5.9%
Average snow depth	1.0"	0.4"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	1 day	1 day
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Saturday's reading	Moderate
Sunday's forecast	Moderate
Critical pollutant	Particulates

SUNDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:52 a.m.	4:22 p.m.
Moon	6:56 p.m.	9:16 a.m.

3RD Q	NEW	1ST Q	FULL
Nov. 29	Dec. 7	Dec. 15	Dec. 22

SUNDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:14 a.m.	4:35 p.m.
Venus	3:46 a.m.	2:40 p.m.
Mars	12:41 p.m.	11:30 p.m.
Jupiter	6:54 a.m.	4:25 p.m.
Saturn	9:28 a.m.	6:38 p.m.

BEST VIEWING	TIME	DIRECTION
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	5:30 a.m.	17.5° ESE
Mars	6:00 p.m.	37.5° S
Jupiter	Not visible	
Saturn	5:15 p.m.	11.5° SW

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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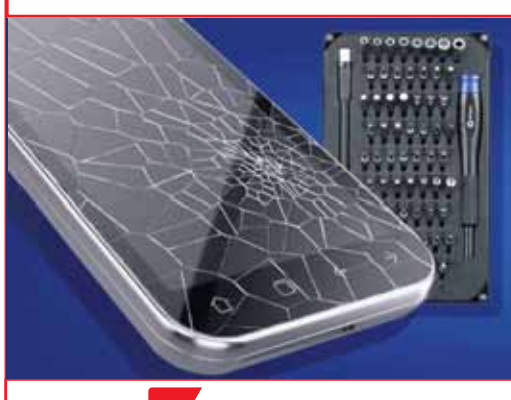
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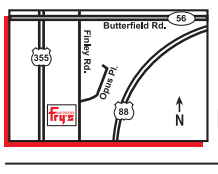
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A fight for a share of the toy trade

Toys R Us is gone, and neighborhood stores say they are doubling down on efforts to bring in new customers

By Lauren Zumbach
Chicago Tribune

For the first time in decades, parents won't be able to rely on a trip to Toys R Us to check off items on their kids' holiday wish lists.

While there may be fewer toy stores this holiday season, there will be more retailers with expanded toy departments. Amazon, Walmart, Target, and even chains like Party City and Kroger are rushing to fill the void left by the demise of the nation's largest toy retailer, seeing an opportunity to pad their bottom lines while stuffing kids' stockings.

But it's not just national chains — neighborhood stores also are gearing up to fight for their share of the money parents spend on L.O.L. Surprise dolls, Scruff-a-Luvs and other toys this holiday season. Chicago-area toy stores say they are spending more on marketing to bring in new customers, adding locations and doubling down on efforts to provide expert service.

"I think there's a percentage of people that automatically went to Toys R Us, and now they need another solution," said Katherine Nguyen, owner of Chicago's Building Blocks.

Nguyen wants Building Blocks, which has stores in the Lakeview and Lincoln Park areas and Wicker Park, to be that solution. She estimates she's quadrupled the amount she spends on marketing to encourage Toys R Us customers to give her stores a try. Those efforts include mailing advertisements to families in areas where the big-box chain used to have stores and sending emails to parents at a local school.

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Janie Goldberg-Dicks of Glencoe plays with her granddaughter, Sophia Plowden, 2, of Highland Park at Beanstalk Toys in Highland Park.

"(We're) changing the way people think about the brand so that when they're hungry, they think to check Groupon; when they're bored, they think to check Groupon." *— Groupon CEO Rich Williams*



Groupon at 10 years

How email deals created a Chicago tech giant and why it's shrinking

By Ally Marotti | Chicago Tribune

Groupon launched a decade ago this fall with a two-for-one pizza deal at Motel Bar in Chicago, a humble beginning that preceded a whirlwind rise and an even faster fall.

Its business model resonated with deal-seeking customers and small merchants scarred by the Great Recession. Users waited each day for the company's emails to land in their inboxes, offering a deal from a local business that only kicked in once a certain number of vouchers was sold. Groupon hired a team of writers to rope people in with wit and sarcasm, and it offered incentives to users who spread the word to friends.

The company became one of Chicago's biggest tech success stories since the dot-com era. Even now, after years of shrinking, Groupon is still held up as a triumph of the city's tech scene. It employs more than 1,500 people locally. Two of its founders — Eric Lefkofsky and Brad Keywell — rank among the highest-profile entrepreneurs in the city and have gone on to form billion-dollar tech companies that use big data to battle cancer and make heavy machinery more efficient.

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Michelle Witkowski, a product designer, works at Groupon in Chicago on Nov. 14. The company employs more than 1,500 people locally. JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



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The Sears at Oakbrook Center is one of 11 locations in Illinois Sears Holdings Corp. hopes to sell to a bidder willing to continue the business.

Sears sees a future for 505 stores, 11 in Ill.

Chicago Tribune

Sears has identified 505 stores — including 11 in Illinois — the bankrupt retailer hopes to sell to a new owner that would continue operating them.

The stores, which include Sears locations in Bloomingdale, Chicago Ridge, North Riverside, Oak Brook, Schaumburg, West Dundee, Cherry Valley, Peoria and Fairview Heights and Kmarts in Bridgeview and Des Plaines, were identified late Wednesday in a Bankruptcy Court filing.

Hoffman Estates-based Sears Holdings Corp., which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in mid-October, received court approval last week to begin trying to sell its best-performing stores. The retailer earlier received court approval to begin store closing sales at 142 unprofitable stores, including a Sears in Joliet and Kmart stores in Moline, Quincy and Norridge.

Sears has until Dec. 15 to find an initial bidder, or "stalking horse," for the stores it hopes to keep open. Other potential buyers have until Dec. 28 to submit bids, and the auction will be conducted Jan. 14.

ESL Investments, the hedge fund run by Sears Chairman Edward Lampert, had been in talks with the company about buying a large group of stores. At a court hearing last month, an attorney for Sears said ESL was a "likely bidder."

While Sears hopes to find a buyer that would continue operating the retail business, it also is accepting bids from buyers that would liquidate, according to a letter from Lazard, the firm handling the auction process for the retailer.

Sandberg is singed by Facebook fire

Image hurt by tech firm woes amid whispers to ax her

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For the past decade, Sheryl Sandberg has been the poised, reliable second-in-command to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, helping steer Facebook's rapid growth around the world, while also cultivating her brand in ways that hint at aspirations beyond the social network.

But with growing criticism over the company's practices, or lack of oversight, her carefully cultivated image as an eloquent feminist leader is showing cracks. Questions these days aren't so much about whether she'll run for the Senate or even president, but whether she ought to keep her job at Facebook.

"Her brand was being manicured with the same resources and care as the gardens of Tokyo," said Scott Galloway, a New York University marketing professor. "And unfortunately a hurricane has come through the garden."

Facebook has been dealing with hurricanes for the past two years: fake news, elections interference, hate speech, a privacy scandal, the list goes on. The company's response — namely, Zuckerberg's and Sandberg's — has been slow at best, misleading and obfuscating at worst, as The New York Times reported last week. That report, and one from The Wall Street Journal , underscored Sandberg's influence at the company, even as Zuckerberg has borne much of the criticism and anger. There have been calls for both to be ousted.

But firing Zuckerberg would be all but impossible. He controls the majority of the company's voting stock, serves as its chairman and has — at least publicly — the support of its board of directors. Essentially, he'd have to fire himself. Firing Sandberg would be the next logical option to hold a high-level executive accountable. Though the chances are slim, the fact that it has even come up shows the extent of Facebook's — and Sandberg's — troubles.

Zuckerberg indicated that Sandberg's job is secure in a recent interview on CNN.

"She has been an important partner for me for 10 years," Zuckerberg said. "I am really proud of the work we have done together and hope we work together for decades more to come."

As chief operating officer, Sandberg is in charge of Facebook's business dealings, including the ads that make up the bulk of the company's revenue. She steered Facebook from a rising tech startup into a viable global business expected to reap $55 billion in revenue this year. The company is second only to Google in digital advertising.

But she's also gotten the blame when things go wrong, including Facebook's failure to spot Russian attempts to influence U.S. elections by buying U.S. political ads — in rubles. Though Sandberg has denied knowing that Facebook hired an opposition research firm to discredit activists, she created a permissive environment through what the Times called an "aggressive lobbying campaign" against critics. Facebook fired the firm, Definers, after the Times report came out.

Sandberg, 49, who was hired away from Google in 2008, has been a crucial "heat shield" for Zuckerberg, as Galloway put it, as lawmakers and the public crank up criticism of the 34-year-old founder. In September, Facebook sent Sandberg to testify before the Senate intelligence committee, eliciting a warmer response than her boss did three months before.

Sandberg, former chief of staff for Treasury Secretary Larry Summers, appears more comfortable in Washington meeting rooms than Zuckerberg, who can seem robotic. Her profile is high enough that lawmakers don't feel stilted when she shows up. She's written (with help) two books, including 2013's "Lean In" about women and leadership.

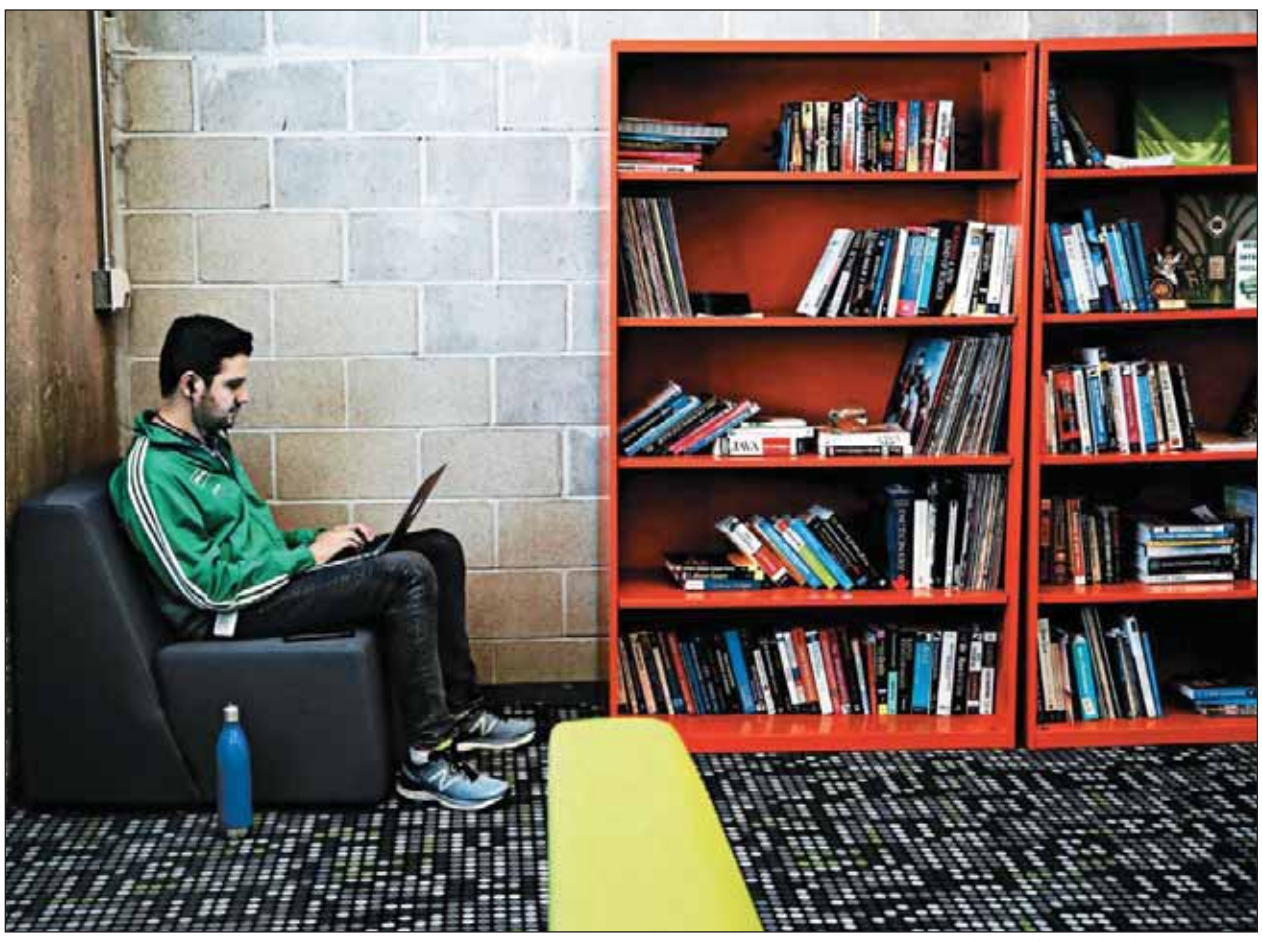
"It's both who she is and how bereft Silicon Valley is of strong, powerful female voices," crisis management expert Richard Levick said. "She has positioned herself as one of those strong voices with 'Lean In.' "

But her high profile also makes her more susceptible to criticism.

CNBC commentator Jim Cramer predicted Monday that Facebook's stock would rise if Sandberg leaves or gets fired. NYU's Galloway believes both Sandberg and Zuckerberg should be fired for allowing Facebook to turn into an entity that harms democracy around the world.

"Every day, executives are fired for a fraction of infractions these two have committed," he said.

Galloway said it would look bad for Facebook to fire one of the only top female executives in an industry where women "face inordinately high obstacles to get to leadership positions."



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Lester Robinson, a business analyst on Groupon's goods team, gets work done in a third floor library at Groupon in Chicago.

Groupon after 10 years

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But the growth at Groupon was too much, too fast. Company leaders have spent the past several years trying to figure out what Groupon should be, backpedaling on growth and reducing the company's reliance on those wry daily emails.

Companies aren't supposed to grow from $40 million or $50 million in revenue to more than $3 billion in a couple years, said Lefkofsky, a former CEO and current chairman.

"Parts of the growth we handled really well, and other parts, in hindsight, we didn't handle very well," he said.

Catching a tiger

Groupon became a household name with consumers. Small business owners usually came on board once they understood the group buying concept, said Sarah Greubel, director of sales for Things To Do, Groupon's live events and experiences category. Greubel was employee No. 24, hired in May 2009 to launch Groupon in Atlanta and San Francisco.

The first deal she launched in San Francisco was a $15 tour of San Francisco Bay with tour operator Adventure Cat Sailing Charters.

The morning it went live, hundreds of the tours were sold before lunchtime.

"(That) was unheard of at the time," Greubel said. "We literally sat and all stared at the screen as people were purchasing these tickets."

It was a wild time, filled adrenaline, fear and chaos, she said. Employees gathered deals that went live the next morning.

"We were ... living on the edge," she said. " 'Oh my gosh, we have to go live tomorrow. What do we have?' "

It was relativity easy to replicate the business in each new city with the help of social media. Competitors also could mimic Groupon's model, which created challenges for the company down the road.

Once Groupon spread from Chicago to New York and Boston, it became apparent the company could get very big, very fast, Lefkofsky said. "And that's exactly what happened."

Groupon went international in 2010.

That year, the company turned down a nearly $6 billion acquisition offer from Google, opting to go public the following year. Co-founder and then-CEO Andrew Mason rang the Nasdaq opening bell on Nov. 4, 2011, amid a shower of green confetti as Groupon debuted on the tech-heavy stock exchange at $28 per share — a price it hasn't reached since.

By 2012, Groupon was in almost 50 countries, and by 2014, annual revenue grew to more than $3 billion.

The rise was meteoric, Lefkofsky said. When a business model takes off that quickly, it's like catching a tiger by the tail, he said. "You're really trying to keep a grasp on it."

A precipitous fall

During much of the company's ascent, current CEO Rich Williams was in Seattle, working in marketing and advertising at Amazon and watching Groupon from afar.

One day, a Groupon employee he knew asked for his thoughts on a commercial the company was planning to air during the 2011 Super Bowl. It was Groupon's first foray into TV advertising, and Williams knew right away the commercial wouldn't work, he recalled.

"My feedback was, 'Are you nuts? These are going to get you guys killed,' " he said.

The ad started out like a pledge drive for Tibet, highlighting the human rights violations it had endured under Chinese rule. Then the commercial cut to actor Timothy Hutton, who said Tibetans "still whip up an amazing fish curry" and that he saved money at a Chicago Himalayan restaurant via Groupon.

The commercial was widely regarded as a spectacular failure on advertising's biggest stage, as many viewers felt it made light of the Tibetan people's struggles.

Scrutiny became a constant for Groupon when it filed for an initial public offering later that year. Before Mason ever rang the opening bell, analysts were picking apart the company's financial statements, and Groupon had to amend its IPO documents several times.

The company's share price declined about 80 percent in its first year as a public company. Skepticism surrounded its ability to maintain revenue growth and the sustainability of its business model. Even the rise of its retail site Groupon Goods, which sells everything from towel sets to furnace filters, drew concerns about the transparency of the company's accounting methods.

Earnings continued to disappoint. By 2013, with the company's shares trading around $5, Mason was ousted as CEO. In an exit letter to employees, he wrote, "If you're wondering why ... you haven't been paying attention."

Changing Groupon

Williams, who joined Groupon in 2011, moved through several positions before being named CEO in 2015, taking the helm from Lefkofsky.

When Williams took over, he started to shrink and simplify the company. It went from operating in almost 50 countries to 15 and from a peak of more than 12,000 employees in 2014 to about 6,500 currently. Groupon reduced its dependence on email, narrowing it from all of the business to one-fifth.

"We knew we had to do some things that were going to create noise," he said.

It increased the amount it spends on marketing, upped the number of deals it offers and rolled out products such as Groupon+, which lets users link deals to their credit cards and get money back through their cards after they make purchases.

Groupon acquired one of its biggest rivals, LivingSocial, in 2016 for an undisclosed amount. Washington, D.C.-based LivingSocial was familiar with downsizing at that point, having shrunk from a peak of more than 4,000 employees to about 200.

Going forward, the goal is to move away from the voucher and attract users to its site in search of deals on everyday purchases, Williams said. But Groupon isn't there yet.

"Groupon is a household name, but still too many people think of it as a thing they used to wait for in their inbox," he said. "(We're) changing the way people think about the brand so that when they're hungry, they think to check Groupon; when they're bored, they think to check Groupon. They're not waiting when they wake up in the morning for someone to send them an offer."

Where are they now?

Mason moved to San Francisco within months of leaving Groupon in 2013 and released a seven-track album about business leadership called "Hardly Workin'." He launched Detour, an audio tour startup that sold to Bose earlier this year for an undisclosed price. Now he's CEO of Descript, which was born out of Detour and makes software that transcribes audio. Mason did not respond to requests for comment.

Groupon's two other cofounders, Lefkofsky and Keywell, stayed in Chicago. The serial entrepreneurs each founded a company now valued at more than $1 billion.

Keywell, who stepped down from Groupon's board a little over a year ago, launched Uptake Technologies in July 2014. The company, which collects and analyzes data from heavy machinery, now employs about 700 people, most of whom are at its headquarters in the Goose Island neighborhood. Uptake, which has faced its own growing pains, declined to make Keywell available for comment.

Lefkofsky launched cancer-fighting data startup Tempus shortly after stepping down as Groupon's CEO. Tempus, which is valued at $2 billion, employs about 550 people and operates out of the same building as Groupon and Uptake, the former Montgomery Ward catalog building at 600 W. Chicago Ave.

Tempus gathers and analyzes data for doctors to use in cancer treatment, and the company has plans to apply its technology to treating other diseases and to expand outside the U.S.

Lefkofsky has tried to learn from what worked at Groupon and what didn't. It's easy now to say what Groupon should have done differently, he said.

The growth it experienced its first few years was difficult to manage. He learned to be patient and not to be short-sighted. He learned about the work it takes to control rampant growth and that the scrutiny of public markets can make that job more challenging.

"When you're in that job where you're running the day-to-day operations, I think you bring everything with you from the past. You bring it all. The good and the bad," Lefkofsky said. "My approach has always been to try to kind of repeat everything that has gone well and really do the opposite of what what hasn't. ... I think we've done more things right than wrong."

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Subject to all the terms of this Notice, the Assets will be sold pursuant to public auction (the "**Auction**") to be held at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, 525 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60661 on **December 7, 2018**, at **10:00 a.m**. (Central Time). The Assets will be sold pursuant to the following terms and conditions: on the date of the Auction, the Assets will be offered for sale, in bulk, and sold to the highest or otherwise best bidder at the conclusion of the Auction, as determined by CIBC in its sole and absolute discretion, on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis, with all faults, and without any warranty whatsoever, express or implied (other than as agreed to in writing by CIBC), including, without limitation, condition of title, value, or quality of the Assets, or with regard to assets, liabilities, financial condition or earnings of Borrower. WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, ALL WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, TITLE POSSESSION QUIET ENJOYMENT OR THE LIKE IN THIS DISPOSITION ARE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED.

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Persons interested in becoming a qualified bidder, bidding on the Assets at the Auction, and/or desiring other information may contact counsel for CIBC, John P. Sieger and William J. Dorsey, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, 525 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60661, (312) 902-5200, during normal business hours.

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Plastic straw alternatives an environmentally friendly gift

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Big problem or a fraction of the world's plastic consumption? You decide, but know that single-use plastic straws are a recent target of environmental activists.

As restaurants debate whether to voluntarily dole them out and lawmakers feverishly write bans against them to protect the ocean and sea life and to reduce stress on landfills, alternatives to plastic straws are plentiful.

Some are downright gifty.

If you want to feel better about yourself and your holiday gift choices, and to urge someone on your list to give up plastic because they seem not ready for the #NoStrawChallenge, look for these options:

Yes, Tiffany & Co.

Let your loved one sip in style with a selection of reusable, luxury straws from Tiffany, because who doesn't love to see a blue box with his or her name on it come gift time?

One, in sterling silver covered in rose gold vermeil, comes as a crazy straw with a twist at the bend at the top. The straw comes with a tiny band of the Tiffany blue in enamel, just to make sure people know its origins. $375.

Another lets the sterling silver shine with a little monkey crawling up a vine. $425.

Paper can be cool

The disposable paper varieties of straws are enjoying a rebirth.

Some are more festive than others. Amazon has an ample assortment in party-worthy metallics, colorful dots and chevrons, and special-occasion themes such as black-and-white patterns or baby blue dots.

Lots of brick-and-mortar stores are into paper straws, too. Prices vary.

Bamboo and glass

In addition to metals, from Tiffany level to more affordable in stainless steel, some materials not routinely associated with straws have become more widespread amid the plastic-straw debate.

Bamboo is having a moment all over the place, in utensils, plates — even toothbrushes. If you think bamboo straws would go unused by your giftee, paper varieties in bamboo prints are available by the box.

Prices vary for bamboo straws. One company, Brush with Bamboo, sells a cute bundle of 12 tied with string, for $20. They are grown organically and artisan-made in northeast India, where bamboo straws are traditionally used to drink beer.

As for glass, some companies insist their offerings are shatter free. A box of four , with a little cleaning brush, goes for $7.99 on Amazon. Two are bent. Ecostraw.com sells a nice variety for all types of drinks.

Pasta and wheat

They may not be the longest lasting but many are no-GMO, fully biodegradable and come in wide sizes worthy of bubble tea.

One version is called Hay! Straws and comes tall at 7.75 inches, in a cute box of 100, for $8. Shorter ones are also available. They're made from wheat stems and are sold with a warning to sip through them, not ingest them.

Another company calls itself Pasta Straw. It says it's working on a gluten-free version.

Pasta Straws says on its website that paper straws are biodegrade in 30 to 60 days. Pasta Straws do it overnight and are edible, the company said. A sample pack wrapped in paper with a company sticker includes 24 for $7.99.



Tiffany & Co. offers a variety of luxury straws that serve as alternatives to plastic straws.

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Amazon workers in Europe protest low pay

By Brian Fung
The Washington Post

As Americans scoured the internet in search of shopping deals on Friday, Amazon.com warehouse workers in Europe were protesting the e-commerce giant — in some cases walking off the job to highlight what they said were unsafe working conditions and low pay.

The protests struck Amazon across the continent, including in Italy, Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom. In Britain, union officials representing Amazon workers predicted that hundreds would appear at protests throughout the day in five locations.

"The conditions our members at Amazon are working under are frankly inhuman," said Tim Roache, general secretary of GMB, in a statement on the organization's website.



MANU FERNANDEZ/AP

People shout slogans Friday during a strike in Torrejon Ardoz, Spain, as Amazon workers strike over labor issues.

Earlier this year, the U.K.-based group said a Freedom of Information request aimed at first responders showed that ambulances had responded to calls for help at Amazon facilities 600 times over the last three years.

Amazon didn't respond to a request for comment but told the Guardian, "Our European Fulfillment Network is fully operational and we continue to focus on delivering for our customers and reports to the contrary are simply wrong."

Amazon chief executive Jeff Bezos also owns The Washington Post.

More than 600 workers have gone on strike in Germany, where workers earn a starting salary of about $12 an hour, according to Reuters. In Spain, one employee told The Associated Press that the walkout was timed for "one of the days that Amazon has most sales."

Friday's demonstrations quickly moved online as workers and supporters of the strike used the hashtag #AmazonWeAreNotRobots to spread the campaign.

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Certificates generally compound daily, monthly, quarterly or even annually. The more frequently, the better, as it allows more chances to earn interest on accrued interest.

To see the impact of different compounding periods, take the example of a five-year CD with a 2.50% APR and an investment of $20,000. If compounding annually, the CD would earn $2,628 over the five years, while the same CD with daily compounding would earn $2,663. Although the difference might seem small, it can sometimes help you choose between two otherwise equal CDs.

The other aspect of CD interest to consider is the ability to tap interest before maturity. Most CD buyers will keep their interest accumulating within the CD, growing the balance and benefiting from compounding.

But some CDs allow you to siphon the interest into a separate account each time the CD earns an interest payment. Here again, the terms of the CD will stipulate how often that happens. Though a CD might compound daily, most banks will apply interest payments monthly or quarterly.

If your goal is to earn the highest possible return over the life of your CD, you'll want to choose a certificate that allows interest to accumulate and be compounded. But if instead you'd like to preserve your main investment while collecting interest payouts along the way, check the terms to make sure periodic interest withdrawals are allowed.

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Pam Hillman, owner of Beanstalk Toys in Highland Park, helps a customer at the shop, which recently expanded.

Stores have more rivals than ever

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Highland Park's Beanstalk, which encourages kids to play with toys like glowing blocks among packed shelves under a toy train track hanging from the ceiling, also has been trying to boost its profile since the Toys R Us about a mile and a half away closed this spring.

Owner Pam Hillman is sending out catalogs for the first time this season and planning promotions like a Willy Wonka-themed event. She also began sponsoring a local youth hockey team.

"I think this is the year people will decide, 'Am I going to run to Target or Amazon, or this place that supports my son's team?' " Hillman said.

Hillman said Beanstalk has been attracting more new customers than usual in the months since Toys R Us closed all its U.S. stores. But other toy store owners, like Toys et Cetera's Nancy Stanek, said they haven't noticed much of a change. Shoppers who had already picked big-box Toys R Us over an independent shop will likely switch to another big chain, like Walmart, said Stanek, who has stores in Chicago's Hyde Park and Andersonville neighborhoods.

Lora Wright, owner of Wheaton's Pinwheel Toys, hoped the absence of Toys R Us would send more business her way but suspects most of the chain's former shoppers have gone to online sellers and national retailers. Because they sell far more toys than an independent shop like Pinwheel, they can set prices Wright can't afford to match.

Now she's worried about competing with even more big retailers that are putting a new focus on toys. She's waiting to see whether people will be willing to make a special trip to a toy shop when chains and online retailers offer one-stop shopping.

"I think people have good intentions to shop local, but when you can hit that button and have it delivered the next day, it's too good," Wright said.

"It's nerve-wracking, but this year will tell us a lot about where the toy industry is going," she added.

There really are more retailers battling for consumers' toy dollars this year, said Steve Pasierb, president and CEO of The Toy Association. In July, the association reported a 23 percent increase in the number of retailers planning to send buyers to its Fall Toy Preview show. Registrations for a toy fair in February also are up significantly, Pasierb said.

Both he and Kimberly Mosley, president of the Chicago-based American Specialty Toy Retailing Association, expect a post-holiday shakeout.

Retailers that are new to the business might struggle if they can't convince consumers to think of them as destinations for toys or if they're unable to offer the expertise and selection of dedicated toy stores, Mosley said.

"We don't expect they'll want to stay if they're not successful," she said.

In the meantime, independent toy store owners said they're leaning into strategies they were already using to fend off competition from Toys R Us, other big-box chains and Amazon, like carrying more unusual toys parents might not find in a bigger retailer's toy aisle, providing extra services like free gift wrapping, or advising shoppers on toys that would fit a child's age and interests.

"If you came into the store and said you're shopping for your 3-year-old nephew, we're not going to let you buy a 1,000-piece puzzle," Building Blocks' Nguyen said.

Megan Morrison, 61, of Highland Park, said she likes buying gifts for her three grandchildren at Beanstalk because the store will deliver toys already assembled, sparing parents the headache.

Beanstalk also will hang on to gifts and drop them off the day before Christmas or Hanukkah to help parents thwart impatient kids who like to snoop, Hillman said.

Even parents who buy toys online and at big-box stores said they liked having a local option too.

The Gruby family has bought toys at Toys R Us, Amazon and Target, but Benjamin, 6, likes the built-in entertainment at Beanstalk. He tried out the store's whack-a-mole, darts and basketball games on Monday while he and his dad waited for his mom.

Target and Amazon seem to sell many of the same things Toys R Us did, but Beanstalk has more specialty toys and employees who "can help with what's trendy," said Michael Gruby, 39.

If nothing else, most industry watchers say consumer spending has been healthy and shoppers appear ready to buy this holiday season.

Both Nguyen and Hillman are optimistic enough to take on extra space. Building Blocks recently opened a third location in the Lincoln Park area.

Hillman took over a store on the same block as Beanstalk and her two kids' clothing shops. For the time being, it's filled with oversize items that look impressive under a tree but didn't fit in jam-packed Beanstalk, like toy kitchens, foosball tables, child-size taco and ice cream stands and a Bentley-brand stroller that converts to a tricycle. After the holidays, Hillman plans to replace the toys with baby and toddler apparel.

Toy manufacturers also increasingly seem to recognize the importance of working with smaller stores, said Rick Derr, who owns a Learning Express Toys franchise in Lake Zurich. Over the past few years, he's been able to get products from toymakers that previously only worked with larger retailers and get access to new toys before they make it to national chains' shelves.

Local retailers tend to have strong relationships with customers, which allows them to give manufacturers immediate feedback on reaction to a new product or strategy for promoting it, Derr said.

That's valuable to manufacturers, who are trying to react more quickly to what customers want, The Toy Association's Pasierb said. It's also in manufacturers' interest to keep a variety of toy retailers healthy, he added.

There's another reason Derr is optimistic about sales this season: Ever since people began speculating about whether or not Toys R Us would make it through the holiday season last year, toys have been on consumers' minds. There was news coverage of the closing sales and the impact on toymakers. More recently, other retailers have been heavily promoting items expected to be popular holiday gifts.

"When toys are in the news, good or bad, it helps us," Derr said. "Our whole year has been very, very good."

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Stocks Recap



Gold	+.20 $1,221.00
Silver	-.14 $14.22
Crude Oil	-6.04 $50.42
Natural Gas	+.04 $4.31
10-year T-note	-.02 3.05%
Euro	+.0063 to .8826/$1
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52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
26951.81	23344.52	Dow Jones industrials	25392.61	24268.74	24285.95	-1127.27	-4.4	-1.8	+3.1
11623.58	9456.16	Dow Jones trans.	10593.54	10176.62	10369.01	-214.59	-2.0	-2.3	+7.8
773.78	647.81	Dow Jones utilities	739.64	714.37	719.63	-9.80	-1.3	-0.5	-5.2
13637.02	11820.33	NYSE Comp.	12407.82	12016.08	12036.24	-364.04	-2.9	-6.0	-3.1
6222.14	5059.72	NYSE International	5231.34	5081.76	5115.73	-117.83	-2.3	-11.7	-10.9
7700.56	6164.43	Nasdaq 100	6841.44	6442.36	6527.35	-339.67	-5.0	+2.1	+1.8
8133.30	6630.67	Nasdaq Comp.	7224.12	6830.76	6938.98	-308.89	-4.3	+0.5	+0.7
2940.91	2532.69	S&P 500	2733.16	2631.09	2632.56	-103.71	-3.8	-1.5	+1.2
2053.00	1769.25	S&P MidCap	1867.46	1801.65	1824.88	-40.52	-2.2	-4.0	-1.9
30560.54	26293.62	Wilshire 5000	28173.73	27083.95	27196.57	-1009.61	-3.6	-2.2	+0.5
1742.09	1436.43	Russell 2000	1527.33	1465.25	1488.68	-38.85	-2.5	-3.1	-2.0
403.72	348.44	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	360.27	349.29	353.98	-3.73	-1.0	-9.0	-8.4
7903.50	6851.59	FTSE 100	7070.46	6904.21	6952.86	-61.02	-0.9	-9.6	-6.2

Most active

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Gen Electric	7.57	-.45
Bank of America	26.97	-.78
Ford Motor	9.13	+.08
Chesapk Engy	3.15	-.43
AT&T Inc	29.36	-.93
EnCana Corp	7.12	-.50
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.65	-.13
Pfizer Inc	43.14	-.37
Square Inc	63.47	-7.12
Sthwstn Energy	5.13	-.26
Wells Fargo & Co	51.83	-1.11
Verizon Comm	58.64	-1.57
Regions Fncl	15.96	-.24

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Adv Micro Dev	19.38	-1.28
Apple Inc	172.29	-21.24
Microsoft Corp	103.07	-5.22
Helios and Matheson	.02	-.00
Facebook Inc	131.73	-7.80
Nvidia Corporation	145.00	-19.43
Micron Tech	36.40	-3.04
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.06	-.21
Cisco Syst	44.54	-1.81
Intel Corp	46.54	-2.29
Comcast Corp A	37.39	-1.20
21st Century Fox A	48.94	+.78
Caesars Entertain	8.22	-.29

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Barc iPath Vix ST	38.60	+3.43
iShares Brazil	38.70	-1.78
iShs China Large Cap	40.31	-1.15
iShs Emerg Mkts	39.74	-1.16
iShares EAFE ETF	61.78	-1.18
iShs iBoxx HY CpBd	82.71	-.56
Invesco QQQ Trust	159.21	-3.16
ProShs UltPro ShtQQQ	16.45	+2.24
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	263.25	-10.48
SPDR S&P O&G ExpPdtn	32.50	-2.25
SPDR Financial	26.00	-.79
US Oil Fund LP	10.83	-1.24
VanE Vect Gld Miners	19.36	-.02

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc	29.36	-.93
Alibaba Group Hldg	150.33	-3.77
Alphabet Inc C	1023.88	-37.61
Alphabet Inc A	1030.10	-38.17
Amazon.com Inc	1502.06	-91.35
Anheuser-Busch InBev	76.16	-2.69
Apple Inc	172.29	-21.24
Bank of America	26.97	-.78
Berkshire Hath A	310340.00	-18010.02
Berkshire Hath B	207.07	-11.34
Boeing Co	312.32	-23.63
Chevron Corp	113.60	-5.46
China Mobile Ltd	48.08	-1.28
Cisco Syst	44.54	-1.81
Citigroup	61.75	-3.20
CocaCola Co	49.02	-1.15
Comcast Corp A	37.39	-1.20
Disney	112.08	-4.11
Exxon Mobil Corp	75.49	-3.47
Facebook Inc	131.73	-7.80
FEMSA	87.08	+.74
HSBC Holdings PLC	41.74	-.50
Home Depot	168.85	-8.17
Intel Corp	46.54	-2.29
JPMorgan Chase & Co	106.65	-3.34
Johnson & Johnson	142.23	-3.76
MasterCard Inc	182.60	-16.44
McDonalds Corp	181.93	-5.66
Merck & Co	74.67	-1.39
Microsoft Corp	103.07	-5.22
Novartis AG	88.03	+.28
Oracle Corp	48.70	-2.47
PepsiCo	115.41	-2.94
Pfizer Inc	43.14	-.37
Procter & Gamble	91.54	-2.28
Royal Dutch Shell B	60.65	-3.33
Royal Dutch Shell A	58.98	-3.04
Taiwan Semicon	35.96	-.91
Total SA	53.98	-3.13
Toyota Mot	119.71	+2.75
Unilever NV	55.41	-.47
Unilever PLC	54.34	-.44
Unitedhealth Group	261.62	-9.49
Verizon Comm	58.64	-1.57
Visa Inc	132.87	-7.31
WalMart Strs	95.10	-2.59
Wells Fargo & Co	51.83	-1.11

Largest mutual funds

Based on Total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	31.17	-1.09	+3.5
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	26.58	-.55	+1.6
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	40.90	-1.11	+5.0
American Funds BdfAmrcA m	12.39	-.01	-2.1
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	46.32	-1.24	-6.5
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	57.84	-.98	-4.0
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	47.72	-.81	-13.1
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	59.21	-2.07	-.3
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	49.64	-1.91	+2.2
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.23	-.43	-.3
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	38.24	-1.38	+.7
American Funds NewWldA m	59.22	-1.20	-11.3
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	41.52	-1.26	-3.9
American Funds SmCpWldA m	52.82	-1.35	-3.9
American Funds TheNewEcoA m	43.79	-1.25	-2.9
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	44.02	-1.40	+5.2
Baird AggrgateBdInstl	10.40	...	-2.1
Baird CorPlusBdInstl	10.73	...	-1.8
BlackRock GlbAllcIncInstl	18.66	-.30	-3.7
BlackRock StrIncOpIns	9.62	-.02	+.2
DFA EMktCorEqI	19.28	-.40	-14.0
DFA EmMktsValInstl	27.07	-.68	-9.6
DFA FvYrGlbFIIns	10.93	+.01	+.7
DFA IntlCorEqIns	12.38	-.25	-10.9
DFA IntlSmCoInstl	17.95	-.34	-12.2
DFA IntlSmCpValIns	18.59	-.42	-15.6
DFA USCorEq1Instl	22.21	-.79	+1.8
DFA USCorEqIIInstl	20.79	-.68	+.8
DFA USLgCpValInstl	36.83	-1.16	+.3
DFA USSmCpInstl	34.49	-.92	-1.5
DFA USSmCpValInstl	35.87	-.89	-2.8
Dodge & Cox Bal	104.18	-1.87	+3.2
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.25	-.02	-1.2
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	40.00	-.89	-12.7
Dodge & Cox Stk	199.89	-5.93	+5.3
DoubleLine TtlRetBdI	10.33	...	+.3
Edgewood GrInstl	30.88	-1.52	+4.7
FPA Crescent d	33.26	-.54	-1.6
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	92.26	-3.62	+3.3
Fidelity BCGrowth	84.91	-4.52	+.9
Fidelity Balanced	21.65	-.51	+.4
Fidelity Cap&Inc	9.48	-.11	-2.6
Fidelity Contrafund	12.03	-.57	+.6
Fidelity ContrafundK	12.03	-.58	+.7
Fidelity EmergMketsOpps	17.94	-.42	-16.2
Fidelity ExMktIdxInPr	60.71	-1.54	-.1
Fidelity Frdm 2020	15.55	-.25	-2.6
Fidelity Frdm 2030	16.76	-.36	-3.1
Fidelity GroCo	16.48	-.86	-.5
Fidelity GroCo	17.58	-.92	-1.2
Fidelity GroCoK	17.59	-.92	-1.1
Fidelity IntlGr	14.76	-.31	-7.6
Fidelity IntlIdxInstlPrm	38.72	-.60	-8.5
Fidelity IntlVal	9.38	-.20	-10.9
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	10.77	-.01	-1.6
Fidelity LowPrStk	48.31	-1.13	-1.5
Fidelity Magellan	9.85	-.41	+1.0
Fidelity OTCPortfolio	10.48	-.55	-1.5
Fidelity Puritan	21.33	-.62	-.1
Fidelity TotalBond	10.19	-.01	-1.8
Fidelity TtlMktIdxF	75.92	-2.80	+2.7
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	75.90	-2.79	+2.7
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	11.09	...	-1.9
Fidelity Advisor NewInsI	31.15	-1.19	+.8
First Eagle GlbA m	55.74	-1.02	-4.0
Franklin Templeton CATxFrIncA1 m	7.15	+.01	-.4
Franklin Templeton GlbBdAdv	11.57	-.01	+1.0
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.22	-.03	-.5
Franklin Templeton IncAdv	2.20	-.03	-.4
Franklin Templeton IncC m	2.25	-.03	-1.0
Franklin Templeton RisingDivsA m	61.20	-2.20	+3.8
Harbor CptlApprecInstl	69.37	-3.73	+.6
Harding Loevner IntlEqInstl d	20.37	-.41	-10.7
JPMorgan CoreBondR6	11.14	+.01	-1.5
JPMorgan MCapValL	38.53	-.78	-1.1
Lord Abbett ShrtDurIncF b	4.14	...	+1.1
MFS ValI	39.10	-.94	+1.1
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	10.23	-.01	-1.6
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdPlan	9.63	...	-1.5
Oakmark EqAndIncInv	30.86	-.51	-2.1
Oakmark IntlInv	23.06	-.24	-17.4
Oakmark Inv	78.90	-2.80	-3.0
Old Westbury LgCpStrats	13.74	-.38	-3.1
Oppenheimer DevMktsY	37.82	-.77	-12.0
PGIM Investments TtlRetBdZ	13.82	...	-1.8
PIMCO AlAstInstl	11.33	-.10	-2.4
PIMCO IncA m	11.77	-.05	-.3
PIMCO IncI2	11.77	-.05	...
PIMCO IncInstl	11.77	-.05	+.1
PIMCO ShrtTrmIns	9.87	...	+2.2
PIMCO TtlRetIns	9.88	-.03	-1.4
PRIMECAP Odyssey Gr	37.77	-.98	+2.8
Schwab SP500Idx	41.25	-1.62	+3.3
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T. Rowe Price EqInc	31.88	-.81	+.1
T. Rowe Price GrStk	63.32	-2.76	+1.4
T. Rowe Price HlthSci	75.94	-1.57	+10.0
T. Rowe Price InsLgCpGr	39.09	-1.75	+6.5
T. Rowe Price MdCpGr	90.18	-1.98	+4.6
T. Rowe Price NewHorizons	57.95	-2.06	+12.3
T. Rowe Price NewInc	9.03	...	-2.1
T. Rowe Price Rtr2020	21.83	-.37	-1.7
T. Rowe Price Rtr2025	16.98	-.32	-2.0
T. Rowe Price Rtr2030	24.96	-.51	-2.2
T. Rowe Price Rtr2035	18.21	-.41	-2.4
T. Rowe Price Rtr2040	26.10	-.62	-2.5
T. Rowe Price Val	35.59	-.93	-2.3
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	243.81	-9.55	+3.3
Vanguard 500IdxInv	243.78	-9.55	+3.2
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	33.95	-.73	+1.1
Vanguard CAITTxExAdm	11.47	+.02	+.2
Vanguard CptlOppAdmrl	157.02	-3.94	+3.9
Vanguard DevMIdxAdmrl	12.56	-.22	-9.4
Vanguard DevMIdxIns	12.58	-.22	-9.4
Vanguard DivGrInv	27.34	-.82	+9.1
Vanguard EMStkIdxInAdm	32.00	-.70	-13.5
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	75.94	-2.05	+3.0
Vanguard ExplorerAdmrl	92.87	-2.89	+7.6
Vanguard ExtMktIdxAdmrl	82.24	-2.08	-.1
Vanguard ExtMktIdxIns	82.23	-2.09	-.1
Vanguard GNMAAdmrl	10.08	...	-1.1
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	71.80	-3.41	+1.5
Vanguard GrIdxIns	71.80	-3.42	+1.5
Vanguard HCAdmrl	89.94	-1.67	+8.2
Vanguard HYCorpAdmrl	5.57	-.02	-.5
Vanguard HYTEAdmrl	11.03	+.03	+.7
Vanguard InTrBdIdxAdmrl	10.83	...	-2.3
Vanguard InTrInGdAdm	9.28	-.01	-2.0
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.73	+.03	+.2
Vanguard InflPrtScAdmrl	24.59	-.09	-1.9
Vanguard InsIdxIns	240.54	-9.42	+3.3
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	240.56	-9.42	+3.3
Vanguard InsTrgRt2020Ins	21.89	-.34	-1.4
Vanguard InsTtlSMIInPls	58.42	-2.14	+2.9
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	86.38	-2.21	-10.0
Vanguard LTInGrdAdm	9.33	-.01	-7.5
Vanguard LTTEAdmrl	11.22	+.03	+.2
Vanguard LfStrGrInv	32.00	-.74	-2.2
Vanguard LfStrModGrInv	26.01	-.46	-1.8
Vanguard LtdTrmTEAdmrl	10.79	...	+.8
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	184.43	-4.93	...
Vanguard MdCpIdxIns	40.74	-1.09	...
Vanguard MdCpIdxInsPlus	200.94	-5.36	...
Vanguard MorganGrAdmrl	92.31	-4.22	+2.7
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	138.35	-4.14	+6.0
Vanguard RlEstIdxAdmrl	113.26	-1.34	-1.1
Vanguard SCpValIdxAdm	54.43	-1.14	-.4
Vanguard STBdIdxAdmrl	10.22	...	+.1
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.39	-.01	+.1
Vanguard STTEAdmrl	15.69	+.01	+1.2
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	69.19	-1.74	+.8
Vanguard SmCpIdxIns	69.19	-1.74	+.8
Vanguard StarInv	25.79	-.49	-1.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2015Inv	14.99	-.17	-1.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	30.49	-.47	-1.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	17.89	-.32	-1.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	32.42	-.66	-1.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	19.88	-.45	-2.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Inv	34.26	-.85	-2.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Inv	21.49	-.56	-2.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Inv	34.58	-.91	-2.3
Vanguard TrgtRtrIncInv	13.11	-.12	-1.1
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	10.28	...	-1.9
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	10.28	...	-1.9
Vanguard TtBMIdxInsPlus	10.28	...	-1.9
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	21.84	+.03	+1.5
Vanguard TtInBIdxIns	32.78	+.06	+1.6
Vanguard TtInBIdxInv	10.93	+.02	+1.5
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	26.43	-.48	-10.2
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	105.70	-1.93	-10.1
Vanguard TtInSIdxInsPlus	105.72	-1.92	-10.1
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	15.80	-.29	-10.2
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	65.76	-2.41	+2.8
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	65.78	-2.41	+2.8
Vanguard TtlSMIdxInv	65.73	-2.42	+2.7
Vanguard ValIdxAdmrl	40.68	-1.26	+4.7
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	70.54	-1.33	+1.9
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Western Asset CorPlusBdI	11.00	-.03	-3.3

b - Fee covering market costs is paid from fund assets. d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee. m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee. s - fund split shares during the week. x - fund paid a distribution during the week. Source: Morningstar.

How the region's Top 100 companies fared

Ranks based on market capitalization of public companies headquartered in Illinois and northwest Indiana as of Friday, November 23, 2018

Market capitalization in millions of dollars (CAP); *Stock $ change* (WEEK); *Stock % return* (1-YR)

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR
1 Boeing Co	177,361	312.32	▼ -23.63	
2 McDonalds Corp	140,251	181.93	▼ -5.66	
3 AbbVie Inc	128,806	85.63	▼ -5.90	
4 Abbott Labs	119,623	68.11	▼ -3.93	
5 Walgreen Boots Alli	76,702	80.81	▼ -1.71	
6 Caterpillar Inc	72,181	122.32	▼ -7.64	
7 CME Group	64,522	189.31	▼ -6.30	
8 Mondelez Intl	63,663	43.79	▼ -.48	
9 Kraft Heinz Co	62,239	51.04	▼ -1.04	
10 Deere Co	45,947	142.84	▼ -5.03	
11 ITW	44,531	134.21	▼ -1.39	
12 Exelon Corp	43,370	44.85	▼ -1.03	
13 Baxter Intl	34,839	65.47	▼ -1.04	
14 Allstate Corp	30,217	87.73	▼ -1.77	
15 United Contl Hldgs	25,840	94.84	▲ +2.58	
16 Equity Residential	25,462	69.11	▼ -.25	
17 Arch Dan Mid	25,341	45.20	▼ -.85	
18 Discover Fin Svcs	23,016	68.51	▼ -1.81	
19 Ventas Inc	21,897	61.43	▲ +.04	
20 Nthn Trust Cp	21,318	96.29	▼ -1.26	
21 Motorola Solutions	20,334	124.35	▼ -5.67	
22 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	18,129	303.32	▼ -10.24	
23 Grainger WW	16,780	297.95	▼ -12.61	
24 Gallagher AJ	14,080	76.67	▼ -1.71	
25 CDW Corp	13,179	87.87	▼ -1.27	
26 ConAgra Brands Inc	13,005	33.19	▲ +.12	
27 CNA Financial	12,598	46.42	▼ -.64	
28 Dover Corp	12,373	84.56	▼ -3.06	
29 CBOE Global Markets	12,049	107.39	▼ -2.72	n/a
30 TransUnion	11,242	60.67	▼ -1.69	
31 IDEX Corp	10,079	131.40	▼ -5.36	
32 CF Industries	9,974	43.22	▼ -3.87	
33 NiSource Inc	9,491	25.67	▼ -.02	
34 Packaging Corp Am	9,033	95.60	▼ -1.45	
35 Zebra Tech	8,877	165.00	▼ -15.70	
36 Equity Lifesty Prop	8,789	97.94	▲ +1.16	
37 LKQ Corporation	8,699	27.34	▼ -1.06	
38 Ingredion Inc	7,288	103.09	▲ +1.83	
39 GrubHub Inc	7,163	78.98	▼ -8.51	
40 US Foods Holding	7,086	32.61	▲ +.61	
41 Aptargroup Inc	6,526	103.90	▼ -2.38	
42 Middleby Corp	6,509	116.56	▼ -1.47	
43 Old Republic	6,497	21.47	▼ -.41	
44 CDK Global Inc	6,428	49.92	▼ -.47	
45 Jones Lang LaSalle	6,368	139.76	▼ -2.02	
46 Hill-Rom Hldgs	6,287	93.45	▼ -.97	
47 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	6,108	43.20	▲ +.59	
48 USG Corp	5,988	42.85	▲ +.17	
49 Morningstar Inc	4,914	115.21	▼ -6.12	
50 Kemper Corp	4,751	73.38	▼ -2.64	
51 Brunswick Corp	4,612	53.18	▲ +.07	
52 Littelfuse Inc	4,514	179.47	▼ -4.45	
53 Wintrust Financial	4,276	75.83	▼ -1.97	
54 Stericycle Inc	4,132	45.62	▼ -.42	
55 First Indl RT	3,967	31.41	▼ -.27	
56 Equity Commonwlth	3,767	31.01	▲ +.14	
57 MB Financial	3,714	44.09	▼ -.94	
58 Teleph Data	3,649	34.55	▼ -.54	
59 Tribune Media Co A	3,430	39.14	▲ +.57	
60 RLI Corp	3,311	74.44	▼ -.14	
61 Adtalem Global Educ	3,290	56.02	▼ -1.52	
62 Paylocity Hldg	3,200	60.61	▼ -3.28	
63 GATX	2,994	79.42	▼ -3.39	
64 US Cellular	2,992	56.62	▲ +.89	
65 Hyatt Hotels Corp	2,991	69.94	▼ -1.09	
66 TreeHouse Foods	2,967	53.00	▲ +1.12	
67 Navistar Intl	2,953	29.87	▼ -.30	
68 Retail Prop Amer	2,570	11.93	▼ -.16	
69 Cabot Microelect	2,552	100.07	▼ -2.11	
70 John Bean Technol	2,494	78.91	▼ -5.48	
71 Fst Midw Bcp	2,410	22.66	▼ -.41	
72 Envestnet Inc	2,319	50.73	▼ -2.78	
73 Anixter Intl	2,118	63.28	▼ -5.03	
74 Tenneco Inc	1,870	32.77	▼ -.25	
75 Stepan Co	1,815	80.62	▼ -5.88	
76 Groupon Inc	1,695	2.97	▼ -.05	
77 Allscripts Hlthcare	1,687	9.66	▼ -.60	
78 Horace Mann	1,606	39.24	▼ -.26	
79 AAR Corp	1,498	42.77	▼ -2.84	
80 Hub Group Inc	1,468	43.69	▼ -2.03	
81 Federal Signal	1,398	23.22	▼ -1.16	
82 First Busey Corp	1,362	27.89	▼ -.23	
83 Tootsie Roll	1,361	35.25	▲ +.18	
84 Knowles Corp	1,344	14.91	▼ -.18	
85 Huron Consulting Gp	1,198	53.14	▼ -.65	
86 Methode Electronics	1,092	29.54	▼ -.13	
87 Navigant Consult	1,010	23.73	▼ -.15	
88 Consolidated Commun	954	13.39	▲ +.49	
89 Career Education	904	12.96	▼ -.05	
90 Akorn Inc	901	7.18	▲ +.33	
91 Addus HomeCare	894	68.30	▼ -3.98	
92 Coeur Mining	826	4.15	▼ -.31	
93 Acco Brands Corp	818	7.97	▼ -.12	
94 Century Aluminum	772	8.81	▼ -.53	
95 Enova Intl Inc	753	21.97	▼ -1.02	
96 Echo Global Logis	706	24.75	▼ -1.17	
97 Global Brass Copper	685	30.86	▼ -1.31	
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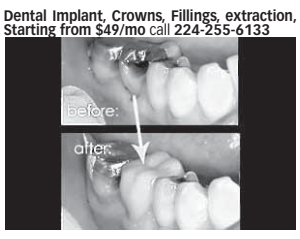
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WORK ADVICE

Use up your time off before it's too late

Those December vacation days can come in handy. After all, you need a couple of days for your holiday shopping and a day to put up the outdoor lights. And let's not forget the extra time off for mid-week Christmas parties and family get-togethers. Or maybe you don't need time off for any of those things. Maybe you take time off because you need to. That use-'em-or-lose-'em clock is ticking and you're not about to leave a week of vaca-days on the table, even if those days are spent arguing with your kids or sitting on the couch binge-watching shows you don't even consider binge-worthy.

Here's an idea — avoid the December rush and use your days off wisely throughout the year. "Far too many of us think that we have to be on vacation in order to take a day off of work," says Bonnie Merifold, a career coach in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. "In reality, we should be lining up our days off throughout the year and we should be using them for a variety of reasons."

Although Merifold acknowledges the usual day-off prompts, like doctors' appointments and wait-at-home visits from the cable company, she says it's important to use time off throughout the year to "renew and refresh," a concept she hasn't always endorsed.

"When I worked in HR, the term 'me-time' started to get more popular, as in 'I'm taking tomorrow off for some me-time," Merifold says. "We'd have employees take personal days so they could do small favors for themselves, like manicures and spa days. It used to infuriate me but my boss was a big proponent of the concept. She would encourage people to be more self-serving with their time. That was her term, 'self-serving,' and then she'd ask them to share what they did on their me-time days with others."

Although Merifold and a few of her colleagues would roll their eyes at the practice, she started reading the experiences that the employees shared with Merifold's boss. "They were gushing about their massage or raving about a lunch they had at the Four Seasons," she says. "It became obvious that the idea of the me-time day was important."

Home alone

Stan Lowell, a physical therapist in San Diego, says he usually forgets to use his time off and is always stacking together days in December to use his three weeks of vacation. "And I hate using days in December," he says. "All I do it sit at my house and watch TV. Well, at least that's what I want to do but all I end up doing is running here and there for my wife, who is a teacher and doesn't take time off until her break."

Lowell says the task list keeps growing. "I'm taking the kids to the dentist or I'm picking up candy for her students. It never ends," he says.

Until this year, when he was forced to change his strategy.

"We had two therapists travel out of the country this December so we had to cover for them, which meant no time off for me," Lowell says. "Even though I had six days to burn, my boss is letting me use them next year. And I've got some plans, most of which involve taking those days in the summer to go watch some baseball. That seems a lot better than sitting at home watching Netflix."

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1. Make eye contact

Look people in the eye whenever you're being spoken to. It's both commanding and polite. If it makes you too nervous to look directly in the eyes, try looking at the nose or ears — just make sure your focus is on their face.

2. Delay your smile

Instead of smiling the second you meet someone, take one moment just to look at them and consider them for a second, then — and only then — give them your biggest, warmest smile. Even a delay smaller than one second can give an air of sincerity to your post-assessment.

3. Count blinks

If you count your conversation partner's blinks, you not only can increase your feelings of warmth and respect for that person by focusing your attention, but you can also ensure that you're making good eye contact!

4. Use your hands

Charismatic leaders tend to talk with their hands. It makes you look commanding and powerful, so go ahead and incorporate your natural gestures into your speech.

5. Pay attention to posture

Make sure you're sitting or standing upright and with your head held high. This can actually trick your brain into feeling more positive and powerful. And sends a strong signal.

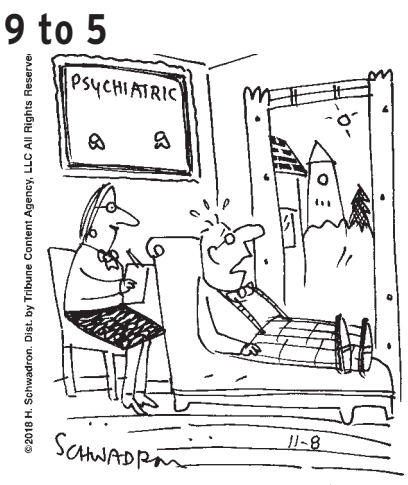
6. Don't fidget

Try limiting the fidgeting — this includes crossing and re-crossing your legs. Minimizing your movement will often maximize your credibility and make people feel more comfortable in your presence.

7. Try the steeple

Try putting your hands in the steeple position, with your fingertips together. This is a strangely powerful gesture that communicates confidence, listening skills, and competence almost effortlessly. Extra points if you lean back while doing it.

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Applications Consultant 2 - conduct SW specific dsgn & realizatn; test'g, deploymnt & release mgmnt, and/or techn & funct app mgmnt of package based sols, incl SAP or ORACLE; build sols & maintain/optimize/improve client apps & systems; prfrm unit/integr test'g/design/delivry of end-user training; conduct research/data analysis/implement for consult prjcts. Reqs bach +2 yrs exp. (Job # 040206).

Application Consultant 3 - conduct SW-specific dsgn & realizatn; test'g, deploymnt & release mgmnt, and/or techn & funct app mgmnt of package based sols, incl SAP or ORACLE; translate bus case into detailed tech design; integr/user test'g; translate techn blueprints into reqs & specs; monitor/direct workflow of smaller consul projects, incl dsgn of project plans; & oversee work of personnel. Reqs bach +3 yrs exp. (Job #040213).

Applications Consultant 4 - mnge/oversee SW-specific design/realization; prform test'g/ deployment/release mngmnt, and/or tech/funct app mngmnt package based solutions incl SAP & ORACLE; oversee/direct mltpl projects/single/lrg&complex project; deliver on defined revenue targets; initiate/maintain client rels; mnagmnt/admin respblts, incl. mngmnt of project teams/development of staff. Reqs bach + 7 yrs. progressive post-bach. exp. (Job # 040214).

Business Analyst 2 - enable transform/prformnce improv of enterprise, w/ respect to ppl/process/tech & provide rel capabilities, assets/processes/tools; use strategy exec/bus process transform/package module config/change mgmnt to structure/analyze current state of client's bus, & design/guide rel processes for optimal future state; & cndct research/data analysis/implement for consult projects. Reqs bach +2 yrs exp. (Job # 040215).

Business Analyst 4 - enable transform/prformnce improv of enterprise, w/ respect to ppl/process/tech & provide rel capabilities, assets/processes/tools; perfrm Strategy Execution/Business Process Transformation/Change Mngmnt; advise clients on implement'n of one or more package modules; mngmnt/direction of mltpl projects or single/large/cmplx project; deliver defined revenue targets w/in particular ind/service area; initiate/maintain client reltnshps. Reqs bach + 7 yrs. progressive post-bach. exp. (Job # 040233).

Business Systems Analyst 1 - dvlp sector knowldg; enable trnsfrm/performance imprvmnt of enterprise, w/ respect to ppl/process & provide capablties/assets/process/tools; structure/analyze current state of enterprise & dsgn/guide processes for optimal future state; dvlp knowldg/tech skills/core consult'g behaviors; asst w/ research/data analysis. Reqs bach +1 yr exp. (Job #040216).

Business Systems Analyst 2 - condct research/data analysis/implmntatn lead'g to ERP sol; enable trnsfrm/performance imprvmnt of enterprise, w/ respect to ppl/process & provide capablties/assets/process/tools; structure/analyze current state of enterprise & dsgn/guide processes for optimal future state: ERP/appltn mngmnt/custom SW dvlpmnt. Reqs bach +2 yrs exp. (Job #040234).

Business Systems Analyst 4 - enable trnsfrm/perform improv of enterprise, w/ respect to ppl/process & provide capablties/assets/process/tools; structure/analyze/visualize enterprise's current state; execute ERP/Appl Mngmnt/Custom SW Dvlpmnt; mngment of mltpl projs; deliver on def revenue targets w/in particular ind/service area; maintain client reltnships; oversee proj teams/dvlpmnt of staff. Reqs bach + 7 yrs. progressive post-bach. exp. (Job #040217).

Data Analyst 2 - imprt/clean/trnsfrm/validate/model data; design/dvlp rational DBs for collect'g/stor'g data; build/design data input & data collection mechanisms; perform data extract/profil'g/cleans'g/dedupl/standardization/conver/transform/load'g/data min'g/warehous'g/archiv'g/report'g; server based DBs in dvlpmnt & test envrnmnts, incl DB SW instal, DB creation, perform/capacity/backup/recovery/security; exec. project work plans in field. Reqs bach + 2 yrs exp. (Job # 040218).

Programmer Developer 1 - utilize prog languages/ tools/frmwrks to conduct comp program'g/SW dev; perfrm req's gather'g/bug fix'g/test'g/ docum'tion/implem'tion of SW systems; analyze/interpret comp system arch/dsgn/coding to adhere to progrm'g/doc policies; dvlp prog logic for new IT apps or analyze/modify logic in exist'g apps; analyze req's & maintain/test/integrte app components. Reqs bach + 1 yr exp. (Job #040219).

Programmer Developer 2 - utilize prgrm lang/tools/frmwrks to condct comp prgrm/SW dvlpmnt; req gather'g/ bug fix/test/doc/implemnt of SW systems; dvlp SW prgrms using spec program lnguage/pltforms, incl Java or MS.NET; dsgn/anlyze/review/redsgn programs; prep dtailed workflow charts/diagrams; cndct trial runs of prgrms/SW apps & correct progrm errors. Reqs bach+2 yrs exp. (Job #040220).

Programmer Developer 3 - utilize prgrm lang/tools/frmewrks to cndct comp prgrm/SW dvlpmnt; req gather'g/bug fix/test/doc/implemnt of SW systems; analyze/interprt comp system arch/design/cod'g to ensure adhernce to prgrm/doc policies; coordinate prgrm workflow for mtpl projects; provide prgrm'g/cod'g train'g/guidance to jr level prgrmrs; team represnt. Reqs bach + 3 yrs exp. (Job # 040221).

Project Manager 4 - prepare projct plan/budgt/structure/schdl/staff'g; lead lrg projct/segmnt of lrg/cmplx projct; translate cmplx bus reqs into formal agreemnts; work w/ executives to identify bus reqs & execut/close soln; wide range of process activits, incl request for proposl/dvlpmnt/final delivery. Reqs bach + 7 yrs progressive post-bach. exp. (Job #040222).

Software Engineer 1 - dsgn/dvlp/maintain IT appls & componnts/envrnmnts, based on SW Arch modls/principls; code/integrate/implemnt/install/change framewrks/stndrd appl componnts; perform tech/functl appl mngmnt; dvlp languags/methds/framewrks/tools to support server-based DBs in dvlpmnt/test/production envrnmnts; dvlp/implement tech sols. Reqs bach + 1 yr exp. (Job #040223).

Software Engineer 2 - dsgn/dvlp/maintain IT appls & componnts/envrnmnts, based on SW Arch modls/principls; code/integrate/implemnt/install/change framewrks/stndrd appl componnts; perform tech/functl appl mngmnt; dvlp languags/methds/framewrks/tools to support server-based DBs in dvlpmnt/test/production envrnmnts; dvlp/implement tech sols. Reqs bach + 2 yrs exp. (Job #040226).

Software Engineer 4 - dsgn/dvlp/maintain IT appls & componnts/envrnmnts, based on SW Arch modls/principls; code/integrate/implemnt/install/change framewrks/stndrd appl componnts; perform tech/functl appl mngmnt; dvlp languags/methds/framewrks/tools to support server-based DBs in dvlpmnt/test/production envrnmnts; dvlp/implement tech sols; specialist in Sftwr Eng tech, incld'g languags, databas, frmwrk/tools, Mangmnt of cmplx projcts. Reqs bach + 7 yrs progressively post-bacc exp. (Job # 040227).

Solutions Architect 4 - assess project's tech feasibility/implemnt risks; dsign/ implemnt project's tech arch; define structure of system/its interfaces/principls guid'g its org/SW dsgn/ implement; dsgn/validate cmplx arch; work as stream lead at CIO/CTO level; lead operations relat'g to market dvlpmnt and/or service delivry excellence; mnge/direct mltpl projects or single/large/cmplx project; initiate/maintain client relatnshps; share practice mngmnt/admin responsibilities incl mngmnt of project teams/dvlpmnt of staff. Reqs bach + 7 yrs progressive post-bach. exp. (Job #040228).

Test Consultant 1 - verif & valid IT prods produced by dvlpmnt process; phase-by-phase SW test'g, incl reqs/system/integratn/prog/module test'g; define & exec test scripts & rep reslts, to ensure deliverd soln meets specific; dev competence in spec areas of test'g thru train'g/dvlpmnt/exper; & assists w/research/data analys for cons'g projs. Reqs bach + 1 yr exp. (Job #040229).

Test Consultant 2 - phase-by-phase SW test'g, incl reqs/system/integratn/prog/module test'g; complete independnt verific/validtion of IT prodcts; dsgn/test execution for appls/systems based on SW Architecture models/principls; cndct research/data analysis/implemnt; prfrm defect mngmnt/test analysis/acceptance test'g. Reqs bach + 2 yrs exp. (Job #040230).

Test Consultant 3 - phase-by-phase SW test'g, incl reqs/system/integratn/prog/module test'g; dsgn/dvlp complex/non-funct'al tests; complete independnt verific/validtion of IT products; bid/client prposals based on tech expertise; coordinate wrk of less exp personnel; guide wrkflow of smaller consult'g projects/sgmnts of larg prjects, incl projct plan dsgn. Reqs bach + 3 yrs exp. (Job # 040231).

Test Consultant 4 - phase-by-phase SW test'g, incl reqs/system/integratn/prog/module test'g; complete independnt verific/validtion of IT products; maintain direct contact w/ all client levels; provide adv level/enterprise-wide SW test'g incl all its processes/tooling, incl. TMap; analyze/assess commrcial benefits of cmplx/internatnl client engagements; deliver def revenue targets; coordinate/admin mltpl projects or sngle/large/cmplx project; condct briefings/train'g sessions for team. Reqs bach + 7 yrs progressive post-bach. exp. (Job #040232).

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Application Consultant 2 - conduct SW specific dsgn & realizatn; test'g, deploymnt & release mgmnt, and/or techn & funct app mgmnt of package based sols, incl SAP or ORACLE; build sols & maintain/optimize/improve client apps & systems; prfrm unit/integr test'g/design/delivry of end-user training; conduct research/data analysis/implement for consult prjcts. Reqs bach +2 yrs exp. (Job # 040236).

Application Consultant 3 - conduct SW-specific dsgn & realizatn; test'g, deploymnt & release mgmnt, and/or techn & funct app mgmnt of package based sols, incl SAP or ORACLE; translate bus case into detailed tech design; integr/user test'g; translate techn blueprints into reqs & specs; monitor/direct workflow of smaller consul projects, incl dsgn of project plans; & oversee work of personnel. Reqs bach +3 yrs exp. (Job # 040239).

Applications Consultant 4 - mnge/oversee SW-specific design/realization; prform test'g/ deployment/release mngmnt, and/or tech/funct app mngmnt of package based solutions incl SAP & ORACLE; oversee/direct mltpl projects/single/lrg&complex project; deliver on defined revenue targets; initiate/maintain client rels; mnagmnt/admin respblts, incl. mngmnt of project teams/development of staff. Reqs bach + 7 yrs. progressive post-bach. exp. (Job # 040245).

Business Analyst 2 - enable transform/prformnce improv of enterprise, w/ respect to ppl/process/tech & provide rel capabilities, assets/processes/tools; use strategy exec/bus process transform/package module config/change mgmnt to structure/analyze current state of client's bus, & design/guide rel processes for optimal future state; & cndct research/data analysis/implement for consult projects. Reqs bach +2 yrs exp. (Job # 040248).

Business Systems Analyst 2 - condct research/data analysis/implmntatn lead'g to ERP sol; enable trnsfrm/performance imprvmnt of enterprise, w/ respect to ppl/process & provide capablties/assets/process/tools; structure/analyze current state of enterprise & dsgn/guide processes for optimal future state: ERP/appltn mngmnt/custom SW dvlpmnt. Reqs bach +2 yrs exp. (Job # 040250).

Business Systems Analyst 3 - condct research/data analysis/implmntatn lead'g to ERP sol; enable trnsfrm/performance imprvmnt of enterprise, w/ respect to ppl/process & provide capablties/assets/process/tools; structure/analyze current state of enterprise & dsgn/guide processes for optimal future state: ERP/appltn mngmnt/custom SW dvlpmnt; use tech tools/languages/knwldge of funct arch dsgn/comp arch to anticipate/identify issues & propose advice leading ERP sol; participate in admin of project workflow/ dsgn'g project plans. Reqs bach +3 yrs exp. (Job # 040251).

Business Systems Analyst 4 - enable trnsfrm/perform improv of enterprise, w/ respect to ppl/process & provide capablties/assets/process/tools; structure/analyze/visualize enterprise's current state; execute ERP/Appl Mngmnt/Custom SW Dvlpmnt; mngment of mltpl projs; deliver on def revenue targets w/in particular ind/service area; maintain client reltnships; oversee proj teams/dvlpmnt of staff. Reqs bach + 7 yrs. progressive post-bach. exp. (Job # 040252).

Data Analyst 2 - imprt/clean/trnsfrm/validate/model data; design/dvlp rational DBs for collect'g/stor'g data; build/design data input & data collection mechanisms; perform data extract/profil'g/cleans'g/dedupl/standardization/conver/transform/load'g/data min'g/warehous'g/archiv'g/report'g; server based DBs in dvlpmnt & test envrnmnts, incl DB SW instal, DB creation, perform/capacity/backup/recovery/security; exec. project work plans in field. Reqs bach + 2 yrs exp. (Job # 040253).

Data Analyst 3 - imprt/clean/trnsfrm/validate/model data; design/dvlp rational DBs for collect'g/stor'g data; build/design data input & data collection mechanisms; mentor data analysts/less exp personnel; present adv data findings & ensure integrity of data for project; monitor/coordinate workflow of smaller consulting projects/segments of lrg projects, incl. project plan design. Reqs bach + 3 yrs exp. (Job # 040255).

ERP Administrator 2 - monitor/mnge ERP / SAP systems/ensure SAP systems available for service; maintain complex SAP landscape; coordinate w/ teams to implement sols for client' issues; DB upgrades/migration/patching; restore DB recovery in case of disaster; analyze org bus processes/ systems (finan, logistical, HR) & automate/optimize proc thru 3rd party ERP system (SAP/PeopleSoft/Oracle); monitor ERP / SAP systems/update to next level; serve as SME. Reqs bach + 3 yrs exp. (Job # 040256).

Infrastructure Consultant 1 - anlyz user reqs/procedures/problems to automate/imprve exist'g comp infrastrctre sys; apply subj matter knwldg to undrstnd specific sys needs/reqs; coordinate on-call cvr; research/dvlp/delivr sols for infrastrctre sys for appls using current/emerg'g techns; monitor servers; coordinate actvits rel to infrastrctre (ntwrk/telecm/SW/HW/servers) & DB; oversee implmnt of new process. Reqs. bach+1 yr exp. (Job # 040257).

Network Engineer 2 - anlyz/test/trblshoot/eval exist'g ntwrk sys (LAN/WAN/Internet) or a segment; maintain understnd'g of client svc reqs/provid 24x7 ntwrk ops' fault mgmt support for PBX/data/VoIP appl ntwrks; trck/cntrl svc req lifecycle; prform trblshoot'g/analysis/isolation/reslutn; recgnz differ'g lvls of cvrage/adj cust'mer care lvl to ensure most efficnt reslutn; use VOIP prcedurs to support distributd CUCM/UCCX/IPCC/UM/E911/Ops & Tier 1-3 support for switch'g/rout'g/VPN tech & authentication servers; carry out actn plns for on-site client hw replcmnts. Reqs bach + 2 yrs exp. (Job # 040258).

Programmer Developer 2 - utilize prgrm lang/tools/frmwrks to condct comp prgrm/SW dvlpmnt; req gather'g/ bug fix/test/doc/implemnt of SW systems; dvlp SW prgrms using spec program lnguage/pltforms, incl Java or MS.NET; dsgn/anlyze/review/redsgn programs; prep dtailed workflow charts/diagrams; cndct trial runs of prgrms/SW apps & correct progrm errors. Reqs bach+2 yrs exp. (Job # 040259).

Programmer Developer 3 - utilize prgrm lang/tools/frmewrks to cndct comp prgrm/SW dvlpmnt; req gather'g/bug fix/test/doc/implemnt of SW systems; analyze/interprt comp system arch/design/cod'g to ensure adhernce to prgrm/doc policies; coordinate prgrm workflow for mtpl projects; provide prgrm'g/cod'g train'g/guidance to jr level prgrmrs; team represnt. Reqs bach + 3 yrs exp. (Job # 040260).

Project Manager 3 - prepare projct plan/budgt/structure/schdl/staff'g; oversee streams/ activits to achieve bus result/plan'd prof levels/quality standards; formulation/dvlpmnt/implmnt/delivery of app sols; ensure project meets its delivrbls in agreed schdle/scope/stipulated budgt/quality stndrds. Reqs bach + 5 yrs progressive post-bach. exp. (Job # 040261).

Project Manager 4 - prepare projct plan/budgt/structure/schdl/staff'g; lead lrg projct/segmnt of lrg/cmplx projct; translate cmplx bus reqs into formal agreemnts; work w/ executives to identify bus reqs & execut/close soln; wide range of process activits, incl request for proposl/dvlpmnt/final delivery. Reqs bach + 7 yrs progressive post-bach. exp. (Job # 040262).

Software Engineer 2 - dsgn/dvlp/maintain IT appls & componnts/envrnmnts, based on SW Arch modls/principls; code/integrate/implemnt/install/change framewrks/stndrd appl componnts; perform tech/functl appl mngmnt; dvlp languags/methds/framewrks/tools to support server-based DBs in dvlpmnt/test/production envrnmnts; dvlp/implement tech sols. Reqs bach + 2 yrs exp. (Job # 040263).

Solutions Architect 3 - primary POC w/client to anticpte/identfy client issues/concrns & propose sols; cndct end-to-end arch of a sol, include'g its assmbly/intgration into client-defind IT arch prncipls; dsign/implmnt proj's tech'l arch; define structure of a sys/its interfaces/principls that guide its org'n, sw dsign/implemnt'tion; hndle/mitigate tech'l risks; monitor/administer wrkflow/incl'g design of proj plns. Reqs bach + 3 yrs exp. (Job # 040265).

Solutions Architect 4 - assess project's tech feasibility/implemnt risks; dsign/ implemnt project's tech arch; define structure of system/its interfaces/principls guid'g its org/SW dsgn/ implement; dsgn/validate cmplx arch; work as stream lead at CIO/CTO level; lead operations relat'g to market dvlpmnt and/or service delivry excellence; mnge/direct mltpl projects or single/large/cmplx project; initiate/maintain client relatnshps; share practice mngmnt/admin responsibilities incl mngmnt of project teams/dvlpmnt of staff. Reqs bach + 7 yrs progressive post-bach. exp. (Job # 040264).

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SEARCH ADVICE

The 3 P's can help you quit making job-landing anxiety inducing

Steve Nichols, a retired human resources director, says his "3-P strategy" forces job seekers to focus on the final goal — getting a job. He breaks it down as follows:

People

Networking shouldn't be something you do the moment you begin looking for a job, Nichols says. It's something you should do your entire career. "Networking isn't a new task or a new responsibility, it's something you should do as second nature," he says. "Talk to people, meet their friends and associates and be an accountable employee and a forward-thinking leader. Help people out when they need the help and when they don't."

Beyond networking, Nichols says it's important to maintain a professional reputation throughout your career. "Reputations aren't these intangible things that just exist in the air. They're the words people use to describe you in emails and in conversations," he says. "Reputations are your currency. They buy you new jobs and promotions. And they only can be spent by people, so keep working hard, stay out of the muck in the office and keep racking up that currency."

Paper

Nichols acknowledges that most resumes and cover letters aren't delivered via hard copy these days, so the word "paper" may seem a little out of date, but in an effort to stick with the same-letter theme, he says "just go with it," an adage that fits with his philosophy on the all-important job-seeking documents. He also says he's specifically addressing the pdf resumes people send to their contacts, which they in turn hopefully pass on to a potential decision-maker.

"People get hung up on the presentation, which can lead to minimizing the importance of the content," Nichols says. "I've spoken with people who send me a beautiful resume to look over and it's missing some of the essentials I would need to know before bringing them in for an interview, like what they've done in a previous position to help their employer make money, increase prospects or communicate ideas."

When Nichols asks why important facts and figures are omitted, he says he's often told that the extra text didn't fit within the format of the resume. "You're saying that the person who looks at resumes is more likely to be impressed by certain fonts, margins and icons than substance. That's absurd," Nichols says.

"All the new formats may look great, but they're no more effective than a simple resume. Simplicity sells. Word choice sells. Accomplishment sells. No one cares about the font."

Pitch

"Sell, sell, sell," says Nichols. "Tell me why I should hire you and don't wait until the follow-up interview or a thank-you note. Tell me upfront. During an interview, answer questions and take cues from the interviewer, but sell yourself with every answer you give and every question you ask."

Nichols says people act as if interviews are nothing more than an exchange of data, "like you're there to tell them about yourself" and then let them decide your fate. "That's completely illogical," he says.

"When you look at cars, a good salesperson isn't telling you about the horsepower and the space in the trunk. He's selling the experience. He says something like 'do you drive your kids to school? You do? Think about the mornings. All these cup holders, no climbing over seats. You can pre-start it to warm it up.' You buy into it because you see how that car benefits you. Jobs are the same. 'Are you looking for someone who can switch gears in an instant? I thrive at that. I don't get frustrated when we have to make big changes midway through a project. It actually gives me a little jolt.' Sell yourself. Make your pitch."

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Persons who are making a job change after a long stay at one company should emphasize their potential rather than dwell on previous accomplishments.

"Nineteen years," Oliver Thompson says. "Nineteen years, one job and one company. I was let go about three months shy of my 20th work anniversary."

Thompson, 44, says he worked as an account manager for a fitness equipment company for nearly two decades. "It was my first job out of school," he says. "I never really put together a resume or even thought about looking for another job because I really liked what I did and the people I worked with. I just assumed those reasons — and the fact that I was good at my job — were enough to stay there."

Like many longtime employees, Thompson found himself on the wrong side of the balance sheet earlier this year. "I was a casualty of consolidation," he says. "There were people in another office doing what I did, and they were doing it for much less money."

While companies often claim they base personnel decisions on a variety of areas, you can usually check out the financial bottom line to see if they're telling the truth, says Tina Boswell, a career adviser and former analyst with the U.S. Department of Labor.

"In large corporations, all the good feelings in the world can't make up for a loss of revenue or overspending in a certain area," Boswell says. "If you look deep enough, every employee-retention decision that doesn't directly relate to performance comes down to dollars."

Experience for hire

After the shock of being consolidated out of his position wore off, Thompson says he entered the job market with a new sense of purpose. "I realized there were a lot of things I didn't necessarily like at my former job, but I put up with them because I liked my situation," he says. "I guess you call that complacency."

And despite hearing differently from friends who had suffered similar fates, Thompson says that once he began sending out resumes — OK, revised resumes, Thompson says — he had no problem hearing from potential employers.

"My first resume was a bust because it was all about my experience and what I had accomplished," he says. "Luckily, my severance included five sessions with a career coach, and the first thing she did was tell me my resume was total crap."

Not quite in those terms, Thompson admits, but she had nothing nice to say about it. "She told me — and rightfully so, I had to admit after being initially shocked — that my resume was like a historic document, nothing about the future," Thompson says.

So an obituary instead of a birth announcement?

"Exactly," he says. "I just assumed your resume was supposed to sum up all of your experience, but when all that experience comes from one company, it can come across as a history lesson."

His resume, Thompson's career coach argued, should be used as a preface, like an introduction to a book. "We worked on it our next two meetings, and I went back and really looked at what I did in my former job and milked everything out of it that I could," Thompson says.

Into the future

One quick fix meant Thompson's top-of-the-resume summary of his skills was revised to focus on his value to his potential employers rather than dwell on previous accomplishments. "I am the perfect liaison between your client and your company, the essential facilitator who works with your sales, production, delivery and maintenance teams to ensure 100 percent customer satisfaction, resulting in increased sales and revenue" replaced "With 18 years of experience, I consistently helped customers achieve their goals."

Thompson removed references to specific customer-satisfaction surveys in which he received high marks, replacing them with a singular statement that reflected not just the overall tone of the glowing comments and reviews he received from clients, but also the total amount of revenue those clients brought to his previous employer.

"Backing up a statement about your proficiency with actual numbers is always a good idea," says resume writer Susan Cora. "Tell me your customers love you, and I think, 'Are you going to tell me they hate you?' Show me the amount of money that customer love helped produce instead. That's how you get my attention."

Bottom-line benefits

Cora says employees with years of experience at one company can use that to their advantage. "Not many employers are concerned with loyalty these days because they know they'll lose people to the highest bidder, but they still place a value in employees who will stick it out for a few years," she says.

"It's costly to train employees, so bringing in someone with a resume that includes six jobs in five years is a risk. Hiring someone who sees the value in a long-term work relationship can help companies with stability."

Especially young companies, says Boswell. "There's an expectation that startups hire the best and the brightest, but with those hirings comes another expectation — that they'll move on to the next startup with a year," she says.

To help alleviate those concerns, Boswell says prospective employees should express their enthusiasm for not only maintaining growth at a company but also building it from the ground up.

"If I'm a new app provider and I want my users to have a successful experience with customer service, I'll make sure that my customer-service team is headed by someone who has ample experience," she says.

"But I'd be cautious about hiring someone who emphasized that experience over a desire to create new experiences based on new models. I want someone who will show me that they've learned a lot but is focusing that knowledge in a new direction."

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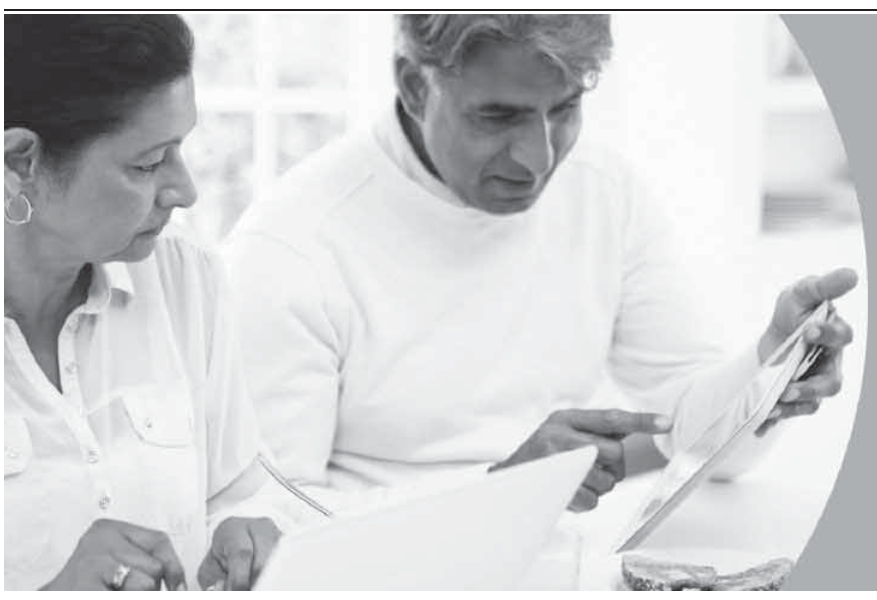
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STEVE ROSENBLOOM

Daniel, you're a star

Chase Daniel started against the Lions on Thursday with the hope of not losing the game while taking over for injured Bears starter Mitch Trubisky.

Turned out, the backup accomplished something that a lot of people have been waiting to see from the potential franchise quarterback.

To review, late in the third quarter, the Bears appeared to have little interest and certainly little success in tackling 6-foot, 247-pound LaGarrette Blount and who could blame them?

However, it's their job to bring down that vending machine of a running back, and doing that job was a problem.

The Lions mounted a drive on which Blount carried four times, gaining eight yards, then four, then four, then four, and that last carry included carrying about half the Bears defense into the end zone for a 13-9 Lions lead.

Now, a four-point deficit might not seem like a big deal against a bad Lions team, if the phrase "bad Lions team" isn't redundant after all these years, but scoring after the third quarter has been an issue for the Bears offense.

You see, even at 7-3 entering Thursday's game, the Bears had been outscored 109-68 in the fourth quarter and overtime. They had scored five offensive touchdowns while opponents had scored 15.

It looked like Thanksgiving dinner would be about eating to forget.

But wait. No. There was Daniel leading an 82-yard touchdown drive that ended with Tarik Cohen's sweet out-and-up route that allowed the Bears to retake the lead.

Boom, the backup quarterback threw the Bears into the end zone to turn a fourth-quarter deficit into a fourth-quarter lead, and that is something Trubisky has yet to do in Matt Nagy's pass-centric offense this season.

Yes, Trubisky has thrown touchdown passes in the fourth quarter this season, but the Bears either were ahead or tied. He, however, has not done what Daniel did.

Trubisky's offense has been one that starts quickly and gets a lead, so he only has faced that situation three times. We're talking about a small sample size, although Daniel went 1-for-1. With games against the Rams, Packers and Vikings remaining, and presuming his shoulder heals quickly, Trubisky's sample size figures to grow. Trubisky will need to come through in a situation like that, maybe soon and maybe often because, hey, Eddie Jackson can't do everything around here.



Chase Daniel led a fourth-quarter comeback Thursday that Mitch Trubisky might need to replicate one day soon.
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On the 10-yard run that sealed the game, 6-foot-4 guard James Daniels grabbed the 5-6 Cohen and pretty much threw him forward for a first down. It was illegal, but it gives us an idea how Daniels loads his luggage into the overhead compartment,

Thanksgiving marked the Bears' second game against the Lions in 12 days and third in the division in that span. The time between the end of the second game and beginning of Thursday's was about 85 hours, the shortest turnaround in NFL history and additional proof the league doesn't give a spit about player safety, just cash.

Trey Burton, stat-line stuffer: Several dropped passes, a fumble that led to a Lions touchdown and a flag that wiped out a Daniel keeper for a first down.

What's up, Dick Jauron?

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NFL

OBJ wants some R-E-S-P-E-C-T



There is counting the Giants out, and there is disrespecting them.

And a Fox Sports graphic Thursday flat-out embarrassed Big Blue, listing only the Redskins, Cowboys and Eagles under the heading "NFC East Remaining Schedules" during the Cowboys' victory over the Redskins that moved them into first place. The Giants (3-7) weren't even on the screen.

Their reaction Friday? Go ahead and doubt us. We dare you.

"I wouldn't want it any other way," said receiver **Odell Beckham**, who set a goal of eight straight wins to end the season coming out of the Giants' Week 9 open date. "I've been doubted all my life. We're being doubted. But we're standing strong together and we'll just keep pushing.

"It makes for a better story when they leave us out of it and then it's like, 'Wait a minute, we're right back in it.' (But) none of what I'm saying matters ... if we don't go out and win Sunday."

Safety Landon Collins said it's on the Giants to prove everyone wrong.

"It's our job to make them believe," he said. "People won't think it can be done until it's done. ... If we beat these Eagles, I'll bet our faces will be up there then.

"Then it's all open. The only teams that are really strong right now are us and the Cowboys. (The Redskins) lost their franchise quarterback (Alex Smith). The Eagles are going through a slump right now. And Dallas got their whole team just like us."

Asked if he paid attention to division talk during the Cowboys-Redskins broadcast, coach Pat Shurmur answered: "I mean, I obviously read the graphics just like everybody else. But I still try to stay in the moment. ... I know the only thing we can control is what we do this week, and if we start doing the things we need to, we'll slide up."

Collins said "we don't pay attention to" the disrespectful graphic. "I didn't even see it," he said.

The Giants are aware they are being counted out, though. And they intend to shake the doubters Sunday in Philadelphia.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

These 'Eyes

Guess who? Ohio State crushes Michigan's title hopes, keeps playoff bid alive

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME | *7 p.m. Saturday at Lucas Oil Stadium*
Ohio State (4th appearance: 2013, '14, '17 and '18) **vs. Northwestern** (1st appearance in school history)

Another Saturday night: Cats' season finally turns to Indy after win over Illini



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Buckeyes freshman Chris Olave (17) had a big blocked punt and two touchdown catches.



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Northwestern's Joe Gaziano hoists the Land of Lincoln Trophy at Ryan Field.

OHIO STATE 62, MICHIGAN 39

Buckeyes stomp all over Wolverines at 'Shoe to drop Harbaugh to 0-4 in 'The Game'



Teddy Greenstein
On college football

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Northwestern Play-In Game played out like few thought possible.

In a season devoid of upsets, The Game delivered an absolute stunner: Ohio State 62, Michigan 39.

"A crazy win," Buckeyes quarterback Dwayne Haskins called it. "I don't know about 62 (points), but I knew we'd come out and put on a show."

By clinching the Big Ten East, the Buckeyes will face Northwestern on Saturday in the conference title game in Indianapolis. The teams last met in 2016 in Columbus. Ohio State won 24-20 as a 26-point favorite.

Asked for his perception of Northwestern football, coach Urban Meyer replied: "I think they're awesome. I'm a big fan. Pat (Fitzgerald is) one of my very closest friends. I just have great respect for him. I haven't watched them yet. That comes (Sunday)."

After Ohio State decimated what had been the nation's No. 1 defense to the tune of 567 yards, the college football world will anticipate a shellacking by the Buckeyes.

Northwestern has been an underdog six times this season, producing four outright victories and respectable losses to Michigan (20-17) and Notre Dame (31-21).

"They're a bunch of tough guys," Buckeyes receiver Parris Campbell said. "I've watched them this season and they're a team that's not going to quit. We definitely have our work cut out for us because they pride themselves on toughness."

The Buckeyes' mental toughness was on full display Saturday. All week they heard this would be the last stop on Michigan's so-called revenge tour.

"We heard the hate," Campbell said. "We stayed close."

Ohio State entered with a hideous 10-1 record. (So many ugly victories.)

Michigan entered with a sterling 10-1 record. (So many blowouts.)

And yet we should have seen this coming.

Urban Meyer never loses as an underdog at Ohio State. Literally. He is now 7-0 — not just covering the spread but outright victories.

And Jim Harbaugh cannot beat Ohio State. He did as a player. But he is now the only coach in Michigan history to start 0-4 against its rival.

Asked what responsibility he takes, Harbaugh offered a brief and choppy reply: "When things go good, when things go great ... good. If it doesn't, then you take responsibility for it."

Harbaugh can't cry about the officiating, as he did the last time he brought a one-loss team into the 'Shoe and left with his khakis tucked between his legs. Michigan benefited from several 50-50 (at best) calls, including a phantom pass interference during a second-half touchdown drive. Officials flagged the Buckeyes 12 times for 150 yards.

No wonder a Buckeyes fan in the crowd of 105,588 held up this sign: "COACH HARBAUGH FOREVER!"

Never before in the 115-year series had Ohio State scored more than 50 points. And the 62 is the most the Wolverines have given up in regulation time.

Michigan's vaunted defense was a disorganized mess with substitution errors, blown coverages in the secondary and angry players hollering at one another.

"They completely beat us everywhere," safety Tyree Kinnel said. "Run game, pass game, everyone is to blame."

Last week Ohio State needed overtime and a misfired two-point conversion pass on the final play to beat Maryland 52-51. Now the Buckeyes could be back in the playoff discussion, pending results of other games.

"We've got to do it again versus Northwestern next week," Haskins said, "and then let the committee make a decision from there."

Campbell was sensational Saturday, making five catches for 114 yards and a touchdown and flying down the sideline on a 78-yard jet sweep for a score. Fellow receiver Chris Olave, a little-known freshman from California, blocked a punt and made two touchdown catches. (Northwestern better hope cornerback Montre Hartage's right hamstring heals by next week.)

The Buckeyes defense dominated Michigan's offensive line, sacking Shea Patterson three times. Ohio State finally knocked him out of the game in the fourth quarter.

On the flip side, Ohio State's line walled off Haskins.

"A-plus job," Haskins said. "Zero sacks. I have to take them out to dinner."

Haskins completed 19 of 30 passes for 318 yards. He threw for five touchdowns, giving him 41 on the season to break Drew Brees' single-season Big Ten record. And with 4,003 passing yards, Haskins broke Curtis Painter's season record of 3,985.

Before today, Michigan had allowed seven touchdown passes all season. That seems like long ago.

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NORTHWESTERN 24, ILLINOIS 16

'We have an unbelievable opportunity,' Fitzgerald says after NU takes it easy in win



Shannon Ryan
On college football

Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald said he quickly shut down requests from his coordinators Saturday, handcuffing their ability to call creative plays against Illinois.

Fitzgerald described putting the kibosh on suggestions from defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz and offensive coordinator Mick McCall before they could even finish their sentences.

"It's outstanding to beat our rival four years in a row with the limited ability that I allowed our coordinators to have," Fitzgerald said with a smirk. "I knew it might be a closer game. I apologize to Mick and Hank."

Fitzgerald said he purposefully crafted a conservative game plan for the regular-season finale, keeping key starters on the sideline and pulling many others in the second half, mindful that the Big Ten championship game looms. The Wildcats came out injury-free and with a 24-16 win.

"The plan worked," he said.

The Wildcats claimed the Land of Lincoln Trophy for the fourth straight season. Defensive end Joe Gaziano pretended to wear it as a hat as Northwestern celebrated on the field.

But the bottom line? Bring on the Buckeyes. Northwestern learned it will face Ohio State on Saturday in Indianapolis as the Wildcats make their first appearance in the conference title game. The Buckeyes trounced Michigan 62-39 to win the Big Ten East.

Fitzgerald said he's pumped to bring the "purple to Indy."

"I watched (Ohio State's) tape last week, and I was (thinking), 'I hope we don't play them,' " he said. "The week before, (I watched tape on) Michigan and thought, 'Gosh, I hope we don't play them.' It was a lose-lose from a talent standpoint, a coaching standpoint, a tradition standpoint.

"But we have an unbelievable opportunity in front of us. We've got a 60-minute opportunity to take this team to the Rose Bowl. If that doesn't motivate you, I don't know what does."

Fitzgerald kept starting linebacker Nate Hall, who was ineligible to play in the first half after a targeting call last week, out of the game entirely.

Isaiah Bowser rushed for a career-high 166 yards, 115 of them in the first half, on 18 carries. He helped Northwestern reach its season-high rushing total by the third quarter; the Wildcats finished with 261.



JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY

NU's Isaiah Bowser, who rushed for a career-high 166 yards, barrels into Illinois' Michael Marchese on Saturday.

Quarterback Clayton Thorson was 12 of 18 for 110 yards and two touchdowns in three quarters of action.

Neither Bowser nor Thorson played much in the second half, even as Illinois threatened to charge back and create some unexpected havoc. Ricky Smalling's acrobatic 10-yard touchdown catch made it a one-score game with 7:57 remaining.

Thorson warmed up on the sideline. Asked if he considered putting Thorson back in after Illinois pulled within one possession, Fitzgerald was adamant: "One hundred percent no. A million percent no. Infinity no."

Linebacker Paddy Fisher made sure of it. The Illini had a first down at the NU 17 when he tipped and then picked off an AJ Bush Jr. pass at the 8 with 3:34 to play.

"I just read the quarterback's eyes," Fisher said.

Despite the Illini showing more of an edge than in past games, the status of both teams speaks volumes.

The Wildcats (8-4, 8-1 Big Ten) are having a banner season. The Illini (4-8, 2-7) won't play in a bowl game for the fourth straight year and are stuck wondering why they struggled so mightily in coach Lovie Smith's third season.

For much of the game, typical problems plagued Illinois.

A weak run defense allowed Northwestern to rip through gaping holes in the middle of the line. Penalties killed Illinois' opening drive.

Receivers continually let down Bush. Sam Mays had a crucial second-quarter drop and dropped another deep ball in the third. Both were potential touchdowns.

Smith said he was pleased the Illini showed fight, outscoring Northwestern 10-0 in the fourth quarter.

"It's the way we played," Smith said. "Our guys fought right up until we couldn't anymore."

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COLLEGES

OHIO STATE 62, MICHIGAN 39

Tagovailoa leads Tide in blowout

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Tua Tagovailoa threw five touchdown passes and ran for a score to lead No. 1 Alabama to a 52-21 victory over rival Auburn on Saturday.

Tagovailoa and the Crimson Tide (12-0, 8-0 SEC) took over with an explosive third quarter, when the Heisman Trophy contender threw three long touchdown passes. He's the first Alabama player to have a hand in six TDs in a game and matched the school record with the five scoring passes.

"We executed on all cylinders on offense coming into that opening drive in the second half, so it's really good," he said.

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Now Bama heads to the SEC championship game against No. 5 Georgia with a guaranteed playoff spot on the line.

With Alabama leading Auburn (7-5, 3-5) just 17-14 at halftime, Tagovailoa launched the Tide into another SEC blowout. He was 11-of-12 passing for 208 yards and four touchdowns in the second half, despite only finishing off one series in the fourth quarter.

Tagovailoa finished 25 of 32 for 324 yards and ran for 26 yards, including a 7-yard touchdown and a 21-yard third-down conversion on runs.

"I thought Tua was into it," Alabama coach Nick Saban said. "His leadership was really important for our offense. Don't ask me why but it doesn't seem like we had the right kind of energy in the first half."

The second-half numbers included touchdowns of 46 yards to Jerry Jeudy, 33 to Josh Jacobs, 40 to DeVonta Smith and 22 to Henry Ruggs III on an acrobatic, leaping grab.

The game was close until Tagovailoa threw a pair of long TD passes in a three-minute span of the third quarter. The first hit Jeudy down the left sideline and the second went to Jacobs, who shook off a few defenders on his way to the end zone.



KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa matched a school record with five touchdown passes Saturday against Auburn.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FRIDAY'S GAMES

MAC

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Detroit, 6, ESPN2

PAC-12

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Santa Clara, Calif., 7, FOX-32

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At Arlington, Texas, 11., ABC-7

SUN BELT

La.-Lafayette (7-5) at Appalachian St. (9-2)
11, ESPN

CONFERENCE USA

UAB (9-3) at Middle Tennessee (8-4)
12:30, CBSSN

AAC

Memphis (8-4) at Central Florida (11-0)
2:30, ABC-7

SEC

Alabama (12-0) vs. Georgia (11-1)
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6, ESPN

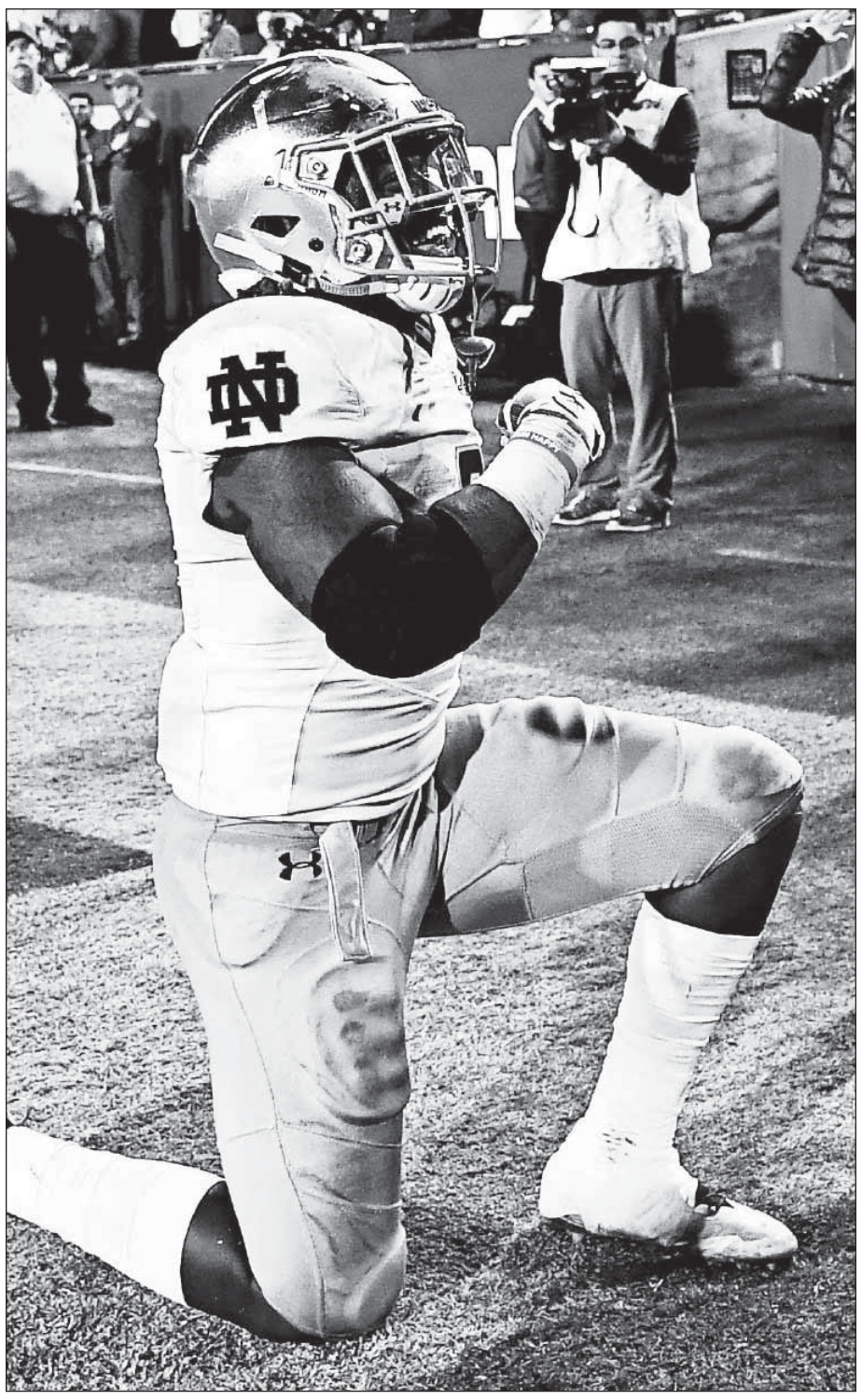
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Clemson (12-0) vs. Pittsburgh (7-5)
Charlotte, N.C., 7 , ABC-7

BIG TEN

Ohio St. (11-1) vs. Northwestern (8-4)
Indianapolis, 7 , FOX-32

*played late Saturday



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Tony Jones Jr. celebrates after scoring a touchdown against USC on Saturday night.

NOTRE DAME 24, USC 17

California dreamin'

After victory at USC, Irish aim for title game in Santa Clara

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Ian Book passed for 352 yards, Dexter Williams went 52 yards on a go-ahead touchdown run and No. 3 Notre Dame completed an unbeaten regular season — and likely secured a spot in the College Football Playoff — with a 24-17 over rival USC on Saturday night.

Chris Finke caught an early touchdown pass for the Irish (12-0), who showed playoff-level tenacity in rallying from an early 10-point deficit, their largest of the season. Tony Jones Jr. then took a short pass 51 yards for a touchdown with 3:09 to play to finish off Notre Dame's 10th perfect regular season since 1945, the first since 2012.

Notre Dame is all but certain to be chosen for the four-team playoff, and this win could keep the Irish away from powerhouse Alabama in the semifinals. The semifinals will be played Dec. 29 in the Orange and Cotton bowls, and the national championship game is Jan. 7 in Santa Clara, Calif.

Williams rushed for 97 yards as the Irish overcame a slow start in the 90th edition of this famed intersectional rivalry. Notre Dame didn't score until Finke's touchdown catch shortly before halftime, but the Irish ran off 24 consecutive points and shut out USC in the second half until Tyler Vaughns' touchdown catch with 48 seconds to play.

JT Daniels passed for 349 yards for the Trojans (5-7), who will stay home for the bowl season after their first losing season since 2000. Vaughns caught 12 passes for 120 yards in what might have been the final game for coach Clay Helton, who is under pressure after the Trojans lost five of their final six games in a collapse.

After USC won eight straight over Notre Dame in the 2000s, the Irish have claimed the Jeweled Shillelagh in six of the last nine meetings. Notre Dame is the first road team to win in the series since 2012, when the Irish also completed an unbeaten regular season with a victory at the Coliseum.

Only four USC teams have finished with losing records since 1961, but this group gave a tough game to the Irish, who faced their first double-digit deficit of the year when USC went up 10-0 in the second quarter. The Trojans' 289 yards in the first half were 64 more than the Irish had allowed before halftime all season.

BIG TEN ROUNDUP

Axe men: Gophers end slide

Associated Press

Demetrius Douglas returned a punt 69 yards for a touchdown, Minnesota's defense held up on the road and the Golden Gophers ran away from Wisconsin for a 37-15 victory Saturday in Madison, Wis.

Minnesota's victory snapped a 14-game losing streak in the rivalry and allowed the Gophers to reclaim Paul Bunyan's Axe.

Mohamed Ibrahim ran for 121 yards and a 10-yard touchdown on 26 carries for Minnesota (6-6, 3-6 Big Ten), which became bowl-eligible for the first time under second-year coach P.J. Fleck.

The Gophers took a page from the Badgers playbook by pounding away on the ground in the second half.

Bryce Williams ran for two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, both after turnovers by Wisconsin quarterback Alex Hornibrook.

A memorable night for Minnesota was made sweeter by beating the Badgers (7-5, 5-4) on the road to take back the Axe for the first time since 2003. The Gophers won in Madison for the first time since 1994.

Wisconsin's Jonathan Taylor, the nation's leading rusher, had 120 yards on 19 carries.

Purdue 28, Indiana 21: David Blough threw three touchdown passes — two of them to Rondale Moore, who tied a school record with his seventh 100-yard receiving game — to lead the visiting Boilermakers (6-6, 5-4) past the rival Hoosiers (5-7, 2-7). By claiming the Old Oaken Bucket for the second straight year, Purdue also became bowl-eligible in back-to-back seasons for the first time since 2011-12.

Penn State 38, Maryland 3: Trace McSorley passed for 230 yards, rushed for 64 and had a hand in three touchdowns to help the host Nittany Lions (9-3, 6-3) rout the Terrapins (5-7, 3-6).

McSorley threw a 34-yard bullet through freezing rain to KJ Hamler on the game's first play, sprinted downfield to throw a block that opened Miles Sanders' 35-yard run on the next play, then skipped into the end zone from 3 yards out to cap the quick opening drive.

Michigan State 14, Rutgers 10: Cody White scored on a 22-yard end-around with 3:57 to play, and the host Spartans (7-5, 5-4) handed the Scarlet Knights (1-11, 0-9) their 11th straight loss. Michigan State snapped a two-game losing streak and scored its first touchdown since Nov. 3.

NOTRE DAME 95, DEPAUL 70

Pflueger's hot 2nd half boosts Irish

By LaMond Pope | Post-Tribune

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame guard Rex Pflueger missed practice on Thanksgiving because of a back strain.

He was back on the court Saturday and did some serious heavy lifting after halftime to help the Irish pull away from DePaul.

The senior scored 17 of his career-high 20 points in the second half as Notre Dame defeated the Blue Demons 95-70 at Purcell Pavilion.

"My teammates found me in my spots, and I took my shots," Pflueger said. "We've had some tough struggles shooting the ball, and I felt a little rhythm (Saturday). And when I started getting a little groove on, (my teammates) all started pushing me and getting me going."

The Irish (5-1) put together their most complete game. T.J. Gibbs scored 18 points. Freshmen Prentiss Hubb and Nate Laszewski established career highs with 15 each.

"This was a huge steppingstone for us," Gibbs said. "You can see as the competition gets a little better, we have to raise our competitive spirit. It starts in practice, and we are only making each other better. This is another step to that. We are far from a finished product, but we needed this."

It all started with Pflueger.

"My biggest thing is trying to keep him fresh in a game — and now I have more guys I can put in for him — and fresh during the season because he just works so hard," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "I'm thrilled for his offensive output. He deserves it. He's such a team guy and a winner."

Pflueger went 6-for-7 from the field and made all four of his 3-point attempts. His previous career best was 19 points against Florida State on Feb. 10, 2018.

"I just had to stay locked in and not change, not get too high or too low," Pflueger said. "I learned that from the older guys that went through this program, like Steve Vasturia or Matt Farrell. When they are having great games, obviously they can show emotion, but realistically you've got to go back down to the other end and defend."

The second-half effort sent DePaul to its first loss. Max Strus led the Blue Demons (3-1) with 15 points. Jalen Coleman-Lands had 12 points and six rebounds.

"We're a work in progress," DePaul coach Dave Leitao said, "and we'll be that way until we catch a rhythm on what we do in a lot of key areas — in how hard we play every day, how we practice every day, how well we execute and how sharp our focus is. We've shown some pretty good signs in all of those areas, but signs and consistency are two different things."

DePaul trailed 39-36 at halftime. Then Pflueger got hot, and so did his teammates. Notre Dame shot 62 percent from the field in the second half.

"When he gets in his rhythm and things start to fall, it just makes the game so much easier for the rest of us," Gibbs said. "The way he's leading the team is great."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL NOTES

No. 12 Kansas St. remains unbeaten

Associated Press

Dean Wade scored 14 of his 18 points in the second half and Barry Brown added 16 as No. 12 Kansas State beat Lehigh 77-58 on Saturday in Manhattan Kan.

The Wildcats (6-0) controlled the second half after the Mountain Hawks (4-2) hung around and trailed by just two at halftime.

The Wildcats' shooting woes at home continued: They made just 6 of 20 3-point attempts. James Karnik had 15 points and eight rebounds for Lehigh (4-2), and Pat Andree scored 12.

Kansas State will take on arguably its toughest test of the season thus far when it travels to Marquette next Saturday.

Buffalo stays perfect: CJ Massinburg scored 21 points and No. 22 Buffalo overcame a slow start to beat Marist 76-49 in Amherst, N.Y.

Buffalo is 5-0 for the first time since 1986-87, when it was a Division III program.

Buffalo averaged more than 88 points over its first four wins, and only Villanova scored in the 80s more times last season. The Bulls matched a school record for points in a Division I game in Wednesday's 110-71 win over Dartmouth.

"We knew they were going to try to slow it down," coach Nate Oats said. "Everybody does it. Nobody wants to try to run with us, so everybody is going to try to run as much clock as they can.

"I would hate to play like that as a player. That's why I don't coach like that. But that might be the best way for them to try and get a win."

Layups: Vanderbilt PG Darius Garland has a meniscus injury in his left knee and will be out indefinitely. The freshman NBA prospect is averaging 16.2 points. ... Ahmed Hill scored 19 points and No. 13 Virginia Tech (5-0) ran away from St. Francis, Pa., 75-37 in Blacksburg, Va.

BEARS

Super-freak Mack quiet but a factor



BRAD BIGGS
Bears Rewind

The Lions succeeded in one of their top offensive goals Thursday — preventing Khalil Mack from being a game wrecker.

But achieving that wasn't enough as the Bears prevailed 23-16 at Ford Field to win their fifth straight game and to improve to 8-3 with a commanding lead in the NFC North.

Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford did a good job of getting the ball out quickly although that limited his shots downfield. The Lions attempted only six passes that traveled more than 10 yards beyond the line of scrimmage in the air. The Lions gave left tackle Taylor Decker help, assigning as many as two other players to help on occasion, and Stafford had bootlegs away from Mack, all designed to get the ball out of his hand quickly.

It led to a quiet outing for Mack, who was credited with only one tackle and had one hit on Stafford after he had gotten the ball out quickly to Kenny Golladay on a shallow crossing route that turned into a 23-yard gain when the wide receiver was able to turn upfield.

Where the Bears had problems was when Mack was on the sideline. The outside linebacker was out for only seven of the 66 defensive snaps and the Lions gained 65 yards (9.3 average) and scored both of their touchdowns while Mack was catching a breather. With Mack on the field, the Lions had 268 yards on 59 snaps (4.5).

It's a reminder of the value veteran outside linebacker Aaron Lynch has provided for the defense, playing 53.5 percent of the snaps in the six games that preceded the Vikings game last Sunday when he suffered a concussion.

Isaiah Irving was the primary replacement for Mack but it would be unfair to place the blame solely on him for the yardage piled up in Mack's absence. LeGarrette Blount scored on a 4-yard run when Decker pinned Irving inside and the powerful Lions running back ran through strong safety Adrian Amos' attempted tackle. Maybe sensing Mack was on the sideline later, the Lions ran from the 4-yard line again and Blount scored to that side, carrying defensive end Bilal Nichols into the end zone. Irving wasn't on the field for that score as the Bears had nickel personnel with three defensive linemen.

Blount broke off a 27-yard run in the fourth quarter on outside zone. Decker blocked Irving and nickel cornerback Bryce Callahan couldn't bring Blount down by the jersey as the running back got loose to the second level.

The sample size was small but it's a good reminder of the value Mack brings to the defense, and Lynch too.

Going downfield

A lot of times backup quarterbacks will take the field with conservative game plans but Chase Daniel's experience in the system and coach Matt Nagy's comfort with him created a situation in which the Bears were able to be aggressive throwing the ball. Daniel was 7 for 11 on passes that traveled 10 or more yards in the air beyond the line of scrimmage, gaining 113 yards and two touchdowns on those completions.

A 29-yard gain to Allen Robinson came against good man-to-man coverage from cornerback Darius Slay, the Lions best cover man who missed the first meeting between teams Nov. 11. Daniel picked up 26 yards hitting Anthony Miller across the middle running a route against Nevin Lawson.

There were some missed opportunities on two of the four sacks. On third-and-8 from the Lions' 40-yard line on the first possession of the third quarter, the Lions had busted coverage on tight end Trey Burton, who was easily open behind cornerback DeShawn Shead running a seam route. It was a touchdown if Daniel saw him. In the fourth quarter, the Lions brought a six-man pressure with Bears facing third-and-8 from their own 27. Miller was wide open on the back side behind rookie Mike Ford but Daniel didn't see him.

In a close game those are opportunities an offense needs to hit, but Daniel was smart with the football and didn't force throws when they were not there. When you get a turnover-free performance from a backup quarterback, the chances for winning certainly increase.

Staying grounded

The Bears handed the ball off only 11 times to running backs, gaining a total of 34 yards. There were just five handoffs for 22 yards in the second half and three came on the final possession as the Tarik Cohen broke off a 10-yard gain, the longest of the game, on the final carry to move the chains and set up a kneel down for Daniel.



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The Lions' LeGarrette Blount, being tackled by Kyle Fuller on a 27-yard run during the fourth quarter Thursday, did a lot of his damage when Khalil Mack was on the sideline.

The Bears have to become more effective running the ball to help the offense as a whole. Daniel ran a play fake to Jordan Howard from under center late in the third quarter, taking a shot deep down the sideline to Robinson that was just overthrown. That play is much more effective when Howard is actually a threat to gash the defense. It's given Nagy something to work on with extra time to prepare for the Dec. 2 game at the Giants.

"I don't think too much is being made of it," Nagy said. "You have to be able to run the football inevitably. You can't be one-dimensional. It's just like on defense. You've got to be able to stop the run.

"So for me running the ball is important but I'm not just going to run the ball just to say and make people happy that we ran the ball. That's not what I do. So we're going to do whatever we think we do for the best matchup and whatever works for that week.

"If it's running the ball 50 times and that's the way we're going to win, I'll run the ball 50 times. If it's running the ball five times and that's how we're going to win, I'll run the ball five times. You get into all this fantasy stuff that everybody's doing and I think their emotions get a little bit tied up into that."

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Another Jackson 6 ups belief

Thriller on Thanksgiving has Bears thinking anything is possible



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On the Bears



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Eddie Jackson's dramatic interception return against the Lions was bad — as in really good — leading to another musical celebration.

Thanksgiving seemed to be getting away from the Bears. When Lions running back LeGarrette Blount plowed through a normally rigid defense for a 4-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter Thursday, the fuel light seemed to illuminate.

Suddenly, the Bears were behind in the second half for the first time in more than a month. They were without their starting quarterback. They were on the road and playing their third division game in 12 days, their second in 85 hours. And after spending an abundance of energy — both physically and emotionally — in last weekend's big-stage triumph over the Vikings, it was hard to estimate just how much they had left.

So many recent Bears teams wouldn't have been able to rise back up. Not enough energy. Or not enough talent. Not enough focus. Or not enough belief.

But with this season's Bears, there's a when-not-if confidence that the next big play is coming. So in every huddle and every sideline gathering, the Bears simply encouraged one another to find everything they had left.

"We know it's in there somewhere," linebacker Danny Trevathan said. "No matter how deep you have to dig, it's within each one of us. And we never know which one of us is going to step up and make the play, so we just keep pushing one another to get the most out of each play. And then make a play when it comes your way."

Trevathan was detailing that mindset in a jubilant visitor's locker room at Ford Field after the Bears had rallied for a 23-16 victory, after safety Eddie Jackson and cornerback Kyle Fuller each had delivered fourth quarter interceptions.

Jackson returned his 41 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. Fuller prevented a game-tying score with his.

Both plays closed the door on the Lions and lifted the first-place Bears to their eighth victory this season and their fifth in a row.

"Finally, we're making the plays when we have to make them," safety Adrian Amos said. "This was an ugly game, especially in the fourth quarter. But good teams win those types of games."

That's the thing with this group. They believe they're a good team because they have proven they're a good team. In big moments and in big games.

The Bears have been good enough six times this season to win games in which they never trailed. They have won four times by double digits. And Thursday they showed they have the resilience and moxie to rally in a grind-it-out game, to dig deep even when they're short-handed and low on energy.

"When you want to go somewhere you never have been," Trevathan said, "you have to do things you never have done."

But here's the thing. Trevathan has been somewhere most of his teammates haven't. Three years ago with the Broncos, he reached the NFL's mountaintop as a Super Bowl champion. The fiery linebacker appreciated so many qualities about that Denver team.

"I knew that team was for real as soon as we got together," Trevathan said. "Off the field, after a win, after a loss, I knew what type of guys we had. Always hungry, no matter the situation."

With this season's Bears, Trevathan senses similar competitiveness, similar confidence.

"It's the drive," he said. "It's the constant passion for the game. Everybody loves one another here. And we've had hints of that before. But to have that as a complete team, it's crazy. Teammates are talking real talk to each other out there. That makes guys go even harder."

Thursday's victory completed a 4-0 run through November. It was the organization's first undefeated month since October 2012 and provided the latest evidence of a talented group that is well-coached and hungry to pursue grand goals as soon as possible.

But it's more than that. All across the locker room, Bears players can't stop talking about their unity, the harmony that shows up in their choreographed celebrations after big plays and the bond that brings out their toughness under pressure.

"We've been a good team this year," defensive end Akiem Hicks said. "And I think we're approaching great. We still have more to prove and more to fight through. But this is a great group of guys. ... We like each other and we want to win for each other."

To be clear, more than a few unified NFL teams never sniffed the postseason. It takes far more than that to fuel the kind of success the Bears currently are having. But this group's enjoyment of one another has counted for something. Cohesion as a catalyst.

"Why does that matter for a team? Because we're all together," Hicks said. "We have a singular mindset and we're all reaching toward this goal together. Rather than one guy reaching to get to the Pro Bowl; or one guy reaching to get more money; or one guy reaching to get more playing time.

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"Everybody here knows his role and is willing to work together to get to where we want to go."

On the Lions' final drive Thursday, with the Bears defense struggling to come up with one last stop and backed into the red zone, Trevathan took over the defensive huddle and issued an order.

"This is our moment," the veteran linebacker said. "Let's be legendary. Right now. Let's write our story. Let's put it into print right now. The world is watching. Let's make that big play."

Immediately afterward, Fuller intercepted Matthew Stafford in the end zone. The Bears won. Again.

Under the circumstances — on the road, with the quick turnaround, with quarterback Mitch Trubisky injured — it was an impressive triumph.

"There could have been a lot of excuses," Matt Nagy said. "And (they could have felt) sorry for themselves. They didn't do that.

"I'm starting to learn as a head coach with this team who we are, and it's special. It really is."

For proper context, narrowly defeating a depleted last-place team in late November doesn't establish the 2018 Bears as legendary just yet. Much bigger games await in December against the Rams, Packers and Vikings. A playoff trip seems likely, too.

The stage will get bigger. The stakes will as well. But the Bears are convinced they're ready for every big test that's ahead. They know have have the playmakers now to make game-winning plays consistently. They also know they have the mettle and belief to compete with anyone.

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BEARS

NFC FROM A TO Z

49ers
Richard Sherman has 32 interceptions and 103 passes defended since entering the NFL in 2011 but no picks and only four deflections this season.

Bears
Bears players seemed to enjoy playing in Detroit on Thanksgiving, celebrating an interception with a Motown-style dance routine.

Buccaneers
With 29 giveaways and six takeaways, the Bucs have an NFL-worst minus-23 turnover differential. The 49ers are second-worst at minus-15.

Cardinals
David Johnson rushed for 137 yards last week. It was his most productive game in more than two years after missing most of last season.

Cowboys
Ezekiel Elliott put $21, representing his jersey number, into a giant Salvation Army kettle behind the end zone after a score on Thanksgiving.

Eagles
Carson Wentz had a career-low 31.9 passer rating and a season-low 57.6 completion percentage in the Eagles' blowout loss to the Saints.

Falcons
Damontae Kazee's NFL-best six picks include one Thursday off Drew Brees, only the second interception Brees has thrown this season.

Giants
Eli Manning has thrown for five touchdowns with no interceptions during the Giants' season-high two-game winning streak.

Lions
With RB Kerryon Johnson injured Thursday, LeGarrette Blount got 19 carries — after only 21 the previous four games — and had two TDs.

Packers
Aaron Rodgers has 26 touchdown passes against NFC North teams since the last time he was intercepted by a division rival.

Panthers
Cam Newton has thrown for at least two touchdowns in each of his last nine games. But he has only six TD passes in seven games against the Seahawks.

Rams
Jared Goff has passed for 3,547 yards, a franchise record through 11 games. He topped 400 for the second time in his career against the Chiefs.

Redskins
WR Trey Quinn, the final pick in the 2018 draft, scored his first touchdown as a pro Thursday on a 10-yard pass from Colt McCoy.

Saints
Marcus Williams' strip-sack of Matt Ryan on Thursday was the fastest sack of 2018 (1.54 seconds), according to the NFL's Next Gen Stats.

Seahawks
The Seahawks lead the league with 154.3 rushing yards per game. Chris Carson has 580 yards, Mike Davis 372 and Rashaad Penny 300.

Vikings
The Vikings' 16 turnovers are the fourth-most in the NFC. QB Kirk Cousins has accounted for all but three of them with seven picks and six fumbles.

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November reign

7 of 8 division races aren't all that close — and it's only Week 12

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

Sorry, Yogi. Maybe it is over before it's over.

Just take a look at most of the NFL division races.

The NFC West will be over if the Seahawks lose at Carolina on Sunday. The AFC West looks done in favor of the Chiefs.

Both South divisions are runaways, for the Saints in the NFC and the Texans — yes, the formerly 0-3 Texans — in the AFC.

The Steelers appear to be more in a race for the top AFC seed than any challenge in the North. The Bears have a choke hold on the NFC North.

And did anyone think the Patriots would be challenged in the AFC East? Combine the three other rosters and the resulting team might not challenge Tom Brady and Co.

That leaves one division in serious doubt and with some serious turmoil: the NFC East.

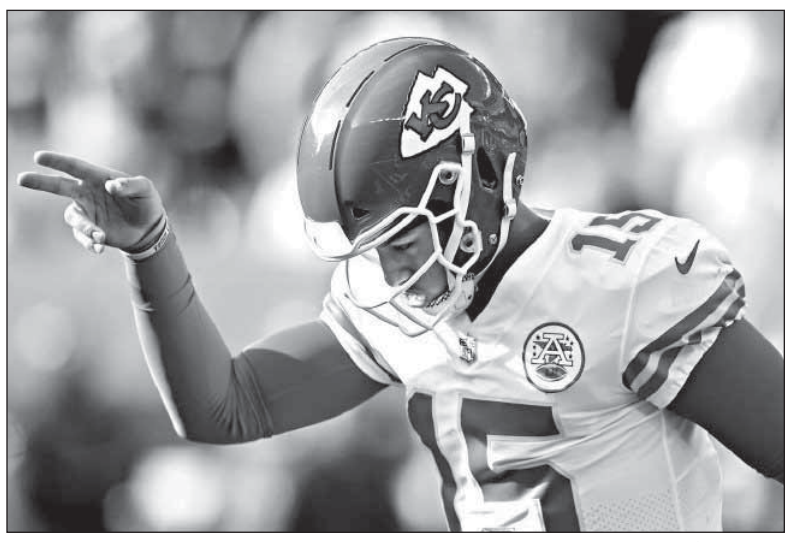
You'll never hear a coach or general manager or owner claim anything is in the bag until, well, it's in the bag, tied up and secured in a safe place. So don't ask Sean Payton or Sean McVay or Matt Nagy about playoff byes and home-field advantages.

"For us, there's so many different things we can get better at," McVay said, "and that's the exciting thing about it is with football, there's this never-ending goal of continuing to improve and focus on the little things. Whether that's situational football, whether that's taking care of it or taking it away defensively. So there's a lot of things within the framework of every single situation.

"Then it's going to be about continuing to improve and playing team football. If we do that, then we think good things are going to happen, but it's going to be a tough stretch. We've got some great games coming up. For us, when we get back, the No. 1 focus will be on the Detroit Lions and then we'll go from there."

But it's crystal clear what's going on, even before we reach December.

Barring major injuries — the kind of thing that is destroying the season for the Eagles, Falcons and Bengals, among others — here's what is going on:



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Allen Robinson, top, and the Bears are rolling toward an NFC North title, while Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs are in control of the AFC West.

AFC

The most interesting race is for which teams will wind up with a week off in the postseason. The Chiefs (9-2) have the inside position, followed by the Steelers (7-2-1), Patriots (7-3) and Texans (7-3). Sure, the Chargers (7-3) could sneak through in the West and the Colts or Titans in the South. Does anyone really believe that will happen?

Home field is a huge edge for the Patriots, of course. They almost never lose in Foxborough in January.

Oddly, the Chiefs rarely win in KC in the postseason. They have lost their last six and haven't won at Arrowhead Stadium in the playoffs since 1993, when Joe Montana was their quarterback.

The Steelers aren't particularly dominant at Heinz Field in the playoffs, either, but the Texans are 3-1 at home in January.

The Chargers have a nice cushion for a wild card and do have a Thursday nighter in Kansas City remaining. No other team has a winning record in the conference.

The Steelers have the least enviable remaining schedule with home games against the Chargers and Patriots and a visit to New Orleans. The Patriots' only other likely test is against the up-and-down Vikings at Gillette Stadium.

The Chiefs have that home game with the Chargers and a trip to Seattle as their most challenging games, while the Texans have no one remaining that has a winning record and have won seven in a row.

Look for the Chiefs and Patriots to lock up byes, with the Chargers and — a wild stab — the Colts grabbing wild cards.

NFC

The Thanksgiving Day victory with backup quarterback Chase Daniel said a lot about the Bears (8-3). They are as opportunistic as anyone, and their defense is the best of any contender. They do get the Rams (10-1) on Dec. 9 but at Soldier Field, and they still have matchups with the Packers and Vikings — neither of whom is balanced enough to put together a closing streak.

The Saints (10-1) own a win over the Rams, which could be decisive in the race for top seed. Still, the Saints have trips to Dallas and Carolina and home games with the Steelers and Panthers, perhaps the most testing schedule remaining.

The Rams, meanwhile, face only one opponent (the Bears) with a current winning record the rest of the way.

The Cowboys (6-5) have the inside track in the East, especially owning wins over the Redskins (6-5), who have lost quarterback Alex Smith, and the Eagles (4-7). That might be the only division race in question come late December. Don't count on it being undecided.

Of prime interest, though, will be the chase for the wild card. Plenty of big matchups remain, beginning Sunday with the Seahawks at the Panthers, who also have those two games left against the Saints.

The Packers have an easier remaining schedule than the Vikings, and the Seahawks, like the Panthers, have a tough road.

Look for the Rams and Saints to earn byes, with the Panthers getting a wild card. The other? Ask around Christmas.

AFC FROM A TO Z

Bengals
Under Marvin Lewis, the Bengals are 7-1 against Browns first-year QBs. Brandon Weeden led the Browns to a win over the Bengals as a rookie in 2012.

Bills
After rushing for 267 yards and no touchdowns in the first eight games, LeSean McCoy had a season-high 113 yards and two scores against the Jets.

Broncos
Von Miller is the third player with 10 or more sacks in seven of his first eight seasons, joining former teammate DeMarcus Ware and Reggie White.

Browns
Less than a month after being fired as Browns coach, Hue Jackson faces his former team as a special assistant to Bengals coach Marvin Lewis.

Chargers
Philip Rivers has passed for 400 yards 11 times. Seven of those have been Chargers losses, including last week against the Broncos.

Chiefs
Patrick Mahomes passed for 478 yards with six TDs and three picks, all career highs (he also had six TDs earlier in 2018), in Monday's loss.

Colts
Eric Ebron didn't have a TD catch last week but leads all tight ends with nine this season. He had a total of 11 in his first four seasons.

Dolphins
Kiko Alonso has played all 669 defensive snaps for the Fins . He is tied for the league lead among linebackers with three forced fumbles.

Jaguars
The Jaguars' six-game skid is their longest since the nine losses that led to Gus Bradley being replaced by current coach Doug Marrone in 2016.

Jets
Chris Herndon is the only rookie tight end with 250-plus receiving yards and at least three touchdown catches. He has 257 yards and three TDs.

Patriots
Tom Brady needs four TD passes to break Peyton Manning's record of 579, counting the postseason. Brady hasn't had four in a game all season.

Raiders
Marshawn Lynch went on injured reserve four games ago but is still the Raiders' leading rusher with 376 yards. Doug Martin has 333.

Ravens
Lamar Jackson rushed for 117 yards on 27 carries in a win over the Bengals last week in his first start in place of injured quarterback Joe Flacco.

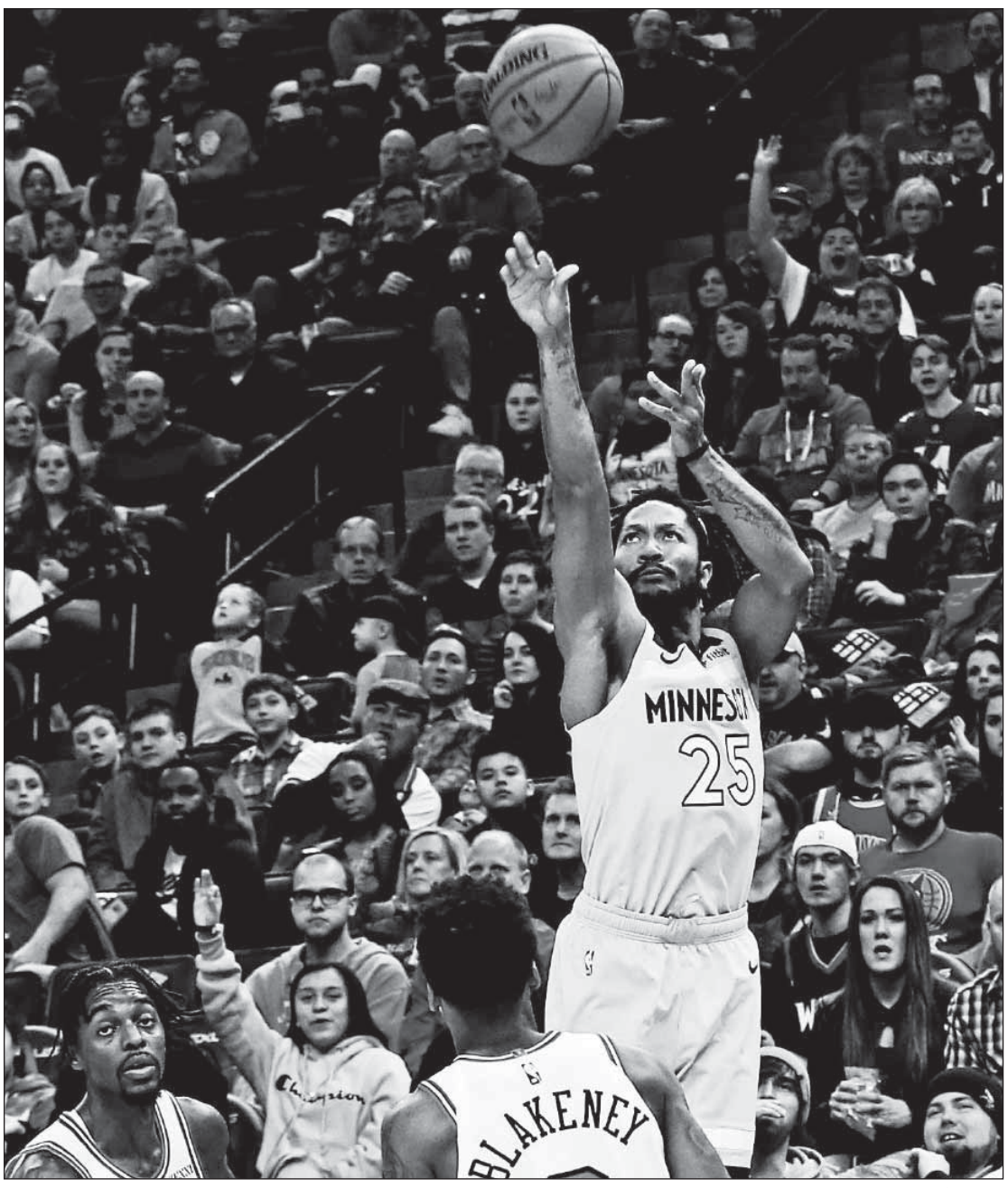
Steelers
Second-year WR JuJu Smith-Schuster had four catches for 74 yards during the Steelers' final two drives in a comeback win vs. the Jaguars.

Texans
DeAndre Hopkins tied a team record with a TD catch in five straight games. He had one during a Week 2 loss to this week's opponent, the Titans.

Titans
Adoree' Jackson had an interception to go with six tackles earlier this year vs. the Texans. He had nine tackles in a 38-10 loss to the Colts last week.

— Los Angeles Times

TIMBERWOLVES 111, BULLS 96



JIM MONE/AP

Timberwolves guard Derrick Rose shoots over Antonio Blakeney. Rose scored 22 points off the bench.

A Rose revival

'Born again' star scores 22, helps Towns down Bulls

By K.C. Johnson
Chicago Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — There are numbers to suggest Derrick Rose has reclaimed his place as a viable offensive threat, critical to his team's fortunes.

But perhaps of more importance, there is nuance.

"He's just calm," longtime Bulls and current Timberwolves teammate Taj Gibson said. "He's comfortable being around people who are familiar with him, people who are going to let him play his game, understand when he's feeling right and when he's not feeling right.

"The way he's getting ready for the game as far as working out, monitoring his body, taking care of himself, he's a totally different person. Every game, it's like he's in a new form. He's born again. And it shows."

Rose scored 22 points in 31 minutes Saturday night in the Timberwolves' 111-96 victory over the Bulls. The Timberwolves, who got 35 points and 22 rebounds from Karl-Anthony Towns, are now 5-2 since trading Jimmy Butler.

"The ball movement, everybody is on the same page," said Rose, whose relationship with Butler had grown strong again this season. "The new pieces that we have are for the team. They're professional, great dudes. And that's what we needed."

Zach LaVine's 28 points and Jabari Parker's 27 points in his third straight 20-point game led the Bulls, who opened the fourth quarter scoring two points in 5 minutes, 54 seconds. The Bulls shot 4-for-16 with five turnovers and were outscored 27-17 in the final period.

"We have stretches and do things out there that make you turn your head like, 'What the hell are we doing?' " LaVine said. "I wish we didn't do that."

The Timberwolves prevailed despite starters Andrew Wiggins and Robert Covington combining to shoot 1-for-30, including 0-for-20 in the first half. Wiggins went scoreless for the first time in his career.

It has been seven years and five surgeries — four on his knees — since Rose became the youngest most valuable player in NBA history for the 2010-11 Bulls. His combination of speed and strength, of torque and toughness, captivated many.

After the Cavaliers traded him and the Jazz waived him, some theorized Rose's career might be over. That Rose took brief breaks from both the Knicks and Cavaliers — the former unexcused for personal reasons, the latter excused as he battled ankle issues — fueled such talk.

But his longtime ally, former Bulls and now Timberwolves coach Tom Thibodeau, offered what some viewed as a lifeline for Rose and signed him off waivers. The thing is, Thibodeau doesn't do sentimental favors. He signed Rose because he knew he could play.

"The only time Derrick hasn't played well is when has been injured," Thibodeau said. "You can look at the entire time in Chicago. You can look at the year in New York. You look at what he did and you can tell he's a good player."

Rose is averaging 19.4 points. That marks his highest scoring average since 2011-12, the season before Rose tore his left ACL for his first knee surgery. His .476 3-point percentage obliterates his previous career-best of .340.

"It's all opportunity. I didn't have the opportunity these last couple years," Rose said. "Coming here, Thibs believed in me. He gave me a chance. That's all I needed — one more chance."

Rose comes off the bench now. So his goal is to win Sixth Man of the Year, not MVP.

"It's a great story," Thibodeau said. "Once you get around Derrick and you get to know him, you know the type of guy he is. He had everything going at a very young age.

"If you think about it, he played in the (NCAA) championship game his freshman year of college. He was Rookie of the Year. He's an All-Star. He's an MVP at 22. And then you go through three consecutive years of major injuries. One year is hard. To be able to lift yourself up, that tells you a lot about somebody."

Rose is looking forward.

"I'm just playing my game, not rushing anything," he said. "I've been working my ass off in the offseason trying to put my game together. I'm piecing it together pretty good."

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BULLS NOTES

Gibson: Butler is 'like family' to me

By K.C. Johnson
Chicago Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — Tom Thibodeau smiled one of his quirky smiles and interrupted a question about all the noise his Timberwolves have dealt with this season.

"What noise?" he said.

Taj Gibson dealt with reality, head-on addressing the Jimmy Butler trade demand, the subsequent messy fallout and the eventual sending of the four-time All-Star to the 76ers for Dario Saric and Robert Covington.

"It's always a distraction when you have things like that," Gibson said. "When you have to deal with trade rumors, it always makes the locker room a little uneasy."

Gibson's relationship with Butler transcends a trade.

"He texted me two nights ago. We're still in contact," Gibson said. "That's like family so I'm always going to be on his side. I wish him well. He's happy. He's playing well. He's in a good situation for himself."

Thibodeau eventually addressed the Butler situation.

"That's the NBA," he said. "Just be mentally tough through adversity. Everybody has it. Deal with it. Move forward."

Memory lane: Thibodeau grew more eloquent when asked about his 2010-11 Bulls, which won a league-high 62 games and lost to LeBron James' Heat in the Eastern Conference finals.

Derrick Rose became the youngest MVP in NBA history that season.

"That team was a hard-playing, really together team that played for each other," he said. "I think the expectations for that team were like a 40- or 41-win team. They were happy when anyone did well. The best thing about Derrick was his humility. He was so dominant. But when his teammates played well, he was happy.

"I've been fortunate to be a part of a lot of great teams, not only as a head coach but as an assistant. But I'd put that team up there with any of them just because of how hard they played."

Doctor's orders: Gibson underwent the same reconstructive ankle surgery that Denzel Valentine is scheduled to have next week.

Gibson has played 73, 78 and 82 games in the three seasons since.

"I called him the night before he decided and I told him that was the right thing to do. You have to take care of your body," Gibson said.

"I said, 'I understand you want to play and you're young. But this is bigger than basketball right now. This is your career. So take that time off and you can come back for Summer League. Maybe play that, maybe not. But you'll be in good form coming into next year.' "

Layups: Chandler Hutchison missed his third straight game with back spasms. ... Lauri Markkanen is scheduled to undergo his third "controlled contact" session Sunday, playing two-on-two against teammates. If he clears that without incident, he's expected to be cleared for full contact this week.

BLACKHAWKS 5, PANTHERS 4

Gustafsson's OT goal caps thriller

Down 2 entering 3rd, DeBrincat ties score with 1.8 seconds left

By Jimmy Greenfield
Chicago Tribune

SUNRISE, Fla. — Even though the Blackhawks have made a habit recently of putting together lousy first periods, it was still a shock to see the latest one when it arrived.

This wasn't the Stanley Cup champion Capitals or powerful Lightning that outshot, outhustled and outscored them. This was the woeful Panthers, one of four teams with fewer points entering the game than the slightly less woeful Hawks.

But in the end it hardly mattered who the opponent was to the Hawks as they scratched and clawed their way back for a thrilling and much-needed 5-4 victory Saturday night at the BB&T Center.

Alex DeBrincat tied the game with 1.8 seconds left to send it to overtime and Erik Gustafsson scored the game winner midway through the extra session.

The Hawks finished their East Coast swing 1-2 and snapped their road losing streak at eight.

"The third period was as desperate as I've seen us and it was good to see," coach Jeremy Colliton said. "It was needed. Clearly, we have to find a way to start that way and play every shift like it's life or death. But it was good to see the response in the third and I'm proud of the guys."

The Hawks outshot the Panthers 18-4 in the third period and had all four shots on goal in the OT. This was in stark contrast to the first when the Panthers outshot the Hawks 16-8 and ended it with a 2-0 lead.

"We can't fall down in the first period," DeBrincat said. "If we play the way we did in the second and third, I think there's no way we lose that game, really. We have to play better in the first and maybe put up a few goals. We have a good team. We can score goals. It's just being prepared to play."

It took the Hawks less than six minutes to tie it up in the second. David Kampf cut the lead in half 49 seconds in on a beautiful drive to the net.

A few minutes later Brandon Saad fed a pass in front of the net to Patrick Kane, who deflected it into the top of the net to tie the game briefly. The Panthers went back in front 4-2 before the period was over.

Alexandre Fortin scored a shorthanded goal with 10:08 left — the Hawks' second of the season — to make it 4-3. Saad was certain he had the equalizer with 5:43 remaining and raised his arms in celebration but the puck had hit off the crossbar.

But that only delayed a comeback the Hawks believe can serve as a springboard to better things.

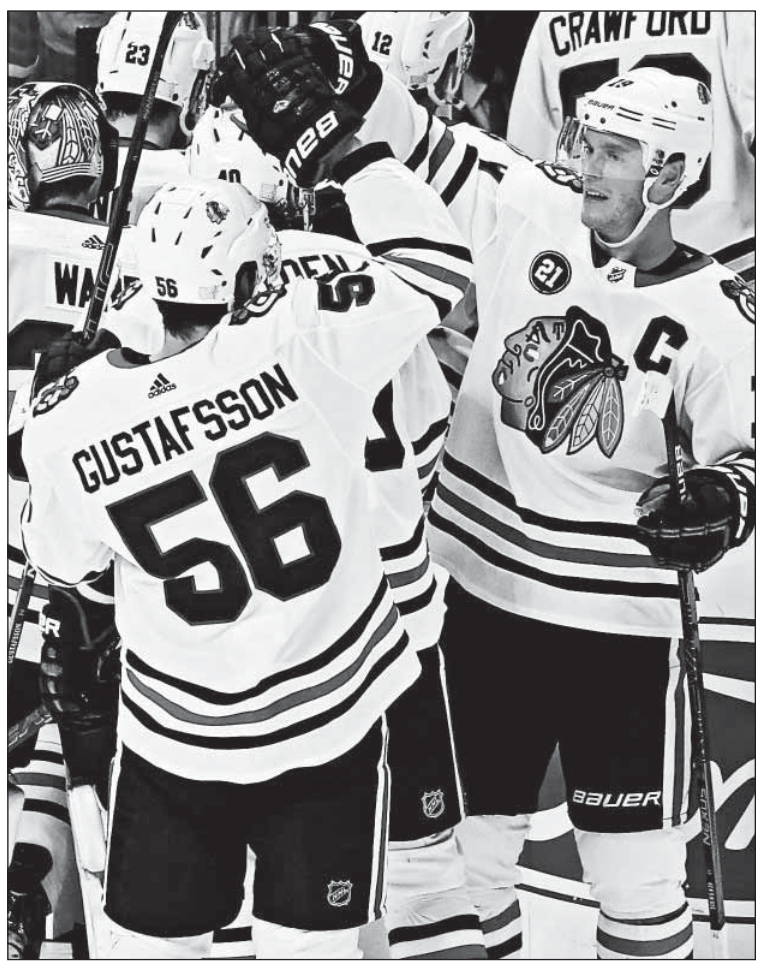
"It was a great feeling coming in after the game," Gustafsson said. "We have to take this with us the rest of the season."

The Hawks are host to the Golden Knights on Tuesday night at the United Center in what will be their next chance to play a complete game.

"We need to treat every situation with the respect it deserves," Colliton said. "Every shift, every five seconds is important and we're good enough when we play that way. When we don't, this is the NHL. They're going to punish you."

But when you do, you get rewarded.

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JOE SKIPPER/AP

Blackhawks defenseman Erik Gustafsson is congratulated by Jonathan Toews after Gustafsson's goal in overtime defeats the Panthers.

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Jokiharju back in lineup after 1st healthy scratch

By Jimmy Greenfield
Chicago Tribune

SUNRISE, Fla. — There is still a long way to go but Blackhawks defenseman Erik Gustafsson is on his way to playing in all 82 games for the first time in his career.

He had his share of being a healthy scratch during his first two years with the Hawks just like rookie Henri Jokiharju was Friday against the Lightning. It was the first game Jokiharju hasn't played in this season, and Gustafsson said there's only one way to approach it.

"You just have to let it go and get to the next one," Gustafsson said.

Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton made that happen when he put Jokiharju back in the lineup for Saturday night's game against the Panthers.

"(Jokiharju has to be) a little bit more active as far as defending lines and gap and stick presence and all that defensive stuff that allows you to have the puck more, allows your team to have the puck more," Colliton said. "He'll find himself on the offensive blue line with possession more. We know he can help us there. We think he'll respond."

Getting closer: The Hawks entered Saturday night's game against the Panthers without a power play goal on the trip, going 0-for-5 against the Capitals and Lightning. Since Colliton became head coach, the Hawks are 2-for-19 on the power play in eight games.

Overall, they are 9-for-69 and are ahead of only the Kings in power-play percentage in the league.

"It's coming," Colliton said. "We ultimately want to score but (our players) look much more comfortable on the puck with their options. And I thought last game we did everything but score. We think we have pretty good players and they'll come through for us."

Knee surgery for Davidson: Hawks defenseman Brandon Davidson will have right knee surgery on Tuesday, Colliton said before Saturday's game.

Davidson, who has appeared in seven games this season, last played on Nov. 12 against the Hurricanes and went on injured reserve a few days later.

A timeline for his return will be determined following the surgery.

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
							NEXT: Dec. 2 @NYG: Noon FOX-32, AM-780
		SA 7 NBCSCH, AM-670		@MIL 7 WGN-9, AM-670		@DET 6 WGN-9, AM-670	@HOU 7 NBCSCH, AM-670
			VGK 7 NBCSCH, AM-720		@WPG 7 NBCSCH, AM-720		@NSH 7 WGN-9, AM-720

ON TV/RADIO

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
9:30 a.m.	AdvoCare Invitational	ESPNU
Noon	AdvoCare Invitational	ESPN
12:30 p.m.	Miss. Valley State at Illinois	WSCR-AM 670
1 p.m.	Wooden Legacy	ESPNU
3 p.m.	AdvoCare Invitational	ESPN2
3 p.m.	Wooden Legacy	ESPNU
5:30 p.m.	AdvoCare Invitational	ESPNU
9:30 p.m.	Wooden Legacy	ESPN2
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
Noon	Stony Brook at Penn State	BTN
G-LEAGUE		
2 p.m.	Fort Wayne at Windy City	NBCSCH
NFL		
Noon	Patriots at Jets	CBS-2
Noon	Seahawks at Panthers	FOX-32
3:30 p.m.	Steelers at Broncos	CBS-2, WSCR-AM 670
7:20 p.m.	Packers at Vikings	NBC-5, WSCR-AM 670
NHL		
7 p.m.	Ducks at Predators	NHL Network
AHL		
3 p.m.	IceHogs at Wolves	WPWR-50
MOTORSPORTS		
7:05 a.m.	F1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix	ESPN2
SKIING		
Noon	Alpine: Women's slalom	NBC-5
3 p.m.	Alpine: Men's super-G	NBCSN
MLS PLAYOFFS		
4 p.m.	Red Bulls at Atlanta United	ESPN
6:30 p.m.	Sporting KC at Timbers	FS1
BUNDESLIGA SOCCER		
8:30 a.m.	Freiburg vs. Werder Bremen	FS1
11 a.m.	Borussia Monchengladback vs. Hannover	FS1
PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER		
7:25 a.m.	Bournemouth vs. Arsenal	NBCSN
9:55 a.m.	Wolverhampton vs. Huddersfield Town	NBCSN
SERIE A SOCCER		
10:55 a.m.	Lazio vs. AC Milan	ESPNews

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF TOP 25

CFP RK. TEAM	AP	REC	PF	PA	WEEK 13/NEXT GAME *-A.M.
1. Alabama	1	12-0	588	165	**W** 52-21 vs. Auburn
2. Clemson	2	12-0	548	168	**W** 56-35 vs. South Carolina
3. Notre Dame	3	12-0	405	207	**W** 24-17 at USC
4. Michigan	4	10-2	442	211	**L** 62-39 at #10 Ohio State
5. Georgia	5	11-1	481	206	**W** 45-21 vs. Georgia Tech
6. Oklahoma	6	11-1	604	394	**W** 59-56 at #13 West Virginia
7. LSU	8	9-2	309	177	at #22 Texas A&M, late
8. Washington St.	7	10-2	460	277	**L** 28-15 vs. #16 Washington
9. UCF	8	11-0	474	214	**W** 38-10 at South Florida
10. Ohio State	10	11-1	520	310	**W** 62-39 vs. #4 Michigan
11. Florida	13	9-3	414	245	**W** 41-14 at Florida State
12. Penn State	15	9-3	415	240	**W** 38-3 vs. Maryland
13. West Virginia	12	8-3	465	292	**L** 59-56 vs. #6 Oklahoma
14. Texas	11	9-3	380	302	**W** 24-17 at Kansas
15. Kentucky	17	9-3	319	195	**W** 56-10 at Louisville
16. Washington	16	9-3	336	198	**W** 28-15 at #8 Washington St.
17. Utah	18	8-3	335	204	vs. BYU, late
18. Mississippi St.	22	8-4	349	144	**W** 35-3 at Mississippi
19. Northwestern	20	8-4	284	260	**W** 24-16 vs. Illinois
20. Syracuse	19	9-3	489	333	**W** 42-21 at Boston College
21. Utah State	14	10-1	542	243	at #23 Boise State, late
22. Texas A&M	—	7-4	342	244	vs. #7 LSU, late
23. Boise State	21	9-2	411	244	vs. #21 Utah State, late
24. Pittsburgh	24	7-5	336	333	**L** 24-3 at Miami
25. Iowa State	25	7-4	295	246	**W** 42-38 vs. Kansas State

CFP-College Football Playoff; AP-Associated Press; PF/A-points for/allowed

BIG TEN STANDINGS

WEST	CONF	ALL	PF	PA	WEEK 13/NEXT GAME *-11 A.M.
Northwestern	8-1	8-4	284	260	**W** 24-16 vs. Illinois
Iowa	5-4	8-4	378	209	**W** 31-28 vs. Nebraska
Wisconsin	5-4	7-5	351	291	**L** 37-15 vs. Minnesota
Purdue	5-4	6-6	383	327	**W** 28-21 at Indiana
Minnesota	3-6	6-6	342	335	**W** 37-15 at Wisconsin
Nebraska	3-6	4-8	360	375	**L** 31-28 at Iowa
Illinois	2-7	4-8	312	473	**L** 24-16 at #19 Northwestern
EAST	**CONF**	**ALL**	**PF**	**PA**	**WEEK 13/NEXT GAME**
Ohio State	8-1	11-1	520	310	**W** 62-39 vs. #4 Michigan
Michigan	8-1	10-2	442	211	**L** 62-39 at #10 Ohio State
Penn State	6-3	9-3	415	240	**W** 38-3 vs. Maryland
Michigan St.	5-4	7-5	237	216	**W** 14-10 vs. Rutgers
Maryland	3-6	5-7	342	344	**L** 38-3 at #12 Penn State
Indiana	2-7	5-7	317	359	**L** 28-21 vs. Purdue
Rutgers	0-9	1-11	162	377	**L** 14-10 at Michigan State

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

SOUTH
Appalachian St. 21, Troy 10
Charlotte 27, Fla. Atlantic 24
Georgia S. 35, Georgia St. 14
Liberty 28, New Mexico St. 21
La.-Lafayette 31, La.-Monroe 28
Marshall 28, FIU 25
Middle Tenn. 27, UAB 3
NC St. 34, N. Carolina 28 (OT)
Tulane 29, Navy 28
Vanderbilt 38, Tennessee 13
W. Kentucky 30, La. Tech 15
Wake Forest 59, Duke 7
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. 33, Texas St. 7
Baylor 35, Texas Tech 24
Prairie View 60, Texas Southern 14
Rice 27, Old Dominion 13
Southern Miss. 39, UTEP 7
Tulsa 27, SMU 24
WEST
Arizona 41, Arizona 40
Stanford 49, UCLA 42
Wyoming 31, New Mexico 3

FCS PLAYOFFS

First Round
Duquesne 31, Towson 10
Wofford 19, Elon 7
SE Missouri St. 28, Stony Brook 14
Montana St. 35, Incarnate Word 14
James Madison 20, Delaware 6
Nicholls St. 49, San Diego 30
N. Iowa 16, Lamar 13
Jacksonville St. 34, ETSU 27
Second Round
Saturday, Dec. 1
Jacksonville St. at Maine (8-3), Noon
James Madison at Colgate (9-1), 1 p.m.
Wofford (9-3) at Kennesaw St. (10-1), 2 p.m.
Montana St. at N. Dakota St. (11-0), 3 p.m.
Duquesne (9-3) at S. Dakota St. (8-2), 3 p.m.
SE Missouri St. (9-3) at Weber St. (9-2), 4 p.m.
Nicholls St. at E. Washington (9-2), 5 p.m.
N. Iowa at UC Davis (9-2), 7 p.m.

DIVISION II PLAYOFFS

Second Round
Slippery Rock 59, New Haven 20
Notre Dame (Ohio) 19, Hillsdale 14
Valdosta State 66, Bowie State 16
Ferris State 27, NW Missouri State 21
Ouachita Baptist 35, Indianapolis 7
Lenoir-Rhyne 21, Wingate 17
Minn.-Mankato 24, Colorado St.-Pueblo 10
Tarleton State 34, Texas A&M-Commerce 28
Quarterfinals
Saturday, Dec. 1
Notre Dame (Ohio) (12-0)
vs. Slippery Rock (11-2), TBA
Valdosta State (11-0)
vs. Lenoir-Rhyne (12-1), TBA
Ouachita Baptist (12-0)
vs. Ferris State (13-0), TBA
Minn.-Mankato (12-0)
vs. Tarleton State (12-0), TBA

DIVISION III PLAYOFFS

Second Round
Mount Union 51, Centre 35
Muhlenberg 35, Randolph-Macon 6
RPI 21, Brockport 13
Johns Hopkins 58, Frostburg State 27
Mary Hardin-Baylor 75, Berry 9
St. John's (Minn.) 45, Whitworth 24
Wisconsin-Whitewater 54, St. Norbert 21
Bethel (Minn.) 27, North Central (Ill.) 24
Quarterfinals
Saturday, Dec. 1
Mary Hardin-Baylor (12-0)
vs. St. John's (Minn.) (12-0), TBA
Wisconsin-Whitewater (11-0)
vs. Bethel (Minn.) (11-1), TBA
Muhlenberg (11-1) at
Mount Union (12-0), TBA
RPI (10-1) vs. Johns Hopkins (11-1), TBA

NAIA PLAYOFFS

Quarterfinals
Saint Francis (Ind.) 33, Baker (Kan.) 23
Morningside (Iowa) 51, St. Xavier (Ill.) 14
Benedictine (Kan.) 54, Concordia (Mich.) 38
Kansas Wesleyan 43, Dickinson St. (N.D.) 40
Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 1
TBD
Championship
Saturday, Dec. 15
At Municipal Stadium
Daytona Beach, Fla.
TBD

NORTHWESTERN 24, ILLINOIS 16

Illinois	3	3	0	10	— 16
Northwestern	7	14	3	0	— 24

First quarter
NW: Skowronek 8 pass from Thorson (Collins kick), 5:53
ILL: FG McLaughlin 21, :32
Second quarter
ILL: FG McLaughlin 29, 8:31
NW: Thorson 1 run (Collins kick), 3:43
NW: Lees 5 pass from Thorson (Collins kick), :17
Third quarter
NW: FG Collins 25, 10:03
Fourth quarter
ILL: FG McLaughlin 26, 13:22
ILL: Smalling 10 pass from Bush (McLaughlin kick), 7:57

TEAM STATS	ILL	NW
First downs	24	19
Rushes-yards	32-149	46-261
Passing	286	110
Comp-att-int	23-39-1	12-18-0
Return yards	85	33
Punts-avg.	3-38.66	4-45.75
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	7-66	1-15
Possession time	31:06	28:54

Rushing: Illinois, Corbin 13-78, Bush 16-51, Bonner 3-20. **Northwestern,** Bowser 18-166, Hanaoka 8-48, Moten 8-47, Vault 5-7, T.Green 1-2, Thorson 3-(minus 2), J.Roberts 1-(minus 3), (Team) 2-(minus 4).
Passing: Illinois, Bush 23-39-1-286. **Northwestern,** Thorson 12-17-0-110, T.Green 0-1-0-0.
Receiving: Illinois, Smalling 7-77, Mays 4-69, Stampley 4-69, Corbin 4-22, Reams 3-46, T.Davis 1-3. **Northwestern,** Lees 3-25, Chiaokhiao-Bowman 1-25, Fessler 1-15, Bowser 1-14, Cam.Green 1-9, McGowan 1-9, Skowronek 1-8, Hanaoka 1-8, B.Holman 1-4, Jefferson 1-(minus 7).
Missed field goals: None.

NOTRE DAME 24, USC 17

Notre Dame	0	7	10	7	— 24
Southern Cal	7	3	0	7	— 17

First quarter
USC: Malepeai 14 run (M.Brown kick), 11:26
Second quarter
USC: FG M.Brown 30, 11:51
ND: Finke 24 pass from Book (Yoon kick), 2:20
Third quarter
ND: Dex.Williams 52 run (Yoon kick), 10:55
ND: FG Yoon 46, 1:07
Fourth quarter
ND: T.Jones 51 pass from Book (Yoon kick), 3:09
USC: Vaughns 20 pass from Daniels (M.Brown kick), :48

TEAM STATS	ND	USC
First downs	23	24
Rushes-yards	31-121	24-94
Passing	352	349
Comp-att-int	22-39-1	37-51-0
Return yards	7	79
Punts-avg.	4-36.75	6-34.0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-yards	3-38	8-71
Possession time	25:49	34:11

Rushing: Notre Dame, Dex.Williams 16-97, Book 7-16, T.Jones 3-15, Armstrong 1-0, Finke 1-(minus 1), (Team) 3-(minus 6). **Southern Cal,** Ware 13-68, Stepp 5-23, Malepeai 4-21, Daniels 2-(minus 18).
Passing: Notre Dame, Book 22-39-1-352. **Southern Cal,** Daniels 37-51-0-349.
Receiving: Notre Dame, Finke 7-86, Claypool 5-73, Dex.Williams 5-54, M.Boykin 3-73, T.Jones 1-51, Mack 1-15. **Southern Cal,** Vaughns 12-120, St.Brown 10-94, Pittman Jr. 7-91, Jones Jr. 3-24, Ware 2-2, Dev.Williams 1-10, Stepp 1-7, Malepeai 1-1.
Missed field goals: None.

GOLF

WORLD CUP OF GOLF

3rd of 4 rds at The Metropolitan GC, Melbourne, Australia; 7,308 yds; Par 72

197 (-19)	
Pieters/Detry	63-71-63
202 (-14)	
Ancer/Diaz	67-70-65
Pavan/Paratore	65-71-66
An/Kim	62-72-68
203 (-13)	
Bjork/Lagergren	65-74-64
Leishman/Smith	62-76-65
Hatton/Poulter	62-74-67
205 (-11)	
Hadwin/Taylor	68-73-64
Lowry/Dunne	64-76-65
Knox/Laird	67-71-67

HONG KONG OPEN

3rd of 4 rds at Hong Kong GC, Hong Kong; 6,700 yds; Par 70

194 (-16)	
Aaron Rai	65-61-68
200 (-10)	
M. Fitzpatrick	70-62-68
T. Fleetwood	69-65-66
201 (-9)	
Sergio Garcia	70-67-64
Jason Scrivener	65-69-67
202 (-8)	
Thongchai Jaidee	68-68-66
Victor Perez	71-65-66
203 (-7)	
J. Higginbottom	69-65-69
Hyowon Park	68-62-73
Adilson da Silva	70-64-69
Scott Hend	68-66-69

LATEST LINE

NBA
pregame.com

		SUNDAY
at LA Lakers	8	Orlando
at Detroit	8½	Phoenix
at Toronto	11½	Miami
at Brooklyn	Off	Philadelphia
at Memphis	8	New York
Charlotte	8	at Atlanta
at Sacramento	Off	Utah
at Portland	4	LA Clippers

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

		SUNDAY
at Bowling Green	7	Drexel
at Wichita St	16	Rice
Oregon St	7	at Long Beach St
James Madison	Off	Oral Roberts
at Oakland	Off	N. Illinois
at UNC-Wlmngtn	Off	E. Illinois
Arkansas St	Off	Gardner Webb
Denver	Off	Fairfield
at Seattle U	Off	Longwood

NHL

		SUNDAY	
Calgary	-124	at Arizona	+114
at Tampa Bay	-185	New Jersey	+170
at Nashville	-225	Anaheim	+205
Edmonton	-128	at Los Angeles	+118

NFL
WEEK 12

		SUNDAY
Jacksonville	3	at Buffalo
at Baltimore	11	Oakland
at Tampa Bay	2½	San Fran.
at Philadelphia	5	NY Giants
at Cincinnati	1	Cleveland
New England	10	at NY Jets
at Carolina	3	Seattle
at Indianapolis	7½	Miami
at LA Chargers	13	Arizona
Pittsburgh	3	at Denver
at Minnesota	3	Green Bay
		MONDAY
at Houston	5½	Tennessee

NFL

NFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
BEARS	8	3	0	.727	317	211
Minnesota	5	4	1	.550	241	229
Green Bay	4	5	1	.450	247	243
Detroit	4	7	0	.364	238	286
NFC EAST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Dallas	6	5	0	.545	234	213
Washington	6	5	0	.545	220	229
Philadelphia	4	6	0	.400	205	231
N.Y. Giants	3	7	0	.300	215	263
NFC SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
New Orleans	10	1	0	.909	409	256
Carolina	6	4	0	.600	260	252
Atlanta	4	7	0	.364	280	307
Tampa Bay	3	7	0	.300	267	329
NFC WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
L.A. Rams	10	1	0	.909	389	282
Seattle	5	5	0	.500	246	216
Arizona	2	8	0	.200	145	248
San Francisco	2	8	0	.200	230	266
AFC NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Pittsburgh	7	2	1	.750	299	225
Baltimore	5	5	0	.500	237	181
Cincinnati	5	5	0	.500	256	312
Cleveland	3	6	1	.350	218	263
AFC EAST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
New England	7	3	0	.700	280	236
Miami	5	5	0	.500	199	256
Buffalo	3	7	0	.300	137	251
N.Y. Jets	3	7	0	.300	208	254
AFC SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Houston	7	3	0	.700	239	205
Indianapolis	5	5	0	.500	298	249
Tennessee	5	5	0	.500	178	189
Jacksonville	3	7	0	.300	176	219
AFC WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Kansas City	9	2	0	.818	404	294
L.A. Chargers	7	3	0	.700	262	209
Denver	4	6	0	.400	228	235
Oakland	2	8	0	.200	170	293

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Seattle at Carolina, noon (FOX-32)
New England at N.Y. Jets, noon (CBS-2)
Jacksonville at Buffalo, noon
San Francisco at Tampa Bay, noon
Oakland at Baltimore, noon
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, noon
Cleveland at Cincinnati, noon
Arizona at L.A. Chargers, 3:05
Pittsburgh at Denver, 3:25 (CBS-2)
Miami at Indianapolis, 3:25
Green Bay at Minnesota, 7:20 (NBC-5)
Open: L.A. Rams, Kansas City
MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
Tennessee at Houston, 7:15 (ESPN)
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Bears 23, Detroit 16
Dallas 31, Washington 23
New Orleans 31, Atlanta 17

AHL

CENTRAL	W	L	OL	SOL	PT	GF	GA
Milwaukee	13	6	3	0	29	64	58
Iowa	12	4	2	1	27	71	47
WOLVES	10	5	2	1	23	72	58
Rockford	8	8	1	4	21	50	62
G. Rapids	9	7	0	2	20	55	58
Manitoba	9	9	1	0	19	49	65
Texas	7	8	1	1	16	61	58
San Antonio	8	12	0	0	16	47	56

2 pts for win, 1 pt for OT/shootout loss

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Grand Rapids 4, **Wolves** 3 (OT)
Iowa 3, Manitoba 2
Charlotte 4, Laval 2
Rochester 4, Binghamton 3
Utica 4, Belleville 2
Milwaukee 2, Rockford 1 (SO)
Hershey 3, WB/Scranton 2
Providence 6, Lehigh Valley 3
Syracuse 3, Springfield 0
Hartford 3, Bridgeport 1
San Antonio 4, Texas 3
Colorado 4, San Jose 3 (SO)
Tucson at Bakersfield, late

NBA G LEAGUE

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Grand Rapids	5	3	.625	—
Fort Wayne	3	3	.500	1
Canton	3	4	.429	1½
WINDY CITY	4	6	.400	2
Wisconsin	1	8	.111	4½

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Westchester 104, Wisconsin 91
Raptors 107, Greensboro 100
Grand Rapids 116, Long Island 107
Rio Grande Valley, 127, Iowa 122
South Bay 112, Sioux Falls 109
Texas 105, Maine 101
Northern Arizona at Agua Caliente, late

SOCCER

MLS CUP PLAYOFFS

Conference Championships
Eastern Conference
Sunday: N.Y. Red Bulls at Atlanta, 4:18
Thursday: Atlanta at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6:20
Western Conference
Sunday: Sporting KC at Portland, 6:50
Thursday: Portland at Sporting KC, 8:48

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Watford 0, Liverpool 3
Man United 0, Crystal Palace 0
Fulham 3, Southampton 2
Brighton 1, Leicester 1
West Ham 0, Man City 4
Everton 1, Cardiff 0
Tottenham 3, Chelsea 1
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Bournemouth vs. Arsenal, 7:30 a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Huddersfield, 10 a.m.
MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
Burnley vs. Newcastle, 2

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

IHSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Memorial Stadium, Champaign
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
5A: Joliet Catholic 35, Montini 27
6A: Cary-Grove 35, Crete-Monee 13
7A: Nazareth 31, St. Charles North 10
8A: Loyola 13, Brother Rice 3

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
NFL: Fined Minnesota's Harrison Smith $10,026 for his hit on Chicago QB Mitchell Trubisky. Fined New Orleans RB Alvin Kamara $10,026 for unsportsmanlike conduct; and fined Indianapolis' George Odum (unnecessary roughness), Cincinnati's Dre' Kirkpatrick (unsportsmanlike conduct) and Green Bay's Bashaud Breeland (unnecessary roughness) $10,026 each.
Bears: Signed DB John Franklin III to the practice squad.
Green Bay: Signed DL James Looney from the practice squad. Placed LB Nick Perry on injured reserve.
San Francisco: Promoted LB Jeff Wilson Jr. from the practice squad. Waived QB Tom Savage.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
NHL: Fined Vancouver F Antoine Roussel $5,000 by the NHL for biting San Jose D Marc-Edouard Vlasic during a Nov. 23 game.
Edmonton: Recalled F Jesse Puljujarvi from Bakersfield (AHL).

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Toronto	16	4	.800	—	7-3	W-4	8-2	8-2	10-3
Philadelphia	13	8	.619	3½	7-3	L-1	10-1	3-7	9-7
Boston	10	10	.500	6	4-6	L-1	5-3	5-7	8-5
Brooklyn	8	12	.400	8	4-6	L-2	3-5	5-7	6-4
New York	6	14	.300	10	3-7	W-2	3-6	3-8	4-10
SOUTHEAST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Charlotte	9	9	.500	—	5-5	L-1	6-3	3-6	9-7
Orlando	9	10	.473	½	6-4	L-2	6-6	3-4	7-6
Miami	7	11	.389	2	4-6	W-1	3-7	4-4	5-9
Washington	7	12	.368	2½	5-5	W-1	5-5	2-7	4-5
Atlanta	3	16	.158	6½	0-10	L-10	2-7	1-9	2-10
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Milwaukee	14	5	.737	—	6-4	W-1	10-2	4-3	7-1
Indiana	11	8	.579	3	5-5	L-2	6-4	5-4	8-3
Detroit	9	7	.563	3½	5-5	W-1	5-3	4-4	8-6
Chicago	5	15	.250	9½	3-7	L-2	3-8	2-7	4-8
Cleveland	4	14	.222	9½	3-7	W-2	3-6	1-8	3-10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Memphis	12	6	.667	—	7-3	L-1	7-1	5-5	8-5
New Orleans	10	10	.500	3	6-4	L-3	8-1	2-9	6-7
Houston	9	9	.500	3	6-4	L-2	4-4	5-5	4-7
Dallas	9	9	.500	3	7-3	W-2	8-2	1-7	4-6
San Antonio	9	10	.473	3½	3-7	L-1	6-3	3-7	8-6
NORTHWEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Denver	13	7	.650	—	4-6	W-3	8-3	5-4	8-4
Oklahoma City	12	7	.632	½	7-3	L-1	7-3	5-4	7-6
Portland	12	7	.632	½	6-4	L-2	7-2	5-5	6-4
Minnesota	9	11	.450	4	5-5	W-2	8-3	1-8	4-9
Utah	8	11	.421	4½	4-6	L-3	2-5	6-6	6-8
PACIFIC	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Golden State	14	7	.667	—	4-6	W-2	10-2	4-5	8-6
L.A. Clippers	12	6	.667	½	8-2	W-1	8-1	4-5	7-4
L.A. Lakers	11	7	.611	1½	8-2	W-3	6-3	5-4	8-5
Sacramento	10	9	.526	3	4-6	L-1	5-3	5-6	6-7
Phoenix	4	14	.222	8½	3-7	W-1	3-6	1-8	3-9

through Saturday

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Minnesota 111, **Bulls** 96
Cleveland 117, Houston 108
Denver 105, Oklahoma City 98
Washington 124, New Orleans 114
Dallas 113, Boston 104
Golden St. 117, Sacramento 116
Milwaukee 135, San Antonio 129
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Orlando at L.A. Lakers, 2:30
Phoenix at Detroit, 3
Charlotte at Atlanta, 5
Miami at Toronto, 5
New York at Memphis, 5
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 5
Utah at Sacramento, 7
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 8
MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
San Antonio at **Bulls**, 7
Houston at Washington, 6
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 6
Minnesota at Cleveland, 6
Boston at New Orleans, 7
Indiana at Utah, 8
Orlando at Golden State, 9:30
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Minnesota 112, Brooklyn 102
L.A. Clippers 112, Memphis 107 (OT)
Detroit 116, Houston 111 (OT)
Boston 114, Atlanta 96
Cleveland 121, Phila. 112
New York 114, New Orleans 109
Toronto 125, Washington 107
Oklahoma City 109, Charlotte 104
Miami 103, Chicago 96
San Antonio 111, Indiana 100
Phoenix 116, Milwaukee 114
Denver 112, Orlando 87
Golden St. 125, Portland 97
L.A. Lakers 90, Utah 83

CALENDAR
Jan. 5 — 10-day contracts can be signed.
Jan. 10 — All contracts guaranteed for rest of season.
Feb. 7 — Trade deadline, 3 p.m. EST.
Feb. 17 — NBA All-Star Game, Charlotte, N.C.
April 10 — Regular season ends.
April 13 — Playoffs begin.

TIMBERWOLVES 111, BULLS 96

BULLS	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Holiday	40:25	5-18	0-0	1-11	5	1	14
Parker	38:30	11-18	2-4	0-7	4	4	27
Carter Jr.	31:39	3-8	6-7	3-8	1	5	12
Arcidiacono	33:42	0-5	0-0	0-1	4	3	0
LaVine	37:56	9-17	10-12	1-8	4	1	28
Blakeney	19:32	2-7	2-4	0-2	0	1	8
Lopez	16:21	2-3	2-2	1-2	0	3	7
Harrison	14:18	0-3	0-2	0-1	3	0	0
Payne	6:37	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Felicio	1:00	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**32-80**	**22-31**	**6-40**	**22**	**19**	**96**

Pcts: FG .400, FT .710. **3-pointers:** 10-33, .303 (Holiday 4-13, Parker 3-5, Blakeney 2-4, Lopez 1-1, Payne 0-1, Carter Jr. 0-2, LaVine 0-3, Arcidiacono 0-4). **Team rebs:** 11. **Team turnovers:** 14 (13 PTS). **Blocks:** 4 (Lopez 2, Holiday, Parker). **Turnovers:** 14 (LaVine 4, Carter Jr. 3, Parker 3, Arcidiacono 2, Lopez 2). **Steals:** 7 (Parker 2, Arcidiacono, Carter Jr., Harrison, Holiday, Lopez). **Technical fouls:** None.

MIN.	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Covington	35:21	1-18	2-2	1-6	1	6	4
Gibson	23:24	2-5	2-2	1-2	2	2	6
Towns	37:20	13-23	8-10	9-22	6	6	35
Teague	28:20	7-10	1-1	1-4	5	2	18
Wiggins	28:31	0-12	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Rose	31:08	9-13	2-2	0-2	4	1	22
Saric	24:36	8-15	2-2	9-14	0	4	19
Jones	19:40	1-2	3-4	0-6	2	1	5
Dieng	10:40	1-5	0-0	0-1	1	1	2
Okogie	1:00	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**42-103**	**20-23**	**21-58**	**22**	**23**	**111**

Pcts: FG .408, FT .870. **3-pointers:** 7-34, .206 (Teague 3-5, Rose 2-4, Saric 1-5, Towns 1-5, Dieng 0-1, Wiggins 0-4, Covington 0-10). **Team rebs:** 12. **Team turnovers:** 13 (14 PTS). **Blocks:** 5 (Covington 3, Dieng, Rose). **Turnovers:** 13 (Saric 3, Towns 3, Gibson 2, Teague 2, Covington, Rose, Wiggins). **Steals:** 8 (Covington 3, Jones 2, Gibson, Saric, Towns). **Technical fouls:** coach Timberwolves (Defensive three second), 3:49 first.

BULLS	22	28	29	17	— 96
Minnesota	20	29	35	27	— 111

A: 17,119. **T:** 2:09. **Officials:** Pat Fraher, Brett Nansel, Jason Phillips

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Buffalo	24	16	6	2	33	76	66	8-2-1	8-4-1	6-2-0
Tampa Bay	23	16	6	1	33	87	66	9-3-0	7-3-1	5-2-0
Toronto	24	16	8	0	32	84	62	7-5-0	9-3-0	2-2-0
Boston	23	13	6	4	30	65	55	8-2-0	5-4-4	6-1-1
Montreal	24	11	8	5	27	76	81	6-4-2	5-4-3	2-3-4
Detroit	23	10	10	3	23	63	73	6-4-2	4-6-1	2-5-1
Ottawa	23	9	11	3	21	83	100	7-4-2	2-7-1	5-5-1
Florida	21	8	9	4	20	69	78	3-3-2	5-6-2	2-1-2
METRO.	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**DIV**
Washington	23	13	7	3	29	80	73	7-3-2	6-4-1	3-2-1
Columbus	23	13	8	2	28	77	73	6-4-1	7-4-1	3-2-1
N.Y. Islanders	22	12	8	2	26	71	64	6-2-2	6-6-0	7-1-0
N.Y. Rangers	24	12	10	2	26	71	74	9-4-0	3-6-2	2-4-1
Carolina	23	11	9	3	25	63	66	7-4-2	4-5-1	3-3-1
Pittsburgh	22	9	8	5	23	74	71	5-5-2	4-3-3	2-4-1
Philadelphia	23	10	11	2	22	69	82	5-6-1	5-5-1	2-3-0
New Jersey	21	9	9	3	21	63	67	7-1-3	2-8-0	4-3-1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Nashville	23	16	6	1	33	76	56	8-3-0	8-3-1	5-1-0
Minnesota	23	14	7	2	30	75	63	8-2-2	6-5-0	6-3-0
Colorado	23	13	6	4	30	86	65	5-2-2	8-4-2	2-3-0
Winnipeg	22	13	7	2	28	74	62	8-2-2	5-5-0	4-3-0
Dallas	24	12	10	2	26	68	66	8-3-1	4-7-1	1-2-1
Chicago	24	9	10	5	23	65	82	5-3-3	4-7-2	4-1-1
St. Louis	22	8	11	3	19	67	73	6-7-1	2-4-2	2-6-3
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**DIV**
San Jose*	23	12	7	4	28	75	68	8-3-2	4-4-2	4-1-1
Calgary	23	13	9	1	27	75	68	7-3-1	6-6-0	4-4-0
Anaheim	24	10	9	5	25	54	69	7-3-5	3-6-0	5-3-2
Vegas*	24	11	12	1	23	63	70	6-3-1	5-9-0	5-1-1
Edmonton	22	10	10	2	22	62	71	4-4-1	6-6-1	1-2-1
Vancouver*	25	10	13	2	22	73	92	5-4-0	5-9-2	2-4-0
Arizona	21	9	10	2	20	52	56	5-5-1	4-5-1	2-1-1
Los Angeles*	21	7	13	1	15	44	68	4-7-1	3-6-0	1-1-1

*Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs. *-late game not included*

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
BLACKHAWKS 5, Florida 4 (OT)
Washington 5, N.Y. Rangers 3
N.Y. Islanders 4, Carolina 1
Toronto 6, Philadelphia 0
Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 2
Winnipeg 8, St. Louis 4
Buffalo 3, Detroit 2 (SO)
Boston 3, Montreal 2
Colorado 3, Dallas 2
San Jose at Vegas, late
Vancouver at Los Angeles, late
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Calgary at Arizona, 2
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 6
Anaheim at Nashville, 7
Edmonton at
Los Angeles, 9
MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
Boston at Toronto, 6
New Jersey at Florida, 6
Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 6
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 6
Columbus at Detroit, 6:30

BLACKHAWKS 5, PANTHERS 4 (OT)

BLACKHAWKS	0	2	2	1—5
Florida	2	2	0	0—4

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Florida, Hoffman 11 (Yandle, Huberdeau), 5:48 (pp). **2, Florida,** McCann 3 (Kiselevich, Sceviour), 13:40. **Penalties:** Manning, Hawks, (holding), 4:12; Brouwer, Fla, ; Manning, Hawks, Major (fighting), 6:58.
SECOND PERIOD: 3, BLACKHAWKS, Kampf 3 (Kahun, Forsling), 0:49. **4, BLACKHAWKS,** Kane 13 (Forsling, Saad), 5:34. **5, Florida,** Ekblad 4 (Dadonov, Hoffman), 8:08. **6, Florida,** Vatrano 7 (Huberdeau, Bjugstad), 11:30. **Penalties:** Vatrano, Fla, (unsportsmanlike), 8:55; Kane, Hawks, (hooking), 17:26.
3RD: 7, BLACKHAWKS, Fortin 3, 9:52 (sh). **8, BLACKHAWKS,** DeBrincat 10 (Kane, Saad), 19:58. **Penalties:** Kiselevich, Fla, (interference), 2:06; Kane, Hawks, (high stick), 8:11.
OVERTIME: 9, BLACKHAWKS, Gustafsson 3 (Schmaltz, Kampf), 2:32.

SHOTS ON GOAL:					PP:
Blackhawks	9	10	18	4—41	0-2
Florida	16	18	0	4—38	1-3

Goalies: Blackhawks, Ward 3-2-4 (38 s-34 sv). Florida, Reimer 3-5-2 (41-36). **A:** 14,283.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW AP MEN'S TOP 25 FARED

1. Duke (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Tuesday.
2. Kansas (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Stanford, Saturday, Dec. 1.
3. Gonzaga (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. North Dakota State, Monday.
4. Virginia (6-0) did not play. Next: at Maryland, Wednesday.
5. Tennessee (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Eastern Kentucky, Wednesday.
6. Nevada (6-0) did not play. Next: at Loyola of Chicago, Tuesday.
7. North Carolina (6-1) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Michigan, Wednesday.
8. Auburn (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Peter's, Wednesday.
9. Michigan (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 North Carolina, Wednesday.
10. Kentucky (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Monmouth, Wednesday.
11. Michigan State (5-1) did not play. Next: at Louisville, Tuesday.
12. Kansas State (6-0) beat Lehigh 77-58. Next: at Marquette, Saturday.
13. Virginia Tech (5-0) beat Saint Francis (Pa.) 75-37. Next: at Penn State, Tuesday.
14. Florida State (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Villanova, Sunday.
15. Mississippi State (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Alcorn State, Monday.
16. Clemson (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Monday.
17. UCLA (4-2) did not play. Next: vs. Hawaii, Wednesday.
18. TCU (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. Eastern Michigan, Monday.
19. LSU (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Sunday.
20. Iowa (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Tuesday.
21. Oregon (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Southern, Monday.
22. Buffalo (5-0) beat Marist 76-49. Next: vs. Milwaukee, Friday.
23. Ohio State (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Wednesday.
24. Purdue (5-1) did not play. Next: at No. 14 Florida State, Wednesday.
25. Wisconsin (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. State, Tuesday.

HOW AP WOMEN'S TOP 25 FARED

1. Notre Dame (6-0) beat No. 9 Oregon State 91-81. Next: vs. No. 12 Iowa, Thursday.
2. UConn (5-0) beat Purdue 86-40. Next: vs. No. 16 DePaul, Wednesday.
3. Oregon (6-0) beat Saint Mary's 79-55. Next: vs. Long Beach State, Sunday, Dec. 2.
4. Baylor (6-0) beat Georgetown 67-46. Next: at No. 13 S. Carolina, Sunday, Dec. 2.
5. Louisville (5-0) beat Hartford 86-69. Next: vs. Miami (Ohio), Monday.
6. Mississippi St. (6-0) beat Jackson St. 105-38. Next: at Little Rock, Wednesday.
7. Maryland (6-0) beat Georgia 58-51. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Thursday.
8. Stanford (5-0) beat American 71-49. Next: at Hawaii, Sunday.
9. Oregon State (5-1) lost to No. 1 Notre Dame 91-81. Next: vs. La Salle, Saturday.
10. Texas (5-0) beat Michigan 69-52. Next: vs. Fordham or Washington, Sunday.
11. Tennessee (5-0) beat UAB 73-69 (OT). Next: at Oklahoma State, Sunday, Dec. 2.
12. Iowa (5-1) lost to Florida State 71-67. Next: at No. 1 Notre Dame, Thursday.
13. South Carolina (3-1) vs. Drake. Next: vs. Dayton, Wednesday.
14. Syracuse (5-0) beat No. 16 DePaul 83-81 (OT). Next: at No. 23 Minnesota, Thursday.
15. N.C. State (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Thursday.
16. DePaul (4-1) lost to No. 14 Syracuse 83-81 (OT). Next: vs. Savannah State, Monday.
17. South Florida (5-2) beat UCLA 60-56. Next: vs. New Hampshire, Friday.
18. California (6-0) beat San Diego 70-53. Next: vs. Cal St. Northridge, Sunday, Dec. 2.
19. Arizona State (3-2) beat S. Illinois 82-38. Next: vs. La. Tech, Saturday.
20. Texas A&M (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. Lamar, Thursday.
21. Missouri (4-1) beat Quinnipiac 65-51. Next: vs. Ball State or Duke, Sunday.
22. Marquette (3-0) beat UIC 96-32. Next: vs. Milwaukee, Wednesday.
23. Minnesota (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Syracuse, Thursday.
24. Miami (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Sunday.
25. W. Virginia (4-1) beat E. Kentucky 81-39. Next: vs. No. 21 Missouri, Sunday, Dec. 2.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

MEN
MIDWEST
Ball St. 82, Evansville 72
Bradley 86, Chicago St. 70
IUPUI 80, Grambling St. 69
Ill.-Chicago 94,
UW-Parkside 74
Illinois St. 79,
Lindenwood (Mo.) 62
Ind. St. 63, W. Kentucky 54
Miami (Ohio) 85, Army 55
Nebraska 73, W. Illinois 49
Northland 92, Lakeland 88
Notre Dame 95, DePaul 70
Oakland 87, Oral Roberts 76
Ohio 85, Austin Peay 82, OT
Saint Louis 73,
Cent. Arkansas 61
Truman St. 70, Sioux Falls 67
EAST
W. Virginia 88, Valparaiso 76
SOUTH
Indiana-SE 74,
Kentucky Wesleyan 68
James Madison 78,
N. Illinois 74
NC St. 78, Mercer 74
New Orleans 97,
Governors St. 53
SOUTHWEST
E. Illinois 90, Ark. St. 86 (OT)
S. Illinois 79, Tulsa 69

WOMEN
MIDWEST
Arizona St. 82, S. Illinois 38
Boise St. 61, N. Iowa 60
Green Bay 51, Dayton 35
Ind.-NW 82, Cornerstone 55
Marquette 96, Ill.-Chicago 32
SIU-Edwardsville 57, Purdue Fort Wayne 49
Syracuse 83, DePaul 81
UC Irvine 77, Indiana St. 61
SOUTH
Bradley 80, FAU 59
WEST
Sacramento St. 109,
Illinois 107

NBA

Curry improves, likely to return soon

Stephen Curry is expected to resume practicing this week with a strong chance he will return during an upcoming five-game trip as he battles a strained left groin.

The Warriors star was re-examined Saturday after making significant progress in recent days. He did some scrimmaging work, and coach Steve Kerr said no physical problems lingered from a car accident Friday in which Curry was unharmed.

Curry missed Saturday's 117-116 win over the Kings. Klay Thompson put back his own miss with 5 seconds left and Kevin Durant scored a season-high 44 points.

■ C Anthony Davis missed the Pelicans' 124-114 loss to the Wizards with a strained right hip. ... Rookie Collin Sexton scored a season-high 29 points and the Cavaliers overcame 40 by James Harden to win consecutive games for the first time this season, beating the Rockets 117-108. Rockets G Chris Paul was out (rest). ... Jamal Murray's 22 points led the Nuggets past the Thunder 105-98 for their third straight win

NHL

Laine scores 5 goals in Jets' victory

Patrik Laine scored five goals in the Jets' 8-4 victory over the Blues on Saturday night in St. Louis, two short of the 97-year-old NHL record.

It was the 61st five-goal game in league history. Darryl Sittler of the Maple Leafs was the last player to score six goals in a game, on April 22, 1976 against the Bruins.

Laine's five-goal game gives him a league-leading 16 goals in 10 November games.

■ Sam Reinhart and Tage Thompson scored in a seven-round shootout to lift the Sabres over the Red Wings 3-2. It was the Sabres' ninth straight win. ... Andreas Johnsson recorded a hat trick midway through the first period and the Leafs routed the Flyers 6-0. Garret Sparks made 35 saves for his second career shutout. ... Jake Guentzel scored his first career regular-season hat trick to lead the Penguins past the Blue Jackets 4-2. ... The league fined Canucks F Antoine Roussel $5,000 for biting Sharks D Marc-Edouard Vlasic on Friday. ... Former referee Mick McGeough died Friday a week after suffering a stroke. He was 62. *AP*

IN BRIEF

BASEBALL: The Seibu Lions will begin the posting process for LHP Yusei Kikuchi on Dec. 3 so that he can negotiate with teams in Major League Baseball. The posting period begins Dec. 5, and Kikuchi will have 30 days to sign a contract with a major league team. Kikuchi, 27, has a 73-46 career record with a 2.77 ERA in Nippon Professional Baseball.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: UCF junior QB McKenzie Milton underwent successful surgery on his right knee after suffering what Knights coach Josh Heupel called a "traumatic" injury during Friday's win over South Florida. Milton's father told ESPN that the surgery stabilized the knee and dealt with undisclosed "internal issues."

GOLF: Thomas Pieters and Thomas Detry shot a 9-under 63 in fourballs to give Belgium a five-stroke lead after three rounds at the World Cup in Melbourne, Australia. Belgium reached 19-under 197. Mexico (Abraham Ancer, Roberto Diaz), Italy (Andrea Pavan, Renato Paratore) and South Korea (Byeong Hun An, Si Woo Kim) were tied for second. ... Aaron Rai shot a third-round 2-under 68 to extend his lead from four to six strokes at the Hong Kong Open. Rai reached 16-under 194 at the European Tour's season opener. Fellow Brits Matthew Fitzpatrick (68) and Tommy Fleetwood (66) were tied for second.

NFL: Hall of Fame tight end and former Bears and Saints coach Mike Ditka, 79, had a pacemaker inserted after suffering a mild heart attack Wednesday in Florida, and is expected to be released from the hospital soon, ESPN reported. ... The Packers placed LB Nick Perry on injured reserve with a knee injury. Perry finished his season with 24 tackles and 1½ sacks. ... The league fined Chiefs WR Tyreek Hill $10,026 for taunting during Monday night's loss to the Rams.

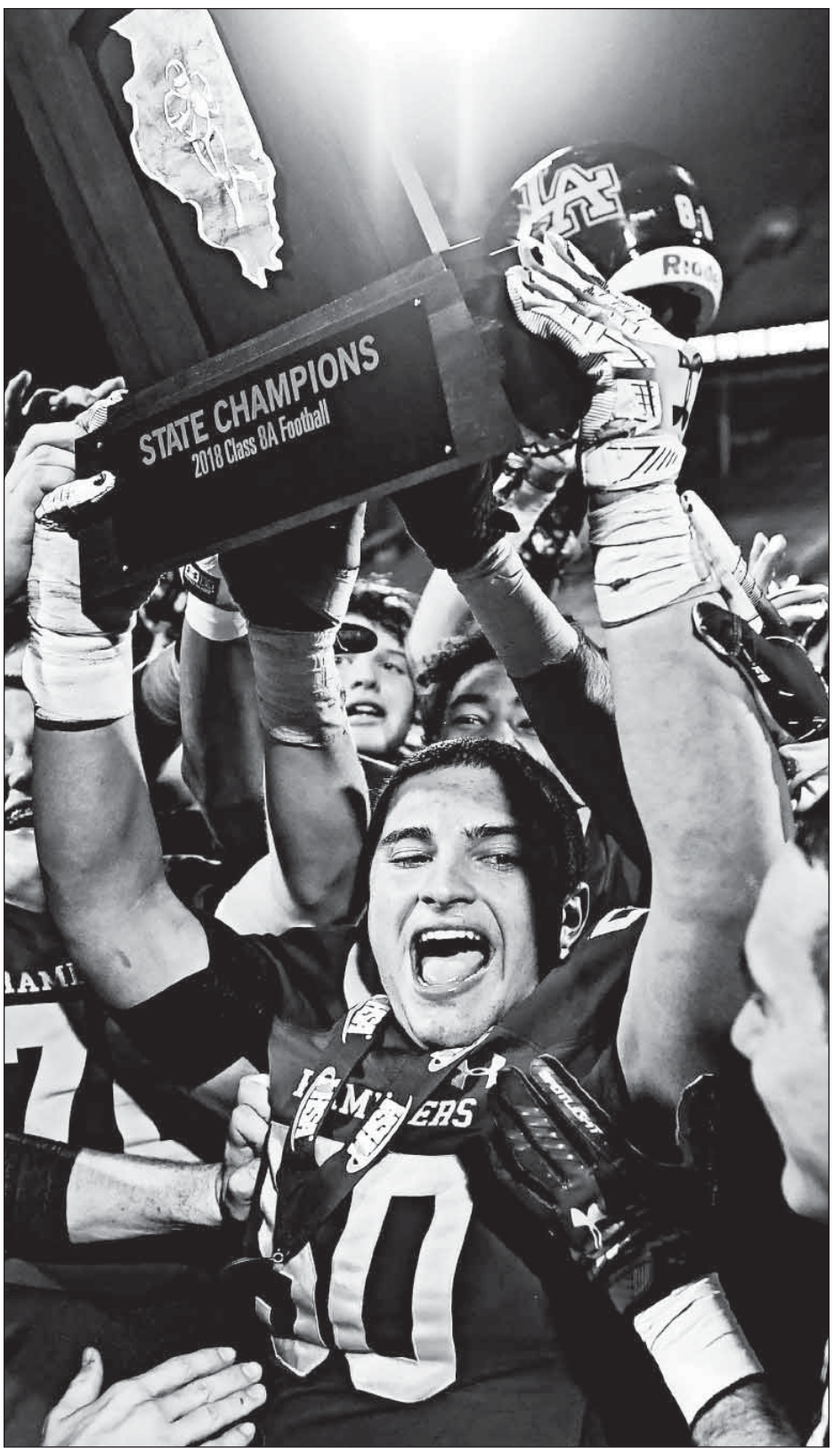
SKIING: Max Franz of Austria won the season-opening World Cup downhill in Lake Louise, Alberta. ... Federica Brignone of Italy won a World Cup giant slalom race in Killington, Vt., while Olympic champ Mikaela Shiffrin finished fourth.

SOCCER: The second leg of the Copa Libertadores final was postponed to Sunday after Boca Juniors players were injured when their bus was attacked by River Plate fans in Buenos Aires, Argentina. ... Dele Alli, Harry Kane and Son Heung-min scored as Tottenham beat Chelsea 3-1 at Wembley Stadium in London. It was the first English Premier League loss of the season for Chelsea, which slipped to fourth in the standings. ... Ousmane Dembele scored in the 90th minute as Barcelona salvaged a 1-1 draw with host Atletico Madrid and extended its unbeaten streak against Atletico to 17 in La Liga matches. Barca also maintained its lead in the season standings, one point clear of Atletico. ... Cristiano Ronaldo scored and had an assist to help Juventus extend its unbeaten Serie A start to 13 matches with a 2-0 win over promoted Spal in Turin, Italy. ... Paris Saint-Germain improved to 14-0 in Ligue 1 matches with a 1-0 victory over Toulouse 1-0 in Paris.

TENNIS: Nicolas Mahut and Pierre-Hugues Herbert beat Croatia's Ivan Dodig and Mate Pavic 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (3) to keep France's hopes for a repeat title alive at the Davis Cup final in Lilles, France. Croatia leads France 2-1 ahead of Sunday's decisive reverse singles.

— Edited from news services

HIGH SCHOOLS FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



BRIAN O'MAHONEY/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Loyola wins 8A

Loyola players celebrate after Saturday's IHSA Class 8A state championship win over Brother Rice in Champaign. Loyola scored 10 points in the first half to take command and defeated Brother Rice 13-3 to avenge a 35-3 loss to the Crusaders in Week 4. For game detail, go to **chicagotribune.com/sports.**



BRIAN O'MAHONEY/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Nazareth players celebrate after beating St. Charles North for the Class 7A state title.

7A NAZARETH 31, ST. CHARLES NORTH 10

'2 dudes' key win

Love, Evans help Nazareth capture 3rd title in 5 years

By Mike Clark | Chicago Tribune

CHAMPAIGN — It's a question that has stumped defensive coordinators facing Nazareth all season: Do you try to stop Michael Love, Diamond Evans or both?

St. Charles North coach Rob Pomazak decided on the third option, putting his best defender — Minnesota recruit Tyler Nubin — one-on-one against Love and doubling up on Evans.

"They have two dudes on their team, and we wanted to keep them in check as much as we could," Pomazak said.

Love and Evans didn't put up huge numbers in Saturday's Class 7A championship game at Memorial Stadium. Love finished with 166 all-purpose yards and Evans with 125.

But each had a big play that paved the way for a 31-10 win that gave Nazareth its third title in five seasons.

Love raced 59 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter, and Evans hauled in a 61-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback J.J. McCarthy in the third, turning a 7-3 Nazareth lead into a 21-3 edge.

McCarthy completed 15 of 24 passes for 201 yards, and Nazareth (13-1) got scoring runs from Derrick Strongs Jr. and Dylan Smith.

But the spotlight, as always, was on the senior receiver duo.

"The connection me and Mike have — I really cherish that," Evans said. "When I get the ball, he blocks for me. When he gets the ball, I block for him."

The feeling is mutual.

"Diamond made the block," Love said of his touchdown.

"He's probably the best blocker in the state as a wide receiver."

Nubin won't argue the point.

"Both of those guys are real physical, very athletic," he said. "They made me raise my game tonight."

Love, Evans and the rest of a large Nazareth senior class did the same for McCarthy.

"To make all these seniors smile like that was my main goal," McCarthy said.

Ditto for coach Tim Racki, who won his third state title at Nazareth to go with four at Driscoll.

"This has been very emotional for me personally," Racki said.

"I've never coached this number of seniors on the varsity level for so many years. To see them go out on top after (finishing second) last year — this has been on our minds since the Sunday of state week."

St. Charles North, which hadn't been past the quarterfinals before, got a title-game-record 53-yard field goal from Luke Barresi.

"It's pretty awesome, I'm not going to lie," Barresi said.

"But I didn't do it alone."



BRIAN O'MAHONEY/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cary-Grove coach Brad Seaburg gets doused after the Class 6A state championship win.



BRIAN O'MAHONEY/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Joliet Catholic's Keenan Hailey (27) celebrates with Conor Kovas after scoring a TD.

6A CARY-GROVE 35, CRETE-MONEE 13

Complete control

Undefeated Trojans grind out dominating state title victory

By Mike Clark | Chicago Tribune

CHAMPAIGN — Cary-Grove lineman Addison West couldn't help but like what he saw across the line.

As the Trojans methodically drove down the field in the second half of the Class 6A championship game, West watched Crete-Monee's players wear out.

"It really motivates us, especially (seeing) the linemen huffing and puffing, hands on their hips," West said. "We love that."

That particular drive lasted 20 plays, covered 90 yards and took 11 minutes, 31 seconds off the clock. It ended with Ben McDonald's 3-yard touchdown pass to Quinn Priester on fourth down.

There was plenty of that kind of grind-it-out play before and after that drive as undefeated Cary-Grove won its second state championship with 35-13 triumph over Crete-Monee at Memorial Stadium.

The Trojans (14-0) also won Class 6A in 2009.

McDonald ran 29 times for 113 yards and two TDs, and he was 3-for-4 passing for 23 yards and two more scores. Blake Skol added 123 yards and a TD and Danny Daigle rushed for 71 yards as Cary-Grove ran 69 times for 323 yards. That added up to a huge advantage in time of possession for the Trojans, who controlled the ball for 35 minutes, 21 seconds to Crete's 12:39.

"It was just 3 yards, 3 yards, 3 yards," Crete lineman Deion Harry said. "That's just what they wanted to do offensively."

There were a couple of reasons for that. First, controlling the clock with the triple-option offense has been a Cary-Grove tradition. And second, that strategy kept Crete's creative and potent offense grounded.

With the score tied 7-7 and Cary-Grove facing fourth-and-7 in the second quarter, McDonald hit Zach Perrone with a 10-yard TD pass. The idea was to get McDonald and Priester to the perimeter and see what happened.

McDonald scored from 1 yard out to make it 22-7 with 1:52 left in the first half.

Crete (9-4) cut the deficit to 22-13 on Trayvon Rudolph's 14-yard TD pass to Ricky Johnson six seconds before halftime.

But then came The Drive for Cary-Grove, followed by another rushing McDonald touchdown in the closing minutes.

Up till the end, Seaburg wasn't breathing easy. In a 6A semifinal, the Warriors scored twice in the last 2:01 to beat Richards, and they also had comeback victories over Chatham Glenwood and downstate Washington in the playoffs.

"Against these guys, we are never comfortable," Seaburg said.

West, though, was feeling good as the game wore on and the Warriors wore down. And, as it turned out, he had good reason.

5A JOLIET CATHOLIC 35, MONTINI 27

4 L's — but a title

Joliet Catholic storms back after starting season slowly

By Mike Clark | Chicago Tribune

CHAMPAIGN — Keenan Hailey was honest.

The Joliet Catholic running back didn't know how the season would play out.

Not after the Hilltoppers lost a key offensive player to a season-ending injury in Week 1.

Not after they faced a halftime deficit in a must-win game in Week 9.

And especially not after Hailey — who had more than 2,500 rushing yards and 35 touchdowns heading into Saturday's Class 5A state final against Montini — went down with an ankle injury.

But Hailey returned to run for his second touchdown of the game and Nick Iannantone carried 40 times for 318 yards and three TDs as Joliet Catholic beat Montini 35-27 at Memorial Stadium for its 14th state title and first under coach Jake Jaworski.

"I had no idea," Hailey said of whether he would return after coming out of the locker room at halftime on crutches. "I knew it was a close game. I knew we needed momentum. I felt I needed to be out there."

It capped a remarkable rebound for the Hilltoppers (9-4).

They lost running back Kenyetta Williams in Week 1. Then they needed to come from behind to beat Notre Dame in the regular-season finale to squeak into the playoffs at 5-4.

"I had no idea where we would end up," Hailey said.

"I had no idea we would win state. But everybody came through and did what they were supposed to do."

Indeed. Offensive linemen Colin Cox, Dave Monnot, Ryan Laule, Ty O'Janovac and Connor Kovas paved the way for the Hilltoppers to run for 461 yards on 66 carries.

And Iannantone took on a heavier than usual workload.

"When (Hailey) went down, Coach said, 'Stay with me, keep grinding.' "

The 6-foot-2, 215-pounder did just that, rallying the Hilltoppers from a 21-7 deficit. His touchdown runs of 3 and 9 yards pulled Joliet Catholic into a 21-21 tie in the third.

After Illinois recruit Nick Fedanzo (17 carries, 186 yards) ran 20 yards for his third TD to put Montini up 27-21, Iannantone went 18 yards to put Joliet Catholic up 28-27 with 7 minutes, 48 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Hailey scored from 30 yards out with 1:33 left to make it 35-27, and the hopes for Montini (12-2) ended when Hilltoppers lineman Andrew Gorski picked off Robert Brazziel's desperation pass on the last play of the game.

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HIGH SCHOOLS

THE GREATEST NFL PLAYERS WHO PLAYED PREP BALL IN THE CHICAGO AREA

By Will Larkin | Chicago Tribune

With the Illinois High School Association's football championships this weekend, we rank the greatest NFL players who played high school ball in the Chicago area. The rankings are based on their NFL accomplishments, not how they fared in high school or college. Offensive and defensive linemen dominated, accounting for 23 of the 50 spots, with the forward pass lagging behind with four quarterbacks and one wide receiver ... Let the debates begin.

50 to 21

50 | Bryan Bulaga *T, Marian Central*
Started his rookie year for the 2010 Super Bowl champ and has manned right tackle for the Packers ever since.

49 | Mike Pyle *C, New Trier*
Made the Pro Bowl in 1963, when he helped the Bears win the NFL championship.

48 | Tim Foley *S, Loyola*
Started at cornerback for the No-Name Defense of the Super Bowl champion Dolphins of 1972-73.

47 | Chris Calloway *WR, Mount Carmel*
Was the Giants' leading receiver for four straight seasons (1995-98), including a career-high 58 receptions in 1997.

46 | Tom Keating *DT, St. Mel*
Was part of three AFL champions, as a backup with the Bills in 1964-65 and starter for the Raiders in 1967.

45 | Ryan Diem *T, Glenbard North*
Helped protect Peyton Manning, mostly from the right tackle position, for 10 seasons.

44 | David Diehl *T, Brother Rice*
Started everywhere on theline but center as he protected Eli Manning. His Giants teams won two Super Bowls.

43 | Russell Maryland *DT, Young*
Top pick of the 1991 draft was a key part of the Cowboys dynasty that won three Super Bowls in four years.

42 | Tim Grunhard *C, St. Laurence*
Was solid in the middle of the Chiefs' line for 11 seasons, peaking with a Pro Bowl in his second-to-last year.

41 | Len Rohde *T, Palatine*
Didn't play in his first two games as a rookie, then appeared in the 49ers' next 208 contests over 15 seasons.

40 | Doug Betters *DE, Arlington*
Put it all together for the ascendant Dolphins in the early 1980s, peaking with 16 sacks in 1983 and 14 in '84.

39 | Owen Daniels *TE, Naperville Central*
Was a stalwart for the Texans for eight years before winning Super Bowl 50 with the Broncos.

38 | Tunch Ilkin *T, Highland Park*
Wasn't a full-time starter until his fifth season but became a Steelers stalwart for the next nine years.

37 | Larry McCarren *C, Rich East*
One of the Packers' few standouts of the 1970s and '80s, his 162 consecutive games rank fourth in team history.

36 | Otis Armstrong *RB, Farragut*
Led the NFL with 1,407 rushing yards in 1974 and was a Pro-Bowler again in 1976 with 1,008 rushing yards.

35 | Dave Kocourek *TE, Morton*
Made four straight Pro Bowls for the Chargers, whom he helped win the AFL championship in 1963.

34 | Larry Garron *FB, Argo*
Led the AFL in all-purpose yards in 1963 and totaled 7,805 for his career with a nearly even split.

33 | Ernie McMillan *T, DuSable*
Was a four-time Pro Bowl right tackle for some terrible Cardinals teams but made the playoffs in 1974.

32 | Jim Hart *QB, Niles West*
Played 18 of his 19 years (1966-84) for the Cardinals and still holds many of their passing records.

31 | Mike Wagner *S, Carmel*
Joined the Steel Curtain as a starting safety for all four of their 1970s Super Bowl title seasons.

30 | Ray Buchanan *CB, Proviso East*
Burst onto the scene in his second year for the Colts, when he intercepted eight passes and returned three for scores.

29 | Keena Turner *LB, Vocational*
Three players started for all four of the 49ers' Super Bowl wins in the 1980s: Joe Montana, Ronnie Lott and Turner.

28 | Mike Pruitt *RB, Phillips*
Had four seasons of more than 1,000 rushing yards for some bad Browns teams.

27 | George Wilson *TE, Austin*
Was a two-way player for Bears teams that dominated the NFL, winning four titles (1940-41, 1943, 1946).

26 | Tony Canadeo *RB, Steinmetz*
Finished second in rushing with 1,052 yards to Steve Van Buren's 1,146 in 1949.

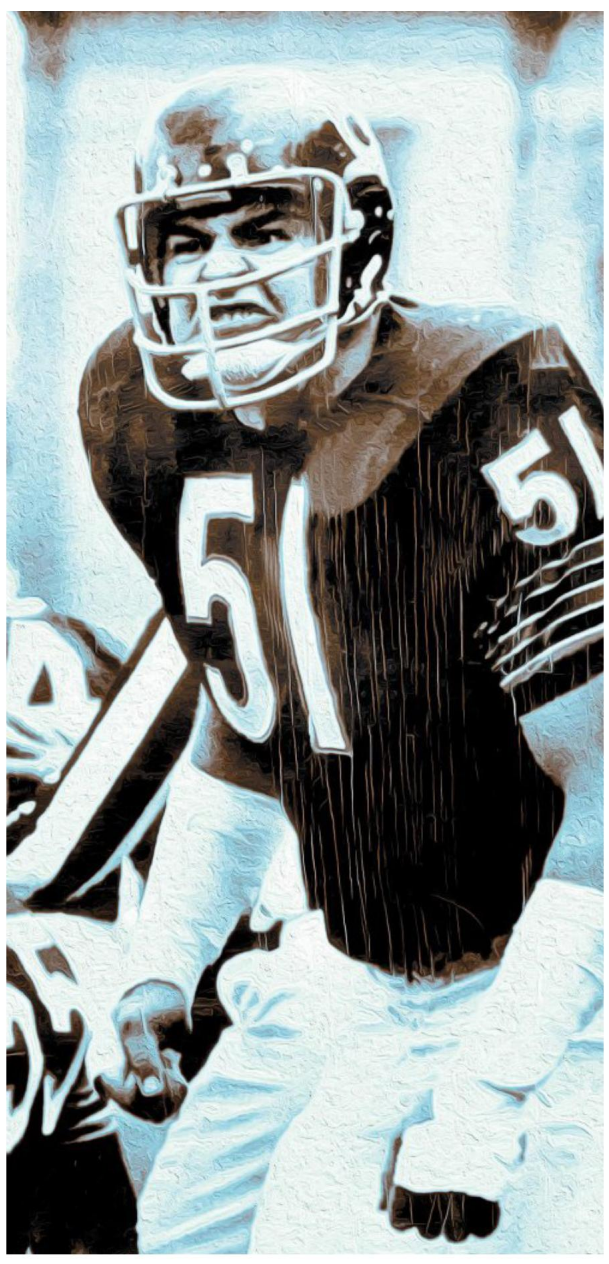
25 | Flozell Adams *T, Proviso West*
Used his big frame to protect Cowboys passers and ballcarriers as a left tackle for 12 seasons (1998-2009).

24 | Michael Turner *RB, North Chicago*
Went from one of the league's best backups behind LaDainian Tomlinson to one of the best backs, period.

23 | Mike Alstott *FB, Joliet Catholic*
Scored four playoff touchdowns in 2002, including one in the Bucs' rout of the Raiders in Super Bowl XXXVII.

22 | Abe Woodson *CB/KR, Austin*
His average of 28.7 yards per kickoff return is the best all-time among players with at least 175 attempts.

21 | Dick Barwegan *G, Fenger*
Was first-team All-Pro for four straight years (1948-51), then he made the first four Pro Bowls (1950-53).



No. 1: Dick Butkus. CHICAGO TRIBUNE

20 to 11

20 | George Trafton *C, Oak Park*
An inaugural Bear, he helped them win two titles and was part of the Pro Football Hall of Fame's second class.

19 | Red Grange *RB/DB, Wheaton*
The Galloping Ghost's greatest exploits came in college, but he helped the Bears win NFL titles in 1932 and '33.

18 | Dave Butz *DT, Maine South*
Stuffed the middle for the Redskins for 14 seasons (1975-88), including Super Bowl title campaigns in 1982 and '87.

17 | Rodney Harrison *S, Marian Catholic*
Became one of the league's most feared safeties and won Super Bowls with the Patriots in 2003 and '04.

16 | Gary Fencik *S, Barrington*
Started every game he played for the Bears from 1977-86. He is the team's all-time leader with 36 interceptions.

15 | Chris Hinton *T/G, Phillips*
Was held in such high regard that he was traded twice for No. 1 overall pick quarterbacks: John Elway and Jeff George.

14 | Mike Kenn *T, Evanston*
Started all 16 games 10 times and 15 games three other times.

13 | Clay Matthews *LB, New Trier East*
The father of the longtime Packers linebacker, he played more games (278) than any linebacker in NFL history.

12 | Al Wistert *T/G/DT, Foreman*
Won NFL championships with the Eagles in 1948 and '49, winning both title games by shutout.

11 | Ken Anderson *QB, Batavia*
Led the NFL in passer rating four times and was named MVP in 1981.

10 to 1

10 | Donovan McNabb
QB, Mount Carmel
Eagles fans booed McNabb when he was drafted second overall out of Syracuse, but he made six Pro Bowls while the player they preferred, Ricky Williams, made one. In McNabb's 10 years as a starter, the Eagles went 90-45-1 and made the playoffs eight times, peaking with a 24-21 loss to the Patriots in Super Bowl XXXIX after the 2004 season. His No. 5 is one of nine the Eagles have retired, and he holds all the team's passing records.

9 | Simeon Rice
DE, Mount Carmel
Rice terrorized quarterbacks his entire career, racking up double-digit sack totals in eight of his 12 seasons. He peaked with 16½ for the 1999 Cardinals, and he had 15½ for the 2002 Super Bowl champion Buccaneers. Rice ranks second on the Bucs' all-time sacks list (69½) and third on the Cardinals' (51½). Rice was the 1996 Defensive Rookie of the Year and a three-time Pro Bowler after he was drafted third overall out of Illinois.

8 | Bryant Young
DT, Bloom
Young was one of the best defensive tackles of his era both at stopping the run and sacking the quarterback. He peaked with 11½ sacks in 1996 and added 11 in 1999, when he was named the Comeback Player of the Year after bouncing back from a broken leg. His 89½ sacks rank third on the 49ers' all-time list and fourth among all defensive tackles. The 6-3, 291-pound Chicago Heights native played for the 49ers from 1994-2007 after they took him with the seventh pick out of Notre Dame.

7 | George Connor
LB/DE/T/G, De La Salle
Connor became one of the game's first linebackers after George Halas ordered him to stand upright outside the defensive end. The 6-3, 240-pound Hall of Famer also played tackle and guard on offense and defensive tackle. He was a first-team All-Pro four times in his eight seasons (1948-55) with the Bears. He was the fifth pick in 1946 after a storied career at Notre Dame.

6 | Pete Pihos
TE, Austin
Pihos was a dominant two-way force for the Eagles as they won NFL titles in 1948 and '49. He scored the only offensive touchdown in the 1949 championship game. He led the league in receptions in each of his final three seasons, including his career year of 1953, when he led the NFL with 63 receptions, 1,049 receiving yards and 10 receiving TDs. The 6-1, 210-pound Hall of Famer played both ways at end and defensive end and was a first-team All-Pro five times after he was drafted in the fifth round in 1945 out of Indiana.

5 | Leo Nomellini
DT/OT, Crane
"Leo the Lion," a member of the 1950s All-Decade team, made 10 Pro Bowls in 14 seasons. He shined on both sides, earning first-team All-Pro honors four times as a defensive tackle and twice as an offensive tackle. Nomellini never missed a game, playing in 174 straight contests for the 49ers, who retired his No. 73. The 6-3, 259-pound Hall of Famer was the 11th overall pick out of Minnesota in 1950 and played until 1963.

4 | Paddy Driscoll
RB, Evanston
Driscoll was one of the NFL's first stars from its inaugural 1920 season. He spent his career in Chicago with the Bears and the Cardinals, whom he led to the 1925 NFL championship. He accounted for 47 touchdowns, made 51 field goals with a long of 52 yards, and was named first-team All-Pro six times. The 5-11, 160-pound Hall of Famer attended Northwestern.

3 | Ray Nitschke
LB, Proviso East
Nitschke was one of the most feared linebackers ever as he manned the middle for the great Packers teams of the 1960s. He shined as the Packers won NFL titles in 1961, '62 and '65 and the first two Super Bowls after the 1966 and '67 seasons. His No. 66 is one of only six retired by the Packers, for whom the 6-3, 235-pound Hall of Famer from Elmwood Park played from 1958-72 after they drafted him in the third round out of Illinois.

2 | Otto Graham
QB, Waukegan
Graham and Paul Brown formed one of the great QB/coach duos in history during the first 10 years of the Browns franchise. In that span, the team went 105-17-4. They won All-American Football Conference titles in their first four seasons before joining the NFL, then won that title in their first season there in 1950. The Browns won twice more in 1954 and '55 to give Graham seven league titles in his 10 seasons. The 6-1, 195-pound Hall of Famer was the fourth pick in 1944 out of Northwestern.

1 | Dick Butkus
LB, Vocational
Butkus' legend preceded itself from his time as a high school legend at CVS, and he still is the gold standard at middle linebacker. He made the Pro Bowl in eight of his nine seasons and was first-team All-Pro five times before knee injuries forced him to retire at age 31. As the comparably fearsome Deacon Jones said: "Every time he hit you, he tried to put you in the cemetery, not the hospital." The 6-3, 245-pound Hall of Famer played for the Bears from 1965-73 after they picked him third overall out of Illinois.



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"I was walking the dog at midnight, normal routine, when I suddenly saw a flash of lake reflect off the ball. It came out of nowhere," says Steven Singer, who lives nearby.

Ode to an orb

A mysterious object lands in Rogers Park and has residents wondering: What is it?

By Christopher Borrelli
Chicago Tribune

The orb just appeared one day.

That's what everyone says.

They were coming home from work one night, they made that sharp turn you make from Sheridan Road onto Eastlake Terrace. Boom, there it was: a large silver sphere, at the edge of the park, overlooking Lake Michigan. To be precise, it sat at the north end of the park, which is the northernmost park in Chicago, which also happens to be the northernmost point in the city. Surely, that location couldn't be a coincidence? What did the orb know that the rest of us didn't? Why was it there? Who was its leader?

"It was weird," said Harrison Cain, who lives in a building next to the orb. "Very strange. I left for an hour and a half. When I came back, it was there. I wish I knew what it was."

The orb did not answer.

The orb did not hum or vibrate or vanish.

The orb sat still for weeks, surrounded by police tape, with no sign to announce its origin, no marker to declare its purpose. If you approached it at night, you saw in its polished reflection the swoosh of expensive cars racing across the city line to Evanston, a few feet away. You saw the twinkling curls of early Christmas lights being turned on, and the steady cobalt horizon of the lake, dark and silent. If this were a science fiction movie, the sudden appearance of a 700-pound silver ball in a public park would be cause for a military mobilization, a rash of mysterious headaches and Forest Whitaker.

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Embracing the opportunity of 2 lifetimes



Howard Reich
On Music

"It must be soooooo different!!!!"

That's what many readers, friends and, yes, even colleagues have been saying to me since last summer, when I added classical music to my decades-long coverage of jazz.

Meaning, I suppose, that I must be experiencing culture shock by reviewing performances in plush concert halls and lavish opera houses, as opposed to the usual dingy jazz clubs, forlorn cabarets and other hovels.

Uh, no.

For though the worlds of classical music and jazz may seem diametrically opposed – and in some ways perhaps are – they have a lot more in common with each other than with everything else out there.

Just to back up a bit: Last spring, when John von Rhein announced his retirement as the Tribune's classical music critic, my editors asked if I'd be interested in adding that role to my work. It took me about three-quarters of a second to say, "Yes!"

Because, to me, classical and jazz are fundamentally the same: complex, sophisticated musical languages that reward study and preparation. The more you know of music history and theory, the more you derive from symphonies of Mahler and suites of Mingus. Though anyone can enjoy a tune by Mozart or a riff by Charlie Parker, these visionaries created music so profound in meaning

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Patrons watch Patricia Barber perform at the Green Mill Cocktail Lounge earlier this year.



KRISTEN NORMAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

The electric guitar Bob Dylan played at the 1965 Newport Folk Festival is seen on display at the Bob Dylan: Electric exhibit is seen at the American Writers Museum.

'Bob Dylan: Electric' showcases the musician's influence on American culture

By Jessi Roti
Chicago Tribune



A collection of singles by Bob Dylan are on display at the American Writers Museum.

"'Dylan goes electric' is still shorthand for any time an artist or anybody does some radical turn in their music or in their work where they're sort-of 'Audience be damned, I need to make the sound I need to make,'" says former Spin editor and Rolling Stone music critic Alan Light, who curated the latest exhibit at the American Writers Museum — "Bob Dylan: Electric."

"Fifty years later, that's still the marker of that kind of independence and that kind of fearlessness. Whatever it is that made it that kind of a mythic thing, it still holds up."

Scheduled for a five and a half month-run, "Electric" features dozens of artifacts from 11 collections across the country marking the music Dylan made at beginning of his electric years 1965-1966 — including the 1964 sunburst Fender Stratocaster he plugged in at Newport Folk Festival to the horror of his devoted folk fan base, in 1965.

In a statement, AWM president Carey Cranston described the exhibit as "a first-of-its-kind experience," adding the museum "is honored to present one of music's most iconic instruments together with a unique collection of musical, literary, and cultural artifacts."

"The world knows Bob Dylan as a prolific songwriter," he continued. "'Bob Dylan: Electric' gives the public a chance to see how his writing shaped more than just American music but American literature as a whole."

Tracing the music icon's literary and musical influences — including Odetta, Robert Johnson, Jack Kerouac and Little Richard — from his adolescent years and initial arrival on the East coast to his winning the 2016 Nobel Prize in Literature and current artists who cite him as an inspiration, the exhibit paints a portrait of Dylan as a rebel *with* a cause through copies of his lyrics and prose. "Electric" presents an artist who flipped the foundation of writing on its head by marrying elements and themes of classic literature and poetry with the "American" experience that's often opposite of a dream; feeling lost in or used by the system, war, racism, acceptance, lonerism and false idols, while creating a world where a song with as many words, and as long as, "Like a Rolling Stone" could make it to No. 2 on the Billboard pop charts — though the artist himself would be the last to admit it.

Apart from the storied institutions (Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Sony Music Entertainment Archives, Woody Guthrie Center, Pennebaker Hegedus Films and Arthouse18) that contributed photos, newspaper and magazine clippings, audio, copies of Dylan's recording schedules and more, three of the major, individual collectors — Mitch Blank, Barry Ollman and Bill Pagel — were in attendance at the opening.

Blank, a New York native who still lives in Greenwich Village (in an apartment which he refers to as a museum; filled with so many archives and collections of other artists besides Dylan, he lets writers, historians, etc. do research there), was 14 when he saw him with Joan Baez at Forest Hills Stadium in 1964.

"August 8, 1964," Blank specifies — remembering it like it was yesterday. A few of his contributions to the exhibit include the invitation to the Nobel Prize Award ceremony and translations of speeches, D.A. Pennebaker's original film poster for "Don't Look Back" and a program from the infamous 1965 Newport Folk Festival. A fan from the start, he remembers really committing to his collection and attention to the artist's authentic memorabilia in 1968.

"Look, collecting is a disease," he laughs. "But '68 was the year. People were angry, everyone was assassinated — Martin Luther King, Jr., Robert Kennedy; the Vietnam War. Dylan was the light through it at the end of the tunnel."

"I flipped a coin to decide who I was going to collect," joked fellow contributor Bill Pagel. "Heads was Bob, tails was Wayne Newton."

Pagel, who lives in Dylan's native Hibbing, Minn., was first introduced to his music in 1961. He was family friends with Peter McKenzie — the son of Eve and Mac McKenzie, of whom Dylan was a frequent houseguest upon his arrival in New York City in 1960.

"By 1963, you could tell he was going to be really important," he says. "That's probably when I started collecting more seriously."

Featured items from Pagel's collection include an original Highway 61 road sign, which he says he found hanging off the side of a barn, Dylan's original manuscript for "Just Like Tom Thumb's Blues" and the artist's heavily-marked copy of J.D. Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye" *(but not in a Mark David Chapman way)*. Noted 'Summer '1961' by Eve McKenzie in blue ink, Dylan doodled a bottle of rye whiskey -adding the note "Good book! Bob."

In addition to smaller items, Pagel is also the owner of a major piece of Dylan history: his family's former home in Duluth. "It was on Ebay," he says. "I'm just keeping it up. People come to see it." And his current home in Hibbing just happens to sit across the street from the music legend's childhood home there.

"Electric" presents an artist who flipped the foundation of writing on its head by marrying elements and themes of classic literature and poetry with the "American" experience that's often opposite of a dream.

While "Electric" doesn't necessarily introduce anything new to the legend that surrounds Dylan during that creative period, it does put him and his work in the context of those he's been accused of plagiarizing or stealing from. George Martin Lane Professor of the Classics professor at Harvard University Richard F. Thomas, who wrote "Why Bob Dylan Matters" in 2017, put it like this:

"T.S. Eliot put it best, 'Immature poets imitate; mature poets steal,' by which I think he meant they take it and make something better out of it, or something different out of it. I'm sure Dylan has read that."

Throughout the exhibit's run, the museum will also host its singer-songwriter showcase, featuring songwriters and musicians from a wide array of genres, including Grammy-nominated folk singer Robbie Fulks on Dec. 1 and influential Chicano rock band Los Lobos Dec. 9, who will discuss their writing processes and the impact songwriting has had on American writing.

"People continue to come to him — at different points in his life, but also at different points in their life," Light says. "That hasn't gone away. Whether it's Adele or Kendrick Lamar, he still continues to mean something to these future generations. He continues to re-examine and reinterpret everything he's ever done and his refusal to be pinned down as one thing or as any of the work, meaning one specific release, is a driving force. Bob Dylan is on a lifelong exploration of American music -he did country, blues and gospel, now he's singing standards and Sinatra songs. It's all about this perpetual examination of this tradition and this history, this is the most dramatic representation of that."

"Bob Dylan: Electric" runs daily (except Christmas Day) through April 30, 2019 at American Writers Museum, 180 N. Michigan Ave -second floor. Included in $8-$12 general admission at americanwritersmuseum.org.

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Actress finds release playing nuanced role in 'Widows'

By Margy Rochlin
Los Angeles Times

On the set of the energetic, Chicago-based "Widows," Elizabeth Debicki and her co-stars — Viola Davis, Michelle Rodriguez and Cynthia Erivo — formed a seal-tight bond. Debicki chalks up part of the instant familiarity to repeated night shoots on the Steve McQueen thriller. "Three a.m. is the magic hour for honesty," says the Paris-born, Melbourne-raised, classically trained Debicki, 28, who you'll remember as the languorous 6-foot-3 mistress of an arms dealer in the AMC miniseries "The Night Manager." "You're physically exhausted, adrenalized, laughing and slightly delirious."

As Alice, the youngest of a band of women who, after their robber husbands are killed, must improvise their way through a high-stakes heist, Debicki gives the film its most delicately layered performance, the one who starts out wide-eyed and self-doubting then finds her emotional rudder.

"We made a film where four women speak to each other about things that matter to them. Not about the men," she say. "For an actress, that's a rare gift."



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Elizabeth Debicki plays one of the widows in the new heist movie "Widows."

Q: You were nervous to meet Steve McQueen. Why?

A: One of my most ingrained cinematic memories is Michael (Fassbender's 17 ½-minute) monologue in "Hunger" at the table with the priest. It's just burned into my brain. When you have that connection with someone's work and you meet them and audition? There's a reverential quality to it. You really want to impress, have them take you seriously, see you. Isn't that all we really want? "Please care because I really want to work with you."

Q: What about your character Alice Gunnar appealed to you?

A: Viola used this phrase recently, and I think it's really accurate. She said, "Sometimes something comes along that helps you slay your dragons." My version of that is there was something inside of me I needed to purge with Alice.

Q: Meaning?

A: Alice goes on a very nuanced journey of trying to break out of this almost constant objectification, of understanding that she has worth in the world. That she isn't just her looks, face and sex. What read true about Alice's journey is that it's not linear, it's cumulative. She accomplishes things then doesn't quite believe in herself. When I read that, I thought, "As a woman, that's what life is. It's three steps forward. Eight steps back." (I was given) the opportunity to play someone very real. I've been waiting awhile in my career to get my hands on (a role) like that.

Q: You're typically the only woman in a project. Describe working with three other female leads.

There was just an acceptance, a built-in compassion for this shared experience. You don't need to explain what you need, what you're going through, what you feel. When we first (met) we didn't know each other from a bar of soap. But it didn't take us long — like, an hour — to break that down. Just to talk about life. What we had for breakfast. What we felt about the movie. (laughs) So what's the question? Do I wish it was like that every time? Kind of. Yeah. (laughs) There wasn't any complication or ego. There was just togetherness. Our connection was really strong.

Q: In reviews, it's been pointed out that while you're the most physically imposing, your character is the most emotionally vulnerable.

A: When you say physically imposing, what do you mean?

Q: Tall.

A: People are fascinated by the concept that (being tall) alienates you or is an impediment. "How have you dealt with this?" It's such a non sequitur to ask that to somebody who is tall. When you're tall — like any physical attribute — you don't know any other way. The question is always, "Has it stopped you in your career?" My answer is always, "I don't know." If there was a conversation that happened about me about not getting a role because I was too tall, then I'm not going to know. My agent won't call me up and say, "Sorry, but you're too tall." Because what am I going to do? Cut my legs off?

Q: Let me rephrase. Was height something that you and Steve talked about?

A: Steve, I believe, really likes it about me as an actress. He wanted me to own it. He'd sometimes tell me not to slouch. There's a point that comes when you're tall where you own it or you don't. It can be a burden, but that's a waste of time. So you might as well like it about yourself.

Q: Have you talked to any of your co-stars about working with them again?

A: Sometimes at 4 a.m. when we were on our 12th cup of coffee, covered in blood, dressed in our heist clothes, Viola and I used to daydream. And by daydream I mean I'd look at Viola and say, "Can we do a play together please?" (laughs) I'm a theater animal. That's where I come from. Same with her. But I'd work with any of those women in a heartbeat — and the men too. What an extraordinary cast.

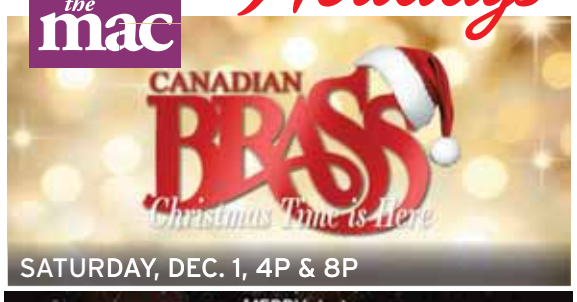
When I packed my suitcase and left this film, I remember thinking, "I don't know if it gets any better than this. But thank god I got to work with these people."

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Owner Maureen Donohue-Peters at Donohue's Steak House in New York in 2014.

The rain came quick and hard on a Wednesday afternoon in Manhattan, that frenetic island. Seeking cover on Lexington Avenue, the couple walked into Donohue's Steak House and there found not only shelter from the storm but an enduring treasure.

There was a woman sitting at the bar and she smiled at the wet strangers coming through the door, as did the bartender, who said, "You two look like you could use a drink."

Yes, we did and immediately felt so wrapped in a warm timelessness that I began to expect John O'Hara, John Cheever or some other artful chronicler of 1950s New York to walk in and grab one of the bar's other 13 chairs and start spinning stories.

Donohue's is that kind of place and New York and every big city used to have plenty of them before high rents, haute cuisine and hip trends did most of them in. A few remain and here you can still walk into such places as Twin Anchors in Old Town or Vito and Nick's on the Southwest Side and feel immediately cozy. But you can no longer visit such bygone spots as Eli's the Place for Steak or Schaller's Pump or whatever your neighborhood home away from home might have been.

Nothing against change, mind you, but there is great comfort in the familiar. Consider yourself lucky if you still have such an oasis

"My husband and I moved right around the corner and the first time we walked in here we fell in love with it," said the woman sitting at the bar. "We would come in two or three times a week."

Her name is Kathleen Hale and her relationship with Donohue's stretches back to the 1987 when she and her husband, business journalist John Lawrence, moved from Los Angeles to Manhattan. "We felt so at home here," she says.

The woman who owns Donohue's Steak House and works there almost every day — tending bar, waiting tables, seating people — is a delightful workaholic named Maureen Donohue-Peters. It was her grandfather, Martin, who opened the place in 1950 (one of seven restaurants he owned at one time) and ran it with his son and Maureen's dad Michael.

"I have been in this place since I was a tiny girl and started waiting tables here in 1980," she said. "My father [who died in 2000] and I worked side by side for 20 years. Every day I wake up just dying to get here."

The place has no web site but in gold letters on the front window are the words, in traditional Irish bar fashion, "Dining Room in Rear." Donohue's is a small place at 845 Lexington Ave., between 64th and 65th Streets. It has wood-paneled walls, checkerboard tile floor, red tablecloths and black leather-like booths, only 10 of them. The bar is long and lovely, sort of in an Art Deco style. The lights are low. Authenticity abounds.

In the back of the restaurant there hangs on the wall a framed menu from 1950 and, Donohue-Peters says, "Our menu hasn't changed a bit, except maybe prices, since the 1970s."

It is delightfully simple, a gathering of such items as steaks, naturally, and calves liver, ham served "Hawaiian style," some seafood dishes and burgers and "Roast Maryland Turkey."

On a chalkboard in the back are daily specials such as baked meatloaf or corned beef hash. Nothing on the menu costs more than about $30.

So taken were we with the place that dinner reservations were made for the following evening and we returned then with a friend, the writer Karen Abbott. Most well known for her bestselling 2007 book about Chicago's famous madams, Minna and Ada Everleigh, "Sin in the Second City," she lives in Manhattan with her husband Chuck and is wrapping up her latest book about legendary bootlegger George Remus, said to be the model for Jay Gatsby in F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby."

She had never heard of Donohue's before but she felt its allure.

"Amidst the glut of banks and chain pharmacies on the Upper East Side survives this remnant of Old New York," she wrote in an email after dinner. "This is a place where everyone is treated the same, where the rotary phone has been ringing nonstop for almost 70 years, where the food is simple but perfectly cooked and the wine generously poured, where I felt as though I'd stumbled upon the set of 'Mad Men' and where they serve the best Manhattan in town."

On this night and during another dinner the following night we met some very nice people — customers, waitresses and a bartender named Alex, who had spent 20 years serving drinks and dealing with difficult personalities at the bygone literary hangout called Elaine's. We heard stories and learned that Donohue's has long been frequented by celebrated neighbors, the sort of people whose names appear in bold type in newspapers.

Bernie Madoff was a regular and particularly fond of the ravioli. He was a decent tipper.

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Matt Lauer also dropped in frequently, usually eating at the bar and telling a New York Times reporter a few years ago, "It's like a 2015 version of the greatest part of 'Cheers.' "

Jimmy Fallon is a regular. Tom Hanks and Bruce Springsteen have eaten here more than once. But no famous faces dot the walls, which do contain some paintings of maritime scenes.

"No, no. I just can't stand those autographed pictures of celebrities," she says. "To me, everybody is the same and that's the way I try to treat people when they walk in the door."

No one was a better customer than Robert Hatfield Ellsworth, a well-known art dealer of Asian paintings and furniture. He lived nearby and was in four days a week for decades.

He sat in a booth and for lunch ate a grilled cheese and bacon sandwich with a side of coleslaw and a Jim Beam on the rocks. He ordered a bourbon for dinner too but he ate steak.

"I had known Bob since I was in diapers," says Donohue-Peters. "He was a great man."

A generous one too. After he died in 2014, it was big news that his will left Donohue-Peters and her niece, waitress Maureen Barrie, each $50,000.

"Yes, I was surprised," says Donohue-Peters, with her distinctively lively laugh.

In 2017, after a year of not particularly pleasant negotiations, Donohue-Peters signed a new 10-year lease. "It would have broken my heart to have to close," she says.

It would have broken Hale's too. She and Donohue-Peters have become good friends, especially after Hale's husband was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2001. The couple continued to frequent the restaurant, when they were able. "Maureen was so kind to us and I remember John having his last meal before ... He had his favorite, the shepherd's pie," says Hale.

John died in 2005 and Kathleen has stayed loyal to Donohue's. A business writer, she also started a volunteer program called the "Comfort Zone" at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, where her husband was treated. It is in the business of providing various support services for caregivers and in the last dozen years has served more than 52,000 of them.

"Helping so many other people really helped me after my husband's death," she says. "The same can be said for Donohue's. I have made good friends there. I like to sit at the bar with a glass of wine and a burger. I still miss my husband but when I am here I can remember the good times we had and it doesn't hurt as much."

Donohue-Peters — her husband, Richard, is a retired chef, though not at Donohue's — is planning to open a Donohue's West at 174 W. 72nd St. in a building owned by her family and she expects one of her nieces — three work for her now — to eventually operate the business. But there's no hurry.

"I expect to be here into my 80s, happily," she says.

Why not? That's still three or so decades away and she never knows who might walk through the door some rainy or sunny day, looking for a drink or a meal or something more.

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Why Rosamund Pike fought so hard for 'Private War' role

By Emily Zemler
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Rosamund Pike plays Marie Colvin in "Private War."

While prepping to shoot the Civil War-era "Hostiles," Rosamund Pike heard that award-winning documentary filmmaker Matthew Heineman was taking on a biopic of American war correspondent Marie Colvin. The project, based on the Vanity Fair article "Marie Colvin's Private War," struck Pike immediately. "All I was thinking was, 'How can I meet Matt Heineman?'" the actress says. "And it was another eight months until I met him."

The pair finally connected at a screening of Heineman's documentary "City of Ghosts" in Los Angeles and discussed the potential film over breakfast the next day. Pike was adamant that she should portray Colvin, who died while reporting from Syria in 2012.

"People say, 'Oh, did you fight for this role?' and I suppose I did," the English actress recounts in a suite at the Corinthia Hotel in London. "But I didn't fight with anybody else. I have no idea if anybody else wanted it or anybody else met on it. I just fought in terms of the fact that I had passion and conviction and I wanted him to hear it."

"A Private War" stars Pike as Colvin and Jamie Dornan as photographer Paul Conroy. It is told both through Colvin's experiences in the field — in war zones in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan — and back home in London, where she worked for the Sunday Times. It's Heineman's first feature film, and in many ways he treated it like a documentary. It was that aspect that initially drew Pike in, as well as her immediate love for Colvin.

"When Matt came on I thought, 'Oh gosh, this is going to penetrate into the soul of this person,'" Pike remembers. "Because that's what he does with his docs. He makes us surprised. He lingers on people. He's never afraid of an uncomfortable silence. And he'll let you see. I thought, 'Well, of course, he'd rather be making a documentary about Marie.' He would have adored her." She pauses. "I suppose, in some ways, my performance is an apology for not being her. It's an apology for it not being a documentary."

"I think Ros kind of cast herself," Heineman says. "I really wanted someone who was going to get their hands dirty, who was going to dig into this role and research it in the same way that I wanted to dig in and research it. I feel like she went after this role as if — I almost felt like it was Marie going after an article."

Pike dove into the research headfirst, reading everything she could by and about Colvin, and watching and rewatching hours of footage. She didn't have access to Colvin's diaries but spoke with many of her friends and family members. She committed early on to losing all vanity, taking on a gruff American accent, donning three different wigs and Colvin's signature eye patch, which the reporter wore after being injured during the Sri Lankan civil war. "It's a process of becoming," Pike says. "I took her into my body. There was a way I stood. I think if I start doing her voice, everything comes together now."

Pike feels a kinship with Colvin, someone who saw the darkness and still remembered the light.

"I've understood war in a profoundly different way than I've ever understood it before," the actress says. "Modern warfare is a very, very scary place to be. There are images I've now seen I will never, ever forget. That I will never be able to un-see. That's a tiny fraction of what Marie would have been exposed to. But Marie was amazing. She was such a romantic, she was such an optimist. She saw all that and she remained such an optimist, in such a lovely way."

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In Juneway Terrace Park on North Eastlake Terrace in Rogers Park, residents have nicknamed this sculpture Little Bean, Tiny Bean, North Bean and Pinball.

A mystery appears in Rogers Park

Mystery, *from* ***Page 1***

Instead, in Rogers Park, life went on.

Tom Heineman lives across the street from the orb. He eyeballs it from his window. He sits on the Greater Eastlake Terrace Advisory Council, so people ask him questions about the neighborhood all the time, and when the orb landed ... "I got a call right away: *'What the hell's going on, Tom?' What is it?"*

It came on Halloween, some said.

No, it came on Election Day, others said.

Spooky, either way.

That it chose Juneway Beach Park on Eastlake Terrace, the last block at the north end of the city, felt intentional yet surprising. This is a splotch of green often overlooked, a blur for commuters on the way to Lake Shore Drive. And the neighborhood tends to prefer it that way. It's a peaceful spot. Photographer Vivian Maier, who lived nearby, sat on a bench here often. In summer, families barbecue here; New Year's Eve, revelers shoot fireworks from its beach — all .33 acres of it. A curious spot for alien technology to roost.

Faced with something they did not understand, though, the people of Eastlake Terrace did not attack the orb or proselytize End Times. They let their dogs sniff it. Within days, some used it as a meetup spot with fellow joggers. And many were decided — they liked it.

They gave it nicknames: Little Bean, Tiny Bean, North Bean, Pinball. Victor Hilitski, walking Bjork, his Jack Russell terrier, said: "I think I see it more as — what do call you those things in a mix of vegetables, not a bean, but it comes with rice, it's like a ...?"

Pea?

"The Pea!"

On a frigid morning, Janna Lombardo, walking her dog Junior, said: "I call it the Cloud Gate of the North Side — but *sarcastically*." Shannon Burns, who lives next to the orb, said, noting its pedestal, "No — it's a Christmas tree ornament driven into the ground."

Patrick Kennedy owns one of the apartment buildings on the street and can be found often sitting on a bench in nearby Rogers Beach Park with his dog Penny Lane. He listened and added quietly: "My first thought was, OK, how long until it gets vandalized?"

"Oh come on, Patrick," Burns said.

"I like it," he replied, "I just think most people here need to know ... the *meaning* of it?"

Some neighbors did call Joe Moore, alderman of the 49th Ward. They were told, more of less: Fear not. It is, alas, an artwork. It means you no harm. It was brought to this planet to herald ... well, the north end of Rogers Park, to serve as a welcoming marker.

And it was not done.

Indeed, call the alderman's office to ask about the orb, and you hear that it's not just an orb! That soon it will get a matching orb at the traffic island where Devon Avenue, Broadway and Sheridan intersect, marking a south entrance to Rogers Park. It is all part of the "50 X 50 Neighborhood Arts Project" presented a year ago by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events to add at least two new works of public art to Chicago's 50 wards. Aldermen were asked to contribute $10,000 from the $1.3 million they receive for capital improvements; each ward that agreed would receive a matching $10,000 from DCASE, allowing $20,000 for fresh public art.

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A year later, some wards have murals. The 3rd received a solar-powered pyramid. The 48th selected a series of banners from Chicago artist Cheryl Pope, and the 27th will get a yellow-brick road.

Rogers Park got these orb things.

But wait: By the end of Thanksgiving weekend, if plans hold, the orbs will receive complimentary pyramids — one for each orb. With windowpanes. Standing 20 feet tall.

Andy Hull's kitchen window overlooks Juneway. Informed of the pyramids, he said: "*What?* How high? I thought it was an art installation. Some sort of minimalist thing." He considered a new pyramid on top of a new ball. "Well, honestly, I thought at first: Will this take away from the natural beauty of the space? Because what's great about is that it is so simple. Just park and lake. And now a pyramid, too? People do tai chi here."

The neighborhood's newest greeters, such as they are, already have actual names: "Quantum Dee" will live at Juneway Beach, and "Quantum Me" will be built adjacent to Loyola University (likely sometime next summer).

Davis McCarty, however, the Avondale-based sculptor who worked on the installations for months, sounded delighted with the extra-terrestrial connotations. The colored plexiglass he will install inside the pyramids — think stained-glass windows — is a material designed by NASA. McCarty, whose colorful, playful abstractions have stood inside Willis Tower and at the Burning Man festival in Nevada, likened the pyramidal piece of the work to spacecraft adopting thorny shapes to withstand the galaxy. He said the three sides of the pyramid will warp around the top of the sphere, reflecting off of the polished steel, presenting shifting colors and perspectives, "the way the universe can be infinitely big or infinitely small depending from where you stand."

He said the orb represented an atom, and, referencing the mutability of the universe, the complete work will "give people a glimpse into something they sort of understand."

Rogers Park wanted two.

Last year, McCarty made a PowerPoint presentation to a small panel of artists appointed by Ald. Moore. He laid out costs ($2,500 stainless steel sphere, $5,500 for plexiglass panels), brought to mind defining works like Cloud Gate and Buckingham Fountain and noted how the prismatic panes of his pyramids would invoke the vast diversity of Rogers Park. There was support from the committee to draw $20,000 more for a matching installation at Devon.

Moore said recently that, considering taste and the relative nature of public art, the process was surprisingly pleasant. Partly, he suspects, because "there has been a long desire (in Rogers Park) for something to reflect the fact that people were entering the city of Chicago and the neighborhood (from the north), and unless you knew that, there was no landmark that served to explain it."

These markers, McCarty promised, would last a lifetime.

Roughly as long as a Chicago parking meter contract.

McCarty said that the day he installed the orb — just before Halloween — "some people from the neighborhood came up and asked what we were doing and I said I was 'building a sculpture.' And they said, 'But why?' So when I rephrased that to say I was 'building a statue,' they'd go, 'Oh — OK.'"

Whatever it is, Burns said, "it's freaking out the dogs."

She wondered how Rogers Park could spend $40,000 on two artworks but leave the breakwalls at adjoining Juneway and Rogers beaches in questionable condition — indeed, winter poundings from the lake left large chunks precariously tilted. But she likes the orb. Kristin Werner, walking her dog, is good with it too but wondered how it would change the aesthetics of the park, particularly for those with apartments looking onto it. She also wondered if the city "communicated properly about what was coming."

Consider the harrowing tale of Steven Singer.

Asked what he thought of the orb, he offered a mild, measured shrug. He seemed fine with it. "But my first encounter, I was walking the dog at midnight, normal routine, when I suddenly saw a flash of lake reflect off the ball. Scared the crap out of me. It came out of nowhere."

Now, he said, "we're just waiting to see what it becomes."

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Turturro requests more Eco for 'Name of the Rose'

By Stewart Clarke
Variety

John Turturro hadn't read Umberto Eco's thriller "The Name of the Rose" or seen the 1986 movie when he was approached in spring of last year about a new TV adaptation. After reading the novel, one of the best-selling of all time, Turturro agreed to sign on — if the producers agreed to honor the original, he says.

"I read the book and I loved it. I started writing to (director) Giacomo (Battiato) to say, 'Why isn't there more Eco, this is eight hours, you don't have to reduce it," Turturro says. "I said, 'If you put more of Eco in, then I'm interested.' "

Turturro takes the role played by Sean Connery in the film, that of William Baskerville, the Franciscan monk investigating a series of mysterious murders in a 14th-century Italian monastery. Rupert Everett plays merciless inquisitor Bernard Gui, and Michael Emerson is the abbot among an international cast.

Rising star Damian Hardung plays Baskerville's novice, Adso. Turturro says he gave his younger co-star advice and looked to him for assistance. "I was a little bit



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intimidated at first, as I am not really a man of science," he says.

"Damian Hardung comes from a family of doctors, and he's a brilliant young man and he really has a very scientific mind. I was able to help him on a lot of maybe acting problems, and he was able to help delineate where we were missing something, what wasn't specific enough."

"I thought it was a very relevant book, maybe more at this particular time than even when it came out."

— John Turturro

The $26 million series will bow next year on Rai in Italy and on cable network SundanceTV and its streaming service, Sundance Now, in the U.S.

Turturro found a modern resonance in the period piece. "I thought it was a very relevant book, maybe more at this particular time than even when it came out," he says. "You look at all the stuff that's exploding all over, whether it's the strongmen who are in vogue ... all of the scandals in the church ... (and) men's oppression of women — it's all in the book."

He adds: "I could always tell when it was Eco's words and when it wasn't, so we reverted to Eco's words whenever we could." The author died in 2016, but his son visited the shoot, which took place in Rome's historic Cinecitta Studios, and in locations including Abruzzo, Perugia and Umbria.

The shoot was challenging — "the schedule was short and we went over, of course," Turturro says — and he says it became all-consuming the deeper he got into the source material and Baskerville's character. "It became kind of an investigation as (the characters) were doing their investigation," he says. "It was exhausting but very stimulating."

Turturro had yet to see the finished show in which he invested so much. He says his hope for the project was that it preserved something of Eco's sensibility. "I have worked on things that lose (that), and why you love the writer goes out the window," he says. "When you get a chance, why dumb it down? Why?"

"I hope they let it breathe," he says. "I think there's something really exciting about what we were trying to do."

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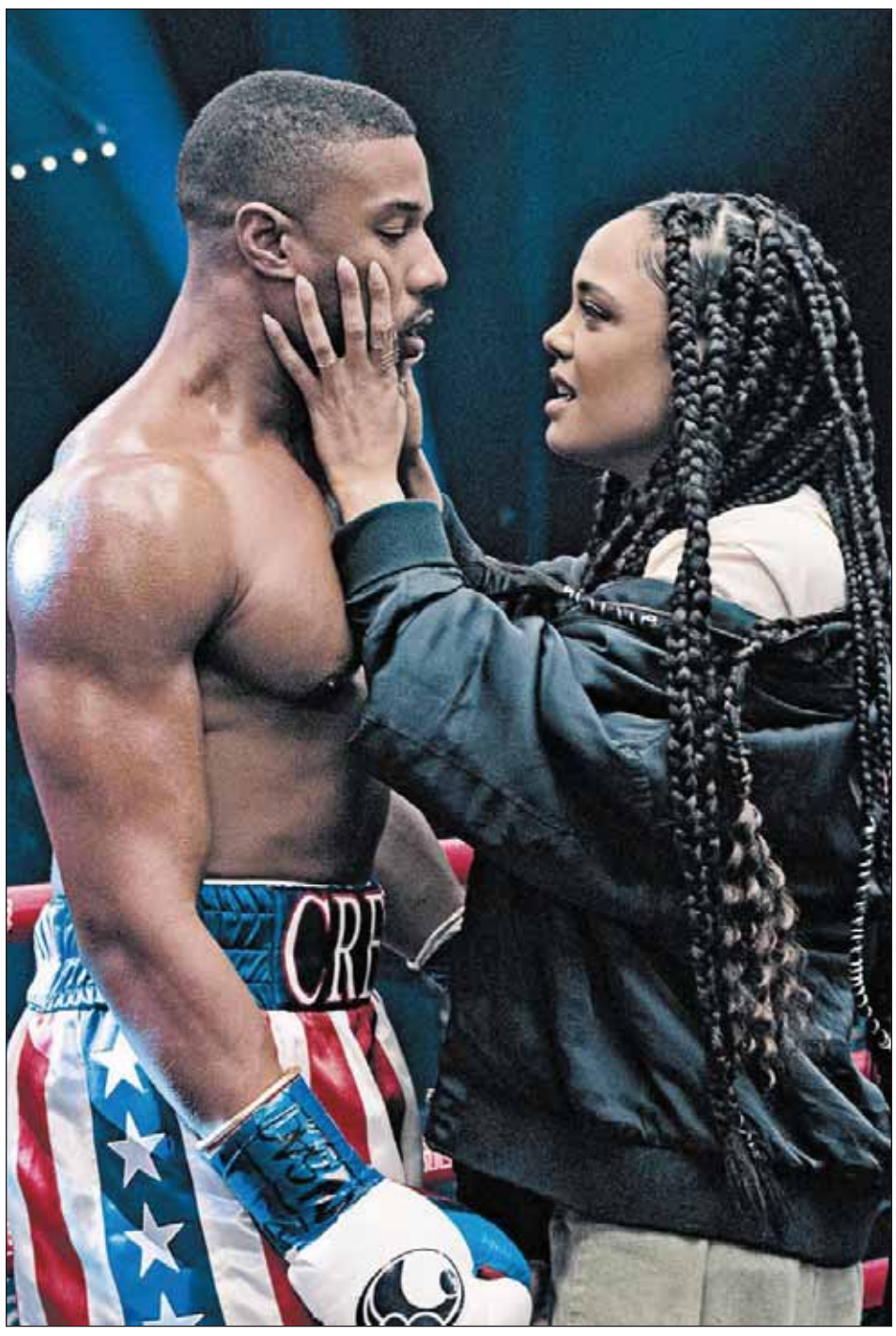
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In 'Creed II,' love is as central as boxing



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Michael B. Jordan stars as Adonis Creed and Tessa Thompson as Bianca in "Creed II."

By Tre'vell Anderson
Los Angeles Times

"Creed II" returns with a mission.

Not just to continue the successful extension of the over-40-year-old "Rocky" franchise, but to further explore a deep, relatable and unmistakably real relationship between two young black professionals. It's the sort of love story rarely seen in mainstream Hollywood films, period, let alone in the few pictures centered on folks of color.

A pre-"Black Panther" Ryan Coogler had revived the "Rocky" franchise with "Creed" in 2015 to critical praise and an impressive box office take of $109.8 million domestically. Michael B. Jordan solidified his stardom in the title role, and the picture even garnered an Oscar nomination (and Golden Globe win) for Sylvester Stallone's Rocky Balboa reprisal, nearly 40 years after his first nomination for the role.

And like "Rocky" before it, "Creed" emerged as a careful balance of underdog sports movie and intimate romantic study. The sequel again finds its emotional core in Adonis Creed's personal life, as he begins building a family with his longtime musician girlfriend Bianca (Tessa Thompson).

Of course there's also some boxing. Newly crowned light heavyweight champ under the tutelage of Rocky (Stallone), Adonis is challenged by Viktor Drago (Florian Munteanu), the son of Ivan (Dolph Lundgren). That plotline connects back to "Rocky IV," in which Ivan, as the Soviet Union's best athlete, fatally defeated Creed's father, Apollo (Carl Weathers). Balboa avenged Apollo's death in a follow-up match.

Together, Adonis and Bianca must decide if a fight that could end Creed's life — as it did his father's — is truly worth it.

Jordan said he had "no hesitations whatsoever" about jumping back into the "Creed" character, even though the film would be his first sequel. The same was true for Thompson, who said she "loved that [Bianca] resembled a woman that you might know, in a way I haven't seen particularly in narratives around sports."

But the stars knew that another notch in the franchise's belt would work only with the right director, since Coogler (who returns as an executive producer) was not available. The studio, with the blessings of Stallone, Coogler, Jordan and Thompson, landed on Steven Caple Jr.

Like Coogler with "Creed," "Creed II" is Caple's sophomore feature. His debut film, "The Land," about four teenage boys in Cleveland pursuing a dream life of professional skateboarding, premiered at 2016's Sundance. It was produced by hip-hop star Nas and featured an ensemble cast including Jorge Lendeborg Jr., Machine Gun Kelly and Erykah Badu.

Coming from the indie film world, Jordan felt the two had "a lot in common, and that's always good when making a film," he said. "He's somebody else that understands the character of Adonis and what he would be going through. He's another young black male in America going through a rise of his own, trying to figure out who he is."

Caple says the decision wasn't an easy one. He knew that following in Coogler's footsteps would be no easy feat, so there was "complete hesitation."

The authentic intimacy helps "Creed II" deliver a fresh and much needed representation of black love on screen.

While the director handles with aplomb the series' all-important fight scenes, he took particular care when it came to the evolution of Adonis and Bianca's relationship. As Caple saw it, it was crucial to home in "on what's important in a film: the heart."

Caple explained, "There was a lot of conversations with Mike and Tessa about, 'How do we show the maturity of their relationship?' How do we go from 'I, I, I,' to 'We, we, we'? She wants her career, he wants his legacy, and what brings them together is the family."Adonis and Bianca's relationship is perhaps where Caple's experience most came into play. He's in a relationship, and has been for 15 years, with his high school sweetheart. And when he originally sparked to the series, it was the love between Balboa and Adrian in "Rocky" and Adonis and Bianca in "Creed" that he most responded to.

"I just wanted to put my own spin on it and talk to this generation," he said. "I wanted to capture something for this generation and showcase their relationship and smaller themes because everything was so hyped up about the big fights. But the intimacy — in the proposal scene, for example — I pulled from my own life."

That authentic intimacy helps "Creed II" deliver a fresh and much needed representation of black love on screen — one between two young people committed to each other who aren't perfect and don't have it all together.

Because the film is called "Creed II," it was obvious that Adonis would continue to have control and voice in his life developments. But that sort of character development wasn't so certain for Bianca, especially if Hollywood's history with girlfriend and wife characters was to serve as the prototype.

"Tessa and I didn't want to fall into the cliche of 'I'm just a girl and I want to support him,'" Caple said. "[We wanted to] break some of the norms we see in these types of characters."

In fact, more depth and agency for Bianca was of the utmost importance, Thompson said. She wanted her to "occupy her own narrative," as the film extends beyond a pat "happily ever after" ending.

"I wanted to make sure that she continued to make music and, regardless of her being a mother, that she doesn't change and her whole life isn't centered around domesticity."

She'd often joke with Jordan: "Alright, I'll be pregnant, but I want to do some more stuff."

As audiences of all kinds begin to see the film, Caple just hopes they're "able to relate."

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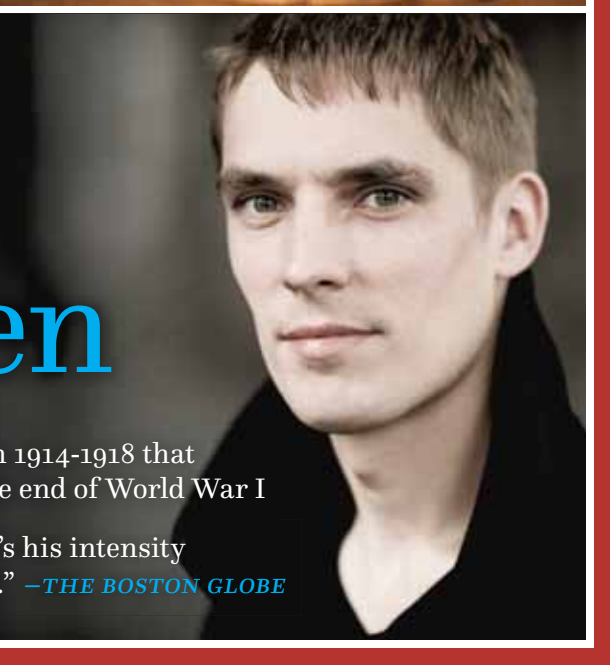
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Luke Macfarlane and Candace Cameron Bure

"A Shoe Addict's Christmas" (7 p.m., Hallmark): Candace Cameron Bure stars in this holiday fantasy as Noelle, who's feeling frustrated as Christmas approaches. She's still chasing a career, and she'd love to be closer to her father. And don't even get her started on finding true love. So when she gets locked in while working late at her department store job, she thinks little of it — until a quirky lady appears in the shoe department, announcing she's Noelle's guardian angel. Luke Macfarlane also stars.

"Jingle Belle" (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): As high school sweethearts, Isabelle and Mike (Tatyana Ali, Cornelius Smith Jr.) rocked their delighted audience each year with a duet at the local Christmas Eve Pageant. After graduation, though, Isabelle left Mike behind to study at the Juilliard School in New York. Now, years later, Isabelle makes a trip home, this time to write the music for that same event.

"The Flood" (7 p.m., 10 p.m., NGEO): Smack in the heart of the largest desert in southern Africa you'll find what appears to be a miracle of nature: the Okavango Delta of Botswana, home to one of the most diverse habitats on Planet Earth. Each year, this region undergoes a mind-boggling transformation that turns this usually austere wasteland into a lush waterland that acts as a lifeline to many creatures. For others, however, the floodwaters bring harsh challenges. Angela Bassett narrates.

"The Truth About Christmas" (8 p.m., FREE): Jillian (Kali Hawk) is such a good political consultant she can "spin" almost any situation, and as this new holiday fantasy opens, she's about to launch the mayoral campaign of her boyfriend, George (Damon Dayoub, "Stitchers"). As she's heading off on a Christmas trip to meet George's family for the first time, however, Jillian has an uncanny encounter with a toy-store Santa that leaves her with a highly inconvenient new compulsion.

"Dirty John" (9 p.m., 10:35 p.m., Bravo): Adapted from a true-crime podcast, this new eight-episode limited series stars Connie Britton as Southern California interior designer and single mom Debra Newell, who is quickly swept off her feet by handsome Dr. John Meehan (Eric Bana). The whirlwind courtship that follows unfolds at such a dizzying pace that it alarms Debra's two daughters (Julia Garner, Juno Temple), who eventually discover Meehan is a charismatic conman.

"The Last Alaskans" (9:01 p.m., 1:01 a.m., Discovery): The last families and trappers holding permits to live in the protected wilderness of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge face diverse challenges ranging from a cancer relapse to increased competition from predators as this unscripted series returns for Season 4. Bob Harte, a 40-year veteran of this pristine but unforgiving region, is forced to leave the refuge and move into town with family due to his failing health, while Tyler and Ashley Selden bring their new daughter Sidney home.

"Madam Secretary" (9:30 p.m., CBS): After the president of Haiti loses an election, he refuses to step down, threatening democratic norms on the island republic. Elizabeth (Tea Leoni) tries to come up with a way to resolve the tense situation in a non-confrontational manner, and certainly without resorting to military action, in the new episode "The Courage to Continue." Elsewhere, Blake (Erich Bergen) is given one week to find a new job before Elizabeth fires him as her assistant.

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BROADCAST	CBS 2	♦ (6:30) 60 Minutes (N)	God Friended Me: "King's Gambit." (N) © HD		NCIS: Los Angeles: "A Diamond in the Rough." (N)		Madam Secretary: "The Courage to Continue." (N)	
	NBC 5	♦ Football Night (N)	(7:20) NFL Football: Green Bay Packers at Minnesota Vikings. (N) (Live) HD					
	ABC 7	Dancing With the Stars: Juniors (N) © HD		Shark Tank (N) © HD		(9:01) Shark Tank © HD		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	blackish © HD	blackish © HD	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 ©	Soap ©
	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	♦ Rick Steves' Travel	Neil Diamond: Hot August Night III ©			The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross: "The Black Atlantic (1500-1800)."		
	The U 26.1	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Engagement	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Columbo: "Grand Deceptions." ©				Touched by an Angel ©		Ngt. Gallery
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek: "Court Martial."		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	Saints & Sinners		A Stone Cold Christmas (NR,'18) Demetria McKinney.				Why Do ♦
	FOX 32	The Simpsons (N)	Bob's Burgers (N)	Family Guy ©	Rel: "Laundry Room."	Fox 32 News at Nine Sunday		Fox Chicago Final Word
	Ion 38	♦ (6) Christmas Belle ('13)		A Wedding for Christmas (NR,'18) HD				Christmas ♦
	TeleM 44	♦ (6) The Avengers (PG-13,'12) ★★★ Robert Downey Jr.				Don Francisco (N)		Noticiero
	CW 50	Supergirl (N) © HD		Charmed (N) © HD		Big Bang	Big Bang	Mod Fam
	UniMas 60	♦ (6) Fire With Fire ('12)		The Time Machine (PG-13,'02) ★★ Guy Pearce.				·Ay Güey! ♦
	WJYS 62	Ever Increasing Faith		Truth of God		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
	Univ 66	Nuestra Belleza Latina (N)				Crónicas: Historias (N)		Noticias (N)
CABLE	AE	John Wick (R,'14) ★★★ Keanu Reeves.			The Town (R,'10) ★★★ Ben Affleck, Rebecca Hall. © ♦			
	AMC	♦ (6:56) The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead (N) ©		(9:04) Talking Dead (N)		Walk:Dead ♦
	ANIM	Crikey! It's the Irwins (N)		Amanda-Res. (N)		Amanda to the Rescue		Scaled © ♦
	BBCA	Doctor Who (N) ©		(8:10) Terminator 2: Judgment Day (R,'91) ★★★★ © ♦				
	BET	2018 Soul Train Awards (N)				Awards (N)	2018 Soul Train Awards ♦	
	BIGTEN	♦ Student (N)	The Final Drive ©		Big Ten	BTN Football in 60 ©		Drive ♦
	BRAVO	Housewives-Atlanta (N)		Housewives/OC (N)		Dirty John (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Watch (N) ♦
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		News ♦
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Undercover Boss ©		Undercover Boss ©		Boss ♦
	CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)		Anthony Bourdain Parts		Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown ©		
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	South Park
	DISC	Last Frontier (N)		Last Frontier (N)		The Last Alaskans (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Alaskan (N)
	DISN	♦ (6) The LEGO Movie ★★★		Raven	Coop	Star Wars	Raven	Coop
	E!	The Kardashians		The Kardashians (N)		Busy (N)	LadyGang	Kardas ♦
	ESPN	♦ (6:30) SportsCenter (N)		World/Poker (Tape)		World/Poker (Tape)		SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	♦ (5:30) 2018 Grey Cup: Calgary Stampeders vs Ottawa Redblacks. (N)					College Basketball (N) ♦	
	FNC	Launch Special (N)		The Next Revolution (N)		Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		Launch ♦
	FOOD	Holiday Wars (N) ©		Gingerbread (Series Premiere) (N)		Holiday Baking		Cookie ♦
	FREE	♦ Santa Clause 3		The Truth About Christmas (NR,'18) Kali Hawk. ©				Doubtfire ♦
	FX	Jason Bourne (PG-13,'16) ★★ Matt Damon, Tommy Lee Jones. ©					Jason Bourne ('16) ★★ ♦	
	HALL	A Shoe Addict's Christmas (NR,'18) ©				Christmas Under Wraps (NR,'14) © ♦		
	HGTV	Hawaii (N)	Hawaii (N)	Bahamas (N)	Bahamas (N)	Caribbean	Caribbean	Beach
	HIST	American Pickers: Bonus Buys: "Pickin' at the Museum." (N) ©						Pickers ♦
	HLN	The Hunt		The Hunt		The Hunt		The Hunt ♦
	IFC	Big Daddy (PG-13,'99) ★ Adam Sandler. ©				Mr. Deeds (PG-13,'02) ★ © ♦		
	LIFE	Jingle Belle (NR,'18) Tatyana Ali, Obba Babatunde. ©				(9:03) Christmas Perfection ('18) © ♦		
	MSNBC	Kasie DC (N) ©		Headliners ©		Betrayal: The Plot		Dateline ♦
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
	NBCSCH	Beer (N)	Poker Night	Heartland Poker Tour		World Poker Tour		G League ♦
	NICK	The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water ★★★				Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♦
	OVATION	♦ (6) Pale Rider (R,'85) ★★★			Silverado (PG-13,'85) ★★★ Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn. ♦			
	OWN	Police Women of Dallas		Police Women of Dallas		Police Women of Dallas		Police ♦
	OXY	Snapped ©		Killer Couples ©		Dateline: Secrets		Snapped ♦
	PARMT	Creed (PG-13,'15) ★★★ Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone. ©						Rocky IV ♦
	SYFY	The Addams Family (PG-13,'91) ★★ Anjelica Huston.				(9:15) The Addams Family ('91) ★★ ♦		
	TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Guest Book
	TCM	Shall We Dance (NR,'37) ★★★ Fred Astaire. ©				Holiday Inn (NR,'42) ★★★ Bing Crosby. ♦		
	TLC	90 Day Fiancé: "Flirting With Disaster." (N)				Return to Amish (N)		Gypsy ♦
	TLN	Living-Edge	Manna Fest	In Grace	Turning Point ©		Insights	Let Think
	TNT	Love Actually (R,'03) ★★★ Hugh Grant, Laura Linney. ©						The DUFF ♦
	TOON	Gumball	Gumball	Family Guy	Burgers	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy
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	TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King
	USA	♦ Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Dirty John ♦
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	WGN America	♦ Ocean's 11	Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13,'07) ★★★ George Clooney, Brad Pitt. ©					Bones © ♦
PREMIUM	HBO	♦ (6) Tomb Raider ('18) ★★		My Bril. (N Subtitled-		Camping (N)	Sally4Ever	Axios © ♦
	HBO2	♦ My Bril. (Subtitled-English)		Kingsman: The Golden Circle (R,'17) ★★ Colin Firth. ©				
	MAX	Alien: Covenant (R,'17) ★★ Michael Fassbender.				(9:05) Predators (R,'10) ★★ ♦		
	SHO	Enemies-Pres. (N)		Ray Donovan (N) ©		Escape at Dannemora (N)		Escape ♦
	STARZ	Outlander (N) ©		(8:01) Outlander ©		(9:02) Outlander ©		27 Dress ♦
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Jazz and classical have much in common

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and intricate in construction that the world never has stopped contemplating its mysteries.

So to visit Orchestra Hall one night, the Green Mill Jazz Club another and Lyric Opera after that feels as natural to me as humming a melody from a Schubert symphony one moment, a phrase from Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" the next. It's all music of high craft, aesthetic profundity and hefty intellectual content.

Not that attending classical concerts is remotely new to me, for I was a piano performance major at Northwestern University, studied music theory and history in graduate school there and have written about classical music periodically for the Tribune since 1978. Even so, these past few months of immersing myself in both classical and jazz have provided revelations.

For starters, I'm newly impressed by how much the classical world does to enlighten and educate its audience. The program books at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Lyric Opera beautifully illuminate the historical context and inner workings of the music. I see audience members poring over this material before concerts, apparently eager not only to revel in the sensuality of the sounds but to understand their background and context.

The jazz world, alas, falls woefully behind on this score. With the exceptions of jazz concerts in Orchestra Hall and the Chicago Jazz Festival, both of which provide welcome program notes, most jazz events leave listeners utterly to their own devices (or, worse, subject us to blathering emcees).

Remarkably, jazz artists often don't even bother to mention which compositions they're playing, who wrote them or when. In so doing, these musicians miss out on irreplaceable opportunities to engage listeners and spread the gospel. Their message, instead, is summed up by a cliché that bandleaders often mutter at the start of a set: "Sit back and relax." Bad move — this music offers far more than an opportunity to unwind.

On the other hand, jazz has it all over classical music when it comes to making face-to-face contact with its audience. The intimacy and casualness of jazz rooms mean that performers and listeners routinely speak to one another before and after sets. Once the music-making begins, there's virtually no wall between them, musician and audience connected by proximity, familiarity and the call-and-response character of music rooted in African-American culture.

By contrast, the chasm separating classical performers from their listeners often feels enormous, and not only in large halls where the audience is physically far removed from the action. The two groups seem isolated from one another by some conventions of Western classical music, from the quaint formalwear of the performers to the stiff, age-old rituals of the concert hall. If classical musicians hope to reach young audiences – and they'd better – the archaic, Euro-centric manner may not be hitting precisely the right notes in 21st century America.



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Riccardo Muti conducts the Chicago Symphony Orchestra: Classical music has more in common with jazz than we may realize.

And then there's the most daunting issue of all: ticket prices. Supporting an ensemble of the caliber of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra or opera productions as spectacular as those at Lyric Opera costs far more than even the most exorbitant ticket prices can generate. Thus a potentially vast audience is priced out of encountering the most brilliant music-making this city – or any other – provides.

In jazz, you can hear world-class singer-pianist-songwriter Patricia Barber Monday nights at the Green Mill for $8. Many of the greatest jazz musicians on the planet play the Jazz Showcase, where the cover charge rarely tops $30 and usually falls below. That's one reason jazz survives in a nation that virtually banishes it from free TV, radio and practically every other forum in our popular culture: It's eminently affordable.

I once asked composer-critic Virgil Thomson a long, convoluted question about why there was an artistic renaissance in 1920s Paris, and why young American musicians, artists, writers and others, like himself, flocked there.

I've always subscribed to the notion that jazz is classical music – it's just our classical music, with its distinctly American rhythms, harmonies, song constructions and social practices.

Thomson startled me with the simplicity of his answer: "Because Paris was cheap, and the food was still good."

The sooner classical music figures out how to make its ticket prices cheaper – if that's possible, and I don't mean only in the nosebleed section – the more promising its future will look.

Here's one other comment I've been hearing a lot since dividing my time between the two musical forms that always have meant the most to me:

"Congratulations on the promotion!"

I appreciate the sentiment but balk at its premise, always telling people this is an "expansion," for lack of a better word. For to assert that writing about classical music is a move up is to imply that it's more important, more valued, more prestigious than jazz.

But I've always subscribed to the notion that jazz *is* classical music – it's just our classical music, with its distinctly American rhythms, harmonies, song constructions and social practices. What Bach, Beethoven and Brahms are to European music, Jelly Roll Morton, Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington are to American music.

True, classical music still embraces the aristocratic practices of Old World Europe, with one musician – the conductor – telling everyone else how to play. Jazz always has offered a more democratic, all-American approach, with each musician in the band getting to have his or her say in freewheeling, improvised solos.

But both art forms aspire toward the same goal: to create something deeper and more lasting than the commonplace.

Which is why it's a privilege to cover both.

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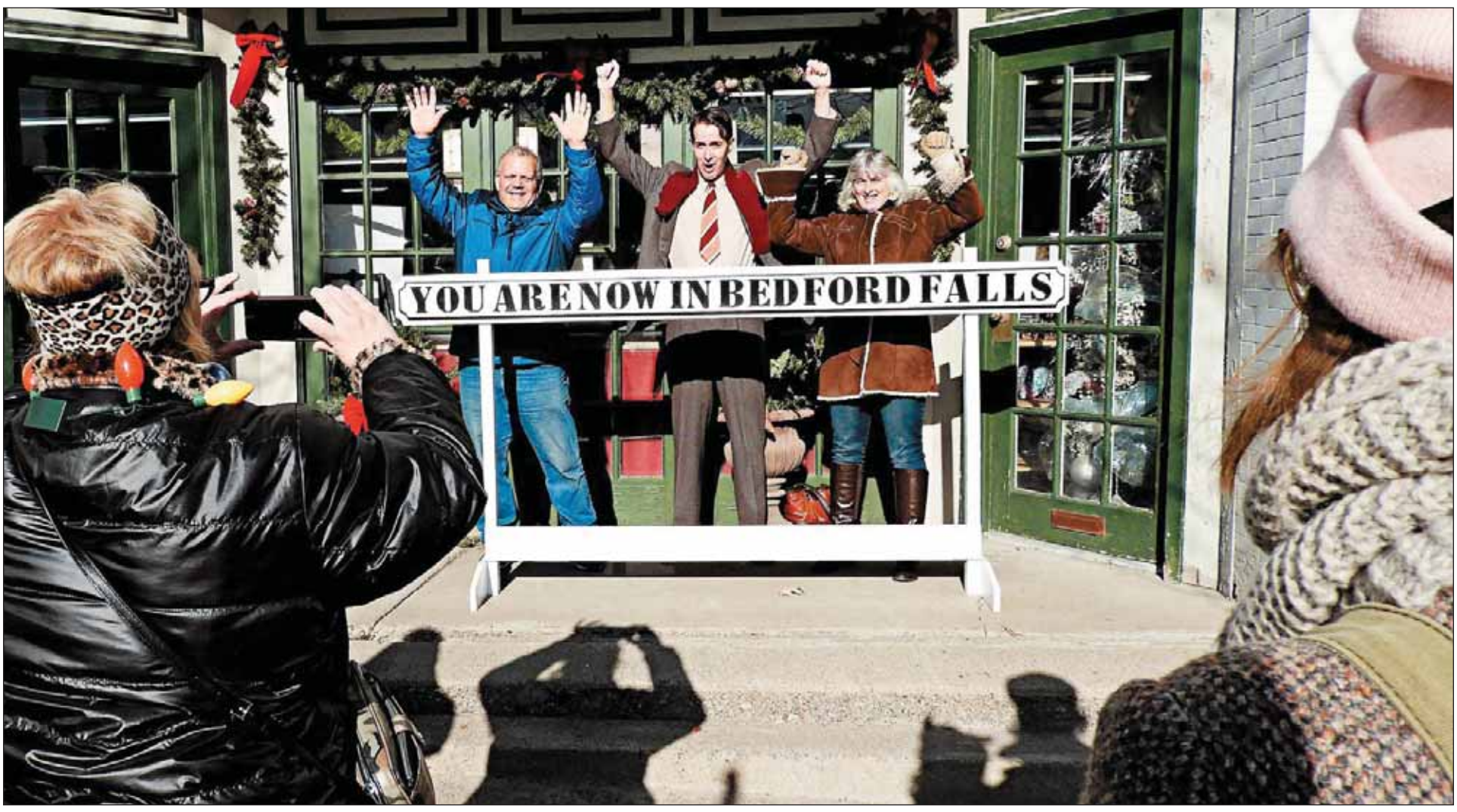
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Joined by movie buffs, actor Brian Rohan, dressed as George Bailey, poses for photos during the It's a Wonderful Life Festival in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

December is 'Wonderful'

See Christmas movie come to life in Seneca Falls, N.Y.



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Locals dressed as characters from "It's a Wonderful Life" greet the crowd as they walk through downtown Seneca Falls in 2017's parade.



AP

George Bailey (Jimmy Stewart), center, holds Zuzu (6-year-old Karolyn Grimes), in the 1946 Frank Capra classic "It's a Wonderful Life."

By Jay Jones
Chicago Tribune

SENECA FALLS, N.Y. — Early each December, a magical transformation takes place in Seneca Falls, as the classic Christmas movie "It's a Wonderful Life" leaps off the screen.

The word "Bedford" replaces "Seneca" on signs marking the city limits.

The tavern at The Gould Hotel becomes "Martini's."

Along Fall Street, the main drag, George Bailey shouts, "Merry Christmas! Hello, Bedford Falls!"

Not far away, a cigar-chewing Mr. Potter gruffly grumbles, "Merry whatever. Someday, this will be Pottersville." And perhaps most poignantly, Zuzu exclaims, "Look, Daddy! Teacher says, 'Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings.' "

Seventy-two years following the film's premiere 275 miles away in New York City, folks here celebrate Frank Capra's crowning achievement, boasting that the famous director based the movie's fictional Bedford Falls on this Finger Lakes community.

Whether Capra ever set eyes on Fall Street, or walked across the steel truss bridge that's a dead ringer for the one in the movie, remains up for debate. But that potential connection aside, the place certainly looks, feels and sounds like Bedford Falls each December, especially when snow is falling and the church bells are ringing. The lure is inescapable for the thousands of movie buffs who flock to town for a hefty dose of holiday cheer.

"'It's a Wonderful Life' is such a fabulous film; it needs to leave a footprint somewhere," said Karolyn Grimes, 78, who, as a 6-year-old, portrayed Zuzu, George and Mary Bailey's youngest daughter, in the 1946 movie. She travels cross-country from Seattle every December to talk about her role in cinematic history and to recite her now-famous angel line "over and over and over."

Each year, other septuagenarians who were once child actors also share their memories during a wealth of presentations, meet-and-greets and autograph sessions. Another regular is Monica Capra Hodges, who bestows insights about her grandfather, Frank Capra.

"He just wanted to share a message of hope after going through World War II," she explained last December. "I just love that people here are still celebrating that message that was so important to him. In the end, there's the hopefulness that everybody's life has an impact that makes a difference."

The movie gets screened throughout the It's a Wonderful Life Festival, held Dec. 6-9 this year (Dec. 13-15 in 2019). There are wagon rides, train rides (on a real train), special meals and the "Dance by the Light of the Moon." Seemingly every business in town tries to capitalize on the event, including a downtown pizzeria. The sign outside reads: "It's A Wonderful Slice."

Throughout the weekend, people dressed as various characters from the movie can be spotted on the Fall Street sidewalks. They include actor Brian Rohan, a George Bailey look-alike who also presents a one-man show about the movie's star, Jimmy Stewart.

On Saturday afternoon, Rohan and the others join in a parade that blends a celebration of the movie with hometown pride. (Think movie re-enactors followed by firetrucks.) Vendors hand out free roasted chestnuts as a small brass band plays Christmas carols.

A couple of blocks away is the bridge that many locals insist inspired Capra to model Bedford Falls after Seneca Falls. They say that if Capra came here, he could have walked across the bridge (on appropriately named Bridge Street) and spotted the plaque mounted there. The marker honors Antonio Varacalli, who in 1917 jumped from the span into the canal below to save a suicidal woman, losing his own life in the process.

In the film, which was adapted from a short story called "The Greatest Gift" by Philip Van Doren Stern, George Bailey jumps from a bridge into frigid waters to save Clarence, who turns out to be a guardian angel sent from heaven to save Bailey from his own self-destruction.

"What Capra and his scriptwriters put in was someone going in to save the person who had jumped, and we believe that could likely be inspired by the story of Antonio Varacalli," said Anwei Law, a co-founder of the Seneca Falls It's a Wonderful Life Museum. Aptly located in a building that once housed a movie theater, the museum is just a few blocks from downtown along Fall Street. It's open year-round, and admission is free.

"It's not just about a movie," Law said of the museum. "It's about something very much more important than just a movie. It's about a message. The movie gives us a tool to discuss many important issues related to human rights, related to caring about each other and valuing each other. They're all interconnected."

Law pointed out that it's no coincidence Seneca Falls is where, at a gathering of delegates of the National Woman's Party in 1923, feminist Alice Paul delivered the text of the original Equal Rights Amendment, which she had written. The town is home to the Women's Rights National Historical Park.

In addition to movie memorabilia, the museum shares stories of oppressed people. Grimes donated a number of artifacts related to the film.

"I sent 200 items to be on display to start the museum," Grimes said. "I feel it's one way to keep this movie alive for the generations to come, because, you know, I'm going to get my wings," she said with a laugh.

The museum's walls are lined with images from the movie accompanied by inspiring quotes from Capra.

"People are increasingly taking photos of his quotes," Law said. "They're looking to have that hope rekindled through this movie."

Capra's granddaughter, Monica, said her grandfather "just wanted that hopefulness to be out there."

"Everybody's George Bailey," she added. "Everybody has those down times. But we all can rally together, we can look to each other and be part of a bigger community."

Jay Jones is a freelance writer.

Buffalo make for wild experience in S. Dakota

By Patti Nickell
Lexington Herald-Leader

CUSTER STATE PARK, S.D. — It was one of the most thrilling experiences of my life. After what seemed like hours waiting for something to happen, the seismic shaking of the earth signaled the main show was about to begin.

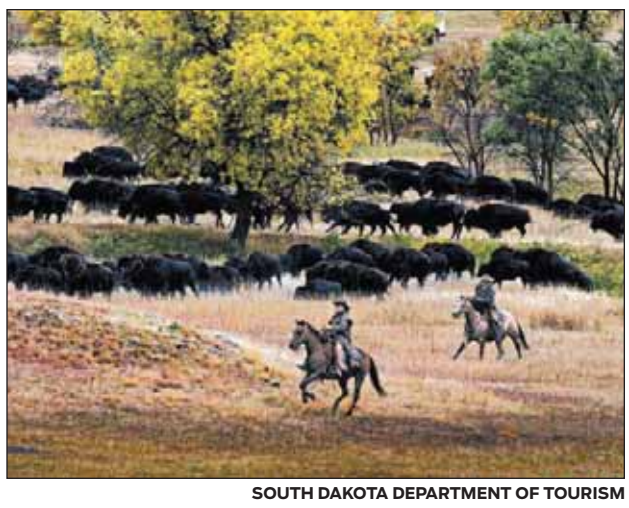
Riders on horseback fanned out across the top of the hill, while below in the valley the rest of us in rack trucks waited for our cue. As if a director had yelled, "Action," 1,300 American buffalo came careening down the hill, with both riders and trucks taking up their positions to help herd them into corrals.

Welcome to the Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup. In this western South Dakota annual event, the shaggy bison are interrupted from their usual noshing on the park's lush grasslands and rounded up for several days of sorting, branding, testing and tagging.

With one of the largest American bison herds in the world, park staff use the roundup to keep the population in balance with available land and resources — checking them out thoroughly before returning most of them to their grazing a few days later.

Our group's driver volunteered that sometimes the bison get pretty ornery and refuse to cooperate. This year the herd was downright docile. In no time they were safely corralled, and participants and spectators headed off for a chuck wagon lunch of brisket and beans.

I was among a group of journalists invited to the roundup. While the general public isn't allowed in the thick of things as we were, you can stake out a spot for optimal viewing as the herd comes thundering down the hill. About 14,000 folks attend every year. If you want to make plans for next year, the roundup is always held on the last Friday in September, which in 2019 is the 27th; www.travelsouthdakota.com.



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Each fall, cowpokes and park crews saddle up to bring in the herd of bison in the Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup.

Specialized tours enrich travel experience



Rick Steves
Tribune Content Agency

When I arrive in a new city, I book a private guide straightaway — someone who can bring the architecture, history and culture to life. Lately, in the spirit of experiential sightseeing, I've been taking specialized tours that highlight unique, local experiences or historical themes. Particularly in big cities, I've found all kinds of focused tours, from guided night walks to musical pub crawls.

One of the most popular sightseeing trends is food tours, which reward travelers with edible memories. For about $100, you can eat your way through a few neighborhoods in a few hours while an expert explains the history and tradition behind each dish. Some tours involve standing and sharing a plate of little bites, while others feature a series of sit-down dishes. All fill you up and work as a meal and tour in one (making the expense easier to swallow).

Unsurprisingly, my latest food tour in Paris was a delicious mix of culinary enlightenment and carbs. My guide taught me how to scrutinize and savor baguettes, croissants and cheese, and how to appreciate the French as expert eaters. More adventurous foodies should seek out food tours in unlikelier places. For example, Poland's bigger cities — particularly Warsaw — offer fascinating and flavorful food tours with a focus on vodka, fermenting techniques (for dishes like borscht), and hardy stews that originated in the country's peasant past. These tours provide valuable perspective on how food affects culture, and vice versa.

To work off the food tour calories, consider a bike tour. Some cities lend themselves well to cycling — and flat Copenhagen is the best of any. You'll get to know the lay of the land efficiently, accompanied by a fun and opinionated Dane, and you'll likely stumble upon charming corners of the Danish capital that many travelers miss. You also get a sense for local daily life, as many Danes regularly commute by bike, and stop at a few important sights (my tour finished at that must-see lady on the rock, the Little Mermaid statue).



DOMINIC ARIZONA BONUCCELLI/RICK STEVES' EUROPE PHOTOS

Rothenburg's Night Watchman tour is an evening of medieval exploration in the perfect cobbled village.



Guided food tours provide thoughtful explanations of the authentic foods we travel so far to taste.

If hard-hitting history is more to your liking, it's well worth spending an afternoon on a tour led by academics with a passion for a specific historical era, political figure or artistic movement. In Barcelona, I like historian and author Nick Lloyd's deep dive into the Spanish Civil War. Both he and his partner are enthusiastic teachers, taking small groups on highly regarded walks through the Old Town to explain the war's social context and significance in Barcelona.

Context in artwork is also much easier to absorb with a guide at your side. During my latest visit to the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, I was inspired by the local art historian who led my tour. I was better able to appreciate Johannes Vermeer's 17th-century "intimate genre" paintings, which focus on domestic interiors — unique in a time when artists were normally supported by lofty patrons. During the Dutch Golden Age of the 1600s, trading ships roamed the globe and made Amsterdam wealthy. No longer ruled by the Habsburg king or obedient to the pope, the Dutch were a Protestant republic — fiercely independent and proud. Even without relying on the typical nobles, kings and Catholic Church as patrons, Dutch artists still did just fine.

For a fresh perspective on daytime sightseeing, try a night walk. One of my favorites is Rothenburg's Night Watchman tour — it's flat-out the most entertaining hour of medieval wonder anywhere in Germany. The Night Watchman jokes like a medieval John Cleese as he lights his lamp and leads visitors on his rounds, telling slice-of-gritty-life tales of medieval Rothenburg. It's more than just a historical walking tour — it's delightful evening entertainment.

Ghost walks are also popular in many cities with an old-timey core, and they provide local lore and color. While many have a reputation for being goofy, I do enjoy the ones in York, England. If any city can claim to be legitimately haunted, it's York. On any given evening, the old-town center is crawling with creepy, black-clad characters leading wide-eyed groups of tourists around. There are generally three styles of walks here: historic, street theater and storytelling — all with engaging tales of history, violence and mayhem.

And in Dublin, I like to spend an evening on a Musical Pub Crawl, getting a (literal) taste of local culture. A few Dubliner musicians meet each group in a pub and, over the course of the evening (and several pints of beer), lead you on a crawl through three pubs. Along the way, they explain and demonstrate their traditional Irish instruments, providing an educational foundation for Irish music appreciation (and usually a nice Guinness buzz).

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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Road to my VRBO rental closed. Can I get a refund?

By Christopher Elliott | King Features

I booked a dream trip for my husband, parents and myself to Kauai, Hawaii, for September. It included a vacation rental, which I reserved through VRBO.

I thoroughly researched the property. It had a no-refunds policy and required that I take out insurance and pay by check.

I made the reservation in February. In April, there were record floods on the north shore of Kauai, and one tiny section of the highway to my rental was open. The road was closed except to residents. I emailed the owner in May to ask him about the floods. He said the road had a small area they were repairing, but never mentioned the closure. He said my September stay would not be affected.

I wrote him a check for $2,000 and paid the $399 booking fee. I contacted him again in the last week of June to ask what address to mail the next check to, since he had moved. Then I sent him the $6,400 balance. But two weeks ago, a friend of a friend staying in Kauai sent me a message: The road to my rental was out.

I emailed the owner, who admitted the road was impassable and said he'd made arrangements to rent us another home two hours away. The owner wants to keep my money. He says it was a "force majeure" event.

I think he misrepresented his property. He cashed my check, knowing the road was out. I asked VRBO for help. It said a "force majeure" case isn't covered under its guarantee. Please help with my VRBO rental if you can!

— Linda Robinson, Granby, Mass.

A: Your VRBO rental owner should have let you know about the damaged road and given you the opportunity to cancel your reservation. And VRBO should have done more to protect you when you reached out to the booking site after losing $8,799. But there are reasons why this case didn't get resolved quickly. The reasons are a little complicated.

Based on my reading of your paper trail between you, the owner and VRBO, it looks as if the owner hoped that the road would be passable by September. There's nothing wrong with being optimistic, but it's also important to be realistic.

VRBO let itself off the hook because of a "force majeure" clause. But you had also gone outside VRBO's payment system and settled your debts with a check. Last time I checked, that voids the guarantee. (You told me the property was listed as payment by "check only" and that VRBO never suggested that it might limit your rights in any way.)

You kept your correspondence brief and polite, which helps. You must have felt betrayed when the owner offered to put you in a rental two hours from your original VRBO rental. It's difficult to keep a level head, but you did. I publish the names, numbers and email addresses of VRBO's executives (VRBO is owned by HomeAway, which is owned by Expedia) on my consumer-advocacy site: www.elliott.org/company-contacts/homeaway-com/. You might have reached out when the company refused to help.

I contacted VRBO on your behalf. It sent you a full refund.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER
AMBER LIU

Admiring buildings far from LA base

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency



STEFANIE MICHOVA PHOTO

People don't know what it's like being the foreigner until they are one.

As part of the group f(x), Amber Liu has grown used to performing worldwide. But this winter marks her first ever solo tour, to promote her mixtape "Rogue Rouge." Her Gone Rogue Tour kicks off Dec. 5 in Chicago. Born and raised in Los Angeles, the singer-songwriter splits her time between LA and Seoul, South Korea. The Taiwanese-American artist recently signed deals to be an ambassador with both L'Oreal and Nike. Liu, 26, did this interview while on a break from shooting with Nike in New York City.

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: Why did you choose this point in your career to do your tour?

A: I wanted to tour the United States because I feel I owe it to the community that I grew up in. When I was growing up, the only people I saw on TV were Jackie Chan, Lucy Liu and Jet Li. Our representation as Asians wasn't big, but I wanted to be like Lucy Liu and then Maggie Q. Now we have "Crazy Rich Asians" and other Asian-American artists and actors out there. (Rapper/actress) Awkwafina being out there doing the monologue and hosting "Saturday Night Live" was huge. I'm not trying to be the next big thing, but being part of this movement and showing that we exist and that we're here is important to me.

Q: Has living abroad given you a taste of what immigrants go through in the U.S.?

A: Yes. People don't know what it's like being the foreigner until they are one. The song was basically about my mom and this really long conversation we had a couple years ago when I was having a lot of trouble adjusting to living outside of the U.S. She talked to me about what it was like for her when she was new to the States. (She said) don't be afraid and just keep going.

Q: Where have you been to where you thought, "Wow, why aren't I living here?"

A: I recently went to Portland. I wouldn't live there now, but if I wanted to run away, I would move there.

Q: How have your travels affected your sense of style?

A: I'm from Los Angeles and we have 24/7 sun pretty much all year round. At home, all I would do is walk out in basketball shorts and T-shirts. All my model friends are trying to teach me and tell me I need to dress better, and I'm like, "True." But when I'm in countries or states that have four seasons, it's a whole different game. In London and New York, people just naturally seem to dress really well and that makes me want to do the same. In Seoul, too; in LA, I'm just like, "Eh."

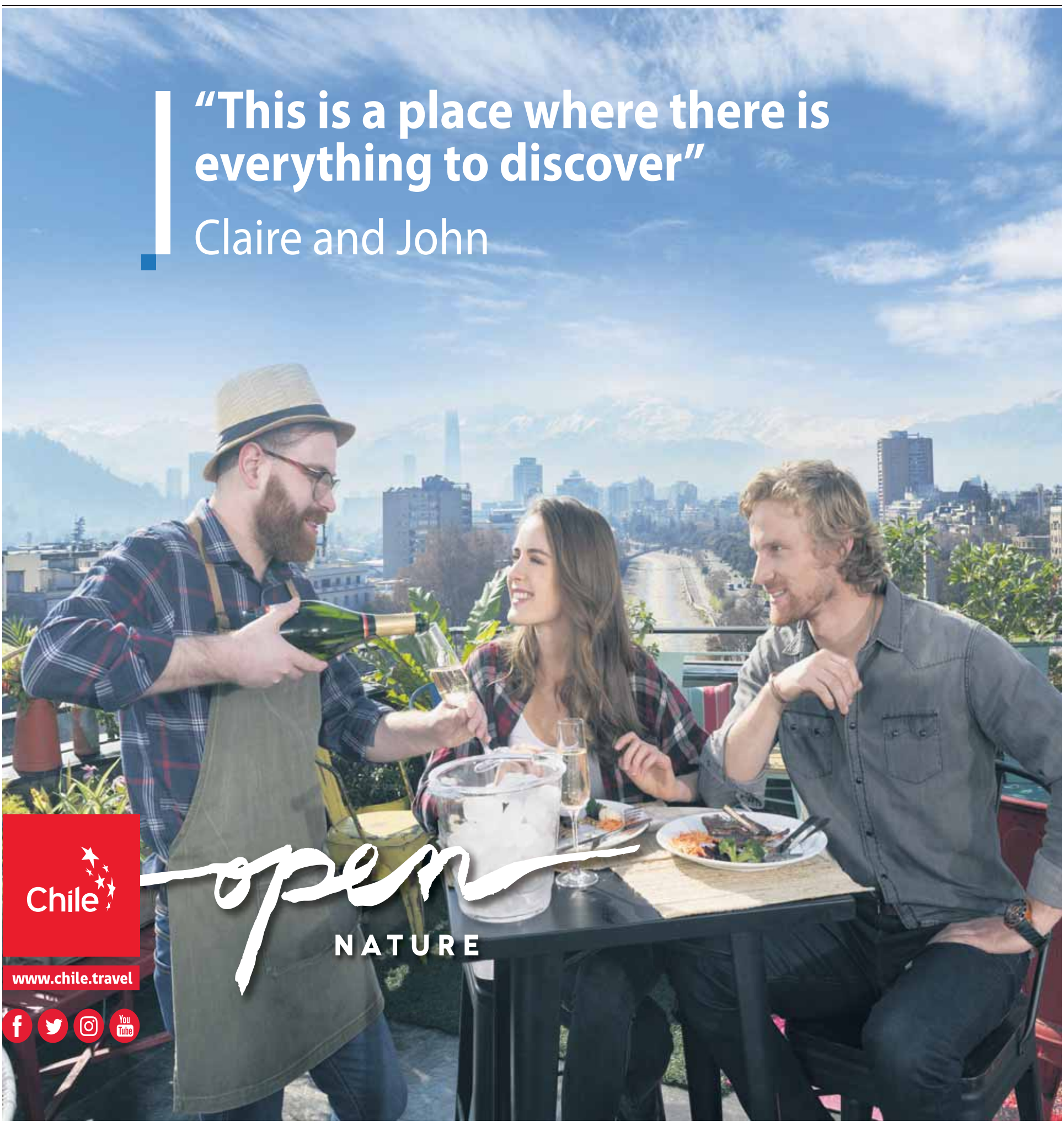
Q: What do you look for in each new place that you visit?

A: What I like seeing these days when I'm in different countries is the architecture. I like seeing how the buildings were built and I think, "Oh, that's pretty. How come we can't build something like that in LA?" (Laughs) Like it's so easy, right?

Q: Some artists say they can't create on the road. Can you?

A: Yes, which is why I sometimes never sleep. I have learned to deal with my thoughts even when I want to work. For instance, I'm in the middle of this interview with you right now and can concentrate on this and wait to write music, whereas I couldn't always do that well in the past. (Laughs)

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.





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Altitude sickness expert Peter Hackett suggests that if you're headed to Telluride, Colo., spend the first day or two at a lower elevation in Denver or Montrose.

High-altitude seeker? Prep the right way

Oxygen-related sickness at great heights avoidable

By Annie Groer
The Washington Post

When I told friends I was going to Tibet last spring, almost everyone asked, "What are you doing to prevent altitude sickness?"

Not nearly enough, it turned out, given the headaches, insomnia and occasional wooziness I experienced during four days in Lhasa. The Tibetan capital rises from the Himalayan Plateau to 11,978 feet above sea level — more than twice the elevation of Denver.

Already badly jet-lagged after deplaning in Lhasa, I suddenly faced one-third less breathable oxygen than in the low-lying cities I'd just left: Beijing, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., where I live. Even our not-so-rigorous Tibetan sojourn — which involved some walking, multiple bus rides and the occasional long or steep climb to a palace or monastery — played havoc with my head, heart and lungs.

Road Scholar, our Boston-based tour operator, had advised us to increase our pre-trip aerobic exercise and deep breathing for several months to improve stamina, and insisted that we consult doctors to learn about altitude sickness risks and remedies. But because we had flown straight from sea level in Beijing to more than 2 miles up in Lhasa without giving our bodies time to acclimate, some of us were shocked by how awful we felt.

Altitude sickness, put simply, is the body's reaction to decreased oxygen levels. We lose 3 percent of inhaled oxygen molecules for every 1,000 vertical feet traveled, according to altitude researchers. To compensate for the lack, travelers inhale more frequently and can feel out of breath. With additional symptoms including headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness and fatigue, altitude sickness can mimic a really bad hangover.

There are three types of altitude-induced illness. Fortunately, only the mildest type struck some in our 11-member group: acute mountain sickness (AMS), commonly called altitude sickness. Two related and potentially fatal ailments can occur when lower air pressure and higher altitudes cause capillaries to leak: high altitude pulmonary edema (HAPE), a buildup of fluids in the lungs, and high altitude cerebral edema (HACE), a buildup of fluid in the brain. In extreme cases, AMS can become HAPE or HACE, or the illnesses can develop on their own without being preceded by the milder one.

If you're planning a high-altitude adventure, a bit of prevention could save your vacation — if not your life. Discomfort can set in as low as 3,000 feet for those with lung disease; for others, problems won't appear until around 8,000 feet. For context, Mount Everest, the world's tallest peak, rises to 29,029 feet; Alaska's Denali, the highest U.S. peak, hits 20,310 feet; and Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania stops at 19,341 feet.

The best strategy, as Road Scholar noted, is to acclimate the body at lower elevations before heading skyward. Another way to sidestep AMS is to "climb up and sleep down" at less strenuous lower altitudes. This means heading to higher ground from your hotel or base camp but spending the night at the starting point or another less-elevated site where there is greater oxygen density.

Many high-altitude seekers rely on Diamox, a popular prescription drug that "stimulates breathing and raises your oxygen level," says Peter Hackett of Telluride, Colo., an emergency medicine physician, altitude sickness expert and experienced mountaineer. Yes, you'll urinate more often, carbonated drinks may taste odd and your toes and fingers will tingle, he explains, but those are temporary and harmless side effects. While the body usually needs two to four days to adjust to high altitudes, "Diamox does the same thing in about eight hours, speeding the natural process," says Hackett, noting that the drug works for 85 to 90 percent of people.

Novelist Russell Banks has climbed mountains on four continents. He says he suffered his lone bout of altitude sickness when a delayed flight from Albany, N.Y., cost him a day and night of acclimatizing at 10,000 feet in Quito, Ecuador. He and his better-acclimated pals were climbing Volcan Cayambe (just under 19,000 feet) in the Andes when Banks was struck by a headache and vomiting. "I was not so sick that I had to go down. I had Diamox, and I just popped those."

Now 78, Banks has given up high-altitude adventures, but he happily offers this advice: "Always acclimatize, and don't wait until you're sick to start taking Diamox. Just take it, because it can't hurt you."

There are also favorite local remedies: yak butter tea in the Himalayas, which our Tibetan and Nepali guides swore by, and coca leaf tea, containing minuscule traces of the alkaline known as cocaine — the highly processed drug that shares its name uses the leaves — and widely served in the Andean regions of South America, which several of my fellow travelers had savored in Cusco, Peru (11,152 feet). Alas, the tea is banned in the U.S.

Many hotels in mountainous areas pump extra oxygen into guest rooms, especially overnight; others provide small personal oxygen canisters or portable units in rooms. I used a machine the size of a small radiator in Lhasa. It cost $5 per hour, sterile nose hose included. During those 60 minutes, I felt marginally better, although the headache roared back afterward because the body can't store supplemental oxygen. I could have kicked myself during our time in Lhasa for stupidly, inexplicably choosing not to take the Diamox I'd brought along.

Sometimes, the cure can be mistaken for the ailment. Conventional wisdom urges high-altitude travelers to temporarily avoid caffeine, a diuretic that hastens dehydration and constricts capillaries. Consequently, what seems like altitude sickness can, in fact, be caffeine withdrawal, which struck one group member who usually downs eight to 10 cups of black tea a day.

Hackett, the physician, emphasizes that "the most important factor of whether or not you get sick is how fast you go high." If you're headed to Telluride, he suggests, spend the first day or two in Denver or Montrose, both at significantly lower elevations than the ultimate destination.

That layover, says Hackett, could mean the difference between a great vacation and a nasty bout of altitude sickness. Or worse.

NEWS TO USE

By Phil Marty
Chicago Tribune

Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

■ The IPL Yuletide Celebration is a Christmas tradition in Indianapolis, marking its 33rd edition this year. The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra is joined by singers and dancers from Broadway for acts such as the tap-dancing Santas, Holly Jolly Dollies and Jingle Belles and Beaux. Performances start Nov. 30 and continue on select dates through Dec. 23. tinyurl.com/ybzhpx2z

■ Winter Festival will be held Dec. 1 and 8 at Taliesin Preservation, the former estate of architect Frank Lloyd Wright in Spring Green, Wis. Take a one-hour wagon-ride tour of the estate grounds, and enjoy seasonal beverages and treats, as well as a brunch offering. Advance ticket purchase is recommended. tinyurl.com/y8j6mf6f

■ The Christmas Country Church Tour is a self-guided tour of 33 century-old churches in the southeast Missouri counties of Perry, Cape Girardeau and Bollinger. All the churches, including a one-room wood-clad structure, will be decorated for the holidays. The tour is Dec. 13-14. tinyurl.com/y9f4edoc

■ Winterlights at Newfields illuminates the campus that contains the Indianapolis Museum of Art with 1.5 million lights. Running through Jan. 6, Winterlights gives visitors the opportunity to stroll through the gardens with choreographed lights and music. New this year is a winter market featuring local artisans. tinyurl.com/yb2fr84o

■ The Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Ill., will offer rides on the Happy Holiday Railway each Saturday and Sunday from the last weekend in November to Dec. 22-23. Multiple 40-minute trips each day include visits with Santa, treats, hot chocolate and holiday displays. tinyurl.com/ybekscy5

■ Treetops Resort in Gaylord, Mich., is offering a free skiing weekend Dec. 14-16. Lodging at the resort is from $109 per night, with one-day lift tickets for each guest. There's also a free learn-to-ski clinic Dec. 15. tinyurl.com/y9xtnodp



VISIT INDY

The IPL Yuletide Celebration is a long-running Christmas tradition in Indianapolis.

■ Grand Geneva Resort and Spa in Lake Geneva, Wis., goes all out for the holidays with its annual Christmas in the Country celebration through Dec. 31. Among the activities are Breakfast With Santa, a gingerbread house display, Holiday Tea and trolley tours of the resort to view Christmas decorations. tinyurl.com/y9gxsgj3

■ Winter Glow will be held Dec. 1 in downtown East Lansing, Mich. The outdoor winter festival will include horse and carriage rides, ice carving, a heated music tent, a holiday farmers market and more. tinyurl.com/y7mwzs6a

■ Manistee, Mich., has lots of activities for its Old Christmas Weekend on Dec. 6-9, highlighted by the Victorian Sleighbell Parade on Dec. 8. The parade features horse-drawn entries that include a team of draft horses pulling a 30-foot Christmas tree. Other activities range from tours of historic buildings to performances of "The Nutcracker" ballet and carriage rides. www.manisteesleighbellparade.com

■ Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens in Rockford will be decorated with holiday lights and floral displays during its All Aglow program Saturdays and Sundays in December. There will also be additional dates from Dec. 26 to Jan. 6. On select dates, Trolley Car 36 will operate as the All Aglow Express. tinyurl.com/y8yl6qm7

■ Old World Wisconsin, the living history site in Eagle, will be giving a taste of Christmases long past during its Old World Christmas event. Visitors will experience holiday traditions brought to Wisconsin by immigrants in the 1800s. The program is offered Dec. 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16. tinyurl.com/y9fgav82

■ The Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis will celebrate Chanukah: Festival of Lights on Dec. 2. There will be a menorah lighting and Jewish music and dance. tinyurl.com/yae4ygom

Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time. Listings are not endorsements. Send tips at least a month in advance to ChicagoTribTravel@gmail.com.

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

No. 3. At about 9.54 million square miles, it sits between Africa (11.67 million) and South America (6.89 million).



JON RESNICK/BEAVER CREEK RESORT

Beaver Creek Resort serves hot cocoa at chairlifts and freshly baked cookies at the mountain base each afternoon — a perk popular with kids and adults alike.



ED COYLE/BIG SKY RESORT

Young skiers wave from a chairlift at Big Sky in Montana. In 2018, the resort installed four new magic carpets, surface lifts for beginners that are like moving walkways on snow.



PARK CITY MOUNTAIN RESORT

At Park City Mountain Resort, the learning area is adjacent to Red Pine Lodge's grab-and-go restaurant, whose wraparound outdoor deck is the perfect spot to meet up with parents.

RESORTS ADD FAMILY TIME TO THE SLOPES

New features at popular ski destinations include expansive learning parks, more apres-ski activities

By Amy Tara Koch
The Washington Post

Family time may not be the first thing that comes to mind when you think of terrifying downhill runs like Corbet's Couloir in Jackson Hole, Wyo., Highland Bowl in Aspen, Colo., or the Big Couloir at Big Sky, Mont.

This is precisely why so many ski destinations celebrated for their daredevil Instagram feeds are ramping up features to better engage and excite families with beginner skiers — on the slopes and off.

Among the new features on tap at marquee resorts this winter: expansive learning parks featuring adventure trails and wide, gently sloping landscapes with snow props that help first-timers learn the fundamentals of the sport, family-focused mountain lodges and expanded ski-school offerings for toddlers and teens. The kid-friendly alpine adventures continue when the lifts close with apres-ski offerings including ice skating, rock climbing, s'mores-making and open-air sleigh rides.

Here's a rundown of the season's new additions.

Aspen, Colo.

Though the alpenglow of 14,000-foot peaks is this resort's calling card, Aspen Snowmass — which is composed of four mountains: Buttermilk (green), Snowmass (green/intermediate), Aspen and Highlands (both steep black terrain and backcountry) — is also a terrific spot for beginner skiers.

This season, it will expand its signature Terrain Based Learning for the 6-and-under set with sculpted snow features designed to introduce spatial awareness and rudimentary skills (stopping, turning, balance) with props. Translation? Curved walls, controlled wave tracks and wee halfpipes allow beginners to practice starting, stopping, sliding and balance. Once the gentle green runs of Buttermilk are conquered, students move to the more challenging terrain at Snowmass, where instruction progresses in the same prop-based vein.

For preteens (8 to 12) looking for camaraderie and carving skills, a new small-group program, Kids Mountain Explorers, is a weeklong adventure camp tackling all four mountains with the same crew of kids (depending on the group's ability level).

On the hospitality front, the about-to-debut Limelight Hotel Snowmass is a dream for parents who crave sophisticated digs minus the pressure to constantly shush their brood. In the heart of Snowmass Village (with its celebrated apres-ski s'mores cart), the 99-room ski-in/ski-out property's top-drawer amenities — two pools, an outdoor skating rink, a five-story indoor climbing wall, a lobby and restaurant with a bean bag chair-studded game area and a ski valet — are the definition of family fabulous.

Beaver Creek, Colo.

Aside from being home to Birds of Prey, the acclaimed downhill, super-G and giant slalom men's World Cup tour race, the Beaver Creek Resort — which famously serves hot cocoa at chairlifts and just-baked cookies at the mountain base each afternoon — has been burnishing its reputation as a family destination for some time.

Building on last year's debut of Red Buffalo Park, a 200-acre, 13-trail family adventure zone for intermediates, comes Haymeadow Park, a learning terrain focused on the beginner experience. The new space includes Smarte Terrain, the sculpted runs that allow skiers and snowboarders to hone skills such as speed control, turning and carving. There also will be a gently sloping introductory racecourse to instill confidence in pint-size daredevils.

In addition to having its own gondola and magic carpets (surface lifts for beginners that are like moving walkways on snow), the Ranch — the ski school's kids-only restaurant — will unveil an ice cream parlor specializing in nostalgic sweets. Another perk for families: After the lifts close, the village of Beaver Creek, as in seasons' past, will offer apres-ski programming that includes outdoor, big-screen movie nights, fireside readings of classic stories, demonstrations by snow and ice artists, and ice skating.

Big Sky, Mont.

Lone Peak's 4,350-foot vertical drop can strike fear into the heart of the most seasoned skier. But not all of the Big Sky Resort's 5,800 skiable acres require avalanche gear. In fact, 2,300 acres are dedicated to beginner and intermediate terrain, with wide, groomed runs and "predictable pitch" — otherwise known as easy terrain.

In 2018, the resort installed four new magic carpets to better service the green areas that include Chet's Knob, a terrain-based racecourse for beginners, and Kidzone, gladded runs where novices can gain experience weaving through trees. In tandem with these improvements, the resort has added to its ski school offerings with Small Fry Camp, a 1 ½-hour lesson designed to get 3-year-olds on skis, and Teen Mountain Experience, a small-group, half-day guided lesson to build skills and encourage bonding with fellow would-be shredders. (After the lesson, kids can be dropped off at the Lone Peak Playhouse, a child care center affiliated with the resort, so parents can make a few extra runs.)

Chet's, the resort's tavern-style eatery in Mountain Village, has been entirely revamped this season with an eye toward the family apres-ski and early-bird dining experience. It offers a kids menu featuring bacon mac and cheese, bagel pizza and huckleberry barbecue wings, as well as board games (playing inside a massive teepee, optional) and supervised s'mores- and gingerbread house-making.

Park City, Utah

High in the Wasatch Mountain Range, not far from the lift for one of the Park City Mountain Resort's most extreme black runs, the 9990, is High Meadow Park, the resort's newly reimagined learning area.

Its wide swaths of gently sloping beginner terrain are made decidedly more thrilling by the fact that the area is located mid-mountain (compared with the blah mountain base to which the majority of green runs are relegated) and has spectacular views.

The expanded teaching area has another fun element: three adventure trails (gladded runs with a controlled, easy-to-navigate pitch) through a small forest with wooden animal sculptures hidden in the trees — a feature that improves skills while delivering the feel of backcountry skiing. Kids don't need to go far for hot chocolate breaks: The learning area is adjacent to Red Pine Lodge's grab-and-go restaurant, whose wraparound outdoor deck is the perfect spot for meeting up with parents for lunch.

Last season's $15 million infusion to the Grand Summit Hotel at the base of Canyons Village made this ski-in, ski-out lodge (steps from the ski school) a favorite of parents who want roomy suites and minimal schlepping of gear.

Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Jackson Hole Mountain Resort boasts some of the steepest backcountry skiing in North America. Less well-known are its amenities for newbie skiers.

This season, Solitude Station Learning Center, a new 12,000-square-foot facility just minutes from the base and smack in the middle of the recently extended Antelope Flats, a network of green-only runs, shines a spotlight on the beginner experience. It offers gear rental, lift tickets and ski school drop-off under one roof (previously this was a chaotic, multi-stop endeavor) — a boon for parents trying to hustle their kids to ski school before hitting the slopes themselves.

The airy, wood-accented lodge has two cafeteria-style restaurants (with separate areas for adult and kids' ski school students), a game-changer for non-advanced skiers who, in seasons past, had to descend all the way to the base for lunch.

The lodge's floor-to-ceiling windows and viewing deck, complete with fire pits, offer parents an ideal vantage point from which to watch their children begin to cruise.

FORK IN THE ROAD



THE DARCY

Call the “cocktail butler” at The Darcy in Washington, D.C., and a mixologist will spend 30 minutes customizing the property’s signature drinks in your room.

Forget the minibar

At fancy hotels, the new thing is the maxi-bar

By Kerry Medina | Bloomberg

Hotels are turning to new bar experiences as a means to keep luxury customers on their toes — and increase favorable food and beverage margins, while they’re at it.

Enter in-room cocktail service. While in-room dining has been on the decline — showing a 3 percent dip from 2016 to 2017, according to hospitality insights firm STR — hoteliers are realizing that expertly shaken martinis, rather than well-done cheeseburgers, are just what travelers want showing up at their doors. In some cases, that means dispatching a bartender for in-person service; at other times, it’s about making a room’s minibar feel more like a home bar.

“As the mother of a 6-year-old, having a perfectly created cocktail in my room creates a really memorable moment,” says Kelly McCourt, director of sales and marketing at The Darcy, which opened in Washington, D.C., last year with a cocktail butler who crafts the hotel’s signature drinks from a bedside bar cart.

In Miami Beach, The Nobu Hotel’s Beverage Butler has also been going strong, ferrying a trolley of liquid wares up and down guest corridors since just after it opened in late 2016. The Campari sodas he shakes are complimentary, but the hotel doesn’t advertise the service in order to “surprise and delight” guests.

Consider this the next evolution in luxury hotel service; after all, why go down to the bar when the drinks can come to you?

Here, the leaders of the in-room drinking pack — expect to see additional resorts join the ranks in the very near future.



THE GODFREY HOTEL BOSTON



TORONTO STAR

Guests at The Godfrey Hotel Boston can buzz the bar and request the Bloody Mary Cart, left, stocked with their choice of premium vodka, gin, tequila or bourbon. The restaurant bar at Bisha Hotel, right, opened in Toronto’s entertainment district in 2017.

The Darcy, Washington, D.C.

Call the “cocktail butler” at this mid-century modern hotel near Dupont Circle, and a mixologist will spend 30 minutes customizing the property’s signature drinks in your room. You can order a Darcy Double, which marries soda water, ginger beer and Green Hat Gin with a variety of locally sourced cocktail vinegars, or a Call of the Siren, which puts seasonal twists on a blend of vodka and sparkling wine.

The catch? You have to book 48 hours ahead — meaning your G&T cravings can’t be met on demand — and the butler will cut you off after two rounds. (After that, he’s off to serve someone else.) Drinks are $17 a pop, plus a $50 service charge, available nightly from 4:30-9:30 p.m.

The Godfrey Hotel, Boston

On Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., guests at this minimalist but preppy hotel can buzz the bar and request the Bloody Mary Cart, a “Mad Men”-inspired brass-and-mirror affair stocked with your choice of premium vodka, gin, tequila or bourbon. Also included are the house Bloody Mary mix and your favorite garnishes and accoutrements: celery, olives, seasonal pickled vegetables, jumbo shrimp, even maple-glazed bacon.

The hotel’s marketing director, Paul Sauceda, says the offering — priced on par with the lobby bar at $14 per cocktail and no service fees — has been “really big with parents who can’t make it to the bar on Sunday mornings with kids.” This, it seems, is far more doable.

Mahogany Bay Resort & Beach Club, Belize

The first time hotelier Beth Clifford tried “dressing cocktails” — ones imbibed while getting dressed for dinner — it was at interior designer Amanda Lindroth’s home in the Bahamas. She loved the concept so much she brought it to her own hotel in Belize, whose main building (or “Great House”) was decorated by Lindroth as a contemporary take on British colonial design.

From their white clapboard cottages, guests can order such $8-$14 drinks as Don’s Old Fashioned, made with Demerara syrup and vintage Don Omario rum, or a grapefruit-infused Laguna Spritz; they’re delivered by golf cart from 4-6:30 p.m., with optional hors d’oeuvres (and a mandatory 10 percent service charge).

As for Clifford’s dressing cocktail of choice? The Queen Bee, made with watermelon juice, local honey and mint, and a dash of prosecco.

“It’ll get you in the mood for dinner without going to the full martini,” she says.

The Pulitzer Amsterdam

This Dutch hotel, part of Preferred Hotels & Resorts, reopened in 2016 after a year-and-a-half-long restyling that took inspiration from the Amsterdam’s 17th century canal houses.

General manager Alex van Gastel saw the addition of 1930s-style drink trolleys in each room as an extension of that traditional aesthetic; they’re more like home bars than minibars. Each has an artisanal wooden design and is stocked with nips of gin, mixers, glasses, cocktail-making gear and a booklet of recipes. (The drinks whip up for around $16 and are perfect for nightcaps after the lobby bar has closed.)

Of course, there’s also a small fridge in each of the eclectic rooms, where you’ll find chilled Corenwijn jenever and beer for a Dutch Kopstootje combo.

“Gulp one and sip the other,” van Gastel jokes.

Bisha Hotel Toronto

It should come as no surprise that for his first hotel, nightclub impresario and restaurateur Charles Khabouth paid additional attention to his in-room beverage program.

Since its opening in Toronto’s entertainment district last year, the dramatic Bisha Hotel has stood out for its bespoke Studio Munge furnishings, including bar carts — a throwback to retro Hollywood glamour — crowded with 375 ml bottles of Belvedere and Ketel One vodka, Hennessy cognac and Tanqueray gin that are priced without the typical minibar markup. (The Veuve is “obviously kept in the fridge at all times,” the hotel’s general manager Jacques Lapierre explained.)

Should one bar cart prove insufficient, the two-floor Bisha suite has one in the kitchen and a second in the upstairs bedroom. Whatever isn’t already on hand — be it ice, cocktail shakers, fresh juice or garnishes — can be sent on demand by the hotel’s Crown Service concierge team.

Katamama, Bali

Ronald Akili is best known as the mastermind of Bali’s most famous beach club, Potato Head. Now, the free-flowing booze that’s made the club so successful has carried over into his first hotel, Katamama, with a tropical Zen look on Bali’s stylish Seminyak Beach.

Each room has a maxi-bar inspired by Akili’s personal home bar; it’s outfitted with a custom bar kit made by local woodworkers and wrapped in hand-dyed fabrics. In terms of drinks, the focus is on house-infused spirits such as citrus vodka, lemongrass gin, and hibiscus tequila-plus a 200ml hand-blown Indonesian glass bottle of roasted pineapple arak, a rice-based spirit that’s made locally in small batches by a certified distiller. (Bottles start at $20.)

Don’t know what to mix them with? Opt for one of the $8 pre-batched cocktails instead. All you need to do is shake, pour and sip.

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ask amy

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Where are celebrations for singles?

Dear Amy: I'm a woman in my 30s, and happily single. I live in my own apartment with my dog. I have a great career, a great family and wonderful friends. I'm on the younger side in my family, so by the time my milestones hit (turning 21 and 30, college graduations, etc.) they were not big "new" events.

While I would like to get married and possibly have children someday, that may not be in the cards. All that being said, I find myself constantly celebrating members of my family and spending money on weddings and children's birthday gifts, but when it is something that is important to me, it gets overlooked or downplayed. I'm starting to become resentful.

I have invited members of my family well in advance to personal events important to me (getting re-baptized, for instance) and they all said they'd attend, but as it got closer they backed out for things like brunch with the grandkids — or they just don't show up. It's like they don't take things having to do with me seriously.

When do singles get celebrated for life choices outside of weddings and procreating? If I spend time, energy and money on their (and their kids') life events, when will they reciprocate? If I never marry or have children, am I just out of luck? Don't these life celebrations seem like they're stacked against single, childless people?

I'm still here, and I have feelings, too!

— *Still Here*

Dear Here: I agree that more "traditional" life celebrations such as showers, weddings and birth celebrations leave out singletons. That does not explain your family's lack of attention toward your graduation and baptism, however.

I wonder if you have a family member (a parent, perhaps) who could advocate for you, in order for you to receive the attention you deserve. If your own parents are the root of this problem, then you should deal with them and make your expectations clear — and express your disappointment when they let you down.

I like the idea of singletons finding big ways to mark important life events, such as landmark birthdays, starting a new job or moving to a new home. Perhaps you have a group of friends who can support you in throwing a "singleton shower," for which you send out "save the date" cards and come together to play games, trade stories and in general celebrate your own lives and life choices.

I'll share ideas from fellow readers.

Dear Amy: I met a man the summer of 2017 in the USA. Unfortunately, when summer ended, I went back to my home country. He spent nine months convincing me that he wanted to be with me and that he loves me. I fell for him. This summer I traveled back to be with him, but things didn't go as expected.

We worked together daily, but we saw each other only about 10 times outside of work. We fought a lot over his jealousy. We never established a serious relationship and today I don't know if he has serious intentions. I love him, but I don't know what to do. Any suggestions?

— *Wondering*

Dear Wondering: You returned to the USA to test this relationship, and it was tested. You didn't fail, but the relationship did. I hope you don't really love someone who manipulated you into traveling to be with him and then rejected you. If he wanted to be with you, he would have moved heaven and earth to see you more than 10 times over the summer.

Jealousy is not love. Jealousy is not even "like." Jealousy is the reaction of an insecure person who wants to control you. It is one hallmark of a toxic relationship. You should pay close attention to this red flag and keep your distance from this man. There are better people out there, probably much closer to home.

Dear Amy: Great job suggesting "Anti-Potluck Guy" should be rude to people who invite him to a potluck! I couldn't believe you would advise someone to be so rude responding to an invitation.

— *Upset*

Dear Upset: I said if this man wanted to ensure that he would never be invited to another potluck, he should grouchily express his frank loathing of them. I also cautioned that this response would cost him some (possibly valuable) friendships.

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The gift of a letter, that wondrous thing



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Write letters to include with gifts you give.

My favorite holiday cards are the ones that arrive with letters folded neatly inside.

Tell me which of your kids made the honor roll. Tell me about your trip to Belize. Tell me that, believe it or not, your oldest is off to college. Tell me that your basement flooded and you had to replace the carpet and the baseboards, but all is well because your parents' wedding album was stored on a high shelf and was spared any water damage.

I want to hear it all. I want the stories to spill forth in sentences and paragraphs that dance across an entire page and invite me to pause. To have a seat. To listen to the voice I'm holding in my hand.

Few things extend that invitation like letters.

But who writes them anymore?

Kids asking Santa for stuff. Grown-ups doing their holiday cards. That's about it.

I recently finished Sally Field's memoir, "In Pieces" (it's fantastic; would make a great gift), and so much of her stitching together the pieces of her life relies on letters. Letters from Aunt Betty. Letters from her grandmother to her mother. Letters between her mother and her stepfather. Letters that her father wrote to her. Letters, sometimes, that she couldn't bear to open and read until years after they landed in her possession.

I couldn't help but wonder, as I read her book, whether such memoirs will soon become a relic of the past. What will we use to stitch together our stories, now that we so rarely, outside of the holidays, write letters?

Old Facebook posts? Texts?

I had the chance to interview Field, and I asked her about our fading loyalty to letters. She said that as her mother got older, they communicated much more through email than through letters. And she said she made a point to print the emails she thought would hold meaning down the road.

Her mom passed away in 2011.

"I'm so glad I have those notes to physically hold," Field said. "Even if they're not in my mother's hand." (Meaning handwriting.)

That's it, I think. The physicality.

The holiday letters are never handwritten, but I cherish them anyway. They're on paper. They arrive in envelopes. I can fold them up and save them to read again later.

They are, in their own way, a little gift. They arrive. You unwrap them. They slow you down in a season when everything, everyone is rushing you along.

This year they will also be my inspiration.

This year, I vow to write letters to include with the gifts I give. Some will be longer than others, but each will be long enough to say: Hang on. Pause. I want to tell you something — about what you mean to me, about something I love, about something I remember, about something I cherish.

So many of the gifts I buy, especially for my kids, lack permanence. My kids barely remember them the next month, let alone the next year. Shopkins blur into Legos blur into Rainbow Looms blur into fidget spinners blur into Skylanders.

You know how it goes.

You rush to just the right store/website/soul-killing mall, hope you can find just the right goodies, hope you haven't overbought/underbought, hope you don't lose the gift receipts, hope your credit card doesn't burst into actual flame, hope the kids go to sleep soon so you can lovingly wrap all the goodies, hope it's all meaningful enough, joyful enough, enough enough.

And then, in a blur of gift wrap and Scotch tape and coffee it's over.

It's not *over*. You have all the parts of the holiday that don't revolve around gift-getting and gift-receiving. The parts, of course, that matter the most.

But maybe there's a way to make the gifts matter a little more too. And last a little longer too. Maybe that way is to add letters.

This year I'm going to try.

Will my kids remember my letters? Will anyone? I don't know. Will they save them? I don't know. But I'll pause to write them. And I'll ask them to pause to read them.

And even that — that pause, those moments — can be a gift.

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she hosts live chats every Wednesday at noon.



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Angie and Mike Wall, both 43, play with their son, Nicholas, 6 months, at their home in Chicago's Wrigleyville neighborhood last month.

Becoming a parent after 40

Older first-time moms are navigating pregnancy and child rearing in a world that seems to cater to younger counterparts

By Danielle Braff
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After multiple miscarriages and a long bout with infertility, Iris Waichler gave herself one more chance, at age 45, to become pregnant.

She had a baby.

But little did she know how different it would be to become a first-time mother who was nearly 20 years older than the average first-time mom — 26, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's latest statistics; it was 25 when Waichler gave birth in 2000.

"I had talked with moms in their 20s, and it was like talking in another language," says the Chicago-based part-time author and mom to a college freshman.

Most of the younger moms she met hadn't experienced infertility, nor had they faced the potentially dangerous and nerve-wracking complications that can be linked with a geriatric pregnancy, she said.

According to the March of Dimes, pregnant women older than 35 are more likely to have gestational diabetes, high blood pressure and preeclampsia, and their children face a greater risk of complications such as Down syndrome. A 2017 study found that children born to older moms also have an increased risk of heart disease, congenital malformations and mental disorders.

It really puts life into perspective, Waichler said.

As the average age of a first-time parent increases — in some cities, such as Washington, D.C.,

the age has risen as much as 3 ½ years since 2009 — new older parents are navigating pregnancy and child rearing in a world that seems to cater to younger parents.

For Waichler, this meant joining parenting groups specifically designed for older parents. She found other moms who understood the challenges she went through to become a parent, and they all had complicated life experiences that made them compatible. "We had so much in common," Waichler said.

Many older parents lack the natural parenting community available to younger parents simply because the older parents' friends had children decades ago, said Eirene Heidelberger, an Illinois-based parenting coach and founder of GIT Mom (Get It Together, Mom).

"Their current demographic of friends are in a completely different phase of their lives — they've all had kids and may have forgotten what it's like to have a newborn baby," Heidelberger said. "There may be less peer-to-peer support."

That's why it's essential for older moms to find a relatable parenting group, she said.

Another difficulty that older parents may face is the physical one: Parenting takes a lot of energy, said Jaime Bronstein, San Diego-based licensed clinical social worker. A 45-year-old woman probably doesn't have the same energy level as a 25-year-old woman, she said.

For this reason, Angie Wall, who delivered her first baby at 43, realized she needed to shape up.

Wall said her energy level was never too high to begin with, but she knew that she'd have to keep her body feeling young to be a good parent. So she began eating healthier, drinking less alcohol and exercising more often.

"I don't have time to be old: I have a newborn," Wall said.

But despite some of the difficulties that may come hand-in-hand with being an older parent, there are also positives.

A 2017 study published in Translational Psychiatry found that children born to older fathers are more likely to have a high IQ, and those kids have better focus levels. In addition, San Francisco researchers found that older parents are more emotionally and financially prepared for parenting than younger parents.

"Older parents may be settled in their relationships and careers, so starting a family does not take on the same choice or burden that it might for younger families," said Jamie Kreiter, a licensed clinical social worker in Chicago.

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This is a theme that many of the older parents interviewed mentioned.

Sunny Fawkes, 47, said she had all her traveling and partying out of her system before giving birth to her first child five years ago. Her total focus is on her son, and that's exactly how she wanted it to be. "I don't care about Friday nights or restaurants anymore — I've done that," she said.

Wall agreed. She said that her patience is also better, now that she's acquired wisdom with age.

"My life is at a place where I can give him my all because I had time to live life for me," Wall said.

The key is being ready and available for a child, despite having lived for so long on your own terms, said Heidelberger, who explained that although older parents may expect to be done with their former lives and ready to change everything for their new addition — it could also be harder for those who have lived for so long without a child.

"As we age, we develop a strong personal routine," Heidelberger said. "We become set in our ways, and having children later in life challenges this routine."

Parents are thrust into an out-of-control situation, when they're used to being completely in control, and it could be more difficult to adapt to this new normal the older you get.

Waichler reminded herself that having a child was an adjustment — but one that she could get used to and adapt to, just like any other change in her life. It was moving on to the next phase.

She said she's just grateful that she had this chance to move on to that phase before she couldn't conceive anymore, especially since she got married later in life.

Waichler is in her 60s now — her daughter just left the nest this year — and said she doesn't have any regrets, even though she is in a different stage of her life than her peers.

Wall feels about it in a similar way. Many of her friends are grandparents now, but she said she doesn't feel old enough to be a grandparent, nor does she feel like an older mom. "He's forcing me not to be my age," Wall said. "It's such a blessing."

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Parenting years a series of enlightening adjustments

By Sarah Werthan Buttenwieser
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Picture this little boy: He is just turning 4, with tiny teeth and fine, golden hair. He has a sturdy little body and a serious little expression as he holds his sign, with "STOP" on one side and "GO" on the other. He wears an orange felt "construction" vest over his pajamas, and a yellow hard-hat. He stands on the sidewalk in front of his house on a street that gets intermittent traffic, which he directs.

That year, he and his big brother constructed my favorite vision of their future. They'd move to New York and live in the fire station on Broadway. He'd be a firefighter; his big brother, also in preschool, would act on Broadway. As a mom, that future, and them leaving our sidewalk, seemed impossibly far away. It was nice to imagine them out there in the world together.

Back in those early parenting days, it was impossible to keep track of how many times people repeated that familiar line about the days being long, but the years short. Current twists on that time-flies theme flood social media: "And just like that" or "in the blink of an eye" are familiar captions on parenting milestone photos. But for me, while the days were long, not even one year flew by.

Yes, I can see that sweet little boy who nearly ruined us over every bedtime when he was in preschool. The boy who dreamed of being a firefighter is in college, where he studies social change, eyes a semester in South Africa and eventually hopes to pursue a Ph.D. His big brother, also in college, studies theater. I am grateful they are friends, because friendship between siblings is not guaranteed. But these things did not simply happen overnight.

If it sounds like I'm complaining, I am not. My real-life parenthood has involved plenty of times I've blinked back tears, and times I've let them flow. I cried while enduring those rage-inducing, needy preschooler bedtimes; on white-knuckled drives home from family therapy; while waiting out the months when it wasn't clear our adoption of our youngest child would clear legal hurdles; and during the week two very small kids, my husband and our housemate were all sick and I wasn't.

I advocated (often poorly) when the kids struggled in school. I held a grudge (OK, I still hold it) against the dad who let every other friend onto his soccer team in fourth grade, except my kid, and then recruited a more accomplished player from another school. I've worried about them plenty and been in awe of them even more.

Admittedly, we have four kids spanning 12 years, so the "firsts" and "lasts" have stretched over a long time already. I got teary on the last day of preschool for my youngest child, because I love the preschool and because I adored the cute kids. Our family occasionally has nifty milestone overlaps, like this spring, when the eldest will graduate from college and the youngest finishes elementary school.

I wouldn't trade these heavy-duty parenting years no matter what. If my kids had grown up "just like that" and the years actually had flown by, then those years would have taken no toll on us, and we wouldn't have aged at all. But I have definitely aged. I earned every wrinkle, every gray hair and all of the wit and grit and bitterness and tenderness and imperfections that have come with these years.

It's not just that I'm older. I have been changed because I love my family, and have messed up with my family, and have disappointed everyone thousands of times over (daily, most likely), and been disappointed in return. I have been changed because who they are is so different than they or we could have dreamed back in the traffic-directing days, but also because, at heart, they are them and we are us. I trusted my love for my husband and our love for our kids and that has changed, by which I mean it's grown. We've all grown. I'm as grateful for my growth as I am for theirs.

And I don't want to blink that away.

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Holiday things to do with the kids

By Web Behrens | Chicago Tribune



PICK YOUR 'NUTCRACKER'

CHERYL MANN PHOTO

Among the embarrassment of riches every holiday season in Chicago are multiple productions of "The Nutcracker." There's something for every taste, starting with the grandest of them all: The Joffrey Ballet's reimagined spectacle, running Dec. 1-30, pairs Tchaikovsky's score with a historic Chicago setting — the 1893 World's Fair. Meanwhile, A&A Ballet presents "The Art Deco Nutcracker," Nov. 30 through Dec. 2; the Music Institute teams with Dance Chicago to perform the hourlong "Duke It Out!" blending Tchaikovsky's classical music with Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn's jazz version on Dec. 8; and The House Theatre delivers a bigger-kid-friendly, two-act musical version packed with whimsy and a scary Rat King, through Dec. 30.

CHICAGO TROLLEY'S HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR

Anything that ups the festivity quotient while dialing down on stress is a must-do on our holiday list. That's why we love catching the city's holiday highlights by trolley: Adults don't have to worry about driving and parking, and everyone gets a small bag of Garrett's cocoa popcorn to munch on as you cruise the Mag Mile, State Street and beyond. You're not merely sitting for this 2.5-hour tour; Chicago Trolley plans two 30-minutes stops — at Daley Plaza's Christkindlmarket, where you can browse and shop, and in Lincoln Park to check out the ZooLights. Three tours happen most evenings through Dec. 23; it starts and ends at 875 N. Michigan Ave. (Formerly known as the Hancock Center; look for the booth on the southeast corner of Delaware and Michigan.) $32, $20 for kids 3-15. Advance purchase recommended. tinyurl.com/ybf79y5n

'ILLUMINATION'

For six holiday seasons, Morton Arboretum has redefined "winter wonderland" — and even if you've seen it before, it just doesn't get old. Eschewing nativities and Santas for a syncretic, scintillating light show, "Illumination" puts the focus on trees and radiance. During a milelong hike into the woods and along a pond, vibrant LEDs dance in seemingly endless combinations of color and pattern. Hug a tree to change its hue, then warm up with a hot cup of cocoa or coffee by the bonfire. This year's display adds "Crown of Light," a five-piece sculpture that echoes the conifer shapes. Through Jan. 1 (closed Mondays and holidays, open New Year's Eve) at Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle. $18-$23, $12-$15 for kids 2-17. tinyurl.com/k4cxx5r

SANTA HOUSE

A stroll along the merry Naperville Riverwalk is always a treat in December, even before your family arrives at Santa's suburban outpost. Inside this favorite tradition, kids get to meet the Man with the Bag to place their request for Christmas morning, while parents are free to snap their own photos or buy professional pics. It's open to the public most days from Nov. 30 through Dec. 23, with four evenings set aside for kids with special needs (register in advance). Find Santa House in the pavilion along the Riverwalk, at the corner of Jackson Avenue and Webster Street, Naperville. Free; professional photos cost $8 each, two for $15. tinyurl.com/yae29nnm

CTA'S HOLIDAY TRAIN

True, kids can meet Mr. Claus all month long, mostly in malls. But where else can you see him zooming through the city on his sleigh? Only on the CTA! That's the delightful effect of the Holiday Train, an annual tradition that spreads good cheer and candy canes to passengers, plus food baskets to community organizations. Wave to the open-air Santa, then take a ride around Chicago — or into Oak Park, Skokie or Evanston — on the various "L" routes. On its busiest days, the Holiday Train is followed by the Elves' Workshop Train, another festive ride to accommodate overflow travelers. Visit the CTA's site for a detailed schedule of both trains and the Holiday Bus. $2.25-$2.50, $1.10-$1.25 for kids 7-11, free for kids under 7 (see station attendant for help with children's fares). tinyurl.com/y8kn3ddb

'WONDERLAND EXPRESS'

Model trains plus holiday lights plus winter blooms? Everybody wins! Follow a trail of LEDs through the North Shore's renowned Botanic Garden toward this indoor display, festooned with a bounty of poinsettias and amaryllis, plus toy locomotives chugging past replicas of Chicago landmarks. Advance purchase recommended. Through Jan. 6 at Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. $13, $10 for kids 3-12; Tuesdays are half price. $20-$25 parking. chicagobotanic.org/wonderland

'HERSHEL AND THE HANUKKAH GOBLINS'

An award-winning Hanukkah fable from 1989, "Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins" goes from early-reader book to live production, courtesy of Strawdog Theatre Company. Charming Hershel assures the villagers of Ostropol that he can defeat the goblins assailing their town. But can a trickster be a hero? Find out in this show for families with kids age 6 and up. It runs at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 1 through Jan. 5, at Strawdog Theatre Company, 1802 W. Berenice Ave. $20-$25; "Family Pricing" gives 10 percent off any four tickets. tinyurl.com/ydgabgpx

PICK YOUR 'CAROL'

Alongside "The Nutcracker," Charles Dickens' classic has become the other Christmas tradition in such high demand; audiences can take their pick. Chase away the humbugs with the granddaddy of them all, Goodman Theatre's lavish and lovely "Christmas Carol," once again starring Larry Yando as Scrooge, through Dec. 30. In the 'burbs, choose between Metropolis in Arlington Heights, Nov. 29 through Dec. 24, or the hourlong Drury Lane production, specifically geared to families with younger kids, in Oakbrook Terrace through Dec. 22. Looking for the freshest take on this 175-year-old fable? Chicago Shakespeare Theater presents the Q Brothers' hilarious hip-hop "Carol," performed by just four players plus a DJ, through Dec. 30.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT THE ZOOS

Light displays feel like they mean more when you walk through them, rather than just drive past. Both of our local zoos offer their own version for adventurous, bundled-up families. With a whopping 1 million LEDs, "Holiday Magic" at Brookfield proudly proclaims itself Chicagoland's biggest display; families can also sing carols to the animals, watch ice carvers create their frozen art and listen to live music on select days through Dec. 31. Brookfield Zoo, 8400 W. 31st St., Brookfield; $22, $16 for kids 3-11. In Lincoln Park, the whimsical "ZooLights" includes displays such as rainbow-bright zebra statues and a luminescent sea lion pool amid caroling and ice sculpting; it runs through Jan. 6. Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark St.; free admission.

WINTER WONDERFEST

Even if the weather gets frightful, a ton of fun awaits you inside Navy Pier's enormous winter-themed annual carnival. Overflowing with rides, slides, a climbing wall and indoor skating rink, you'll find something for all ages. Like any amusement park, admission to many attractions is determined by height; little ones can chug along on the Arctic Express train, decorate a cookie and enter the just-for-them Jingle Jym Junior space. Older kids will thrill to the Cliff Hanger ride and the Polar Extreme race course. Nov. 30 through Jan. 6 at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave. $20-$28, $10-$13 for visitors between 36 and 42 inches tall, free for kids under 36 inches. navypier.org/winter-wonderfest

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My parents divorced yet still lived together

By Mekita Rivas
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My parents divorced when I was 6 years old. They lived together until I was 16. It was a strange, messy decade filled with many emotions: joy, rage, sadness and, yes, love. Some days they acted like a married couple. We would go on family vacations together. My dad traveled a lot for work, and we would join him and pretend everything was all right.

But for every good day, there were dozens of bad ones. There were many fights and screaming matches, mostly rooted in financial problems and their general stubbornness. Their relationship was one of extremes — it was either borderline blissful or miserable.

What does it mean that Mom and Dad are divorced but everyone remains under the same roof? I didn't have to bounce between two homes. But I also grew up surrounded by conflict and thinking that that's simply how things are. It left me with a warped understanding of what normalcy in a partnership is supposed to look like.

Matt Mutchler, an assistant professor of counseling psychology at Delaware Valley University who has studied high-conflict divorces, appreciates the intent from parents who split up but continue to live together. But it's important to set boundaries, he cautions.

"The parents have to be very clear that (they) aren't getting back together," Mutchler says. "This is one of the common fantasies a child has after parents divorce, and this type of living situation may exacerbate that fantasy."

If my parents had split up, that would have been easier to explain to my friends. As a kid, I struggled to classify their unconventional arrangement. I didn't have the language for it — though "it's complicated" became part of my vocabulary at a rather young age. Their relationship made no sense, but it was the example I had. And over time, it's what I began seeking for myself.

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"We learn how to act in relationships from what we see in our parents' relationships," Mutchler says. "If we learn that the way to deal with conflict is to fight with intensity and a win-at-all-costs mentality, those patterns are likely to repeat in our own relationships, and will contribute to a higher rate of bad relationships, breakup and divorce."

It wasn't until my ex-boyfriend and I were shouting at each other at 3 a.m. through the back door of my childhood home that I realized just how much my parents' relationship had affected me. I was 21 when the lightbulb finally came on: Fighting had been an everyday occurrence for my parents, but it didn't have to be for me and whoever I chose to be with. I could de-escalate the situation. I could lower my voice. Or better yet, I could walk away.

"Think of one child who grows up with parents who stay married but have verbally abusive fights about any little stressor and frequently involve their child in these fights as a mediator — 'Don't you think I'm right here?' — or as a scapegoat," Mutchler says. "Compare that to another child whose parents are divorced but manage their parenting relationship well, work together to resolve issues with the children civilly and have good boundaries. I would expect the second child to have better conflict-management skills than the first."

He's certainly got a point. I was often right in the middle of my parents' disagreements and regularly listened to them lambaste one another. I simply assumed that this nonstop bickering and bitterness was part of being in a long-term relationship.

Of course, that didn't play out so well in many of my romantic encounters. I gravitated toward men who were emotionally unavailable, interpreting their ambivalence as an invitation to try harder. I expected drama and strife, and if there wasn't any, I found ways to create it.

That sounds about right to Nathaniel Ivers, an associate professor of counseling at Wake Forest University. In high-conflict divorces, he says, children may be exposed to "dysfunctional communication patterns" that can include name-calling and angry outbursts.

"If alternative responses to conflict are not observed or taught, children of divorce may adopt and implement these communication and conflict-resolution styles in their own intimate relationships," Ivers explains. "Adult children of divorce also report less trust, greater insecurity and anxiety, fear surrounding commitment and helplessness in their intimate relationships."

But it's not all terrible. Catherine Burnette, an assistant professor in the School of Social Work at Tulane University, says that people generally respond to divorce and their own conflict resolution skills in one of two ways.

"They either model their parent's conflict resolution styles, or they become self-aware and intentional about how they want to navigate conflict in their own relationships," Burnette says. And sometimes, it's a mixture of the two.

In other words, having divorced parents may enhance a person's ability to be a judge of character, recognize red flags and choose healthy partners. But that doesn't mean they'll lead conflict-free lives.

"They learn from the challenges of their parents and try not to repeat any negative patterns," Burnette explains. "Sometimes one parent may model healthy conflict-resolution strategies. Learning from the parent modeling the healthy behavior can create adults who know how to cope when the going gets rough, (so) having at least one parent that demonstrates healthy, safe and constructive conflict resolution skills is so important."

I'm now more than 12 years removed from living at the epicenter of my parents' dysfunction. I'm engaged to a man who is the opposite of every other guy I've ever been interested in. He's generous, patient and a really great cook.

As we plan our wedding and our future together, I am keenly aware of what I don't want for our marriage. And I have my parents to blame — I mean thank! — for that.

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Rachel Hollis, the apolitical and fearless feminist

In a year dominated by political hits, her self-help book 'Girl, Wash Your Face' has outsold nearly all

By Nora Krug
Special to The Washington Post

ATLANTA — The lights were flashing, Macklemore was blaring and Rachel Hollis — this year's surprise best-selling author — was telling everyone to get on their feet.

"Do a Wonder Woman pose!" she barked at the crowd, a group of a thousand retailers who'd gathered to get pumped to sell. "I know there are men here, but get woke! Women have been trying to be Superman for 200 years. It's time. Let's go!" In a small victory for women everywhere, the men did as they were told.

Hollis is her own kind of wonder woman. In a year of political blockbusters, her book "Girl, Wash Your Face" — a conversational self-help guide that mixes memoir, motivational tips, Bible quotations and common-sense girl talk — muscled its way onto best-seller lists and hasn't budged. It's sold more copies this year than books by James Comey, Omarosa Manigault Newman, Reese Witherspoon — even Marlon Bundo. That's about 1.6 million books, including e-books and audiobooks. While "Fear" and "Fire and Fury" ignited big sales quickly, then faded, "Girl, Wash Your Face" started slow and picked up with time.

If you have no idea who Rachel Hollis is, you probably haven't been to Target or an airport lately, and you're probably not a woman.

Hollis is a 35-year-old mother of four who's turned her lifestyle blog — and life experience — into a thriving business as a motivational speaker, podcaster and, yes, social media influencer. With her girl-next-door looks and tough-love message of self reliance — "You, and only you, are ultimately responsible for how happy you are" — she has tapped into a well of female need.

Call it the nonconfrontational wing of the #MeToo movement or Goop for red-state women. Hollis is carving out a safe place for women who want to be strong and successful but may be uneasy about saying so out loud — or even identifying themselves as feminists. "Girl, Wash Your Face" is published under a Christian imprint and has sold most strongly in the South and the Midwest. Hollis' most ardent devotees are mothers and female entrepreneurs, many of them working from home.

"I'm obsessed with Rachel Hollis," said Heather Kuhr, a 32-year-old mother of two, as she eagerly waited for Hollis to speak. Kuhr, who runs a business out of her home, said she felt an immediate bond with Hollis. "A lot of times I feel like I'm failing, letting people down," she said, "so just knowing that I'm not alone in that is really reassuring and helps me get a different perspective on things."

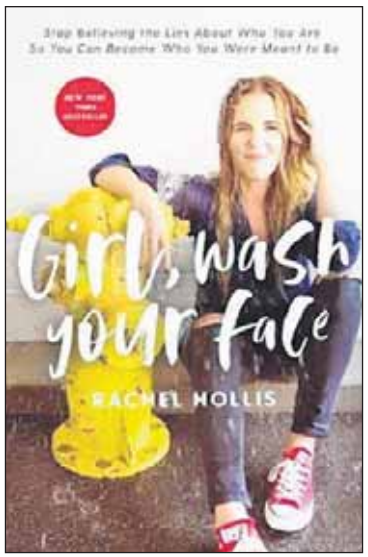
Among the confessions Hollis makes in her book: "I shave my toes." "I used to be really bad at sex." "I am failing. All. The. Time."

Kristen Drakely, a 36-year-old work-from-home mom from Pittsburgh read the book in one sitting on an airplane ride, through tears. "It feels like she's speaking straight to you. It's like she *is* you, and you completely relate to her — as a mom, as a wife, as a 30-something in the world. This is who we all need."

Hollis has connected with a certain demographic, including women from regions that went for Donald Trump in 2016, even as she uses the language that the right might denigrate as snowflakese. She questions the patriarchy and advocates for being "woke," but also embraces stay-at-home moms and quotes Scripture. "I love Jesus, and I cuss a little," she wrote on Facebook recently. "I love Jesus, and some of my best friends are gay."

But she also insists that she's apolitical — and that it's a conscious choice. Politics, she says, divides people. She's more interested in bringing them together. Whatever she's doing, it's working.

Hollis has roughly 2.5 million followers on social media, and that number grows with each pithy quote, photo and intimate moment she posts. More than 50,000 people tune in to her daily Facebook Live feeds, where she and her husband, Dave Hollis, a former Disney executive, casually banter about their personal life and take questions from the audience. Often wearing a baseball cap advertising their couples therapy podcast, "Rise Together," he is Chip Gaines to her Joanna, Regis to her Kelly. Recorded in their Austin, Texas-area home, the show is a casual look inside their life, as Rachel sips smoothies, Dave gets her a coffee; occasionally their 19-month-old daughter makes a cameo.



'Girl, Wash Your Face'

By Rachel Hollis, Nelson, 240 pages, $22.99

Hollis' idols are Tony Robbins, Oprah and Beyonce, and her stage persona is like all three rolled into your very best friend. Dressed in jeans, black high-tops, a white T-shirt and a long glittery cardigan, she paced the floor energetically, warming up the crowd with self-deprecating jokes about childbirth, breast-feeding and varicose veins before she got to it.

"*Other people's opinions are ruling your life*," she intoned. "And the thing is, at least as far as women are concerned, I don't even think it's your fault."

She took a few steps, let us take that in. "I think that most of us as little girls were taught that in order to be a good woman, we needed to be good for other people. And that good little girl turned into a good woman, and that was always defined by someone else's opinion of how you were doing."

"And when you *don't do things* because you're worried about what someone else will think or when *you do things* because you are trying to please anyone but yourself, you're falling into a trap.

"Who out there is struggling under the weight of someone else's opinion? Shout it out! What's keeping you back?"

Voices emerged: "Family! Friends! Haters! Social media!"

Brenda Reider, a 53-year-old retailer from Brooklyn, N.Y., was a Hollis newbie and instant convert. "I thought she was amazing. What she says I know in my head, but I haven't been able to get through it. She just touched me."

Hollis has sparked a community of catharsis-seekers. On one of several private "Girl, Wash Your Face" Facebook book clubs, women have confessed that they were sexually assaulted, that they are depressed, that their husbands have cheated, that they are bad mothers. Other readers rally around in support. At a recent speaking engagement, Hollis asked women to check off a list of hardships they've experienced. Every single woman wrote down that she hated the way she looked. "It's 2018," Hollis later commented. "How are we still here?"

Hollis understands that women are angry — and frustrated, unfulfilled, fearful. She also understands the particular brand of anger that has set women afire over the last year. "That's exactly how some people should be allowed to process what they feel," she said. And even if it's not how she feels ("that's not who I am"), she also understands that her book — written long before #MeToo came to be — has in some ways benefited from the moment we're in. "In a sea of polarizing stuff," Dave offered, Hollis' book and her talks are "a respite from having to be pulled into a debate about whose side is right."

Hollis has only a high school diploma — a fact she advertises proudly — but could probably teach a course in marketing. The success of "Girl, Wash Your Face" — it's been licensed for translation into Hebrew, Farsi, Spanish, German, Korean, Turkish, Vietnamese, Serbian, Arabic and Indonesian, among other languages — has been fed not just by Hollis' magnetic personality but by her brand-making savvy.

In March 2015, an Instagram of her celebrating her stretch marks went viral. In December 2017, a video called "The Video EVERY Woman Should Watch!" — a series of vignettes that could easily have been a campaign ad ("Go all in. Take massive action immediately," she says with a go-get-'em punch) — popped up on Facebook and nearly lived up

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to its title. Hollis' audience was primed for more.

Taylor Firmin, a 26-year-old office assistant in Birmingham, Ala., saw the video a few months ago and then picked up “Girl, Wash Your Face” in Target.

“I fell in love with her instantly,” she wrote in a Facebook message. “Rachel was telling her story, her struggles, and sharing what helped her through those hard times. Rachel is a survivor.”

Over a hotel lobby lunch (quinoa bowl in which she politely — and wisely — asked to substitute chicken for the salami and feta) Hollis was self-effacing. “The word empowerment implies that someone is giving you power,” she said. “I hope that if I'm doing anything it's reminding you that you already had it. It's like Dorothy and the ruby slippers. I'm not giving you something new. To me it feels like common sense but sometimes you need someone to remind you: If you don't like your life, change it. If you're not happy, do something about it.”

If Hollis has cornered the market on, as she puts it, “people who look like me,” her next book, “Girl, Stop Apologizing,” published under a business imprint, reaches for more. Due in March, the book has a more blatant feminist undertone: “OK sisters,” she writes. You “don't have to burn your bra on the streets,” but as a woman you are obligated to consider how our patriarchal society has shaped your view of the world — and yourself. “If you were raised to believe that men know best, that men are the authority, how much faith does that teach you to have in yourself and your opinions as a woman?” she asks.



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Rachel Hollis plans to release a line of clothing next year and a new book the following year.

Hollis grew up in Weedpatch, Calif., the daughter of a Pentecostal preacher. “There were big parties filled with family friends, followed by screaming and fighting and crying,” she writes in “Girl, Wash Your Face.” When she was 14, Hollis' older brother Ryan shot and killed himself. Hollis found his body. “Amid the anguish and fear and confusion,” Hollis writes, “I recognized a great truth: If I wanted a better life than the one I'd been born into, it was up to me to create it.”

At 17, Hollis set out for Los Angeles, dreaming of becoming an actress and marrying Matt Damon. Instead, she got a job as an event planner. And while she barely brushed shoulders with her crush, her desire to do so, she writes, is what drove her to succeed. Eventually she met Dave, whom she married in 2004, and struck out on her own as a party planner. She began the Chic Site blog in 2008 and published her first book, the self-published novel “Party Girl,” in 2014; more self-published novels and two cookbooks followed.

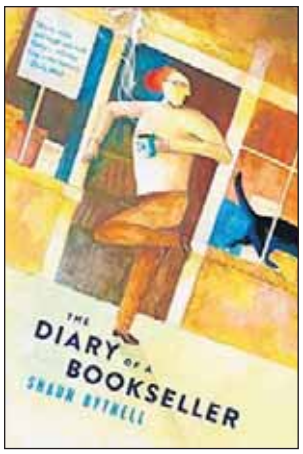
Hollis has successfully sold herself as both an authentic person who fails as you do and an aspirational figure who looks pretty doing it. “You have to know that I am human,” she said while chewing her lunch. “I never want it to seem like my life is perfect. That's why I do live-stream where I look like *garbage*.” But as a role model, “I have an obligation,” she adds. “When people went to Jesus when they were sick they didn't want Jesus to be sick. You want someone who can pull you up, not meet you there. If I was watching Oprah's Instagram story and she was like, ‘I can't get out of bed today, I'm too depressed,’ I would be like *the world is ending!*”

Hollis has lots of what she calls “haters.” Many are moms who don't like that she works, or that she has household help. Some people just don't like her book. “Girl, Wash Your Face” promotes “a self-inspired theology, rather than a biblical one,” Christian blogger Alisa Childers wrote in an email. Others question her “authenticity.”

Hollis understands that not everyone will be enamored by her style or message, but rolling your eyes probably won't make a difference anyway. Her biggest applause line in Atlanta? “I care more about changing the world than I do in its opinion of me.”

And she's not slowing down. Her Atlanta gig was her second in 48 hours. She has more than 40 other speeches lined up, including one at a high school, through 2019.

Next spring, she'll release a line of clothing through QVC, and she plans to publish a book about women and health in 2020. As it turns out, outselling almost every other author this year was only the beginning.



Shaun Bythell took over The Bookshop in Wigtown, Scotland, in 2001 — just after his 31st birthday — and has kept it going.



MELVILLE HOUSE

'The Diary of a Bookseller'

A year in the life of a Scottish used bookstore

By John Warner
Chicago Tribune

I cannot shake the idea that I should start my own bookstore. Maybe it is a madness brought on by advancing age, or perhaps it is rooted in my coastal South Carolina town just outside Charleston having only a Barnes & Noble — a Barnes & Noble that had not books but wool socks in its most prominent spot inside the door.

(I find wool socks a nice accouterment on a cozy reading day, but I prefer my bookstores to feature, you know, books.)

When my simmering desire to own a bookstore flares, I shall return to "The Diary of a Bookseller" by Shaun Bythell, which makes owning a bookstore seem simultaneously the most terrible and most wonderful thing one could do.

Bythell took over The Bookshop in Wigtown, Scotland, in 2001, just after his 31st birthday and has kept it going ever since. The book covers a single year (2014) of Bythell's life running "the largest second-hand bookshop in Scotland," with more than 100,000 books shelved and 100 additional titles arriving each day.

The daily entries introduce us to a series of eccentrics, including part-time shop employee Nicky, who brings special treats scavenged from the trash behind the supermarket every Friday. During the winter months, Nicky wears a padded ski suit to stave off the cold inside the store that makes her look like a "lost Teletubby." The eccentrics include customers and others who summon Bythell to assess large collections of books they're trying to divest, often because of a death.

Apparently railroad books are a consistent seller. How would I have ever known this if not for Bythell's diary?

Bythell is something of a character himself, acquiring the bookstore on a half whim from its retiring previous owner because Bythell could not find a job that seemed to promise satisfaction.

"The customer is always right" has little currency with Bythell, who writes with biting humor about some of the shenanigans people try to pull as they bargain over items already deeply discounted. When a woman leaves a book behind in a huff, complaining about a price of 4 pounds 50, Bythell ups the price to 8.50 and returns it to the shelf, believing she'll be back.

He was right. She bought the book at the higher price. I chuckled to myself for a good minute after reading the denouement to that little tale. I can laugh all over again just thinking about it.

Like most diaries, the book isn't heavy on plot; threads of story appear and resolve. A favorite customer is in apparent cognitive decline. Nicky and Bythell battle over different visions over the store. New Amazon policies squeeze the store's margins ever tighter. Each entry is headed with the number of books ordered online and how many were successfully located in the store's warren of titles. The entries end with the customers and total sales, often less than 200 pounds a day.

Bythell's life is envious in way, owning a shop in a small Scottish town, free time spent biking and fishing, drinking and eating with close friends. The store is central, but it is an organizing principle, rather than an obsession. Certain things need doing to keep the store going, and so he does them.

Bythell is a man on a mission, and a year seen through his eyes convinces the reader that it is a mission worthy of undertaking.

For someone else, though. I do not have what it takes, but all blessings to those who do.

John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities."

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read based on the last five books you've read.

1. "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult
2. "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes
3. "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah
4. "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate
5. "In the Garden of the Beast" by Erik Larson

— Mary Ellen S., Palos Heights

Mary Ellen is going to enjoy **"News of the World"** by Paulette Jiles.

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1. "The Brothers Ashkenazi" by I.J. Singer
2. "Young Men and Fire" by Norman Maclean
3. "Voyage of a Summer Sun: Canoeing the Columbia River" by Robin Cody
4. "Death Comes for the Archbishop" by Willa Cather
5. "Northland: A 4,000-Mile Journey Along America's Forgotten Border" by Porter Fox

— Tonia L., Chicago

Books of landscape and adventure cluster here. If others haven't read "Young Men and Fire," it is a knockout true story and deserves to be held in equal esteem with Maclean's "A River Runs Through It." I think Tonia will enjoy Ian Frazier's **"Great Plains,"** part history, part memoir, part lots of other things.

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1. "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?" by Philip K. Dick
2. "Morning Star" by Pierce Brown
3. "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead
4. "Young Washington: How Wilderness and War Forged America's Founding Father" by Peter Stark
5. "Sing, Unburied, Sing" by Jesmyn Ward

— Ryan O., Chicago

One of my favorites of recent time: **"The Privileges"** by Jonathan Dee. I love the way this novel defies expectation while being firmly grounded in the world we know.

Get a reading from the Biblioracle

Send a list of the last five books you've read to books@chicagotribune.com.

Want to be treated like an adult? Start acting like one.



Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: My grandmother is 98 and currently in the hospital. My mother has warned me that she may not bounce back from it this time. In the event that she does pass, my mom wants the family — my sister, my dad and me— to fly up for the funeral one weekend.

I hate flying. I HATE flying. When I expressed this to my mom, she told me I would "just have to get over it." The funeral will be nine hours away by car, which I don't mind driving on my own, and I'm sure I could fit it into my schedule.

I'm financially dependent on my mom until I graduate. She bought me my new used car, and everything I've ever needed. She is a great mom! But I'm conflicted. I truly don't want to fly, but refusing to fly means starting a fight with my mom.

How do I express myself and hold my ground, while at the same time showing her that I respect her, love her and appreciate her? I know we should always listen to our mothers, but when am I old enough to adamantly disagree with her? Is it when I pay for my rent myself?

Gentle reader: Family roles change over time, a fact often brought out when facing illness and death. The disagreement you are having follows a no-doubt familiar pattern: Your mother tells you to eat your vegetables, and you do not want to.

The way not to be treated like a child is not to act — or in this case, think — like one. Your mother's mother is dying, and your mother needs your comfort and help. Assuming you are there in time to provide it, how you get there is your responsibility, as an adult — not hers.

Ask your mother when she wants you to arrive; if she asks how you are going to get there, assure her that she does not need to worry about that. Miss Manners notes that this is both the best way to help your mother, and to establish that you are now the decision-maker on some things.

Dear Miss Manners: I am a professor and the director of a small graduate program at a large university. Each year, we select a group of applicants who, on top of admittance, receive a teaching assistantship. This comes with a tuition waiver and a stipend, together amounting to tens of thousands of dollars. Even smaller groups are offered merit fellowships of several thousand dollars.

I personally send notifications via email to these applicants, give them a decision deadline and ask them to send me a note in response. In other words, they do not hear word of these offers in a bureaucratic form letter from an anonymous university official.

I am shocked, every year, that many of the recipients simply ignore the offer. I receive no acknowledgment of the offer, let alone an expression of gratitude. Their silence communicates to me that they feel enormously entitled.

Clearly, they have not been mentored correctly. After the decision date, I send follow-up emails to the applicants from whom I have yet to hear a word, letting them know that the decision date has passed, that the offer has been retracted and that we have moved to our waitlist.

I am tempted to add a line saying that I would have appreciated an acknowledgment of the offer. I am even tempted to offer some unsolicited professional advice: that it is good form to acknowledge professional opportunities and offers, even if one is going to decline them. After all, this is not just a matter of etiquette, but also a matter of burning professional bridges.

I know that good manners dictate that one does not point out the rudeness of others. But I am wondering if my role as a professor offers me some leeway here, as it is my job to teach students the ways of the profession. Does this extend to students who are not my own?

Gentle reader: While these adult students should clearly know better, they are obviously in need of some guidance. Miss Manners is loath to employ the overused phrase "a teaching moment," but that is what this is.

Miss Manners suggests: "In the future, it may behoove you to acknowledge the receipt of any monetary or positional prospects. Even if you are unable to take advantage of them now, surely you would not want to give the impression that they — or the generous people who recommended you for them — will never be of use."

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.

Note to readers: The best-seller lists are on vacation. Starting Dec. 1, they will move to the Saturday A&E section.

LITERARY EVENTS

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TUESDAY EVENTS



SEAN HAYES & SCOTT ICENOGLE
Plum
Tuesday, November 27 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
630-355-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in **Naperville** welcomes **Sean Hayes & Scott Icenogle** with their new holiday picture book, **Plum**. Hayes, of TV's Will & Grace, and Icenogle, a composer and producer, will be featured in a signing line only event. Tickets are available exclusively at **Plum**Andersons. brownpapertickets.com.

WEDNESDAY EVENTS



GREG LUKIANOFF
The Coddling of the American Mind
Wed., Nov. 28 at 7 pm
New Trier High School Northfield
7 Happ Rd., Northfield
847 446-8880
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The Family Action Network (FAN) and The Book Stall present **GREG LUKIANOFF** for a talk "**The Coddling of the American Mind**: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas Are Setting Up a Generation for Failure." Written with Jonathan Haidt, it's about the growing inability of Americans to live, work, and cooperate across party lines. Free and open to the public.

THURSDAY EVENTS



ELIZABETH BERG
Night of Miracles
Thursday, Nov. 29, Two Events
12 noon, Luncheon, University Club
6:30 pm, The Book Stall, 811 Elm St., Winnetka
847 446-8880

The Book Stall presents **ELIZABETH BERG** and her new book, "**Night of Miracles**," the sequel to her bestseller "The Story of Arthur Truluv." It focuses on the fictional town of Mason, Missouri, and the characters who remind us of the goodness inherent in every person. For luncheon reservations, call **847 446-8880**. The evening event is free and open to the public.

FRIDAY EVENTS



RYAN T. HIGGINS
Santa Bruce
Friday, November 30 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
630-355-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in **Naperville** hosts picture book author **Ryan T. Higgins** with his latest holiday title, **Santa Bruce**. 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**.

FRIDAY EVENTS



JAN BRETT
The Snowy Nap
Friday, Nov. 30 at 4 pm
The Book Stall
811 Elm St., Winnetka
847 446-8880
www.thebookstall.com

The Book Stall welcomes one of the country's foremost author illustrators **JAN BRETT** for a reading of her new book, "**The Snowy Nap**," the story of a hedgehog who tries to stay awake during the winter so he doesn't miss out on all the fun his friends are having.

SATURDAY EVENTS



SYLVIA ACEVEDO
Path to the Stars
Saturday, December 1 at 2 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
630-355-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in **Naperville** presents Girls Scouts of America CEO and author **Sylvia Acevedo** sharing her new book for young readers, **Path to the Stars**. 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**.



MATTHEW CORDELL
King Alice
Sat., Dec. 1 at 10:30 am
The Book Stall
811 Elm St., Winnetka
847 446-8880
www.thebookstall.com

The Book Stall hosts Caldecott Medal winner **MATTHEW CORDELL** for a reading of his new picture book, "**King Alice**," about a headstrong girl who leads her family on adventures when they are stuck inside on a snowy day.

UPCOMING EVENTS



DICK PORTILLO
Out of the Dog House
Monday, December 3 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
630-355-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in **Naperville** welcomes **Dick Portillo**, founder of the local fast food empire, with his recently released autobiography, **Out of the Dog House**. 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**.

I read in self-defense
-Woody Allen



DIAGEO

The Game of Thrones single malt Scotch whisky collection from Diageo features eight variants, seven themed for the major houses and the eighth for the Night's Watch.

Battle of the 'Game of Thrones' Scotch whiskies

By Jim Brucker
Chicago Tribune

Winter whisky is coming — Diageo in late November will release a series of eight new single-malt Scotch whiskies to celebrate the epic final season of HBO's landmark fantasy series "Game of Thrones."

Representing seven Houses of Westeros, along with those stoic wall-huggers, the Night's Watch, this fan-focused collection serves as an entry point to popular and atypical single malts.

"Scotland, much like the Seven Kingdoms, has a diverse and varied landscape," says Dan Sanborn, senior vice president of culture and partnerships at Diageo. "Each distillery has its own unique character and produces a distinctive whisky representative of the local Scottish terroir."

We set out on a quest to taste all eight, but which one will be worthy of being sipped on the Iron Throne?

The **Royal Lochnagar 12 Year Old** represents House Baratheon. At 40 percent alcohol, $65 is a bit rich for this toffee, plum and currant elixir, distracted by Stannis-like dreams of royalty.

At House Tully, the $30, 40 percent alcohol **Singleton of Glendullan Select** is sherry-influenced and all-nose, with muted flavor components as trapped as Edmure Tully, prisoner of the Freys.

Daenerys Targaryen might appreciate the 40 percent alcohol, $40 **Cardhu Gold Reserve**. Permeated by a cornucopia of apples, from green to red to the crabapple finish, this Valyrian is spicy enough to smelt a golden crown.

Across the map at House Stark, **Dalwhinnie Winter's Frost**, at $40 and 43 percent alcohol, delivers malty orange notes through its remarkable grapefruit finish, with a hopeful, needle-sharp brightness as tenacious as young Arya Stark.

The 43 percent alcohol, $63 **Oban Bay Reserve** takes the black with the Night's Watch. Less malt-forward than standard Oban, its impressive body resolves into a medium, marmalade-caramel finish that, like the King in the North, is somewhat blunt.

Fierce, seafaring Yara Greyjoy would be proud of this collection's best value, the 45.8 percent alcohol, $45 **Talisker Select Reserve**. Its fresh peat nose and palate, with a lemony roasted-fruit kabob finish, produces an affordable introduction to Talisker and a fine offering to the Drowned God.

Diageo's "hold the door" surprise is the $60 **Clynelish Reserve**. Its unsullied 51.2 percent alcohol enables an infinite nose of graham crackers, malt and golden biscuit, and a few drops of water open elements of light treacle and lime through the finish. As confident as the Queen of Thorns herself, this honors House Tyrell with dry complexity.

Moving mountains, House Lannister takes the throne of this collection with the $65, 46 percent alcohol **Lagavulin 9 Year Old**. This Islay mainstay pays its debts with a peat nose that is sweeter and subtler than its kissing cousin, Lagavulin 8 Year Old, with late-finish wildflowers and Cersei-approved sour threads. Along with the Clynelish Reserve, this is a must-buy.

True victory, though, is a matter of personal palate, making this smorgasbord worth exploring. As Sanborn says, "Only the three-eyed raven knows who will sit on the Iron Throne!"

Jim Brucker is a freelance writer.

A taste of hope after Tree of Life massacre



Leah Eskin
Home on the Range



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Macaroons are simple to mix, quick to bake and gluten-free. They're easy to wrap, to stack and drop at Temple Sinai Synagogue, in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, a few blocks from the Tree of Life. Hard to know how many will show up for the first Shabbat since the Oct. 27 shootings that left 11 dead. But bakers are guessing a lot. Sometimes, after services, boxed chocolate-chunk will do. This week, says one congregant, we need to bake with love in our hearts.

Rolling the moist, lumpy coconut mounds is soothing work. Don't focus on what happened, says a contributor, just do something good. So they toast coconut and level sugar and whisk egg whites, saving the yolks to knead into loaves of challah for grieving families.

When the macaroons have been plated, along with their brethren — the chocolate-chip cookies, the brownies, the pumpkin squares, the squirrel-shaped gingerbreads, the renegade fudge stripes — they recline in a tableau of easy-reach abundance. It may be the single point of overlap between Pittsburgh's hungry-steelworker food culture, which includes the wedding cookie table, and the city's Jewish food traditions.

The sanctuary, accustomed to 125 on a Friday evening, overflows with 1,200 members and guests — many Muslim, Christian, Buddhist. Short on chairs, adults sway; children, in pained restraint, eye the macaroons.

After a service of song and prayer, the cookies prove equal to their job. Even in this moment of sorrow, each offers one bite of sweet.

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Macaroons

Prep: 40 minutes **Bake:** 18 minutes

Makes: 18 to 20 cookies

1 bag (14 ounces) flaked sweetened coconut (about 5 ⅓ cups)

4 egg whites

½ cup sugar

½ teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon almond extract (or substitute vanilla)

3 ounces bittersweet (70 percent) chocolate

1. Toast: Set rack in the lower third of the oven. Heat to 350. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Spread out coconut on parchment. Slide pan into the oven and let coconut toast, stirring once or twice, until lightly browned, 15 to 17 minutes. Keep oven on.

2. Whisk: Meanwhile, in a large bowl, briefly whisk together egg whites, sugar, salt and extract. Slide in toasted coconut. Mix with a fork.

3. Shape: With damp hands, roll batter into 1 ½-inch-diameter balls. Set balls on the parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake at 350 until set, 18 to 19 minutes.

4. Gild: Break up chocolate in a shallow bowl. Microwave, 1 minute. Stir; microwave, 1 more minute, if needed. Stir smooth. When macaroons are cool enough to handle, dip the flat side of each into the chocolate. Let set, flat-side tipped up. (Alternatively: chill.) Share.



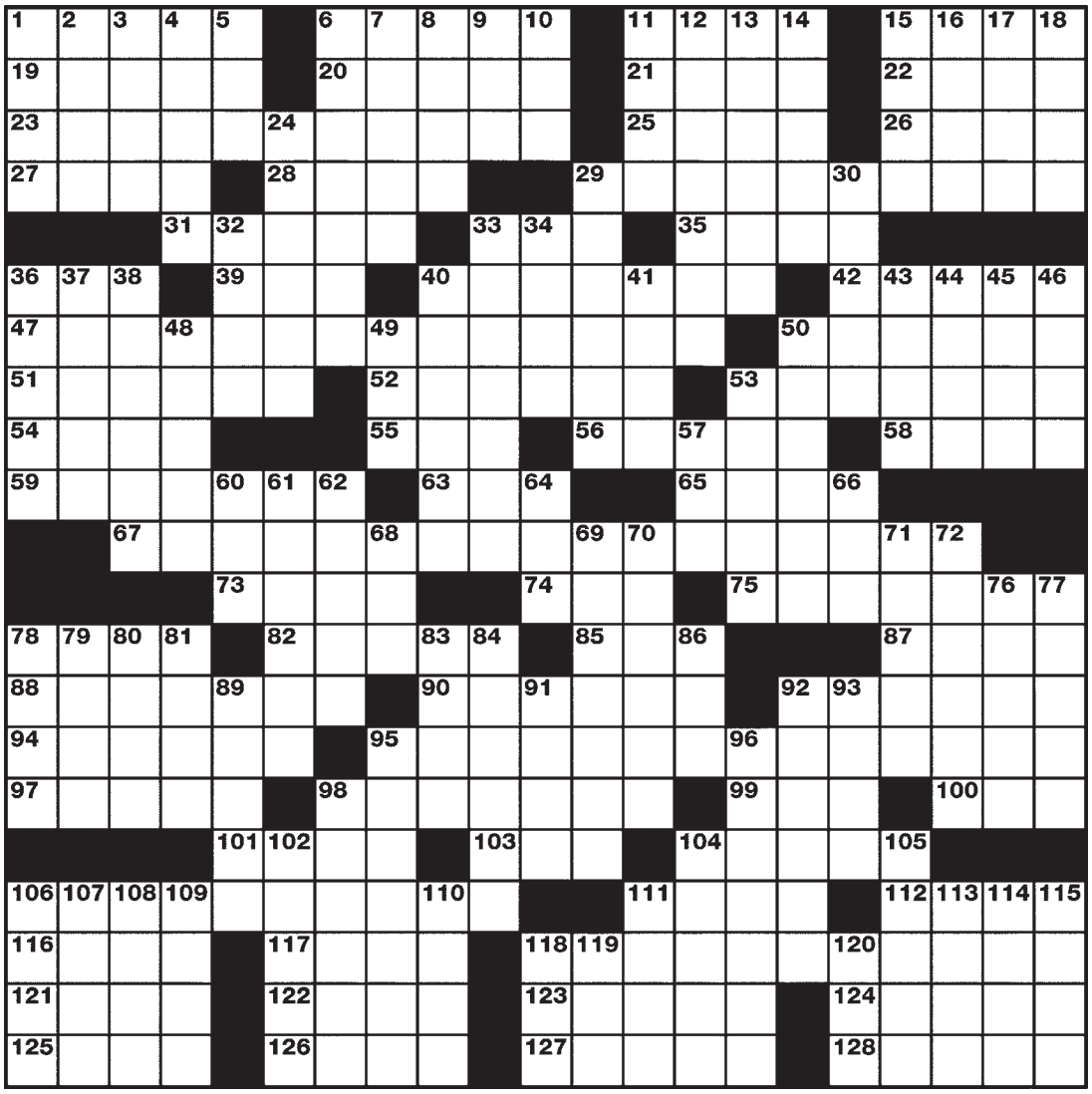
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STEADY AS SHE GOES: Explained at 118 Across

By Mark McClain | Edited by Stanley Newman
(stanxwords.com)



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Quote-Acrostic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues **Words**

A. Reversible: hyph. 145 74 70 122 85 101

B. 'De Profundis' author 147 43 133 36 126 22 15 150 34 80

C. Merit, worth 94 55 57 62

D. Farm management 5 11 3 61 25 98 100 33 19 86

E. Far off 66 31 81 144 9 20

F. Belonging to Gingrich 8 90 41 78 96

G. Not hidden 65 16 24 121 135

H. Upper story 53 112 49 60

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J. China port 89 26 42 46 92 50 77 106 84

K. The Donald's daughter 75 64 91 117 44 141 108 72 113 102 4

L. Place for those in trouble? 47 103 143 79 17 2 10 29

M. That's hard to ___ 35 124 116 87 129 12 54

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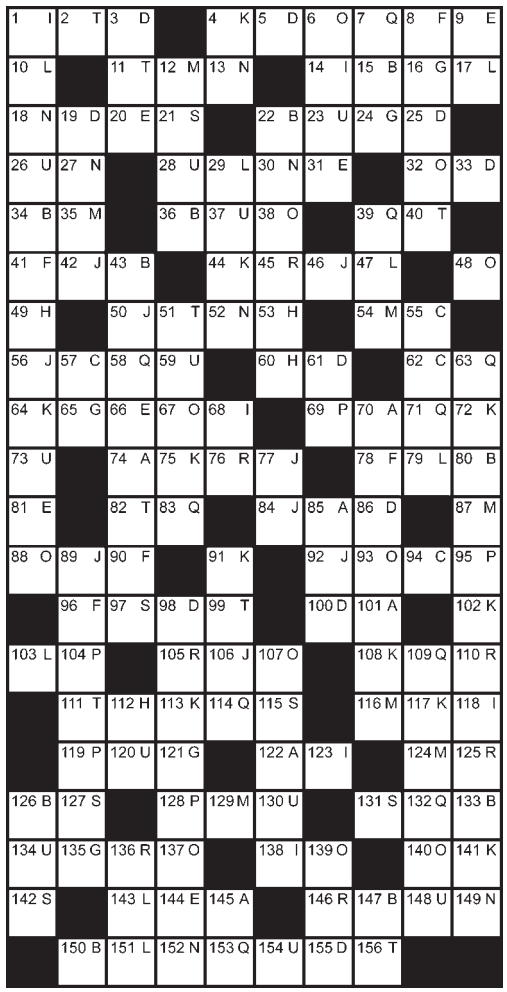
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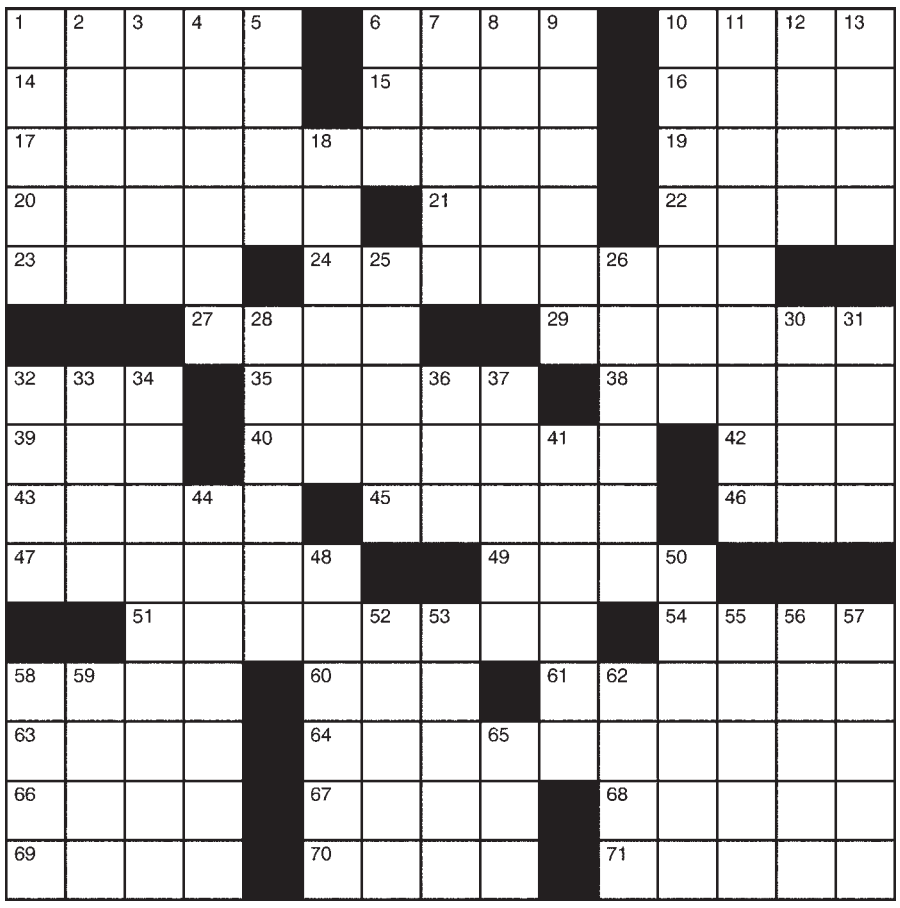
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69 Look
70 Idyllic locale
71 TV's Mr. Grant

Down

1 Exclamation of disgust
2 Cleo or Frankie
3 Chantry
4 Giggle
5 Genuine: Ger.
6 Deface
7 Aloe derivative
8 Winged
9 Demure
10 Buckthorn
11 Haphazard
12 Redact
13 Food
18 Stone-Age tool
25 Liquid glyceride
26 ___ acid
28 Abaft
30 Rara ___
31 Copper
32 IOU, for one
33 *Inter* ___
34 1943 Abbott and Costello movie
36 Cell material, for short
37 Ham it up
41 Actress Blake
44 Giber
48 Walked
50 Abalones
52 Council
53 Reagan Cabinet member
55 Pallid
56 Trawl
57 Transform
58 Painter's cover-up, briefly
59 Nobelist Wiesel
62 Sikkim's continent
65 Artist Shahn



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For-Gone Conclusions

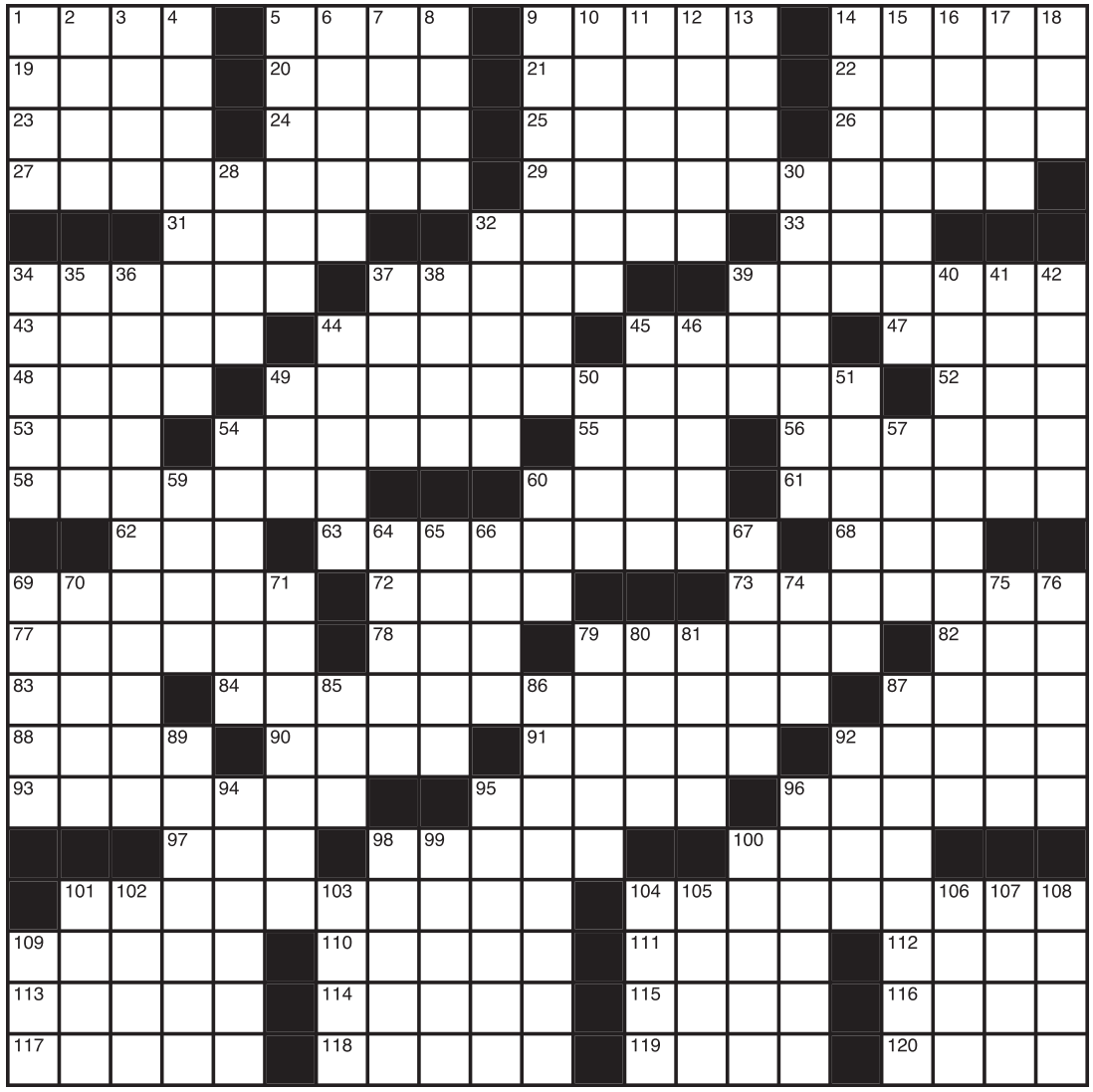
By Gail Grabowski
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

Across

1 Minor dustup
5 Ladder danger
9 Jeff who started an online bookstore in 1994
14 Give form to
19 Free speech org.
20 New Balance competitor
21 Put on, as pressure
22 Development units
23 React to too much sun, perhaps
24 Overcharge
25 "Silas Marner" girl
26 Penetrating winds
27 Horses' feeding period?
29 Nightly newscaster's preparation?
31 Burpee product
32 It has strings attached
33 Fed. financial gp.
34 Sight in an unfinished attic
37 Southwest worker
39 "You may say I'm a __": Lennon's "Imagine"
43 Waiting room read
44 Where dos are done
45 Dire prophecy
47 Hang open
48 House with layers
49 Easter feast, say?
52 One in a workout count
53 Unexpected
54 River to South Carolina's Winyah Bay
55 Genesis matriarch
56 "Megastructures" channel, familiarly
58 Tennis surprise
60 Govt. agents
61 Document preparer
62 Museum posting: Abbr.
63 "We're driving around in circles"?
68 Anna's "The Accountant" co-star
69 Red Guard member
72 Lanai neighbor
73 Tour guides, e.g.
77 Enemy of Mr. Bill, in old "SNL" skits
78 Start a course
79 "Once Is Not Enough" author
82 Nicki Minaj genre
83 Unkind remark
84 Ticket selling for a major golf event?
87 Puff pastry cheese
88 Publisher Adolph
90 Iconic 60-Across boss
91 Consider with care
92 Around the corner
93 Predetermined steps
95 Historic caravel
96 Took in the sights
97 Escape
98 Something in the air
100 98-Across, often
101 Severe dip in contributions during a telethon?
104 Hurricane tracker closeup?
109 Case place
110 Italy's "Supreme Poet"
111 Twitter's bird, e.g.
112 Belgian capital
113 Scorch slightly
114 Actress MacDowell
115 Aviation pioneer Sikorsky
116 Bond was kicked out of it
117 Entered into a deal
118 Cross with
119 Fresh answers
120 Number with words

Down

1 Brewpub array
2 "Rhyme Pays" rapper
3 Pet peeve?
4 Period, to British grammarians
5 "Hurry it up!"
6 Bypass
7 Hemsworth of "The Hunger Games"
8 Common camp site
9 Pub game with balls
10 Whiz
11 Youngest Marx brother
12 Mythical hunter
13 Team backer?
14 Skeptic's demand
15 Droopy-shaped purse
16 Bow-toting god
17 Cheat, in a way
18 Serious extreme?
28 Garlic relative
30 Agony
32 Without peer
34 Info-gathering mission
35 Quarters
36 What may accompany hunger pangs?
37 Bud on a drive
38 First name in '70s tennis
39 Slip into
40 Result of a faulty tab setting?
41 Pentathlon gear
42 Provide more room for growth
44 While
45 Salvage crew member
46 Upright
49 Pommes frites condiment
50 How-to lesson
51 Maker of Wayfarer sunglasses
54 Turn a Monopoly corner
57 Used Charmin for shenanigans, for short
59 Sea cell
60 Bi- equivalent
64 What diviners interpret
65 Former Swedish imports
66 Bolshoi outfit
67 Part of 1/2
69 Passé PC system
70 "Off with her head!" head owner
71 Star that's a draw
74 USCG rank
75 It's often merit-based
76 Ticket number you don't want to see
79 City near Pisa
80 Blood bank quantity
81 Arcade giant
85 Bard's bedtime
86 Competition in lanes
87 Challenging golf hole starting points
89 Blow the budget
92 Center
94 Hung in there
95 "The Merchant of Venice" heroine
96 Some exposed-beam homes
98 Actress De La Garza
99 Scientific dept.
100 Blocks often disassembled and reassembled
101 Trevi toss-in
102 Polly, to Tom
103 Sistine Chapel ceiling figure
104 Bulldog supporters
105 Discipline with poses
106 Lot purchase
107 Resolve, with "out"
108 Dull, maybe
109 J.E.B. Stuart's side



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Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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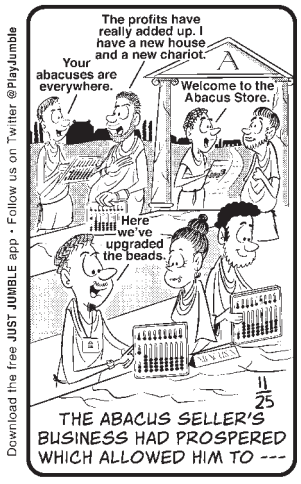
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PLUCTS



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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

			5	7				
5	1			9				4
	6				4			8
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	3							6
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				6			8	2
				3	1			

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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Nov. 25): Listen to your dreams this year. Discipline and regular practices maintain positive cash flow. Gain insight into your health, happiness and purpose. Moneymaking comes easy this winter, leading to shifting educational horizons. Shared investments grow this summer before your own income changes. Take a spiritual perspective.

Aries (March 21-April 19): 7. You may need to make a mess to advance a home improvement or repair. Handle plumbing problems immediately. Misunderstandings abound. Coordinate actions with family.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Take time to handle communication breakdowns as they occur. Patiently advance your message. Avoid provoking anyone. Especially clarify financial matters. Keep things simple.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Obstacles could thwart or frustrate your moneymaking. Misunderstandings and delays arise. Get support from a strong partner to keep advancing. Honesty is best.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. You may be your own worst enemy. Keep practicing to get out of your own way. Physical activity quiets internal noise. Get moving. Nature inspires.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 6. Your peace may get interrupted. Disruption and chaos could distract. Watch for changes or pitfalls. Relax and recharge. Love restores and rejuvenates you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Listen to what others want. Barriers could frustrate a group project. Home settles your roots. Feed them delicious nutrients. Rest, and discover a solution.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Professional challenges offer an unexpected twist. Bureaucratic or regulatory obstacles confront. Solutions arise in conversation. Get expert advice. Make powerful requests.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Delays could hamper your journey. Unscheduled stops can offer hidden treasure, though. Good financial news makes things easier. The profit potential is high.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Financial obstacles could seem overwhelming. You've got this. Get support from partners and family, and offer your contribution, energy and focus. Take charge.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Misunderstandings and arguments spark between you and a partner. Consider how you would like things to work out in advance. Plot your moves.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 6. Health breakdowns like injury, illness or accidents could interrupt your plans. Reach out to your community for support. Accept contribution. You can pay it forward later.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Romantic misunderstandings or disappointments could pull at your heart. Dive into a professional job, and provide excellent service.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

Bridge

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K 9 8 4 ♥ K Q J 8 5 3 ♦ J ♣ Q 3

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K Q J 10 ♥ A Q 10 4 3 2 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ Void

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A 9 7 6 3 ♥ J 2 ♦ A Q 4 ♣ A Q 8
Right-hand opponent opens 3C. What call would you make?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q 8 3 2 ♥ K 10 5 3 ♦ 3 2 ♣ 8 7 4

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♠	2♠*	?

***Club raise, at least invitational strength**
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.

BUGBEAR (BUG-bare): A fearsome imaginary creature.

Can you find 20 or more words in BUGBEAR?

Average mark: 15 words
Time limit: 30 minutes

Here are the rules:

1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of an "s," such as "bats" and "cats," are not used. 3. Use only one form of a verb — either "pose" or "posed," not both. 4. Proper nouns and slang terms are not used.

Answers to the word game:

augur; rage
babe; agar; ague; argue;
urge; garb; gear; grab; grub;
bear; beau; berg; brag; urea;
babe; barb; bare; barge;

— Kathleen Saxe, distributed by Andrews McMeel Syndication for UFS



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Last week's crosswords

"T. HANKS-GIVEN DAY"

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"Bro Hug"

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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Kim) PHILLIPS-FEIN: BITTER WIT: John Kenneth Galbraith would write with bitter wit about people who clung to their sentimental philosophies about how the world ought to operate, long after reality should have really shaken them free.

Last week's Sudoku

4	2	3	9	6	7	5	1	8
7	5	8	1	3	2	9	6	4
6	1	9	5	4	8	3	7	2
3	7	2	6	5	9	8	4	1
9	6	5	8	1	4	7	2	3
8	4	1	7	2	3	6	9	5
2	9	6	3	8	1	4	5	7
5	8	4	2	7	6	1	3	9
1	3	7	4	9	5	2	8	6

This week's Jumble

SHOULD GENIUS INVITE
MOSTLY NOBODY SCULPT

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DESIGN RECIPES PHOTOS

A long winter white sofa and area rug help create a crisp and clean look. Blend different shades and tones of white in a single space. This is no longer considered taboo.

The beauty of winter white



DESIGN RECIPES

Metallic and bronze accents work well with shades of white.

How to use soft colors for a bright, minimalist look

By Cathy Hobbs | Tribune News Service

White has long been viewed as a formal color, typically reserved for seldom-used living and sitting rooms. These days, those looking for a light, bright and minimalist look are choosing winter white.

Unlike stark, bright white, winter white has cream and taupe properties that can serve as the ideal foundation color for a neutral color palette.

If you want to incorporate the beauty of winter white into your home, here are some tips.



DESIGN RECIPES

Pairing black with winter white provides the perfect contrast.

Do:

■ Blend different shades and tones of white in a single space. This is no longer considered taboo.
■ Consider neutral or mostly white artwork. Artwork helps to make a statement as well as introduce or complement colors in a room.
■ Pair winter white with other soothing colors such as soft gray or deeper shades of taupe.
■ Consider metallics to complement white decor.
■ Look for ways to bring portable design into your space as far as adding winter white, in the form of toss pillows, throws or accessories.



DESIGN RECIPES

Soft colors, including various shades of white and cream, help make this master bedroom soothing and inviting.

Don't:

■ Pair bright shades of white side by side. Slight off-hue tones may potentially look dirty when placed next to each other. Instead, pair slightly different shades of white with darker or more winter white shades.
■ Place white furnishings in high traffic areas in which they may be susceptible to frequent staining. A more winter white or taupe color palette may be best, as it helps to conceal.
■ Forget white is a color. Often the color white is ignored, but it can be used just like any other color, either as a primary color for furniture and walls or as an accent.
■ Overlook the opportunity to create a strong visual statement through the use of contrast. Black is a bold color that adds the perfect sense of contrast.
■ Ignore lighting. Lighting can be another opportunity to incorporate winter white into one's space.



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Soft gray as well as black toss pillows complement a winter white sofa. Black adds the perfect sense of contrast.

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How to protect your plants from winter cold

By Beth Botts
Chicago Tribune



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One way to protect plants that aren't hardy enough to withstand winter cold and drying wind is to surround them with a cylinder of chicken wire filled with leaves.

Suddenly, it's winter, and we're wrapping ourselves against the cold in puffy coats and fuzzy boots. What about our plants?

"The best way to protect our gardens in winter is to choose hardy, resilient plants in the first place," said Julie Janoski, manager of the Plant Clinic at the Morton Arboretum. "There are ways to give vulnerable plants extra protection from some kinds of damage, but you can't keep winter out of the garden."

Here are some suggestions from the Plant Clinic for what to do — and what not to do — to protect plants.

Mulch well: An insulating layer of leaves or other plant matter over the surface of the soil will keep the soil consistently cool until spring. Plants will stay dormant and won't be tempted to start growing prematurely in late-winter warm spells.

"The big danger to most plants in winter isn't cold, it's temperature swings," said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist. "It'll be 20 degrees one day and 60 degrees the next. A brief thaw can bring plants out of their safe winter dormancy and make them start growing. Then they can freeze."

Don't wrap trees: It was once common to wind paper tree wrap around the trunks of young trees in the hope of keeping their tender bark from cracking in winter freeze-thaw cycles. The wrap can do more harm than good, Yiesla said, because it can trap moisture against the bark or attract damaging insects in late fall and early spring.

Shield against salt: Often, evergreen shrubs are brown and dead on the side that faces the road, driveway or sidewalk. The culprit? Salt used to melt snow and ice, which dries out plants' tissues.

One way to protect shrubs is to erect a temporary fence to intercept the salt spray by stretching burlap between poles or steel fence posts on the side nearest the road. "Don't wrap the entire plant in burlap," said Janoski. "That would prevent air from circulating and let moisture build up."

Surround tender shrubs: Chicago cold and wind can dry out shrubs that aren't quite hardy here, such as bigleaf hydrangeas or tender roses. To protect them, avoid using plastic foam rose cones, which can cause damaging heat and moisture to build up around a plant. Instead, create an open, airy kind of insulation with a cylinder of chicken wire filled with leaves.

Let stalks stay: Rather than cutting back perennials, consider leaving the dried stalks and foliage standing. "They will insulate and protect the crown and the roots," Janoski said. "It's one of the ways that hardy plants naturally defend themselves against winter."

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

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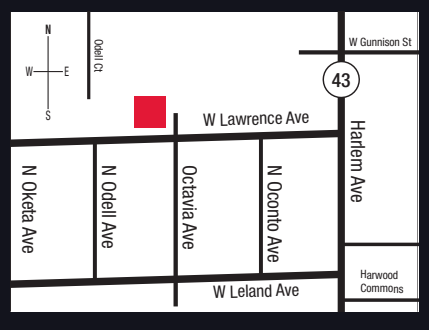
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By Jessica Moazami | Chicago Tribune

Fall fashion is having a major ’80s moment, with designers like Balmain, Balenciaga and others embracing the new wave era. Neon colors, larger-than-life shoulders and geometric shapes have taken over — yet again — for fall and winter.

The revival isn’t limited to fashion, it’s spilling over into home decor with a resurgence of graphic patterns, brass and smoked glass and a renewed interest in the quirky designs by Milan’s influentual Memphis group. Here are a few of our favorite looks.

Jessica Moazami is a freelance stylist.



GETTY

Louis Vuitton’s shearling jacket with rounded shoulders.



GETTY

Balenciaga’s shaggy, neon-green top and pleated skirt.



ANTHROPOLOGIE

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HIVE MODERN



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7 things to know when buying a winter coat



ELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel



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Online shopping makes it easy to compare coat prices, but consider waiting for end-of-season sales too.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: With the recent cold snap, I'm having my annual winter-coat crisis. I have short and long wool versions that work fine when it's above freezing. My dilemma is with the deep freeze options. Here's what I think are my options, but I'm hoping you have a better recommendation:

1) My 15-year-old Lands' End parka, still wind- and cold-proof, except the hood doesn't cinch, so it is essentially a cold air balloon on top of my head. 2) A new, reasonably affordable parka from the same company — it calls the hood "adjustable," but I'm skeptical. 3) An investment in a Canada Goose parka that is more than my mortgage payment. Please tell me there are better options when it's a deep freeze and I need to keep my head warm.

— Mary McI.

Dear Mary: Like you, I've never found a cloth coat that is as warm as a parka. If you don't object to down or down/feather combos, those are your best bet in a parka or coat, although synthetics have vastly improved in the warmth category. Here are some guidelines:

1. If you'd like to stick with a wool coat, buy a size up, then order a light down jacket from uniqlo.com. I have them in three different weights to wear underneath when it gets really bad out there. And they roll up into a tiny bag, so they're great for travel. Sometimes I wear a big coat and three under jackets — the Papa, Mama *and* Baby bear concept of cold weather dressing.

2. If you want a hood that stays put in the bluster, it has to have a drawstring or some snaps to keep it snug.

3. Brand name isn't everything. Well-known parka brands like Columbia, North Face, Canada Goose and Montcler, with heavy advertising budgets, will keep you warm at a substantial price, but I've had good luck with no-names that I've bought at discounters like T.J.Maxx.

4. Comparison shopping is easy online. The internet has plenty of sites that list the warmest winter wear, if you want to do some homework.

5. Inner sleeve cuffs are a feature you'll be thankful for — they keep out the wind.

6. If you don't need a coat right now, it's best to wait. Too late for this winter, but end-of-season is when you'll find those great coat bargains.

7. Shop eBay for gently used or tags-still-on from the folks who have given up and moved to warmer climates!

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I'm a short, large woman, and I want to join an exercise center. What is appropriate attire for me, and where is a good place to find it? I'm not fashion-conscious but don't want to feel people are snickering. Please help!

— Call me "T"

Dear T: Good for you for committing to an exercise program. Ironic, isn't it, that those of us who could most profit from beginning to exercise to control our weight (and, more important, to take control of our health) have trouble finding workout clothes? The good news is that there are more and more good options available as the light bulb goes on among manufacturers that not all of us are size 6!

Exercise newcomers might prefer what used to be called sweatpants but now are "joggers," many with drawstring waists instead of form-fitting leggings. Petites should consider capri-length bottoms that might hit at the ankle on shorter women instead of the customary midcalf. When searching online sites, using the word "active" might help narrow the search. Here are some options for you that carry stylish bottoms, sports bras and tops in plus sizes: Old Navy (plus size active tops and bottoms 1X to 4X (oldnavy.com); Lane Bryant's Livi Active (lanebryant.com); Juno Active up to 6X in petite, average and tall (junoactive.com); Lola Getts (lolagetts.com); Torrid (up to 6X, torrid.com); C9 Champion brand at Target (target.com); and Xersion at JC Penney, (jcpenney.com).

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Is it appropriate to wear leather at work? I just purchased some faux leather pants and a skirt, and I'd like to wear them with sweaters to work. My work environment is business casual and people wear anything from jeans to suits.

— Ani M.

Dear Ani: Many pleather (faux leather) pants and skirts (and coats and sweaters) can totally fool the eye. It ain't your mother's fake leather — that screamed "plastic" — anymore! And it sounds as if your workplace would be fine with your new faux leather clothing, since you indicate that pretty much anything goes.

My only caveat is that if your new clothes are truly skintight, you could be verging into a danger zone. On ESPN, I saw a broadcaster wearing a short black leather (or fake leather?) skirt that left nothing — with a capital N — to the imagination. It had a serious hooker vibe. Some pleather leggings are so revealing that they are not suitable for the workplace.

And I should add here my frequent lament that leggings aren't pants. I know you see them everywhere — not just at the gym — but that doesn't make this a good look. If you're going to wear leggings out and about, at the very least cover your assets with a tunic!

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Can you please recommend a good, budget-friendly neck-firming cream? After looking at some recent photographs of myself, I think I could use something to firm my neck!

— Susan B.

Dear Susan: Oh, how I wish I could recommend some magic for your neck. I've tried plenty of face and neck firming creams, lotions and tonics — from frugal drugstore products to potions in the $100-plus category — and have seen no noticeable difference. The problem is that old monster: gravity. I don't trust the "before" and "after" videos and photos I see in print and online. Readers: If you've found a product that you love, I want to hear about it pronto!

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COMMENTARY

Why I gave up on 'flattering' clothing

By Alison Gary
The Washington Post

"What the heck are these?" my husband asked, pulling a piece of clothing from the laundry hamper to toss into the washing machine. "Did you cut up a pair of my jeans?"

In his hands was something I swore I'd never, ever wear. Something that as recently as this spring I instructed one of my blog's readers to remove from her closet because it was so offensive: a pair of high-waisted, cropped, wide-leg jeans. Vintage-inspired fade, frayed hem, button fly: a mix between mom jeans and culottes.

How did I get here? I have spent my entire life and career meticulously cultivating a look that would elongate, slim, flatter. This garment was the antithesis of all that I have preached and practiced for years.

I've had a passion for fashion since I was very young. My mother would scold me for using a whole box of Kleenex and a roll of tape to create dresses for my Barbie dolls. In high school, I was known for my quirky and inventive looks; after college, I got a job in apparel. When I switched to corporate America, I created a fashion advice blog. I read all the books, was a "What Not to Wear" devotee, and totally drank the fashion rules Kool-Aid. There were certain things you should and shouldn't wear to flatter your figure. To flatter meant to create an hourglass shape: Whittle that waist and lengthen those legs.

Not an easy feat for a 5-foot-3 curvy young woman. I wore columns of dark color; I obsessed over hemlines to have them at that perfect point to make my leg look long and lean; I invested in many wide elastic belts, which were worn just below the rib cage to not only make my legs look longer, but to give the appearance that I had a smaller waist. I had a whole drawerful of Spanx and another of pushup bras, and every pair of shoes I owned had at least a 3-inch heel. I don't want to admit how many wrap dresses I've purchased over the past decade, and all of them would be in colors appropriate for a "Winter," a la "Color Me Beautiful," the famous guide to which colors should be worn by which women according to their complexions. If an item didn't "flatter," it didn't enter my closet.

When I turned 40, I started to slowly question my choices, easing up on some of those hard-and-fast rules. I worked so hard and for so long to fit my shape into the ideal of my Barbies in their Scotch tape-cinched Kleenex dresses. I was exhausted.



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The author, enjoying cropped, wide-legged jeans, a supposed no-no for short women.

So I broke the rules.

It started with an orange sweater that caught my eye in a Gap store window. I went in hoping to find it in a color more fitting for a "Winter," but all they had was the sunny shade. I tried on the orange and ended up purchasing it. I loved the color, and I smiled each time I pulled it out of the drawer and over my head. I was surprised how easily it fit into my wardrobe, complementing my dark denim and providing lively contrast with my cool red lipstick. What's funny is I got more compliments wearing it than any cobalt blue or emerald green piece in my closet.

I moved on to horizontal stripes, something I was told I couldn't wear because I have a large bust. The thing is, I had the same size chest whether it was covered in solid black or Breton stripes. I started with one top from J. Crew, and now I have more than a dozen that are regularly worn and loved. I wear stripes so much, I think if a cartoon character was made to represent me she'd be wearing a navy and white striped T-shirt.

Some rules I broke out of necessity. After I gave birth to my daughter, I developed plantar fasciitis and couldn't wear heels. I tried. Lord, I tried. It went away and I went back to heels — and then developed a fallen arch. I have now embraced my collection of Birkenstocks, brogues, flats and funky sneakers.

Some rules were easy to break once I got the hang of fashion rule breaking. Into my closet came chunky sweaters, overalls, midi skirts and plenty of big, bold prints. It was liberating to wear clothing that was fun and for me, not to fit an ideal. But some rules took longer to break. I was happy and feeling free in any color, bold stripes and flat shoes, but I just could not get on board with the latest trend of wide-leg cropped jeans and pants. The difference? Stripes, flats and an outside-the-box color weren't ... ugly. And I really found this trend ugly. There's nothing that will make this short squat body look even more short and squat. It's why I advised my blog reader to ditch her pair. I couldn't do ugly. Or could I? It wouldn't hurt to try ...

And now I sit here in wide-leg cropped jeans writing this piece. I saw the trend so much in my Instagram feed that it wore me down. I own three pairs of cropped wide-leg pants and wear them all the time. I wear them with heeled boots, with flats, with Birkenstocks, with my Nikes. And yep, my beloved new jeans do look an awful lot like a pair of his jorts, but I don't care. I'm dressing for me and it makes me happy.

When I wrongly recommended that woman give up her jeans, I did give some good advice: " ... we are square pegs and a lot of fashion is round holes. We try to shove ourselves into those round holes with compression garments, uncomfortable shoes, and over-shopping thinking there's that perfect something that will make us suddenly chic. Style comes from within you, not within your closet. You are fabulous just the way you are. You deserve clothing that doesn't require so much effort and so little payback."

The older I get, the better a relationship I have with my body. Iwant to pamper it for how well it's supported me all these years. Now I am finally taking my own advice and recognizing that I look best when I enjoy what I'm wearing. Sometimes that's a dress that whittles my waist or a shoe that makes my legs look amazing — and sometimes it's a piece that breaks all the rules.

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Levi's plans to let shoppers personalize denim designs

By Khanh T.L. Tran
Los Angeles Times



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Model Lily Aldridge designs jeans on an iPad alongside Bart Sights and Nicolle Arbour at Levi's LA studio.

Lily Aldridge's first attempt at designing denim almost went up in flames. The model, best known for appearing in ad campaigns for Victoria's Secret, Bulgari, Ralph Lauren and Levi's Made & Crafted, took on the challenge of personalizing jeans with the fashion equivalent of a lightning strike.

One late summer afternoon, hours after flying in from her home in Nashville, Tenn., Aldridge stepped into a shipping container in LA's Arts District that Levi's had converted into a mobile studio. The space was equipped with a laser machine the size of an oven. Aldridge's goal was to replicate the blue tint (that mirrored the cloudless sky) of her favorite vintage Levi's.

"I love the color and how it's not super faded," she said of the jeans.

So does her husband, Kings of Leon singer Caleb Followill, who, according to Aldridge, likes to take the pair for himself. "I'm always stealing (them) back," she said. "When you find the right style that fits ... it's like finding a magical treasure."

Hovering above brand-new boyfriend jeans laid flat in a glass-and-metal box, a laser beam crackled. Loud as a dental drill, it removed bits of dye and thread in seconds. As the laser zapped the fabric's top layer of indigo, wisps of blue smoke rose.

"It smells so good," Aldridge said. "Who doesn't want a roasted marshmallow smell when you're making custom jeans?"

With her iPhone camera in hand, Aldridge tried to capture the moment that the laser emitted a burst of energy, singeing small specks on a back pocket



Lily Aldridge's customized jeans with cheetah spots on a back pocket.

that would eventually disintegrate into holes in the wash.

After the third attempt — and with the risk of burning the fabric — Aldridge whispered, "Got it." She broke into a smile, buoyed by cheers in the room.

"They're not on fire. So, we're good, right?" said Raymond Crisostomo, innovation developer for Levi's, maneuvering the machine's controls.

When Levi's expands its customization program next year, consumers can follow Aldridge's lead and play with fire — as denim designers for a day.

The brand plans to install a laser machine, developed by Spanish company Jeanologia, in one of its stores in the U.S. (with safety mechanisms intact, of course).

Online and in stores, consumers will use an app similar to the one Aldridge played with to personalize their denim. Levi's has yet to finalize the cost for shoppers to personalize jeans.

To whet consumers' appetites for perfectly damaged jeans, Levi's has been giving away denim customized by Aldridge, rapper Snoop Dogg, actress Sasha Lane, surfer Kelly Slater, tattoo artist Dr. Woo, basketball star Blake Griffin and others. Fans have eaten it up. A week after Aldridge's visit to the temporary studio, Super Bowl champion-turned-ESPN analyst Victor Cruz depleted the stock of his custom-designed red-striped 501s — they were etched in the front with a giant image of two horses trying to pull apart jeans — in two hours on Levi's Instagram Stories page.

Besides "beating fast fashion at their own game," said Bart Sights, vice president of technical innovation for Levi's, customization is "delivering what people need when they want it, and giving them some fun in actually coming up with stuff and expressing themselves."

Aldridge ended up customizing two pairs of jeans and drawing cheetah spots on a back pocket with the laser machine. "I'm ... loving it," she said. "I wish I could design hundreds of pairs."


From left: Sally Jo Morris, Jamie Thorsen and Sherrill Bodine


Cheri Lawrence and Jennifer Glover


Lourdes McKillop, Michelle Baker, Jennifer Wycykal and John Bourgeois


Sylvia Muller, Averill Leviton, Linda Heister and Mamie Walton


Dori Wilson, Patrick Sheehan and Cheryl Coleman


Scott Bobek, with Pam and Al Capitanini

Candid Candace



By Candace Jordan
Chicago Tribune

Service Club of Chicago celebrates 128 years

The Service Club of Chicago celebrated 128 years of giving with an art deco-inspired Let's Roar Together gala at the Four Seasons Chicago on Nov. 2. The event, co-chaired by members Sherrill Bodine, Sally Jo Morris and Jamie Thorsen, raised funds for the club's philanthropic grant program, which last year donated $490,000 worth of needed items to 63 local nonprofits.

The fun began "at the curb," where more than 300 guests were invited to pose beside a vintage Auburn Boattail Speedster with greeters dressed in Gatsby-esque attire. Inside, the Roaring '20s theme continued in grand style. The sounds of the Becca Kaufman Orchestra greeted partygoers in the grand ballroom. Tina Jenkins Crawley sang "In the Mood," while costumed dancers invited guests to join them on the dance floor.

Tracey DiBuono, president of the Service Club, offered welcoming remarks: "2018 has been proclaimed the Year of the Woman. For us, every year is the Year of the Woman, and those women are the volunteers who make the Service Club great," she said.

Bodine thanked the gala committee and acknowledged three of its "shining stars," Bonnie Rickard, Marci Holzer and Dianne Olsen. Thorsen introduced the event's inaugural Women of Distinction honorees, who "make Chicago a better place to live": Gerri Kahnweiler, Susan Whiting, Dori Wilson and Karen Zupko.

Following a live auction that raised over $35,000, philanthropic co-chair Pamella Capitanini introduced an open call for donations. She spotlighted three nonprofits that were past grantees: The Oak Park/River Forest Day Nursery received 56 chairs for its meal program for underprivileged children and The Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly received reusable, insulated grocery delivery bags to keep food fresh for its seniors. The Center for Enriched Living was given 15 iPads that enabled children with cerebral palsy to communicate with their parents.

The event raised over $350,000.

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved in many local groups, including some whose events she covers.

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"We pay $1,200 a month for more than double the space ... and everything brand-new," said Ashley Brown, who moved with fiance Aaron Shuman from Los Angeles to Atlanta.

Goodbye, Chicago. Hello, Nashville?

Why more people are relocating to 'secondary' cities

By Michele Lerner | Special to The Washington Post

As they began planning their future together, Ashley Brown and her fiance, Aaron Shuman, concluded that they could no longer remain in Los Angeles because it was getting much too expensive.

"Our rent in LA was $1,500 for a tiny, 650-square-foot apartment with no amenities," says Brown, 29, a native New Yorker, actress and New York University graduate. She and Shuman, a 28-year-old musician, looked at Austin, Texas, Detroit, Portland, Ore., and Columbus, Ohio, before settling on Atlanta.

"There's a great arts community here (in Atlanta), and it's a growing city with lots of entrepreneurs," said Brown, who is working several jobs and plans to open a business. Also, the dollar stretches much further, giving them breathing room. "We pay $1,200 a month for more than double the space, with two bedrooms, two bathrooms and everything brand-new," she said.

Brown and Shuman are part of a wave of people migrating from coastal cities to "secondary" cities — drawn by a lower cost of living, lighter tax burden, job growth and a better chance to buy a home they can afford.

Nashville, Tenn., Sacramento, Calif., Atlanta, Phoenix, Austin and Dallas are among the top 10 cities with the largest influx of new residents, according to new data from the Redfin real estate brokerage.

Not surprisingly, high-cost cities from which people are fleeing include San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles and Washington.

"People in the coastal markets are just fed up with double-digit price increases, and they're moving to a commuter town or to the middle of the country," said Daryl Fairweather, chief economist for Redfin. "In our most recent 'hottest markets' report, Indianapolis tied for third place with Boston among the cities where homes go under contract fastest. People are moving there from Chicago, Los Angeles and the Bay Area because it's affordable."

The Chicago area lost residents for a third consecutive year — an estimated 13,286 residents according to 2017 U.S. Census Bureau

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Some cities gaining population are challenged by the growth. Another issue for many (unlike Chicago, above) is a lack of public transit.

Dream deal turns into $100M nightmare for retirees



Kenneth R. Harney
The Nation's Housing

Ever fantasize about fleeing the winter cold and getting in on the ground floor of a beachfront real estate deal in which you double your money in a few years? If you've dreamed that dream, here's how it could turn nightmarish.

When Frank Balluff and his wife, Rebecca, purchased a lot in what seemed to be an exciting new Caribbean resort development, little could they imagine what they were getting into. In fact, it was what the Federal Trade Commission now calls the biggest real estate scam involving overseas property it has ever investigated. Promoters allegedly fleeced 1,000-plus lot buyers out of $100 million or more. Earlier this month, the FTC sought and obtained a federal court order temporarily shutting the project down and freezing promoters' assets.

Balluff, a business owner from Michigan, estimates that his personal losses exceed $310,000, but he says he's heard of others who "invested their full retirement funds" and planned to build homes and move to the resort. Now "they just have nothing left," he says.

Balluff and others — mainly Americans nearing retirement age or already retired — bought into a slickly marketed development known variously as Sanctuary Belize, Sanctuary Bay and The Reserve.

The 14,000-acre project is located on the Caribbean coast in Belize, an English-speaking nation bordering Mexico.

Through advertising pitches on Bloomberg News, Fox News and infomercials, developers promised purchasers a seductive list of

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Lenders have little incentive to breeze through short sale

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
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Q: Why do short sales take so long to complete? How can I make the short sale process go faster?



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Lenders hope that prices will rise or that the owner or buyer will find the money to pay off the lender in full.

A: Short sales occur when the owner of a home owes more to the lender than the home is worth and wants to sell but the buyer's offer won't cover the repayment of the loan and all the other costs of the sale. When the lender agrees to take less than is owed, the value of the property is short (or less than) the amount owed, hence the term "short sale."

For the short sale to close, the buyer either has to pay the difference between the net sales price (after broker's commissions and costs) and the payoff amount of the mortgage out of pocket or the lender has to agree to take less than what is owed according to the terms of the loan agreement.

Here's why it takes so long to go through a short sale: There's little incentive for lenders to take a loss on the books until they absolutely have to, and lenders will want to make sure the borrower absolutely can't pay what he or she is supposed to pay.

Lenders hope that by pushing off the decision, prices will rise or the owner or buyer of the home will find the money necessary to make the deal and pay off the lender in full.

A short sale will generally hurt a seller's credit history and credit score. The buyer may end up getting the home and, in some cases, may end up getting a good deal, but not always — especially if the property has a lot of deferred maintenance. The real estate agents often end up getting less commission than they are entitled to, the lender requires the attorneys in the transaction to limit what they can charge, and certain fees and expenses will not be allowed by the lender. You can see how everyone involved has to kick in cash to get the deal done, so frequently, few people come out happy after a short sale.

When an owner applies for a short sale, the lender will ask for a ton of paperwork. Sometimes it seems that the lender asks for more paperwork in a short sale than when the borrower took out the loan. Once the lender gets the paperwork, it will put a huge amount of time verifying the details of the short sale, often a lot more time than when the borrower applied for the loan.

When the lender gives a borrower a loan, the lender expects to make money on the loan. Now that the lender needs to approve the short sale and wants to minimize that loss, the lender will comb through the paperwork looking at where the borrower might be hiding money, trying to determine whether this borrower can actually pay for the shortage. Doing all that takes time, and the lender may have different layers of people looking at documents and then approving everything.

If the lender has turnover, you may find that there are different people to deal with at every stage in the short sale process. As new people filter in, they have to get up to speed on the deal, and that can take even more time.

The system isn't perfect and it eats up time. The more money the lender will lose, the more time it may take to process and approve the short sale. At the end of the day, just when you think you're almost done, the lender may consider whether foreclosure could end up giving the lender a better result.

The only advice we can give you is to keep pushing the lender to make a decision. And, hopefully, your short sale will close.

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Cities

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data. It has seen gradual declines in population, losing 11,177 residents in 2016 and 3,371 in 2015.

The migration also is driven by the Republicans' tax overhaul, which, among other provisions, eliminated the state and local tax deduction for six states with high property taxes: California, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Texas. Illinois residents pay the second-highest property taxes in the country, with the average annual effective property tax on a single-family house at 2.13 percent.

Meanwhile, many mid-size markets are poised for a real estate investment boom. Urban Land Institute, a Washington-based organization representing urban land use and real estate experts around the world, made some predictions in "Emerging Trends in Real Estate 2019," a joint project with PricewaterhouseCoopers. Some of the locations are also on Redfin's list of where people are moving. These cities include Dallas-Fort Worth, Raleigh-Durham, N.C., Orlando, Fla., Nashville, Austin, Denver, Charlotte, N.C., and Tampa, Fla.

Ed Walter, global chief executive for ULI, calls these "18-hour cities," meaning that their downtowns have changed from purely office space to include residential development and nightlife.

"While these are not 24-hours-a-day busy like New York City, there's lots of activity, from early-morning coffee through the time the clubs close around midnight," he said.

Jobs are also an important part of the choice to move. "One thing that makes it easier for people to relocate is that there are more remote workers all the time," Fairweather said. "If you can live anywhere, it makes more sense to live somewhere that's less expensive. At the same time, more companies are willing to open offices in other cities to accommodate remote workers."

"It's the combination of affordable housing and jobs that are causing people to move," said Daren Blomquist, senior vice president at ATTOM Data Solutions, an Irvine, Calif.-based property database.

"In places like Tampa, Dallas and Las Vegas, there's a booming economy, with lots of jobs, along with relatively affordable homes. You can cut your housing costs in half if you move to Dallas from Los Angeles and there are jobs there, too."

Nonfarm employment rose the fastest in Florida, at 4.8 percent in September, compared with September 2017, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Employment was up 3.3 percent in Texas, 3.2 percent in Nevada, 2.9 percent in Arizona, 2.5 percent in Georgia and 2.1 percent in Tennessee.

Well-paid science, technology, engineering and math jobs are flowing to some secondary locales, such as Denver, Austin, Raleigh-Durham, Nashville and Charlotte, Walter said, especially with startup companies that want to locate in affordable cities.

Some of the high-growth cities also benefit from a convenient location. Tax advantages also help drive growth in some of these markets. There's no state income tax in Florida, Nevada, Tennessee or Texas.

But the biggest challenge facing secondary cities is how they will handle growth. Home prices have risen rapidly in many of them, so although they are "affordable" cities compared with some coastal markets, they're far less affordable than in the past, Blomquist said.

"We look at affordability in relation to local wages, and we've seen that in places such as Clark County in Las Vegas, you now need 44 percent of the average annual wage there to buy a median-priced house, which is much more than in the past," Blomquist said.

Nationwide, average wage-earners would need to spend 37 percent of their income to buy a median-priced home, above the historic national average of 34 percent. But in high-priced markets, such as Kings County (Brooklyn), N.Y., 135 percent of average income is required to buy a median-priced house.

"It's great if you have a place to sell in a high-priced market and move to a lower-priced market, but for long-term residents, rising prices in these secondary cities (are) making them less affordable," Blomquist said. "In some markets, like Denver and Dallas, that were 'steady Eddie' markets with relatively stable home prices, we've seen home prices rise faster than wages. That means there's a potential for a bigger downturn unless home price appreciation slows, as it already has in many markets."

Another major challenge for many of these cities is the lack of public transit, particularly a rail network.

Proposals are in place in Atlanta to build 21 miles of light rail and 18 miles of bus rapid transit lanes, but that can take years to accomplish. In Nashville and Austin, voters in recent years rejected public transit plans because of the increased tax burden required to pay for such systems.

In Dallas, funding is still an obstacle to plans to expand a downtown subway system and a commuter rail line. City officials also are looking into streetcars and bus lanes.

"It will be interesting to see how these cities handle transit options over the next decade," Walter said. "Some cities have been proactive and have put in dedicated bus lanes or rail already, and they'll handle growth better. Cities that don't address transportation issues will likely see growth slow in future years."

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Is a VA mortgage right for you?

For homebuyers with a military connection, a VA loan offers perks that other Americans can't access. But there's a trade-off, so it's critical you understand the details of these special mortgages.

VA loans are offered by private lenders, but the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs provides insurance that reduces the lender's risk should you default. As a result, VA loans do not require homebuyers to pay for private mortgage insurance (PMI).

Other advantages include a potentially lower rate than on a conventional mortgage, relaxed credit score thresholds, and no down payment requirement.

VA loans are available to veterans, active military, reservists, National Guard members, and qualified survivors of a deceased veteran. The loan must also be for a primary residence.

So with no down payment, competitive rates, easy credit score requirements, and no PMI, what's the catch? The trade-off is the VA Funding Fee. At 1.25% to 3.3% of your total loan amount, this fee can be heftier than many homebuyers expect.

Though you can roll this one-time cost into your total loan package, it will raise your monthly payment, and may even raise your interest rate. So it's worth considering how to lower the fee.

The No. 1 way to do this is by making a down payment. Putting 5% down will drop the fee by a substantial amount, and 10% down will drop it to its lowest level. Your category of military service and whether you've previously taken out a VA loan also determines the fee.

If 5% down isn't an option, and you have a low credit score, a VA Loan could still be your best bet. Just be sure to carefully compare what you'd pay for PMI if you go with a conventional mortgage vs. what the VA Funding Fee will cost you.

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$100M resort scheme

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amenities — fine restaurants, a luxury hotel, a world-class marina and shops, a hospital staffed by Americans, a championship golf course, a casino and even an airstrip, according to the FTC.

Plus they dangled financial catnip: fat and fast profits if buyers chose to sell their parcels. The promoters pushed on-site tours to people like the Balluffs, who flew to Belize to inspect the property before putting down any money.

However, according to the FTC, "many consumers" purchased lots costing $150,000 to $500,000 sight-unseen.

Balluff says he was attracted by the promoters' innovative "no-debt" approach; unlike most real estate developers, they wouldn't depend on lenders to finance their activities. Instead they'd plow sales revenues back into the resort to speed its completion within two to five years.

High on the Balluffs' priority list was that the project be completed as quickly as promised, because they wanted to build a home and get away from Michigan's harsh winter weather.

When they periodically inquired about progress at the site, they were assured by officials that Sanctuary Belize "would meet its timelines."

But six years have passed, and most of what was promised hasn't been delivered. Hardly any homes have been built, according to the FTC, and Balluff says the developers seem "to be doing little more than moving dirt around and making excuses for delays."

When buyers ask for the developers to buy back their lots or they stop making payments, the developers refuse refunds and resell the lots to new buyers, the FTC alleges.

But it gets worse. To gather information on Sanctuary Belize, the FTC created a sting operation that involved a fictitious small business whose owners fit the profile of Sanctuary's target marketing. They posed as purchasers and in the process documented disturbing facts, according to the FTC: The person orchestrating the Sanctuary development, Andris Pukke, is a convicted felon who had been sued by the FTC for consumer fraud in connection with a debt-counseling scheme; Pukke ultimately agreed to forfeit millions of dollars in assets that could be used to refund money to victims.

James Kohm, director of the FTC's consumer protection enforcement division, called Pukke "a hardcore recidivist scammer" who perpetrated the Sanctuary Belize scheme "even while serving a prison sentence for obstruction of justice."

Sanctuary Belize officials covered up his involvement, according to the FTC, repeatedly lying to buyers such as the Balluffs, who had discovered his connection to the development after their purchase. Neither Pukke nor officials of his company, based in Irvine, Calif., could be reached for comment earlier this month; the main number for Sanctuary Belize marketing and sales was no longer in service.

Some takeaways? First, the FTC's allegations and injunction will need to pass further tests in court. Even if successful in permanently shutting down the Sanctuary Belize enterprise, the agency may not recover the funds needed to repay alleged victims. Second, buying into resort land developments — whether in Florida at various times in the past century or in exotic locations like Belize — has always been inherently high risk.

You can never do too much due diligence, especially when checking out the promoters.

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HOME OF THE WEEK

Vintage-style Gold Coast duplex: $4.4 million



ADDRESS: 1500 N. Lake Shore Drive, Unit 7-8B, Chicago
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This newly renovated Gold Coast duplex offers 5,000 square feet of proportioned living space on two levels and sweeping lake views. The main level includes grand living and dining rooms, a walnut-paneled library and a De Giulio-designed kitchen that opens to a combination breakfast and family room. There are four spacious en suite bedrooms, including a large master suite with a walk-in closet and an en suite office or nursery. Recent updates include new windows and millwork by Parenti & Raffaelli. This service-oriented building offers professional management, an on-site garage and a new exercise room.
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APARTMENT HUNT

Eleven40 has arts ambience in South Loop

By Pamela Dittmer McKuen
Chicago Tribune



Eleven40 in the South Loop, named for its Wabash Avenue address, has 320 apartments.

Along the Wabash Arts Corridor in the South Loop, dozens of large-scale murals adorn the neighborhood's walls and buildings. A new apartment building soars above the creativity and adds artistic flair of its own.

The hallways and common spaces at Eleven40, named for its street address on Wabash Avenue, are hung with paintings, prints and photography. Some replicate the street murals nearby, including the one by Chicago artist Hebru Brantley that was covered when Eleven40 was built.

More works, including streaming video art projected onto the garage door, is coming, said Eleven40 co-developer Keith Giles.

Another notable feature of Eleven40 is the plant life that contrasts with the concrete streetscape. From the massive living wall in the lobby to the landscaped roof deck, the common areas are decked in greens.

"Live plants add warmth and health," Giles said. "The city has long been committed to green spaces, and we wanted to carry that out through the building."

The units

Eleven40's 320 apartments range from studio to two bedrooms configured into 16 floor plans. Apartments are located on the sixth through 25th floors.

All units have gray-tone, wide-plank flooring, a full-size clothes washer and dryer, built-in closet systems, floor-to-ceiling windows and roller blinds. Units with one bathroom have a shower; units with two bathrooms have a shower and tub. Balconies are attached to three of the four two-bedroom floor plans.

Kitchens are appointed with stainless steel appliances, white quartz counters, white tile backsplashes and duo-tone cabinets with white glossy uppers and wood-grain lowers. Baths have tile floors and shower surrounds, and wood-grain vanities with white quartz counters.

A 952-square-foot model is designed with a bedroom on either side of an open-plan living space with a kitchen appliance wall. Both bedrooms have a linear closet. Coat and laundry closets are near the front door.

The amenities

Two entire floors are devoted to amenities for resident work and play. The fifth floor is a continuum of divided and semidivided spaces for lounging, media viewing, gaming and socializing.

Among them are a music jam room with editing equipment and a co-working lounge with individual and collaborative workspaces. A kitchen, coffee station, fitness center with a yoga and spin studio, pet grooming station and outdoor dog run are also on this level. Circling the building on three sides is an outdoor walkway with decks for grilling and relaxing.



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The hallways and common spaces at Eleven40 are adorned with plants, paintings, prints and photography.



Two entire floors of the development are devoted to amenities for resident work and play, with indoor and outdoor common spaces.

On the 26th floor is the rooftop Aqua Lounge, which overlooks Lake Michigan, Grant Park and several of the Wabash Arts Corridor murals. The indoor space features comfy conversation seating, a kitchen and bar, and multiple television screens. On the outdoor deck are a swimming pool, hot tub, landscaped terrace, fire pits and grilling stations.

About 5,000 square feet of street-level commercial space is under development.

The South Loop is abuzz with coffee shops, restaurants, grocery stores, galleries, museums, performance spaces and the Roosevelt Collection Shops. The CTA train stations and bus stops and a Divvy dock are within footsteps.

"We give our residents the canvas, and here they can be creative," said Louie Colella, regional director for Eleven40's leasing agent Caliber Leasing Group.

The folks behind it

The developers and owners of Eleven40 are a joint venture between CA Residential LLC and K Giles LLC. The building was designed by Solomon Cordwell Buenz and is managed by CA Ventures with leasing management by Caliber Leasing Group. All are based in Chicago.

The first move-ins arrived in June.

The fine print

Eleven40
1140 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL
312-753-1140; www.live1140.com

Apartments: Prices based on availability and subject to change. Studio, 400 to 405 square feet, from $1,744; one-bedroom, 646 to 649 square feet, from $2,048; two-bedroom, 953 to 1,030 square feet, from $2,554.

Lease terms: 12- to 24-month lease terms; $50 application fee and $400 administration fee.

Renter's insurance: Required.

Utilities: Monthly utility package, $90 to $130, depending on unit size. Includes gas, water, sewer, trash, internet. Tenant pays separately for electricity and cable.

Parking: Attached garage. Unassigned parking space, $250 a month; assigned parking space, $325 a month.

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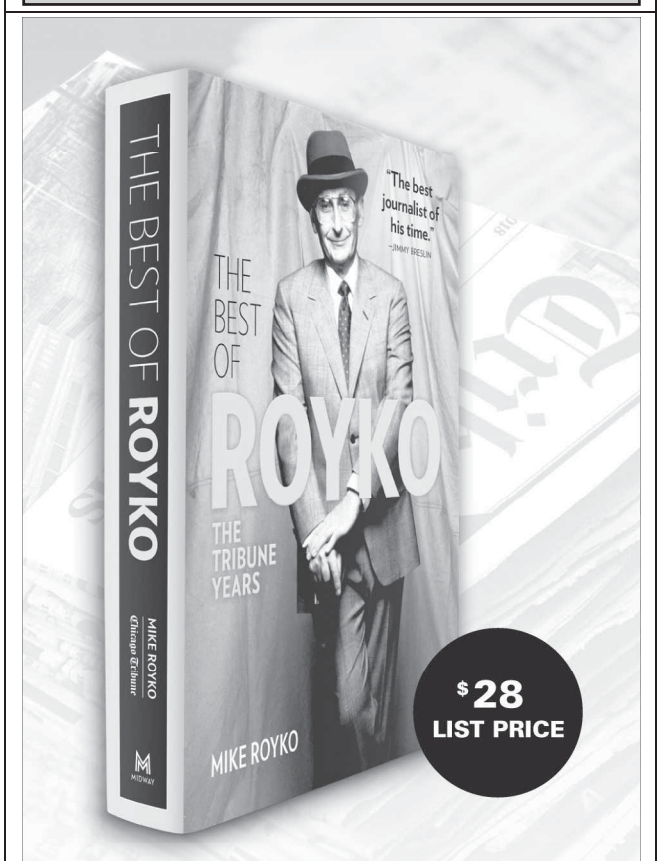
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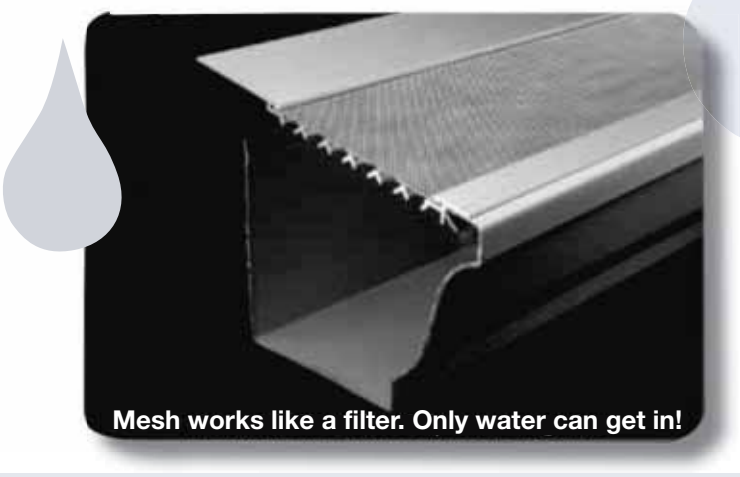
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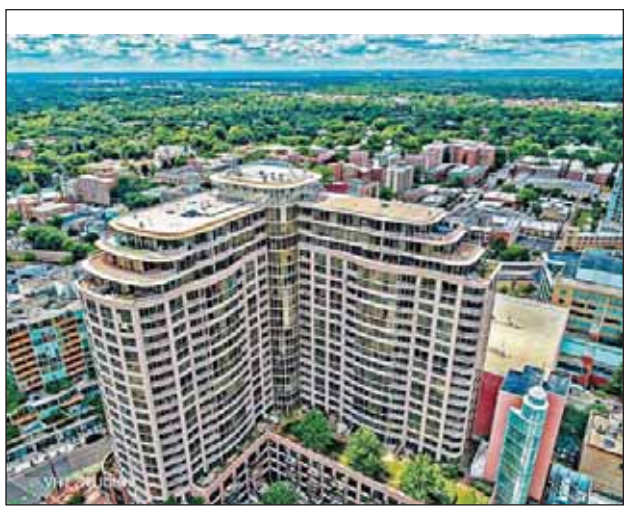
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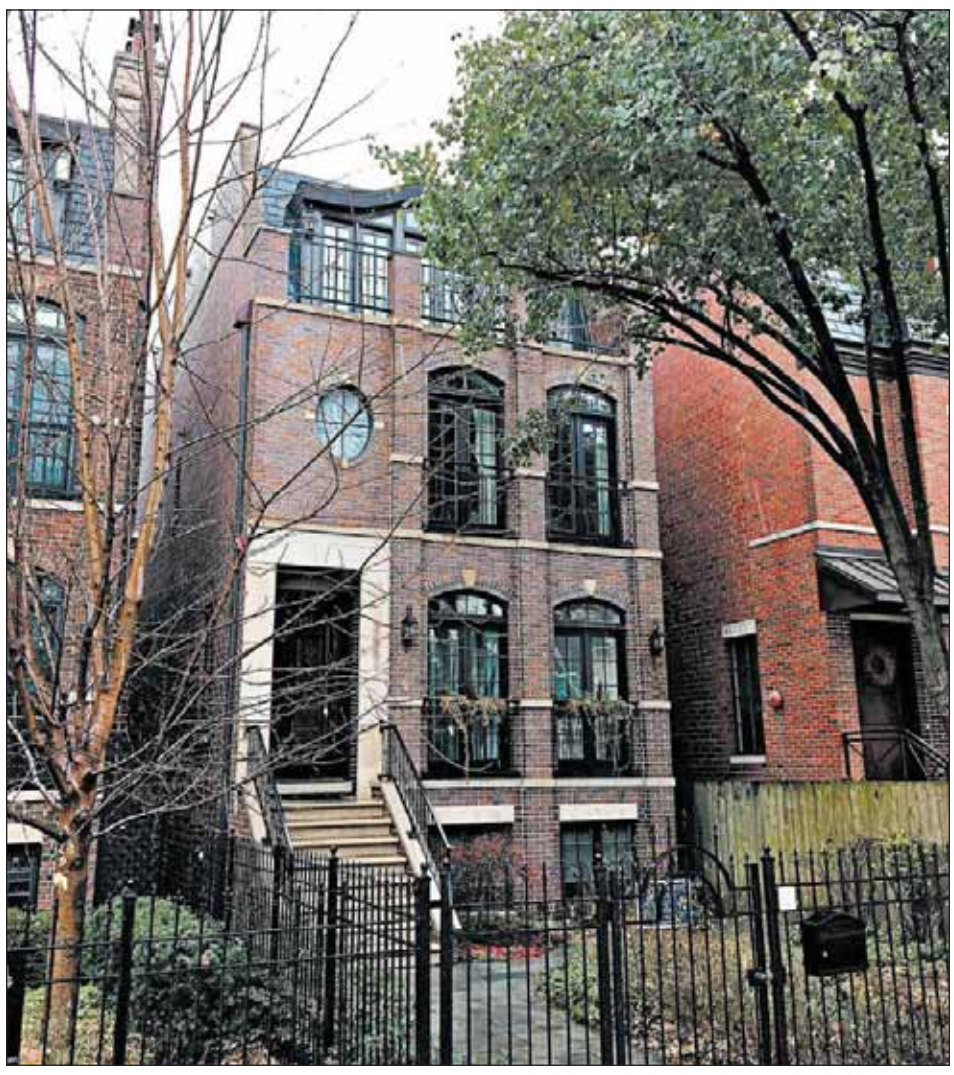
Archdiocese pays $1.65M for Lincoln Park home

By Bob Goldsborough
Chicago Tribune



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A penthouse condominium unit atop the Residences of Sherman Plaza building in Evanston sold for $2.7 million.



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The Archdiocese of Chicago paid $1.65 million for a Lincoln Park house and is using it as a residence for parish priests at the nearby St. Clement Catholic Church.

The Archdiocese of Chicago recently paid $1.65 million for a four-bedroom, 3,044-square-foot house on an upscale Lincoln Park street and is using the home as a residence for parish priests at the nearby St. Clement Catholic Church.

On May 30, the archdiocese's corporate entity, the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, bought the house, which had not been formally listed, from Bill and Kathryn Linville.

Susan Thomas, public relations and communications manager for the Archdiocese of Chicago, told Elite Street that St. Clement Parish will use the house "for parish use, including use as a residence for parish priests."

Built in 2011, the house fell into foreclosure before it was completed. The bank then sealed up the house but neglected to turn off the water in the house, and a water pipe on the third floor froze and burst, causing extensive damage.

The Linvilles bought the damaged shell of the house for $1.025 million in 2013 and had a builder friend gut the interior and renovate it.

Earlier this year, the Linvilles were planning on moving to the western suburbs to be closer to children and grandchildren, so they began thinking about putting the home on the market.

At that same time, a neighbor who is involved at St. Clement told the Linvilles that the church was interested in buying a house as a residence for priests. The two sides quickly reached a deal without the house ever formally going on the market.

"It works out really nicely for (St. Clement) because the house, like a lot of those homes in Lincoln Park, is a four-level house, so they have a main level, which is the second level because it has a raised basement, and they have a couple of priests on the top level and a couple on the second level," Bill Linville told Elite Street.

"It's a real fortuitous story. You almost have to say there was providence. And it was a real pleasant transaction too. They were gentlemen, as you would hope, and the people that oversee finance on a volunteer basis for the parish all did exactly what they said they'd do."

Penthouse condo in downtown Evanston sells for record $2.7 million: A four-bedroom, 4,000-square-foot-plus penthouse condominium unit atop the Residences of Sherman Plaza condo building in downtown Evanston sold Nov. 9 for $2.7 million — marking an all-time condo sales record for Evanston and likely a record sale price for any suburban condominium unit.

The 25th-floor unit occupies the entire top floor of the north-south wing of the building and has views to the east, north and west, along with three outdoor spaces totaling 775 square feet.

Listing agent Robin Depeder of @properties told Elite Street that she initially listed the condo and marketed it privately "because the price point was such a reach."

The sellers, Pamela and Glenn Gray, paid $2.034 million to buy the condo as raw space in 2007 from the building's developer, Focus Development. The Grays then designed the space to their specifications.

"Focus was wonderful and allowed them to bring in their own (subcontractors), so the unit has custom cabinetry, custom walnut floors, African mahogany, a couple of auxiliary air conditioners, and the whole place is on a Savant Smart Home system. It was quite something," Depeder said.

Other features in the nine-room unit include three full baths and one fireplace.

The Grays had sought $2.85 million for the unit. Depeder said she "worked through my Rolodex and had five showings and wound up selling it to someone in the building. It's a record-breaker. It's the highest price in the building."

Depeder said the sellers are moving out of state to be closer to family and "wanted to build from the ground up."

Public records do not yet identify the unit's buyer.

Yet another condo sells in 9 W. Walton building for over $5 million: Neil W. Book, CEO of Chicago-based business aircraft maintenance provider Jet Support Services, and his wife, Sharon, on Nov. 2 paid $6.281 million for a four-bedroom, 4,776-square-foot condominium unit on the 23rd floor of the luxury tower at 9 W. Walton St.

The couple became the latest in a long line of buyers paying big dollars for condo units in the building, which is known as No. 9 Walton. Less than a week earlier, Sara Lurie, daughter of philanthropist Ann Lurie and her late husband, Bob, paid $5.725 million for a four-bedroom, 4,776-square-foot unit on the 22nd floor that is directly below the Books' new unit.

9 W. Walton's previous sales above $5 million include personal injury attorney Philip "Flip" Corboy Jr. paying $6.06 million for a 26th-floor unit, a land trust paying $6.11 million for a 24th-floor unit, a land trust paying $12.1 million for a 21st-floor unit, a Delaware limited liability company paying $6.29 million for a 25th-floor unit, a Winnetka couple paying $5.81 million for a 27th-floor unit, a Lincoln Park couple paying $5.33 million for a 19th-floor unit, Chicago Cubs outfielder Jason Heyward paying $6.93 million for a 19th-floor unit, a land trust paying $6.41 million for a 20th-floor unit, a land trust paying $8.91 million for a 34th-floor unit, Chicago Blackhawks center Jonathan Toews paying $5.45 million for a 29th-floor unit, a Lake Forest couple paying $5.573 million for a 27th-floor unit, a Naples, Fla., couple paying $5.71 million for a 23rd-floor unit and a Delaware limited liability company paying $5.46 million for a 24th-floor unit.

All those sales are dwarfed by billionaire Citadel founder Ken Griffin's $58.75 million purchase of four full-floor units in four separate transactions last November.

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What it's like driving the McLaren 570S Spider around town

By Robert Duffer
Chicago Tribune

The hardest thing about driving the McLaren 570S Spider is staying legal. Once the small supercar's go pedal is floored, you hit 120 mph before there's a chance to glance down at the speedo.

Technically it hits 60 mph in 3.1 seconds. It feels quicker. And it takes the breath away before that.

The latest supercar in the famed Formula One racing brand's family is everything the gorgeous wedge design promises: razor sharp, lightning quick and made to spit gravel and break records on the track.

We did not track the 570S. Blame Chicago in November as much as McLaren's legal request that we would need to use a racing team.

To drive it on public roads is like setting off fireworks in the rain. Like going to the BBQ eatery and only having coleslaw. Like going on a date and declining a goodnight kiss.

You get a taste, but not the whole experience.

We used it as an everyday driver, which is what the British brand is selling. The 570S Spider is the newest entry into McLaren's Sport Series, which is the base level of a three-tiered approach of bringing supercars off the track and onto American roads, like Ferrari and Lamborghini. The crown at the top of the line is the new Speedtail, a 1,035-horsepower plug-in hybrid supercar with a driver's seat in the center. This successor to the P1 starts at $2.24 million. Moving on, then.

As far as everyday supercars, we fit a trombone in the frunk of the 570S Spider, so take that, Speedtail.

Yet "everyday supercar" is as oxymoronic as a fun commute. Supercars need smooth surfaces. Hit a pothole while commuting on the outbound Kennedy in the dark, cold rain and you just may break a tooth. To be fair, that crown was problematic and the perpetrator was more likely too much Halloween candy than the sport suspension of the 570S.

By definition — and price tag — the 570S Spider is precious. It shouldn't try to sidestep Chicago roads or weather from November to March. I'd rather crack a tooth than one of those 10-spoke lightweight "diamond cut" wheels, which add an extra $5,140 to the starting $208,800 base price. That Vega Blue paint, one of 20 available colors, adds $4,320. Options got it to $232,840 without any of the carbon fiber trim elements.

Yet on roads that don't stink, the everyday promise holds. In normal mode, the suspension soaked up most of Chicago's many road imperfections in a way that didn't break our back, teeth or bank account. It's kinder than the Nissan GT-R. And it's unlike anything else on the road.



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The 2018 McLaren 570S Spider is a small two-seat, mid-engine supercar powered by a 562-horsepower 3.8-liter twin-turbo V-8 engine.

With its retractable Targa-like hardtop roof that can drop in 15 seconds at speeds of up to 25 mph, the 570S Spider transformed the commute into something else entirely: a showcase.

No other car we've tested has dropped the jaws of grade schoolers and adults alike. Middle schoolers shouted my son's name. The gym teachers at my daughter's school came out for a photo op. The car got more double thumbs-ups and impromptu pics than a celebrity sighting.

And passengers squealed as loud as the whirring twin turbo. The V-8 coming from behind your head makes the kind of noise a kid tries to mimic when playing cars. It accelerates like flight, but securely on the ground. Flick through the paddle shifters to get the super-quick seven speed to approach the redline for all 443 pound-feet of torque at 5,000 rpm. Launch control will get it there on a track, we presume; around town the torque delivery is well-composed, with no excessive wheel spin or wild tail swings from that rear wheel drive.

The handling was almost as sharp as the braking, thanks to carbon-ceramic rotors. The pedals are small and sensitive, with little travel on the brake side.

The 570S hugs the road, yet the seating position is not nearly as low as the Alfa Romeo 4C, even though it feels like you could dip under a truck trailer. You can't.

The top down lops 8 mph off the top speed of 204 mph, but the 0-60 time is the same.

Then there's all its charming peculiarities that make it so distinctive. The doors alone made grade schoolers swoon like the fourth coming of Doc and Marty McFly. Unlike the gull wing doors of a Delorean, McLaren uses a single hinge aided by a pneumatic arm that raises them out and up, so the rear of the door is pointing skyward, above the windshield. You've seen doors like these called scissor or butterfly doors, but McLaren, being British, uses the proper terminology: dihedral doors. They look super cool, like a bird of prey about to pounce.

More importantly, the doors are functionally aerodynamic. When closed, the tunnel carved out opens into a rear vent to cool the rear brakes and engine. In this sense air is actually moving through the car, not just around it. There are no door handles, just a button tucked on the underside of the upper part of the tunnel.

The oddities don't stop there.

There is no lock feature on the doors. You can lock remotely from the fob, of course, as well as open the frunk to retrieve that disassembled trombone. There is a single lock button on the console; press it and it turns red, which means once you get out of the car, it is locked.

There are three USB ports, though the ones on the tester were inconsistent in providing a charge. The seats are surprisingly comfortable, not too heavily bolstered on the sides and not so stiff as to require a chiropractic appointment. But they adjust in three ways — an underseat slider, a tilt handle and an up/down button — unless you opt up for Carbon Fibre Race Seats, which feature a single control panel.

Other deviations from the norm include a backup camera projected on the instrument cluster instead of in the narrow vertical touch screen. There are absolutely no buttons on the steering wheel; it is a small-diameter racing wheel that is unblemished and perfect. Unless you want to change the view in the left side of the cluster. We had to consult the "user's manual" in the touch screen to figure out how to access the vehicle info display.

There's a tiny button on the stalk that lowers and raises the ride height, to smooth over the curb when entering the estate ($1,560). This is not that unusual, especially for British makes. Jaguar Land Rover uses a similar button on the stalk. Resetting the odometer to gauge that 19 mpg EPA estimate is done by holding the button for 2 seconds. Oh, and yes there is auto start/stop technology to preserve that precious 95 octane fuel. And yes, it can be disabled. For what it's worth, we averaged a little better than the 23 mpg highway estimate — there is no gas guzzler tax for the 3,302-pound wedge.

Parking is interesting. There is no park button in the gear selector in the tiny console. To park it, press the neutral button, then hit the parking brake level on the lower left side of the dash, above the left knee.

The 570S Spider's advantage over other supercars is also its biggest potential disadvantage: exclusivity.

Almost everyone would be able to identify a Porsche 911 Cabriolet, even if they didn't know what Turbo S means. Same with competitors like the Mercedes AMG GT C, Jaguar F-Type SVR convertible; only the Audi R8 has that sense of exclusivity as the rare McLaren. But as more McLarens hit roads since the North American product blitz started in 2011, the mystique may fade. For now, there is nothing else like it.

2018 McLaren 570S Spider

Vehicle type: Supercar

Base price: $208,800

As tested: $232,840 (excluding $2,500 destination)

Mpg: 16 city, 23 highway, 19 comb.

Engine: 3.8-liter twin-turbo V-8

Transmission: 7-speed dual clutch automatic in RWD

Assisted driving systems not foolproof, tests show

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

DETROIT — Testing by AAA shows that electronic driver assist systems on the road today may not keep vehicles in their lanes or spot stationary objects in time to avoid a crash.

The tests brought a warning from the auto club that drivers shouldn't think that the systems make their vehicles self-driving, and that they should always be ready to take control.

AAA also said that use of the word "pilot" by automakers in naming their systems can make some owners believe the vehicles can drive themselves.

"These systems are made as an aid to driving, they are not autonomous, despite all of the hype around vehicle autonomy," said Greg Brannon, AAA's director of automotive engineering. "Clearly having 'pilot' in the name may imply a level of unaided driving, which is not correct for the current state of the development of these systems."

The auto club tested adaptive cruise control, lane-keeping assist and automatic emergency braking on 2018 Mercedes-Benz S Class, the 2018 Nissan Rogue, a 2017 Tesla Model S and a 2019 Volvo XC40. In addition to Tesla's "Autopilot," Volvo calls its system "Pilot Assist," while Nissan's is named "ProPilot Assist."

Automakers generally say they tell drivers that their cars aren't fully self-driving and that they should always be alert and ready to intervene.

AAA says the vehicles drifted out of lanes and hugged lane markers, struggling with moderate traffic, curved roads and busy intersections. Three of the four would have failed to avoid a crash when the vehicle ahead of them changed lanes and a simulated stopped vehicle was ahead.

Only the Tesla system brought the vehicle to a complete stop in all five track test runs, the AAA report said.



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AAA found that some advanced driver assistance systems don't work that well, and the use of "pilot" in the name, such as Tesla's "Autopilot," can lead drivers to believe the systems are more capable than they are.

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The 2019 Honda Pilot AWD Elite features a revised 9-speed automatic transmission.

Refresh keeps SUV on pace

By Robert Duffer
Chicago Tribune

The good news about the refreshed 2019 Honda Pilot Elite is the nine-speed transmission operates without a hitch. The bad news is the top trim level costs over $48,000.

What's worse is that price is about average for a well-equipped three-row midsize SUV. A basic Acura MDX with the same powertrain costs less but doesn't have all the dings, zings and things. Compared with the top two contenders in the class, Pilot Elite is about $4,000 more than the top Subaru Ascent and a couple hundred less than the top Volkswagen Atlas.

These are the two newest offerings for America's favorite family hauler, and they are arguably the best. The only knock against the Pilot has been fixed for the midcycle refresh and it once again should be considered in the top three.

Despite a revised fascia intended to be more aggressive, the Pilot blends into the midsize SUV space with bland styling and big overhangs. On old dirt roads strewn with rocks in the Colorado Rockies at 11,000 feet, the Pilot's torque vectoring AWD system was surprisingly capable. It provided the kind of confidence needed for modest off-roading or short-cutting on questionable access roads.

The Pilot has solid acceleration and passing power from its 280-horsepower V-6 engine. Shifts are smooth and predictable from the nine-speed transmission, including start up in second gear for a lurch-less launch. The start/stop system has been revised to include fewer restarts when the A/C is on, though we didn't test this because, well, November. It does feel quicker to startup off the brake pedal, however. I don't think it's enough to persuade start/stop haters, but it makes the tech more livable and less noticeable.

On the inside, the Elite trim doesn't have that same premium feel as the surprising Ascent. It has leather trimmed seats, heated leather-wrapped steering wheel and mid-row captain's chairs, but the control interface and dash and door panels feel like massaged plastic, not unlike the Atlas.

Could a $48,000 purchase come down to the all-important third row? Taking a page from the Odyssey minivan and the Acura MDX three-row crossover, the seat folding, shifting and configuring is about the easiest in the class without power buttons. Third row seats are easy to collapse from the rear with pull straps that collapse the headrests; Ascent requires manual lowering of headrests to collapse the third row. Mid-row seats are as easy to move forward as the push of a button. Ascent uses a slider but claims to have a larger door opening; Atlas uses a more traditional latch that requires a bit more strength than a 7- or 8-year-old. Pilot is easier overall. Adding to the ease is a motion activated liftgate new for 2019.

The refreshed Pilot pushes all the right buttons to keep pace with the newcomers in a segment that is rarely exciting but gives owners the kind of versatility, practicality and sophistication they prefer. When it comes down to which one is best, it'll be the one that feels the best.

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2019 HONDA PILOT AWD ELITE

Three-row crossover

As tested:

$48,020

(excluding $995 destination)

Base price: $33,350 (LX in AWD)

Mpg: 19 city, 26 highway, 22 combined

Engine: 280hp 3.5-liter V-6

Transmission: 9-speed automatic

Rank: Subaru Ascent, Volkswagen Atlas, **Honda Pilot**, Mazda CX-9, Ford Explorer, Chevy Traverse, Toyota Highlander.



KIA MOTORS

Motormouth suspects a malfunctioning 2011 Kia Sportage heater is a thermostat issue.

Car heater on the fritz? Could be the thermostat



Bob Weber
Motormouth

Q: My 2011 Kia Sportage is trying to freeze me to death. When I first start out on a chilly day, the heater blows warm air as soon as the engine warms up, as expected. However, after driving for maybe 30 minutes, I no longer get warm air no matter how high I set the temperature or blower fan. The local dealer is baffled. My feet are numb. Any ideas?

— E.D., Minnetonka, Minn.

A: Heating issues are often caused by a malfunctioning thermostat. It isn't like the thermostat on the wall in your house. It is in the car's cooling system and prevents the water (coolant) from flowing through the radiator until the engine reaches operating temperature. Then, the thermostat opens, allowing the coolant to flow through the entire system, including the heater core in the car. The thermostat then dithers to maintain the proper temperature. If it gets lazy or stuck, you won't get proper heating or, for that matter, cooling.

Q: Is it OK to add my leftover oil and gas mixture (50:1) from my outboard motor and string trimmer to my car's gas tank?

— M.K., Chicago

A: It is rarely a problem as long as you are only adding a little fuel mix to a full, or nearly full, gas tank.

Q: Do premium fuels contain more detergents and other additives than regular? My little Ford Fiesta obviously doesn't need the higher octane, but it gets "heavy duty" use for short distances in dense urban traffic. Would extra additives benefit my car? Because I get gas only every 10 weeks, the extra cost of premium would mean nothing to me.

— W.R., Chicago

A: Nope. The major difference between the various gasoline grades is the octane rating. The additive package is usually the same across the board. To get the gas with the highest dose of additives, look for retailers that sell Top Tier gasoline. It contains more additives than the basic EPA minimum. Stop-and-go traffic does not constitute heavy use.

Q: I have a 2006 Buick Lucerne with 54,000 miles. I mostly drive it to church and back with an occasional highway trip. I had a motor mount replaced last April and since then have experienced a very noticeable vibration in the steering wheel. I have taken the car back to the repair shop three times and the mechanic, who has been very reliable, cannot find a cause. If you have any ideas I would appreciate hearing from you.

— L.L., Chicago

A: Vibration in the steering wheel is usually caused by wheel imbalance. Chances are, the wheels were removed to do the motor mount job. If a wheel weight was accidentally lost, that could be the cause. Another possibility is that the wheels were installed in a different position of clock location than they were before. Finally, the engine cradle may be out of alignment after the motor mount job was done.

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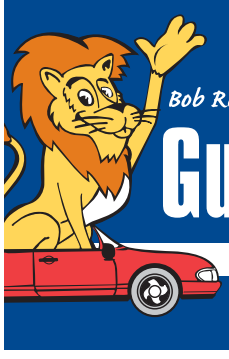
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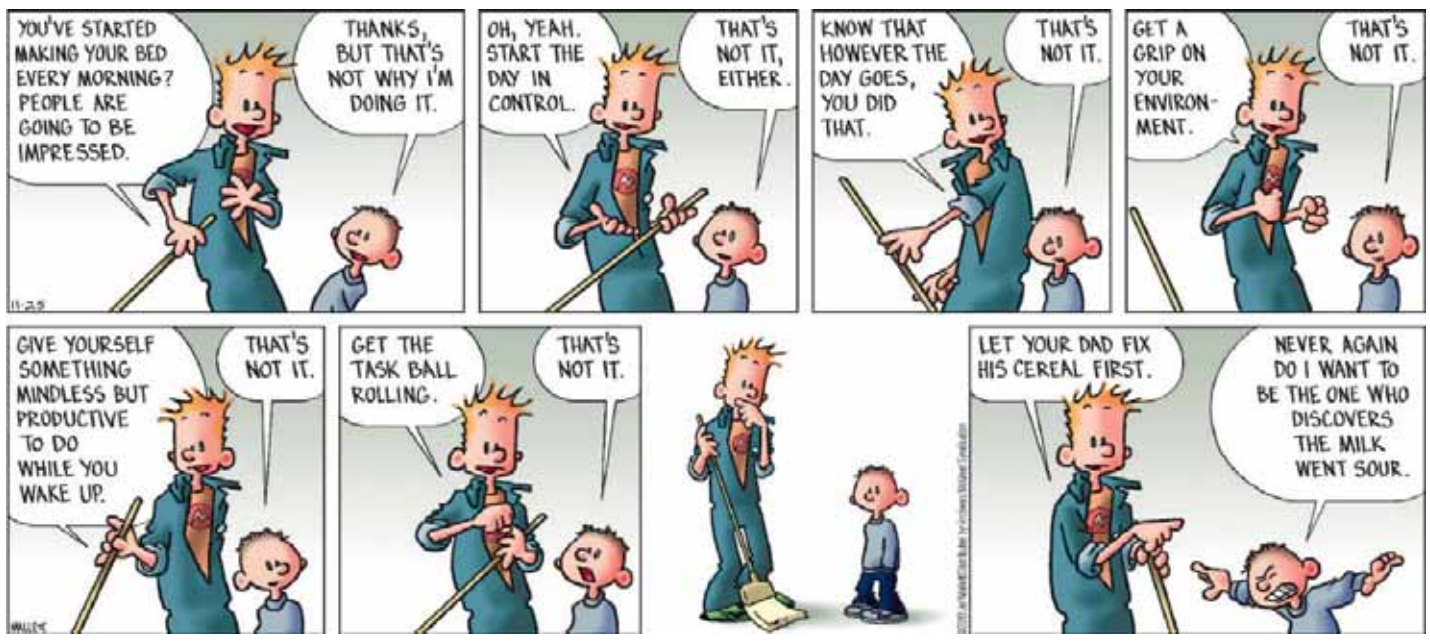
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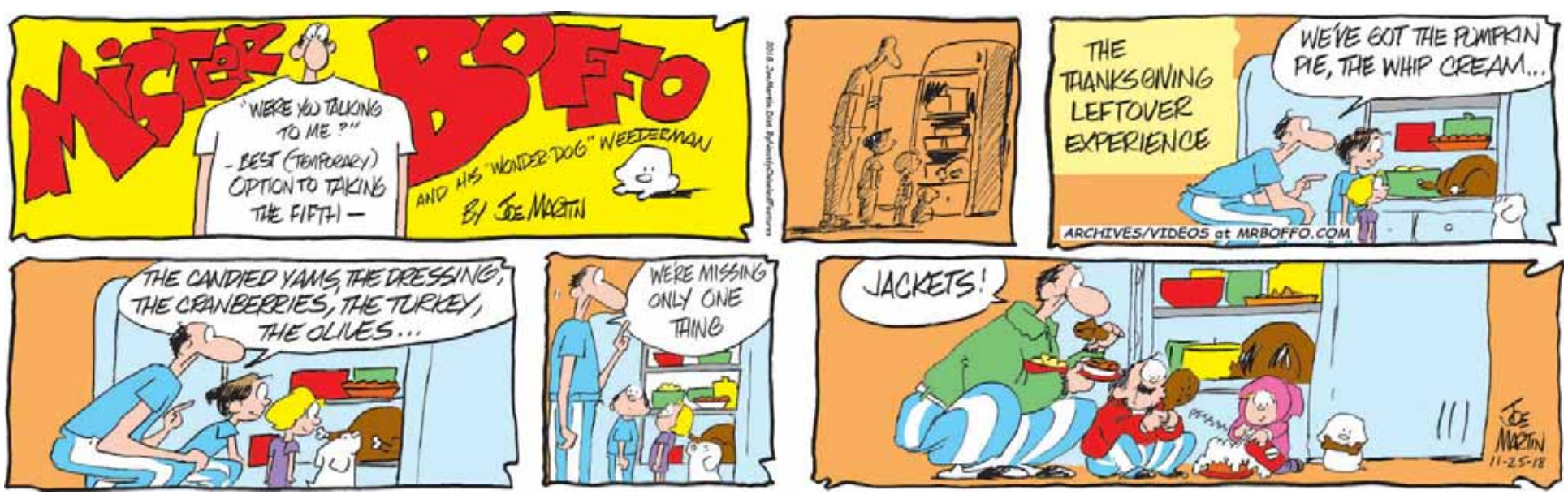
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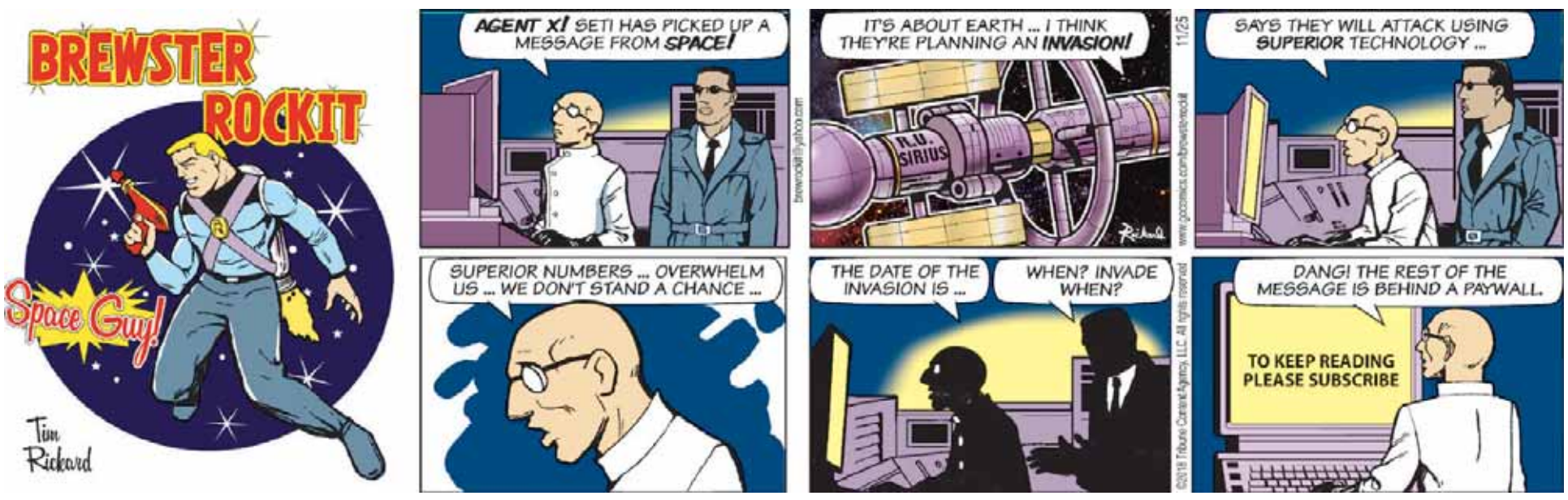


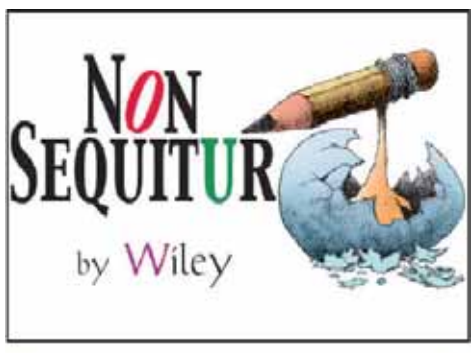
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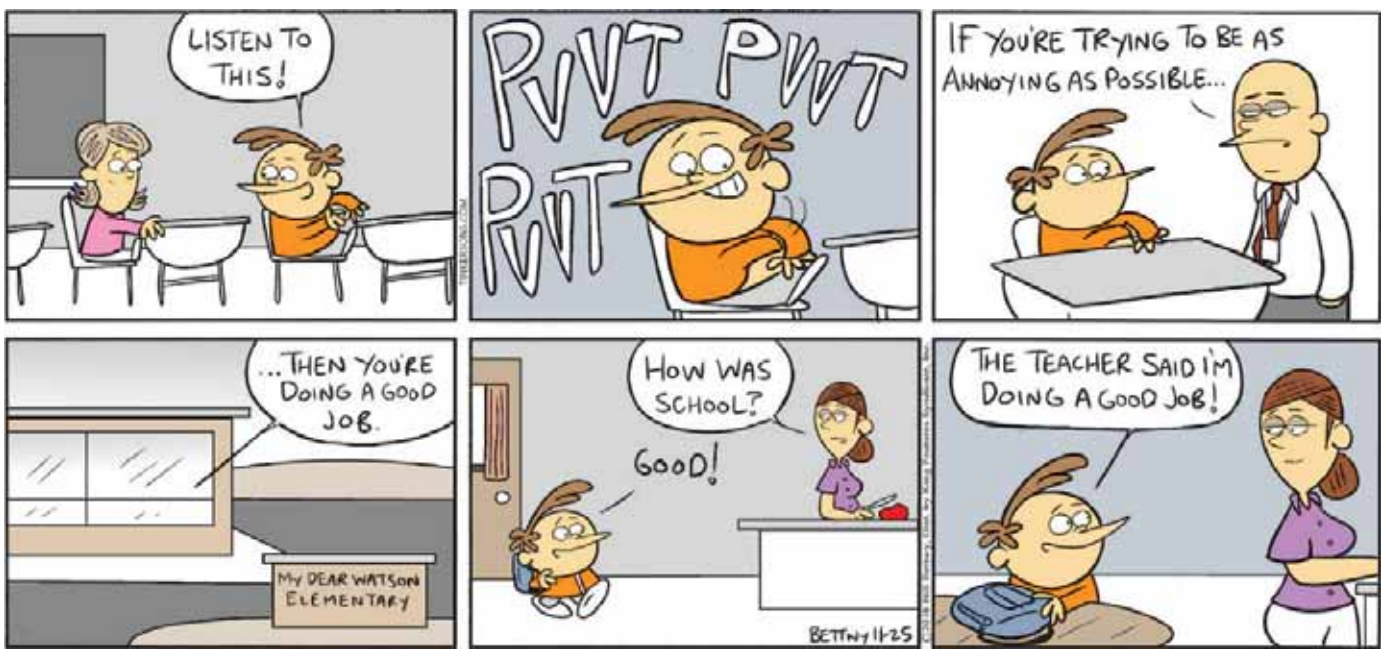








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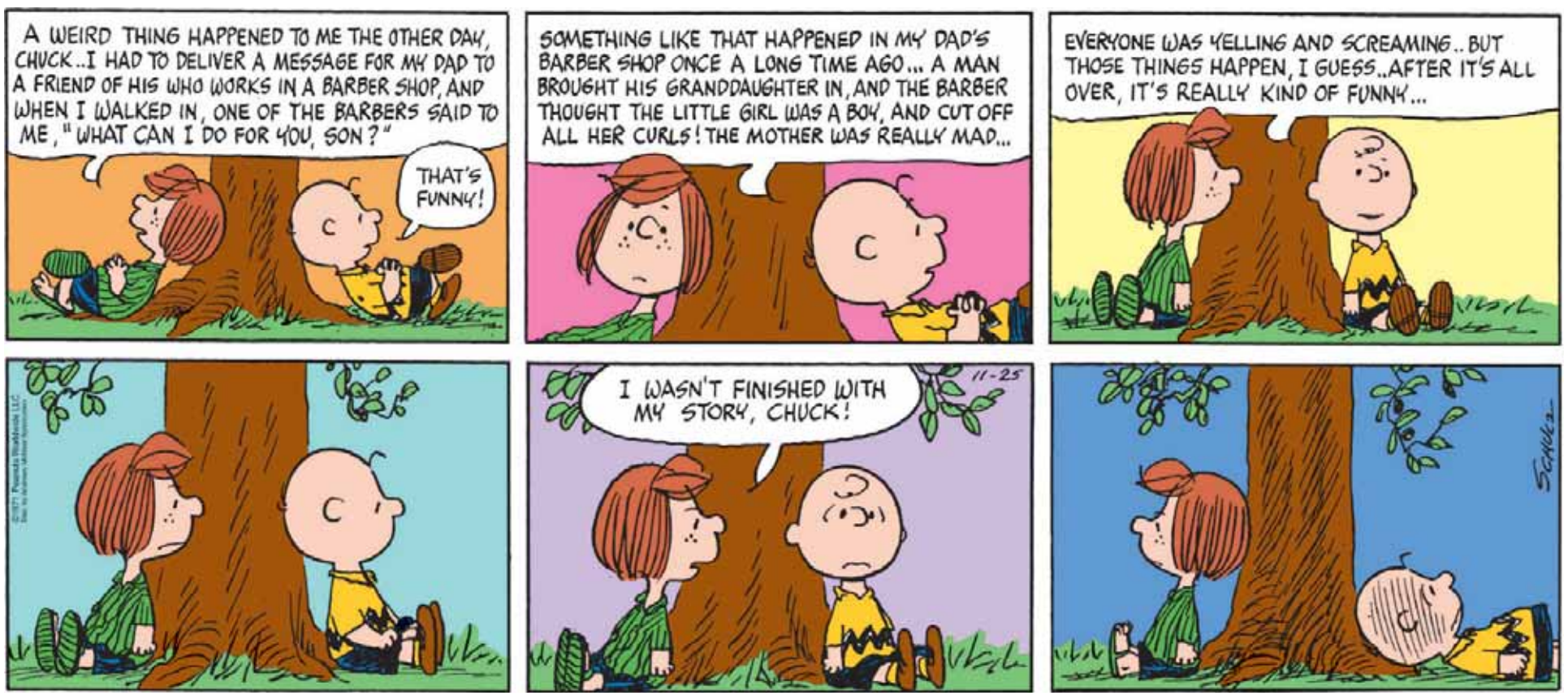
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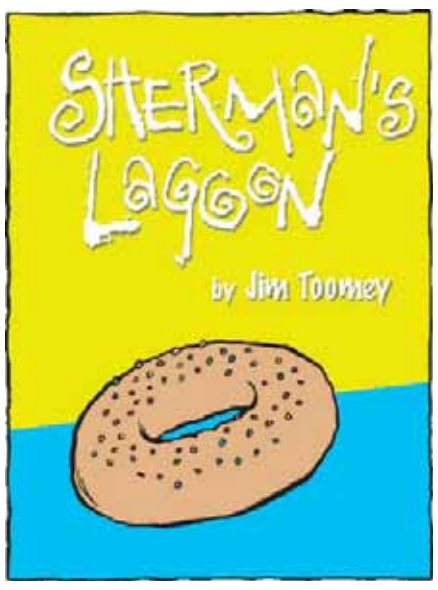

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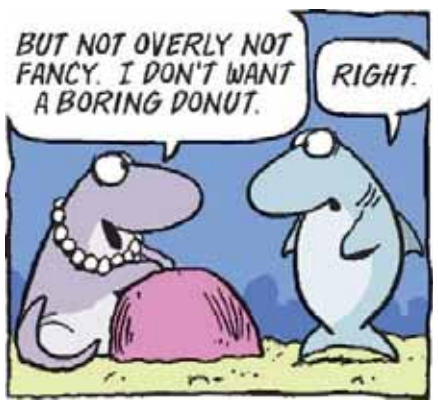


















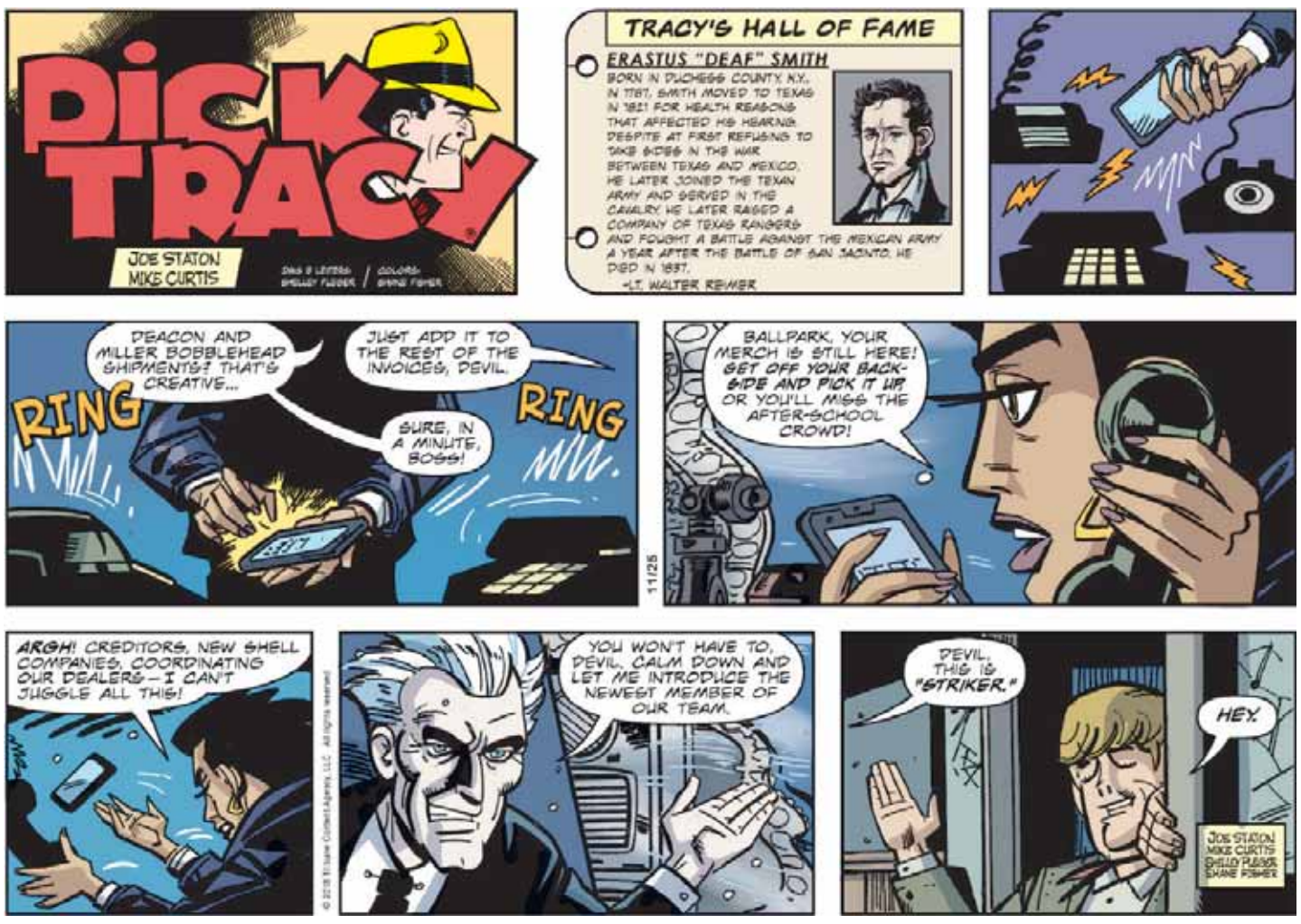
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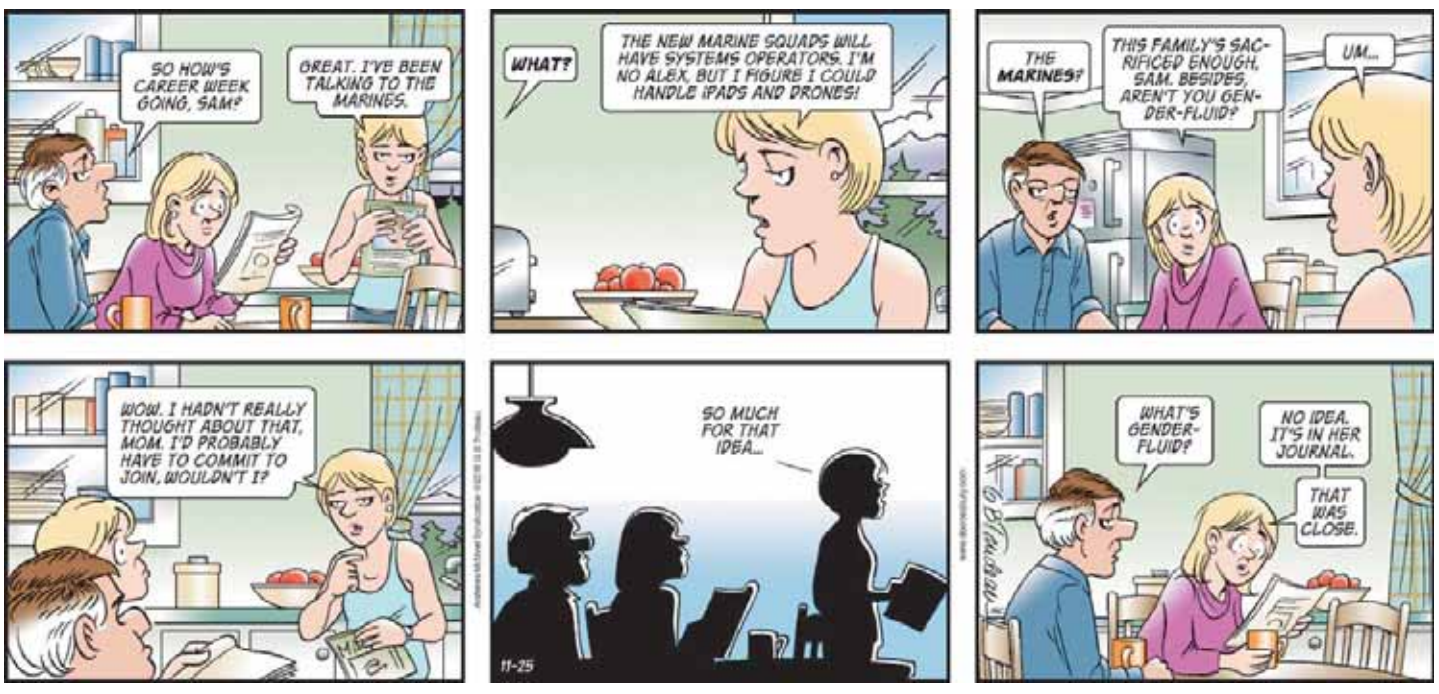
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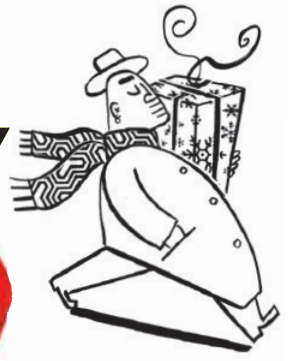
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A lot can come from not expecting much at Christmas



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By **Mary Schmich** | Chicago Tribune

On Christmas Eve when I was in fifth grade, with the clock creeping toward midnight, my father told my mother that he was heading out to buy some gifts.

It hadn't been a festive holiday season in our household. My father was out of work and we were living in a run-down rental house where more than once the water and electricity were cut off because we hadn't paid the bills. My parents argued a lot about money.

Technically, I suppose, it wasn't argument. My father vented and my mother listened. Whatever that's called, the tension over money was a constant nervous hum in the house, like the hiss of a high-voltage wire. ►

The coming of Christmas made it worse.

At 8 p.m. on that Christmas Eve, Santa, meaning my parents, had no gifts ready. Earlier that day, after an argument, my dad had gone out for a while, and when he came home — I deduced from eavesdropping — he had scored some money from who knows where. With Santa's deadline zooming in, he announced he was setting off for some last-minute shopping.

In my family, the eight kids always went to bed early on Christmas Eve because, unlike the unfortunate children forced to wait until morning to discover what Santa had brought, we got to stumble up in the magical dark just past the witching hour, sometimes with reindeer hooves still clopping on the roof.

So on this evening, as my father left, my mother told my siblings to get into their pajamas. Then she pulled me aside.

Once Dad got back, she explained, there wouldn't be much time to wrap the gifts, sign Santa's gift tags and get everything under the tree on schedule. As the oldest, could I help?

The shock. The thrill. Me?

By that age, I knew who Santa was and wasn't, but being inducted into the conspiracy, sworn to secrecy, elevated me to full adulthood.

Awhile later, my father returned, laden with boxes and bundles. He disappeared to the family room downstairs while my mother and I wrapped gifts quietly and fast in the kitchen. When we were done, I carried a batch of Santa's goods down to be placed around the tree.

What I saw standing in the doorway of the family room is still vivid in my mind:

My father was kneeling next to the tree, assembling a bicycle. One of my brothers had asked for a bike, an outrageously large request that none of us was sure could be met, and yet here it was, being put together by my dad, who for the first time in a long time looked to me to be at peace.

I look back on all this as the night I realized how much it meant to my parents to give Christmas gifts to their children, and also as the night I realized that gift-giving can induce anxiety and require work.

I'm sure I received gifts that year, too, but I have no memory of what. What I remember is the bicycle, and my parents' effort to make us happy, and the rare look of calm on my father's face as he put that bike together.

In this season of gift-giving, we're often transported back to childhood. A lot of what we believe about giving and receiving comes from our early days.

I've always been glad that my siblings and I grew up without expecting a lot at Christmas. I can't swear all the others feel this way, but I think they would agree that whatever we got was plenty.

In some ways, growing up that way hasn't served me. I've never been comfortable with extravagant gift-giving, which has left me out of sync with the rituals of the season.

It's not that I don't like gifts. I do. I give them when I mean them, and I appreciate what I get. When I look around my home and see gifts from people I love — a lamp, a scarf, a dish, a vase, a book, a pair of earrings — I like feeling the human beings incarnate in those objects. But the things are just markers of those relationships, not measures.

There's no foolproof approach to gift-giving in this beautiful but fraught season, but here are a few thoughts I find helpful:

Give without expectation or demand.

Receive with grace, whatever the gift is or isn't.

Remember that bigger isn't necessarily better, and that less may be best.

And don't spend more money than you have, except every now and then when you know it matters, like when your kid really wants that bike. ■

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Yes, you may have Kardashian tastes. On the other hand, you aren't exactly working with a Yeezy-sized budget this year.

First, don't despair. Money isn't everything. And, more importantly, you don't have to go into debt just to impress.

That's because the luxe-for-less trend is still going strong. That means basic budgets don't mean basic gifts. Still, you have to know how to separate the chic from the shoddy. We're here to help.

This year, you have great options to wow with your impeccable taste (if not limitless bank account).

— Chris LaMorte and David Syrek

TIE ONE ON Chan Luu's handmade suede, pink pearl and silver-tone bracelet has a laid-back, Cali vibe. $75, net-a-porter.com



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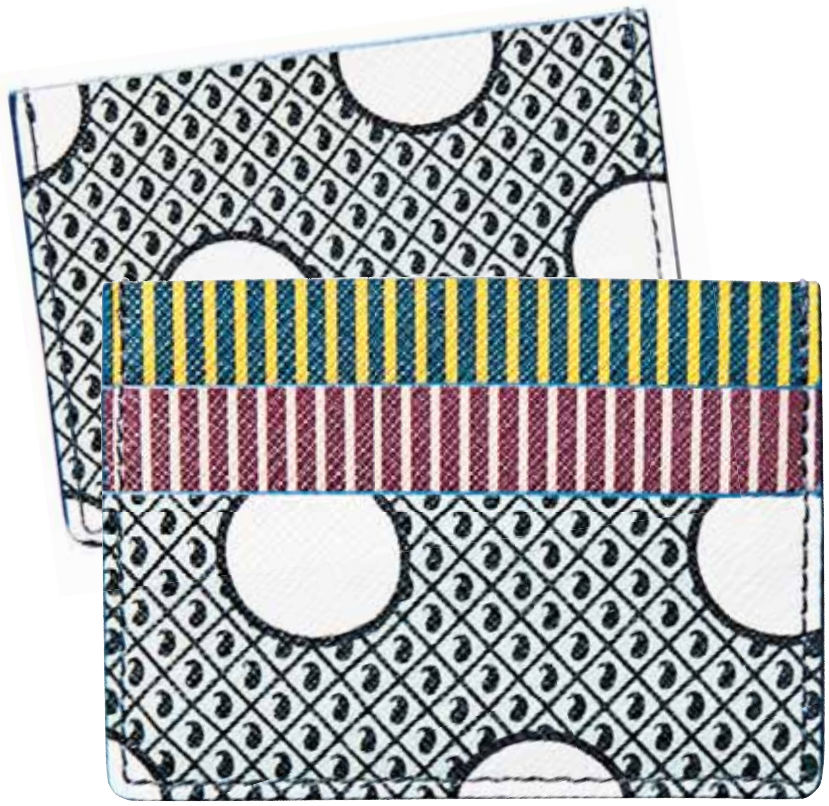
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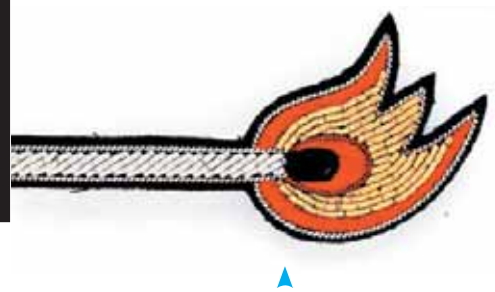
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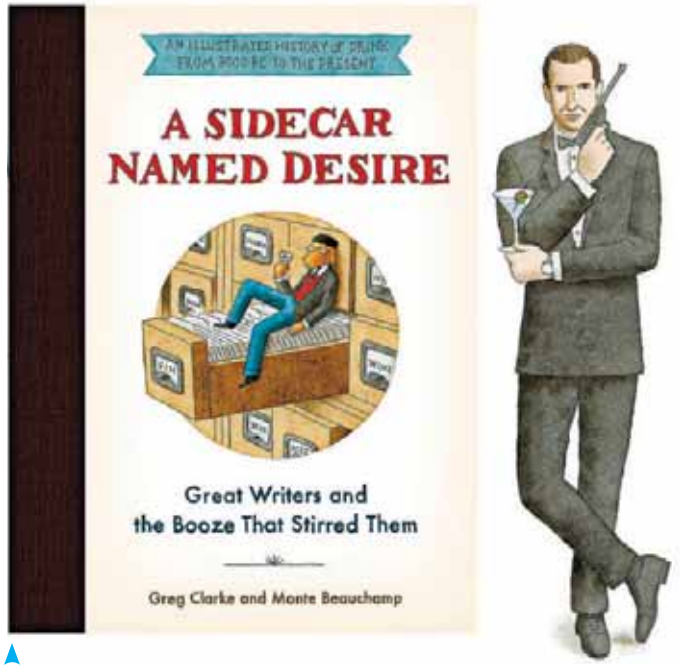
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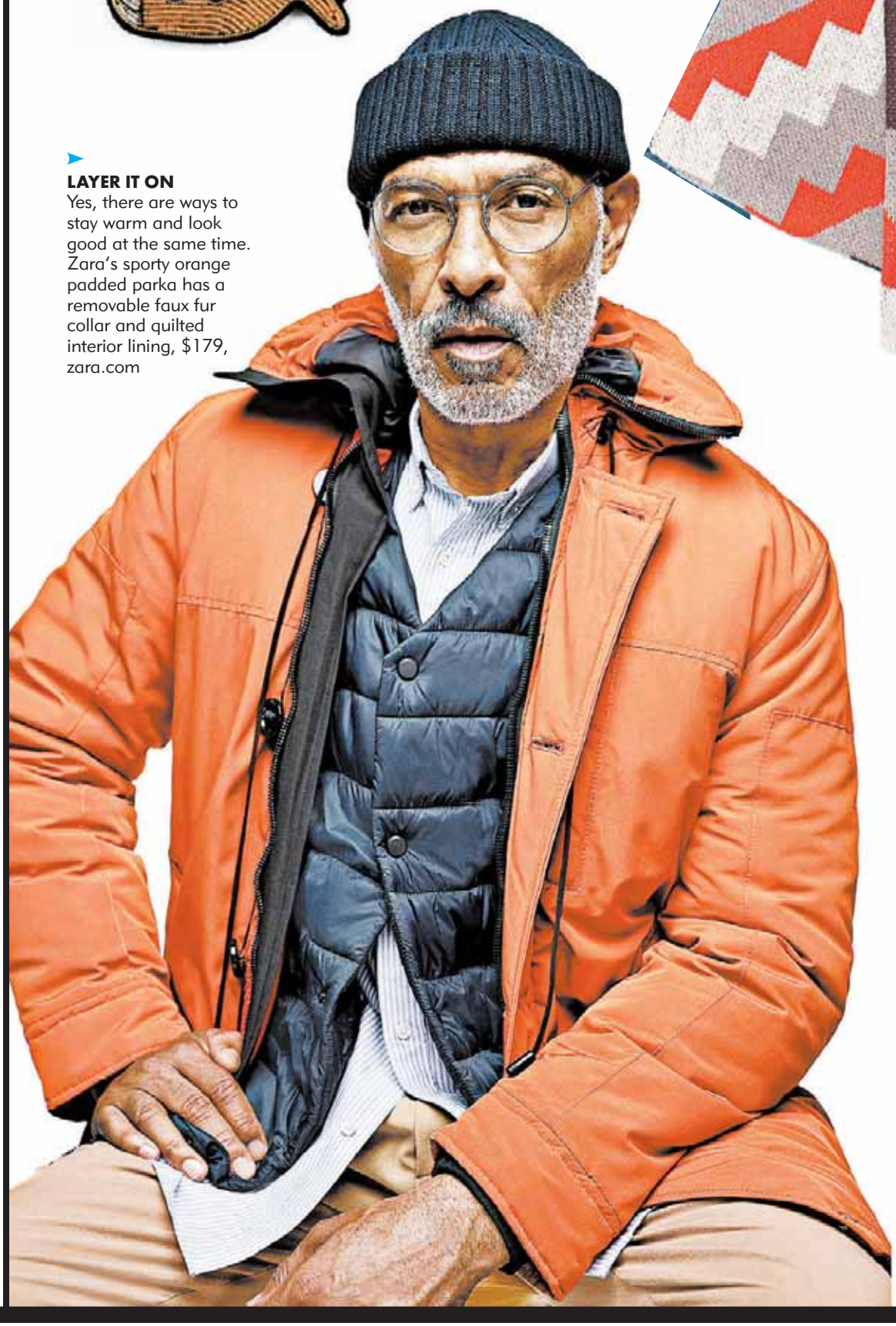
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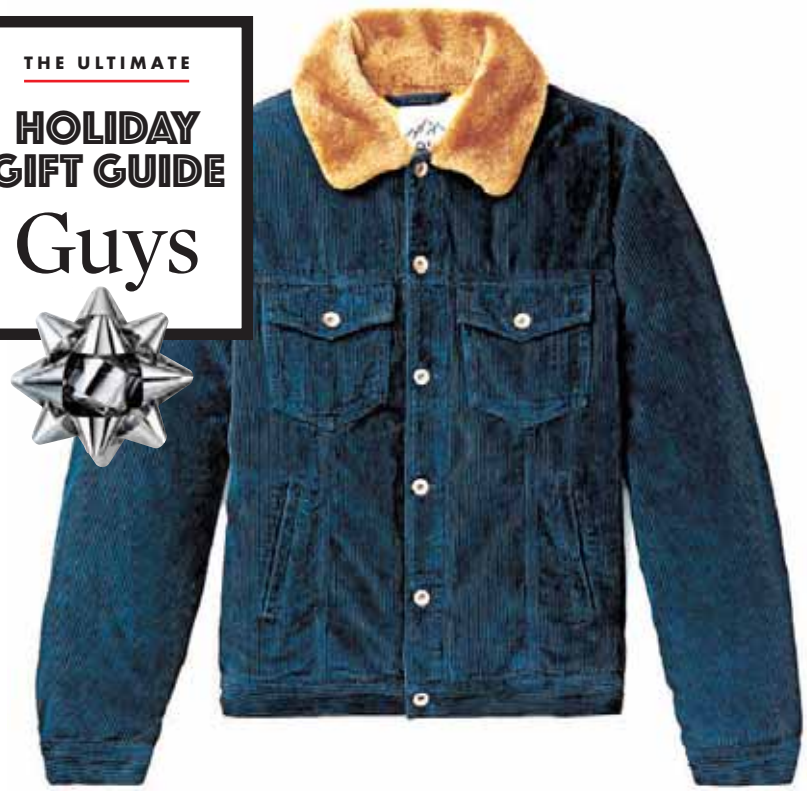


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Broke Millennials

For millennials, these are fraught financial times. When we're not out destroying the housing market or otherwise ruining the lives of baby boomers, we're refreshing our banking apps in a cold sweat in hopes we didn't overdraft this pay period. The average worker in the 24-to-36 age group earns $10,000 less than their parents did at the same age, after all. And our student debt? On average, we have twice as much as our folks.

Woo, baby! We're broke!

If your love is pretty much all you have to give this holiday season, we've got you covered. Selected by a squad of cash-strapped millennials for millennials, here are gifts under $30 — featuring art, beauty and music.

— KT Hawbaker, Christen Johnson, Jessi Roti



FALSIE FRENZY Any beauty maven knows that a look is incomplete without a pair of falsies to "smize" through. Whether the style is wispy and natural, or dramatic and vivacious, the Sephora Collection False Eyelashes will excite the makeup enthusiast dearest to you. Comes in 18 styles. $10, sephora.com





SELF-CARE IS IN SESSION Mogu's all-in-one essential oil diffuser speaker emits your choice of scent while providing a spectrum of light hues for some seriously relaxing vibes that'll turn your space into your private sanctuary. You can even soundtrack your experience via Bluetooth, so get that Rosewave playlist ready. $29, urbanoutfitters.com

SMALL SCREEN TO BIG SCREEN Host an instant film screening (or show off that cat video) with Smartphone Cinema's snappy cardboard adapter that enables you to project quickly from your smartphone. After setting up, the result is a 35X20 image – just be sure to bring the speakers. $3.73, barnesandnoble.com



ANTI-GRAB BAG From "The Triple Negation of Colored Women Artists" to her 2018 solo show at MoMA (the largest of any living artist), Adrian Piper is a force of conceptual art who knows exactly how to deploy text and image. This tote bag from the Hammer Museum reflects just that, allowing its carrier to channel Piper's brazen energy whenever, wherever. $22, store.hammer.ucla.edu



SMOOTH SMOOCHES This long-wearing, velvety lippie by NYX Cosmetics comes in 24 silklike cool, warm and vampy shades with a separate matching liner to pair. Makeup newbies and veterans alike will rejoice over this essential, and for just $8, so will your wallet. $8, nyxcosmetics.com

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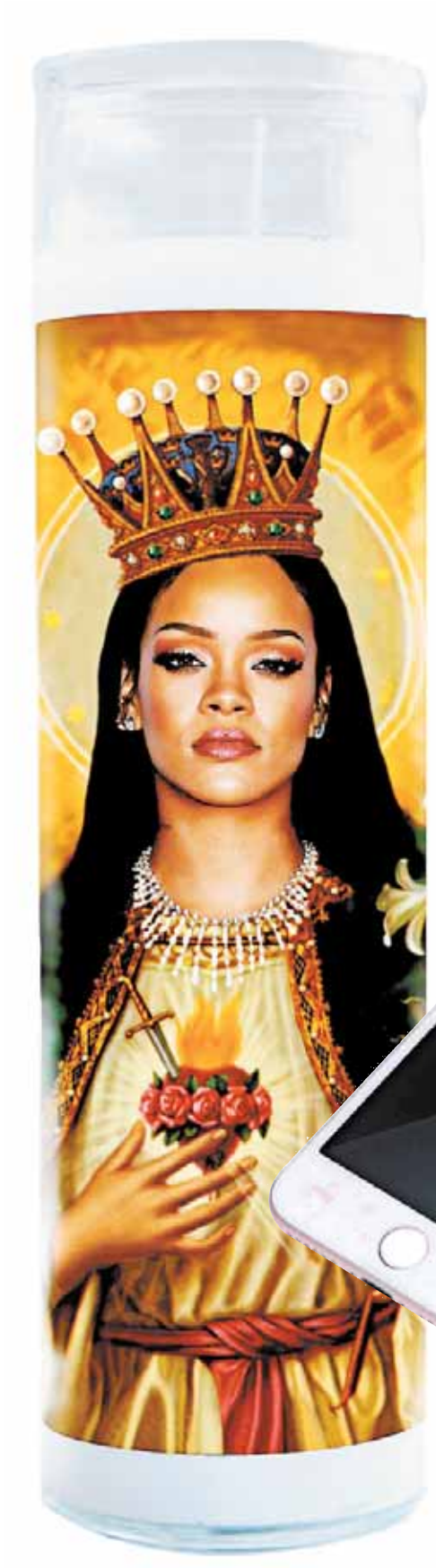
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TAKE IT FROM QUESTLOVE
Questlove — drummer for The Roots, producer, culinary entrepreneur, professor and all-around musical Renaissance man — spans generational interest and influence. His latest book, "Creative Quest," not only takes the reader on his journey as an artist, maker and shaker, but also is full of tips and lessons on how to make the best of the ups and downs of your own creative life. Crack this one-of-a-kind guide open for some inspiration for your most authentic, expressive self — it's the millennial way! $25 hardcover; $19 paperback, barnesandnoble.com





HEARING, THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING
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MAY FALSE IDOLS LIGHT YOUR WAY What do you give the music fan who has everything? A candle deifying their favorite artist, of course! Illuminidol has a worship design-inspired candle to celebrate, or honor (we don't judge), their musical obsession or inspiration. Everyone from Rihanna to Chance the Rapper, members of South Korean boy band BTS, Dolly Parton and many more. $15, illuminidol.com

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All Heart

In the game of gift giving, there are winners and losers. Remember that time when your uncle gave grandma nail clippers for Christmas? He's still trying to shake the stigma. And who could forget the time your brother made mom weep with joy by giving her that framed family photo? (I mean, your brother isn't letting anyone forget, right?)

We've all heard plenty about how it's the thought that counts and that a thoughtful gift is the Holy Grail of holiday time, but here's the thing: This year, you just want to put one in the win category. Call our guide a cheat sheet if you must — here's how to win the 'thoughtful gift' game, even if you're not that thoughtful.

— Cindy Dampier



PRIVATE LIBRARY: Know those clever bookstore staff recommendations that help you choose the perfect book? Independent bookseller The Bookshelf has turned that idea into a subscription service that can provide your favorite reader with a perfectly chosen book-of-the-month club. Starting at $25 for kids, $35 for adults, bookshelfthomasville.com



PRIVATE TOUR: Give the gift of knowledge and personal attention with a high-end, personalized tour of museums or cultural attractions. The professional guides at Art Smart can give in-depth tours of local masterworks, tailored to your interests (and add perspective to your knowledge of artists) $200/hour for up to four people, two-hour minimum, artsmart.com



TICKETS TO YOUR HOMETOWN: Check online for events, and make like a tourist in your own backyard, paying special attention to things that are off the beaten path (like the Chicago Architecture Center's tour of Chicago's under-explored Pedway.) Make your gift a day out, together. $26, architecture.org



ANIMAL ADOPTION: Holiday puppy? Meh. Holiday giraffe … wow. Show them you know how to get a truly spectacular pet under the tree with an animal adoption gift from your local zoo. (Lincoln Park and Brookfield zoos offer adoption programs.) What puts this into stellar-gift territory is the opportunity to visit and get to know the animal you are helping to care for. $35-$60, lpzoo.org and czs.org



T-SHIRT TAPESTRY: That collection of T's your teen has been hoarding might be perfect for a custom quilt that can travel to college. Ship your tees to Happy Dance Quilting, where they'll be transformed into a quilt filled with warm memories. for a 10% discount, use coupon code CHICAGOTRIBUNE. Prices vary, happydancequilting.com

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Food

We all have those people in our lives who are constantly chasing their next meal or keeping us from eating our food at a restaurant until they've taken a picture of it. From a run-of-the-mill caffeine addict to someone looking to bring some elegance to holiday parties, there's something on this list for the foodie in your life. — *Grace Wong*



KNOW YOUR VEGGIES
This pocket-sized Vegetables of China Trading Cards set by The Cleaver Quarterly is replete with illustrations and notes for shopping Asian grocery stores for ingredients, perfect for the adventurous cook. $15, thecleaverquarterly.bigcartel.com



CBD GUMDROPS
The holidays can get stressful, so give holiday-themed Lord Jones CBD Gumdrops to someone who can benefit from chilling out, legally. Flavors include sugarplum and mango chile. From $50, shop.lordjones.com

GO OCTAGONAL
Round cast iron pans may be too basic for that hard-to-please gift recipient, so raise the bar with the handsome Finex 12-inch octagonal pan with a lid and a quick-cooling ergonomic spring handle. $275, williams-sonoma.com

Lord Jones, Williams Sonoma, The Cleaver Quarterly



UNEARTHLY DOUGHNUTS
Everything your recipient needs to create extremely Instagrammable space-themed doughnuts, all in one totally kid-friendly kit. $18.99, foodstirs.com



TRAVELING GOURMET
For the person who plans travels around food, commemorate those adventures with some trendy food-centric art by Legal Nomads, aka Jodi Ettenberg, a former lawyer who writes about travel and food. These wall prints highlight some of the foods a country is best-known for, with a contemporary black-and-white style. $18, shop.legalnomads.com

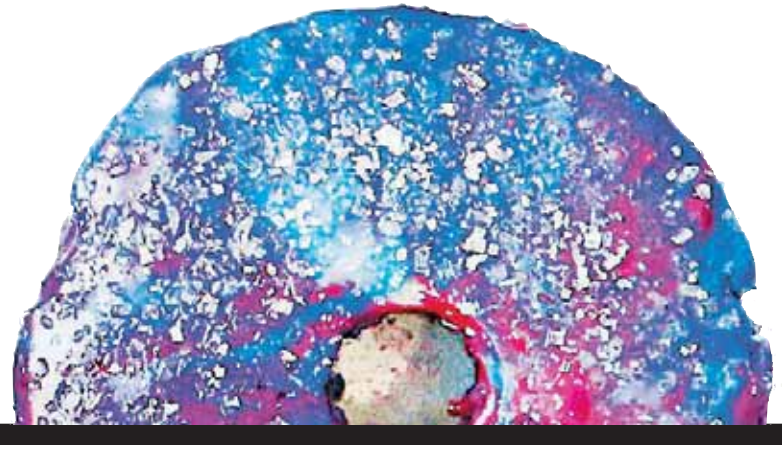




CHEESE FOR BUBBLES
It's time to pop some Champagne, so contribute to the festivities with Cowgirl Creamery Bubbly Companion. It includes cheeses like funky Point Reyes Blue blue and Ruby from Green Dirt Farm (a take on robiola) to pair with your favorite bubbly. $75, shop.cowgirlcreamerycom



SMOKE 'EM IF YOU GOT 'EM
With the Smoking Gun Pro hand-held smoke infuser, your gadget-obsessed foodie friend will have the power to infuse or finish chef-y creations or cocktails with smoky flavors, just like the country's top restaurants. $149.95, polysciencecculinary.com



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Sports

Sports seasons come and go, but a love for the game is everlasting. So what do you get for the sports fanatic in your life when game tickets and jerseys just won't cut it? Here are a few ideas, from a fancy football to artful skis, that are sure to be a slam dunk with your sports fan.

— *Christen Johnson*

ART ON ICE Make a statement on the slopes with Bomber Skis Jean-Michel Basquiat Third Eye skis. The elaborate and artful top, paired with the blood-red base, will give ski bunnies the confidence to go beyond the bunny slopes. $2,500, bomberski.com



ACTIVE AND ADVENTUROUS Too afraid to watch your loved one skydive or BASE jump in person? The GoPro Hero7 will capture everything you want to see but can't bear to watch live. $399.99, shop.gopro.com

JUST TRAIN IT Whether a runner or weightlifter, Nike's Flyknit Trainers will have athletes in your life — and their feet — thanking you long after the brutal workout has ended. $150, mrporter.com



PLAYBALL! Pillbox Bat Co.'s custom bat emblazoned Chicago flag is the perfect addition to any Cubs lover's World Series shrine. Constructed of solid ash, the 34-inch-long bat can be hung on a wall or used for front yard batting practice with little ones. $195, pillboxbatco.com

Bomber, GoPro, Pill Box Bat, Mr. Porter



SLAP SHOT ICE STONES Nothing is worse than sipping on watered-down whiskey during the game. Hockey puck whiskey stones are a fan-favorite alternative to ice. Set of three for $14.95, uncommongoods.com



CHAMPIONSHIP ART If the Cubs winning the 2016 World Series made your North Side baseball lover shed a few wet ones, then artist Daniel Duffy's handwritten print with the date, opponent and score from every game in the 2016 championship season will bring back all the feels. From $39.99, artofwords.com





LIGHT BRIGHT Clever engineering meets slick design with the world's first smart helmet by Lumos. Integrated are 48 LED lights, plus hard brake and turn signals to be ultra safe when riding. $179.99, lumoshelmet.com



SILVER SPIRAL This official-size, silver leather football by Leather Head Sports is almost too beautiful to touch. Football fanatics will go crazy over this gem, especially if gifted in an acrylic ball case for display. $175, leatherheadsports.com

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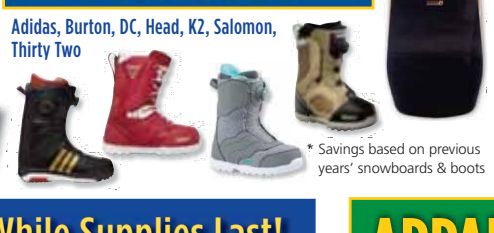
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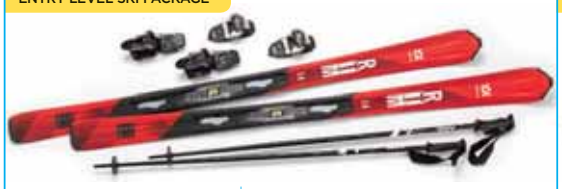


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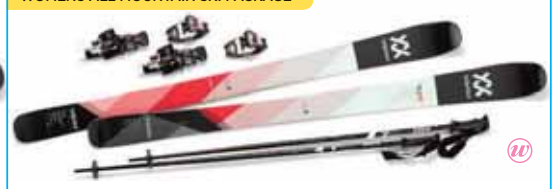
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Baby

Sure, we've rounded up gift ideas for the new baby in your life. But remember, new parents might need a few things to make the transition a little easier too. Here are a few gifts that parents swear helped both them and baby adjust.

— *Alison Bowen*

TOYS FOR PLAY
Stacking blocks offer a way for a child to learn. Ikea promises their seven stackable plastic cups are safe to be thrown around or even to be chewed on. Recommended for children 6 months and older, so a thoughtful thinking-ahead gift. $2.99, ikea.com

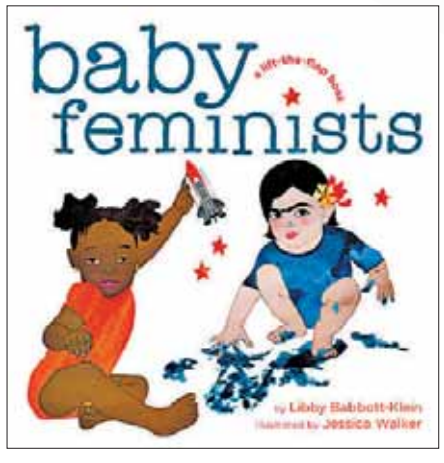




TINY EAR PROTECTION
Protecting a new one's ears is important. Banz Infant Hearing Protection Earmuffs have foam-filled cushions. This gift lets parents feel more at ease bringing a baby to a festival, wedding or any other place that might be a little too loud. $29.99, buybuybaby.com



WINTER WARMTH Give knits and warm accessories for baby's head and feet. We like options that keep an infant stylish and cozy. For a cutesy look, try the Bonnie-mob Knit Baby Hat with Ears. $45, niemanmarcus.com



BABY BOOK
Start a developing mind with thoughtful reading early. "Baby Feminists" is a lift-the-flap book written by Libby Babbott-Klein and illustrated by Jessica Walker. It reveals, in baby form, bold-faced names from Frida Kahlo to Gloria Steinem to Malala Yousafzai. $9.99, amazon.com



CLASSES FOR MOM AND BABY Gift a new mom or dad the present of time together, and mindfulness. A gift certificate to baby yoga classes can help new parents get out of the house and bond with baby. For example, Chicago's Bloom Yoga Studio offers mom and baby yoga as well as gift cards. bloomyogastudio.com

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Tweens

No longer enchanted by a shiny, new toy from Santa, tweens and teens are a tough crowd to shop for. You might only get a few grunts or eye rolls from your teen when you ask for a wish list this year, so here are a few ideas to earn you a couple of cool parent points or at least get them talking over recipe testing, photo snapping, movie watching and more. — *Emily Perschbacher*



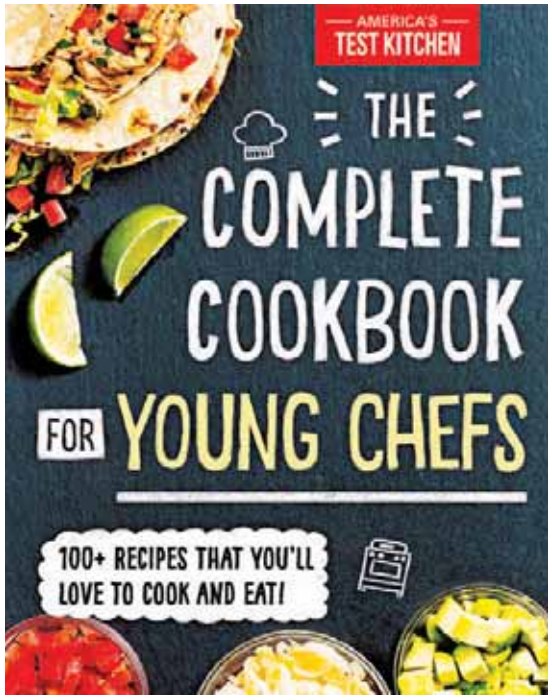
OLD SCHOOL, NEW TUNES
Teens will love this retro-designed portable Tivoli Audio Bluetooth Radio that picks up AM/FM signals and also streams music from your device via Bluetooth. It's handsome enough to display in your living room, though your teen may want to keep it all to himself. $179, llbean.com

DIVE IN Dutch artists Peggy van Neer and Erik van Loo's clever Pool duvet and pillowcase set calls up backstroke memories and summer vacation. $79-$99, uncommongoods.com

HP CHROMEBOOK X2
This is the big-ticket item at the top of your teen's holiday wish list: an HP Chromebook x2. The lightweight, versatile design features a touchscreen, full-size keyboard and track pad, and a digital pen. You can flip it, fold it or detach it. And it comes with up to 32 GB of built-in storage for all your teen's music files, er, homework. Starting at $599.99, bestbuy.com

POINT, SHOOT, PRINT
Polaroid's Snap Touch portable instant print digital camera with an LCD touch-screen display allows you to instantly print photos and watch the memories come to life. $179.99, target.com

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COOKING WITH THE KIDS America's Test Kitchen's first cookbook for kids, "The Complete Cookbook for Young Chefs," features more than 100 kid-tested and kid-approved recipes. Recipes are ranked from beginner (tomato and mozzarella bites) to advanced (apple cider glazed pork chops), and come with plenty of "make it your way" tips. $19.99, shop.americastestkitchen.com



BLING THING
Michael Kors' smartwatch with old-school style is compatible with Androids and iPhones, and has an automatic time-zone update on the face. $350, nordstrom.com



PETITE 'N PRETTY SNOW QUEENS 10K SHINE LIP GLOSS TRIO Beauty products you can feel good about are currently on trend. Newcomer Petite 'n Pretty is committed to being cruelty-free, paraben- and phthalate-free, and nut-free, so you can breathe a little easier the first time your budding beauty queen applies lip gloss. New for the holidays is the Snow Queens 10K Shine Lip Gloss Trio, $20, petitenpretty.com



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Let the100 Movies Scratch Off Poster be your guide for upcoming family movie nights. The list features 100 iconic films from "Casablanca" to "E.T." and "Up." It's a mix of old and new movies for everyone to enjoy. (Note: Some titles may not be appropriate for younger audiences.) $15, uncommongoods.com

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Under $10

The right stocking stuffer is like a great character actor — happy to play a supporting role, but fully capable of stealing the scene. Consider the Lego Duplo My First Ladybug, for the notoriously tricky toddler crowd. You get an adorable insect, a Lego construction puzzle and wheels, all for less than $5. For chocolate lovers, we have the queen of cocoas, Starbucks' aptly named Double Chocolate with tiny pieces of dark chocolate to insure intensity. For the handyman or woman in the house, we offer a work glove that's too rugged to resist. Throw in soap made with French lavender, a sloth tree ornament and Black Panther figurines, and you're going to ace the stocking stuffer challenge. Here are gifts under $10 that will make this year's stocking the star of the show. — *Nara Schoenberg*



CHOCOLATE DELUXE Chocolate lovers are wild for Starbucks Double Chocolate Hot Cocoa Mix, a grown-up version with intense dark chocolate flavor. $5.69, target.com



WORK GLOVE With its rugged good looks and high online ratings, the Trade Master Large Tan Duck Canvas Glove is a great choice for home projects. And it's touch screen-compatible. $9.97 each, homedepot.com



LADYBUG LEGO The Lego Duplo My First Ladybug set for ages 1½ to 3 has it all: wheels, construction opportunities, ladybug power. You'll feel bad for the other toys. $4.99, shop.lego.com



CACTUS GARDEN The lucky recipient gets six tiny tealight cacti, too green and lifelike to burn, in this Ornerx Decorative Cactus Candles set. $9.57, amazon.com

Target, Home Depot, Amazon, Lego



CLASSIC TOY
Yes, the Original Slinky is just as much fun as you remember. Give it to the young — or young at heart — and watch the gift opening grind to a halt. $3, amazon.com



WAKANDA FOREVER Help your favorite fan relive the blockbuster movie with these stylish Funko POP! Black Panther Vinyl Figures. $9.99, thinkgeek.com



WINTER LUXURY
By December, we're all going to need some dry skin relief. Give your favorite fashionista the avocado-extract enriched Sephora Collection Hand Mask Stocking. $5, sephora.com



FRENCH LAVENDER
Lavender sourced from French farm cooperatives and lovely retro packaging make L'Occitane en Provence's Shea Butter Extra Gentle Soap the perfect petite luxury. $8, usa.loccitane.com

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EXPLORE THE DEEP BLUE The world will be your oyster aboard Serenity Yachts' 74-foot solar-powered beauty. Your new home away from home has three levels with four main cabins, and comfortably sleeps up to 12 people, including a crew of four. As bells and whistles go, it boasts a fully functional kitchen, a state-of-the-art music and entertainment system, satellite TV, Wi-Fi and ample closet space. $7.1 million, neimanmarcus.com



TABLE TENNIS, ANYONE? Louis Vuitton's sporty set includes two professionally designed pingpong paddles and regulation balls all housed in an exclusive holder crafted of its Monogram Eclipse canvas. $2,210, louisvuitton.com



ROYAL CRED Rahaminov Diamonds' 18K gold flower ring set with fancy intense-yellow diamonds gives the crown jewels a run for their money. $111,000, neimanmarcus.com

You didn't win that stupid one-point-gazillion Mega Millions jackpot. Big deal. So what. Who cares.

But ... let's just say you had. How exactly does one spend all that money, anyhow? Our preferred route: by buying the most insanely over-the-top holiday gifts for everyone on your list.

From a Dolce & Gabbana juicer (yes, really) to Louis Viutton's pingpong set (again, yes, really), we have some ideas on how you could have blown your winnings with gifts that would make even Elton John say, "Maybe you should dial it back a notch."

Good thing that dreaming is still free. — *Chris LaMorte and David Syrek*

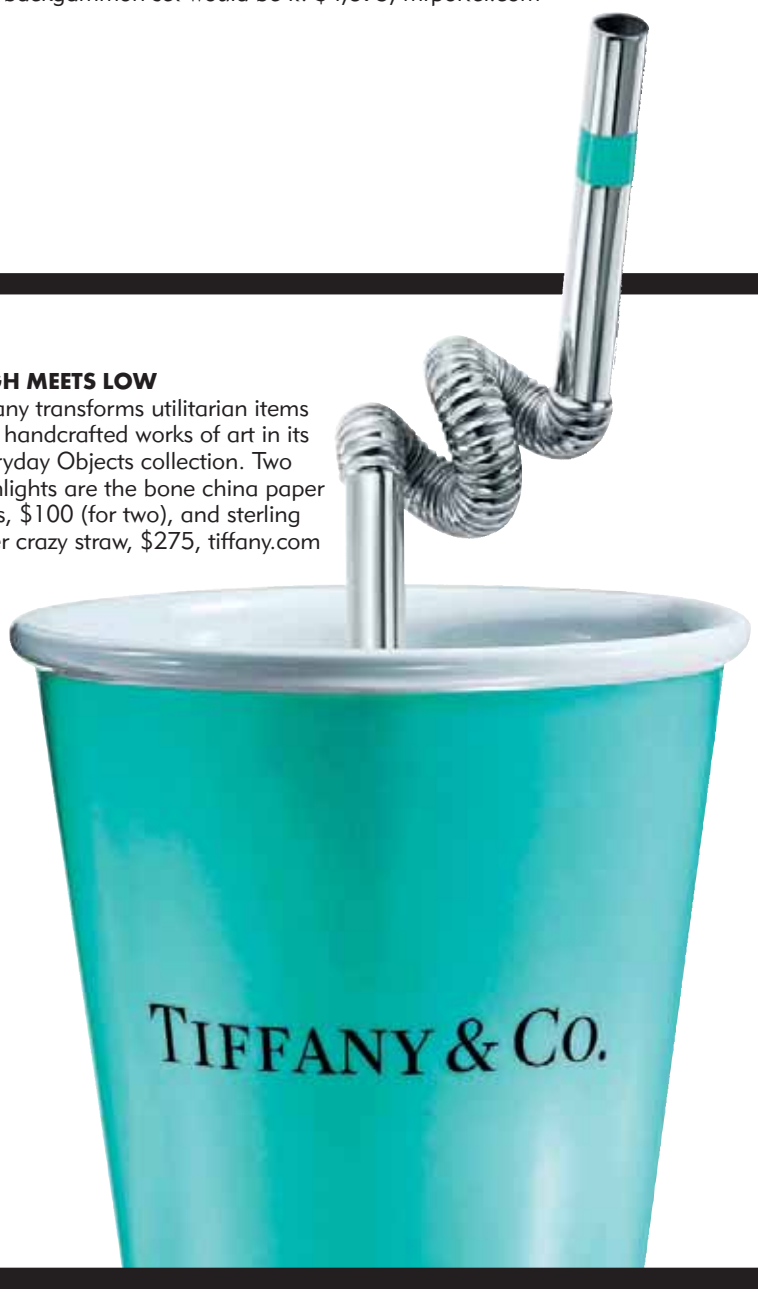
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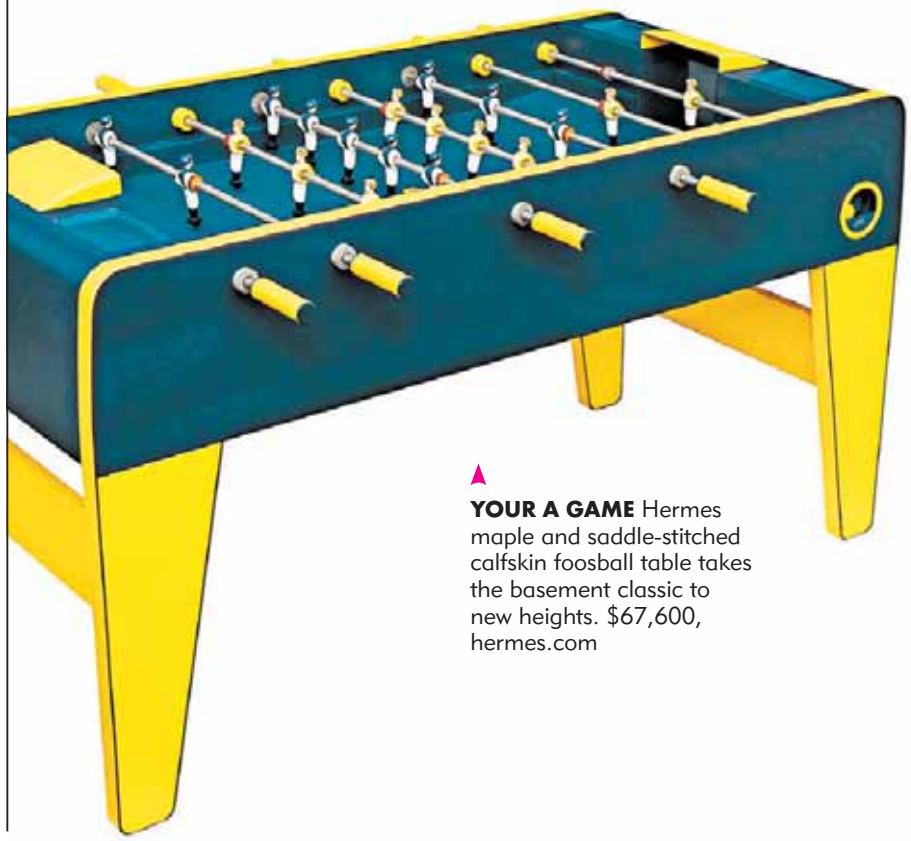
HIGH ROLLER
If James Bond played a game, Smythson's Grosvenor leather travel backgammon set would be it. $4,695, mrporter.com



KITCHEN COUTURE
SMEG has partnered with fashion designers Dolce & Gabbana to create the Sicily Is My Love collection of kitchen appliances. The vibrant pieces like this sunny citrus juicer are sure to wake up your kitchen. $650, neimanmarcus.com



HIGH MEETS LOW
Tiffany transforms utilitarian items into handcrafted works of art in its Everyday Objects collection. Two highlights are the bone china paper cups, $100 (for two), and sterling silver crazy straw, $275, tiffany.com



YOUR A GAME Hermes maple and saddle-stitched calfskin foosball table takes the basement classic to new heights. $67,600, hermes.com

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top tech gifts for travelers

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Samsung Galaxy Tablet

If you know someone who wants a tablet designed for drawing and photo editing in addition to surfing the web, the Galaxy tablet is a great choice.

Kindle Oasis E-reader

Once we started using e-readers, we couldn't go back to paper. They're easy on the eyes and a fraction of the weight of traditional books.

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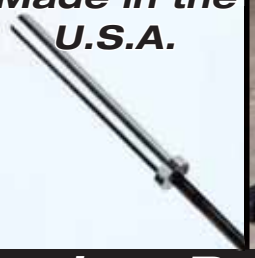
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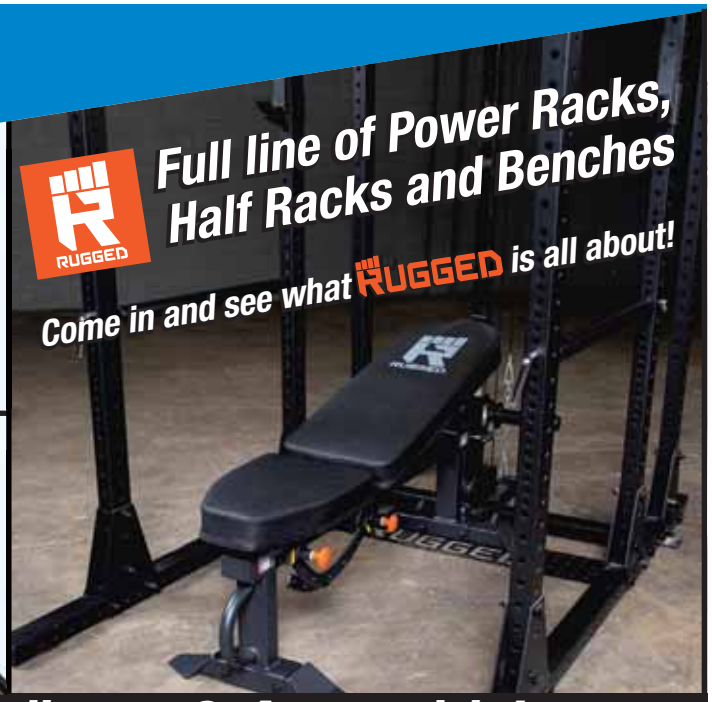


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Making sure #OscarsSoWhite wasn't a 'fad'

Jada Pinkett Smith wants to create access with Careers in Entertainment

By Marc Malkin
Variety

Jada Pinkett Smith walked onto the stage at the Paramount Theatre in Hollywood on a recent morning when a young woman in the audience yells, "I love you, Jada."

The "Girls Trip" star was there to participate in a panel discussion with YouTube's global head of original content, Susanne Daniels. Moderated by Robin Thede, the almost hourlong discussion was the kickoff of the Los Angeles stop of the Will and Jada Smith Family Foundation's Careers in Entertainment (CIE), an all-day summit that will also include appearances by Will and Jada's son Trey Smith.

The audience is a diverse group of 450 Los Angeles high school students.

"I remember Glynn Turman coming to my school when I was at the Baltimore School of the Arts, and just his presence there made (me feel like), 'You know what? This is possible,' " Pinkett Smith told Variety shortly after coming off stage. "So I love just creating that kind of access and just sending that message like, 'Hey, this is something you can be a part of and do too.'"

CIE was launched after #OscarsSoWhite shook up Hollywood in 2016. Pinkett Smith was so outraged by the lack of diversity among the nominees that year that she boycotted the Oscars. Not only did she skip attending the show, she said she wasn't even going to watch it on television.

But she also knew that she didn't want her boycott to be her final say about the controversy. "I felt like, 'Hey, now you have to do something about it,' " Pinkett Smith said. "So we created this program, CIE, where we reach out to marginalized groups to come and learn about our industry and create access for them."

Pinkett Smith said progress has been made since #OscarsSoWhite two years ago, but there's still more work to be done.

"We're in the process," she said. "And what still needs to be done is that it's not a fad, that it's something that we actually take a serious interest in and believe ... because as much as people want to think that Hollywood's not a big deal, I travel all around the world, and we are still the biggest tastemakers. We really are, and that's just a fact. So I think that it's important because we are setting an example. That was one of my ideas and beefs that Oscar year. It was just like, 'No, we have to set a better example.' "

Since then, Hollywood has entered the era of #MeToo and Time's Up. Pinkett Smith says she has complete confidence that the kids who are participating in CIE will have no problem overcoming obstacles in Hollywood, whether it's a diversity issue or a #MeToo experience.

"Being that these kids are from marginalized communities, it's like what they have to deal with in Hollywood, they've already had adversity in a way. ... It's not going to be scary," she said. "It's just not. ... It's like any other career, whether you wanted to become a teacher or a doctor, life is scary! Let's just be real. Life is full of challenges, and so any career that you take is going to have its challenges. So this isn't any spookier than any other career."

Pinkett Smith took a moment to recall the exact time that her acting career took off when she was cast in "A Different World."

"I got the show in the room where Debbie Allen was just like, 'I love you,' " Pinkett Smith remembered. "I was actually auditioning with another friend of mine, Tisha Campbell. We were auditioning for this young woman who had AIDS, and she was telling her classmates that she was HIV-positive, and Tisha got the role, but Debbie Allen looked at me and she said, 'I want to make you a series regular' — just in the room from that audition! Debbie Allen was someone I had looked up to. She was like my model because she was a triple threat. She directed, she acts, she danced, and so I was like, 'I need to do that.' And so to be able to meet her and her receive me that way was beyond a dream come true, and she's mentored me ever since."



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Recalling your first time — as a bra shopper



ELLEN WARREN



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Readers' stories about their first bras revealed experiences that range from humorous to humiliating.

My recent plea for memories of your first bra brought a flood — actually a torrent — of stories. Also, thanks for answering my question: Why are they called "training bras?" What are breasts in training for?

Peg S.: "My 11-year-old daughter and I were bra shopping for her. Her 4-year-old brother wandered around the corner and came back holding up a black bra on a hanger. He said in a very loud voice, 'Here's one for you, Sue.' It had to have been a size 40, triple-D. My daughter was mortified!"

Fran F.: "It was my ballet teacher who told me to get a bra, a strapless one for an upcoming dance recital. This required a practice run and a dress rehearsal of sorts. My fifth-grade class was going on a field trip to see the opera 'Joan of Arc' at the Civic Opera House. We were told we didn't have to wear our school uniforms that day; a perfect opportunity to try out that strapless bra and wear it under a fancy dress. The strapless bra slipped placement below my breasts, creating a sort of four-eyed, milking cow feel and look, I was sure. I was too embarrassed to yank the thing up and back into place. Instead I kept my coat buttoned up and roasted along with Joan onstage. I couldn't wait for her to get burned at the stake to end the opera and my misery."

Toni S.: "A day that will live in infamy, at least in my mind. I went to Catholic school in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and for some reason, they insisted that sixth-grade girls wear a bra. My father and grandmother took me to E.J. Korvette's, where they had huge tables with bras thrown on them. My dad walked up to the table, picked up a bra, held it up in front of me and said, 'OK, let's go.' I have been traumatized ever since and still hate the whole bra shopping thing."

Kate F.: "I think my story is probably like a lot of girls. Absolute mortification! I was about 11, and it was my birthday, and my whole family was gathered 'round as I opened one present: a 'training bra!' in front of my brother! And my dad!"

Anonymous: "My mom dutifully hauled me to Sears, picked out a few styles and sent me to the dressing room solo. I had just put one on when I heard male voices — I think they were doing some ceiling work near the dressing rooms. I never saw the men but was terrified enough that I ran out and said, 'This one is fine,' and that was that."

Gail A.: "I remember it like it was yesterday. My mother was having difficulty with the idea of her baby growing up, so she insisted I had no need for a bra (although I was pretty sure I was ready for one) until my teacher sent home a note. And then to make matters worse, the one she bought didn't fit me (it kept riding up), but she insisted I wear it anyway. ... I was so embarrassed."

J.S.: "I was almost 14, and, being the shortest in my class, was about 80 pounds and flat as a board. The boys in my eighth grade would surreptitiously 'zip' their fingers down the back of any girl's school uniform in class to see if they could 'catch' the back of a bra. If not, then your name was mocked by the other boys. I was super embarrassed. My mom was one of those moms who didn't believe in 'training' bras, so I used a little of the baby-sitting money I had saved for Christmas presents for my five brothers and sisters and bought a present for myself. A training bra: $3. My mom was none too happy, even after I explained why. And she threw it out. I spent the rest of the year in embarrassment."

Babs B.: "I am turning 80 next month, but my first bra experience is still indelible in my mind. We were driving home from downtown (that's where one shopped oh so many years ago) when my mother insisted I tell my grandfather what we had just bought. I will never forget my embarrassment."

Mary W.: "At 11, I remember my mom was on the phone with her sister, telling her she was going to get me a training bra. I was mortified!"

Nina G: "My own 'first bra' experience was very positive. I was a couple of years behind many of my friends in 'development,' so it actually came as a relief when my mom introduced me to a very nice lady at J.C. Penney's lingerie department, who introduced me to the wonderful world of 'growing up.' Finally, I was a 'young lady' instead of a little kid!"

And this ...

RoseAnna M. tackles the "why" of the term training bra: "I think it's called training because it's "training" young girls to get used to wearing the harnesslike garment they will wear for the rest of their lives."

Susan P.: "I always thought training bras were ridiculous. However, my daughter explained it in a way that makes total sense to me now. She explained that the point of a training bra is to introduce a girl to bras in advance of the emotional and physical confusion of suddenly growing breasts. A young girl learns about shopping for bras, the way bras are sized, trying on bras and wearing bras, so that there is no drama around 'do you need a bra yet.' "

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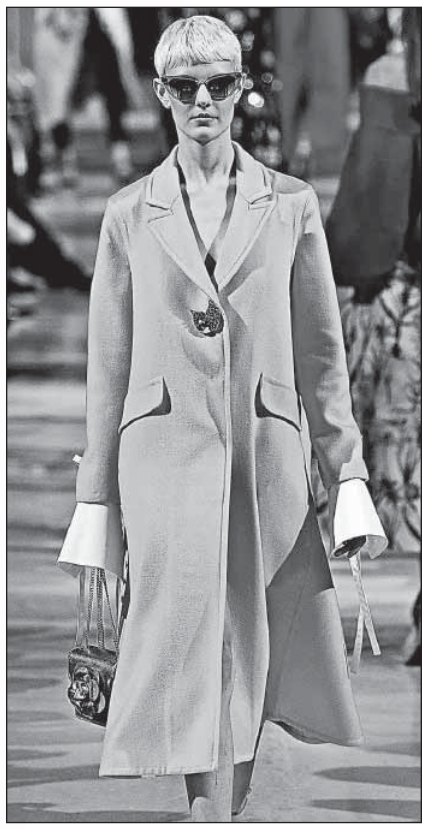
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Startups eat into giants' market share



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Co-founders Jeff Raider, left, and Andy Katz-Mayfield built Harry's using a direct-to-consumer subscription model.

By Alexandra Olson
Associated Press

What do you hate shopping for? Toothpaste? Diaper rash cream? Sunscreen? The guys who founded Harry's shaving club spend a lot of time thinking about this question.

The startup, which took on razor giants Gillette and Schick with its direct-to-consumer subscription model, has since expanded into traditional retail and launched a line of body care products. Armed with $112 million in new financing to develop new brands, the company now is investigating what other sleepy products might be ripe for disruption.

"Our vision is to build a next-generation consumer brand company," said Jeff Raider, who recently took on the role of CEO of Harry's Labs, overseeing the development of new brands. "It might be better products, a better experience getting the products or a brand that appeals to who they want to be as people."

Insurgent brands are shaking up the way people buy everything from mattresses to prescription acne remedies, eating into the market share of big consumer product companies and leaving them scrambling to respond.

Eager venture capitalists, digital technology and social media make it easier for anyone with a good idea to enter the consumer goods market, according to a report on insurgent brands by Bain & Company, a management consulting firm. Contract manufacturing, which allows companies to outsource production and sometimes defray costs, also has made it simpler.

"The reality is that no category is immune to disruption," the Bain & Company report said.

Being small is often a tactical advantage, allowing fledgling companies the freedom to focus on a core product, shoring up visibility among a targeted group of consumers, while bigger brands are forced to defend their market share across a wider base.

Harry's has captured about 2 percent of the $2.8 billion men's shaving industry since its launch in 2013, according to Euromonitor market research firm. Its main shaving club rival, Dollar Shave Club, has about 8 percent.

It's been a gut punch to the industry leaders.

Gillette controlled about 70 percent of the U.S. market a decade ago.

Last year, its market share dropped to below 50 percent, according to Euromonitor. The company, owned by P&G, was forced to slash its razor prices by an average of 12 percent last year.

No. 2 razor-maker Schick has also been squeezed. Parent company Edgewell Personal Care reported a 3.6 percent drop in net sales from its North America shave business in its most recent earnings report.

Both major brands now offer subscription services on their own direct-to-consumer sites, which they are leveraging to promote their lower-end razors while also showcasing their edge in technological innovation.



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"Initially, the biggest players underestimated the potential of these brands, and when they reacted either by dropping prices or by launching their own subscription models, the damage was done," said Fatima Linares, beauty and fashion research manager at Euromonitor International. "It's still unknown what these companies will do to revert the situation, or if that is possible at all."

It was a different era when salesman King C. Gillette invented the disposable safety razor at the turn of the last century.

Clean-shaven faces were synonymous with virtue and manliness, a Western preoccupation that dates back to when Alexander the Great ordered his men to scrape off their beards before battling the Persian armies in 331 B.C., according to Christopher Oldstone-Moore, historian and author of the book "Beards and Men."

Disposable razors "provided the tools for middle-class mobility, enabling the common man to meet the exacting grooming standards approved by corporate bosses," Oldstone-Moore writes.

Gillette has since become one of the world's most ubiquitous brands, with its razors sold in virtually every country. It has rolled out fancier and more expensive razors every few years. But in a more relaxed era where stubbles and beards are making a comeback, premium razors started to lose their luster.

For Harry's and Dollar Shave Club, simplicity is the point. Harry's sells just one five-blade razor with a choice of two types of handles, priced at about $2 per cartridge under its subscription plan. Dollar Shave Club offers a four-blade and a six-blade razor, with the cheaper one priced at $1.50 per cartridge.

It is a deliberate contrast to the dizzying array of razors offered by Gillette and Schick, the legacy of their century-old tradition of trying to outdo each other.

"The average guy does not like shopping and comparing 27 different things," said Harry's CEO Andy Katz-Mayfield.

Can Melania Trump ever escape scrutiny of her clothes?



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First lady Melania Trump wears a pith helmet in Kenya, at top, and a jacket saying, "I really don't care, do u?" after visiting immigrant children at the border with Mexico.

By Alison Bowen
Chicago Tribune

Since becoming first lady, Melania Trump's style selections have been questioned on several occasions, most recently after she wore a white pith helmet in Kenya — viewed by some as a symbol of colonialism.

Past criticism for style choices include a Zara jacket that read, "I really don't care, do u?," worn in June while visiting immigrant children at the border with Mexico, and stilettos while boarding a plane last year before visiting Hurricane Harvey victims. (When she arrived, she disembarked wearing sneakers.)

Following the stir about the "I really don't care" jacket, the first lady's spokeswoman, Stephanie Grisham, said, "It's a jacket. There was no hidden message. After today's important visit to Texas, I hope the media isn't going to choose to focus on her wardrobe."

Similarly, after criticism over the pith helmet, Trump aimed to minimize fashion and instead focus on her trip, saying, "I wish people would focus on what I do, not what I wear." She said her message for the continent was "that we care and we want to show the world we care."

First ladies have long been under scrutiny for various reasons. But why does it matter what they wear?

Why do people analyze a choice to grab one item from a closet instead of another?

We talked to Abigail Glaum-Lathbury, an assistant professor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago's Department of Fashion Design, about what clothes symbolize and whether Trump can escape scrutiny.

This interview has been edited for space and clarity.

Q: What do you think about Melania Trump's choosing to wear a pith helmet in Kenya?

A: I think that she can't have her cake and eat it too. There is a context to clothing. There are items of clothing and accessories that invoke a sense of history. I'm not really sure why people aren't doing their homework a little bit better. I think what clothes signify for people in power is extremely important, and I don't think we should give anybody a pass.

I think it shows in a similar way with her jacket, "I really don't care." It speaks to me of a cavalier attitude to her position of power.

Q: What about those who believe her intentions were not disingenuous — it's just a hat, or jacket?

A: I think that fails to recognize the difference in reach and also position. She represents the United States of America. And so there seems to be a dramatic difference in position versus if I just grab a hat from my closet. I'm not the first lady, and I do not represent the American people. It doesn't really matter what she feels at the end of the day. What matters is the actions that she's taking, and there's a very dramatic disparity between the things that she's saying she's doing and the appearance.

Q: First ladies have long been under scrutiny about what they wear. How do you feel about her comment that she should be looked at for things other than her style choices?

A: First ladies have historically been scrutinized. It is definitely not a new thing.

To her comment, I should be looked at for the things that I do versus what I wear, that's true. Yes, sure. But I would also say that your clothes express something. I think it's inherent in the position that she as a public figure will need to take these things into consideration.

Q: What impact does timing have? If she'd worn this hat on a different day, that jacket on a different outing, would it make a difference?

A: That comes back to the point of history and context. If you're wearing a wedding dress on the subway, there's an incongruity there because of the context. Again, she is in a position of power. These are specific public events that she is going to that are relevant for current events, and so to pretend that they're not seems like wishful thinking, to wish a lesser significance on something than it actually has.

Q: Do you think she can ever escape this scrutiny?

A: No. Not really. They're public figures, and until there's a standard uniform for women like there is for men, no. That's not a Republican or a Democrat or a socialist or a communist thing, that's just women being scrutinized for what they wear, which is not new.

Q: Would we care this much or be having this conversation if she were a male politician?

A: No. The answer is no. There's not much more to it. We have historically evaluated women on their appearance and dress, and this is not an exception.

Q: Any advice for the advisers who might be helping her choose her wardrobe?

A: Listen rather than reject the criticism out of hand. Maybe give it a minute, and think about it. I guess my advice is stop pretending that the choices don't matter when they do.

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This fashionista purged her closet. You can too.

By Elizabeth Mayhew
The Washington Post



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Stacy Smallwood, above, a Charleston, S.C., boutique owner, enlisted the help of professional organizer Julia Pinsky to get her closet in order. "Despite being in fashion, I was struggling to get dressed every morning," Smallwood says, "so I would often start my day in a bad mood."

Stacy Smallwood is passionate about fashion. As owner and head buyer of Hampden Clothing, an upscale women's boutique in Charleston, S.C., Smallwood travels regularly to Paris, New York, Milan and London, where she buys the most up-to-date stylish clothing and accessories for not only her store but also herself. Over time — call it an occupational hazard — she acquired a lot of clothes.

As a result, her home closet — an extra bedroom she had transformed into a large walk-in — was a disaster, nothing like the sleek, well-edited and organized shelves and displays in her fashionable King Street shop. Clothes, shoes and bags were jumbled together; she had never bothered to edit out older or unworn items. And she spent years rationalizing keeping dresses and bags by saying, "I love it and might wear it again."

But most mornings she would wake up, stare blankly at her closet, and then, like many women, gravitate to the same pieces over and over again. "Despite being in fashion, I was struggling to get dressed every morning," Smallwood says, "so I would often start my day in a bad mood."

Then one day she hit a wall. "I looked around and was sick of the mess, and I knew the only way for me to get clarity of my mind was to start with my environment."

Smallwood enlisted the help of professional organizer Julia Pinsky, founder of Pinsky Project. Pinsky, who had a long career in fashion and merchandising before beginning her organizing business, specializes, as she says, "in making a home look minimal, yet maximized."

Sorting and editing

Pinsky began tackling Smallwood's closet as she does all projects: by sorting all of the items in one place. "You have to take everything out to see what you actually own," Pinsky says. This means sorting by category, not by location. Take shoes, for example: Women often keep dressy shoes in their bedroom closet, boots in a coat closet and everyday shoes in a mudroom. But when organizing, you want to see all of your shoes in one place so that you can edit out those items that you don't need. Pinsky warns, "Do not put anything back until you have completed the entire sorting process."

When it came to editing, Smallwood followed (and still follows) Pinsky's rule: If you haven't worn it in a year, sell or donate it. Most items Smallwood was able to sell on the Real Real, an online luxury consignment shop. Pinsky also recommends selling items on the website Tradesy and donating to local thrift shops.

After editing, Pinsky assessed the remaining items, grouping clothes that needed to hang together and those that needed to be folded or stacked together. She then set about reworking and maximizing Smallwood's space. "We got rid of all existing shelving and built a new system that used the full height and width of the room." For a cost-friendly option, Pinsky recommended using Ikea's Pax system. By creating an efficiently designed framework that included hanging space, shelves, drawers and bins, Smallwood even ended up having enough room for a vanity area.

Once the closet architecture was in place, Pinsky and Smallwood organized the items by category: tops, dresses, jackets, pants, skirts, shoes and bags were each given their designated area and within each grouping, the items were arranged by color. Pinsky says if you make sure every item has a place, then you have no excuse not to put it back.

For hanging items, Smallwood invested in all new coordinating hangers, which help create visual order and symmetry within the closet. "It's crazy how much easier it is to get dressed in the morning when you start your day with a sense of calm," Smallwood says. "I am no longer frustrated by not knowing where to start."

A rule to live by

As for Pinsky's parting words to Smallwood, she thinks they were, "Do not bring anything into your house that you do not need, love or will have no use for, even if it was free, a good deal or a gift."

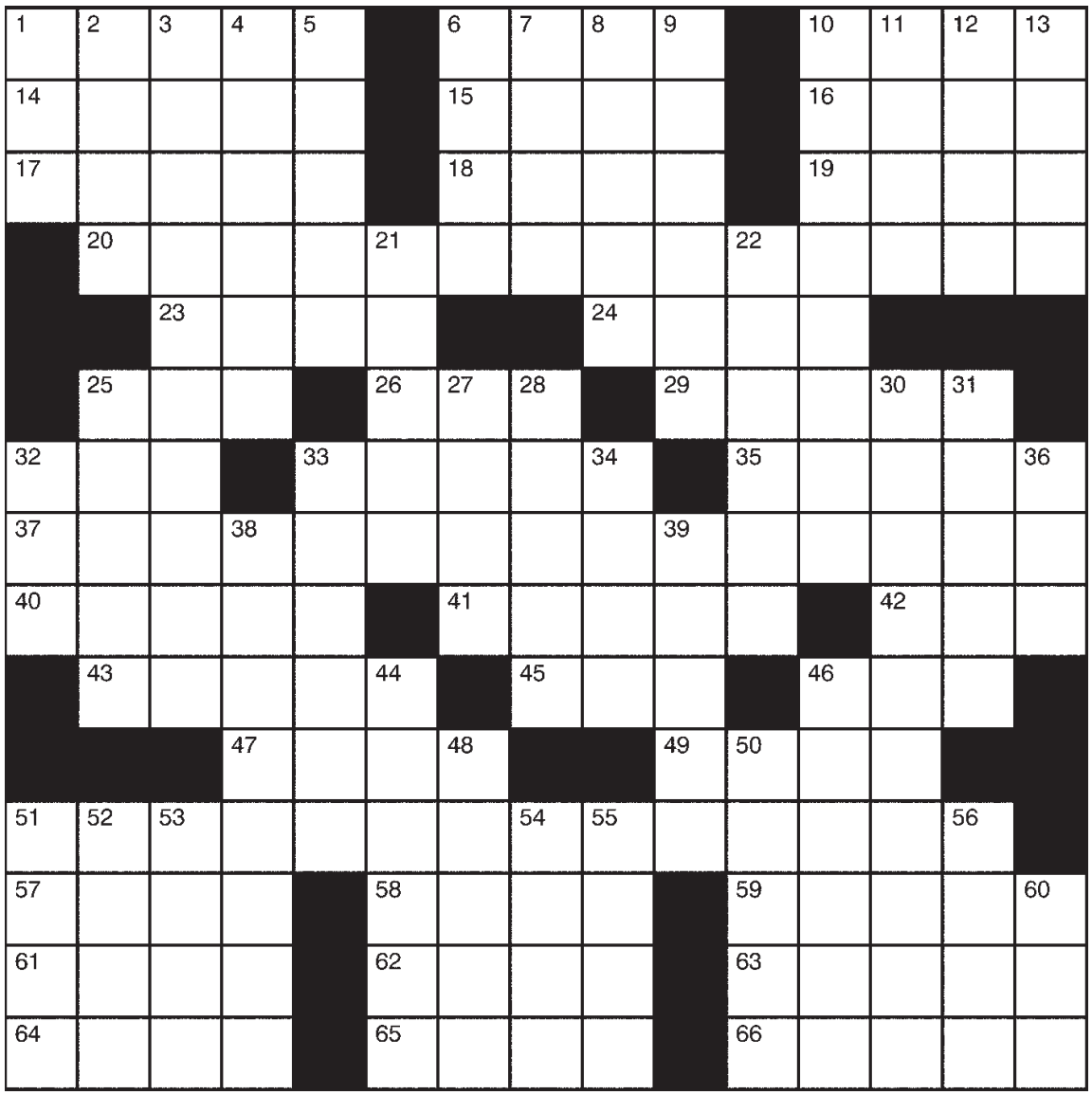
The exercise had a profound effect on Smallwood: "I think we often don't realize how much our environment plays such a big role on our mood, our self-esteem and even our style and the way we dress. By organizing my closet, I can now create looks I had never put together before and I don't dread that moment every day of deciding what to wear."

Pinsky adds, "When you are organized, everything in your life begins to feel more efficient."

But, she cautions, "you have to be ready to make the change. You have to be ready to let go of things."

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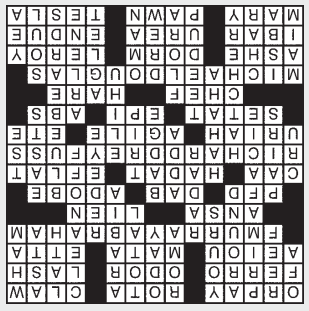
ACROSS

1. "... now, ___ later!"
6. Church tribunal
10. Lobster's feature
14. Iron: prefix
15. Aroma
16. Pelting onslaught
17. All the vowels
18. ___ Hari
19. Blues singer James
20. 1984 winner for Amadeus
23. Celestial body part
24. Property document
25. Stk. type
26. Small quantity?
29. Home, in Taos
32. Aviation org.: 1938-58
33. Dealt with angrily
35. Musical tone
37. 1977 winner for The Goodbye Girl
40. A Heep of villainy
41. Brisk and spry
42. Hot time, in Soissons
43. Assail
45. Center or cure lead-in
46. Belly muscles, for short
47. Lord of the fries
49. Famed race loser
51. 1987 winner for Wall Street
57. He rivaled Laver
58. Campus digs
59. Composer Anderson
61. Twin Towers' construction beam
62. $CO(NH_2)_2$
63. Put on
64. Creche figure
65. Piece for Spassky
66. Alternating-current discoverer

DOWN

1. One ___ kind
2. Milieu for Lloyd Bridges
3. Self-evident
4. In the neighborhood
5. Part of a letter sign-off
6. Citta on the Tiber
7. Singer Anita
8. Bottom line
9. Lawrence's hangout
10. Do a waiter's job
11. Wood strip
12. Nick and Nora's pet
13. Strike forcibly
21. Burghoff's M*A*S*H role
22. CA to NY nighttime flight
25. Skating competition
27. And ___ pinch of salt
28. Merit symbol
30. Ornamental autumn flowers
31. Bridge positions
32. Vineyard, in Champagne
33. Music to Carson's ears
34. Vacationer's excursion
36. The Waste Land author's monogram
38. Fish-producing locale
39. Root grown in Clinton, NY
44. Ready to drive
46. Bennett's long-time co-panelist
48. Girl in The Turn of the Screw
50. Clothing pin
51. Batter
52. Log hut, in Siberia
53. Partly burn
54. Madison, NJ university
55. Arabian sultanate
56. Hutch of Starsky and Hutch
60. Biblical affirmative

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Walter Scott Asks

Brian Tyree Henry



The co-star of the FX series *Atlanta*, 36, also shines in the recent movies *Widows* and *White Boy Rick* and the upcoming *If Beale Street Could Talk* (Dec. 14). He plays ex-con Daniel Carty, alongside **Stephan James**, in the drama from writer-director Barry Jenkins, whose movie *Moonlight* won the Best Picture Oscar in 2017.



Tell us about *Beale Street* and your character. Daniel Carty is a man who has been incarcerated for just being at the wrong place at the wrong time, broken down and beaten up about his place in the world because now he's a felon. He's definitely not considered a human being anymore.

What was it like to work with Viola Davis in *Widows*? It was an out-of-body experience. I still fan out over every single person that I've worked with. I have to step back and realize that I'm in the room too.

You come from a non-showbiz family. Who were your inspirations? An actor friend of mine gave me a book of plays that took place in Harlem with photos of Cicely Tyson, James Earl Jones, Phylicia Rashad, Debbie Allen, Sam Jackson, James Pickens Jr. and Denzel Washington. That gave me a vision of what I'm doing, because they started in the Harlem Theatre Company when no one in the city would do plays with black writers or black actors.

Why is *Atlanta* such an important TV show? Go to *Parade.com/henry* for his answer.



Connie Britton Gets Seduced in *Dirty John*

Romance turns into a fight for survival when Britton returns to TV in *Dirty John* (Nov. 25), Bravo's new true-crime anthology based on a popular podcast. The story follows Debra Newell (Britton), who meets John Meehan (Eric Bana), a handsome man who seems like a keeper. But love soon spirals into lies and life-threatening danger. "No matter what she says, he has an answer," says Britton, 51.

Marlo Thomas: Thanks & Giving

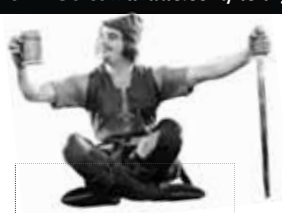


The former *That Girl* star, 81, kicks off the holiday season with the 15th Annual St. Jude Thanks and Giving Campaign. Each year it raises funds for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (founded by her father, entertainer Danny Thomas), which specializes in treating childhood cancer with no cost to the family. Donate at stjude.org or by calling 1-800-4STJUDE.

ROCKIN' ROBINS



In *Robin Hood* (in theaters now), **Taron Egerton**, 29, stars as Robin of Loxley, who mounts a revolt against the English crown. He's the latest in a long line of stars to pick up the bow and arrow of the dashing Sherwood Forest crusader, in a new tale as old as tights—we mean *time*!



Douglas Fairbanks *Robin Hood* (1922)



Richard Greene *The Adventures of Robin Hood* (TV series, 1955–1960)



Brian Bedford Disney's animated *Robin Hood* (voice) (1973)



Sean Connery *Robin and Marian* (1976)



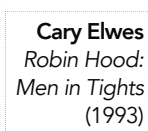
Errol Flynn *The Adventures of Robin Hood* (1938)



Richard Todd *The Story of Robin Hood and His Merrie Men* (1952)



Dick Gautier *When Things Were Rotten* (TV series, 1975)



Cary Elwes *Robin Hood: Men in Tights* (1993)



Russell Crowe *Robin Hood* (2010)



George Segal *The Zany Adventures of Robin Hood* (1984)



Kevin Costner *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* (1991)

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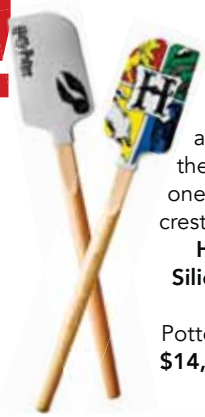
NOW YOU'RE COOKING!

If you're a fan of *Top Chef Jr.* on Universal Kids, you know those young chefs are not fooling around. And yet they have a whole lot of fun. (Watch the finale Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. ET.) You can have fun in the kitchen too with these fresh finds—plus they make perfect last-minute gifts for kids, foodies or hard-to-buy-for friends and family. —*Lauren Harris*





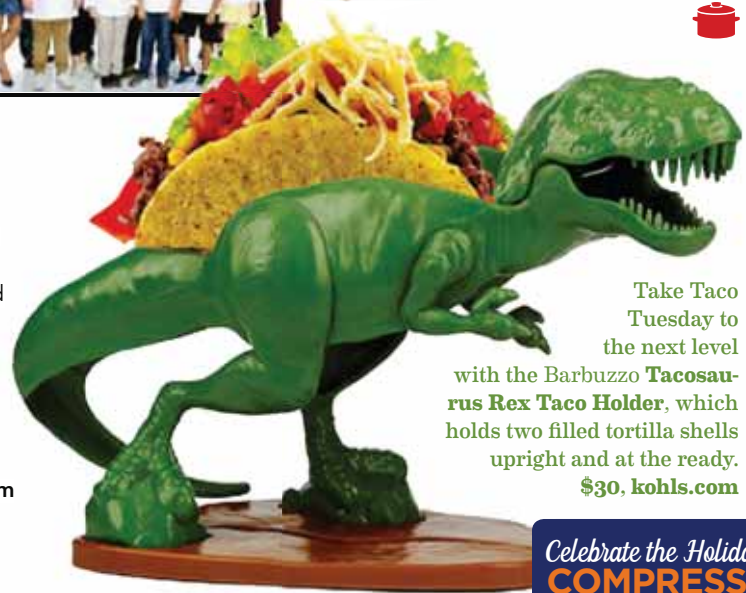
Measure spaghetti perfectly every time, thanks to the **I Could Eat a Horse Pasta Portioner**. The serving-size slots—the biggest is shaped like a horse and measures four servings—help cooks stay in control of portions. **$12, amazon.com**



Kitchen wizards will appreciate a new tool in their collection, especially one sporting the Hogwarts crest. The Williams Sonoma **Harry Potter Hogwarts Silicone Spatula** will bring just the right charm to Potterheads' holiday treats. **$14, williams-sonoma.com**



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Go to ***Parade.com/chef*** for a behind-the-scenes visit to the *Top Chef Jr.* set.

Books We Love

Sleuthing Through the Snow

The latest in Louise Penny's Gamache series, ***Kingdom of the Blind*** (Minotaur Books, available Nov. 27), plays out in the snowy Quebec countryside and the dark Montreal streets. Here are three of the author's favorite reads.



Books for Living: Some Thoughts on Reading, Reflecting, and Embracing Life (Knopf), **$16**, by Will Schwalbe
"A follow-up to his majestic *The End of Your Life Book Club*, this is a love letter to reading and readers."



A Confederacy of Dunces (Grove Weidenfeld), **$16**, by John Kennedy Toole
"Pompous, ponderous, deluded, magnificent. I read this when it first came out [in 1980] and it so amazed, amused and moved me that I knew I'd have to revisit it. John Kennedy Toole continues to astound."



Collected Poems (Vintage), **$26,** by W.H. Auden
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BLOOMIN' EASY!

Bake an onion for over an hour and something magical happens—it blooms! If you're a fan of the deep-fried restaurant version, you'll love this cheesy appetizer adapted from *Carla Hall's Soul Food.*

BAKED BLOOMING ONION WITH GRUYÈRE CHEESE

Preheat oven to 375°F. Trim tops and bottoms off 2 **jumbo onions**, leaving roots intact. Peel. Cut each onion from top to root into 12 wedges without cutting through root. Place side by side in an ovenproof baking dish that holds them snugly; fan out onion petals. In a small bowl, whisk 1 Tbsp **extra-virgin olive oil**, 1 Tbsp **dry white wine**, 1 tsp **minced garlic** and ½ tsp minced **fresh rosemary**. Pour over open onion petals; sprinkle with ½ tsp **kosher salt** and ¼ tsp freshly ground **black pepper**. Cover dish with foil. Bake 1½ hours or until onions are tender. Uncover and sprinkle with ½ cup grated **Gruyère cheese**; bake 10 minutes or until cheese melts. Garnish with fresh rosemary leaves. Serve hot with toasted **baguette slices**. **Serves 6**.

In the Kitchen With Carla

About soul food: "It isn't just mac and cheese and smothered pork chops," says Nashville native Hall. "[In this book] I wanted to focus on the lighter side."

Greatest inspiration: her grandmother, a hospital dietitian who cooked heart-healthy soul food long before it was trendy

3 must-have tools: cast-iron skillet, Dutch oven, Microplane zester

Always in her fridge or pantry: beans, pickles, vinegars and sweeteners. "Soul food is a blend of sour and sweet."

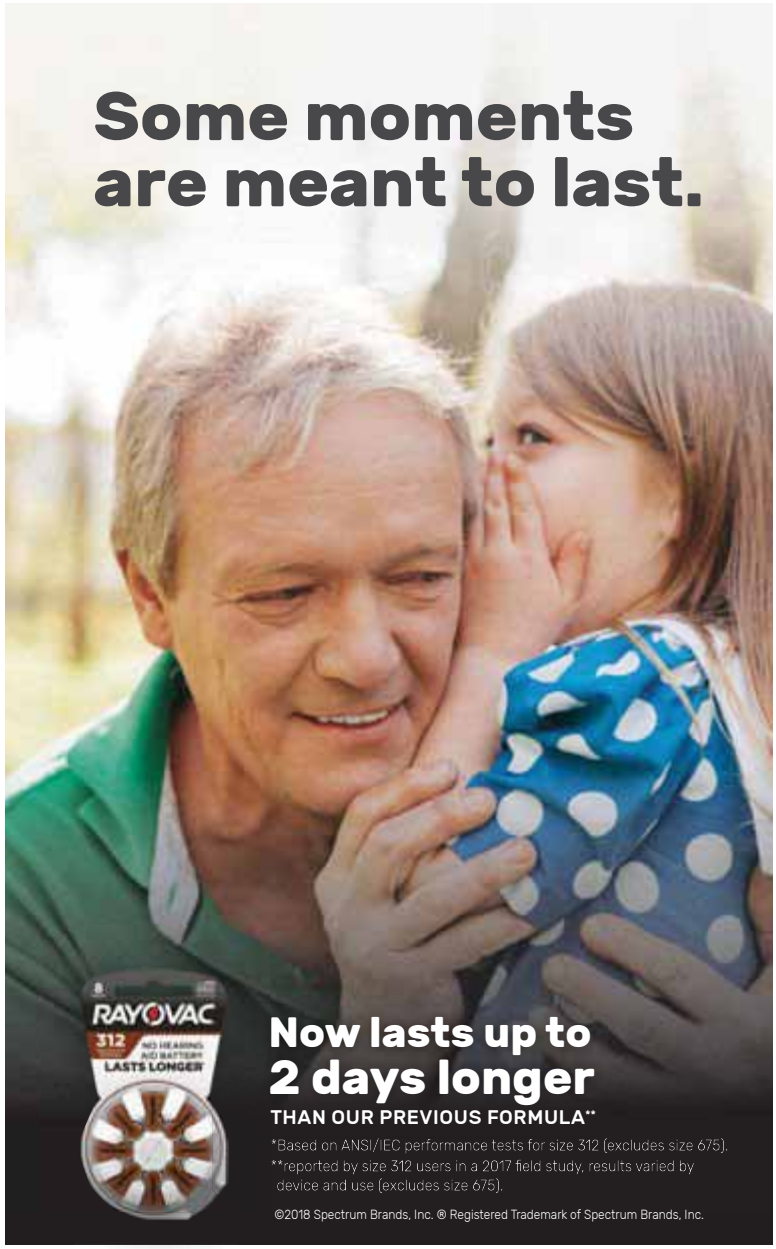
Her favorite comfort food: "Bean soup, cornbread and I might do greens. When I'm feeling homesick, that's what I make."

How soul food helped her succeed on *Top Chef*: "When I get stressed, I go back to what I know," says Hall. "To honestly connect with that thing that's in your heart, that's when you become successful."

—*Alison Ashton*

Go to ***Parade.com/wings*** for Hall's baked chicken wings recipe.

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TLC FOR YOUR EYES

If your eyes are the windows to your soul, it's smart to treat them right. Here's how.

By Sheryl Kraft

"The best thing you can do for your eyes is protect them," says Craig See, M.D., an ophthalmologist at Cleveland Clinic's Cole Eye Institute. That starts with getting regular eye exams, which are the best way to diagnose major causes of blindness. "Most issues can be treated successfully if the treatment is started promptly," he says. Here are some other ways to be kind to your eyes.

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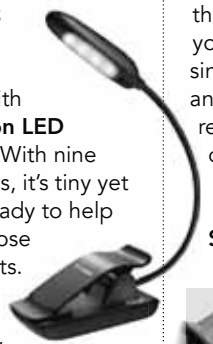
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By Marilyn vos Savant

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—W. Randall Stroud, Raleigh, N.C.

No good studies exist, but I would love to see hand-shaking stopped in all health-care settings (for example, doctor's offices, hospitals, etc.). Beyond that, we should remember that shaking hands, pushing grocery carts and opening doors to coffee shops and other public places don't cause problems. The trouble starts when we touch our eyes, noses or mouths afterward. Washing our hands before eating and keeping them away from our faces the rest of the time is a simple and effective health habit worth cultivating.

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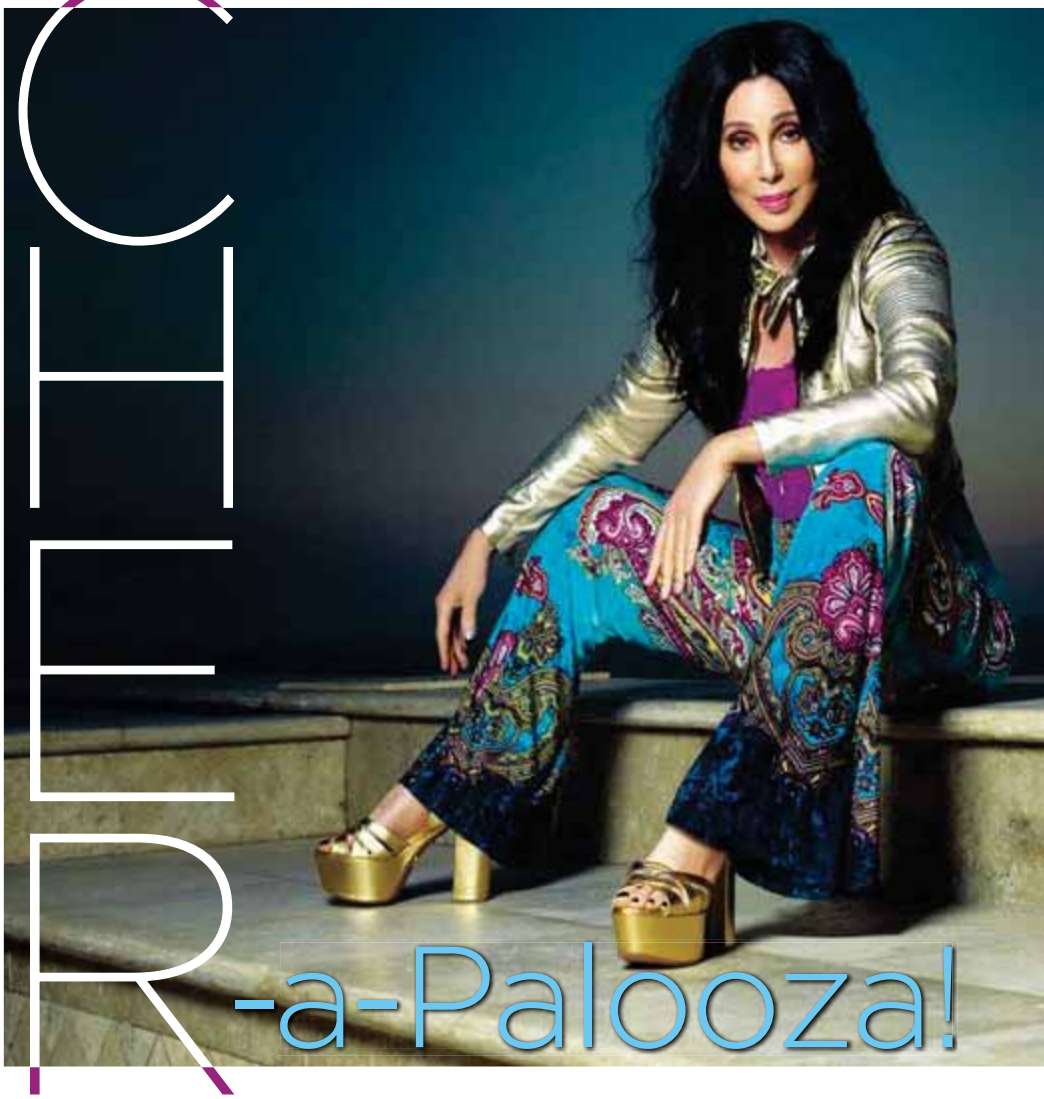


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CHER-a-Palooza!



In a *Parade* exclusive, we talk ups and downs, starts and stops, music, movies, motherhood, ABBA, Broadway, books and boyfriends with pop culture's prima diva.

By Jim Farber

Back in 2002, Cher started what she called her "Farewell Tour." Sixteen years later, not only has she yet to take her final bow, she's busier than ever.

At 72, she finds herself in a tsunami of activity that began over the summer with her appearance—as the hip grandmother—in the hit movie *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again*, based on ABBA's music. That inspired her album *Dancing Queen*, which came out in September, featuring covers of ABBA classics. Add a tour; a contract to write her memoir; a new musical based on her life, *The Cher Show,* opening Dec. 3 on Broadway; and a starry ceremony in Washington where she'll receive a Kennedy Center Honor (Dec. 26 on CBS).

It all adds up to a "Cher-a-palooza," crowning a career that has stopped and started more times than traffic on a rush-hour L.A. freeway.

A STAR IS BORN

The girl born Cherilyn Sarkisian in El Centro, Calif., had an unstable upbringing. Cher barely knew her father, John Sarkisian, whom her mother, Georgia Holt, divorced when Cher was 10 months old. By the time Cher was 9, her mom had divorced her third husband, with whom she'd had another child. She raised Cher and her half-sister, Georganne, with very little money. By age 16, Cher left school to pursue the showbiz career of which she had always dreamed.

She made those dreams come true, and then some, by scoring a No. 1 single on a *Billboard* chart in each decade from the 1960s through the 2010s. She won an Oscar (for her 1987 role in *Moonstruck*), an Emmy (for a 2003 TV special) and a Grammy (for Best Dance Recording in 2000 for "Believe").

You have some uncanny similarities with ABBA. Critics didn't take either of you seriously in the '70s. Now they do. What changed? If you can last long enough, people take you seriously. It's also important to change. I'm a much better singer now than I was when I was younger. Also, when I was younger, critics didn't like some of the ways I presented myself. I was the only woman at the time who had a big show. They didn't like it because they thought if I was a "real singer" I wouldn't be doing all those costume changes. But I did my show to suit myself. All the things that people gave me s--t for are the things people are now doing, changing costumes and wearing very little.

In *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again*, you played the mother of Meryl Streep. Speak-

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In *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again,* Cher (with Amanda Seyfried and Dominic Cooper) helped celebrate the songs of ABBA.

Mom Georgia, now 92, encouraged young Cher—and gave her great genes.

She had an emotional reunion with former husband and singing partner Sonny Bono on David Letterman's TV show in 1987. (Bono died in 1998.)

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dyslexia before anybody knew what that was. I'd bring home these awful grades and my mom would say, "That doesn't make any difference." I said, "Mom, I can't even see numbers." And she said, "When you grow up, you'll have somebody do math for you."

You met Sonny when you were just 16. And, of course, he was much older. I went from my mother straight to Sonny. They both molded me. It was more than a marriage, more than a partnership. We have a connection, still. If he walked through that door right now, we would be Sonny and Cher in two seconds.

ing of mothers, what's the greatest gift your mother gave you, besides life? My mom gave me encouragement. Internally, I knew from when I was 5 that I was going to be Cher, even though I didn't know how that would manifest itself, because, at 5, what do you know? First, I wanted to be the Disney character Dumbo. But my mom said, "Babe, you can't be Dumbo. He's an elephant." Then I wanted to be Cinderella. Also, when I was young I had a really hard time. We were poor. I had

Your life with Sonny, and everything else, will be restaged in Broadway's *The Cher Show*. What will that be like for you? You want to see the good parts, but you certainly don't want to see the bad parts. Stuff that happened with Sonny at the end of our marriage, I don't like to see. When I was watching it, I thought, *Why was I so honest?* But if you're going through the story and you skip over things, what's the good?

You will also be revisiting your past in your memoir. Why are you doing the book now? I just made the deal, but I have no time frame. It's going to take me a while because I have a lot to tell. It's going to be more difficult than doing the play. I will grit my teeth through the whole thing because I will have to be honest.

Speaking of memoirs, a few years ago Gregg Allman wrote his. You were married to him for nearly four years and you also had a child with him [Elijah Blue]. Did you read his book, *My Cross to Bear*? I didn't read it because his kids said don't. Elijah thought it didn't come off the way he knew our relationship was.

Gregg, who died of liver cancer last year, wrote that you were very patient with him at a time when he had serious drug problems. I was patient because I loved him. He was a Southern gentleman, really soft-spoken. He never swore and, of course, I swear like a sailor. I stayed with him until I knew I couldn't because I didn't want the kids to be around it. He was the sweetest man in the world, who happened to do drugs.

A few years ago, Elijah said that you two had become estranged. Has that changed? That happened, but I'm not so

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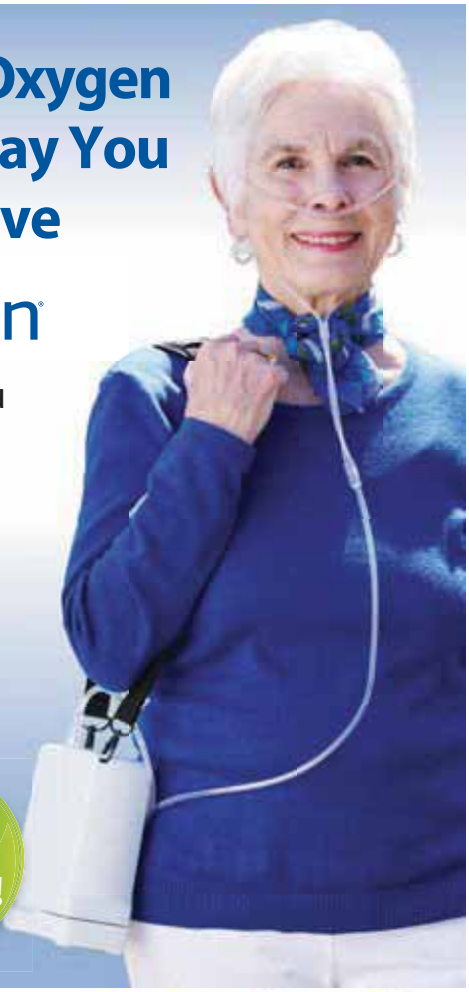
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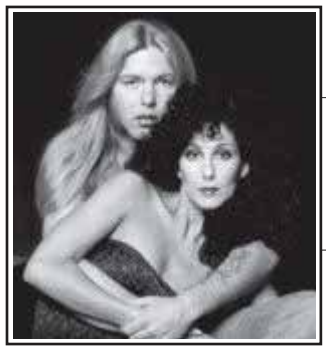
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sure that parents and their kids don't all go through that.

Your child with Sonny, Chaz, talked openly about being transgender 11 years ago. At that time, fewer people spoke about trans issues. Now it's part of the mainstream conversation. How do you feel about that change? Young people don't care about it. And their parents are letting them be. Thank God for this change, because God knows what would happen otherwise. The young people give me a lot of hope.



She calls Southern rocker Gregg Allman, husband number two, "the sweetest man in the world, who happened to do drugs."

In addition to your Oscar for *Moonstruck*, what do you think of as your other movie career highlights? I really liked most of the films I've been in. There are flops that I loved, like *Mermaids*. But *Moonstruck* is the best because it's a really amazing cast and everyone got along so well.

What do you remember about winning the Best Actress Oscar? I remember thinking, *I've not won this*, because when Paul Newman opened the envelope, he took a breath. And you don't need a breath to say "Cher." And then he said, "Cher." I went deaf and went up and lost an earring and my cape flew off, and when I got up there I made a ridiculous speech. I didn't thank any of the people I was supposed to thank. But now it's fantastic because every night [in my concert] they show a clip of it. So they can't take that away from me!

How are your relationships with your many exes? I'm on good terms with most of my ex-boyfriends. Val [Kilmer] just spent time at my house and it was fun just goofing with him. I talk to Robert [Camilletti] all the time. Gene Simmons is one of those guys where, if I met him at a party, I would be happy to see him. He did change from the person he was, though. He took a hard right. Whenever I see Tom [Cruise], I'm happy to see him. And I was talking to Gregory [Allman] until the end and I'm close with his kids. They all spent Christmas with me.

Any interest in a romantic relationship now? I do, but not right this minute. Things have changed and privacy is worth diamonds. Everyone's got a camera now, so relationships have to really be on the down-low; otherwise it's ruined in a minute. I had the best relationship ever with [Robert], and the minute I won the Academy Award, we were just hounded to death and it ruined the relation-

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It's been 20 years since "Believe." Is that your favorite recording? It was at the time. But I had records I really loved that went nowhere. I liked "Walking in Memphis." In general, I'm not a huge Cher fan. I'd rather do the singing than listen to it.



Oscar night, 1988: So many things went wrong on the way to pick up her trophy, she says.

You've had as many downs as ups in your career. Did you ever think at a low point, it's over? Oh, there were so many! When I got dropped from my record companies—twice! If you can't get a record deal, it can't be more over than that. It's the idea that you worked your whole life, and then it's, "We don't want to waste our time on you." That's a big deal for a singer. The fabulous ups I would have chosen, but I wouldn't have chosen the horrible downs.

Throughout it all, you've always been in great physical shape. I never had to worry about a pound until I was 50. I could eat whatever I wanted. But after that, you have to work out.

You have longevity in your genes. My grandmother was 96 when she died. Two days before, we were talking and she stuck her foot out

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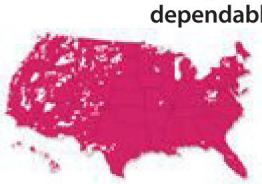
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of the sheets and said, "I need a pedicure!"

Do you think you'll ever truly retire? Oh, yeah! A friend of mine said, "Why are you doing all this?" I said, "Because someday I won't be able to." Katharine Hepburn was already old when I met her, but I remember her being really vital. Then, when I saw her years after that, she wasn't. She had been the toughest woman. And she finally got too old. That's going to come and I have more I want to do. I'm not finished.



"Sonny and I started with extreme fashion," says Cher. "We were all wearing gigantic boots and glam."

Is there anything about you people don't know? I think that my personality comes through a lot in my work, my interviews and my choices. But there's no way people can know everything. I'm a complicated person. So unless you know me, you can't know me.

What do you watch on TV to relax? I watched *Feud* [with Jessica Lange and Susan Sarandon as Joan Crawford and Bette Davis in the early 1960s]. It was genius acting. In those days, women had to go through a lot. At a certain age, it was "Stick a fork in you, it's over."

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