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Verbal abuse, a ‘sex-driven’ culture

Ex-employees describe toxic environment at Guaranteed Rate

By Lizzie Kane and Talia Soglin
Chicago Tribune

Victor Ciardelli beamed as his mortgage company, Chicago-based Guaranteed Rate, launched a “financial wellness” and “personal well-being” app last fall before a live audience in Times Square with wellness celebrity Deepak Chopra. “Something we are passionate about at Guaranteed Rate is caring about people and their overall well-being,” Ciardelli said in a video of the event posted online. “We wanted to make sure that we

did something to help people in their general stress and alleviate pain.” But in the days following the launch of the app, which offers home loan applications and other financial services alongside yoga classes and nutrition advice, Ciardelli wasn’t happy. Yelling at executive leadership on company calls, he referred to his employees as “failures,” complained that the team did not show him from a particular camera angle and said “Marketing is a f---ing disaster,” according to two executives who

were on the calls. Despite Ciardelli’s public remarks on the importance of personal well-being, many former employees told the Tribune they experienced or witnessed persistent verbal abuse and a misogynistic environment while working at Guaranteed Rate. As part of a Tribune investigation, reporters interviewed nearly 80 former employees and reviewed court records, internal company emails, written exit interviews and

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Founded in 2000, Chicago-based Guaranteed Rate is one of the largest mortgage lenders in the country. BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

She may have a full ride to Harvard, but as an undocumented immigrant without a job permit, her future is uncertain



‘I worry that my degree won’t be worth it’

By Laura Rodríguez Presa
Chicago Tribune

Simone Peña found out she had been accepted to Harvard with a full scholarship after school one day while she was getting ready to go clean houses with her parents, as she did most evenings and weekends. She recalled staring at the computer screen for a few minutes, unable to move or speak until her mother went to hug her. “I got in,” she whispered to her mother. The three cried, celebrating a moment they never dreamed would be theirs. Then, they set out for their evening job, the family’s livelihood. Amid the mundane tasks of their cleaning routine, there was an undercurrent of triumph — a silent acknowledgment of the extraordinary journey they had undertaken together from Mexico to Chicago four years prior, when they decided to immigrate to the U.S., running

Simone Peña Hernández uses a backpack vacuum while helping to clean an office with her family in Chicago on Thursday. An incoming junior at Harvard University who immigrated to Chicago from Mexico without documentation, Simone, 20, hopes to find stable work after graduation with a dual concentration in government and visual art while pursuing a master’s or law degree. JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

away from cartel violence in their native town. Now a rising junior at Harvard, Peña still returns home every school break to clean houses with her parents because she is repeatedly denied internships and other programs due to her immigration status. Even if she graduates with the highest honors from Harvard, as she did from Carl Schurz High School, she may never become the lawyer she wishes to be without the possibility of getting a job permit. “I worry that my degree won’t be worth it,” Peña said. Peña’s struggle casts a spotlight on the harsh realities faced by young undocumented immigrants in the United States and their parents. Without a job permit, her future and career dreams are threatened by bureaucratic red tape and political gridlock. Yet, amidst the

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Study says: Check for depression in dads too

Fathers can be affected by health condition in postpartum period

By Kate Armanini
Chicago Tribune

Joel Gratcyk remembers the moment he finally broke. He pulled his car off to the side of the road, tears streaming down his face. His newfound fatherhood was supposed to be one of the happiest times of his life. Instead, he was sinking deep into a heavy sadness while his infant son sat in the back seat. It was all too much. The stress, the lack of sleep, the lingering fear that he wouldn’t be a good parent. “I just knew, at that moment, I needed help,” Gracetyk, 42, recalled. “There was too much going on, and I just couldn’t do it myself.” He’s not alone. An expanding volume of recent research has indicated that fathers, along with their female partners, can develop postpartum depression. Most experts estimate that around 10% of dads will experience the condition, while about 14% of moms will. Now, a new University of Illinois at Chicago pilot study suggests that men should be routinely screened for PPD. It’s part of a growing push to shift the dialogue surrounding men’s mental health, offering a more robust stream of support for the entire family unit. “To me, it feels blindingly obvious that we’ve created these gendered care silos, and that has led to the exclusion of dads from this time,” said Sam Wainwright, lead author of the study and an assistant professor of internal medicine and pediatrics at UIC. Ahead of Father’s Day, Gracetyk reflected on his sons, now 7 and 11. He hopes they’ll feel comfortable sharing their emotions and being vulnerable as they grow older. “Having those kinds of conversations with my sons, and seeing them be able to be honest and open with me, gives me hope for the conversation to continue to evolve,” Gracetyk said. Until recent decades, PPD was only associated with women, who undergo more clear physical and

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Blast kills 8 Israeli soldiers in Rafah

The attack, coming more than eight months into a grinding war that shows few signs of ending soon, will likely fuel new calls for a cease-fire by Israeli protesters as public anger rises. **Nation & World**



Can the starters save the season?

With an offense that hasn’t fully functioned yet and a shaky bullpen, it’s up to the starting rotation to save the Cubs’ season. Shota Imanaga was up to the challenge Saturday. **Paul Sullivan in Chicago Sports**

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A new portion of the Veterans Memorial Trail is shown near Hadley Valley Preserve. The district plans trail extensions to complete the northern and southern segments of the trail in partnership with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and the village of New Lenox. The Veterans Memorial Trail is a regional trail that connects Romeoville, Lemont, Homer Glen, Lockport and New Lenox. **CHAD MERDA/WILL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES**

Will County Forest Preserve Board votes to borrow \$50M

Bonds will be used for capital program across district

By Michelle Mullins
For Daily Southtown

The Forest Preserve District of Will County Board voted Thursday to issue up to \$50 million in bonds as part of a five-year capital improvement program to fund land preservation, trail connections, visitor center improvements and habitat restoration.

The district wants to use \$25 million to preserve between 1,000 and 1,250 acres, \$12 million for regional and local trail connections and enhancements to visitor centers, and \$13 million to restore about 2,500 acres of habitat and increase biodiversity.

This year, the owner of a home valued at \$300,000 paid about \$116 in property taxes to the forest preserve district..

Because the district is retiring existing debt, the line item for the forest district will decrease even with the bond sale. With the \$50 million bond issue, the owner of a \$300,000 home would pay about \$95 to the forest district.

Had the bond issue failed, the same homeowner would have paid about \$84, forest district officials said, leading board members to debate whether the bond sale would result in a tax increase or decrease. The figure was slightly adjusted from last week’s number of \$86 based on a revised estimated equalized assessed valuation, district officials said.

“The question isn’t are we raising taxes. The question is how low are we going to try to lower taxes,” said board member Jim Richmond, a Republican from Mokena.

The forest district board

voted 16-2 to approve the bond sale, with two Republican board members — Mark Revis of Plainfield and Raquel Mitchell of Bolingbrook — casting no votes.

Before the vote, just over 100 emails were read as part of public comment, with the majority of them asking the board to oppose the bonds. Residents wrote they are taxed enough and are struggling.

“The weary taxpayer needs some relief,” one email read.

Revis and Mitchell engaged M3 Strategies, which polled 398 likely Will County voters last weekend, and reported 82% of respondents said it was either very important or extremely important for candidates to have a plan to address property taxes. The poll showed 24% of respondents wanted the forest preserve to borrow \$50 million and 53% said to borrow nothing.

Revis said that over the past few weeks the board received about 315 comments from constituents against the bond sale. Residents have asked the board to lower taxes as much as possible, he said.

“This is a debt we are taking on,” he said.

Mitchell cited high grocery store and gas prices as reasons for her opposition. She said while the bond sale costs about an extra \$1 per month, some people cannot afford that.

“Now is not the time,” she said.

About a dozen emails read Thursday asked the board to approve the sale, citing positive mental and physical health benefits the district provides as well as the desire to preserve more open space and improve air quality.

“What would you like in place of 1,250 acres of green spaces? Warehouses?” one email read.

A handful of emails chas-

tised Revis for scare tactics on social media.

Several board members said the trails and preserves are frequently used by their constituents.

“People appreciate our open spaces,” said board member Julie Berkowicz, a Naperville Republican.

She noted that Whalon Lake in Naperville has hundreds of guests daily and that she can go for a 10-mile hike in her community without dealing with traffic or congestion.

“If we did not have these open spaces, our quality of life would go down,” Berkowicz said.

Board member Mica Freeman, a Plainfield Democrat, said that during the COVID-19 pandemic, residents enjoyed being outdoors among nature. Forest preserves and trail use continues to increase, Freeman said.

Member Katie Deane-Schlottman, a Joliet Republican, said the preserves are a great place to take children without spending money.

“The forest preserve does an amazing job,” she said.

Sherry Newquist, a Democrat from Steger, said the capital improvement plan has several projects in her district that could not be done without the bond sale.

“This really does bring a benefit to my district,” she said.

Projects identified in the capital improvement program span the entire county.

The district wants to extend the DuPage River Trail on Naperville-owned property east of Weber Road to connect with trail systems in Naperville and Bolingbrook.

Another trail improvement is the Wolf’s Crossing Road Trail connection in Wheatland Township. The extension would allow path

users to connect to a system of Aurora trails or to the Naperville Park District’s Tallgrass Greenway Trail.

Also in Naperville, the preserve is planning to use grants through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to help construct the Riverview Farmstead loop trail and amenities, including constructing a 1-mile segment of the DuPage River Trail and an adjacent 1.5 mile loop through restored prairie and wetland habitat.

The district also plans trail extensions to complete the northern and southern segments of the Veterans Memorial Trail in partnership with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and the village of New Lenox. The Veterans Memorial Trail is a regional trail that connects Romeoville, Lemont, Homer Glen, Lockport and New Lenox.

Improvements planned for the Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher include interior renovations and replacing interpretive signage.

Some of the areas targeted for habitat reconstruction or natural restoration include 250 acres of the Riverview Farmstead in Naperville, 250 acres of the Jackson Creek Preserve in Green Garden Township and 200 acres of the Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve and 550 acres of Plum Valley Ravines in Crete Township.

Work will be done to restore a native landscape, remove invasive species and introduce native plants. Reconstruction takes a farm field and creates new natural habitat of prairie or savannah, officials said. Restoration takes an existing naturalized area and restores the habitat to its former quality.

Michelle Mullins is a freelance reporter.

Aurora seeks grants to help Hesed House and Mutual Ground shelters expand

By Steve Lord
Beacon-News

Aurora is seeking a total of \$4 million in federal money to help both Hesed House and Mutual Ground expand.

The money would go toward reconstructing and thus expanding the family shelter at Hesed House, which works to help the homeless, and toward construction of a new shelter facility at Mutual Ground, a domestic violence shelter.

The money would come from special federal Community Development Block Grant funds that were allocated as part of recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. Both homeless shelters and domestic violence shelters came under heavy use and pressure because of the pandemic, officials have said.

The money is adminis-



Aurora is eying federal grant money to help the Hesed House homeless shelter as well as the Mutual Ground domestic violence shelter. **HESED HOUSE**

tered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, which is where the city will apply.

Members of the Aurora City Council’s Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee recommended having the city apply for the grants. It would be two, \$2 million grants, one for each

of the projects.

The Hesed House family shelter is for entire homeless families to be able to stay together. The planned project would be to renovate the facility and expand the number of families it can serve.

At Mutual Ground, the money would go toward a new shelter facility next

to the current one on West Park Avenue, a former mansion remodeled into a shelter.

Julie Frankino, the city’s grant writer, said because the special pandemic-related federal allocation included domestic violence shelters, it gives the city a “wonderful opportunity” to help Mutual Ground.

Linda Maranda, Mutual Ground’s chief executive officer, said the money would allow the shelter to build a new building, increasing the capacity from 28 people to 40.

It would be the first phase of a planned project Mutual Ground is currently raising funds for, which includes renovating the 1853 mansion.

Both items will come before the City Council’s Committee of the Whole on Tuesday.

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Cal City mayor breaks tie on disputed billing

Under scrutiny, he votes to OK own credit card charges

By Olivia Stevens
Daily Southtown

Past disputed charges from Calumet City Mayor Thaddeus Jones' municipal credit card in addition to new line items received narrow approval Thursday from the City Council, despite continued concerns from some aldermen.

Jones last month promised to repay the city for some of the \$13,000 in scrutinized expenses aldermen questioned, though he did not specify which expenses or explain the hotel stays, Uber rides and meals.

Ald. James Patton and Ald. Michael Navarrete



Calumet City Mayor Thaddeus Jones presides over a 2023 City Council meeting. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE**

said some of the disputed expenses remained on an omnibus \$1.2 million bill approved Thursday.

"I think it's shameful," Patton said after the

vote, declining additional comment. Patton has announced he is running for mayor in 2025.

Line items approved, according to the city's

agenda packet, include three payments to the Sheraton Hotel in New Orleans of \$930 each made last November that Patton said should not have been paid by the city. He also questioned numerous smaller charges, such as \$410 spent at Chicago Cut Steakhouse and \$200 spent at Hooters within a four-day period in January.

Also approved were more recent charges of \$7,300 to Foot Locker and \$5,200 to Spencer Leak and Sons Funeral Homes that Patton said warranted more explanation from the mayor's office.

Patton and Navarrete voted against the payments, and Ald. Anthony Smith and Ald. Ramonde Williams voted in favor. Ald. DeAndre Tillman voted present and Ald. DeJuan Gardner

and Ald. Monet Wilson left the meeting before the vote occurred. With a 2-2 tie, Jones cast the tie-breaking vote.

Sean Howard, a spokesman for Jones, said the mayor was not involved in determining which charges were laid out in the final bill list that was up for vote.

"He was just as oblivious as anyone else," Howard said.

The confusion came because items remained in the omnibus bill despite not being recommended by the council's Finance Committee. Patton pointed out the added expenses, which he said were included because of "human error" on the part of the treasurer's office, but the bill was quickly moved to a vote by Smith and Williams.

"I think once the mayor saw it added back on, he saw an opportunity to get it passed," said Patton.

Due to aldermen's concerns over the mayor's spending, the City Council plans to vote on an ordinance later this month that aldermen said will protect city dollars from being used for public officials' personal expenses. Patton and Navarrete said they both support that ordinance.

"I think it's something that's needed," Patton said. "It's unfortunate that it's needed, really tired of us having to take time to pass all this legislation to safeguard against things that are common sense, but it's where we're at."

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Oak Brook reviewing pediatric urgent care

By Chuck Fieldman

A pediatric urgent care facility has been proposed for a vacant parcel near Nordstrom in Oakbrook Center and behind Shake Shack at 1950 Spring Road.

The plan by Franklin Partners is to construct and operate a pediatric urgent care medical office, which includes 14 examination rooms, an X-ray, and ancillary areas.

"While this parcel had always been anticipated to be more for a retail or restaurant use, the pediatric urgent care facility is an approved use under the current zoning," Village President Larry Herman said.

The Village Board heard a preliminary review of the project at its April 23 meeting.

The next official step in the process is to have the Village's Planning and Zoning Commission hear the proposal in August and make a recommendation to the Village Board, which will have final approval.

"We eagerly await the review and feedback from our thorough Planning and Zoning Commission," Herman said.

Scott Day, the attorney who handled the April 23 presentation to the board and answered questions, said the site has been marketed actively, but nothing previously has been worked out and pursued.

"It's a service use, as opposed to a retail use," Day said of the pediatric urgent care facility, "but it's an important one. This is a use that has confronted remarkable success where it has been operated elsewhere. This is a children's atmosphere for children that are sick."

He said the site is not large enough for an anchor retail use, and smaller retail businesses prefer to be inside Oakbrook Center.

"They want to be in the hustle and bustle of the mall," he said.

Kids Urgent Care Ltd. already operates a "Kids Urgent Care" facility in Wheaton, which is open 365 days a year from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and handles, on average, two to four patients per hour.

Kids Urgent Care states that it has board-certified pediatricians who can treat most acute illnesses and injuries on-site, and its doctors can write prescriptions, and, in some cases, provide medication.

The applicant has attempted to address village concerns regarding proposed signage for the development and has modified the proposal in response to concerns prior to board, said Rebecca Von Drasek, Oak Brook's development services director.

Chuck Fieldman is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.



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Setting the table for Juneteenth

Rockell Franklin, center left, and fellow workers at UCAN, a community service agency, hand out burgers and hot dogs at the Juneteenth Village Fest in Douglass Park in Chicago on Saturday. The event featured musical performances, and food and merchandise vendors gathered to celebrate the Juneteenth holiday, which is on June 19.

Porter County pulls out of balloon festival amid alleged scam

By Amy Lavalley
Post-Tribune

Doug Richie, who operates two food trailers for area festivals, wondered what was up when he paid \$750 via bank transfer to bring his trailers to a balloon festival scheduled for late June at the Porter County Expo Center.

He usually pays to reserve his spot by check or in person with cash. His wife found it odd that Hot Air America, Inc., wanted a bank transfer.

Looking back now, he calls it "women's intuition." Richie and his wife weren't the only ones who wondered about the event. Lori Daly, director of the Porter County-owned Expo Center, also had her suspicions about Richard Garvie, the event's promoter.

"We knew something was not on the level. So I requested his federal Employee Identification Number, articles of incorporation, anything to show they were legitimate. He provided nothing," she said, adding the event was on the Expo Center's calendar for two weeks in April before she took it off.

"I pulled it off when we started to notice issues. Then it took another month. I gave him a deadline to get me the requested documents. The day after I issued the deadline, he canceled. Which I knew he

would because it was all a scam and he was caught," she said.

Despite stories in news articles from coast to coast about failed balloon festivals organized by Garvie, he steadfastly denied he's scamming anybody and claimed a competitor has been calling festival sites in advance to poison his reputation, causing the venues to cancel.

Garvie said he is providing financing to the owners, has been more involved in the past, and is no longer involved in Hot Air America's day-to-day operations. In the same breath, he claimed the Expo Center event hadn't been canceled but moved to another venue, though he couldn't say where it was.

He also said Daly and the Expo staff "were very unprofessional."

"I think his definition of being unprofessional is different than mine," Daly said. "I merely requested their FEIN, articles of incorporation or anything filed on behalf of the company. He provided not one document. If the event is taking place elsewhere, they have not advertised an event that is two weeks away."

Daly also requested the event be removed from Eventbrite so people couldn't purchase tickets after it was canceled.

Garvie said the Expo Center hadn't been

scammed and the event hadn't been canceled.

"You're doing a story that the event isn't taking place," he told the Post-Tribune Wednesday afternoon. "You're calling up asking why an event has been canceled and as far as I know, it hasn't been canceled."

On June 8, the Expo Center put a post on Facebook saying the festival, scheduled for June 28-30, had been canceled and asking folks not to purchase tickets through the online site Eventbrite.

On Wednesday, the Expo Center put up another post, shared by the Porter County Sheriff's Department, that said "Update: SCAM ALERT," and included a link to a Tuesday story in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, that said people purchased tickets on Eventbrite not knowing the event had been canceled and showed up at the venue, only to be disappointed.

Allegheny County Police issued a scam report and the story quoted a lieutenant with the department, though Garvie told the Post-Tribune the officer was lying.

Communities in Madison, Wisconsin, and Atlanta, Georgia, have reported similar circumstances, according to media coverage.

By Thursday morning, despite Garvie's insistence

that the event was going on as planned somewhere else, Hot Air America, Inc., said in a Facebook message to the Post-Tribune that the event had indeed been canceled and put the blame on Daly, among others.

"The statement made a week ago by Porter County Expo that this event had been canceled was false. The statement saying that this event was a scam — remember that we had now booked two venues, paid two venue fees, received two approvals and spent significant monies promoting these events — is false," the statement noted. "(Wednesday), the Porter County Expo said they themselves had been scammed. This is also entirely false and defamatory."

Hot Air America also threatened legal action against county officials "and others who have been responsible for the cancellation of our events."

Tickets, according to an event website, were \$25 for a general car pass and \$50 for a premium car pass.

Hot Air America, Inc., said in its Facebook message to the Post-Tribune that tickets could no longer be purchased as of 8 a.m. that day and the company had 87 tickets to refund, and would refund vendors their fees as well.

Sgt. Ben McFalls, public information officer for the

sheriff's department, said police are not investigating Hot Air America, Inc. at this time.

As for Richie, the vendor, he found out about the festival on Facebook in early April and reached out to the festival organizer about bringing his trailers up from Jasper County, where he's based and focuses most of his work.

The fee was supposed to be \$500 per trailer but he got a break on the pricing. He found out while he was camping with family that the event had been canceled.

He reached out to Hot Air America with a Facebook message and said he wanted his money back if the festival was canceled. By Wednesday, he had been told there was a venue change.

"They said they would let me know," Richie said, adding he has to hire employees to work in advance. "Once I miss an event and don't have another to replace it, that revenue is gone."

As he waited for a response, Richie said even if the festival went forward somewhere else, he didn't want to do it.

"They don't communicate," he said, "and when they communicate, their communication is vague."

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Simone Peña Hernandez, left, uses a backpack vacuum while helping to clean an office in Chicago with her family, including her mother, Beatrice, center right, and sister Zianya on Thursday. Simone, 20, immigrated to Chicago from Mexico without documentation and is an incoming junior at Harvard University. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

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uncertainty, advocates say her story serves as a beacon of hope for many, illuminating the urgent need for comprehensive immigration reform beyond temporary relief programs for recent asylum-seekers.

On June 7, Peña spoke among political and business leaders who gathered to champion the recent state resolution that calls for action from the White House to give work permits to longtime undocumented workers and more recent migrants alike. The group, once again, urged President Joe Biden to use his executive power to provide immigration reform, harshly criticizing his recent move to instead limit asylum claims at the U.S.-Mexico border.

There, behind a podium and before dozens of people, she shared her story publicly for the first time. The sounds of clapping hands resonated through the room that cheered her on.

Though Peña had shared her immigration status with some of her mentors in high school, she mostly kept it a secret out of fear of jeopardizing her family's safety, judgment and internalized shame, she said. But as she began to navigate life at Harvard, she faced roadblocks that led her to understand that she needed to make peace with her reality to empower her, rather than define her.

"I'm done living in the shadows. People like my parents and I deserve acknowledgment in this country. We deserve a chance to work legally in a country that we're already contributing to," she said.

Over the last two years, she has been turned away from campus jobs, fellowships, internships and other programs at Harvard because of her undocumented status. After every 'no,' she seeks her mother's arms for comfort. When the two were thousands of miles away from each other, they would make do with a phone call.

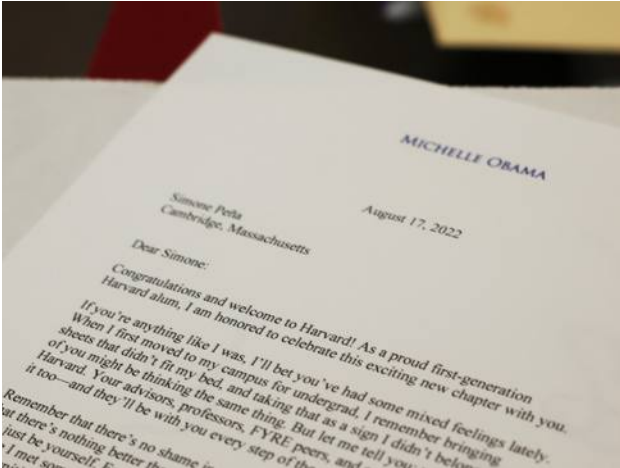
"I tell her that God is bigger than us and that every 'no' will lead her to 'yes.' I tell her not to lose faith," said her mother, Beatriz Hernández. "After all, she already made it this far."

But "rejection is hard," Peña said. "I'm young and I know I have time to figure it out. But what about my parents? My main concern is taking care of them."

The family decided to leave their beloved Mexico six years ago after their patriarch, Epifanio Peña, lost his job, which caused them to lose their home. Aside from economic hardship, the cartel violence plaguing their region of Estado de Mexico spurred



Simone Peña Hernandez describes mementos related to her college experience so far at her family's home in Chicago.



Simone Peña Hernandez displays a letter from former first lady Michelle Obama at her family's home in Chicago.



Mementos from high school are displayed at Simone Peña Hernandez's family home in Chicago on Thursday.

them on their journey north.

"It was the most difficult decision I've ever made, but my family's well-being was more important," said Epifanio Peña, a graduate of the prestigious National Autonomous University of Mexico and an accountant by profession.

Thanks to guidance from a friend who lived in Chicago, Epifanio Peña found a job in a construction company, a world away from his office job in Mexico. After a few months of working, he got

an apartment for his family in the Irving Park neighborhood, where the family still lives now.

"Even though we knew it wasn't going to be easy, I came here to work and make sure that my family was safe and that my daughters had a chance to pursue a higher education, and that's what we're doing, thanks to God," Epifanio Peña said in Spanish.

Most evenings, after his full-time job as a construction worker, Epifanio Peña and his wife clean build-

ings and houses to make ends meet. For a few years, his wife worked as a parent mentor, tutoring students in need, but that was only until they requested a valid Social Security number, she said.

"My parents are my world. They have made so many sacrifices for me and my sister," Peña said.

In Illinois, there are around 400,000 undocumented workers like Peña's parents, according to the Migration Policy Institute. Most have been in the country an average of 15 years and the vast majority are Mexican immigrants and the working segment of the population contributes \$1.5 billion in taxes per year.

In recent years the Biden administration has issued several programs to expedite temporary work authorization programs to recently arrived migrants, mostly from Venezuela, Cuba, Haiti and Nicaragua, in response to the sudden influx of migrants trekking to the U.S. But longtime undocumented immigrants, particularly Mexican immigrants, have been excluded even if they are fleeing similar situations, said Erendira Rendón, vice president of immigrant justice at The Resurrection Project.

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals has also been stalled, battling its legality in the courts, leaving thousands of young immigrants in limbo.

"It's a paradox that Peña is accepted in one of the most prestigious institutions in the world, yet she could be deported any moment. Or that once she graduates, she may not ever be able to get a job," Rendón said. "It's absurd that people like Peña and her parents are not considered when making decisions about immigrants

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— Simone Peña Hernandez

in this country?"

Rendón, who is a DACA recipient, began to push the 'Work Permits For All' campaign last year, frustrated by a system that has not provided relief for more than 11 million undocumented people in the country since the Reagan amnesty in 1986. While Rendón led the efforts to help new migrants apply for temporary protected status and expedited work permits, she felt as though her parents were being left behind.

Work Permits for All is a campaign that mobilized mixed-status families, young immigrants left out of DACA, community-based organizations, businesses and faith leaders. It called on President Biden to authorize the establishment of a parole and work authorization program for long-term immigrant workers.

The movement, now a state resolution with overwhelming bipartisan support, has pushed the immigration debate before Biden as the election approaches. On Tues-

day, Biden is expected to announce a new executive action that would shield certain undocumented immigrants living in the United States from deportation and provide work permits, according to reports.

Peña is part of a population of "forgotten Dreamers," young undocumented people who now once again live in the shadows and are discouraged from pursuing higher education because even if they do, they may never be able to work in their field legally. Her story, Rendón said, reflects the diversity and complexity of the undocumented community and it highlights the need for Biden to provide comprehensive relief and "work permits for all," not just new arrivals or asylum-seekers from certain countries.

In Illinois, there are around 20,000 undocumented students in higher education, according to the Higher Ed Immigration Portal.

U.S. Rep. Delia Ramírez, a Democrat from Chicago, said that Simone Peña gave her a butterfly pin, an icon of migration that she took to Washington, D.C., with her and it is a constant reminder of why she is in Congress.

"In the absence of congressional action, no real work done since 1986, when parent became citizen, that we call onto President Biden to do what other presidents in 30 years have not done, which is issue, boldly, proudly, unapologetically, work permits for all," Ramírez said during the news conference.

Peña stood bend Ramírez and several other city and state officials who vowed to make immigration a priority at the Democratic National Convention.

Though she was afraid of what could happen after sharing her story, a sense of relief took over, too, she said. She hopes to inspire her younger sister, Zianya, who is 15.

"I'm surrounded by people who make me believe that there are opportunities out there for me," she said. This summer she will be interning with the American Business Immigration Coalition and The Resurrection Project. Her first internship since starting her college career.

Their faith, Epifanio Peña said, is what keeps him and his family strong and resilient despite the constant roadblocks of not having a Social Security number or protection from deportation.

"We are so proud of her and we are faithful that everything will be worth it," he said.

The matriarch, Beatriz Hernández, prays every day that somehow, one day, Peña's dreams can go beyond Harvard.

Officials stress speed limit on Kane County trails

Initiative focuses on e-bikes, which can reach 30 mph

By David Sharos
Chicago Tribune

Officials from the Kane County Forest Preserve District want to encourage cyclists to use the over 200 miles of trails in the district, but to slow things down a bit if using an electric bike. That’s the message staff wants to get out after announcing at a meeting last month that a pilot program will be rolled out this year in hopes of slowing down some e-bike riders on the trail system. The program will consist of using digital speed signs along the trails, similar to those used for monitoring cars on roads around the area.

The initiative is said to be focusing on Class E-3 bikes which can reach speeds of nearly 30 mph. Currently, Class E-2 and E-1 bikes are the only classes of bikes that are allowed on Kane County-maintained trails.

Kane County Forest Preserve District Director of Community Affairs Laurie Metanchuk late last month stressed that there isn’t a big crackdown on bikers planned nor has there been a change in policy. “The facts are that we have always limited speeds on our trails to 15 mph and that hasn’t changed,” Metanchuk said. “We allow Class 1 and 2 e-bikes on the trails but not Class 3 because they are too fast.” The genesis of the pilot program came after a number of elected officials urged that some reminders be made “to make sure people are following the speed limits.” “We’ve been getting pushed by some officials to make sure people are following the speed rule on the trails,” Metanchuk said.



Mike Farrell, founder and co-owner of Prairie Path Cycles in Batavia, shows off a Class 3 e-bike capable of reaching nearly 30 mph. He said he “absolutely” supports a plan by the Kane County Forest Preserve District to encourage bike riders to obey the speed limit on district trails. **DAVID SHAROS/FOR THE BEACON-NEWS**

“What we are going to do is put two electronic signs out along the trails and just encourage people to follow the speed limit. It’s not like we have some large initiative and plan to go out and arrest people for going too fast — that’s not at all what this is.” Metanchuk added that “people have to remember that these trails are multi-purpose” and don’t just belong to bikers. “There are walkers, people with strollers, joggers and also equestrians as well as cyclists, and so with all those uses we’ve always been very clear that our speed limit is 15 mph,” she said. “Share the trail and be polite. We want to put out the (speed) boards just as a reminder.” Metanchuk said there are no speed issues concerning regular bicycles.

“This is about people with e-bikes that are going above the posted speed limit,” she said. Metanchuk said the district is still in the process of obtaining the signs. “The digital speed signs have been budgeted, but they won’t be purchased until our new fiscal year takes effect July 1. Our goal is to have signs that are moveable and that show people how fast they’re riding,” she said late last month. “If the signs provide additional data, our police would use that to determine when to move signs and whether areas may require additional enforcement. But, again, we want people to continue to enjoy riding along the trail systems, but do so at safe speeds for everyone.” Mike Farrell, founder and co-owner of Prairie Path

Cycles in Batavia, said as an avid cyclist himself, “I see people speeding all the time on the paths and absolutely support what the Forest Preserve is hoping to do.” “Frankly, I’d wish they would come up with some printed literature or a pamphlet and we’d post it right in the store,” he said. “In terms of our sales — the Class 3 bikes, if I sell 100 e-bikes, maybe five of them are Class 3. We always explain that to customers and say this bike is technically not legal on just about any bike path in the area. The problem is no one is monitoring it, and it sounds like that’s about to change. It needs to happen for sure.” Farrell also warned about collisions with e-bikes noting that “you’re looking at a bike that can weigh 55 to 75 pounds versus a road bike

that might be 18 pounds.” “If somebody gets run into with one of those e-bikes, they’re going to feel it,” he said. Bruce Heidlauf, who owns Mill Race Cyclery in Geneva, said when it comes

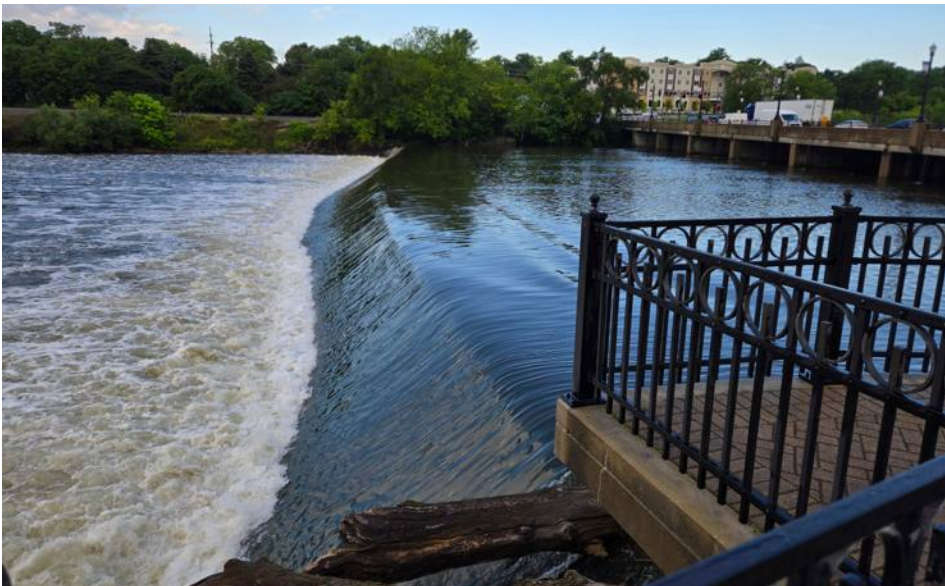
to speed limits on trails, he thinks “20 mph is more realistic given that Class 2 bikes can top out at that.” *David Sharos is a freelance reporter for The Beacon-News.*

Elgin to further study Fox River dam removal

City will pay for new assessment of waterway

By Gloria Casas
Chicago Tribune

The Elgin City Council has commissioned yet another study of the Fox River, this one looking at sediment movement and how the channel could change if the Kimball Street dam is removed as recommended by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Engineering Enterprises Inc. and the University of Illinois Grainger College of Engineering will be paid \$130,000 to analyze the situation before the city has to make a decision on the dam, removal of which will improve the waterway’s environmental health but will have a dramatic effect on the city’s ability to obtain drinking water when river levels drop. City Manager Rick Kozal told the council Wednesday that the study will “provide us with the information to help us make the most informed decision.” Changes to the water velocity and the river width is likely to result in a lot of sediment being dropped downstream, Mayor Dave Kaptain said at the meeting. The city also needs to consider what effect the changes might have on the Grand Victoria Casino, which has incorporated part of its original riverboat into its current land-based setup, he said. “This whole thing is becoming complex. It’s very



The Elgin City Council has agreed to spend \$130,000 to study the Fox River and how the channel could be altered if the Kimball Street dam is removed. **GLORIA CASAS/COURIER-NEWS**

complicated, not as simple as people say,” Kaptain said. “It affects people’s lives. Every community is having this discussion up and down the river and is looking at how it impacts their town.” Elgin has already authorized several other studies that will look at the options for relocating the intake system, the geology of a natural dam north of the concrete dam, and the potential costs of maintaining the dam and replacing it in the future. There are nine dams on the Fox River that should come out, according to the Army Corps’ Fox River Connectivity and Habitat study released last September. While citing the ecological benefits, the study provided little information on what happens to the river when the dams come out. City Councilman John

Steffen said without knowing the full effect, especially on how the city’s the water treatment plant’s intake system will be affected, it’s impossible to make an educated decision. The problem is the intake system is located in a sandbank at a bend in the river, he said. “We need all the information available to consider as we move forward with the recommendation,” Steffen said. “Even if we decide not to remove the dam, we’re still faced with changing that water intake (resulting from the removal of other communities’ dams).” The Fox River Study Group provided some information about the dam removal effects, saying the river won’t “dry up” but it will be 25% to 50% smaller in width, according to its website. Councilwoman Rose

Martinez said lauded city officials for raising these questions and seeking answers. “I love the fact the city is doing its due diligence to find out the answers,” she said. “It’s why we’re investing in these studies, to inform people. It’s important for people to understand.” The newly approved study should be ready for review by February 2025. Elgin has until next spring to decide what action to take with dam; there is no obligation for the city to agree to its removal. However, removal of the other dams by the Corps — including one in South Elgin — could begin in summer 2027.

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Woman charged with shoplifting, allegedly made kids help

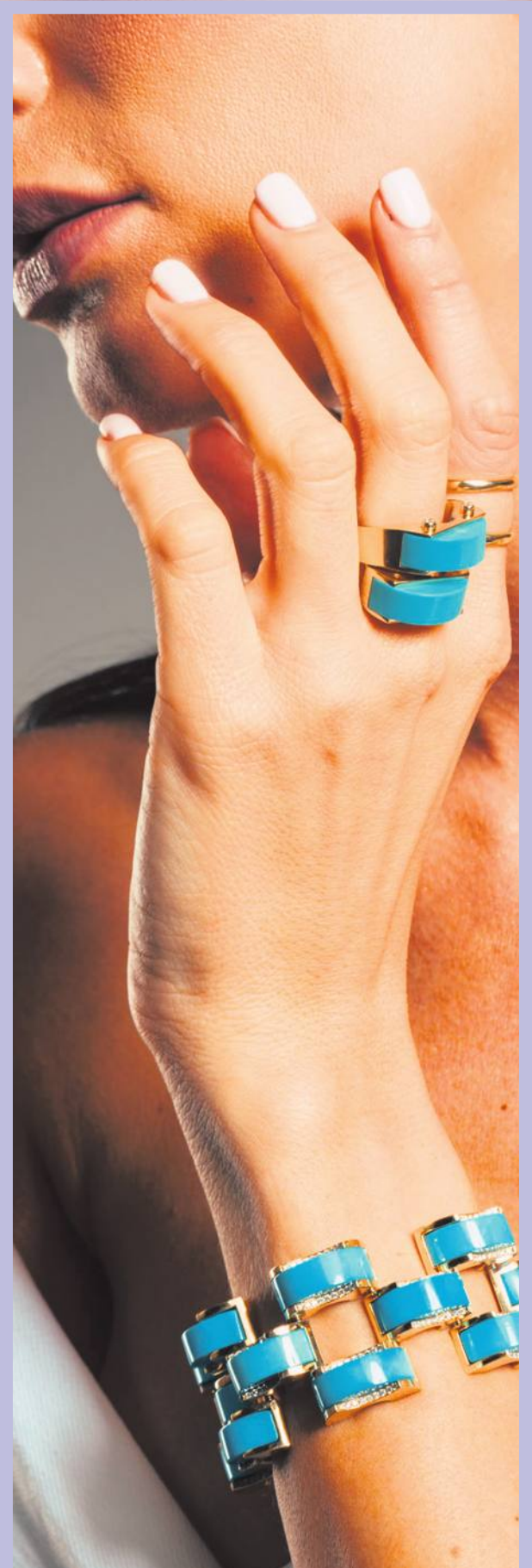
Naperville Sun

A Naperville woman who allegedly used her juvenile daughters to help conceal a \$4,600 shoplifting spree at a JC Penney store in Lombard has been charged with felony theft, officials said. Ritka Jain, 36, of the 2500 block of Warm Springs Lane, was arrested about 1:25 p.m. Thursday at the Yorktown Center shopping mall and has been charged with one

count each of retail theft and burglary and two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, all of which are felonies. Jain is accused of going into the store with her 5- and 9-year-old daughters, whom she used to “help her conceal merchandise in a piece of luggage and inside a baby stroller,” according to a news release issued by the DuPage County State’s Attorney’s Office and the Lombard

Police Department. She allegedly stole 207 items of clothing, one pair of shoes, three toys and a piece of luggage with a total value of \$4,607.97, the release said. Once she went past the register without paying for the items, she was stopped. “The very idea that Ms. Jain enlisted her two young daughters to help her steal more than \$4,600 worth of merchandise is extremely disturbing,” State’s Attorney

Robert Berlin said. “Retail theft, which according to the National Retail Foundation amounted to nearly \$35 billion in losses nationwide in 2022, is not a victimless crime. Losses are ultimately paid for by consumers, employees, business owners, shareholders and entire communities.” Jain was released on her own recognizance. Her next court date is scheduled for July 22.



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hormonal changes during the postnatal period. Treatment for the monthslong depressive episode usually entails counseling or antidepressants. In August, the FDA also approved a first-of-its-kind oral medication to specifically treat PPD.

But men are far from immune to the emotional strain of becoming a new parent. Research has shown dads can even experience sagging testosterone levels after the birth of their child, which is associated with mood changes. The onset of paternal PPD typically begins three to six months into the postpartum period.

PPD in dads is also a risk factor for a worsened quality of life and developmental and relational harms in families, according to the study.

"Many times, fathers are feeling overwhelmed by the new experience," said Sheehan Fisher, a psychologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. "They're trying to figure out how to adjust, but they don't have a blueprint on how to be a father."

The study surveyed 24 new dads and found that 30% screened positive for PPD. Wainwright suspects that number is higher than average because 87% of participants identified as belonging to a racial or ethnic minority group, which may leave patients predisposed to mental health issues due to institutionalized economic disparities.

Regular screening of men at baby checkups could forestall the condition, Wainwright said.

"To me, it's about taking a stand and telling men that, 'You matter, your health matters,' and not just because it's some maternal health goal," he said.

Previously, Wainwright's work had centered primarily on women's health. The UI Two-Generation Clinic, which conducted the study, offers one-stop postpartum care for moms and pediatric checkups. It caters primarily to economically marginalized communities of color.

But clinic staff soon felt that dads were left behind, despite their well-being being vital to families' overall health. Generally, the only conversations concerning an infant's father at checkups surround domestic abuse, according to Wainwright.

"The vast majority of men will never do anything but love their partner and their child, even if they're not married," he said. "It's like the posture of our system is assuming that men are a source of violence and not much else."

The dads who partici-



Joel Gracyk plays with his sons Wesley, 11, left, and Theodore, 7, and their new dog, Falkor, in their driveway in Arlington Heights on June 12. Gracyk wasn't aware that postpartum depression could occur in dads until his own symptoms set in. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**



"At first I did the typical guy thing, I said, 'I can figure it out myself, I can take care of myself.' And that was a mistake," Gracyk said.

pated in the study ranged from one to 15 months postpartum. Researchers screened the fathers with the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale questionnaire, which is used with mothers.

Social workers also interviewed the dads, many of whom were young, first-time parents who feared that they lacked proper parenting skills. Most experienced significant lack of sleep and noted severe feelings of fatigue. Several said the demand of providing

economic support conflicted with the desire to support the increased needs of the mom and the baby.

"They're really focused on making sure that she's OK, and therefore they actually tend to neglect their own well-being and their mental health," Fisher said.

Gracyk, an Arlington Heights resident, wasn't aware that PPD could occur in dads until his own symptoms set in. It was beyond the "baby blues" — the anxiety was at times debilitating, and it stretched on

for weeks. Still, like many others, he prioritized his wife, who was coping with her own mental health struggles.

"That focus for me was helping (my wife) and the baby as much as I could," Gracyk said. "A few months into it, she was doing a lot better having and getting back into the swing of things, and that's when I started to crack a little."

Finally, he sought professional help, starting therapy and taking antidepressants. His stress level slowly

improved. Only when Gracyk felt validated was he able to get help, he added.

"At first I did the typical guy thing, where I said, 'I can figure it out myself, I can take care of myself.' And that was a mistake," Gracyk said.

It's a common phenomenon. Men are generally less likely to seek help for mental health issues, according to Amanda Atkins, a Chicago therapist certified in perinatal mental health. While she often works with moms with PPD, dads with the condition rarely seek treatment from her office. Stigmas surrounding men's health may serve as a deterrent, she said.

"I think oftentimes the man feels like there's no space for him to feel depressed," Atkins said. "I think that's where we see men just push it down and be like, 'I have to be strong.'"

PPD is also thought to manifest differently in men, who are more likely to experience irritability and aggression. One study found that depressed dads may be less likely to read to their 1-year-old and more likely to spank them. Experts say the true number of fathers with PPD could be higher than 10% because of the differing symptoms.

"I think if we can just normalize (PPD) more as a society, we will be more in tune to it," Atkins said.

For Wainwright, the study illustrates a need for a radical shift in health care, where dads are actively included during postpartum checkups. A one-stop system like that of the Two-Generation Clinic could ensure that the entire family unit is receiving sufficient support.

PPD screenings also serve as an opportunity to connect with young men on other aspects of their health, Wainwright said. More than half of participants did not have a primary care physician prior to the study. After, however, two requested mental health services and three established new primary care with a physician.

"Dads are an essential part of kids' lives, of the life of a family, and they matter for their own sake. And this is a time where you can reach them," Wainwright said.

Gracyk experienced another bout of PPD with his secondborn, but it was less severe because he was able to get ahead of his symptoms. His mental health and ability to self-reflect have significantly improved over the past decade, he said.

"I've been much better, particularly in the last five to six years," Gracyk said. "I've been able to properly medicate, go to therapy when needed, and have open and honest conversations about this. It's helped me process."

Park Ridge getting its 1st Pride fest; organizers hope to make it annual

Pioneer Press

Food trucks, a DJ playing music, games for kids and a couple of local celebrities are planned for Park Ridge's first Pride Fest from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 20, at Prospect and Crescent Avenues.

Churches, community organizations, and commu-

nity members "who are committed to celebrating the LGBTQia+ community and advocating for justice and rights for all in the community" planned the event, said Pastor Carol Hill of Park Ridge Community Church.

The family-friendly event will feature face-painting, friendship

bracelets, hair extensions, Pride merchandise and tables where children can do crafts and activities, Hill said. Other tables will provide information about organizations providing support and resources for LGBTQia+ children, adults and teens.

DJ Karl Flener will provide music, and kids

and adults will be able to take advantage of an inflatable bungee run and obstacle course (two at a time, matched with appropriate age partner).

Soul & Smoke food truck from Evanston, Triple Scoop'd ice cream, and Nicky C's hot dogs and walking nachos will be available for purchase, and the church

will provide free water and lemonade.

Mayor Marty Maloney is scheduled to issue a Pride proclamation, and Greg Harris, former speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, will say a few words about the progress made in LGBTQia+ rights.

Churches involved in planning the event include

Park Ridge Community, St. Mary's Episcopal, St. Luke's Lutheran, First United Methodist, Park Ridge Presbyterian, Redeemer Lutheran, and Messiah Lutheran Church. Community groups Action Ridge and Connections Group also helped, with Hill crediting Shelley O'Brien for spearheading the effort.



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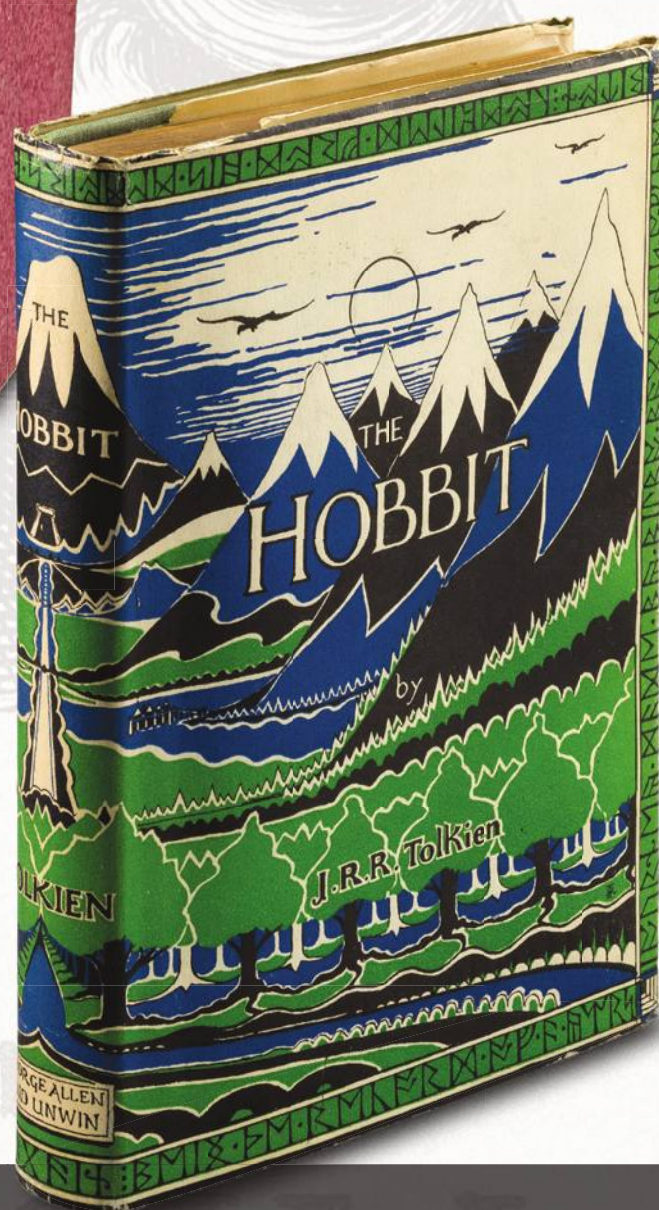
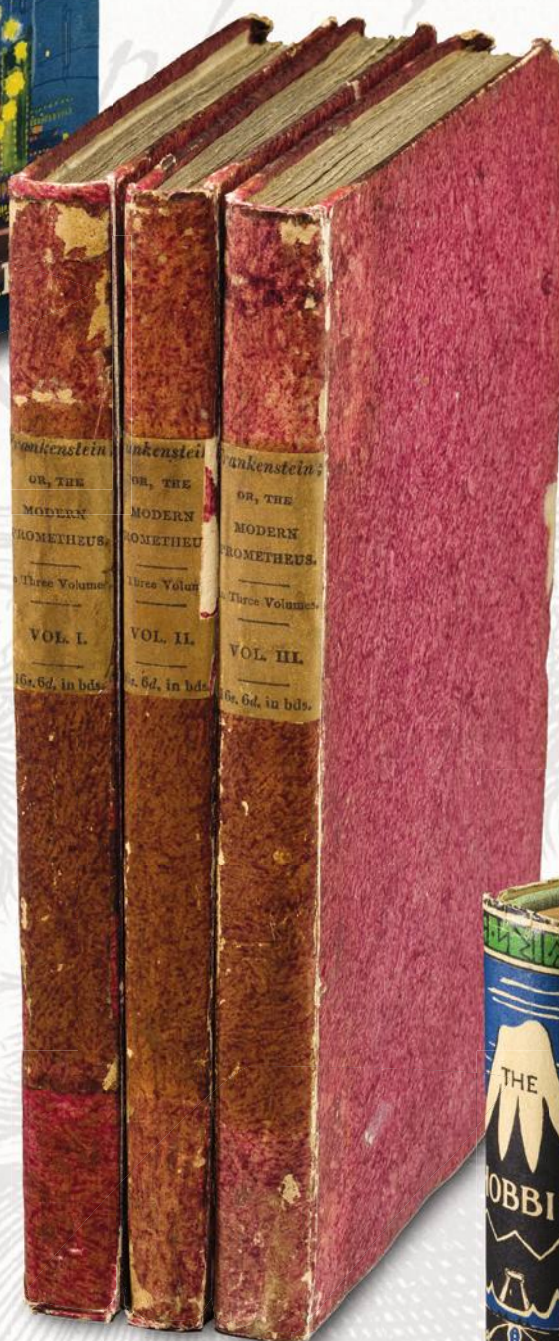
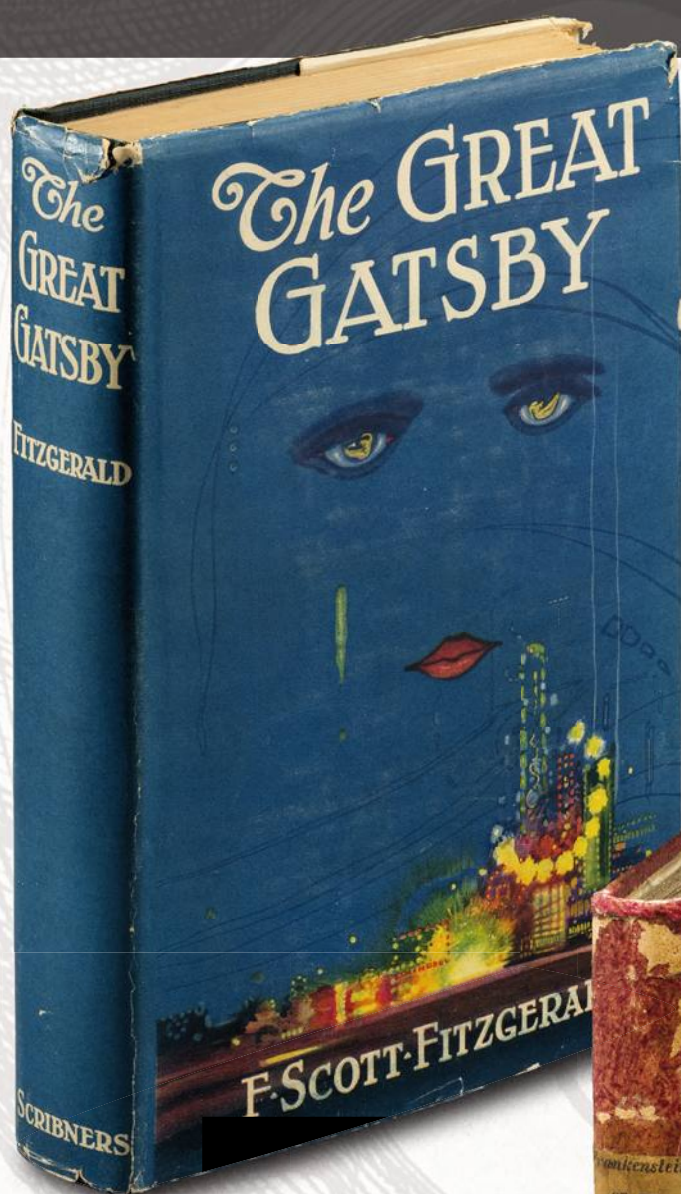
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Gary allocates \$3.5M to repair city streetlights

ARPA funds to pay for replacements, upgrades to LED

By Alexandra Kukulka
Post-Tribune

Gary officials have allocated nearly \$3.5 million to replace and repair all municipally owned streetlights. The Gary Common Council approved Monday, in a 7-0 vote, the allocation of \$3.45 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds for the replacement, repair and upgrading all fixtures to LED lighting. “For years, our residents have raised concerns about the state of our streetlights in Gary. The Melton admin-

istration recognizes that working streetlights play a critical role in ensuring public safety,” said Mayor Eddie Melton in a statement. “Thanks to the Biden Administration’s support, we can leverage American Rescue Plan Act dollars to relight our city, one streetlight at a time.” City of Gary Chief Operating Officer Michael Suggs said in the release that the project will be completed in phases. District 2, District 3 and District 4, which have been identified as having the most outages, will be given priority, he said. Suggs said city officials expect that all city-owned streetlights will be repaired by early 2025.

Replacing street lights has been a priority of the Gary Common Council since 2021, said Council President Tai Adkins, D-4th, in a statement. When the city received ARPA funds, the council advocated for using some of the money to address the streetlights “to no avail,” she said. When Melton proposed using ARPA funds for streetlights, Adkins said the council was open to considering, and ultimately supporting, the proposal. “By investing in the replacement of outages and the installation of new streetlights throughout the city, we are taking active measures to improve livability by creating a safer and more secure

environment for all,” Adkins said. The Gary Public Works Department and TWiG Technologies completed an assessment of the city’s approximately 2,000 municipally owned streetlights, according to a city news release. TWiG Technologies, which was paid \$35,000 for the assessment, completed a physical survey of all streetlights in public roads and alleyways. The assessment, which did not include traffic lights, gave detailed information on the location and condition of each streetlight, according to the release. In his state of the city address, Melton said the assessment found that 913

fixtures aren’t working, 110 street light poles are knocked down and 115 fixtures are on during the day. Based on the assessment, the city was able to calculate the cost to address all municipally owned streetlights, according to the release. With the council’s approval, city officials will put out a 30-day request for proposals for vendors to complete the streetlight project work, according to the release. As the streetlights are repaired, Adkins said the council will urge the administration to make sure the streetlights are maintained. “We recognize that the long-term success of this project relies on ongoing maintenance and support.

Therefore, we call upon all city stakeholders to work collaboratively in ensuring the continued effectiveness and efficiency of our city’s lighting infrastructure,” Adkins said. Council Vice President Lori Latham, D-1st, said during the meeting that repairing the streetlights will reverse “the sheer darkness” in some parts of the city, which will improve public safety. “This is a transformative project,” Latham said. “It’ll be our responsibility to make sure that we don’t get to a point where there are thousands of poles damaged 10, 12, 15 years from now.”

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Merrillville clerk-treasurer plans to sue over being tiebreaker

By Michelle L. Quinn
For Post-Tribune

Merrillville’s clerk-treasurer intends to sue the Indiana town unless the Town Council doesn’t take another vote on whether to keep the Town Court open. Clerk-Treasurer Eric January believes he was denied the right to break a tie last month when the council voted on first reading to re-establish the Town Court after a years-long fight. The council voted at the May 14 meeting 3-3-1, with Councilwomen Shauna Haynes-Edwards, D-2, Leona Chandler, D-3, and Marge Uzelac, D-4, voting for the measure; and Councilmen Rick Bella, D-5, and Shawn Pettit, D-6, and Councilwoman Keesha Hardaway, D-7, voting against it. Councilwoman Rhonda Neal, D-1, abstained from voting. Indiana Code says that if a voting member of a body refuses to vote when a majority vote is required, their abstention is considered a “No” vote, Town Attorney Joe Svetanoff said in a statement during the May 28 council meeting. Furthermore, the only way the clerk-treasurer would be called in to vote would be if there were an even number of councilors present at the vote; since Neal was present — making it a full council of seven — the ordinance had to be passed by majority, or four votes, he said. January then sought opinions from attorneys with the State Board of Accounts and Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (formerly known as Indiana Association of Cities and Towns), but told them there were three votes for and three votes against only, Svetanoff said in a statement at Tuesday’s meeting. Once those attorneys were made aware that Neal was present and abstained from the vote, they clarified to him



Then-candidate Eric January campaigns for Merrillville Clerk-Treasurer at the Lake County Government Center during the first day of early voting on April 4, 2023. JOHN SMIERCIAK/FOR THE POST TRIBUNE

and interim Town Manager Michael Griffin that they were given “incorrect information” and that Svetanoff is “in the best position” to decide the matter; as well, they told them they had given January “technical advice,” not any sort of official ruling, Svetanoff said. Additionally, Svetanoff said Griffin offered to get the Indiana attorney General’s office to weigh in on the matter, but January declined and threatened litigation. “As has been acknowledged by the State Board of Accounts and AIM, the final legal determination on this matter rests with me, the town attorney. I stand by my legal opinion

as being accurately discerning facts and analyzing the most current statutes and secondary case-law authority,” Svetanoff said. “It appears we are destined to litigate this matter. Let me make this clear: This is not an attempt to strip the power of the clerk-treasurer but we simply have a difference of opinion over the legal interpretation of this matter.” January for his part said that he “shared the exact facts” with SBoA and AIM as well as other attorneys, and that Indiana law says the Clerk-Treasurer is the tie-breaking vote. “When you all interrupted me during that vote, you broke Roberts Rules of

Order while I had the floor by not allowing me to cast that vote,” January said. “There have been other clerk-treasurers that have cast tie-breaking votes in this town since 1972, and there is no way that Roberts Rules of Order is going to subjugate the right for the clerk-treasurer to be the tie-breaking vote when somebody abstains. “In this case, I was one of the elected members. I was entitled to vote, and you denied me that right, so on that basis, unless we vote on that measure today, we will be going to court to settle it, and we’re going to be setting a precedent for the whole state of Indiana because

there’s no way I’m going to allow that to stand.” “Great. We agree to disagree,” Svetanoff said. The closing of the town court has been dragging on for more than four years. The Town Council voted in December 2019 to abolish the Town Court as of Dec. 31, 2020, saying it was losing money on top of having hundreds of thousands of dollars embezzled from it, the Post-Tribune previously reported. On the same day that it was supposed to close, a caucus chose Judge Eugene Velazco to fill the seat of former Town Judge Gina Jones. Velazco was granted an injunction in Lake Superior Court in January 2021 that stopped the court from shutting down until the matter could be heard and a certified public accountant completed a full audit of the court’s cash bond account. In turn, the Town Court, after reinstating its full operations, was instructed to wind down operations, not take on new cases and start transferring more lengthy cases to Lake Superior Court, County Division. The matter came up again in August 2022 when the Town Council planned to discuss closing the court September 30, 2022 at a Town Council meeting. The item was met with blowback from the community, and attorneys for Lake County Clerk Mike Brown filed a motion enjoining his office to Velazco’s suit. The council then amended its ordinance closing the court to remove the closing date and to give the Clerk-Treasurer, Lake County Clerk Mike Brown and the Indiana Office of Court Services instructions on how to wind down the court. It passed in October 2022. Velazco then filed a new lawsuit against the town council saying the amendments were so substantial, the ordinance should’ve been presented again on first reading, not second reading, court documents said. The two cases were consolidated and the parties each filed for summary judgement, which Velazco lost, according to court records. Velazco then appealed, but the Court of Appeals in January denied his appeal because Velazco “was not only aware of the amendments to the ordinance; he participated in drafting them and ultimately agreed to them,” court documents show. Michelle L. Quinn is a freelance reporter for the Post-Tribune.

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Officers found not at fault in '23 Aurora police shooting

'Everything by the book,' Kane County officials report

Aurora Beacon-News

After an investigation, Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser found no wrongdoing by Aurora police officers during an officer-involved shooting in the city in February 2023, officials announced on Thursday.

A news release from the Kane County State's Attorney's Office said that Mosser determined that the two officers who responded after a 911 call — Officers Timothy

with attempted murder, unlawful restraint, aggravated assault to a police officer and aggravated use of a deadly weapon in connection with the incident, according to the release.

Officials said his next court date is scheduled for July 11.

According to a statement released in February 2023 by the Kane County State's Attorney's Office, two uniformed Aurora police officers responded to the home on the 900 block of Colorado Avenue at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 5 after a family member called 911 to report another family member was armed with multiple knives

The two officers who had been at the door walked to the driveway, where they met up with other officers who had arrived at the scene, according to the statement.

Cross then came out of the house into the garage, which was open, the statement said. Cross, still armed with two knives, continued to yell at officers while inside of the garage, according to officials.

While in the garage, officers repeatedly ordered Cross to drop the knives, but he instead yelled he was going to show the officers how fast he is, according to the statement.

Officers were approximately 20 to 25 feet away from Cross when one officer fired non-lethal pepper-ball rounds at him in an attempt to get him to drop the knives, officials said.

Cross is accused of then charging toward the officers with a large knife in each hand. An officer transitioned from the pepper-ball gun to his service weapon and shot the charging Cross when he was about five feet away, according to officials.

Officials said that Cross had a third knife hidden in his pant leg and shoe, according to the release.

Officers immediately started medical treatment on Cross until Aurora Fire Department paramedics arrived and took him to a local hospital, according to officials.

Kane County State's Attorney's officials in the statement released Thursday said that Aurora police handled the situation properly, with Young and Sheldon doing "everything by the book."

Mosser said it was "very clear that they were attempting to de-escalate the situation."

The statement said the officer "properly employed the use of the non-lethal pepper-ball gun in the driveway" before turning to his service weapon when Cross is accused of charging the officers armed with knives.

"The evidence shows that Officers Young and Sheldon were there to de-escalate the situation and prevent further violence from occurring. None of the factors that caused the escalation of this incident were the fault of the Aurora Police Department."

— Press release announcing Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser's decision

Young and David Sheldon — acted in a professional manner during the incident in which Kristopher Cross, 22, was shot outside his home on the 900 block of Colorado Avenue on Feb. 5, 2023.

Officials said that Cross appeared to be in the midst of a mental health crisis. He is accused of charging at police with knives, with an officer then shooting him.

Cross survived the shooting.

"The evidence shows that Officers Young and Sheldon were there to de-escalate the situation and prevent further violence from occurring," according to the press release announcing Mosser's decision. "None of the factors that caused the escalation of this incident were the fault of the Aurora Police Department."

Cross has been charged

and threatening people inside the house.

The officers met Cross at the front door of the home, and body camera footage showed he was agitated and immediately confrontational with the officers, the statement said.

Cross was holding a large knife as he spoke with officers through a glass screen door, according to the statement. The officers repeatedly told him to drop the knife, the statement said.

Instead, Cross yelled at the officers that he was going to stab them and that they were going to "die today," according to the statement.

Cross also grabbed a second large knife, the statement said.

After repeatedly yelling at the officers and ignoring their commands to drop the knives, Cross closed the door, the statement said.



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Kane County Board adopts long-term climate strategy

Vote closely split over goal for carbon neutrality

By R. Christian Smith
Aurora Beacon-News

With the passing of a controversial plan designed to fight climate change, Kane County now has a goal of carbon neutrality by 2050.

At the Kane County Board meeting on Tuesday, board members voted 13-9 to approve the Climate Action Implementation Plan after heavy discussion.

Those in favor of the plan argued that it was a necessary step in slowing climate change and keeping the environment clean.

“If we want to leave our area better and have a better quality of life, not only for our cities that we live in but the county and the state, we need to start something. We need to be proactive,” said Bill Tarver, District 10 County Board member.

The plan recommends actions across eight categories with the goal of reducing the county’s greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resilience to the effects of climate change. Each category has its own goals, which feed into the plan’s overall goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 25% below 2019 levels by 2030 and full carbon neutrality by 2050.

A carbon neutral community is one that removes or offsets the same amount of carbon dioxide that it produces, according to the plan. Carbon dioxide is the main greenhouse gas and is produced when fossil fuels and other biological substances are burned, among other ways.

Those against the plan argued that it was unnecessary and threatened the freedoms of Kane County citizens, despite reassurances that the plan would not mandate anything. District 15 County Board

member David Young said he had problems with every part of the plan.

According to the plan, Kane County has already been reducing its greenhouse gas emissions in the last several years. Young said that, if the county is already “going in the right direction,” then why should it have “all of these policies put in place that’s going to cost taxpayers money and push businesses out of Kane County?”

In addition to his issues with a number of specific actions recommended by the plan, Young also said he did not trust the

call on Wednesday.

The funds would go toward supporting the Climate Action Implementation Plan, if the coalition is successful in its grant application, but the application also gave Kane County the chance to figure out which actions will give the most “bang for their buck” — that is, which actions will reduce the most greenhouse gas emissions for the lowest cost, she said.

The Kane County Climate Action Team meeting, currently planned for mid-August, will go through each of the plan’s eight sections to decide which

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— Bill Tarver, District 10 County Board member

data presented in it or the author, environmental consulting company paleBLUEDot. He said the plan was generic, simply adapted for Kane County and often had little to do with the county itself.

Now that the plan is approved, the group that helped put together the plan, which was made up of county staff and other interested parties throughout the county, will meet to choose some “low-hanging fruit” from among the actions recommended by the plan, according to District 4 County Board member Mavis Bates.

Bates is also the chair of the board’s Energy and Environmental Committee and a champion of the plan.

Kane County, in a group with other counties and communities in the Chicago suburbs, has applied for \$114 million through the federal Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, she said in a phone

call on Wednesday. She said the plan, in addition to guiding actions, will also be a good moral support as the county continues to make efforts to improve the environment.

To learn more about the plan, go to the county’s website at www.kane-countyil.gov/sustainability/Pages/Climate-Action-Implementation-Plan.aspx

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Evanston/Skokie D65 board votes to close school

Fully bilingual Bessie Rhodes to close in 2026

By Alex Hulvalchick
Chicago Tribune

A 5-2 vote sealed the fate of the Dr. Bessie Rhodes School of Global Studies Monday night after the Evanston/Skokie School District 65 Board of Education voted to close the district's lone fully bilingual school.

Students cried as their parents guided them out of the room following the vote, chastising the board on their way out, with some saying, "We're not done."

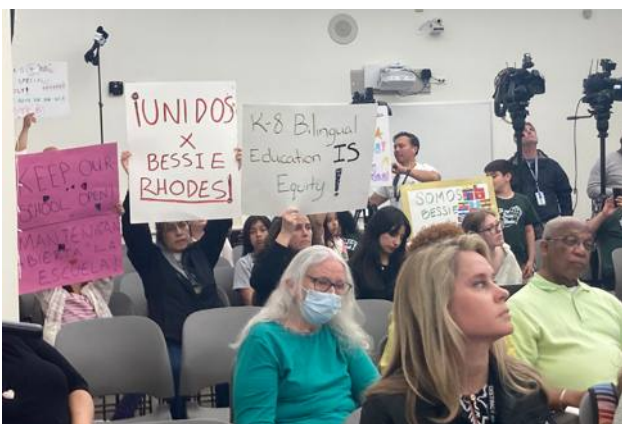
"The vote will change everything," Bessie Rhodes parent Lionel Gentle said. "Shame on you, because who's going to suffer? These kids at Bessie Rhodes."

The school, a kindergarten through eighth grade magnet school, is operated

by a bilingual staff and saw native English- and native Spanish-speaking students taught side by side in both languages. Those looking to keep the school open argued Spanish-speaking families wouldn't be served by other schools in the same way they are at Bessie Rhodes. They also argued that closing the only fully bilingual school in the district isn't the best look for an already struggling school district.

The vote marked the end of a months-long process that saw Bessie Rhodes families attend three public hearings to plead their case. Aide Acosta, a Bessie Rhodes parent and leader in the movement to save the school, believes the board came in with the decision made and hosted the hearings as a formality.

"There's a lot of unknowns should the school close since it will create a lot of instability," she said. "That's the bottom line."



Attendees of the June 10 meeting of the Evanston/Skokie District 65 Board of Education hold up signs calling for the Dr. Bessie Rhodes School of Global Studies to remain open.
ALEX HULVALCHICK/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Board Members Donna Wang Su and Omar Salem voted against the closure, stating they wanted to see future plans for Bessie Rhodes students further fleshed out and discussions of possibly including another kindergarten through eighth grade Two Way Immersion school

outlined directly in the district's future planning. Salem argued if a fully-bilingual school is wanted by families as opposed to having programs housed at other schools in the district, it should be considered.

"I don't know if Bessie Rhodes has been given the right tools to be successful," Wang Su said.

Despite voting in favor of the closure, Board Member Joe Halipern said the district broke a social contract with Bessie Rhodes parents who were promised their children would get a fully immersive kindergarten through eighth grade dual language education, and said more time needs to be spent on the district's big picture plans.

Board President Sergio Hernandez, the board's first Latino president, pushed back, saying TWI programs at other D65 schools, as well as the coming middle school dual language programming, will be sufficient. He argued the district is closing a building but not ending the programming and offering dual language programming districtwide will be the best way to reach all marginalized populations where they are.

Acosta said the strands of TWI are, "good enough I suppose," but segregating those children within other schools is not in their best interest and prevents the formation of vibrant, cultural communities like

the Bessie Rhodes community.

During public comment, families of Bessie Rhodes read — in both Spanish and English — a letter sent to the board by the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. The letter urged the board to hold off on the vote until a race equity impact assessment to study the impacts of closing Bessie Rhodes on the school's largely minority population can be completed. It also stated evidence that school closures don't always equate to estimated cost savings, contrary to one of the district's reasons behind closing the school.

Superintendent Angel Turner stated at previous public hearings on the matter that the district is not financially able to support 19 schools once the new 5th Ward School is completed for the 2026 school year. With the cost of the new school, along with a \$7 million deficit, Turner said difficult decisions need to be made, including closing other schools within the district.

No other schools have been named for closure as of yet.

Original plans for the 5th Ward School included moving Bessie Rhodes students and programming to the new building in a school within a school model, but as costs increased and the building needed shrinking, this aspect was dropped. That is when, according to Acosta, trust in the school district began faltering.

"We care deeply about having a wall to wall TWI program," Acosta said. "It is offensive that Mr. Hernandez sits there and patronizes the rest of us as if we didn't know what was best for our children and as if some of us are not experts in education as well."

Acosta is also skeptical the TWI programs will continue after the students already enrolled in the program graduate from it.

She couldn't say whether legal action would be taken

in response to the vote but did thank Wang Su and Salem.

Board Member Mya Wilkins voted in favor of the closure, saying data previously collected as part of a program to modernize and address historic wrongs within the district showed D65 families prioritize walkability. The program, called Student Assignment Planning or SAP, started in 2021 and began the movement to return a school to the city's 5th Ward. Foster School was previously housed there but closed after students were bused to other district schools after school segregation was struck down by the Supreme Court decision in Brown vs. Board of Education.

Bessie Rhodes parent Ashley Jackson quoted Linda Carol Brown Thompson's experience trying to attend a segregated school in Topeka, Kansas that led to the case.


"I couldn't understand what was happening because I was so sure I was going to go to school with Mona and Guinevere and Wanda," Jackson read. "What she has experienced is exactly what the students at Bessie Rhodes are getting ready to experience."

Soo La Kim, another board member who voted for the closure, said the communities of Bessie Rhodes and the new 5th Ward school overlap and as such, both will benefit once ground is broken in a few weeks' time.

"It is difficult to make these decisions that do have negative impacts but I think that's part of change," La Kim said. "Delaying that change is another way of getting in the way of a certain dream."

Acosta responded to this sentiment saying it is "irresponsible" to pit Black Evanstonians against other minority groups. Salem echoed her, saying he doesn't believe the fates of the two schools needed to be intertwined.

Bessie Rhodes will close its doors as of July 1, 2026.



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DuPage County looks to the public for feedback on next year's budget

By George Wiebe
Pioneer Press

Budget season has begun in DuPage County, and the six-month process leading up to the adoption of a 2025 fiscal year budget was kicked off with the release of a survey. The county last week released a 15-question survey to the public, probing where DuPage residents' fiscal priorities lie for the coming year.

Last year the county passed its largest budget to date, a \$625 million forecast of operations, capital improvements, and debt repayments, in part funded by an \$18.9 million surplus from the previous year.

The county has conducted budget surveys for more than a decade except for the previous year, however, this year's survey is different from those of the past, Finance Committee Chair Elizabeth Chaplin said in an interview with the Pioneer Press.

"It was important for us since we spent all this time on a strategic plan to have our budget reflect what was in our plan ... so everything is much more coordinated," Chaplin said.

Unlike prior surveys, this year's questions do not request demographic information from respondents.



DuPage County Board member Liz Chaplin, a Democrat, takes part in a board meeting in Wheaton. **FILE**

According to Chaplin, people felt uncomfortable answering personal questions, and the county felt the representation in years past was sufficient.

In the last survey conducted, for the 2023 fiscal year budget, 3,178 people took the survey, the answers, which were self-reported, showed 67.1% of respondents were over the age of 55, only .5% of respondents were between 18 and 24 years old; 94.5% of responses came from homeowners despite only 73% of DuPage County

residents owning the property they live in, according to the 2020 census.

The survey closes on July 8, a first draft of the 2025 budget will be presented to the public on September 24, with final approval on November 26.

"I think the budget survey ensures that the voices of our residents are heard and considered in the budgeting process, and I think it provides them a little bit of ownership and trust in our local government," Chaplin said.

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Norridge police: Callers soliciting donations aren't from department

By Richard Requena
Pioneer Press

Norridge residents have received phone calls asking for donations to support the police department, according to Norridge police.

Police said those phone calls are not coming from the department, and that the department will never solicit funds over the phone, nor will it ever give phone numbers to a third party, via a news release on

Thursday.

Police pointed to information from the Federal Trade Commission for persons who are considering making any donation.

Simply having the words "police" or "firefighter" in an organization's name does not mean police or firefighters are members of the group, they said. Ask for identification, since the caller may be a paid solicitor or even a criminal pretending to represent firefighters

or police.

"Just because an organization claims it has local ties does not mean contributions will be used locally. Instead, ask to have information about the organization mailed to you and ask how much of your donation will go directly to the charity," they wrote.

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Victor Ciardelli, shown in 2014 at Guaranteed Rate’s headquarters, told the Tribune that year that he had ambitious plans for the company and “if you can’t handle it, you shouldn’t be here.”
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text messages.

Many of the former staff members who spoke with the Tribune described Ciardelli, the company’s president, CEO and founder, as a boss who was quick to berate, swear at and demean employees.

“Every person that works directly under Mr. Ciardelli is terrified of his potential anger outbursts,” one former assistant wrote to human resources after she was let go from the company a couple of years ago, according to an email reviewed by the Tribune.

Some former employees who spoke with the Tribune said they were driven to seek mental health care because of the work environment at the company; one former worker said she contacted a suicide hotline last year.

Multiple women who used to work at Guaranteed Rate, meanwhile, described working in a sexualized atmosphere where some male loan officers and managers made sexually explicit remarks to female employees, hit on them in the office or at work events, and commented inappropriately on their appearance — even, in one case, encouraging a woman to use her looks to help close a loan.

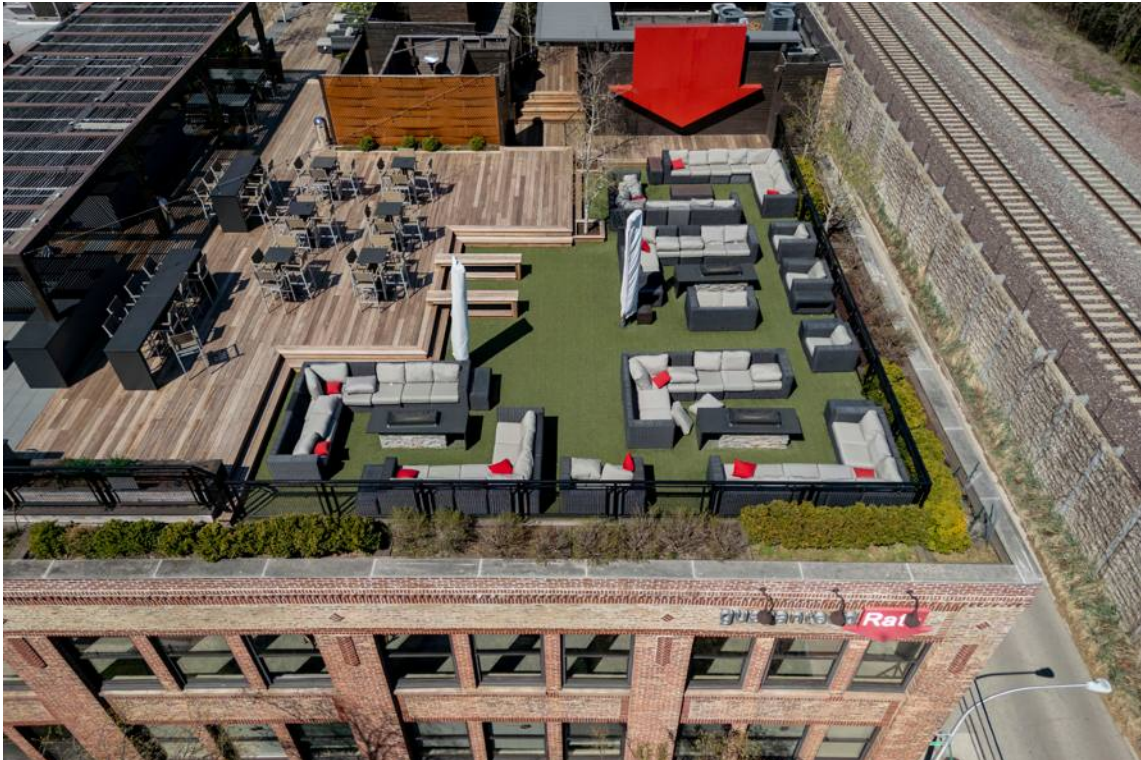
In February, a woman who used to work as a loan officer at Guaranteed Rate filed a lawsuit against two high-producing loan officers at the company, alleging sexual harassment and gender discrimination. Her complaint alleges one of the male loan officers sexually harassed her at a corporate event, that the other loan officer pressured her not to report the incident to human resources, and that for the remainder of her employment the man who made the remark used “gender-based and demeaning slurs to refer to” her and other women at the company.

Other former employees said they did not bring their complaints to human resources because they thought Ciardelli or other executives and managers meddled in the department’s business and might retaliate, with at least two former employees saying they’d observed how company leaders protected certain staff members. Others said they did complain but felt the department didn’t take the information seriously.

In response to a detailed list of questions from the Tribune, Ciardelli and Guaranteed Rate vehemently denied all of these allegations, describing the company as a positive workplace environment where women in particular are supported. The firm went to remarkable lengths to dispute the allegations, including sending the results of a worker satisfaction survey it conducted and forwarding more than 80 testimonials from current and former employees. Among them were five of Ciardelli’s current or former assistants, as well as numerous male and female executives praising his leadership and support.

The company also retained an outside law firm that, even before receiving the reporters’ list of questions, threatened to sue the newspaper for defamation.

Guaranteed Rate, whose corporate headquarters is in Chicago’s North Center neighborhood, has grown tremendously since its founding in 2000 to become one of the largest mortgage lenders in the country based on loan volume, according to industry news and data provider Inside Mortgage Finance. Its name has adorned the White Sox stadium



Guaranteed Rate’s corporate headquarters is located in Chicago’s North Center neighborhood in a building with a rooftop gathering space. BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

since 2016, and as recently as 2018, Guaranteed Rate was named a Chicago Tribune Top Workplace — a distinction based on surveys conducted by an outside company, with no input from editorial staff on the selection.

Jason Scott, a former top-producing loan officer and director of VA lending, which provides home loans to military veterans and active-duty service members, at Guaranteed Rate said his earlier years at the company — when lower mortgage rates fueled industry growth — were positive. But Ciardelli’s outbursts and verbal abuse of employees grew more noticeable, he said, when rising interest rates started to erode those gains, especially after the boom years of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I think crazy success just brings out who the real people are,” said Scott, who reported to Ciardelli in his director role and now works for CrossCountry Mortgage, a competitor of Guaranteed Rate. “What did you sacrifice to get there? Did you sacrifice your soul or your core values?”

Many other former employees who spoke with the Tribune did so on the condition they would not be named in this story, saying they feared Guaranteed Rate would sue them. Guaranteed Rate has filed lawsuits against former employees to claw back signing bonuses; it also has sued competitor New American Funding and former employees who have hired former Guaranteed Rate workers, accusing them of unlawful poaching.

Ciardelli declined to be interviewed without his attorney for this story. In response to written questions provided by the Tribune, he and the company suggested the criticism of Guaranteed Rate came from disgruntled employees who could not succeed in a demanding work environment within a challenging industry, or from people who now work for a competitor and therefore would benefit from disparaging the company.

“We hold ourselves and our team members to an incredibly high standard and are not apologetic about that,” Ciardelli said in his written responses, sent through the outside law firm retained to handle communications with the Tribune. “We also recognize ... that to achieve great success, one must embrace a full ownership, one that embrace a full ownership for their actions, both successful and otherwise to achieve growth and most important optimally serve our customers. We promote a transparent culture that supports

all our team members toward that goal and welcome constructive criticism. As a result, we are not for everyone.”

Ciardelli specifically denied berating staff, yelling at executives after the app launch or ever calling employees “stupid” or “failures.” He quoted the company’s chief operating officer, Nik Athanasiou, as saying: “I have worked with Victor for 15 years. No one is in more meetings with him than me. I do not ever recall an instance where Victor was abusive toward another employee.”

Ciardelli also pointed to the company’s anti-discrimination and anti-harassment policies and said neither he nor any other executive interfered with human resources.

In response to questions from the Tribune about women’s complaints, including being subjected to sexually explicit comments and working in a “boys club” atmosphere, Ciardelli wrote that such allegations are “simply not true.” The company “has not, does not, and would not objectify women or put them in uncomfortable personal or professional situations,” he wrote.

Ciardelli also highlighted the large number of female loan officers working at the company, their professional success and the testimonials from female employees. When the Tribune asked to speak with four of those women, only one — Rola Gurrieri, the company’s New Jersey-based chief fulfillment officer — agreed to be interviewed without outside counsel or management present.

Regarding the lawsuit filed by former Guaranteed Rate loan officer Megan McDermott, the company told the Tribune it had “found no evidence supporting Ms. McDermott’s allegations of sexual harassment or gender discrimination” after conducting a “comprehensive investigation.”

Guaranteed Rate also sent a general statement detailing the company’s business philosophy, which includes a “fierce commitment to excellence.” Employees who do not “meet our core values or our quality standards” find it challenging to maintain job satisfaction at the company, it said.

“Many of these employees walk away not feeling good about the company which is a natural emotion when faced with a reality that their standards and the company standards are not aligned,” the statement said.

But many of the former employees who spoke with the Tribune

described a cutthroat work culture they said could be frightening and upsetting, with several attributing that culture to Ciardelli’s laser focus on making money and growing Guaranteed Rate.

The former assistant who emailed human resources asked not to be identified in this story, fearing it might jeopardize her current job or trigger retaliation from Ciardelli. In that email, the woman wrote that she was “constantly on edge and terrified to have an interaction with Mr. Ciardelli” and that she had “consoled each assistant on his team that endured the wrath of Mr. Ciardelli’s behavior.”

“I hope that my experience will open your eyes,” she wrote.

Flying too close to the sun

In an interview with the Tribune in 2014, Ciardelli made plain his ambition to grow the company.

“If you can’t handle it, you shouldn’t be here,” Ciardelli said. “Instead of feeling like, oh, we care about people’s feelings and all that, it’s all about results.”

In the same article, Ciardelli said he worked constructively with his employees when issues arose at work. “There’s no drama involved; there’s no yelling,” he said. “Let’s fix the issue and move on.”

But multiple former executives and employees told the Tribune Ciardelli regularly yelled at and verbally attacked executives and other employees in person and on company calls, sometimes in front of hundreds of people, with the calls following the app launch just one example.

Some former and current employees told the Tribune they tried to avoid Ciardelli because they were scared of his temper.

Scott, the former director of VA lending who worked at Guaranteed Rate from 2017 until he resigned in 2022, splitting his time between offices in Hawaii and Colorado, called Ciardelli a “bully.”

Scott told the Tribune that, during one call, Ciardelli took an executive “to the woodshed and just eviscerated him verbally,” saying things such as “I can’t believe you are this stupid.”

“Victor” throws the grenade and then he leaves the room,” not giving people a chance to explain or talk through the issue, Scott said.

At the time of Ciardelli’s 2014 Tribune interview, Guaranteed Rate had 2,500 employees nation-

ally, 1,050 of whom were based in Chicago, according to Tribune archives.

The company grew to employ 9,708 people nationwide at its peak in 2021, Guaranteed Rate told the Tribune in May. Part of the company’s growth stemmed from its acquisitions of other mortgage companies: Manhattan Mortgage and Superior Mortgage in 2012 and Stearns Lending in 2021.

Guaranteed Rate also partners on mortgage services with some of the largest real estate companies in the country. Including the people working in those partnerships, Guaranteed Rate had 14,264 employees at its height in 2021.

Like other mortgage companies, Guaranteed Rate has suffered a significant decline in business over the last two years, stemming from mortgage rates that have more than doubled from their record lows during the pandemic.

As mortgage rates soared in 2022 and 2023, the firm implemented thousands of layoffs, with only 3,871 workers remaining as of April, or 5,756 among all its companies, excluding contractors, as of May, according to the company.

Yet Ciardelli’s volatile behavior predated the stressful times in the housing market, according to some people who worked for Guaranteed Rate. Many people who “fly too close to the sun” — a metaphor some employees used to describe working directly with Ciardelli — eventually leave, they said.

People who work in personal and executive assistant roles for Ciardelli rarely last long in their jobs, with many leaving after less than a year, former employees said. Some referred to Ciardelli’s assistant position as a “revolving door,” and the LinkedIn profiles of multiple former assistants show short stints with the company.

More than two dozen executives and senior loan officers have left the company over the last decade, with a significant exodus occurring in the past two years. Multiple former executives and loan officers — including Scott — told the Tribune they left because of Ciardelli’s verbal outbursts and what many described as a workplace where they felt bullying and misogyny were tolerated. Most now work for competitors.

Ciardelli and other executives sometimes would disparage people who left the company, according to Scott.

“I would be like ‘Guys, did anybody ever think about reaching out to them before they left and having an exit interview with them?’” said Scott. “You are talking about a person that was a top producer here that you loved them as long as they produced, and now that they leave, they are an enemy? ... They are leaving for a reason.”

In Ciardelli’s written responses to Tribune questions, he said allegations of a toxic work environment or bullying on his part are “not aligned with Guaranteed Rate or my leadership.” He said neither he nor other executives have disparaged former employees when they left the company.

In response to a question about assistant turnover, Ciardelli wrote that he has worked closely with five “primary” assistants since 2000. “As is the case with any demanding support roles, there has been some turnover with secondary and tertiary assistants, but nothing that is abnormal or unexpected,” he wrote.

One testimonial sent to the Tribune was from Melissa Czaszwicz, who said she worked for Ciardelli as an executive assis-

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tant in the early 2000s. She wrote that she had a positive experience working closely with Ciardelli, who she said was especially supportive when she had children. “Never did I witness anything inappropriate or out of line,” said Czaszwicz, who still works at Guaranteed Rate.

‘Mental health has suffered’

Some former employees who spoke with the Tribune said they were driven to seek mental health support during and after their time at the company because of the negative work environment they experienced at Guaranteed Rate. Most of those who shared their experiences worked for an executive who has a close working relationship with Ciardelli. Former workers said this executive also verbally abused staff and was prone to volatile mood swings. One told the Tribune she texted and called a suicide hotline last year while working at the company because of verbal abuse from the executive; she shared the texts she sent with the Tribune.

In her resignation email, sent to the executive and to the human resources department last year, she wrote: “My mental health has rapidly declined due to the way I have been treated and spoken to in the last couple of months.”

Another employee from the same team wrote in a 2019 resignation letter sent to the executive, human resources, Ciardelli and others that his “mental health has suffered.”

In the resignation email and in an interview with the Tribune, the former employee said his boss gave him the runaround when he asked for time off to attend his mother’s chemotherapy appointments and complained to other employees about his requests.

Other employees discouraged him from requesting leave directly from human resources, warning him he would be fired if he went around the executive, according to the email.

Alyssa Ortiz, another former employee, said working with this executive was like being in an “abusive” relationship, being yelled at one minute and being invited for drinks the next.

“Everyone has gotten ... chewed out and left crying,” said Ortiz, who worked for Guaranteed Rate from 2017 to 2019.

Ortiz told the Tribune that human resources and Ciardelli had been notified of this executive’s verbal mistreatment of employees but did nothing. She and about a dozen other former employees told the Tribune they felt Ciardelli protected this executive because of their working relationship.

In a written exit interview from 2020, one employee from the same department described how the executive would discuss former employees’ exit interviews with current employees.

“This created a fear for us to go to HR for anything moving forward,” the employee wrote.

Ciardelli said the company was not aware of any incident in which an executive read former employees’ exit interviews aloud; he said Guaranteed Rate “would never support this practice.”

Dozens of employees have left the executive’s department since 2017, according to interviews with former workers and LinkedIn profiles. The executive has since been promoted, the executive’s LinkedIn profile and the company’s website show.

In 2018, the head of human resources at the time took away the HR representative working with the executive’s department because of “risks” the executive posed to the company, according to an email reviewed by the Tribune.

“I can’t in good conscience keep allowing (the executive) to drag other employee (sic) into ... schemes,” the former HR head wrote. “And by schemes I mean risky bull----.” The department would have no assigned human resources representative after that, according to the email.

In correspondence with the Tribune, Guaranteed Rate described the company as a positive workplace where abuse and harassment are not tolerated and where complaints to human resources are taken seriously.

“We are not perfect by any means, but we do work hard to listen to our employees and make sure they feel supported,” a company spokesperson wrote in an email to the Tribune in April. “Most of all, we have no tolerance for any form of bullying, harassment or mistreatment. It is not who we are or who we want to be.”

Some of the employee testimonials provided by Guaranteed Rate expressed similar sentiments. For example, Mohamed Tawy, a branch manager and senior loan officer who has been with Guaranteed Rate for three years, wrote that the culture at the company is the best he has experienced in his 15-year career.



Megan McDermott, shown in March in New Jersey, has filed a lawsuit alleging she was “subjected to a sexual and gender-based hostile work environment” at Guaranteed Rate and did not receive the same opportunities, treatment and pay as male loan officers. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**



Jessica Moreno, shown in April in Arizona, worked for Guaranteed Rate for about four years starting in 2014. She said male co-workers and managers hit on her and made comments on her appearance. It was “like a men’s locker room, and women were in it,” she said.

In an interview with the Tribune, Tawy said: “As a top producer ... and I’m also a minority myself, I haven’t felt anything or seen anything that makes this company in any way negative for anybody that’s different. ... I’ve seen here all that matters is that you do a good job, your production is good and that you follow the protocols and the rules, and I’ve seen people succeed with that more than any company I’ve been with.”

The Guaranteed Rate spokesperson also shared the results of an employee experience survey conducted in February. According to the company, the average rating for the culture at Guaranteed Rate was 8.49 out of 10, with nearly 75% of 3,745 employees responding. Those ratings were based on employees’ stated level of comfort providing feedback and/or concerns, how much they felt supported by the company in maintaining a healthy work-life balance and their sense of Guaranteed Rate’s commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion.

The email from the spokesperson said the company received “a countless number of positive comments and appreciation for their leaders, teams and our overall culture.”

In response to Tribune questions, Guaranteed Rate said in May that the survey was anonymous and it was analyzed by its “employee experience team.” The company did not provide the Tribune with a complete set of responses from the survey, but it volunteered that employees used the word “toxic” to make a negative comment about Guaranteed Rate in only 14 of the more than 5,000 written responses provided to three open-ended survey questions.

‘Mortified and disgusted’

Megan McDermott, a single mother of three, met her supervisor at Guaranteed Rate, Jon Lamkin, in person for the first time at a corporate event in December 2015, according to the lawsuit she filed in February.

When Lamkin heard the age of

her oldest child, the suit alleges, he said: “You should have known better than to let some guy’s d--- c--- inside you.”

According to her lawsuit, McDermott reported the comment to Joseph Moschella, a regional manager and senior loan officer at Guaranteed Rate who was responsible for McDermott’s region while she worked at the company. Moschella, the suit alleges, “pressured” her not to make a formal complaint of sexual harassment to human resources.

McDermott told the Tribune she was “mortified and disgusted” after Lamkin made the comment.

“The irony here is that Jon should have known better than to treat an employee the way he did rather than telling me I should have known better to become a single mother at 20 years old,” McDermott said, “which is vile. ... He set the tone the first day I met him of the power Joe and Jon had over my career.”

As McDermott went on to become a top-producing loan officer for Guaranteed Rate in New Jersey, her suit alleges Lamkin subjected her to abuse by “regularly screaming at her and using gender-based and demeaning slurs to refer to” her and other women at the company.

Her lawsuit alleges she was “subjected to a sexual and gender-based hostile work environment” by Guaranteed Rate, Lamkin and Moschella. Her suit also alleges McDermott did not receive the same opportunities, treatment and pay as male loan officers, which some other female loan officers told the Tribune reflected their own experiences as well.

McDermott did not lodge a complaint after Lamkin’s comment because she “believed she would be retaliated against” if she did so, the suit states. When she did report to HR around 2019 that Lamkin had engaged in “abusive behavior,” the department “failed to do anything to investigate or curtail Defendant Lamkin’s behavior,” the complaint alleges.

“Joe encouraged me not to go to HR because of the damage it would do to Jon’s career,” McDermott said. “Ultimately, all that they were worried about was Jon, his

reputation and his career versus reporting inappropriate behavior.”

Guaranteed Rate told the Tribune in its May response that Lamkin’s comment was “nothing more than a single off-color joke,” that McDermott accepted an apology from Lamkin and that Moschella “encouraged” McDermott to contact human resources if she was “still upset.”

The company said it “could not find any record of Ms. McDermott making any form of complaint to the company’s human resources department in 2019, either verbally or in writing.”

McDermott told the Tribune she helped build Guaranteed Rate’s business in north Jersey from the ground up and said she loved the work until she found out she was not being treated equally as a woman.

“I believe management did not want to see me succeed, didn’t take me seriously and made decisions that negatively affected me and my children financially,” said McDermott, who now works for Cross-Country Mortgage, a competitor. “I ultimately left GR because I could no longer work in an environment where I was not valued and leadership felt that they could exploit me.”

Moschella and Lamkin are still employed at Guaranteed Rate. They did not respond to a Tribune request for comment. Guaranteed Rate told the Tribune in May that it had investigated McDermott’s allegations of sexual harassment and gender discrimination and found that “there is no evidence that Mr. Lamkin or anyone else at Guaranteed Rate ever created a hostile work environment for women.”

Guaranteed Rate also said in a statement that it complies with state and federal equal pay laws. The company said an “outside law firm” had reviewed its 2023 pay data and found it compliant with state equal pay laws.

In his written responses, Ciardelli highlighted the high percentage of female loan officers at the company in comparison to its competitors and said “our women originators thrive more than at any mortgage company in the industry.”

Employee statements provided through Guaranteed Rate’s attorneys included testimonials from dozens of women. Some noted the existence of the company’s employee resource group for women, GROW, while others cited the presence of women in leadership roles throughout the company.

“In addition to my professional growth I’ve experienced, I am equally grateful for the respect and dignity with which I have been treated as a woman in the workplace,” Jaime Kinman, a senior loan officer, said in her statement. “In an industry where gender biases still exist, I have never once felt marginalized or overlooked because of my gender.”

Gurrieri, the company’s chief fulfillment officer, said in an interview with the Tribune that she “never one time” experienced misogyny at the company.

“I got promoted when I was six months pregnant,” she said. “That’s unheard of.”

Gurrieri, who has worked for Guaranteed Rate for more than six years, described Ciardelli’s leadership style as “extremely passionate.”

“There’s never been a day where I ever felt disrespected or not appreciated,” she said.

According to a former top executive who reported to Ciardelli for many years and a former human resources employee, a handful of loan officers at Guaranteed Rate were known sexual harassers, making women feel uncomfortable with inappropriate touching and unwanted advances in work settings.

But that behavior was rarely addressed, the former workers believed, because the men were friends with Ciardelli or were high-producing loan officers — each responsible for bringing in tens of millions of dollars in loan volume. Some of these loan officers still work at Guaranteed Rate.

Ciardelli called these allegations “simply not true” and said they were contradicted by the employee testimonials provided through the company’s attorney.

“They are also inconsistent with

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the recollections and experiences of multiple former HR professionals,” Ciardelli wrote.

A ‘sex-driven’ culture

In interviews with the Tribune, multiple former employees described a “boys club” atmosphere at Guaranteed Rate; Scott, the former director of VA lending, said there was “a lot of misogyny.”

Jessica Moreno, a former Chicago employee who started at Guaranteed Rate at age 23, said she was the first in her family to get a corporate job. Within a year of starting her job, she said, she was paying the mortgage on her family home.

But in her department, Moreno said she experienced a “sex-driven” culture.

“All the guys were just like, tongues on the floor,” said Moreno, who worked for the company for about four years starting in 2014. Her workplace was “like a men’s locker room, and women were in it,” she said.

Male co-workers and managers would hit on her and make comments on her appearance, calling her pretty, Moreno said. Comments made at Christmas parties or happy hours could be crasser, she said.

“You’ll get, ‘Oh, I’ve always wanted to f--- you,’” she said.

Moreno said she once overheard a male manager describe a woman who had interviewed for a job as a “fox.” Another time, she said, a manager invited a female massage therapist to the office; Moreno remembers male co-workers commenting on the therapist’s body, too.

Soon after she’d started at Guaranteed Rate, Moreno said, she met with HR to make a complaint about a manager who swore at and belittled her. The HR representative brushed off her concerns in that meeting, she said.

“After that, I felt so discouraged to never even speak up again,” Moreno said.

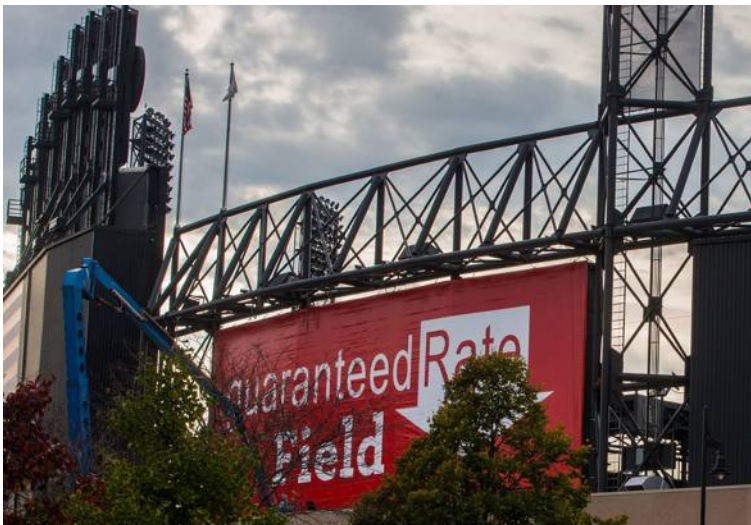
Moreno ended up leaving her position before taking a job working for a Guaranteed Rate loan officer; she said she was terminated after clashing with the loan officer’s assistant.

Some female former employees of Guaranteed Rate said they understood looks to be a currency within the company.

One former Chicago employee said a manager encouraged her to



Guaranteed Rate CEO Victor Ciardelli prepares to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at a White Sox home game in August 2016. The ballpark would be renamed after his company later that year. **CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE**



A sign is installed at the White Sox baseball stadium in October 2016 to proclaim its new name: Guaranteed Rate Field. **ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/TRIBUNE**

text a selfie to a client after hearing the client flirt with her over the phone and say he’d be inclined to speed up the loan process if he knew what she looked like.

The employee said she sent the selfie, and the manager then pushed her to go along with the client’s harassment until the loan closed, she said.

After receiving the photo, the client responded, “As pretty as you are I can’t believe some man hasn’t run off with you just howling away,” in a text reviewed by the Tribune. Later on, after sending her forms, the client texted her: “You said I would get another pic when I sent you the forms so?”

The employee said another manager in her division would frequently flirt with her and comment on her appearance. He once texted her to “stop losing weight damn it” and another time texted her that she “broke (his) concentration,” according to texts reviewed by the Tribune.

Another former Chicago employee remembered a manager telling her, while she was pregnant with her first child, “Whatever you do, don’t get a C-section — you’ll never wear a bikini again.” The employee went out on maternity leave days later. She said she did end up needing a C-section and remembers the manager’s comment echoing in her head as she was wheeled back for surgery. Two people the woman told about the incident at the time corroborated her account in interviews with the Tribune.

Several former employees in the marketing department, including two men, told the Tribune Ciardelli made comments about workers’ ages. One employee got Botox and fillers after Ciardelli told employees they were “too old” and likened the marketing department to his “grandmother’s mortgage company,” according to former marketing department employees. In his written responses, Ciardelli

said “Guaranteed Rate is committed to fostering an environment that promotes diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility. We maintain a comprehensive set of employment policies aimed at providing a work environment free of unlawful harassment and discrimination, where all employees treat one another with dignity and respect.”

A spokesperson said in the April 1 email sharing the employee survey results that the company had launched “even more initiatives to ensure we have a positive work environment,” including anti-harassment training, training for the human resources team “to take proper and appropriate steps and best practices for investigating and responding to employee complaints” and reminders to employees on how to report harassment or abuse.

“Our executive team has emphasized to Human Resources that all complaints should be investigated, and any form of harassment and misconduct should be dealt with swiftly — and all managers and employees who are not acting in accordance with our values be rooted out of our organization,” the spokesperson wrote.

In the company’s May responses, it said these initiatives were launched in 2023 and were to “expand and enhance” the existing training program.

All Guaranteed Rate employees must complete “harassment and discrimination prevention training” upon being hired and on an annual basis thereafter, according to the company’s May response. The company said Guaranteed Rate has an “anti-retaliation” policy that prohibits retaliation against employees who report alleged harassment or discrimination or participate in an investigation into the conduct. The company also noted it has an ethics hotline through which employees can make anonymous complaints.

“We respect and treat all employees equally no matter their sex, color, or creed,” Ciardelli wrote.

In the last 10 years, Guaranteed Rate has not settled any lawsuits involving claims of a hostile work environment, according to the company. Guaranteed Rate’s response stated that within that time frame, the company settled six claims involving allegations of a hostile work environment, including arbitration cases as well as claims filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and state and local agencies. The majority of those

claims were brought by male employees, and one was resolved in Guaranteed Rate’s favor, the company said.

Guaranteed Rate employees are asked to sign mandatory arbitration agreements when they are hired, but sexual harassment claims and claims filed with the EEOC and similar state agencies are not subject to arbitration, according to Guaranteed Rate’s May responses.

‘Positive thinking’

Publicly, Ciardelli presents himself as a champion of a positive work environment — an image the company has encouraged employees to promote.

In an email sent in February by a company executive and obtained by the Tribune, employees were encouraged to share a Forbes article featuring Ciardelli; the email provided step-by-step instructions for posting it on social media.

The story, published Feb. 7, was titled “Guaranteed Rate Founder Is All In On ‘Positive Thinking’ This 2024” and described his leadership style as “Chicken Soup for the Mortgage Industry.”

“I communicate the power of positivity and gratitude to everybody around me: employees, friends, family members, everyone,” Ciardelli was quoted as saying.

Less than 24 hours after it went live, the article disappeared from the Forbes website. The site provided no explanation, but one former Guaranteed Rate employee told the Tribune former workers had written to the author about factual inaccuracies.

On Feb. 8, a Guaranteed Rate executive sent another email encouraging employees — again with step-by-step instructions — to delete any social media posts linking to the article.

“We are working with Forbes to resolve and will let you know when it will be reinstated,” the email said. “We apologize for the inconvenience, and we will send out a new link as soon as it’s available.”

The Forbes contributor declined to comment for this story. Forbes told the Tribune the article was taken down because it did not adhere to the company’s “editorial guidelines” and did not respond to further questions.

The article has yet to be republished, but Guaranteed Rate still wants people to read it. The company shared it in a PDF on its LinkedIn page.

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Remembering JPK
One day I asked my Dad if we could go for a ride. He asked me "Where do you want to go?" I answered, "Just for a nice ride." Well we ended up at Buckingham Fountain. What a special day that was! Thank you Dad!
Your daughter, Janet Marie Kriescher
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Death Notices

Bachmeier, Erica
Erica Bachmeier née Weisser, age 79, of Park Ridge, passed away June 13, 2024. She is survived by her daughters Linda (Jack) Zucco and Carolyn (John) Wine; grandchildren Matthew (Brittany), Derek (Elsa), Stefan, Michael (Kristen), and Claudia (Jackson). She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Emanuel. Visitation Tuesday, June 25, 2024 from 9-10:30 a.m. at Ryan-Parke Funeral Home, 120 S Northwest Hwy, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul of the Cross Church, 140 S Northwest Hwy. Interment to follow at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Catholic Charities 721 N LaSalle St, Chicago, IL 60654 would be appreciated. For additional information, please call (847) 823-1171 or visit ryan-parke.com



Bailey, Peter T.
Peter T. Bailey, 80, of Downers Grove, Ill., passed away at his home on Apr. 19, 2024. Born in Chicago, he grew up in La Grange and earned a BS in engineering physics from the University of Illinois and a PhD in physics from Michigan State. Pete was a loving father, grandfather, and son who enjoyed nature, jazz, knowing how things work, and helping others. Pete is survived by his wife Elaine; his children Susan (Greg), Daniel (Sarah), and Alan; his grandchildren Audrey, Grant, and Elias; and his sisters Jeanne and Yvonne. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy and Walter Bailey, and his sister Brenda. A celebration of his life will be held June 23.

Betterman, Lieselotte 'Lee'
Lieselotte "Lee" Betterman nee Niebuhr. Beloved wife of the late Merle W. Betterman; loving mother of Kathleen Betterman and Janice (Patrick) McCrimmon; cherished grandmother of Jennifer (Muyiwa) Coker, Shawn McCrimmon and Benjamin (Elizabeth) Ames-McCrimmon; admired great-grandmother of Anna Coker; dear aunt of many. Trailblazing educator, first female president of the Illinois Education Association (1987-1993) and lifelong teacher. Visitation Sunday June 23, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd., (at Northwest Highway) Mount Prospect, IL 60056. Visitation Monday June 24, 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 100 S. School St., Mount Prospect, IL 60056. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Valpo Fund, Save the Children or Lyric Opera Scholarship Fund. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com.

Brendel, John Daniel
John passed away on April 18, 2024, surrounded by the people he loved most, his wife and their daughters. John was born to Margaret and John Daniel (Dan) Brendel on Jan 28, 1945 and grew up in the Beverly-Morgan Park area with his sister Bonnie. John is survived by his wife Judy, their four daughters and their families. His final wishes focused on our remembering his love, and it is unforgettable. As is he. A celebration of John's life will be held on Saturday, June 22nd from 2-5 pm at Ridge Country Club, 10522 S. California Ave.

Brodsky, Beverly Unger
Beverly Unger Brodsky, 77, the love of our lives, the joy in our hearts, the light of our world. Beloved wife and eternal soulmate of Allan; most loving and loved mother of Nicole Brodsky; treasured daughter of the late Hunt H. and Anni L. Unger; devoted daughter-in-law of the late Abraham and Gertrude Brodsky; cherished sister of Leslie (Sherry) Unger; dearest sister-in-law of Rose Lieberman, Leona (Steven) Chester, and Deborah (Fred Smith) Brodsky; adoring aunt of Amy Unger (Garry) Kinnard, Holly Unger (fiancé F. Gavin Zeff) Dutton, Kelly Unger (Glenn) Wirchak, Mark (Karen) Lieberman, Dayna Pink, Michael Persh, Adam Chester, Keng Chester, Shira (Daniel) Sweitzer, Harrison (Kaori) Smith and Aaron Smith; beaming great aunt of Alan, Tristen (fiancée Christina), Zoe, Madylin, Michelle (Kevin), Bryan, Taylor, Anna, Amanda and Kazuto; precious niece of the late Waldemar Unger, the late Willy Unger and the late Stella (the late Karl Heinz) Domdey; caring cousin; and the most loyal and trusted friend. A celebration of life will take place on Tuesday, June 25 at noon at Beth Emet Synagogue, 1224 Dempster St, Evanston, IL 60202. There we will honor our darling Bevy's extraordinary legacy of love, kindness and compassion. She lived every moment in service to others with profound gratitude and a graceful beauty radiating from her heart and soul. In lieu of flowers, please help someone in need, whether through human connection, volunteer work or a contribution to an organization that most reminds you of our angel. For info: **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 847-256-5700.



Busscher, Arnold Richard 'Dick'
Arnold Richard "Dick" Busscher, 89, of Delray Beach, Florida, formerly a longtime resident of Winnetka, Illinois. Beloved husband of the late Marilyn, nee Kadlec. Adored father of Arnold Bradley "Brad" (Elizabeth) Busscher and Alan Brian Busscher. Loving grandfather of Barrett "Brett" East Arnold Busscher and Bailey Blair Busscher. Loving uncle, cousin, and friend of many. Dick was a general contractor and home builder in Winnetka. He inspected numerous homes on the North Shore for friends and customers. After playing college football at Lake Forest College, Dick became a high school and college football official where he officiated football games for over 35 years. He had the opportunity to officiate 2 Illinois State Championship football games. Dick was a private pilot in his spare time and devoted several years to serving on the Board of Directors for Over The Rainbow Association, an Evanston non-profit entity which sponsors independent living facilities for disabled adults. Visitation Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., **Donnellan Family Funeral Services**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, Illinois, 60077. Guests will be invited to join the family immediately afterwards to celebrate Dick's life. Graveside Service Thursday, June 27, 2024, 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Northbrook, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dick's name to Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois or Over The Rainbow Association. Info: donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.



Cavanaugh, Robert S. "Bob"
Robert S. "Bob" Cavanaugh passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at the age of 92.
Bob was the beloved husband to Sylvia R. Cavanaugh (nee Bernacki). He is also survived by his loving children; Ruth Cavanaugh (Hans Dekok), Stephen Cavanaugh (Mary) and Colette Acker (Rodney), as well as his 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to greet Bob's family on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 from 9:30 AM until his Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM at St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 2316 Fairhill Avenue, Glenside, PA 19038. His interment will follow at 1:00 PM at Washington Crossing National Cemetery, Newtown, PA.

Charmatz, Joyce Kagan
Joyce Kagan Charmatz, 85, of Chicago, IL, passed away Sunday, June 9, 2024. She is survived by her two sons, Irv (Alli) Kagan of Chicago, and Jeffrey (Amy) Kagan of Westfield, NJ; five grandchildren, Sam, Joey, Benjamin, Sophie and Noah; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Stanley Kagan and Lester Charmatz.

A native New Yorker who eagerly embraced her life as a Chicagoan, Joyce was most recently the Founder and President of Keep Chicago Beautiful and Keep Illinois Beautiful. She crafted an unprecedented partnership between Chicago's corporate and civic communities and educated countless constituencies about the importance of environmental stewardship.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 2:00pm at Temple Shalom of Chicago, 3480 N. Lake Shore Drive, with shiva to follow immediately after the service. Family and friends who cannot attend the funeral can watch it on her webpage on www.mitzvahfunerals.com live, or any time after the funeral. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joyce's memory to Reading in Motion www.readinginmotion.org or URJ 6 Points Creative Arts Academy www.6pointscreativearts.org would be appreciated. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals** 630-MITZVAH 630-648-9824 May her memory be for a blessing!



Crane, Margaret Kerwin
Margaret Kerwin Crane passed away May 31, 2024. Born October 22, 1931 to Mary nee Gray and Charles Kerwin, she grew up in Lake Forest Illinois, attended Ferry Hall School and graduated from Wellesley College in 1953. After graduation, Margaret worked as a translator for The Continental Bank in Chicago. At a business lunch, she met William Crane and the two were married in 1960. For their nearly 63-year marriage they were never apart. The two travelled the world touching down on every continent, spent many happy years with their daughters visiting the Mill Reef Club in Antigua and at their home in Boca Grande, Florida. Margaret taught Sunday School at Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart, and was a very active volunteer for many non-profit organizations. Among others, she was a member of Lake Forest Garden Club for more than 40 years, a member of the Womens' Board of Lake Forest Hospital for 50 years and was President from 1976 to 1978, and was a member of the Founders' Board of the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago since 1979. Her husband Bill predeceased her in July 2023. She is survived and will be deeply missed by her daughters Sarah and Helen, and son-in-law Michiel van der Voort. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Margaret Crane's memory to Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital attention Karin Mohar 1000 N. Westmoreland Lake Forest Illinois 60045, or to Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, 225 East Chicago Avenue, Box 4, Chicago, IL 60611.

Czochara, Michael J. 'Mike'
Michael J. "Mike" Czochara, age 55, a resident of Naperville, IL, formerly of Chicago and Tinley Park, IL, passed away on Monday, June 10, 2024, at his home surrounded by loved ones after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Beloved husband of Susan (nee Steinberger) and loving father of Cate and Evan.
Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL.
For more information, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213.



Di Tusa Jr., Anthony Charles
Anthony C. Di Tusa Jr, 90, of Wood Dale, Illinois, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his wife Grace, "Georgia" (nee Harbelis) Di Tusa and family. Born in Chicago, Illinois, to the late Antonio and Rosalia (nee Borromeo) Di Tusa, he will be missed dearly. He is survived by his children: Donna Di Tusa, Daniel (Carol) Di Tusa, Dianne (late Frank) Partipilo, his grandchildren: Katrina (Mike) Lopatka, Meghan (Nick) Struzek, Michelle, Jenna, Jeffrey, Jillian, Jason, Julianna, Daniel, Steven, Casie and Nina, his great-grandchildren: Carmela, Lennie, Carmine, Corrado and Anna. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Marie (nee Cannizzo), wife Rose (Spera), daughter Denise (Joseph) Crement, his brother Dominick (Dick) Di Tusa and sister Angela Guglielmi.

Anthony (Tony) was co-owner of Pete's Pizzeria an Italian Restaurant in Franklin Park, Illinois, for thirty years. While being a successful business owner, he was like a father figure to many. He was respected by hundreds of employees and patrons alike. He was known as a hard working, fair and compassionate individual. Tony was a graduate of Austin High School, honorably served in the United States Army for three years and grew up on Taylor Street in Little Italy. He enjoyed playing golf, spending time with family and friends, going to Disneyworld with his children and grandchildren and enjoying beach life on Siesta Key Beach and at his Sarasota, Florida, condo. Tony was a man of tradition, family values and proud of his Italian heritage.

A visitation will be held at **Geils Funeral Home**, 260 West Irving Park Road, Wood Dale, Illinois 60191 from 8:30am-10:30am on Thursday, June 20th, 2024 followed by a funeral mass at 11:00 AM at Holy Ghost Church, 254 North Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale, Illinois with a procession to Mount Emblem Cemetery.

Dierking, Raymond
Raymond H. Dierking, 86, of Bensenville, Illinois passed away peacefully June 10, 2024. Born on December 12, 1937 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Oscar and Josephine (nee Patryn) Dierking and Widower of Joyce (nee Hinz) Dierking, he will be missed dearly. Raymond is survived by his children Kevin (late Kirsten) Dierking and Alan Dierking; his grandchild Earl Raymond Dierking; his brothers Roger and Richard Dierking; his nieces and nephews: Eddie, Johnny, Thomas, JoAnne, Ladonna, Tracy, Rebecka, Randy, Ronnie, Robert, Gail, Keith, Tab, Spencer, Beth, Cherie, and Denise. He is preceded in death by his brother Robert and niece Cindy.

A visitation will be held at Geils Funeral home on Friday, June 21, 2024 from 4-8:00PM with a funeral service at **Geils Funeral Home** Saturday, June 22, 2024 starting at 10:00AM with a procession to Mt. Emblem Cemetery for interment directly after. Please contact **Geils Funeral Home** at (630) 766-3232 with any questions.



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Duffell, Dr. David Richard
Dr. David Richard Duffell, 92, was born on August 17, 1931 in Chicago, IL to Richard Edwin D.O. and Thelma (nee Hanshaw) Duffell. He died Monday, May 20, 2024 at Northwest Community Hospital, in Arlington Heights, Illinois. After graduating from Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin, David attend the University Of Chicago School Of Medicine. He later served in the US Air Force in Taiwan as a Medical Officer and Flight Surgeon from 1958 -1960. David completed his residency in Pathology at the University Of Minnesota Medical School where he also served as an Assistant Professor in Pathology. He later served as an Associate Professor in pathology at the University Of Vermont College Of Medicine. Deciding to leave academic medicine, David joined Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, Illinois where he served as Chief of Pathology from 1973 until 1993 and retired in 1999. David developed and interest in art over the years and took classes in photography and various pictorial media. He also kept up with the news of the day through newspapers, magazines and, of course, the Internet. David is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy (nee Carlson) Duffell; and his sister, Jeannine (Robert) Buchanan. He was preceded in death by his much loved sons, Carl Richard, in 1972, and Eric David in 2000. They brought great joy to both David and Dorothy and left behind wonderful memories. Memorial service will be held 2:00 pm, on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at The Chapel at The Moorings, 811 E. Central Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Northwest Community Healthcare Foundation, www.nch.org or to Geneva Foundation of Presbyterian Homes, presbyterian-homes.org. Funeral information and condolences can be given at www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.



File, Richard L. 'Dick'
Richard "Dick" L. File, 77, a Naperville resident for more than 38 years, passed away on June 9, 2024. He was born on July 16, 1946, in Niles, MI, to Robert A. File and Irma nee Schmidt. Richard is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Mary Anne nee Wilkins. His dear children Heather (Scott) Meador and Jeffrey (Laura) File. His grandchildren Emma Meador, Sophia Meador, Jillian File, and Shannon File. Brothers Jerry File and Bob File. Richard also leaves behind his dear miniature Schnauzer. Richard joined the Air Force in 1965, serving in the Vietnam conflict. In lieu of flowers, donations to Curesearch.org would be appreciated. A Memorial Visitation will be held on Wednesday June 19, 2024 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM with a service at 10:30 AM at Grace United Methodist Church, 300 E Gartner Rd, Naperville, IL 60540.



Georges, Pericles B., Ph.D.
Pericles B. Georges, Ph.D., age 86, of Skokie, IL, died Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at Artis Senior Living of Wilmette. Son of the late Basil S. and Louisa, née Sergiades, Georges, he was born December 20, 1937, in New York, NY. Ph.D. Degree, University of California Berkeley; Asst. Prof. of Ancient History, Harvard University; retired Assoc. Prof., Lake Forest College; author of "Barbarian Asia and the Greek Experience" (Johns Hopkins). Survived by his wife, Margaret Sinclair; son, Andrew (Ania) Sinclair-Georges; daughter, Anna Sinclair-Georges; and granddaughter, Carolina. Preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Helen Georges. Services are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Corps, P.O. Box 37800, Boone, IA, 50037 (mercycorps.org). To leave a condolence message, please go to habenfuneral.com, click on Dr. Georges's obituary, and post a message under "Tributes."



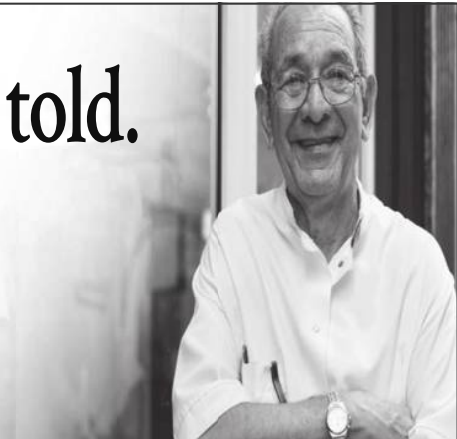
Griffin, Hollis Joseph
Hollis Joseph Griffin, 83 died peacefully at home in Chicago on May 13, 2024. Born August 7, 1940 in Chicago, IL to Mary Sullivan and William Joseph Griffin, Hollis grew up in Winnetka. He attended Faith Hope and Charity School, New Trier High School, Avon Old Farms School, Franklin and Marshall College and Loyola University. Hollis was a third generation and 50-year member of the Chicago Board of Trade. He was appointed to numerous CBOT committees including Floor Governors and Lessors Committees. Hollis championed free markets and celebrated the rise of Chicago as a world financial center. In his younger years, Hollis raced Star Class sailboats out of Wilmette Harbor, earned his private pilot's license, and loved the thrill of heli-skiing. For the past several decades he enjoyed the tranquility of his lake home, Seventh Heaven, in the North Woods of Wisconsin where he and Ginger gathered multiple generations of family and friends for fishing, canoeing, water skiing, biking, pickle ball and camp fires. An avid reader and student of history, he deeply enjoyed world travel with Ginger. Hollis cherished making memories for all to share. Beloved husband of Virginia "Ginger" Griffin, he is survived by his children Elizabeth P. Griffin (James Plastiras), Hollis J. (Gaby) Griffin Jr., Heather G. (Ben) Webster, daughter-in-law Luciana C. Griffin and his beloved grandchildren Isabella Plastiras; Hollis J. Griffin, III; Patrick, Sebastian and Marina Griffin; Graham, Spencer, and Annabelle Webster and by his brother Roger Sullivan (Sherry) Griffin. Hollis is preceded in death by his son John Worth Griffin, his brother William J. (Rosemary) Griffin, Jr. and his nephew Thomas W. Griffin. Funeral Mass will be held Monday, June 17, at 1:00 pm at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60654. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Big Shoulders Fund or Make-A-Wish America. Info: donnellanfuneral.com or 847-675-1990.



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Heller, Aline

Aline Heller, née Pinchouck, age 90, beloved wife and best friend for 63 years of the late Melvin Heller; cherished mother of Todd (Linda) Heller, Jay (Lori) Heller, and Marcy (Rick Shuman, and the late Steven Teitelbaum) Teitelbaum; adored grandmother of Justin (Bonnie) Heller, Stacey (David) Teplinsky, Carrie (Elizabeth) Heller, Ryan (Ashley) Heller, Stephanie (Alex) Mats, Lindsey (Harris) Tucker, Dr. Jordan (Julie) Teitelbaum, Julie (Morgan) Simon, Jason Teitelbaum, and Lindsay (Steven) Malitz; treasured great-grandmother of 15; devoted daughter of the late Rose and the late Fred Pinchouck; dear sister of the late Alan (Harriet) Pinchouck; loving and caring aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Aline was loved by all who knew her and will be terribly missed. She was a lover of early American history and was devoted to Israel and Jewish causes. Her Israeli salad will never be replicated. Service Monday, 12pm at The Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd., Skokie (at Niles Center Rd.). Interment Westlawn Cemetery, Norridge. The service will be livestreamed on Aline's webpage at www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com. Memorials may be made to the Steven Teitelbaum Foundation, c/o Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Avenue, Northbrook, IL 60062. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, (847) 478-1600.



Houston, Judy Angelica

Judy Angelica Houston (née Martin) of Chicago, IL passed away Wednesday, June 12th, 2024 at the age of 64 at the University of Tennessee Hospital in Knoxville, TN. Beloved wife of 37 years to Kevin; devoted mother to Brendan (Stacey) and Timothy, daughter of the late Ruben Martin and Angeles Martin (née Morelieras); loving sister of Ruben Martin (Argelia), devoted niece of Maria Elena (Nena) Humphrey (the late Edward), loving granddaughter of Clara Elena Morelieras (Abue), dear cousin to the Humphrey family, and sister-in-law to Mary Elizabeth Swibes (Donald) and John Houston (Doha).

Judy, born December 30th, 1959, grew up in the Heart of Chicago neighborhood at 18th & Damen in Chicago and later received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree (and her GED the same summer!) from the University of Illinois. She spent the length of her 35-year career as a pharmacist at Walgreen's. Judy and Kevin wed in 1987 in Chicago and raised their family on the city's Northwest Side. Four years ago, to the day, Judy and Kevin relocated to Lenoir City, Tennessee where they have been enjoying their retirement.

Judy's greatest gift to others was her selflessness, an outcome of her unconditional love for her family and friends. Always putting the needs of others before her own, Judy's unlimited capacity for love was manifested as an ever-present caretaker for family, keeper of the house, confidante to friends, and valued colleague to co-workers. Among her passions and hobbies, Judy loved travel, looking for the next new recipe to make or great shopping deal, tending to her garden, and ending the day with a glass of wine at home with her husband. Judy is irreplaceable and will be sorely missed by all who knew her. May her memory be a blessing.

A memorial for Judy will be held in Chicago at a later date to be determined. Funeral arrangements handled by Click Funeral Home, Farragut, TN.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made in Judy's name to UT Medical Center, Office of Philanthropy, 2121 Medical Center Way, Suite 110, Knoxville, TN 37920.

Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, June 18th at 11 a.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 633 St John Ct, Knoxville, TN 37934. Visitation will be held at 10 a.m.

Janetopoulos, James

James Janetopoulos "Sr.", Army Specialist 4th Class of the 1st Calvary Division Korea; age 88 of Brookfield. Beloved and devoted husband of the late MaryLynn Janetopoulos, nee Onesto; loving father of Christopher (Elena) Janetopoulos, Joanne (Rick) Janetopoulos, James (Julie) Janetopoulos, Jr. and Julie (Jeffery) Lauksmen; dear grandfather of Genevieve Janetopoulos, Margaret Janetopoulos, Leonardo Lauksmen, Lilliana Lauksmen and James Janetopoulos; son of the late Konstantinos and Gianoula (nee Bourlakis) Janetopoulos; brother of the late Olga (the late John Golden) Mehalos-Golden and the late Dolly Bosik; uncle and great uncle of many. James retired from Amtrak at Chicago's Union Station where he worked for over 30 years. Visitation Sunday, June 23, 2024 from 2 P.M. to 7 P.M. with Trisagion (Prayer Service) to be held at 5 P.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 9445 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Visitation Monday, June 24, 2024 from 11:30 to time of Mass 12:30 P.M. at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 11025 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, IL 60465. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com If you wish to send a Sympathy Card to the Family, please feel free to send it to Hitzeman Funeral Home, 9445 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513, c/o the James Janetopoulos Family. We will gladly forward it on to the family.



Kramer, Jeffrey Paul

Jeff was a warm, funny, smart, uplifting and loyal income tax professional who gave big hugs and loved engaging in philosophical discussions. And he was fearless – once physically stopping a man who was assaulting a woman on the CTA while everyone else stood by. But he was also a great actor; a great masker of both his mental and physical pain. He fought depression since he was a teenager and, 6 months ago he had a climbing accident which resulted in constant pain and the inability to walk for long periods of time. He was sure there was no way back to his active self despite numerous doctors' visits and unsuccessful treatments. Still he powered through tax season to get all of his work done (not one client had a clue of how he felt because of his charming, easy way on the phone and in person), went to concerts and family events, hung out with his girlfriend Staci and even went back to climbing. He had 34 exciting, interesting, and sometimes difficult years with plenty of loving friends and family including parents Lisa and Harry, younger brothers Ben and Jack, grandma Marlene (and late grandpa Charles/"Chuck"), aunt Sheri, aunt/uncle/cousins Janet, Paul, Ella and John Easton and ex-wife, but still friend, Samantha. Monday, a deep and profound low took over and in an impulse, he took his life. We understand that it wasn't the Jeff who loved all of us who did it, but rather the mental illness. The good forces have to win every day with mental illness, but the demon only has to win once. There will be no service and the family has already sat shiva. No gifts or flowers please. Instead, think of Jeff, who didn't just give money to homeless people, but also took the time to talk to them, while doing something nice for someone that you weren't planning to do.



Krupp, Betty Ann Sandman

On June 2, Betty passed away. She is the loving wife to Ron, mother to Roger (Cathy Sobotke), Karyn, Ken (Suzi Hannah), Ron (Bonnie Kennedy); grandmother to Lauren, Brendan, McKinley, Bebe, Tess, Will, Evelyn; pseudo mother to Paul Czuba and Pamela Komar.

An amazing, beautiful, vivacious, vibrant woman. We love her and we will miss her. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Lambs Farm. A memorial service will be held on July 15, 2024 at 11:00am. At St. Margaret Mary Church in Naperville. It will be livestreamed on: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKjocNNCMrbDTWITLsohKwA>

Landgraf, Glenn A.

Glenn A. Landgraf, age 84 of Naperville, IL at rest Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at Edward Hospital in Naperville, IL. Born September 22, 1939, in Westmont, IL the son of the late Wilbur Landgraf and Cora nee Wunderlich. Beloved husband of the late Lois nee Hermann, loving father of Glenn (Donna nee Orenshaw), Tammy (Steve)

Melter, Kim (Brian) Lajewski, Sherry (Craig) Winkel, Daniel (Laurie nee Chearo) and Torrey (Jenelle nee Derpack), cherished grandfather of Lauren (Marcus) Hill and Ashton (Chris) Parfitt, Stevie and Michael Melter, Amanda, Hannah and Katie Lajewski, Lindsay (John) Sadler and Mackenzie Winkel, Jillian (Nick) Johnson, Emily and Noah Landgraf and Cora and Ben Landgraf. Great grandfather of Vivienne, Topher, Parker, Jolie, Evie, and Elliott. Glenn also leaves behind his brother-in-law Don Weigold and many nieces and nephews. Glenn was preceded in passing by his parents, his wife and his siblings Shirley Wiegold, Kathy Lach. Glenn was always a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and took pleasure in proclaiming the Good News! The Visitation will be held on Friday June 21, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM the service will be held the next morning Saturday June 22 at 10:00 AM at **Friedrich Jones Funeral Home**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL 60540. Interment will be at Clarendon Hills Cemetery in Darien, IL.



Langford, Stella M.

Stella M. Langford (nee Patriarca), dear mother of Andrea (John) Liedtke and Richard W. Asa, died peacefully May 17, 2024, two days before her 94th birthday. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bruce E. Langford, as well as her brother. Stella was the proud grandmother of Imogene and Sam Asa, a loving aunt and great-aunt, and a kind and loyal friend to many. Cremation and interment were private.



Latter, Evelyn

Evelyn Latter, nee Weiss, age 98, died peacefully on June 10, 2024 at the Davis Community Center in Wilmington, NC where she resided since 2016. Evelyn was born on February 12, 1926 in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Benjamin and Bessie (Klein) Weiss. Evelyn was the loving and devoted wife of Eugene who she married in 1948. Eugene and Evelyn adored each other throughout their 68-year marriage. Evelyn was the loving and devoted mother of her children Dan and Gerry, who survive her, and Richard and Barbara, who predeceased her. Evelyn cared for her family with all her heart and was known for her kindness to all and for her humble, selfless nature. To know her was to love her. Evelyn enjoyed spending time with her granddaughter, Jenna, in California, and grandchildren, Ben and Julia in North Carolina. Evelyn is survived by son Dan, his daughter Jenna; son Gerry, wife Pam (Haase), their children Ben and Julia; and nephews Gary Soffer, wife Debbie (Terry); and Lenny Soffer, wife Robin (Bakal). A funeral service for Evelyn will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday June 16th, in the chapel of Westlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge, where interment will follow. Memorial donations may be given to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org. Arrangements entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals**, 773-625-8621

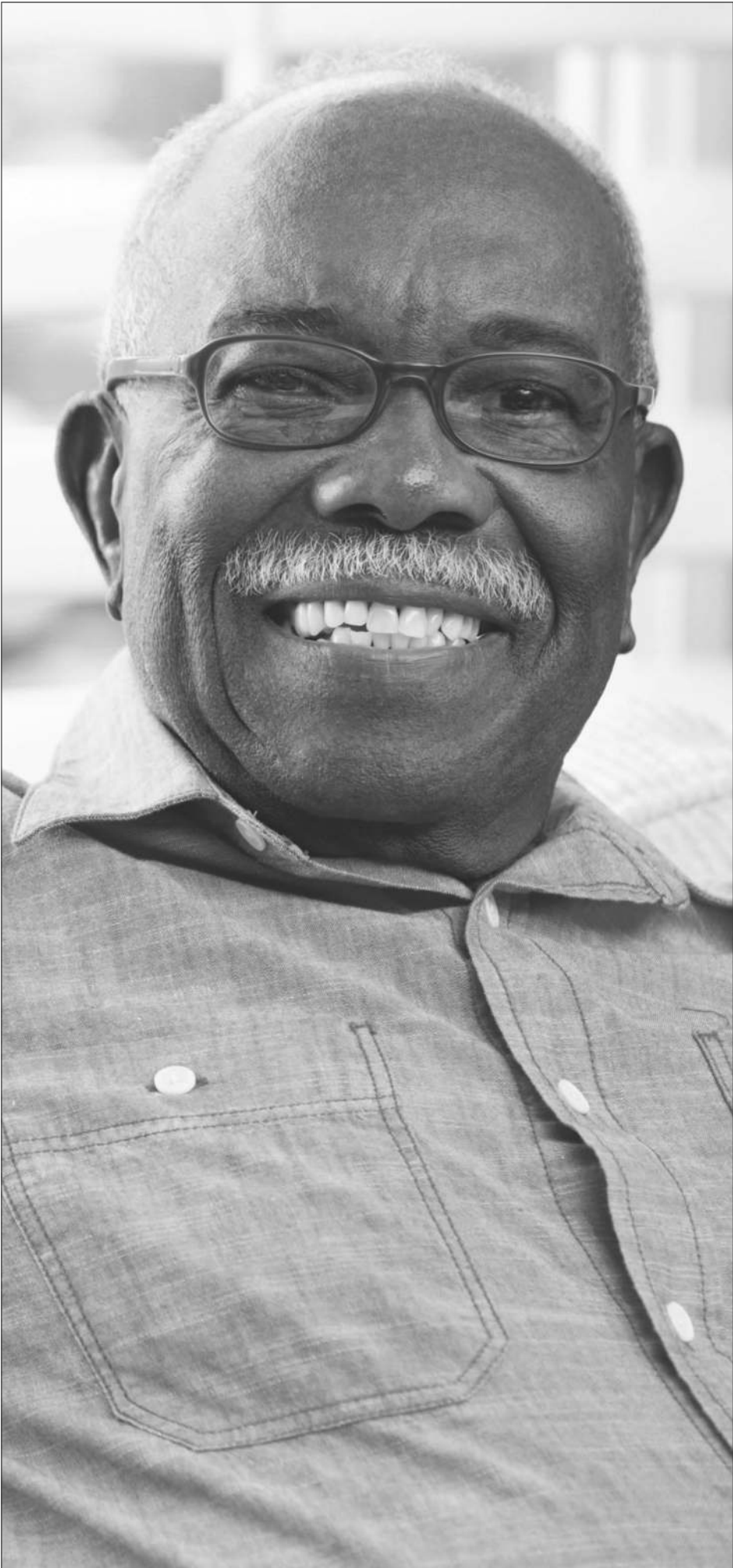


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Leinenweber, Harry Daniel



The Honorable Harry Daniel Leinenweber passed away peacefully at his Chicago home on June 11, 2024, at age 87. He was born on June 3, 1937, in Joliet, Illinois to Emily (nee Lennon) and Harry Dean Leinenweber, Sr. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, John Charles and Harry Dean Leinenweber, Jr. He is survived by his wife, the Honorable Lynn Morley Martin; his five children, Jane Dunn Campeau of Chicago, John Dunn Leinenweber of Chicago, Thomas More (Martha) Leinenweber of Evanston, Stephen Becket Leinenweber of Katonah, New York, and Justin Lennon (Jennifer Schultz) Leinenweber of Chicago; his two step-daughters Julia (Michael) Keelty of Baltimore and Caroline (Beau) Delafield of Gulf Stream, Florida; twenty-three grandchildren, Robert (Erica), Sarah (Michael) Nixon (nee Campeau), Andrew, and Shannon Campeau, Jack, Simone, and Cora Leinenweber, Katie (Charlie) Ahlstrom (nee Leinenweber), Tommy (Caitlyn), Peter (Kate), Mary, Betsy, and Annie Leinenweber, Becket and Isabel Leinenweber, Ralph and Harry Daniel Leinenweber II, Caroline (Bryan) Casey (nee Keelty), Carrie (Thomas) Kelly (nee Keelty), and Annabel Keelty, and Adelaide, Finley, and Mason Delafield; and seven great-grandchildren, Nora and Claire Casey, Mary and Hayes Kelly, Jack and Annie Ahlstrom, and William Campeau.

Growing up in Joliet, where his father taught high school history and his mother gave piano lessons, he attended Farragut School and Joliet Township High School. Judge Leinenweber spent his childhood summers returning to his father's family's tobacco farm near Madison, Indiana, along the banks of the Ohio River. He shared his parent's passions, studying history at the University of Notre Dame where he played flute in the Band of the Fighting Irish. After earning his law degree from the University of Chicago, Judge Leinenweber entered private practice in Joliet where he raised his children with his first wife, the late Geraldine Dunn Leinenweber. He spent almost a decade in the Illinois General Assembly in Springfield, where he made lifelong friends on both sides of the aisle.

In 1985, President Ronald Reagan nominated him to the U.S. District court for the Northern District of Illinois. On the bench, Judge Leinenweber found his calling in life, and he served in that role until shortly before his death. He accomplished much during his life, but he did not do it alone. Judge Leinenweber's longtime legal assistant, Mary Quinlivan, routinely went above and beyond the call of duty to help the Judge, Lynn, or another member of the family. His courtroom deputies, including Wanda Parker and Melanie Foster, kept the docket moving, and trusted court reporters recorded countless trials and other proceedings. During his almost forty years on the bench, he was aided by dozens of bright and thoughtful law clerks in whom he placed great trust and faith. He loved teaching and mentoring his clerks; attending a Cubs game with his staff and clerks, past and present, for his birthday was always a highlight of his year.

Much has been written about Judge Leinenweber since his passing, and the family has been comforted by the kind words of countless friends and colleagues. Truth be told, he would be embarrassed by all the attention, but as one of those friends recently wrote, "it is so richly deserved."

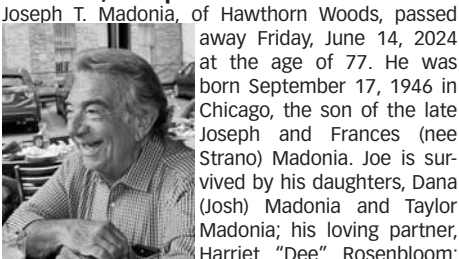
To his children he was simply "Dad," and to his grandchildren he was lovingly called "Papa." He loved cooking for them and was routinely found making pancake batter, pizza dough, or baking a rhubarb pie first thing in the morning before others were awake. On free days, he enjoyed playing golf with friends and family. Around 5 p.m. he would prepare gin martinis (stirred, not shaken), and sit down to work on a crossword puzzle or play a game of dominoes, before turning his attention to that evening's meal. After cooking something particularly delicious, he might be heard to remark, "I hate to pat myself on the back, but if no one else is going to do it!" and he would break out into a huge smile.

When he and Lynn married, he found a partner with whom he could spend the rest of his life. Together with many close friends they travelled the world far and wide. Yet they were just as content to be at home by themselves with their faithful cats by their side. They might turn on an old movie or an episode of Seinfeld and spend the waning hours of the day together on the couch. They would talk about which friend or family member was planning to visit next and discuss what they should cook for them. They would turn in for the night, planning to rise early the next day and begin again the preparations for their many guests. We will all miss those visits dearly and we will cry that we cannot have one more. But we will smile because we did have them, and our hearts will be full.

Judge Leinenweber's family would like to thank everyone who helped care for him during his illness both in Florida and Illinois. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Leinenweber Family Fund, to support the patient families at Blythedale Children's Hospital (<https://www.blythedale.org/HL-memorial-fund>), where his son Stephen serves as Chief Medical Officer, or to the Good Shepherd Manor in Mokena, IL where he was a long-serving board member.

At his request, Judge Leinenweber's body was donated to Anatomical Gift Association of Illinois for the advancement of science. Services will be held at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago on Wednesday, June 19th. Family will receive mourners beginning at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m.

Madonia, Joseph T.



Joseph T. Madonia, of Hawthorn Woods, passed away Friday, June 14, 2024 at the age of 77. He was born September 17, 1946 in Chicago, the son of the late Joseph and Frances (nee Strano) Madonia. Joe is survived by his daughters, Dana (Josh) Madonia and Taylor Madonia; his loving partner, Harriet "Dee" Rosenbloom; and his honorary grandchildren, Lauren and Hailey. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Phyllis Gilligan and Marianne DeCianni. Visitation will be held Saturday, June 22, from 11am until the time of the memorial service at 1pm at **Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory**, 149 W Main St (Lake-Cook Rd) Barrington. For online condolences visit www.davenportfamily.com or call 847-381-3411 for information.



Maier, John 'Jack'

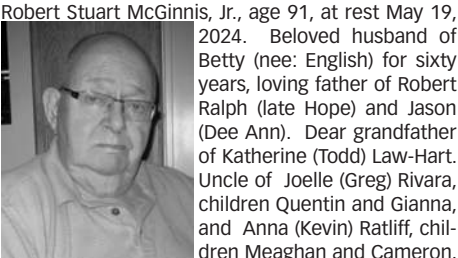
Beloved husband of Peggy nee Cavanagh; Loving father of Kathleen (John), John (Lisa), and Maureen (Andy); Beloved son of the late John and Ann Maier; Cherished papa of Colleen, Meghan, John, Mary Rose, Caitlin, Danny, J.P., Kylie, and Kayden; Dear brother of Joanne Maier Barr; Loving uncle, cousin, and friend of many. Funeral Services Tuesday, June 18, 10:30 from **Carbonara Funeral Home**, 1515 N. 25th Avenue Melrose Park, to St. Cyprian Church; Mass 11:30. Interment Mount Carmel Cemetery. Visitation Monday, June 17, 4-8 PM at **Carbonara Funeral Home**. Please visit John's tribute at Carbonarafuneralhome.net

Mastrolia, Barbara Ann, Ph.D.

Barbara Ann Mastrolia, Ph.D., age 73, of Skokie, IL, died Saturday, June 8, 2024, at her residence. Beloved daughter of the late Antonio and Ann, née D'Aloisio, Mastrolia, she was born January 20, 1951, in Boston, MA. Dear wife of the late Patrick Hanley; loving sister of the late William Mastrolia. Gathering, Friday, June 21, 2024, from 3 p.m. until time of Remembrance Service, 3:30 p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tree House Humane Society; Doctors Without Borders USA; Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County; Greater Chicago Food Depository; Cancer Wellness Center; or The Carter Center. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or to leave a condolence message, please go to habenfuneral.com, click on Barbara's obituary, and post a message under "Tributes."



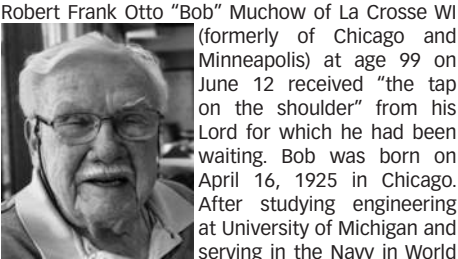
McGinnis, Jr., Robert



Robert Stuart McGinnis, Jr., age 91, at rest May 19, 2024. Beloved husband of Betty (nee: English) for sixty years, loving father of Robert Ralph (late Hope) and Jason (Dee Ann). Dear grandfather of Katherine (Todd) Law-Hart. Uncle of Joelle (Greg) Rivara, children Quentin and Gianna, and Anna (Kevin) Ratliff, children Meaghan and Cameron. Beloved sister-in-law of Shirley (Gene) Hubbard. Beloved nephew of Nathan (Christy) Hubbard; beloved cousin of Sean Hubbard and his children, Marcus and Bradley and beloved cousin of Kevin (Christen) Hubbard and their children, Emmett and Alexis. Beloved nephew, of Tony(Jennifer) Hubbard and their children, Jake and Lydia. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For more information 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneral-directors.com.



Muchow, Robert Frank 'Bob'



Robert Frank Otto "Bob" Muchow of La Crosse WI (formerly of Chicago and Minneapolis) at age 99 on June 12 received "the tap on the shoulder" from his Lord for which he had been waiting. Bob was born on April 16, 1925 in Chicago. After studying engineering at University of Michigan and serving in the Navy in World War II, he met the love of his life, Helen Knezevich. They married July 29, 1950 and had two sons, Mark and Mike. His career as a safety engineer for Travelers Insurance led to moves to Perysburg OH then Minneapolis, where Bob and Helen settled for the rest of their 50+ years together. After Helen's passing, Bob moved to La Crosse, WI, where he made many new friends including his special friend Barb Lemon. Bob's life was shaped by his strong Lutheran faith and his deep love for his family. He enjoyed golf, traveling, and rooting for the Bears, Cubs and Michigan Wolverines. He was a friend to all, and always had a quip or a song on his lips. Bob is survived by his sons Mark (Carolyn), Michael (Catherine Ryan) von Muchow, and cherished granddaughters Rose and Madrigal von Muchow, as well as sister-in-law Dorothy Mitrius and many nieces and nephews. Bob was predeceased by his parents Erhardt & Caroline, his wife Helen, his sister Ruth Wilken and his close friend Barb. The family thanks the staff at Eagle Crest and Gundersen Hospice for their care of Bob through his last years and final illness. Bob will be buried beside his beloved Helen in Oak Park. Visitation at 9 am on Saturday June 22, at **Foran Funeral Home**, 7300 West Archer Ave, Summit; short service to follow then interment at Chapel Hill Gardens, Oak Park. **Foran Funeral Home** (708) 458-0208

Murphy, Peter Richard



Peter Richard Murphy, 65, of Palos Heights, Illinois passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on June 10, 2024. He was born at Fort Belvoir in Virginia on June 6, 1959, to the late Virginia and Morgan "Joyce" Murphy. Beloved husband of Kimberly (Winslow) for 42 years, and loving father of Erin (Danny) Strickland, Daniel (Stephanie) Murphy, and Robert Murphy; cherished grandfather of Kiara, Arianna, Maggie, Molly, and June. Dear brother of Stephen (Janice) and Morgan Daniel (Barbara) Murphy. Pete was preceded in death by his brothers Mark (Mary Ann), Michael (Patricia), and sister Susan (David) Basler. Fond brother-in-law of Bonnie (Ron) Conrad, Sharon Winslow, Cindy (Rick) Patrinnellis, Dale (Bonnie) Koebecke, Lavonne (Jay) Allord, the late Pam (Thomas) Barr, and the late Darlene (Tim) Pryszcz. Special uncle to thirty-four nieces and nephews; proud cousin to many Murphys and O'Connells. Loyal friend. Following graduation from DePaul University with a degree in business, Pete enjoyed a successful international business career at AkzoNobel. He retired as a Senior Vice President of Human Resources in 2016. Since retirement, his focus has been on family, writing, travel, and coaching, while fighting multiple cancers. His last acts of generosity were participating in human drug trials and donating his body to science. Services: A memorial service will be held on June 21, 2024, 10 a.m. at St. Alexander Catholic Church, Palos Heights, IL. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Nakamoto, Wallace

Wallace "Wally" T. Nakamoto of Chicago passed away on May 19, 2024, at the age of 93. He was at his home in New Jersey, surrounded by his son, daughter-in-law, family, and loved ones. Wally was born in Oahu, Hawaii on August 8, 1930. Mr. Nakamoto was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Nancy Kimie Nakamoto (Hashimura), in 2018 and his cherished daughter, Cynthia (Cindy) Chizue Nakamoto, in 1969. He is survived by his son, Bryan (Amy) Nakamoto, and granddaughters, Jane and Phoebe of Glen Ridge, NJ, along with his beloved nieces and nephews across the country. A gathering to celebrate Wally's life will take place June 30, 2024, at **Lakeview Funeral Home**, 1458 W. Belmont. Visitation 11 am - 3 pm. Casual Hawaiian aloha attire is welcomed.



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Orr, Katherine M. ‘Kay’

Katherine M. ‘Kay’ Orr (nee McAllister), age 87, passed away on June 12, 2024, beloved wife of the late William ‘Bill’ Orr; dear sister of Margaret (the late John) Hettwer, James (Gerry) McAllister, the late Robert (the late Gisela) and the late John McAllister; cherished aunt of ten nieces and nephews. For more than 40 years, she worked at Merrill Lynch. In addition to her career, she was an avid gardener who completed the master gardener program from University of Illinois. Additionally she enjoyed the theatre, classical music and cooking. Visitation Wednesday 9:00 A.M. until time of Funeral Mass at 10:00 A.M. at St. Mary Church, 19515 115th Ave. Mokena, IL 60448. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to **Lawn Funeral Home**. In lieu of flowers, donations to Alzheimer’s Association, www.alz.org, would be appreciated. Funeral Info: 708-429-3200.



Osowski, Patricia D.

Patricia D. Osowski, 90, of Mt. Prospect, IL passed away on June 12, 2024. Beloved wife of the late Marion Osowski; loving mother of Michael (Bonnie), Janice, the late Larry, and Donna (Jim); adoring grandmother of Mike, Jr (Sarah), Meghan (Andrew), Jenn (Luis), and Nicole; great grandmother of Emma, Owen, Aden, Myah and Selah; also loved by her many nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation on Thursday, June 20, 2024, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd., (at Northwest Highway) Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Visitation Friday June 21, 8:30 a.m. until prayers 9:30 a.m. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home** to St. Cecilia Church, Golf Rd. (rt. 58) & Meier Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment private. Funeral Information: (847) 255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

Ostrom, Richard K

Richard K. Ostrom of Wilmette, IL and Tucson, AZ passed away on May 29, 2024 in Tucson. Rich was born June 10, 1939 in Chicago, IL to the late Richard E. and Lucie Ostrom. Rich had a long, successful and distinguished career in the banking industry in both Chicago and Arizona. He retired as CEO and Chairman of the Board of the Uptown National Bank in 2003. Survivors include his devoted wife Sharon, his children Debi Francis, Jill Hedgpath, Mark (Nadra), Tim (Julia) and Matt (Sandy) and his sister Janice Young. Rich was the proud and adoring grandfather to seven grandchildren. A memorial mass will be offered at 11 am, June 20th at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Linden Ave. & 9th St., Wilmette, IL. Memorial contributions may be made to The Tony DeRosa Foundation, 1041 Linden Ave., Wilmette, IL, 60091.

Palmer, OSA, Rev. Richard “Darryl” D.

Rev. Richard “Darryl” D. Palmer, OSA, age 81, died on June 11. He professed vows in the Augustinian Order in 1961 and was ordained in 1987. Fr. Palmer spent almost 50 years in the Augustinian missions in northern Peru, where he was beloved by the people he served. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Lila (Vondra) Palmer; brothers-in-law Rex Gates and Fred Steit; and niece Kristine Palmer. He is survived by siblings Marilyn (Robert) Fox, Joyce Palmer, Jerry (Zen) Palmer, and Terri (Michael) Levins; nephews Daniel, Joshua, and Michael; nieces Andrea, Cheryl, Heidi, Jennifer, Robin, Stephanie, and Tammi; and several grand and great-grand nephews and nieces. Visitation is on Tuesday June 18th, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., followed by Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Rita of Cascia Shrine, 7740 S. Western Ave, Chicago, IL 60620. Interment will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Augustinians, 10161 S. Longwood Dr., Chicago, IL 60643, to support care of elderly friars and seminary formation of young friars appreciated. Arrangements have been entrusted to **Curley Funeral Home**, Chicago Ridge. For Funeral info: 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com.

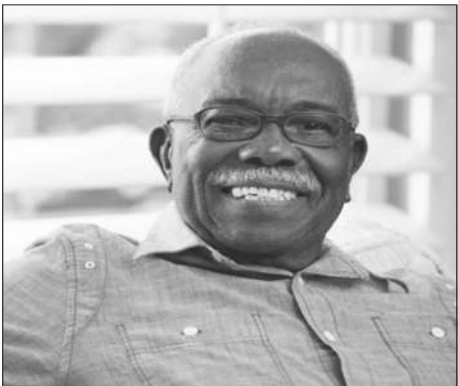
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Sachs, Jeanette A.

Jeanette A. Sachs, nee Coduti, age 88, of Villa Park, Illinois, passed away on June 11, 2024. She was the loving mother of Donna Rogan, Michael Sachs, and Tony Sachs and the devoted grandmother of Ethan Rogan. Her presence was a source of comfort and joy to her many cousins, friends, and loved ones. Her memory will forever be cherished. Jeannie loved God and was a devout Catholic who worked for the Catholic Church for over 30 years. She loved her kids, her grandson, her grand puppies, her many cousins, her girlfriends, and her faith. She loved Bradenton Beach, Italy, and Las Vegas and traveled often with her friends and family. She enjoyed dinners out and large family meals at home. She was a great Italian cook, kind and loving, and gave so much to so many. She will be missed. Visitation Sunday, June 16, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm at **Steuerele Chapel**, 350 S. Ardmore Avenue, Villa Park. Funeral Monday at 9:45 am from the funeral home to St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, 330 N. Westmore Avenue, Villa Park, for Mass at 10:15 am. Internment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery.

Sanders, Sharon L.

Sharon L. Sanders, (nee Frantz) Age 81, of Glenwood IL, passed away peacefully at home with her beloved husband Donald by her side on June 3rd 2024. She was born July 6, 1942 in Chicago Heights IL. Beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Betty Frantz and loving sister of Robert (Bob) Frantz (Linda). Cherished mother of Gia, Sheldon, Joseph, David, and Barbara. Loving Grandmother to Michael, Logan, Madeline, Jonny, Molly, Robert, Jason, Gabriella, Annabella, Dominic, and Julia. Great Grandmother to six. She will be dearly missed by other family and friends. A celebration of life will be scheduled for a date in the near future.



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Saunders, George

George Lawton Saunders, Jr., one of five children of George Lawton and Ethel Estelle Saunders, was a well-known and accomplished Chicago trial lawyer. George passed away at the age of 92 on June 13, 2024 in his home in Chicago.

George was born in the depths of the Depression, in the coal mining town of Mulga, Alabama, and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. His father worked in the coal mines until they were closed. Although his mother was forced to drop out of school at the age of 10, she was determined to mentor her children and instilled in George a love of learning. After graduating from high school at the age of 15, George worked in odd jobs until he was old enough to enlist in the Air Force. George then attended the University of Alabama, earning his AB in 1957. He attended the University of Chicago Law School and graduated in 1959 cum laude. He served as Law Clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black.

George joined the Chicago firm of Sidley & Austin in 1962. George spent much of his career representing regulated industries before regulatory agencies and in appellate proceedings, including appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court. George served as lead outside counsel in the antitrust litigation brought by the Justice Department against the Bell System as well as many of the private civil antitrust suits — the cases that led to the Bell System’s settlement in 1981 which separated long distance from local carrier service and reshaped the American telecommunications system.

In 1990, George withdrew from Sidley to establish Saunders & Monroe. During the last few years of his professional life, George practiced law with his wife Terry in the Saunders Law Firm.

George was a fine golfer, an avid St Louis Cardinals and Alabama football fan and a generous supporter of the University of Chicago Law School and other educational and charitable organizations. And most importantly, George, with his big intellect and big heart, was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son and brother and friend to many.

George L. Saunders, Jr. leaves his wife, Terry Rose Saunders, his three children Kenneth (Gina Chiaro Saunders), Ralph and Victoria Kaplan (Robert) and five grandchildren, Joshua Saunders (Lauren Scauzzo), Noah Saunders, Hannah Saunders, Jonah Kaplan and Amy Kaplan, as well as a brother Alan (Lois).

Schotanus, Henry

Henry “Hank” Schotanus, Jr. son of Henry and Edythe (Woodall) Schotanus of Highland Park, IL, and Wilton Manors, FL passed away on June 13th at the age of 90. Hank was born and raised in Highland Park, graduating from Highland Park High School in 1951 before serving his country as a Marine. He then dedicated 37 years to his hometown as a police officer and for most of those years wore Badge #1. Hank on his motorcycle was a familiar sight patrolling the streets, protecting the patrons at Ravinia or parked in front of his home on Park Avenue, evoking a wide range of reactions from North Shore motorists. On a fateful day in 1960, a friend departing for the West Coast asked Hank to keep an eye on his girlfriend, Patricia Orsi. Hank went above and beyond the call of duty and spent the next 60 years looking after Pat or more frequently, allowing her to look after him. Hank was an antique buff, a race fan, and a lover of dogs but the thread that connected his life was golf. He proudly played the game in all 10 decades of his life and attributed many of his closest friendships to his time spent on the course and in the 19th hole. After retiring to the Wilton Manors utopia he created with Pat, Hank spent much of the last three decades surrounded by great friends, family, and neighbors around his putting green, on his dock and along his daily walks with his canine companion, Lucy. Hank was preceded in death by his wife Patricia, brother Wayne, and son B. Joseph Schotanus. He is survived by his children Brad (Kiki) and Julie; Vito Mariani, Jr. (Maggie) and his grandchildren Joe, Drew, Frank and Vivian. A visitation will be held on Saturday, June 22nd from 9:00-11:00 am followed immediately by a funeral mass at the Immaculate Conception Worship Site of Christ our Hope Parish, 770 Deerfield Rd., Highland Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, please consider honoring Hank’s belief in the transformative power of golf by donating to the Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund Caddie Program www.dmsf.org.

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Simak, Jeanne

Jeanne Simak, nee Patzin, died on June 13, 2024. Jeanne had a zest for life, loved travel and gathering with people. She was devoted to family and looked forward to any celebration from Christmas Eve to weddings and graduations. Jeanne was extremely fond of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She took great delight

in reading to them and giving them books. Jeanne was a very faithful woman and volunteered at many local church events including organizing the first bike drive in honor of her late son, Gerard. She assisted in making lunches for the homeless and packing Christmas boxes for US Military members overseas. Jeanne was an avid tea drinker, sharing sips with her late Grandma Collins, to appreciating different blends through the generations with her children and grandchildren. Jeanne is preceded in death by her wonderful husband Wally and her son Gerard. Jeanne is survived by her children, Wally (Sandy), Rick (late Eileen), Marybeth (Mark) Solomon, Tom, Martha Ann, David (Diana), Julie (Tony) Rico. Jeanne is the proud Grandma to Ron (Julie) Simak, Jim (Brandi) Burdzinski, Emily Simak and Elizabeth (Ben Lustgarten) Simak, Sarah (Brandon) Michelson, Margaret (Josh) Burke and Kerry (Aurelio) Murillo, Jessica (Vitaly) Koval, Cameron (Bridget) Simak, Nicholas (fiance Maddie Leary) Simak, Brandon (Jen) Simak and Sean (Katie) Pettit. Dear “GREAT” to Declan, Savannah, Bode, Hazel, Henry, Ivy, Axel, Tyler, Veda and Violet. Jeanne is preceded in death by her dear sister Marianne (late Ed Pietrzyk) Piet, and dear brother Tom (late Carol) Patzin; and all her in-laws: Helen (Clarence) Clark, Lucy (Joe) Rachowicz, Frank (Beanie) Szymakowski, Sophie (Chester) Brozek and Josef Szymakowski. Dear Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, June 20, 2024 from 3-8 p.m. Funeral Friday, June 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. from **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park IL to St. George Church, 6707 175th St., Tinley Park IL. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery Justice IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Julie Military Package Fund or Working Bikes or Mercy Home for Boys and Girls are appreciated. Express thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

Swanson, Wayne

Wayne Swanson, 72, of San Diego passed away on June 5, 2024, after a long illness. His career included writing and photography for newspapers, magazines, book publishers and corporate clients. Born in Chicago, Illinois, he graduated from Glenbard West High School, Glen Ellyn, Illinois and Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism. He was a reporter for the Suburban Trib, a news section of the Chicago Tribune, for several years before moving to San Diego to write “Prime Rip”, a book of investigative journalism about the meat industry, with his childhood friend George Schultz. He freelanced for the Los Angeles Times and other publications before working for Crider and Associates, writing for corporate clients for many years. In retirement, Wayne rekindled a passion for photography and had years of remarkable creativity and success. He credited photographer and teacher Aline Smithson for giving him the tools to build his fine art and documentary photography career. In a tribute, she wrote that she was able to watch this tall, quietly intelligent artist and his photographs take flight in remarkable ways.

Wayne was able to share and refine his knowledge as a member of both the Snow Creek Collaborative, a critique group of award-winning Southern California fine art photographers, and the Photographer’s Eye Collective, whose president, Donna Consentino, wrote : “Wayne was bright and kind with a sense of humor that was ever present. He had that rare quality of great talent without ego.” His photographs appeared in juried exhibitions around the country and won awards at several of the more than 40 exhibitions and galleries in which they were shown. His photographs were also featured in many national fine art publications and in the photobook, “California Love”. Wayne also was a contributing editor for PhotoBook Journal.

His work was about the passage of time, memory, atmosphere, humor, and a sense of place. Of all his photo projects, the most meaningful and touching was “From the Workshop”, a “visual love letter” to his father, Raymond Charles Swanson, a mechanical engineer who loved woodworking. The series includes photographs of Wayne’s dad’s tools, drawings and the elegant furniture he made.

At the beginning of his careers, Wayne had a difficult time deciding between reporting and photography and managed to pursue both interests over his lifetime. He also combined traits from his mother, Marian Elaine (nee Nelson) Swanson, who loved English and the arts, with those of his father, who loved craftsmanship.

His interests included music, especially jazz, and architecture, which made Chicago the perfect hometown. Wayne loved wine and winemaking, especially at San Pasqual Winery, from the vine to the bottle to the glass and the best time of year for him was March Madness.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his brother, Chuck (Deb Campbell) Swanson and sister, Evryll Swanson. Wayne will be remembered for his wry wit, creative eye and unwavering kindness. He was smart, multit talented, and fiercely loyal. He kept lifelong friends from every stage and used his thoughtful insights, humor, and generosity to care for friends and family. A celebration of Wayne’s life will be held in San Diego at a later date.

Urbanek, Edward J.

Edward J. Urbanek, Age 74, of LaGrange, IL passed away peacefully on June 1, 2024. Beloved husband of Mary Beth Urbanek; Loving father of Bryan, Brandon (Rebecca), and Trent (Julie); Cherished grandfather of Samuel (5), Colton (2) and June (2); Brother of Lelia Colbrese (William). Ed was a dedicated civil engineer for 30 years for the state of Illinois. He enjoyed his time keeping children safe on their way to school in his role as a crossing guard for the village of La Grange in his retirement. In his free time, he enjoyed home improvement projects, cooking and grilling, walks, nature, architecture, traveling, museums, boating, craft beer and wine, watches, listening to music, going to the movies and staying up to date with the latest current events and technology. The memorial service will be Friday, June 21 at 11am at St. Francis Xavier Church, 124 N. Spring Avenue, La Grange, IL. The service will be followed by a celebration of life at Irish Times, 8869 Burlington Avenue, Brookfield, IL. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside at 708-352-6500 or hj-funerals.com

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Hot and humid. Highs in the mid-90s inland and in the upper 80s along the lake. Breezy with wind gusts up to 30 mph.

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night
High: 92 Low: 77		High: 95 Low: 78		High: 92 Low: 77		High: 93 Low: 74		High: 92 Low: 70		High: 86 Low: 70	
Partly sunny, breezy and hot		The temperature near the record of 96		Partly sunny, breezy and hot		Breezy in the morning; clouds and sun, hot		Hot with intervals of clouds and sunshine		A t-storm around in the a.m.; partly sunny	
POP: 15%		POP: 20%		POP: 25%		POP: 25%		POP: 25%		POP: 40%	
Winds: SSW 10-20 mph		Winds: SSW 10-20 mph		Winds: SSW 10-20 mph		Winds: SSW 8-16 mph		Winds: W 6-12 mph		Winds: W 4-8 mph	

CHICAGO FORECAST

Sunday Conditions
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. 8 p.m.

AccuWeather.com UV Index™

2	5	10	10	5	2	0
71	78	85	89	90	89	89

Sunday Activities

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. 8 p.m.

Golfing Index

6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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Fishing Index

6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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CHICAGO ALMANAC

Saturday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	86
Low	58
Normal high	81
Normal low	61
Record high	96 (2022)
Record low	43 (1997)

Local Temperatures

through 6 p.m. Saturday		Normal	
Location	Hi Lo	Hi Lo	
Aurora	85 58	82 59	
Gary	82 57	80 60	
Kankakee	86 58	82 61	
Lansing	86 57	80 60	
Midway	85 62	81 62	
Romeoville	87 58	82 60	
Valparaiso	82 58	82 61	
Waukegan	76 57	77 56	

Saturday Precipitation

	2024	2023	Normal
Saturday*	0.00"	0.00"	0.14"
Month to date	1.47"	1.47"	2.12"
Year to date	16.74"	14.43"	16.85"

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Saturday

Pollen as of 6/10

Trees	Grass	Weeds	Mold
Low	High	Absent	High

Source: Loyola Medicine via NAB

Air Quality Index

Saturday's reading

Moderate

Sunday's forecast

Moderate

Primary pollutant

Ozone

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

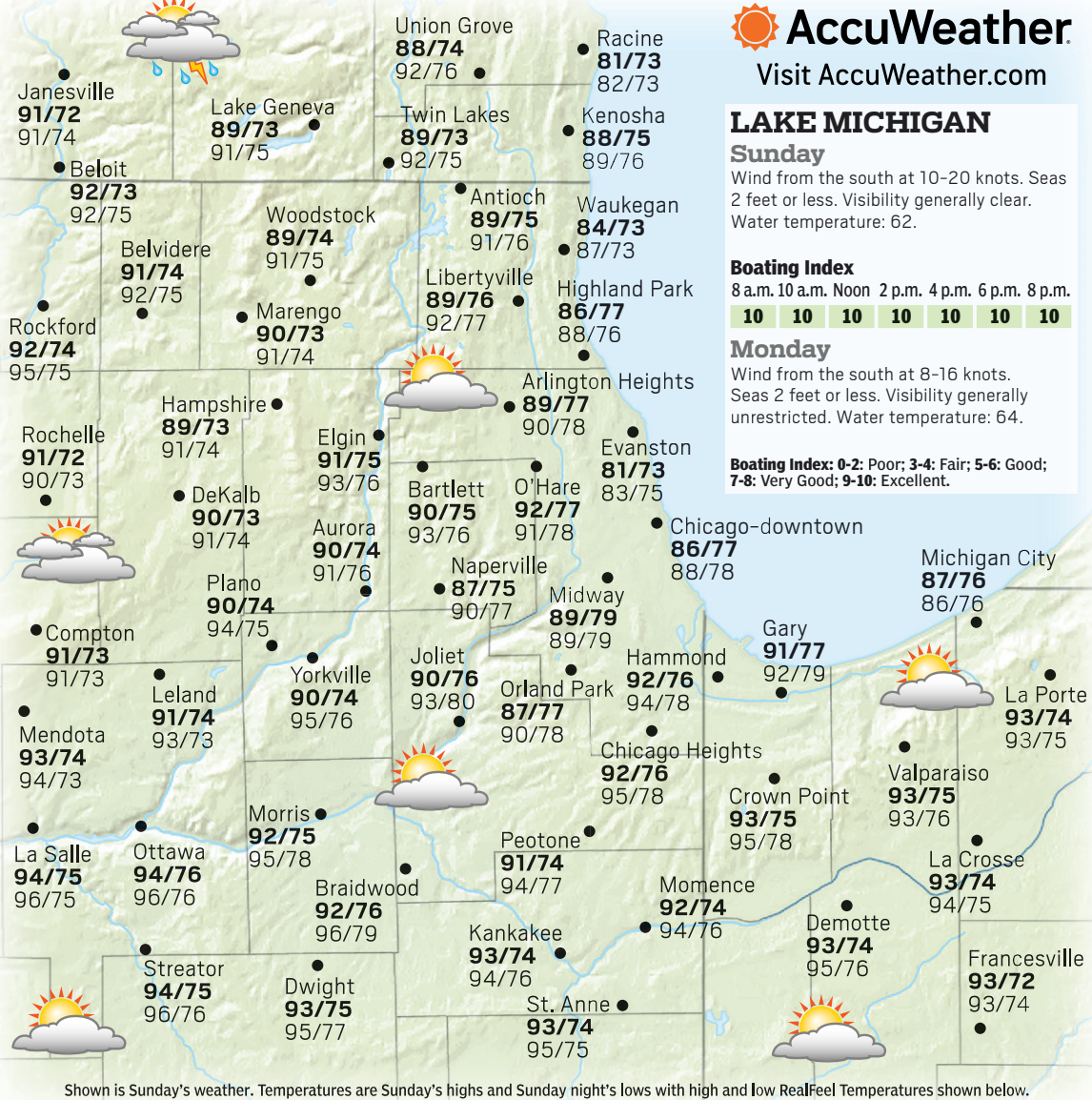
	Sun.	Mon.
Sunrise	5:15 a.m.	5:15 a.m.
Sunset	8:28 p.m.	8:28 p.m.
Moonrise	3:18 p.m.	4:22 p.m.
Moonset	1:49 a.m.	2:09 a.m.

	Full	Last	New	First
	Jun 21	Jun 28	Jul 5	Jul 13

Sunday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:22 a.m.	8:44 p.m.
Venus	5:29 a.m.	8:43 p.m.
Mars	2:35 a.m.	4:12 p.m.
Jupiter	4:00 a.m.	6:43 p.m.
Saturn	12:52 a.m.	12:14 p.m.

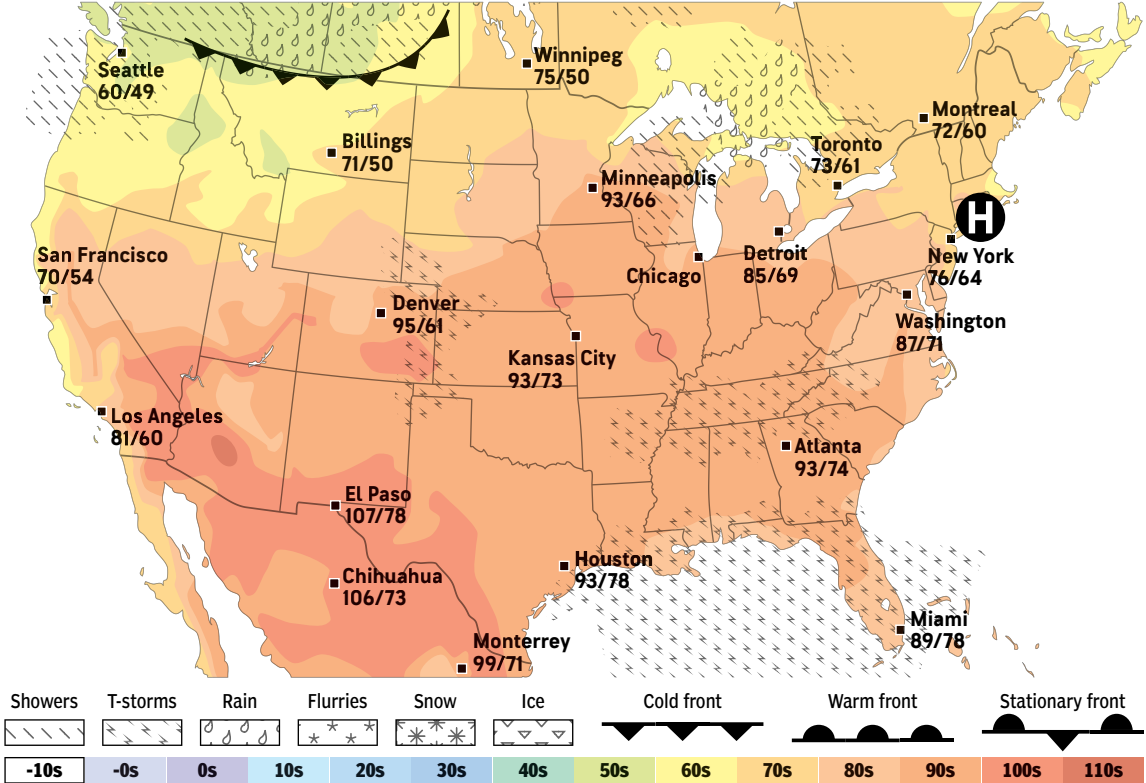
Best viewing times today: Venus: not visible Mars: 4:45 a.m. Jupiter: 4:45 a.m. Saturn: 4:45 a.m. Mercury: not visible



Shown is Sunday's weather. Temperatures are Sunday's highs and Sunday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



QUESTION: Will Chicago break the record high on Sunday?

ANSWER: I don't think Chicago will break the record high on Sunday, June 16. The forecast is 94 degrees and the current record is 98 degrees set back in 1913. It is possible that Chicago ties the record high temperature on Monday, June 17. The forecast is 95 degrees and the current record is 96 degrees set back in 1957. The 90s continue through Thursday. The record high Tuesday, June 18 is 98 degrees (1954) and the record high Wednesday, June 19 is 102 degrees (1953). The record high Thursday, June 20 is 104 degrees (1988).

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Sun.		Mon.	
	Hi/Low	W	Hi/Low	W
Illinois				
Carbondale	96/75/s		90/73/t	
Champaign	96/73/pc		95/75/t	
Decatur	96/75/pc		95/77/t	
Moline	96/75/c		96/76/t	
Peoria	96/76/c		95/74/t	
Quincy	97/75/c		96/75/t	
Rockford	92/74/c		95/75/t	
Springfield	97/76/pc		96/75/t	
Sterling	93/73/c		95/75/t	
Indiana				
Bloomington	95/73/s		95/72/t	
Evansville	96/75/s		93/73/t	
Fort Wayne	92/72/s		95/73/t	
Indianapolis	95/74/pc		95/74/t	
Lafayette	95/73/pc		95/74/t	
South Bend	93/75/pc		96/75/t	
Wisconsin				
Green Bay	87/71/r		92/76/pc	
Kenosha	88/75/pc		96/76/pc	
La Crosse	94/73/r		93/75/c	
Madison	90/72/r		94/76/pc	
Milwaukee	86/75/pc		92/75/c	
Wausau	87/70/r		86/73/c	
Michigan				
Detroit	85/69/pc		97/74/t	
Grand Rapids	87/72/pc		96/74/t	
Marquette	72/64/r		72/63/c	
Sault Ste. Marie	69/60/r		82/66/pc	
Traverse City	85/75/r		95/74/pc	
Iowa				
Ames	98/74/t		98/74/pc	
Cedar Rapids	94/72/t		96/72/t	
Des Moines	99/77/pc		98/77/pc	
Dubuque	89/71/t		92/73/t	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Sun.		Mon.	
	Hi/Low	W	Hi/Low	W
Abilene	96/75/s		95/74/s	
Albany, NY	78/60/s		92/69/c	
Albuquerque	99/66/s		98/65/s	
Amarillo	94/70/s		92/72/s	
Anchorage	62/51/s		62/52/s	
Asheville	82/67/t		83/65/t	
Aspen	84/43/s		79/41/s	
Atlanta	84/74/pc		92/71/pc	
Atlantic City	75/66/s		79/70/pc	
Austin	93/74/s		93/75/t	
Baltimore	86/69/pc		92/71/c	
Billings	71/50/pc		65/42/sh	
Birmingham	97/75/pc		93/72/pc	
Bismarck	78/52/pc		73/56/sh	
Boise	70/45/pc		63/43/c	
Boston	70/57/s		79/67/pc	
Brownsville	88/79/pc		93/78/t	
Buffalo	84/70/pc		87/74/c	
Burlington, VT	76/62/pc		90/69/pc	
Charleston, SC	89/71/s		87/68/s	
Charleston, WV	93/69/pc		93/71/t	
Charlotte	89/71/t		90/70/pc	
Chattanooga	94/75/t		93/75/c	
Cheyenne	82/49/t		87/50/pc	
Cincinnati	93/72/pc		92/73/t	
Cleveland	89/70/s		97/76/c	
Colorado Spgs	95/56/pc		95/57/s	
Columbia, MO	95/74/c		94/75/pc	
Columbia, SC	93/70/c		92/66/s	
Columbus, OH	91/71/pc		94/72/t	
Concord	76/52/s		86/62/c	
Corpus Christi	96/77/pc		91/78/t	
Dallas	94/76/pc		94/75/t	
Daytona Beach	89/76/t		88/75/s	
Denver	95/61/s		97/56/s	
Duluth	78/58/t		64/54/t	
El Paso	107/78/s		103/73/s	

City	Sun.		Mon.	
	Hi/Low	W	Hi/Low	W
Fairbanks	81/53/pc		78/55/pc	
Fargo	83/57/pc		72/64/t	
Flagstaff	83/48/s		80/45/s	
Fort Myers	92/76/t		93/76/c	
Fort Smith	96/76/pc		91/74/t	
Fresno	92/60/s		87/61/s	
Grand Junction	100/64/s		97/53/s	
Grand Falls	64/39/c		46/36/r	
Harrisburg	86/66/pc		95/71/pc	
Hartford	80/55/s		86/65/c	
Helena, MT	69/45/c		49/40/r	
Honolulu	87/74/pc		86/75/sh	
Houston	93/78/pc		85/76/t	
Int'l Falls	78/51/t		69/59/t	
Jackson, MS	93/74/pc		86/73/t	
Jacksonville	91/72/t		89/70/c	
Juneau	67/49/pc		67/49/pc	
Kansas City	93/73/c		91/74/s	
Las Vegas	104/78/s		101/75/s	
Lexington	96/73/pc		92/75/t	
Lincoln	99/78/pc		98/78/pc	
Little Rock	97/76/t		87/74/t	
Los Angeles	81/60/s		77/60/s	
Louisville	97/77/pc		93/77/pc	
Macon	97/70/s		94/67/pc	
Memphis	88/76/t		90/75/pc	
Miami	89/78/t		88/78/s	
Minneapolis	93/66/pc		82/76/t	
Mobile	88/75/t		87/75/t	
Montgomery	96/74/pc		93/74/pc	
Nashville	97/74/t		95/75/t	
New Orleans	87/77/t		82/79/t	
New York City	76/64/s		83/72/pc	
Norfolk	82/67/s		86/67/s	
Oklahoma City	90/73/pc		91/73/s	
Omaha	101/76/pc		97/78/pc	
Orlando	91/75/t		89/74/pc	

City	Sun.		Mon.	
	Hi/Low	W	Hi/Low	W
Palm Beach	89/79/t		89/80/t	
Palm Springs	107/72/s		100/72/s	
Philadelphia	85/67/s		92/70/pc	
Pittsburgh	112/82/s		107/79/s	
Portland, ME	89/67/s		91/71/pc	
Portland, OR	71/55/s		71/62/pc	
Providence	66/51/c		67/51/sh	
Raleigh	74/55/pc		77/66/pc	
Rapid City	90/68/pc		92/68/s	
Reno	74/51/pc		63/51/c	
Richmond	83/50/s		71/47/s	
Rochester	89/67/s		92/70/s	
Sacramento	80/67/pc		94/71/pc	
St. Louis	90/59/s		88/59/s	
Salem, OR	101/79/pc		97/77/t	
Salt Lake City	65/49/c		68/49/c	
San Antonio	81/62/s		71/49/pc	
San Diego	97/78/pc		95/75/c	
San Francisco	70/62/pc		70/61/pc	
San Juan	70/54/s		73/54/s	
Santa Fe	90/79/t		89/77/t	
Savannah	95/59/s		91/59/s	
Seattle	92/73/pc		88/71/s	
Shreveport	60/49/c		62/49/c	
Sioux Falls	95/76/pc		87/75/t	
Spokane	89/64/pc		91/74/pc	
Syracuse	64/45/pc		62/47/c	
Tallahassee	81/66/pc		94/69/pc	
Tampa	94/75/t		94/74/pc	
Topeka	93/76/t		93/78/pc	
Tucson	96/74/pc		92/76/s	
Tulsa	108/75/s		104/72/s	
Washington, DC	93/74/pc		92/75/s	
Wichita	87/71/pc		93/73/pc	
Wilkes-Barre	95/73/pc		94/72/s	
Yuma	83/61/s		92/67/pc	
	109/76/s		104/74/s	

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice. **POP:** Probability of Precipitation.

WORLD CITIES

City	Sun.		Mon.	
	Hi/Low	W	Hi/Low	W
Acapulco	89/77/pc		89/77/pc	
Algiers	89/66/s		88/69/s	
Amsterdam	64/53/sh		68/53/pc	
Ankara	84/54/s		89/59/s	
Athens	88/71/pc		91/75/s	
Auckland	63/56/pc		64/50/s	
Baghdad	116/86/pc		117/85/pc	

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK



A person cycles with a child through Chicago's Douglass Park on Thursday. CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

“Riot Fest will be leaving Douglass Park. And — allow me to be as clear as the azure sky of the deepest summer — our exodus is solely because of the Chicago Park District.”

— Riot Fest co-founder Mike Petryshyn

“It is unfair and unfortunate to have our club put in this situation, shining a light on the vast discrepancies in the treatment of women’s professional sports versus men’s professional sports.”

— Chicago Red Stars President Karen Leetow, about her team having to accommodate Riot Fest

“I will accept the outcome of this case and will continue to respect the judicial process as Hunter considers an appeal. Jill and I will always be there for Hunter and the rest of our family with our love and support. Nothing will ever change that.”

— President Joe Biden

“If you slap me, I’m going to hit you with a bat. If you hit me with a bat, I’m going to shoot you with a gun.”

— Ald. David Moore, 17th, to Ald. Daniel La Spata, 1st

“I believe my brother’s time on this earth would have been extended if he had the language to express what he needed, or the mental health care that he needed.”

— Mayor Brandon Johnson

“I told my boss, ‘When I get the alert, I’m gone. I’m going to disappear for 24 hours or so.’”

— Quad Cities resident Tony Holland, about experiencing the blossoming of Chicago Botanic Garden’s corpse flower *Sumatra*



SCOTT STANTIS/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A broadside against the plans for North DuSable Lake Shore Drive, but cars have to go somewhere

It was an extraordinary aldermanic broadside against the Illinois Department of Transportation and its long-in-gestation plans for a redo of the iconic Chicago road now formally known as North Jean-Baptiste Pointe DuSable Lake Shore Drive (NDLSD), perhaps the most beautiful and famous ribbon of asphalt in the Midwest.

“We are calling for a halt to planning events, public meetings and other work related to the project,” a group of aldermen wrote in our Opinion section June 7, hardly mincing words and essentially summoning IDOT to explain itself before the City Council. “We believe this project as currently proposed does not represent our communities’ interests and the long-term viability, accessibility, and value of our neighborhoods and lakefront.”

The issue? Cars. The aldermen, who are supported by a yet-broader group of advocates, don’t like them, want them nor wish them to be so warmly accommodated (for free) as in the past. “We want modern solutions that prioritize non-car travel and put pedestrians, cyclists, public transit users, recreation, green space, commercial growth and property values ahead of cars,” they wrote.

We’ll get to the specific issues in a moment with NDLSD, which is driven by some 170,000 vehicles a day, according to IDOT, but let’s first acknowledge that Chicago is the site of an intense, activist campaign to get people out of their cars and realign the city so transit and bikes will rule the roost. It’s not just about adding capacity for those forms of transportation, which was the argument typically used in the past. It’s now just as much about disincentivizing driving and making it harder and that’s what has been taking place with many Chicago streets seeing reduced capacity for cars through euphemisms such as “traffic calming.” A useful analogy here is how airlines deliberately made economy class worse to motivate people to pay up for premium economy. That’s the new tactic now being used. To get people out of their cars, the thinking goes, urban driving

has to be made more uncomfortable, a departure, of course, from some 75 years (at least) of prior thinking.

Whatever side you are on, honesty requires acknowledging that the debate is strikingly one-sided because while bike and transit advocates articulate their points of view all over the media, car drivers don’t really have anyone representing their interests, beyond perhaps IDOT. Most car users are embarrassed to admit they drive and keep it quiet; many claim to drive far less than they actually do. An occasional biker but frequent driver will confine virtue-signaling social media posts only to the former mode. We all know them. Some of us are talking about ourselves.

The attack on Refine the Drive strikes us as extreme. It’s actually a thoughtful document that goes a long way toward removing the barrier between the city and its lakefront, adding more trees and green space, making it far easier to cross the roadway in multiple locations, aiding bus access and adding turnarounds and expanding pedestrian space

But anyone can look up transit ridership numbers, or (while sitting in bumper-to-bumper traffic) see that congestion on Chicago expressways, particularly midweek, is worse than before the pandemic. There are many reasons: convenience, climate, control, speed, a perception of a safer trip, but one rarely acknowledged is the arrival of the two- or three-day in-person workweek. Instead of paying a hefty monthly parking bill, drivers can just summon up SpotHero for a couple of days; that’s a big new incentive.

It’s also worth noting that this anti-car radicalism is a tacit acknowledgement of the unexpected backlash against electric vehicles. Not many years ago, thoughtful environmentalists dreamed of affordable EVs quietly zipping up and down DLSD, maybe even a *charge-as-you-go* DLSD (such roadways exist in Detroit and abroad). But the words electric cars are nowhere

in the aldermanic missive; cars are just *cars*. Perhaps Elon Musk becoming a persona non grata in liberal circles has something to do with that. But it’s a shame.

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forcing pedestrians through a dystopian underground tunnel to get to the beach. There’s a chance now to open up the Mag Mile to the water in such a spectacular way as to help restore its economic and aesthetic fortunes. That would be a very big deal, if done right.

We’re big fans of transit and it’s true that the idea of some kind of light rail running up and down NDLSD, maybe from Loyola to McCormick Place, is very appealing. But the Refine the Drive process rejected that idea mostly on the grounds of its massive cost, but also on the lack of modality. To connect to existing rail would likely require tunneling west, and any train would also need a railway of some kind, which presents its own problems; the CTA has chosen to focus on the expansion of the Red Line at the other end of the city.

Even transit advocates we know say that what we talking about in the real world for

NDLSD is express bus lanes, which would be great for anyone riding one of those buses and might well reduce the traffic overall. But the problem is the inevitable reduction in lane capacity and where those drivers would go: they might choke all the alternates. Suburbanites make up a lot of NDLSD drivers and if they are to be expected to leave their cars and hop on an express bus, they will have to be accommodated with kiss-and-ride-type parking lots, or vastly improved Metra service. The danger of unintended consequences is everywhere, including impossible traffic jams that undermine downtown businesses like restaurants and theaters, not to mention the recovery of commercial real estate. Chicago has to compete with free suburban parking, and that won’t change.

We’re arguing here for several things. One is acknowledging the sorry state of public transit in the city and its unacceptable decline since the pandemic, a problem of management as much as resources. Discretionary riders will not easily be shamed into its use; they will have to perceive it as a solution. Another is that the aldermen should not tear down the fine work done by IDOT and others on Redefine the Drive but acknowledge its worth and then proceed incrementally to make it better, especially when it comes to buses. A third is recognition that some Illinoisans have to drive, and the city’s economy depends in no small part on them. Cars are not the devil’s vehicles, especially when they are electric. The aldermen are not going to force them out of Chicago. Voters will rebel.

But, at the end of the day, *all* of Chicago has to openly debate what’s really at the core of this disagreement. Refine the Drive makes many changes but nonetheless keeps NDLSD as an *express* road (terms such as freeway and boulevard tend to be ideologically laden), which means a road where you get on and then proceed to your chosen exit without traffic lights or other crossings in your way, whether in a car or on a bus.

The foundational question is whether this is what Chicago still wants.

OPINION

The Illinois debate that made Abraham Lincoln a national figure

By Edward McClelland

Editor's note: The following lightly edited excerpt is from Chicago writer Edward Robert McClelland's new book, "Chorus of the Union: How Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas Set Aside Their Rivalry to Save the Nation," published by Pegasus Books. Here, McClelland takes us to Ottawa, Illinois, for the famed first senatorial debate between Lincoln and Douglas, two men who had first met years before in Vandalia. The debate took place some three years before the beginning of the Civil War.

Washington Square, Ottawa, Illinois, Aug. 21, 1858

In Ottawa, the site of his first debate with Stephen Douglas, Abraham Lincoln made the grand entrance. On this hot, high summer Saturday, 15,000 spectators crowded the wooden sidewalks of Ottawa, converging on the village by canal boat, horseback, wagon, carriage and foot, doubling its population in an afternoon.

"The crowd had a holiday air," a woman remembered half a century later. "It seemed out of place to me, for those were serious questions that Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Douglas were debating. The people paid for the gayety of that day in the horrors of the Civil War."

Lincoln would not have the first word — as the incumbent, Douglas got the initial opening speech — but he would have the crowd. Ottawa lay in the Third Congressional District, represented by the abolitionist Owen Lovejoy, brother of the Alton newspaperman Elijah Lovejoy, whose 1837 lynching at the hands of a pro-slavery mob Lincoln had condemned before the Springfield Lyceum.

By the time Lincoln arrived at the Rock Island Railroad depot on the noon train from Chicago, thousands of Republicans had gathered outside. He was greeted with three cheers, then hustled into a carriage decorated with evergreen boughs and anti-slavery slogans. Slowly, the carriage rolled toward the mansion of Mayor J.O. Glover, preceded by a marching band and a bunting-draped float on which stood 32 waving girls, one for each state in the Union. Lincoln was being borne toward his destiny, for it was on this day, in this place, that he would become a national figure, whose arguments against the spread of slavery would be published in newspapers across the nation, adding his name to the list of Republican presidential contenders two years hence. Lincoln was not as well known as William Seward or Salmon P. Chase or Edward Bates, but unlike them, he was in a position to confront the author of the Kansas-Nebraska Act on his home turf.

Douglas received a more rustic greeting. He arrived by carriage from Peru, 17 miles downriver. At Buffalo Rock, a bluff overlooking the Illinois, the senator was met by farm wagons, buggies and a band. The procession, which straggled out for nearly a mile, guided him to Geiger House, Ottawa's leading hotel, where he delivered a pre-debate speech. The Republican and Democratic bands arrived simultaneously in the town square. Trapped by the crowds, they expressed their partisan rivalry by playing as loudly as possible, trying to drown each other out. There was so much competition for space near the speakers' platform, which had been erected beneath the square's few trees, that spectators climbed onto pine planks. After a few boys caused part of the platform's roof to collapse on the heads of the reception committee, marshals shooed the crowd back onto the baking grass.

The debate was scheduled for 2 o'clock, but it took Lincoln and Douglas so long to work their way through thousands of bodies that the speaking did not commence until half past. Lincoln jovially patted boys on the head, joking to one's mother, "Here comes Douglas; a little man in some respects but a mighty one in others." Once he reached the stand, he handed his heavy black frock coat to Ottawa's Republican state senator, Burton C. Cook. "Hold it while I stone Douglas," Lincoln told Cook.

The first stone belonged to Douglas, though, and he used it



A child stands in front of statues of Abraham Lincoln, left, and Stephen Douglas in Ottawa, Illinois. The park is where they first debated.

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"The Day of the Great Debate," a mural by Don Gray at Washington Square in Ottawa, the site of the first senatorial debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas. ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

to attack Lincoln with what even he later admitted was a falsehood. Douglas began his opening speech by hearkening to the days when there had been two national parties, the Whigs and the Democrats, both equally devoted to the principle of allowing the states and the territories to decide for themselves the slavery question. Douglas attempted to defend the Kansas-Nebraska Act as consistent with the doctrines of both parties, but ended up admitting that he himself had shattered the nation's comity on slavery: "Up to 1854, when the Kansas and Nebraska Bill was brought to Congress for the purpose of carrying out the principles which both parties had up to that time endorsed and approved, there had been no division in this country in regard to that principle except the opposition of the Abolitionists."

Thus, anyone who opposed Kansas-Nebraska must be an abolitionist. Ottawa was in Yankee northern Illinois, but the crowd was nonetheless peopled with Democrats, who here cried, "Hurrah for Douglas" — music to the ears of Lincoln, who welcomed the chance to win them over.

From a pocket of his jacket, Douglas pulled a clipping from the Illinois State Register, a Springfield newspaper published by his friend and political ally Charles Lanphier. It was a report on a Republican meeting held in Springfield in October 1854 — a meeting to which Lincoln had been invited by the New York-born, Vermont-educated abolitionist Ichabod Coddington, but had refused to attend.

Yet Douglas proceeded as though Lincoln had organized the meeting and drafted its platform, which dedicated the Republican Party to repealing the Fugitive Slave Law, prohibiting the admission of new slave states, abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia and excluding slavery from the territories. In fact,

Lincoln endorsed only the last measure.

"My object in reading these resolutions," Douglas declared, "was to put the question to Abraham Lincoln this day, whether he now stands and will stand by each article in that creed and carry it out?" — just as he had (supposedly) intended in 1854.

"I ask Abraham Lincoln to answer these questions in order that when I trot him down to Lower Egypt I may put the same questions. I desire to know whether Mr. Lincoln's principles will bear transplanting from Ottawa to Jonesboro?" — the site of the third debate, scheduled for Sept. 15, in pro-slavery southern Illinois.

After interrogating Lincoln, though, Douglas became sentimental toward his opponent, reflecting on their long acquaintance, which went back 25 years, to the days when "I was a school-teacher in the town of Winchester, and he a flourishing grocery-keeper in the town of Salem." When Douglas and Lincoln met as young legislators in Vandalia, in 1836, Douglas "had a sympathy with him, because of the uphill struggle we both had in life."

Douglas was never known to insult Lincoln personally. Lincoln's first impression of Douglas from their Vandalia days was that he was "the least man I ever saw," and he often made wisecracks about his rival's stature, his dishonesty and his excessive drinking. Some of this had to do with their political fortunes: Lincoln envied Douglas's success, while Douglas had little reason to take note of Lincoln, at least not until 1858. Some had to do with their attitude toward politics itself. Douglas was a practical politician, a professional who saw no reason to equate differences in policy with personal flaws. Lincoln was a moralist, more inclined to believe that a man's political views were a product of

his inner qualities. He saw slavery as a moral issue. Douglas did not. That was one of the central disagreements in this Senate campaign.

Douglas then used his opening speech to put Lincoln on the defensive over the issue of Black equality. Douglas, who had held statewide office longer than any Illinois politician, knew his constituents did not want slavery in their midst, but did not want emancipation, either, and for the same reason: both would have forced Whites to compete with Black labor.

"Do you desire to strike out of our state constitution that clause which keeps slaves and free Negroes out of the state, and allow the free Negroes to flow in, and cover your prairies with Black settlements?" Douglas asked, to cries of "No, no!" and "Never!" from the Democrats. "Do you desire to turn this beautiful state into a free Negro colony, in order that when Missouri abolishes slavery she can send 100,000 emancipated slaves into Illinois, to become citizens and voters, on an equality with yourselves? If you desire Negro citizenship, if you desire to allow them to come into the state and settle with the White man, if you desire them to vote on equality with yourselves, and to make them eligible for office, to serve on juries, and to adjudge your rights, then support Mr. Lincoln and the Black Republican Party, who are in favor of citizenship of the Negro."

Douglas sat down, and a coatless Lincoln stood to reply. One reason the 1858 Illinois Senate debates are such a picturesque event in American history is the physical difference between the candidates. Two years hence, the spindly Lincoln would become, at 6-foot-4, the tallest man ever to seek the presidency. Douglas, 5-foot-4, with a massive head atop a swelling torso, like a pair of stacked cannonballs, would have been the shortest. Charles

Dickey, the 16-year-old son of T. Lyle Dickey, a Douglas supporter who would later serve on the Illinois Supreme Court, noted the distinction not just between their physiques, but in their speaking styles: "Douglas had a deep bass voice which could be heard in the distance, but his enunciation was not distinct and only the crowd within a hundred feet could understand what he said. Lincoln on the other hand, had a high tenor voice and very distinct enunciation, so he could be heard and understood out to the extreme edge of the crowd."

Douglas had thrown the Black citizenship accusation in Lincoln's lap, giving him no choice but to reassure the crowd that he, too, believed in White supremacy. Throughout the campaign, Lincoln emphasized that he supported economic equality for Blacks, but not social or political equality — a distinction unlikely to win over Whites who felt threatened by cheap Black labor, be it slave or free.

Lincoln began his reply by quoting from an 1854 speech in Peoria. He had favored freeing all the slaves and deporting them to Liberia but realized "its sudden execution is impossible. If they were all landed there in a day, they would all perish in the next ten days."

Africans had been enslaved in North America for 239 years. For the moment, the country was stuck with the practice of slavery — but not forever, Lincoln hoped. The country would be stuck with the Africans forever, but it should not follow that emancipation would put them on an equal footing with their former masters.

"I have no purpose directly or indirectly to interfere with the institution of slavery in the states where it exists," Lincoln said, refuting Douglas's charge that he was an abolitionist. "I believe I have no lawful right to do so, and I have no inclination to do so. I have no purpose to introduce political and social equality between the White and Black races. There is a physical difference between the two, which in my judgment will probably forever forbid their living together upon the footing of perfect equality, and inasmuch as it becomes a necessity that there must be a difference, I, as well as Judge Douglas, am in favor of the race to which I belong, having the superior position. I have never said anything to the contrary, but I hold that notwithstanding all this. There is no reason in the world why the Negro is not entitled to all the natural rights enumerated in the Declaration of Independence, the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I hold that he is as much entitled to those as the White man. I agree with Judge Douglas he is not my equal in many respects — certainly not in color, perhaps not in moral or intellectual endowment. But in the right to eat the bread, without leave of anybody else, which his own hand earns, he is my equal and the equal of Judge Douglas, and the equal of every living man."

OPINION



Sen. Barack Obama during his Father's Day speech on June 15, 2008, at the Apostolic Church of God on the South Side. **NANCY STONE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Another Father's Day, another election-year discussion on the state of the Black family



Clarence Page

Father's Day always reminds me of the late, great futurist Alvin Toffler's description of parenthood: "The single greatest preserve of the amateur."

Indeed, like countless other parents, I was stunned when I first held our child in my arms and wondered like the first-time congressional winner in Robert Redford's "The Candidate," "What do I do now?"

Let's be honest. Dad's Day often seems to struggle for respect with Mom's Day, which happens just a month before. In fact, in 1911, I recently learned that the great Chicago social reformer Jane Addams suggested that the city set aside a day to honor fathers only to be turned down. Maybe the city fathers had the opinion my own father expressed about gift neckties.

"No more neckties," he declared after too many years of that particular gift.

That's OK, I also have learned. Part

of being a man, my father used to show me by annual example, is to shrug off the notion that anyone should make a big deal out of what to buy you for Father's Day.

Once again, Father's Day arrives at a time when Black families like ours are a major focus of speeches and sermons. It's an election year, much like the one in which I heard my most memorable Father's Day speech. I'm talking about then-Sen. Barack Obama's landmark 2008 address at the Apostolic Church of God on the South Side of Chicago.

The address gained lots of attention, even in a hot presidential race. Obama was on his way to being elected the nation's first Black president and — as detailed in his best-selling memoir, "Dreams from My Father" — he was raised mostly by his white American mother after his parents divorced. Growing up, he only saw his father once, when he was 10.

That wrenching absence in his life story figured prominently and appropriately in his Father's Day speech in which he declared fathers to be "critical" to the family and that the underpinnings of life in the Black community are worse off than they otherwise might be because many

Black children are growing up as he did, in homes without a father.

"Of all the rocks upon which we build our lives, we are reminded today that family is the most important," he said. "And we are called to recognize and honor how critical every father is to that foundation. ... But if we are honest with ourselves, we'll admit that what too many fathers also are is missing — missing from too many lives and too many homes. ... You and I know how true this is in the African American community. We know that more than half of all Black children live in single-parent households, a number that has doubled — doubled — since we were children. ... And the foundations of our community are weaker because of it."

Although the reaction to his speech was generally favorable, especially in conservative political circles, his candor about Black family troubles triggered familiar and angry accusations among numerous Black folks about washing the community's dirty laundry in public.

Most famously, the Rev. Jesse Jackson's furious reaction, caught in a hot-microphone moment at Fox News studio, included a graphic, physical threat to the senator's anatomy, for

which the civil rights leader later apologized. With a bit less fury, best-selling Black author Ta-Nehisi Coates also criticized Obama's point of view.

"From the White House on down, the myth holds that fatherhood is the great antidote to all that ails Black people," he wrote in *The Atlantic*, citing a litany of headline-making racial abuses. "But Billy Brooks Jr. had a father. Trayvon Martin had a father. Jordan Davis had a father. Adhering to middle-class norms has never shielded black people from plunder."

"Some Black people always will be twice as good," Coates concluded. "But they generally find white predation to be thrice as fast."

Indeed. Yet, we who care about Black America's challenges, especially among those struggling with low income and few other resources, need to start somewhere, and the most glaringly obvious place to begin is within our own families and neighborhoods.

Yes, we do have strengths in our families, churches and grassroots organizations, among other resources, and we need to use them.

Still, liberal or conservative, it all begins at home. Happy Father's Day, Dads. Make sure to pretend to like the neckties.

What it's like to lose a father to Alzheimer's

By **Tom Montgomery Fate**

Each Father's Day, I'm filled with gratitude — for my three children, who made me a father and who have put up with me all these years. And now, as adults, we still somehow seem to all like each other. And that's in spite of what my wife, Carol, and I learned early on. That parenting is a wild experiment full of failures and confusion, as well as arguments and negotiations and standoffs — about driving and dating and sex and drinking and weed and college and jobs and a thousand other worries and challenges. But thankfully, all of that is more than balanced by the raw joy, learning and radical love that parenting, and a family, can offer.

Each Father's Day, I'm also filled with gratitude for my own father. He was a bright, honest and compassionate man and a small-town Iowa minister. He died 11 years ago from Alzheimer's. Given that June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, as I think about my dad, I've also been thinking about all the other families that now must negotiate this grueling disease. Despite ongoing research, there is no cure, and the statistics continue to worsen. Currently about 1 in 9 people age 65 and older have Alzheimer's. And the number of deaths from the disease doubled between 2000 and 2021.



Russ Fate, Tom Montgomery Fate's father. **FAMILY PHOTO**

I think Alzheimer's is so feared because losing your mind and memory would seem to equal losing your life, or the parts of life that most matter: the capacity to talk and argue and love and dream and remember who you are. It is one time in which living in the now is not a virtue but a detriment. People with Alzheimer's are forever trapped in the present moment and unclear on how they got there and where they're going. It is heartbreaking to watch a loved one go through this process.

This is how I remember my father.

On the day he died, he looked as rundown and parched as the tiny Nebraska farm he grew up

on during the Depression. Just as the dust storms of his youth had stolen the rich topsoil from their farm, so had the quiet storm of Alzheimer's swept away his best thoughts and dreams from the landscape of memory. Nothing could grow or take root anymore in the drought of his mind.

A week earlier, my two older brothers, Paul and Rob, called and asked me to come to St. Paul, Minnesota, where they live and where Dad was in a care center. It was time for hospice. Paul and Rob had managed the day-to-day slog of Dad's mental decline for two years — the maze of doctors, caretakers and meds and how to pay for it all. A few months prior, when Dad escaped his room and

locked himself outside in his underwear in a snowy parking lot on a freezing January night, they moved him to a memory unit.

That was a sad place. All the windows were locked and had alarms, and the entrance door required a code. Without the rudder of memory, my father and the nine residents in his unit all seemed adrift in a tiny boat on a wild, infinite sea — yet unconcerned about finding their way back to shore. Whenever I visited and had dinner with them, I wondered how I appeared to them: a dim light in the distance toward which they might row for a few seconds? And I wondered what I would do, if it were me and if I could still decide. That is, if I couldn't recognize my family or friends, or remember what and who I loved, would I want to keep living?

That is a question many who lose a parent, sibling or friend to Alzheimer's might ask themselves. It's one that floats somewhere in the back of my mind as I move through my 60s — along with a few others: Where did I put my glasses or my phone or my car keys? What day is it? What is that person's name? What time was that appointment? And on and on. Who doesn't begin to wonder a bit about their memory as they age and their brains slowly diminish?

The hard thing with Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's and other

neurological diseases, is that your dad or mom becomes like a child again, and you must parent them. While this is nothing new — children often take care of their parents in their elder years — the challenge of Alzheimer's is that a person can live 10 or 15 years after diagnosis. And so finding and affording good care and balancing/managing your own life can be a real challenge.

Needless to say, caring for someone with Alzheimer's requires a great deal of compassion — a word that means "to suffer with." Unlike caring for children, who are filled with potential and represent the future, Alzheimer's patients don't typically offer their caretakers much hope or joy. There are various resources that are helpful, but it is difficult work.

Which is why this month, as I think about my dad, I'm also thinking of all of the caretakers who suffer with — who feed, clean and faithfully listen to their parents, siblings or friends in an elder care center or memory unit. Thank you for your daily attempts to shine through the dark clouds of confusion and loss as they continue to gather in the distance.

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An exterior view shows the Douglas Park Auditorium building in Chicago, circa 1911.
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An inside view of the Douglas Park Auditorium building in Chicago, circa 1911.
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Vibrant hub of community life

Yiddish theater and radicals found a home at Douglas Park Auditorium

By Ron Grossman
Chicago Tribune

If the walls of the Douglas Park Auditorium could talk, they might well speak Yiddish. A three-story structure, its facade sporting bas-relief lions and angels, it stands at the intersection of Kedzie and Ogden avenues. When it opened around 1911, Eastern European immigrants were transforming North Lawndale into a Jewish neighborhood.

Their ears were attuned to the overtly sweet and unabashedly sentimental cadences of the Douglas Park Auditorium's Yiddish theatrical troupe. Maynard Wishner was child member of the troupe who went on to a distinguished legal career that included a stint as executive director of Chicago's Commission on Human Rights.

"The Douglas Park Theatre did not aspire to great artistic theater," Wishner recalled in a 2000 interview with the Chicago Reader. "This was a people's theater."

"They were all so alike," he recalled, rattling off a series of typically schmaltzy plays: "A Mother's Heart," "A Mother's Tears," "A Mother's Heart and Tears."

The Yiddish theater was just one of many activities that made the Douglas Park auditorium a vibrant hub of community life in the first half of the 20th century, after which it became a church for the neighborhood's African American residents.

In the early years, it served as a stylish setting for events ranging from alumnae reunions of the Marks Nathan Jewish Orphan Home; benefits for the Council of Jewish Juniors' summer camp; and dinner dances for the Chicago Bindery Women's union.

The auditorium was designed by Alexander Levy, the Missouri-born son of immigrant Jewish parents who got a degree in architecture from the University of Illinois and taught mechanical drawing at Hyde Park High School while also picking up design work. In 1900, a benefit bazaar for the Orthodox Home for Aged Jews was held on the 12th floor of a Loop building where Levy recreated a street in Jerusalem's teeming Old City.

He eventually was able to move into architecture work full time. Dramatic touches became his architectural signature, as was witnessed by the ornate lions and angels of the Douglas Park Auditorium. But he also built neo-classical synagogues, such as Ohave Sholom Mariampol at 733 S. Ashland Blvd. that subsequently became a Greek Orthodox Church.

Levy's flexible aesthetics likely drew Samuel Polakow's attention when he was looking for an architect for an auditorium on the property he purchased for \$20,000 at Ogden and Kedzie. Polakow's marching orders were straightforward. Make the Douglas Park Auditorium "one of the finest equipped amusement buildings in Chicago."



The Douglas Park Auditorium is at the corner Ogden and Kedzie avenues in North Lawndale, June 11. BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



The Douglas Park Auditorium sports bas-relief lions and angels on the building along Ogden and Kedzie avenues in North Lawndale, June 11.
BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Levy's blueprints specified that the building would house profit centers, top to bottom. It had six ground-level stores. There was a dining room and a large ballroom on the second floor, and on the third floor, a smaller ballroom and six lodge halls.

Polakow sold the building in 1912, a year after he sued two of his tenants, Ted Kallish and Abraham Kramer, charging them with violating an ordinance prohibiting the sale of liquor on Sunday. A clause of their lease bound them to do nothing that would "disturb the tenants of same building or the neighborhood."

The outcome of that dispute is unclear, but it was not the only event of note in that year. In March 1912, the venue was set to host speeches by Joseph E. Slattery, a former priest, and his wife Mary Slattery, a former nun. They represented the Guardians of Liberty, a militantly anti-Catholic organization. The cops feared they would draw furious residents of nearby neighborhoods dotted with church spires. Two hundred police officers were assembled for riot duty. The Tribune reported getting calls from people asking about rumors that the building would be blown up.

The riot call never came. "There was no lecture," the Tribune reported. "Isadore Gillman, manager of the hall, notified the speakers that their lease for the hall had been cancelled."

The auditorium in 1921 was the target of an unscrupulous promoter who told the press that "Mme. Pavlova" would give a benefit performance in the building. The assumption was that he meant the celebrated Russian ballerina Anna Pavlova. The Tribune told the back-story under a headline it used in those days to make clarifications on stories: "BEG YOUR PARDON:

"Louis L. Seldman who will present Mme. Anna Pavlova here at a later date writes that the dancer who will appear at the Douglas Park Auditorium is not the famous artist. The Russian consul general here sends a similar message."

The auditorium was for many years national headquarters of the Workmen's Circle. "Fur a besser und shainer velt," was its socialist war cry. "For a more equitable and beautiful world!" It operated schools that taught Yiddish to youngsters. But union activities didn't always live up to that motto. Under the headline: "Chicken Killers Balk at

Defense Fund for Elkin," the Tribune in 1929 reported that Schechters, Judaism's ritual slaughters, objected to being assessed a week's salary to pay Joseph Elkin's legal expenses. The union's business agent, he had been indicted for conspiracy, allegedly using union funds to pay vandals to set fire to a chicken killing plant run by a woman who didn't follow union rules.

"The conservative element among the chicken killers charge that last Thursday night's meeting at the Douglas Park Auditorium was packed with Elkin's gang of hoodlum friends," the Tribune reported. An enterprising reporter for the newspaper sought comment from several rabbis, none agreed to talk. "To mention my name with the Elkin charges would mean my death," one explained.

In addition to being the site of worker struggles, the Douglas Park Auditorium was a forum for politicians courting the Jewish community's vote or asking its forgiveness.

"The Jews of Chicago who feted Senator William Lorimer last Thursday night at a banquet in the Douglas Park Auditorium in celebration of his 'vindication' were hotly rebuked by Dr. T. Schanfarber in his sermon at K. A. M. Temple," the Tribune reported in 1911.

Lorimer had allegedly paid \$1,000 to secure a vote necessary to his appointment to a U.S. Senate seat from which he was ultimately expelled. Schanfarber wasn't happy to see his fellow Jews cut the politician any slack.

"There ought to be more religion in politics and less politics in religion," Schanfarber said. "We deprecate the actions of Jews in this community who feasted the acquitted senator ... who is held in suspicion by the most of the people in this country."

A few years later, Adolph Germer, secretary of the Socialist Party, was arrested and charged with violating the espionage act in the Douglas Park Auditorium

"as a result of a fiery speech" he was making against the draft instituted when the United States entered World War I.

"The United States has purchased 200,000 coffins and every one will be occupied by our American boys," he said in his speech. "None of Rockefeller's jewelry or oil will be buried with them."

Stinging rhetoric of that sort seemed to be a staple of events at the auditorium. Four years after the contretemps over an auditorium saloon pouring drinks on Sunday, the venue hosted a debate on the Sunday dry law. The speaker on the "con" side of the argument cited the example of Chicago Mayor William "Big Bill" Thompson, who, he noted, "likes a drink."

"And there is something he likes better than two drinks," the speaker added. "Twenty drinks."

"I believe beer is a good thing," the debater concluded. "And if it is a good thing on Wednesday and Friday why isn't it a good thing on Sunday?"

Chicago continued to embrace the free flow of liquor, even during Prohibition, but neighborhoods like the one around the auditorium went through inevitable changes. The Yiddish theater closed in 1951 and, as Jewish residents abandoned Douglas Park for greener pastures, the auditorium was sold a few years later to the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Its minister, Otis Hunter, said in a 2003 interview with the Chicago Reader that he still heard from people who remembered the glories of the building's previous incarnation.

"I've met quite a few older Jewish people that went to many parties here," Hunter said. "They said they'd have five or six parties going on at one time."

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NATION & WORLD

Blast kills 8 Israeli soldiers in Rafah

Public anger rising as war deaths likely to renew truce calls

By Jack Jeffery
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — An explosion in southern Gaza killed eight Israeli soldiers, the military said Saturday, making it the deadliest attack on Israeli forces in months.

The attack, coming more than eight months into a grinding war that shows few signs of ending soon, was likely to fuel new calls for a cease-fire by Israeli protesters. It also came as the government confronts widespread anger over exemptions from military service for young ultra-Orthodox men.

Israel launched an air and ground invasion of Gaza in response to an Oct. 7 cross-border attack by Hamas and other militants that killed some 1,200 people and took 250 others hostage.

The Israeli offensive has killed more than 37,000 Palestinians, according to local health officials, who do not differentiate between civilians and combatants. It also has unleashed a humanitarian disaster in Gaza, where more than 80% of the population has been displaced, and Israeli restrictions and ongoing fighting have hindered efforts to bring in humanitarian aid, fueling widespread hunger.

Saturday's explosion took place in Rafah, a southern city that Israel has identified as Hamas' last major stronghold. It sent in ground troops to the city in early May and has given no indication when the operation will end.



Israeli protesters raise placards during an anti-government demonstration Saturday in Tel Aviv. JACK GUEZ/GETTY-AFP

"They knew they might have to sacrifice their lives, but they did it so we could live in this country. I salute them and hug their families," said Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz in a post on X, formerly Twitter.

The military said the explosion occurred just after 5 a.m. in the Tal al-Sultan area of Rafah. Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, an Israeli military spokesman, said it was caused either by an explosive placed by Hamas or by an anti-tank missile.

"We need to defeat the Rafah Brigade of Hamas and we are doing this with determination," he said.

In January, 21 Israeli troops were killed in a single attack by Palestinian militants in Gaza.

President Joe Biden

earlier this month unveiled a cease-fire proposal that seeks the release of the roughly 120 hostages who remain in Gaza and an end to the fighting. While the international community has broadly embraced the plan, both Israel and Hamas have expressed misgivings.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says he will not halt the war until he achieves the twin goals of destroying Hamas' military and governing capabilities.

"Today we paid another heartbreaking price in our just war for the defense of the homeland," Netanyahu said Saturday. "With deep sorrow, in heavy mourning, I bow my head together with all the citizens of Israel and mourn the fall of our heroic warriors."

The inconclusive war has divided the Israeli public, with tens of thousands of people taking to the streets each Saturday night to call on the government to reach a deal that would bring the hostages home. The Israeli government has already pronounced dead more than 40 of the hostages held by Hamas, and officials fear that number could grow the longer they remain in captivity.

At a rally Saturday, participants watched a video message from Andrey Kozlov, who was rescued from Hamas captivity a week ago.

"More than 120 hostages are still there, and I can't feel all the happiness from this situation because I was rescued and they were not"

he said, according to The Hostages Families Forum Headquarters. "I ask to bring them home as soon as possible. Israel, world, Hamas, I ask you to make a deal as soon as possible."

The deadly explosion also comes days after Netanyahu's coalition voted in favor of extending the controversial exemptions from the military draft given to ultra-Orthodox men.

Although the vote was only procedural, it caused an uproar at a time when Israel continues to fight Hamas militants in Gaza and Hezbollah militants along the country's northern border with Lebanon — and the death toll continues to climb.

More than 600 soldiers have been killed in fighting

since Oct. 7, according to the military.

Last month, Israel's Supreme Court ordered an end to government subsidies for ultra-Orthodox men who don't serve in the army. But Netanyahu's government, which includes politically powerful ultra-Orthodox parties, has found ways to keep money flowing to religious institutions.

The government is still under orders to pass a new draft law.

Most Jewish men and women are required to serve in the military from age 18. The exemptions granted to religious men have long been a source of contention among the broader public.

Israel's defense minister, Yoav Gallant, was the only member of Netanyahu's coalition to vote against last week's legislation.

Gallant, a member of the country's War Cabinet, has insisted that all sectors of Israeli society contribute equally during its war against Hamas.

If Netanyahu's ultra-Orthodox partners leave the government, the country would be forced into new elections at a time when Netanyahu's popularity is low and his re-election prospects are questionable.

Meanwhile, violence has flared in the West Bank since the Israel-Hamas war erupted.

On Saturday, a 16-year-old Palestinian was shot and killed by Israeli forces near the northern city of Nablus, the Ramallah-based Health Ministry said.

An Israeli security official confirmed Israeli forces opened fire at Palestinians who were throwing rocks at troops during a counter-terrorism operation in the area. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

For pilgrims, Hajj reaches its zenith at Mount Arafat

Israel-Gaza war remains in hearts, minds of faithful

By Samy Magdy
Associated Press

MOUNT ARAFAT, Saudi Arabia — Following the footsteps of prophets beneath a burning sun, more than 1.83 million Muslims from around the world congregated Saturday at a sacred hill in Saudi Arabia for worship and reflection amid sweltering heat.

The ritual at Mount Arafat, known as the hill of mercy, is considered the peak of the Hajj pilgrimage. It is often the most memorable for pilgrims, who stand together asking God for mercy, blessings, prosperity and good health. The hill is about 12 miles southeast of Mecca.

Thousands of pilgrims walked here through the pre-dawn darkness. On the slopes of the rocky hill and the surrounding area, many raised their hands in worship with tears streaming down their faces.

"It is the best day for Muslims during the year, and the best feeling that anyone can experience," Hussein Mohammed, an

Egyptian pilgrim, said as he stood on the slopes. "It is the best place for anyone hoping to be (here) on this day and at this moment."

It's believed that the Prophet Muhammad delivered his final speech at Mount Arafat 1,435 years ago. In the sermon, the prophet called for equality and unity among Muslims.

Ali Osman, a Spanish pilgrim, was overwhelmed as he stepped down from the hill. He said he felt that he gained spiritual and physical strength at the sacred site.

"The place, thank God, (gives) very good energy," he said. "I came here, thank God. It is my first time. I hope to come again in the future."

Hajj is one of the largest religious gatherings on earth. The rituals officially started Friday when pilgrims moved from Mecca's Grand Mosque to Mina, a desert plain just outside the city.

Saudi authorities expect the number of pilgrims this year to exceed 2 million, approaching pre-pandemic levels.

The pilgrimage is one of the Five Pillars of Islam. All Muslims are required to make the five-day Hajj at least once in their lives

if they are physically and financially able to do so.

The rituals largely commemorate the Quran's accounts of Prophet Ibrahim; his son, Prophet Ismail; and Ismail's mother, Hajar.

This year's Hajj came against the backdrop of the Israel-Hamas war, which pushed the Middle East to the brink of a regional conflict.

Palestinians in the Gaza Strip weren't able to travel to Mecca for Hajj this year because of the closure of the Rafah crossing in May, when Israel extended its ground offensive to the city on the border with Egypt.

Staving off potential protests or chants about the war during the Hajj, Saudi authorities said they won't tolerate politicizing the pilgrimage.

In his sermon Saturday at the sprawling, six-minaret Namera mosque in Arafat, Saudi cleric Maher Bin Hamad al-Mu'wighly cautioned about politicizing Hajj. However, he urged pilgrims to pray for the Palestinians who have been "harmed and hurt by their enemy" that killed them and "deprived them of what they need."

He didn't mention Israel in his sermon.



A Muslim pilgrim offers prayers Saturday at the top of Mount Arafat, known as the hill of mercy, during the annual Hajj pilgrimage near Mecca, Saudi Arabia. RAFIQ MAQBOOL/AP

The war has killed more than 37,000 Palestinians there, according to Gaza health officials, while hundreds of others have been killed in Israeli operations in the West Bank.

The time of year when the Hajj takes place varies, given that it is set for five days in the second week of Dhu al-Hijjah, the last month in the Islamic lunar calendar.

Most of the Hajj rituals are held outdoors. When Hajj falls in the summer months, temperatures can soar to over 104 degrees. The Health Ministry has cautioned that temperatures at the holy sites could

reach 118 degrees and urged pilgrims to use umbrellas and drink water to stay hydrated.

Most of the pilgrims Saturday at Mount Arafat carried umbrellas, while others sat in the shade. Many were seen splashing water on their faces and bodies. And, as at Mina and the Grand Mosque, cooling stations on the roads leading to the hill and in its surrounding areas sprayed pilgrims with water to help fight the heat, which topped 116 degrees at Mount Arafat, according to Saudi metrological authorities.

Saudi Health Minister

Fahd bin Abdurrahman Al-Jalal said more than 150 pilgrims have been treated for heat exhaustion.

As pilgrims perform their worship, contracted migrant cleaners with lime-green jumpsuits were collecting empty water bottles and other trash around Mount Arafat.

At sunset Saturday, pilgrims left Mount Arafat, heading to a nearby site known as Muzdalifa to collect pebbles that they will use in the symbolic stoning of pillars representing the devil back in Mina. Many walked, while others were transported by buses.



A fighter jet lands Tuesday on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower in the Red Sea. BERNAT ARMANGUE/AP

US military razes Houthi radar sites in Yemen

By Jon Gambrell
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The U.S. military unleashed a wave of attacks targeting radar sites operated by Yemen's Houthi rebels after one merchant sailor went missing and the vessel he was on caught fire in the latest Houthi strike on shipping in the Red Sea corridor, authorities said Saturday.

The attacks come as the U.S. Navy faces the most

intense combat it has seen since World War II in trying to counter the Houthi campaign — attacks the rebels say are meant to halt the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip. However, the Iranian-backed rebel assaults often see the Houthi target ships that have nothing to do with the war, while cutting traffic through a corridor vital for cargo and energy shipments between Asia, Europe and the Mideast.

U.S. strikes destroyed

seven radars within Houthi-controlled territory, Central Command said. It did not elaborate on how the sites were destroyed. "These radars allow the Houthis to target maritime vessels and endanger commercial shipping," Central Command said.

The U.S. separately destroyed two bomb-laden drone boats in the Red Sea and a drone launched over the waterway, it said.

The Houthis have held Yemen's capital, Sanaa, since

2014.

The Central Command said one commercial sailor from the Liberian-flagged, Greek-owned bulk cargo carrier Tutor remained missing after an attack Wednesday by the Houthis that used a bomb-carrying drone boat to strike the vessel.

The British military's United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations center said Saturday that the Tutor was "still on fire and sinking."



World leaders stand with Ukraine

Harris pledges \$1.5B in US assistance at Swiss peace summit

By Jamey Keaten
Associated Press

OBBÜRGEN, Switzerland — Dozens of world leaders converged on a Swiss resort Saturday to discuss how to bring peace to war-ravaged Ukraine, though any hopes of a real breakthrough were muted by the absence of Russia.

More than two years into the war, the combatants remain as far apart as they've ever been, with Kyiv sticking to its demands that Russia leave all Ukrainian territory it has seized and Moscow pressing on with its grinding offensive that has taken large swaths of eastern and southern Ukraine.

Despite Russia's absence from the conference at the Bürgenstock resort overlooking Lake Lucerne, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy suggested one measure of the event's success was "bringing back to the world the idea that joint efforts can stop war and establish a just peace."

Attendees faced a tricky balancing act, with many chastising Russia for breaking international law, while hedging their positions to leave the door open for Moscow to join peace talks that might bring about an end to the conflict one day.

"Here, there are representatives from Latin America, Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Asia, the Pacific, North America and religious leaders," Zelenskyy said. "Now, there is no Russia here. Why? Because if Russia was interested in peace, there would be no war."

"We must decide together what a just peace means for the world and how it can be achieved in a truly lasting way," he said. "At the first peace summit, we must determine how to achieve a just peace, so that at the second, we can already settle on a real end to the war."



Vice President Kamala Harris speaks Saturday at the peace summit near Lucerne, Switzerland. MICHAEL BUHOLZER/POOL

Vice President Kamala Harris, representing the United States while President Joe Biden attended a fundraiser in California, reiterated America's full backing for Ukraine and announced \$1.5 billion in new U.S. assistance for an array of projects, such as energy infrastructure and civilian security.

Russia's aggression is more than just an attack "on the lives and the freedom of the people of Ukraine," Harris told leaders from 100 nations and global organizations participating in the summit. "It is not only an attack on global food security and energy supplies. Russia's aggression is also an attack on international rules and norms and the principles embodied in the U.N. Charter," she said.

Harris said the U.S. was committed to continuing "to impose costs on Russia and we will continue to

work toward a just and lasting peace."

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday sought to cast a shadow over the Swiss-Ukrainian initiative for the conference. Some countries, such as India, Turkey and Saudi Arabia, that have retained ties with Moscow were also on hand.

Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, Prince Faisal bin Farhan, told the conference that credible peace talks will need Russia's participation and require "difficult compromise."

Turkey's foreign minister, Hakan Fidan, acknowledged the mistrust between Russia and Ukraine, saying "each side regards the other party's steps (in floating proposals) as an extension of broader war effort."

"Excellencies, I must also note that this summit could have been more results-oriented if the other party

to the conflict — Russia — was present in the room," he added.

China, which backs Russia, joined scores of countries that sat out the event. Beijing has said any peace process would require the participation of Russia and Ukraine.

In a separate initiative last month, China and Brazil agreed to six "common understandings" toward a political settlement of the Ukraine crisis, asking other countries to play a role in promoting peace talks to be held "at a proper time" with both Russia and Ukraine involved.

The standoff over Ukraine is steeped in security for Europe — it is the continent's deadliest conflict since World War II — and big-power geopolitics.

U.S. intelligence officials say China has increased sales of machine tools, microelec-

tronics and other technology to Russia, which Moscow is using to produce missiles, tanks, aircraft and other weaponry to fuel its war effort.

"What is clear is that China is not here, and I presume they're not here because Putin asked them not to come and they obliged Putin," said Biden's top foreign policy adviser, Jake Sullivan. "And I think that says something about where China stands with respect to Russia's war in Ukraine. I think countries should take notice of that."

Harris and Sullivan acknowledged that not all participants were on the same page about an eventual peace settlement.

Russian troops who control nearly a quarter of Ukraine have made territorial gains in recent months. When talk of the Swiss-hosted peace summit began

last summer, Ukrainian forces had recently regained large tracts of territory, notably near the southern city of Kherson and the northern city of Kharkiv.

The conference centers on three agenda items — seen as the least controversial bits of a 10-point peace "formula" laid out by Zelenskyy: Nuclear safety, including at the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia power plant; possible prisoner of war exchanges; and global food security.

Zelenskyy's plan also called for the withdrawal of Russian troops from occupied Ukrainian territory.

Putin wants any peace deal to be built around a draft agreement negotiated in the early phases of the war that included provisions for Ukraine's neutral status and limits on its armed forces, while delaying talks about Russian-occupied areas.



President Joe Biden walks from Air Force One to a limousine Saturday as he arrives in Los Angeles. He attended a star-studded campaign event Saturday night. ALEX BRANDON/AP

ELECTION 2024

Biden goes from G7 summit to big Hollywood fundraiser

By Darlene Superville and Will Weissert
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — After flying across nine time zones, from southern Italy to Southern California, President Joe Biden shifted his focus Saturday from Russia's challenge of Western unity to raking in big money for his reelection campaign at a Hollywood fundraiser.

Biden went from the Group of Seven summit of wealthy democracies, where Russian President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine took center stage, to Los Angeles and the glitzy gathering unfolding Saturday night at the Peacock Theater.

The journey was only broken up by a layover to refuel outside Washington.

Former President Barack Obama is joining headliners George Clooney and Julia Roberts, and late-night host Jimmy Kimmel will interview all of them onstage.

In a text message to donors beforehand, Roberts called it "a crucial time in the election."

Kimmel wrote in his own text that presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump "will hate this, so let's do it."

Luminaries from the entertainment world have increasingly lined up to help Biden's campaign, hoping to provide a fundraising jolt and to energize would-be supporters to turn out ahead of Election Day against Trump.

But hobnobbing with stars this time means Biden is skipping a summit in Switzerland about ways to end Russia's war in Ukraine. Vice President Kamala Harris is representing the United States.

It's a stark reminder that his responsibilities as president and his reelection effort can sometimes conflict.

"We are going to see an unprecedented and record-setting turnout from the media and entertainment world," said Jeffrey Katzenberg, a Hollywood mogul, major Democratic donor and co-chair of Biden's campaign.

A Biden fundraiser in March at Radio City Music

Hall in New York featured late-night host Stephen Colbert interviewing the president, Obama and former President Bill Clinton. It raised a then-record \$26 million, but the California event will bring in at least \$28 million, according to the Biden campaign.

Still, Trump has hauled in even bigger numbers.

He outpaced Biden's New York event in April, raking in \$50.5 million at a gathering of major donors at the Florida home of billionaire investor John Paulson.

The former president's campaign and the Republican National Committee announced they had raised \$141 million in May, padded by tens of millions of dollars in contributions that flowed in after Trump's guilty verdict in his criminal hush money trial.

That bump came after Trump and the Republican Party announced collecting \$76 million in April, far exceeding Biden and the Democrats' \$51 million for the month and narrowing a fundraising advantage Biden built earlier in the race.

ELECTION 2024

Trump courts Black voters, conservative group in Mich.

By Steve Peoples and Joey Cappelletti
Associated Press

DETROIT — Donald Trump used back-to-back stops Saturday to court Black voters and a conservative group that has been accused of attracting white supremacists as the Republican presidential candidate works to stitch together a coalition of historically divergent interests in battleground Michigan.

Trump hosted an afternoon roundtable at an African American church in Detroit. Later he appeared at the "People's Convention" of Turning Point Action, a group that the Anti-Defamation League says has been linked to a variety of extremists.

"It's a very important area for us," Trump told the crowd at the 180 Church, a modest building outside the city's downtown core where "Black Americans for Trump" signs were affixed.

Trump promised to return "some Sunday" and stay for a sermon. Then, touching on a frequent boast, the former president added, "We have done more for the Black population than any president since Abraham Lincoln."

Roughly 24 hours before Trump planned to address the conference, meanwhile, well-known white supremacist Nick Fuentes entered Turning Point's convention hall surrounded by a group of cheering supporters. He was escorted out by security.

Fuentes created political problems for Trump after Fuentes attended a private lunch with the former president and the rapper formerly known as Kanye West at Trump's Florida estate in 2022.

Trump's weekend schedule underscores the evolving political forces shaping the presidential election



Supporters of former President Donald Trump pray as they wait for his arrival Saturday at a community roundtable at the 180 Church in Detroit. JIM WATSON/GETTY-APP

this fall as he tries to deny Democratic President Joe Biden a second term.

"He's been the worst president for Black people," Trump said Saturday afternoon at the church. He also argued that the Black community "is being hurt" by people in the country illegally, adding, "They're taking your jobs" and "they're invading your jobs."

Few states may matter more in November than Michigan, which Biden carried by less than 3 percentage points four years ago. And few voting groups matter more to Democrats than African Americans, who made up the backbone of Biden's political base in 2020. But now, less than five months before Election Day, Black voters are expressing modest signs of disappointment with the 81-year-old Democrat.

Michael Whatley, new chairman of the Republican National Committee, told Michigan Republicans at a dinner Friday that the state could not be more important.

"Let me be more blunt: If we don't win Michigan, we're not going to have Donald Trump in the White House," Whatley said.

Trump argues he can pull in more Black voters due to his economic and border

security message, and that his felony indictments make him more relatable.

Kimberly Taylor, who was invited on stage at the church by the Trump campaign, thanked Trump for "coming to the hood," while pastor Lorenzo Sewell said Biden attended an NAACP dinner in the city "but never came to the hood."

The pastor asked Trump how to "keep the Black dollar in the Black community" and the former president said that the Black community "needs to stop the crime."

Democrats offered a competing perspective.

"Donald Trump is so dangerous for Michigan and dangerous for America and dangerous for Black people," said Michigan Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II, who is Black.

Among Black adults, Biden's approval has dropped from 94% when he started his term in January 2021 to just 55%, according to an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll published in March.

Trump won 8% of the Black vote in 2020, according to AP VoteCast. In what is expected to be a close election, even a modest shift could be consequential.

MOUNTAINEERING



Pema Yangji Sherpa, left, widow of champion climber Tenjen Lama Sherpa, mourns with his sister Oct. 9 at home in Kathmandu, Nepal. ATUL LOKE/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

Tragedies at top of world

For even champion Sherpa family in Nepal, guiding foreigners to peaks can end in death

By **Hannah Beech**
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The New York Times

In July 2023, mountaineer Tenjen Lama Sherpa guided a Norwegian climber to summit the world’s 14 highest peaks in record time. In a sport that demands an alchemy of sinewy resolve and high-altitude faith, Lama did everything his client did and more.

But she received most of the money, fame and attention.

The kind of lucrative endorsements enjoyed by foreign athletes are not usually given to Nepal’s ethnic Sherpas. For them, the profession of Himalayan guide offers a path out of poverty, but also a possible route — strewn with avalanches and icefalls — to a premature death.

Lama could not afford to rest after guiding the Norwegian, he told The New York Times. Life in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal, was expensive. He could not read or write, but he wanted his sons to get the best education, a costly endeavor.

So only three months after climbing the 14 peaks, Lama was back working as a Sherpa — his name, his ethnicity, his profession and, ultimately, his fate. Another foreigner chasing another record had hired him as a guide. This time, it was Gina Marie Rzucidlo, who was trying to become the first American woman to climb the world’s tallest mountains. Another American woman, also guided by a Sherpa, was climbing separately in pursuit of the same record.

But on Oct. 7, avalanches broke loose on Mount Shishapangma in Tibet. Both pairs of climbers were killed.

Making a living

Lama’s death was the latest in a series of tragedies to shear his family tree of siblings.

In 2021, Norbu Sherpa, the oldest of the four mountain-climbing brothers, ended his life after a love affair went wrong. And last May, Phurba Sherpa, the second oldest, died during a rescue mission on Mount Everest.

The last remaining brother, Pasdawa Sherpa, learned about Lama’s death after returning from an expedition to the world’s seventh and eighth highest mountains.

For three days, Pasdawa traveled by foot, bus and plane to Lama’s apartment in Kathmandu. He knelt before his brother’s Buddhist altar, eight candles flickering above. Marigolds and a ceremonial cloth surrounded a portrait of Lama, grinning in an orange snowsuit.

Pasdawa closed his eyes and prayed for his dead brothers. He said he prayed for himself, too. He would have to persevere in the only life he knew.

“I will keep climbing mountains,” Pasdawa said. “I have no other options.”

This is what a Sherpa does: He lugs heavy packs and oxygen cylinders for foreign clients. He cooks and sets up camp. He navigates through snowstorms and clears piles of trash. He wakes before dawn and spends hours driving metal pickets into the ice so a rope

line can protect foreign climbers. He trudges past icefalls where bus-size slabs have buried other Sherpas in frozen graveyards. (On the mountain, he is usually a he; female Sherpas don’t tend to work as guides.)

Compared with the client, a Sherpa spends far more time in the so-called death zone: elevations above 26,000 feet, where human cognition slows without supplemental oxygen and altitude sickness can turn fatal.

Walung, the village in northeastern Nepal where Lama and his brothers grew up, has produced about 100 expedition guides over the past couple of decades.

Of those 100, 15 have died on the job, locals said.

The high mortality rate highlights the inequity of a life-or-death sport. Roughly one-third of the more than 335 people who have died on Everest are Sherpas. Yet their expertise earns them wages that, while high by local standards, are only a fraction of what most of their clients shell out for their expeditions.

“We help the foreigners,” said Makalu Lakpa, a guide from Walung and a friend of Lama’s. “It is very dangerous, but we do it.”

Nepal’s mountaineering industry, a crucial money earner for an impoverished country, caters to those willing to spend upward of \$100,000 to summit a single Himalayan peak in luxurious style. Almost all are foreigners.

In recent years, their numbers have surged, as have logjams at high-altitude choke points and icefalls, increasing the chance of accidents. Some expedition leaders also believe that climate change is leading to unpredictable weather patterns, increasing the risk of avalanches.

During last year’s spring climbing season at Mount Everest, the Nepali government issued permits to 478 foreigners, the most ever. Eighteen people, including six Sherpas, died on the mountain, another record.

This spring, six people have died in their quests to summit Mount Everest, and three are missing.

The boom in expeditions has brought both inexperienced climbers, who are more likely to need rescuing from high elevations, and record-driven mountaineers, who push themselves and their teams to the limits. Each foreign trekker, whether beginner or expert, depends on at least one Sherpa, often several.

Beyond the economic imbalance, Sherpas are often relegated to the footnotes of mountaineering history. With the first ascent of Everest in 1953, Edmund Hillary comes first in the global consciousness, Tenzing Norgay second.

One exception is the airport near Everest Base Camp, the Tenzing-Hillary Airport.

Racing for a record

In the spring of 2023, Kristin Harila, a Norwegian mountaineer, began her race to beat the record for the fastest ascent of the world’s 14 highest peaks. At the time, the record stood at six months and six days. Before that, the record was eight years.

The slogan of Harila’s sponsored



Pasdawa Sherpa, left, attends last rites for older brother Tenjen Lama Sherpa in the Nepalese capital. Lama died in an avalanche Oct. 7.



Pasdawa Sherpa displays a 2019 snapshot of himself and his brothers on Kangchenjunga, the world’s third highest mountain. He is the last survivor.

expedition, a 92-day sprint across the high Himalayas, was “She Moves Mountains.”

To succeed, she needed the guidance of Sherpas, especially Lama.

The first mountain was Shishapangma, where Lama would die a half-year later. Trouble struck early, in the form of paperwork. China refused visas to six of the 11 Sherpas on her team. Lama lugged and hammered and pulled and hefted, making up for the missing half-dozen men. He was fast and efficient, with no unneeded movements in the thin air, Harila said.

“Lama did all the jobs,” she said. “No one would have summited if Lama wasn’t there.”

Whenever he could, after his exploits — 37 summits of the world’s tallest mountains by the time he died — Lama would return home to Walung, an isolated hamlet in northeastern Nepal.

Walung sits in a high-altitude valley below barley and millet fields, where shaggy yaks graze, hunched against the cold. Lama and his brothers grew up herding livestock. They played soccer with a knot of worn socks serving as a ball.

Three of Lama’s brothers died in infancy, a common arithmetic in these Himalayan foothills. As the second-youngest child, Lama was dispatched to the local monastery, which could be counted on to feed an extra mouth. There, he picked up the name Lama, given to monks of the Tibetan Buddhist faith.

At the time, Sherpas who became professional mountaineers mostly came from another part of northeastern Nepal. But

in the early 2000s, a climber from Walung, Mingma Sherpa, became the first South Asian to summit the world’s 14 tallest mountains. (Most Sherpas use the surname Sherpa, but that does not mean they are related.)

Mingma and his three brothers eventually started Seven Summit Treks, which now organizes about a third of all Everest expeditions. Mingma hired most of his guides from Walung.

Lama’s oldest brother was too old when the climbing craze began in the village. But the four other brothers joined Seven Summit Treks. Lama, who had given up the monkhood and married, joined the mountaineering industry about a decade ago. He started as a porter and rope fixer, then graduated to guide.

“We ate the same food, the same tea, but those brothers, they were extra-strong,” said Lakpa, Lama’s friend from Walung. “Lama was the strongest.”

In 2019, Lama and his three brothers entered the Guinness World Records when they climbed Kangchenjunga, the world’s third-highest mountain. In a photo taken at the summit, the siblings smiled, the air light with their exhilaration.

Breaking records, as Lama did, means substantially more earning power.

An average summit earns a guide less than \$4,000; a 26,000-foot mountain can bring about \$7,500. Lama, because of his 14-peak achievement, was poised to make about \$9,700 per climb, some of the highest fees a Sherpa can command.

Still, it is far less than what a top foreign climber can raise through endorsements — and Sherpas’ jobs involve more danger.

Even as Walung natives rose to the top mountaineering ranks, the overall number of Sherpas in the business was declining. Some of the most successful ones have moved overseas, part of an exodus of Nepalis from a country plagued by corruption and poverty.

Few guides want their own children to follow in their path.

The family of a guide who dies is now entitled to an insurance payout of about \$11,250, far more than the few hundred dollars offered before. But Pema Yangji Sherpa, Lama’s widow, still worries that might not be enough to keep her two boys, now 16 and 14, from the same job that killed their father and uncle.

“I want my sons to leave Nepal, to study abroad in a country where they can have a better future,” she said. “I don’t like the mountains.”

A doomed ascent

At first, there is white snow, blue ice and dark rock. In an instant, gravity, spurred by wind and the tiniest of disturbances, transforms frozen matter into a deadly force. Avalanches thunder, and then they smother.

Shishapangma, in Tibet, is considered the easiest of the 14 peaks. Still, nearly 1 in 10 climbers dies attempting its ascent.

On Oct. 7, Lama was guiding Rzucidlo, one of two American climbers making the attempt. Ahead of them were Anna Gutu and her guide, Mingmar Sherpa. With uncertain weather ahead, other climbers retreated. The two Americans and two Sherpas persevered. The women had just this mountain left before a chance at the American 14-peak record.

Separate avalanches claimed each pair.

The rivalry between the two Americans was so intense that it may have spurred them to dangerous heights, other climbers said.

At the start of the 2024 climbing season, Seven Summit Treks ordered Pasdawa, Lama’s youngest sibling, to work as a guide on the mountain where Lama had died.

A Shishapangma excursion will earn him about \$3,000, Pasdawa said. For the men of Walung, especially those like him who had to leave school after just a couple of years, there are only two jobs: farming and mountaineering.

There is another reason, though, for Pasdawa to travel to Shishapangma: to recover the body of his older brother, one of the world’s greatest mountaineers.

In Tibetan Buddhist tradition, to which the Sherpas adhere, the dead should be cremated at home. Only then, after the purification of flames, can their souls reincarnate.

In mid-May, a team led by a Nepali climber found the bodies of Gutu and Mingmar. Their remains were evacuated from Tibet to Kathmandu.

But as May drew to a close, Pasdawa was still waiting for his visa to Tibet. The spring climbing season will soon end.

Along with Rzucidlo, his brother is still out there somewhere on the mountain, frozen in his orange snowsuit.

“It’s not certain that I can find his body,” Pasdawa said. “But I will do my best.”

NEWS BRIEFING

Protesters in France unite against far right ahead of key elections

From news services

PARIS — Tens of thousands of demonstrators crowded onto French streets Saturday to denounce the rise of the country’s far-right political party and call on fellow citizens to block it from taking power in snap parliamentary elections set by President Emmanuel Macron.

The protests, organized by the country’s five biggest labor unions, were widely supported by human rights associations, activists, artists and backers of a newly formed left-wing coalition of political parties, the New Popular Front.

Most protesters painted a dark picture of the country under a far-right prime minister.

“For the first time since the Vichy regime, the extreme right could prevail again in France,” Olivier Faure, leader of the Socialist Party, said while addressing the crowd in Paris.

That prospect brought out of retirement former President François Hollande, who announced Saturday that he would run for legislative elections to help ensure that the far right would not take power. “The situation is very grave,” he said.

Macron shocked the country last week by announcing that he was dissolving the lower house of parliament and calling for new parliamentary elections after his centrist Renaissance party was clobbered by the far-right National Rally party in elections for the European Parliament.

New elections for the lower house of parliament were set in two rounds, for June 30 and July 7. Macron remains president until 2027, but his presidency would be weakened if the National Rally wins.

The move is a political gamble.

Macron is painting himself as the clear force of sanity and stability between two extreme forces — the National Rally and the far-left France Unbowed party, which has since joined the New Popular Front.

Early polls show a lead for the National Rally, which has long called for a drastic cut to immigration and asylum-seekers, and the introduction of a system of “national preference” that would reserve jobs, housing and hospital treatment for native French people.

“There were many things behind Macron’s gamble to call this election,” said Gilles Ivaldi, a political science professor at the Paris-based Sciences Po university who studies far-right politics in France and Europe. “One thing he missed: There is political momentum for the National Rally. That’s key to winning elections.”

By Saturday afternoon, 250,000 people had come out across France, including 75,000 in Paris, according to estimates from police.

“I came because I am angry and I feel powerless,” said Lucie Heurtebize, 26, who works in the technology industry. “We need to unite.”

Haitian leaders oust police chief: Haitian leaders have ousted Frantz Elbé, the beleaguered director of Haiti’s National Police, following months of criticism that he wasn’t doing enough to protect officers under assault by gangs.

A government official not authorized to speak to the media told The Associated Press on Saturday that former Haitian police chief Normil Rameau will take the helm of an underfunded and ill-equipped department that a U.N. report notes only has around 4,000 officers on duty at a time.

More than 2,500 people



Things looking up: Prince William, Kate, the Princess of Wales, and their children — Prince George, left, Prince Louis and Princess Charlotte — watch a Royal Air Force flyby Saturday from Buckingham Palace after a military display for King Charles III in London. It marked Kate’s first appearance at a public event since her cancer diagnosis this year. Charles is also being treated for a form of cancer. Huge crowds turn out each June to watch the birthday parade, also known as Trooping the Color. **ALBERTO PEZZALI/AP**

have been reported killed or injured across Haiti in the first three months of the year as gang violence continues to surge.

Among those killed are nearly two dozen police officers, overwhelmed by gangs that control 80% of Port-au-Prince and have more powerful weapons. The most recent killings targeted three officers from a newly formed anti-gang tactical unit who were on patrol in an armored vehicle. A fourth remains missing.

From 2015 to 2024, more than 320 police officers have been killed, with 120 of them slain under Elbé’s administration, according to a survey released by local nonprofit group National Network for the Defense of Human Rights.

Murder conviction tossed: A judge has overturned the conviction of a Missouri woman who was a psychiatric patient when she incriminated herself in a 1980 killing that her attorneys

argue was actually committed by a now-discredited police officer.

Judge Ryan Horsman ruled late Friday that Sandra Hemme, who has spent 43 years behind bars for the death of library worker Patricia Jeschke, 31, had established evidence of innocence and must be freed within 30 days unless prosecutors retry her.

Her attorneys with the New York-based Innocence Project alleged in a petition seeking her exoneration that authorities ignored Hemme’s “wildly contradictory” statements and suppressed evidence implicating Michael Holman, a then-police officer who tried to use the slain woman’s credit card.

Body of Dutch tourist found: A missing Dutch tourist was found dead Saturday on the eastern Greek island of Samos, local media reported, the latest in a string of recent cases in which tourists in the Greek islands have died or

gone missing. Some, if not all, had set out on hikes in blistering hot temperatures.

The body of the 74-year-old Dutch tourist was found by a Fire Service drone in a ravine about 330 yards from the spot where he was last seen Sunday walking with some difficulty in the blistering heat.

Authorities were still searching for four people reported missing in the past few days.

1 climber dead, 1 missing: A Japanese climber has died while trying to scale one of the highest mountains in northern Pakistan, and a search is still underway to find his missing colleague, officials said Saturday.

Karrar Haidri, who is the secretary of the Alpine Club of Pakistan, said that rescuers retrieved the body of one of the two missing Japanese climbers after a dayslong search operation on the Spantik Peak, which is also known as Golden Peak.

The climbers went miss-

ing Wednesday.

Haidri said Pakistani authorities were in contact with the Japanese Embassy in Islamabad to confirm the identity of the dead climber.

Iran and Sweden agree to prisoner swap: Iran and Sweden carried out a prisoner swap Saturday that saw Tehran release a European Union diplomat and another man in exchange for an Iranian convicted in Stockholm of committing war crimes over his part in 1988 mass executions in the Islamic Republic.

The arrest of Hamid Nouri by Sweden in 2019 as he traveled there as a tourist likely sparked the detentions of the two Swedes.

While Iranian state television claimed without evidence that Nouri had been “illegally detained,” Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson said diplomat Johan Floderus and a second Swedish citizen, Saeed Azizi, had been facing a “hell on earth.”

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Parent wrap: Employers pivot as working fathers prioritize their families

Men seeking employment today are almost as likely to ask about work-life issues as their female counterparts. Joanne Davidson says she first noticed the trend about 10 years ago. “When the job candidates were men, they began asking some of the questions women would usually ask,” says the Boston-based career consultant and former HR specialist for Sprint and AT&T. “Once we made someone an offer, we’d hear questions about overtime, working weekends, the possibilities of leaving the office for an hour or two to catch a child’s play at school – questions that were usually asked by women.”

Not anymore. “I wouldn’t take a job if I knew it would keep me away from my family for an extra 20 or 30 hours a week,” says Len Stoltz, an accountant in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. “I’ve lived that life already. I’ve done the 60-hour work week and the 10-hour work day, and then sit in front of my computer until midnight. I’m never doing that again.”

Stoltz says he thinks a dose of sexism helped cause his extra workload. “I had female co-workers who were better at their jobs than I was but my boss had the mindset that when they went home, they would be spending time with their children. If there was extra work that needed to be done, he’d give it to one of the men.”

Davidson says that most shifts within any organization take time, pointing out that a company’s culture can be in a state of flux as some of the decision-makers struggle to adapt to new ways of thinking. “So much depends on the individual. I think there are female managers who are skeptical of men who request a flexible schedule to accommodate their children because, for years, there were plenty of guys who took shots at women who had to leave their desks to pump their breast milk or who took all of their allotted maternity leave. All those little snide remarks stick with people, even if they won’t admit it,” Davidson says.

Sam Rinaldi, a retail store manager in Chicago, says men only have themselves to blame if there are hard feelings and unfair perceptions. “For years, men viewed themselves as the last domestic option. Kids are sick and wife is out of town? Call mom. She’s not available? Call the mother-in-law. Then call your sister, then a family friend, then a neighbor,” Rinaldi says. “Now, they fire off an email at 6:30 in the morning and tell their boss ‘hey, my daughter has a fever. I’ll be working from home with her if you need me.’ Before, men didn’t consider it their responsibility to fix things within the family.”

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Schaumburg, IL

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Schaumburg, IL

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American Express provides 20 weeks of paid parental leave for full-time and part-time employees, along with backup childcare and access to a 24-hour lactation consultant.

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Deloitte offers 16 weeks of fully paid parental leave for all new parents. The firm also provides additional support for emergencies through family leave.

Etsy provides all employees with 26 weeks of paid parental leave, which can be taken continuously or split over the first two years of a child's life. Etsy also offers flexible work arrangements.

Google provides 12 weeks of paid parental leave or up to 18 weeks if the father is the primary caregiver, plus benefits like on-site childcare at certain locations and comprehensive family health insurance.

Microsoft offers fathers 12 weeks of paid parental leave, with the option of taking an additional eight weeks unpaid. They also offer flexible work arrangements and an on-site daycare center.

Netflix offers extensive parental leave policies they call "take care of your baby and yourself." According to the company, new parents generally take four to eight months following the birth or adoption of a child.

Patagonia offers 12 weeks of paid leave for all new parents and provides on-site childcare and nursing rooms at its headquarters.

– Marco Buscaglia

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CAREERS

Long-term thinking:
First-time employees
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Consider your career goals: Take the time to clarify your long-term career goals. Reflect on your interests, strengths and values to identify potential career paths that align with your passions and objectives.

Gain relevant experience: Seek out job roles, volunteer opportunities or extracurricular activities that provide relevant experience in your field of interest. Identify the skills and competencies valued in your desired industry or profession and work on developing them. This may include technical skills, soft skills or industry-specific knowledge.

Network effectively: Grow and maintain a professional network of contacts within your industry or field of interest. Attend networking events, career fairs, online offerings, alumni gatherings and more to connect with professionals

and learn about job opportunities.

Get control of your finances: Develop a budget to manage your finances effectively as you transition from college to work. Consider expenses such as rent, utilities, transportation, student loan payments and savings goals to ensure financial stability. The patterns and priorities you establish today can help you years down the road.

Embrace lifelong learning: Recognize that learning doesn't stop after college. Stay curious and committed to continuous learning and skill development throughout your career. Look for opportunities for professional development, certifications and further education to stay competitive and adaptable in the always-evolving job market.

Research prospective employers: There's no need to look for a new job right away, but it doesn't hurt to occasionally research companies and organizations that interest you. It's a good way to gain insight into their culture, values and mission and understand their products, services and position in the industry.

— Marco Buscaglia

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Senior Manager, Corporate Strategy

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Cubs starter Shota Imanaga reacts after striking out Brendan Donovan to end the seventh inning Saturday at Wrigley Field. MICHAEL REAVES/GETTY

CUBS 5, CARDINALS 1

Wanna be like 'Mike'

Imanaga offers food for thought after Cubs' bounce-back victory against Cardinals

The rotation depth the Cubs pointed to in spring training was put to the test in the first 2½ months of the season.

Now the Cubs are back to where they started, and the five starters who were supposed to lead them into the postseason are tasked with pulling them out of the wreckage of a disappointing first half.

Barring a change in plans,



Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

Kyle Hendricks will return to a starting role this week because of injuries to rookies Ben Brown

and Jordan Wicks the last few days. Shota Imanaga, Javier Assad, Justin Steele and Jameson Taillon all have done their jobs, and now the Cubs are counting on Hendricks to pitch like 'The Professor' of old.

With an offense that hasn't fully functioned and a bullpen that already has blown 15 save opportunities, it's up to the rotation to carry the load to save the season.

As usual, Imanaga was up to the challenge Saturday, throwing seven dominant innings in a 5-1 win over the St. Louis Cardinals before 40,088 at Wrigley Field.

Imanaga allowed one run on four hits with no walks and six strikeouts while throwing a career-high 103 pitches. He ended his day with a flourish,

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WHITE SOX

Power surge jolts team

Players credit good at-bats for increase in home runs

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

PHOENIX — Andrew Vaughn launched a liner to left field that just kept going and reached the seats for a solo home run in the third inning against the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday at T-Mobile Park.

Seven pitches later, Paul DeJong hit a high-and-away fastball over the right-field fence to give the White Sox back-to-back home runs.

The Sox accomplished the feat again in the third inning of Thursday's game against the Mariners, with Vaughn and Luis Robert Jr. doing the trick.

The Sox have found some power recently. After hitting 15 homers in April and 20 in May, they have 21 in June entering Saturday's game against the Arizona Diamondbacks at Chase Field.

"They're trusting themselves, trusting the game plan and they're performing," manager Pedro Grifol said during the trip to Seattle. "That's what it's about. They're going out there knowing exactly what they need to do and they're executing."

The team's stretch of 14 consecutive games with a home run ended Friday in a 7-1 loss to the Diamondbacks. During the streak, the longest for the Sox since 15 straights games from Aug. 7-23, 2018, the team hit 23 home runs.

"Everybody's taking really good at-bats," Vaughn said after Thursday's 3-2, 10-inning win against the Mariners. "Every guy, one through nine, has been doing a pretty good job."

The team's 21 homers this month are tied for second in the majors with the New York Yankees. The Baltimore Orioles top the list with 29.

Robert has six hits since returning from the injured list on June 4.

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White Sox designated hitter Luis Robert Jr. celebrates his tying home run in the ninth inning against the Mariners on Wednesday in Seattle. STEPH CHAMBERS/GETTY

US OPEN
ROUND 3 GLANCE

■ Bryson DeChambeau, pictured, put on another show at Pinehurst No. 2 in the U.S. Open. He belted drives. He made birdies. He even had his sore hips worked on. And he shot a 67 that gives him a three-shot lead going into the final round. At stake is chance to win a second U.S. Open title. He also won at Winged Foot in 2020 with the lowest score ever shot on that course. He has a chance to do the same at Pinehurst. Still ahead is 18 holes with Rory McIlroy, Patrick Cantlay and Matthieu Pavon all three shots behind.

■ World top-ranked player Scottie Scheffler closed play Saturday with his third straight over-par round. Scheffler says he's having "a lot of trouble" reading Pinehurst No. 2's tricky domed greens. He survived the cut at 5 over entering the weekend, then shot a 1-over 71 on Saturday. His round included two birdies and three bogeys. And there were multiple holes where



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Scheffler barely missed birdie putts to improve his scorecard. The PGA Tour says Scheffler has four consecutive rounds over par for the first time as a pro going back to last week's win at the Memorial.

West's final legacy sadly included estrangement from the Lakers

The sadness was compounded by the strangeness.

The announcement of the death of the greatest Laker was made by the Los Angeles Clippers.

"Jerry West, the personification of basketball excellence and a friend to all who knew him, passed away peacefully this morning at the age of 86," read the Wednesday morning release from the Clippers communications department.

The Clippers loved Jerry West and were loved by him, and he was treated with the utmost dignity and respect during his seven years as their adviser.

But he will forever be a Laker. He built the Lakers into a



Bill Plaschke

Southern California institution as a player. He constructed and nurtured the Lakers' greatness as a general manager.

He was their conscience. He was their heartbeat. He was their soul. He was the most important person ever to walk through their gym doors.

But in the end, for a variety of reasons, the basketball genius and his creation were estranged. West walked away from the

Lakers 24 years ago and never returned.

It was always so bizarre, the best executive in the history of sports living down the street from an organization he helped build into the most celebrated in sports ... and yet they didn't talk.

The Lakers struggled after the trade of Shaquille O'Neal while West watched from Memphis. The Lakers were adrift in the final years of Kobe Bryant while West watched from Golden State. The Lakers were buckling in the early years of LeBron James while West watched with the Clippers.

He was so close, yet so far.

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Team	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
CUBS	STL 12:05 p.m. Roku	SF 7:05 p.m. Marquee	SF 7:05 p.m. Marquee	SF 1:20 p.m. Marquee	
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SKY	@IND 11 a.m. CBS-2				DAL 11 a.m. Marquee
FIRE					Next game Saturday @ORL
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Plaschke

from Page 1

The Lakers honored him with a statue in 2011 in an event attended by owner Jerry Buss and all sorts of Lakers royalty. But they continued along separate paths until his death Wednesday poignantly reminded everyone of their divorce.

The Clippers were the first to issue a statement early Wednesday, reading: “The Clippers have lost a mentor, a confidant and a friend.”

At the same time, Clippers owner Steve Ballmer issued his own statement, writing: “From the first day I met Jerry seven years ago, he inspired me with his intellect, honesty and enthusiasm. He never stopped. I spent a lot of time with him, some of the best times of my life. He always lent an ear, and he always had a quip. He always left me laughing. I will miss him.”

The Lakers’ statement came later, reading, in part: “Jerry West is forever a basketball icon ... Jerry West will always be a Lakers legend.”

It was nice, but it was four sentences and there was no personalized tribute from a Lakers official until Jeanie Buss issued a short statement on Instagram in the early afternoon.

“Today is a difficult day for all Laker fans. I know that if my father were here, he would say that Jerry West was at the heart of all that made the Lakers great. He was an icon to all — but he was also a hero to our family. We all send our sympathies to Karen and the West family.”

Again, it was nice, but compared with past Lakers tributes for fallen stars such as Elgin Baylor and Tex Winter, the team’s response was underwhelming for a man who deserved so much more.

Jerry West was essentially the first Los Angeles Lakers draft pick, as he was the first-round selection of the Minneapolis Lakers shortly before they moved to Los Angeles.

It was West and Elgin Baylor who became this city’s first professional basketball stars. It was West’s 63-foot, over-time-forcing basket in the 1970 NBA Finals against the New York Knicks that became one of this city’s first great sports moments.

He had this city’s first great sports nickname: “Mr. Clutch.” He garnered arguably the highest honor of any athlete in this city’s history — his silhouette is the NBA logo.

Then, after 15 years as a star Lakers player, he became this city’s first dynasty builder, nurturing the “Showtime” era, then personally building the O’Neal-Bryant era by signing Shaq and trading for Kobe.

Tweeted Byron Scott: “It’s because of Jerry West that there was even ‘Showtime.’”

Tweeted Magic Johnson: “Laker Nation, the only reason we have 17 championships is because of Jerry West and his expertise drafting players, trading for players, and hiring the right coaches.”

That expertise has been sorely missing from the Lakers in recent years. In fact, it is one of two occurrences that have led to the current struggles of the once-strong front office.

One could say the slow slide began with the departure of Jerry West and the death of Jerry Buss.

When West abruptly left the organization after the 2000 championship, he said his body

no longer could take the stress.

“Everything around here has taken its toll,” he told me at the time. “You see my outside, but you don’t see my inside and it’s just awful in there. This compulsion with winning, it’s a sickness.”

But it was about more than winning, it was about how they were winning. Coach Phil Jackson was being given more power. He also was dating the owner’s daughter, giving Jackson more perceived stature. West was increasingly uncomfortable with dynamics that seemed to be marginalizing his presence.

When West talked of “everything around here,” much of that was centered on Jackson and Buss.

As the years passed, West became more bitter, and the Lakers became more resentful of his bitterness, and once Jerry Buss died in 2013, West’s connections to the club were seemingly gone forever.

One of the final breaking points occurred in 2017, when Jeanie Buss cleared out the front office and hired Rob Pelinka and Magic Johnson to run the team. West had publicly said he would be interested in returning home to join them, but nothing was offered so he joined the Clippers.

In his introductory Clippers news conference, he took a veiled shot at the Lakers, saying: “My last stop along the way, (I want) to be associated with people who are really basketball people, people I have respect for and, more importantly I think, an incredible owner.”

Four years later, the relationship was ruined forever when, on a podcast, Jeanie Buss named her five most important Lakers ever.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Kobe Bryant, Magic Johnson, LeBron James and Phil Jackson.

West, unarguably the most important Laker ever, wasn’t even on the list, and he was furious. He was so insulted, he told one media organization that he sometimes wished he never had played for the Lakers.

“One disappointing thing (about my career) is that my relationship with the Lakers is horrible,” West said in a 2022 interview with The Athletic. “I still don’t know why. And at the end of the day, when I look back, I say, ‘Well, maybe I should have played somewhere else instead of with the Lakers, where someone would have at least appreciated how much you give, how much you cared.’”

To all this animosity, add the fact that in 2019, the Lakers parted ways with West’s son Ryan, who was their director of player personnel. Then there was West’s claim that the Lakers took away his season tickets, further annoying him.

Amid Wednesday’s gloom, it was inspirational to see how the Clippers supported West, with lengthy tributes from not only Ballmer, but also team President Lawrence Frank and coach Tyronn Lue.

But it was equally sad to see how detached West appeared from the organization he built.

The Lakers still have room on their jerseys for a patch, right? Next year they should wear a JW in his honor.

The Lakers never have dedicated their hardwood, right? Next year they could name it “Jerry West Court.”

The greatest Laker is gone, but his legacy must not be forgotten.

Especially by the Lakers.

Bill Plaschke is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.



York pitcher Ryan Sloan reacts after the final out of the Class 4A Kane County Supersectional against McHenry at Northwestern Medicine Field in Geneva on June 3. York won 9-5. **TRENT SPRAGUE/PIONEER PRESS**

BASEBALL

‘Electric’ stuff

York’s Sloan has hit 100 mph. The Wake Forest recruit looks to relax before draft.

By **Matt Le Cren**
Chicago Tribune

With his phenomenal high school career in the rearview mirror, York graduate Ryan Sloan can finally take a look at what’s ahead for him.

The 6-foot-4, 230-pound right-hander has committed to Wake Forest, but he is expected to be a first-round pick in the MLB draft, which will be held July 14-16. Sloan is ranked as the 18th-best prospect by MLB.com.

“It’s something that’s super fun,” he said. “Me and my parents like to say it’s a win-win no matter what, whether I go to college, get a great education at a great baseball program, or go through the draft.

“Everyone’s dream is to go to MLB, so that’s definitely a step in the right direction.”

But Sloan plans to take a step back first and get some rest after a whirlwind senior season.

“I’ll play a lot of golf, just kind of relax,” he said.

It will be a well-earned break for someone who has been the center of attention. York coach Dave Kalal has been impressed with the way Sloan handled the hype.

“It’s been fun to watch his growth and his maturity,” Kalal said. “He’s a great teammate, he’s super humble and I think he’s actually looking forward to not being in the limelight anymore and not being the center of attention anymore.

“Wherever he goes, whatever his decision is, either with Wake Forest or the draft, he can just go be one of the guys again and not have everybody watch him and everybody wanting a piece of him.”

Before last season, the Dukes hadn’t been to state since winning the Class AA championship in 1993. Sloan’s father, David, who played at Austin Peay, was the catcher on that team.

But Sloan has helped York finish fourth in Class 4A in back-to-back seasons. As a junior, he posted a 4-1 record and a 0.91 ERA, allowing just six earned runs and 28 hits while striking out 88 and walking 14 in 46 innings.

He started to get the attention of pro scouts.

“It was kind of on the radar but didn’t really show much,” Sloan said. “But then last summer kind of did a lot for me. I developed a change-up, which has been huge, and then I kind of flourished and kept showing myself at different events. Eventually it turned into something good for me.”

Sloan’s development was also

good for the Dukes, who lost to Edwardsville 6-1 in the 4A third-place game at Duly Health and Care Field in Joliet on June 8. York (31-11) was one win shy of tying the program record set by the 1993 team.

Sloan was even more dominant this season. In 12 appearances, he went 2-3 with a 0.30 ERA, allowing just two earned runs and 19 hits and while striking out 90 and walking five in 46 innings.

One of the earned runs came in Sloan’s final appearance, the Dukes’ 1-0 loss to Conant in the state semifinals on Friday. He pitched a three-hitter, striking out eight and walking one, in a complete game. He threw 61 of his 88 pitches for strikes. But the Dukes managed just two hits.

“He’s really fun to watch pitch,” Kalal said. “He’s a super competitive kid, can command the strike zone. He raises the level of play of not only everybody on our team, but the opponents as well, because when opponents face him, it’s a big deal to foul a pitch off or get a base hit or to win a game like Conant did.”

Sloan was dominating whether he was starting or relieving. He had one fastball clocked at 100 mph during a game against Oak Park and regularly hits the high 90s.

“When he comes in the game, it’s electric,” Kalal said.

Sloan pitched the seventh inning of York’s 9-5 win against McHenry in the Kane County Supersectional on June 3. According to Kalal, Sloan’s fastball was between 97 mph and 99 mph and his slider hit 85 mph.

“He threw 15 pitches to get three outs, and the whole crowd was standing on their feet,” Kalal said.

What’s it like to be in such a spotlight?

“It’s definitely surreal, just the fact that you have a lot of MLB personnel coming out to specifically watch you,” Sloan said. “That’s definitely really cool to see, but you’ve just got to kind of take it for what it is. I’m still going to go out and throw. I’m going to go pitch and do my thing.”

Sloan tried his best to ignore the attention, but he’s taking the draft process seriously.

“Now I’m at a point where I start to think about that because my mindset throughout the year was just like ‘focus on baseball,’” Sloan said. “I didn’t really care about (the draft). It will take care of itself.

“Now it will be getting together with a lot of different people, see what their opinions are, and then we’ll make a decision.”

It’s rare for high school pitchers to throw as hard as Sloan does and even rarer to have his command. While his big frame helps, that’s not the only factor.

“I would say it comes naturally, but I’ve put in a lot of work in the offseason,” Sloan said. “I have a really good, solid routine for myself, so I think that allows me to go out and be at my strongest every time I go and pitch.

“And I think over the years the amount of work I’ve put in has kind of translated the velo and performance I’ve had the last couple years.”

Facing such a pitcher can be a little intimidating, according to York outfielder Chris Danko, an Illinois State recruit.

“I haven’t had many ABs against him, but when you’re up there, it definitely flies,” Danko said. “It’s got giddyup on it, and it comes in on you fast.

“I usually tell him I’m lucky if I make contact. I’m not worried about him hitting me, but it’s hard to hit him. I don’t know how teams do it.”

Danko trusts Sloan’s control, which has steadily improved.

“One thing that I’ve showed that was kind of a question mark was control,” Sloan said. “I think fastball control has been really solid.

“I’m a three-pitch guy, which is a huge thing. A lot of high schoolers you’ll see have a good fastball, really good curveball and that’s really it. So that’s kind of what sets me apart.”

Sloan’s work ethic helped his teammates too. Even senior Noah Hughes, who finished 8-2 with a 1.32 ERA and would be the ace of nearly any other staff, learned a lot.

“He knows so much about his routine, what he can do to prepare for the games,” Hughes said. “Just watching how he goes through doing things, I’ll take some things that he’s doing and apply it to my own routine before a game. It was awesome.”

Sloan has left quite a legacy at York, which made consecutive trips to state for the first time. But the program influenced him too.

“Playing for York has been a blessing,” Sloan said. “You get to see how the team has grown. It’s kind of cool to leave your mark, so it’s been great.”

Kalal, who pitched at Downers Grove South and Lewis, will never forget coaching Sloan.

“He’s a once-in-a-lifetime talent, a generational talent,” Kalal said. “As a head coach, you don’t see guys like that come through very often, so to have him at York for four years and have his parents’ support has been really awesome.”

Matt Le Cren is a freelance reporter.



Former Lakers player and general manager Jerry West looks on as the Celtics play the Lakers in Game 1 of the 2010 NBA Finals at Staples Center in Los Angeles. **LISA BLUMENFELD/GETTY**

SPORTS

DIAMONDBACKS 7, WHITE SOX 1 LATE FRIDAY

Early lead turns into another loss

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

PHOENIX — Nicky Lopez put the White Sox ahead early Friday against the Arizona Diamondbacks with an RBI single to left field in the second inning at Chase Field.

The lead didn't last long. Tucker Barnhart drove in two with a single in the bottom of the second. The Diamondbacks led the rest of the way, topping the Sox 7-1 in front of 23,700.

It's the major-league-leading 26th time this season the Sox have lost after being ahead. Recently, the tide has turned against the Sox late — including walk-off losses on Monday and Wednesday against the Mariners in Seattle. That wasn't the case Friday in the series opener against the Diamondbacks.

The hosts broke the game open with a three-run fourth that included a solo home run from Eugenio Suárez. By the time the inning ended, the Sox found themselves in a 6-1 hole.

"There's going to be games like this," manager Pedro Grifol said.

Starter Chris Flexen allowed six runs (four earned) on nine hits with two strikeouts and two walks in 3 ½ innings.

"That was a rough one," Flexen said. "I thought my stuff was terrible. Terrible execution, especially in big moments. That's one I'll try to flush."

Grifol said when Flexen is most effective, he's displaying a "good four-pitch mix."

"He started off that way (Friday)," Grifol said. "It just seemed like when he made a mistake today, they were able to capitalize on it. And he got behind a couple of guys, got behind Suárez 3-0, got behind a couple of guys.



Diamondbacks catcher Tucker Barnhart tags out White Sox right fielder Tommy Phan after a dropped third strike during the fifth inning on Friday in Phoenix. ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

These guys are pretty good hitters over there. They're dangerous.

"And there are some balls that found holes, too. One a 4-3 hole, one right over (first baseman Andrew Vaughn's) glove. It was just one of those days."

Diamondbacks starter Ryne Nelson allowed one run on six hits in six innings. He struck out eight and walked one.

"He pounded the strike zone, he pitched up in the zone, we chased a little bit up there," Grifol said.

Lopez, Paul DeJong and Andrew

Benintendi each had two hits in the loss. Tommy Pham went 1-for-4 with a single in his return from the injured list.

"Our guys battled, we had three guys with a couple of hits, Nicky had a pretty good day, (Benintendi) swung the bat well, DeJong swung the bat," Grifol said. "It was great to see Tommy in there and leading off the game with a base hit.

"But (Nelson) just moved it around, and it's pretty good stuff. It's mid-90s and he knows how to give it a little bit of ride up at the

top (of the zone)."

The Sox have lost 23 of their last 27. They're 6-30 on the road — the worst mark away from home in the majors. And the Sox are off to the worst 71-game start in franchise history at 18-53 (previously 23-48 in 1929, 1934 and 1948).

"That's on me," Flexen said of Friday's outcome. "Bad execution. Dug us a hole. (We) got eight hits, guys are swinging it. Good job by (reliever Michael) Soroka to bridge that gap, (reliever Jared) Shuster to lock it down, but that was on me."

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Five of them are home runs.

And DeJong's six home runs since May 31 are the second-most in the majors, behind seven from Yankees slugger Aaron Judge.

"Things have been coming together slowly but surely as far as just some consistency," DeJong told the Tribune in Seattle. "I've always thought that power comes in bunches for me. It's nice to ride it out as long as you can. It's nice to contribute that way.

"It's just a good sign of where my swing is at, because my approach is not to hit home runs, it's a natural byproduct of getting a good pitch to hit and putting a good swing on it."

DeJong has been an extra-base source all season. Twenty-four of his 50 hits have gone for extra bases — 13 homers and 11 doubles.

"Being able to take easy swings and get the ball over the infield is super important," DeJong said. "The more fly balls or line drives, the better for me."

One of the highlights for DeJong during the stretch came in the eighth inning on June 6 against the Cubs, when he hit a game-tying solo home run. While the Sox went on to lose 7-6, DeJong got to play a role in the Sox-Cubs rivalry after several years in St. Louis participating in the Cubs-Cardinals series.

"I felt like at home, playing against the Cubs in a rivalry game," DeJong said. "It feels so normal to me."

DeJong entered Saturday with a team-leading 13 home runs. He hit 14 all last season while playing for the Cardinals, Toronto Blue Jays and San Francisco Giants.

"He's the same guy every day, comes to play really hard, plays to win every single night," Grifol said. "He's a true professional. And he's performing. He's putting some balls in the seats, giving us good ABs and catching the ball at shortstop. That's what he's done his whole career. He's been consistent, consistent personality, consistent all the way around. He's in it for us.

"In the midst of all this adversity we're facing as an organization, these guys are getting a really good opportunity to go out there and perform on a daily basis. I don't think you can take that for granted, ever. And he doesn't."

The Sox have hit 13 home runs in the last eight games, three from DeJong. While the team's recent power surge hasn't resulted in many more victories, it's a development of the growth the Sox are seeking.

"I know we started rough on the offensive side, but seeing the improvements these guys are making daily has been nice to see," Grifol said. "And they're going to continue to improve, there's a ton of work to do, improvement to make and they're going to continue to do it. I'm confident in this group, they'll do it on a daily basis."



The Cubs' Ian Happ rounds the bases after hitting a three-run home run off John King during the seventh inning Saturday at Wrigley Field. MICHAEL REAVES/GETTY

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making Brendan Donovan flail away at a sweeper to end the seventh with two men on and a one-run lead.

Imanaga then pumped his left fist, twirled off the mound with his right leg in the air like Jackie Gleason doing his "And away we go!" routine, then added another fist pump while shouting to no one in particular. He said afterward that he was hungry and thinking during the crucial matchup about what kind of food he was going to eat after the game.

"These are my honest thoughts," he said through his interpreter.

Catcher Yan Gomes heard that quip and shook his head while laughing.

"What?" he said. "OK, Shota, chill out, man."

No one would doubt Imanaga at this point. He has been a breath of fresh air for a struggling Cubs team that is 11-2 in his starts and 12 games under .500 in the rest of their games.

Imanaga, who has a 1.31 ERA at Wrigley, was greeted with a standing ovation from fans in the bleachers when walking out to the bullpen to warm up and said he feels it's his responsibility to get them a win.

"It helps a lot," he said.

Adding to the Imanaga legend, he also has adopted a new alias. Imanaga has told baristas his name is "Mike" when ordering coffee because they have a hard time writing "Shota" on his cup. The Cubs had the nameplate on his locker changed to "Mike Imanaga II" when they came back from the trip.

"It started as a joke around the

clubbies," Imanaga said. "The nameplate I know costs money and is expensive to make. But the fact that the clubbies and the staff have accepted me, I'm thankful for that, and it makes me very happy."

The Cubs clubhouse was festive after a much-needed win over their archrivals, who took the first four games of the season series.

Wicks was placed on the 15-day injured list before the game with a Grade 2 right oblique strain and replaced on the roster by Triple-A Iowa reliever Keegan Thompson. Hendricks had his best performance of the season Friday with 4 ½ innings of scoreless relief but needs to do that consistently to prove he's back.

Asked if he and team President Jed Hoyer have spoken about going outside to acquire another starter, Counsell replied: "I don't think that's part of the conversation."

Has Counsell spoken with Hoyer at all about getting help? "Look, we're always talking about improving the team," he said. "That conversation happens at all times of the year, but nothing beyond that."

In other words, the status remains quo until further notice.

Trailing 1-0 in the fourth, the Cubs scored a pair of runs on two at-bats during which the ball traveled less than 60 feet. Cardinals reliever Chris Roycroft committed an error on a topper by Nico Hoerner that brought home the tying run, and Dansby Swanson's swinging bunt resulted in an RBI ground-out to make it 2-1.

Beggars can't be choosers, can they? But instead of making Cubs fans sweat out another tight ending, Ian Happ's three-run home run in the bottom of

the seventh gave the bullpen some breathing room.

"A little bit of an exhale for sure," Counsell said. "And with men on base, it's a game-changer."

Tyson Miller closed it out with two perfect innings to tie the series at a game apiece. Counsell let Miller throw the ninth instead of bringing in embattled closer Héctor Neris, lessening the angst at Wrigley, at least for one day.

Taillon goes for the Cubs on Sunday in the rubber game, which features an early 12:05 p.m. start and airs exclusively on the Roku Channel. Gomes said the rotation has been a strength while the Cubs offense remains stagnant.

"That's the beauty of a team game," he said. "Our starting staff has done a tremendous job. There have been sparks of our offense picking up. Today a big hit by Happ. It was one of those things we needed. I think the offense will come around. We understand what's happening. We understand we're putting ourselves in the hole of not scoring much, but it's not for a lack of trying."

Counsell said he doesn't intend on sitting any regulars, as he did last month with a mental break for Happ, who responded with 19 RBIs in 18 games since May 26, second-most in the NL over that stretch.

"Look, we're not scoring runs, and that means certainly the at-bats have to improve, our timing has to improve, got to find some holes," Counsell said. "And that's how we're going to go about it."

But until the offense proves it can do it more than once in a while, the Cubs will have to rely on the five starters to lead the way.

MYSTICS 83, SKY 81

LATE FRIDAY

Sky skid reaches 3 games

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ariel Atkins scored a season-high 29 points on 9-of-13 shooting to help the Washington Mystics hold on to beat the Chicago Sky 83-81 on Friday night for their second consecutive win after 12 straight losses to open the season.

Julie Vanloo hit a 3-pointer with 2 minutes, 49 seconds to play that ended a scoring drought of five-plus minutes for the Mystics (2-12) and stretched their lead to 79-71. Lindsay Allen answered with a layup, Chennedy Carter added a three-point play and Angel Reese was fouled as she made a layup and hit the and-1 free throw to cap an 8-1 spurt and trim the Sky's deficit to 81-79 with 1:12 left.

Atkins responded with two free throws before Allen made a driving layup that made it a one-possession game with 50 seconds to go.

The teams exchanged empty possessions before Allen missed a potential winning corner 3-point attempt in the closing seconds. Stefanie Dolson of the Mystics fouled out when she dived for the loose ball with 0.2 seconds left. Marina Mabrey — who went into the game shooting 83% from the line this season — missed the free throws and the Mystics held on.

Aaliyah Edwards, the No. 6 selection in the 2024 draft, fouled out with 16 points on 6-of-7 shooting.

The Sky (4-8) have lost three games in a row and five of six.

Carter led the Sky with 16 points and Reese had 10 points and 14 rebounds, the rookie's fifth consecutive double-double. Dana Evans scored 14, Kamilla Cardoso 12 and Allen finished with 10.

The Mystics led by as many as 15 points. The Sky went scoreless for the first 4-plus minutes of the game, missing their first eight shots before Mabrey hit a 3-pointer to make it 9-3. Myisha Hines-Allen made a free throw to give the Mystics a 23-8 lead with a minute left in the first quarter.

The Mystics took a 47-36 lead into halftime but Evans scored eight points — including two 3-pointers — during a 14-6 run that made it 56-all with 2:56 left in the third quarter. Karlie Samuelsson scored 12 points for Washington.

RED STARS 4, CURRENT 2

LATE FRIDAY

Red Stars score in 90th minute for draw

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mallory Swanson scored early in the first half and assisted a 90th-minute goal to help the Chicago Red Stars draw 2-2 against Kansas City Current on Friday night in the National Women's Soccer League.

The Red Stars (5-6-2) scored first in the sixth minute. Sarah Griffith slipped a ball to Swanson in the box, who cut around her defender and finished into the far-post corner from a tight angle.

While the home team was unable to walk away with the win, the Current (8-0-5) still extended their unbeaten streak to 13 straight games this season.

Bia Zaneratto and Temwa Chawinga sparked Kansas City's comeback effort with goals early in the second half.

Goalkeeper Alyssa Naehler was unable to collect a corner kick, and the bounce fell to Bia with her back to goal. As she turned, the forward whipped her shot into the left corner in the 51st minute.

Chawinga put the Current up seven minutes later with her eighth goal of the season, finishing a shot into the right corner on a counter attack.

Sam Staab, fresh off her first cap with the U.S. Women's National Team, headed in Swanson's corner to level the match at CPKC Stadium in the 90th minute.

The Current finished with 28 shots, while Naehler made five saves for the Red Stars.

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	50	22	.694	—	—	7-3	W-1	22-10	28-12
Baltimore	46	24	.657	3	+8	7-3	W-1	24-14	22-10
Boston	35	35	.500	14	3	5-5	L-1	16-20	19-15
Toronto	34	36	.486	15	4	6-4	W-1	17-16	17-20
Tampa Bay	33	38	.465	16½	5½	3-7	L-2	19-23	14-15

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	44	24	.647	—	—	5-5	L-1	21-8	23-16
Kansas City	40	31	.563	5½	+1½	4-6	L-1	25-14	15-17
Minnesota	38	32	.543	7	—	5-5	W-3	20-14	18-18
Detroit	34	36	.486	11	4	4-6	W-1	16-19	18-17
Chicago	18	53	.254	27½	20½	3-7	L-1	12-23	6-30

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Seattle	42	31	.575	—	—	7-3	W-2	26-12	16-19
Texas	33	37	.471	7½	5	4-6	L-2	16-17	17-20
Houston	32	39	.451	9	6½	5-5	L-1	18-19	14-20
Los Angeles	28	42	.400	12½	10	6-4	W-2	11-23	17-19
Oakland	26	46	.361	15½	13	2-8	L-7	15-20	11-26

BOX SCORES

CHICAGO CUBS 5, ST. LOUIS 1

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Winn ss	4	0	1	0	2	.300
Burleson rf	4	1	1	0	0	.272
Goldschmidt 1b4	0	0	0	2	.223	
Arenado 3b	2	0	1	1	0	.262
Gorman 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.207
Herrera dh	3	0	1	0	0	.274
Carlson cf	3	0	0	0	0	.188
Donovan lf	3	0	0	0	2	.245
Pages c	3	0	0	0	0	.114
TOTALS	30	1	4	1	8	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Tauchman dh	4	1	2	0	0	.255
Morel 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.198
Bote 3b	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Bellinger 1b	3	2	2	0	1	.268
Suzuki rf	3	1	2	0	0	.267
Happ lf	3	1	2	3	0	.218
Hoerner 2b	4	0	0	1	1	.244
Swanson ss	3	0	0	1	0	.214
Crow-Armstrong cf	3	0	0	0	1	.207
Gomes c	4	0	1	0	1	.154
TOTALS	31	5	9	5	5	

St. Louis	000	100	000	1	4	1
Chicago	000	200	30x	5	9	0

E: Roycroft (1). **LOB:** St. Louis 4, Chicago 7. **2B:** Burleson (8). **HR:** Happ (7), off King. **RBIs:** Arenado (32), Hoerner (18), Swanson (19), Happ 3 (33). **SB:** Hoerner (10), Crow-Armstrong (11). **SF:** Arenado. **Runners left in scoring position:** St. Louis 2(Goldschmidt, Donovan); Chicago 5(Crow-Armstrong, Hoerner 2, Gomes 2). **RISP:** St. Louis 0 for 4; Chicago 1for 10. **Runners moved up:** Goldschmidt, Burleson, Swanson. **GIDP:** Tauchman, Morel, Gomes. **DP:** St. Louis 3(Winn, Goldschmidt; Arenado, Gorman, Goldschmidt; Winn, Gorman, Goldschmidt).

ST. LOUIS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pallante, L, 2-3	3½	5	2	1	0	4	4.61
Roycroft	1½	1	0	0	4	2.84	
Leahy	1½	1	1	1	0	4.87	
King	½	2	2	2	0	2.28	
Liberatore	1	0	0	0	1	4.24	

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Imanaga, W, 7-1	7	4	1	1	0	6	1.89
Miller	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.69

First-pitch strikes/Batters Faced: Liberatore 2/3; King 2/4; Pallante 11/14; Leahy 4/6; Roycroft 5/9. **Miller** 4/6; Imanaga 17/26. **Called strikes-Swinging strikes-Foul balls-In play strikes:** Liberatore 0-3-1-2; King 4-1-0-4; Pallante 12-6-12-10; Leahy 2-0-1-4; Roycroft 6-1-4-5. **Miller** 4-3-9-4; Imanaga 11-14-25-19. **Inherited runners-scored:** Roycroft 2-2, Leahy 3-0, King 1-1. **HBP:** Imanaga (Arenado). **Umpires:** Home, Paul Clemons; First, Carlos Torres; Second, Ryan Willis; Third, Scott Barry. **T:** 2:30. **A:** 40,088 (41,363).

BALTIMORE 6, PHILADELPHIA 2

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schwarber dh	4	0	0	0	1	.248
Castellanos rf	4	0	0	0	2	.208
Harper 1b	4	1	1	0	2	.276
Bohm 3b	4	0	2	1	0	.295
Stott 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.239
Sosa ss	4	1	1	1	2	.280
Marsh lf	3	0	0	0	1	.261
Stubbs c	4	0	1	0	2	.188
Rojas cf	3	0	1	0	0	.235
TOTALS	33	2	7	2	10	

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Henderson ss	5	0	2	1	1	.275
Rutschman c	3	0	0	0	1	.290
Mountcastle 1b4	4	1	1	0	1	.271
O'Hearn dh	4	0	2	0	0	.285
1-Mateo pr-dh	0	1	0	0	0	.236
Santander rf	2	2	2	4	0	.231
Westburg 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.274
Mullins cf	3	0	1	0	0	.188
Cowser lf	2	0	0	0	1	.226
a-Hays ph-lf	2	1	1	0	1	.240
Urias 3b	4	1	2	0	2	.242
TOTALS	33	6	11	6	7	

Philadelphia	110	000	000	2	7	1
Baltimore	001	101	03x	611	0	0

a-struck out for Cowser in the 6th. 1-ran for O'Hearn in the 8th. E: Castellanos (1). **LOB:** Philadelphia 6, Baltimore 8. **2B:** Bohm (25), Stott (9), Urias (5). **HR:** Sosa (5), off Rodriguez; Santander (16), off Walker; Santander (17), off Ruiz. **RBIs:** Bohm (55), Sosa (49), Rutschman (52), Santander 4 (12), Henderson (48). **SB:** Stubbs (5). **SF:** Rutschman, Santander. **Runners left in scoring position:** Philadelphia 5(Stubbs, Sosa 2, Stott, Schwarber); Baltimore 4(Hays, O'Hearn, Cowser, Rutschman). **RISP:** Philadelphia 0for 5; Baltimore 2for 7. **GIDP:** Rojas. **DP:** Baltimore 1(Urias, Westburg, Mountcastle). **PHILADELPHIA** **IP** **H** **R** **ER** **BB** **SO** **ERA**
Walker, L, 3-2 5½ 6 3 3 2 4 5.33
Soto 1 0 0 1 1 2 4.57
Ruiz 5½ 5 3 3 0 1 4.08

BALTIMORE **IP** **H** **R** **ER** **BB** **SO** **ERA**
Rodriguez, W, 8-2 7 7 2 2 1 6 3.20
Baker, H, 1 1 0 0 0 1 0.00
Kimbrel 1 0 0 0 0 3 2.39

Inherited runners-scored: Soto 2-0, Ruiz 1-0. **Umpires:** Home, Laz Diaz; First, Mike Estabrook; Second, Tripp Gibson; Third, Charlie Ramos. **T:** 2:23. **A:** 44,555(45,971).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS through Friday's games
BATTING**AVERAGE** **G** **AB** **H** **R** **HR** **SB** **AVG**
Witt KC 71 286 93 59 .325
Soto NYY 69 254 81 57 .319
Judge NYY 71 256 77 55 .301
Correa Min 52 191 57 32 .298
Altuve Hou 69 285 85 40 .298
Perez KC 69 249 74 27 .297
J.Smith Tex 67 211 62 33 .294
Rutschman Bal 65 269 79 35 .294
Alvarez Hou 66 266 77 40 .289
Peña Hou 66 267 77 35 .288

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 25; Henderson, Baltimore, 21; K.Tucker, Houston, 19; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 18; Stanton, New York, 17; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 17; Soto, New York, 17.

RBIs: Judge, New York, 63; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 62; Soto, New York, 54; Rutschman, Baltimore, 51; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 50; Witt, Kansas City, 50; Henderson, Baltimore, 47.

Pitching: Gil, New York, 9-1; Lugo, Kansas City, 9-2; Rodon, New York, 9-2; Skubal, Detroit, 8-2; Burnes, Baltimore, 7-2; Rodriguez, Baltimore, 7-2; L.Allen, Cleveland, 7-3; Houck, Boston, 7-5; 3 tied at 6-2.

MILWAUKEE 3, CINCINNATI 1

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Friedl cf	3	0	0	0	0	.237
De La Cruz ss	3	1	0	0	2	.230
Candelario 3b-1b	4	0	2	1	1	.251
Steer 1b-lf	4	0	0	0	1	.232
Stephenson c	4	0	1	0	0	.251
Fraley rf	2	0	0	0	0	.285
a-Fairchild ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	.233
Martini dh	2	0	1	1	1	.205
India 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.242
Benson lf	2	0	0	0	2	.206
b-Espinal ph-3b1	0	0	0	0	0	.197
TOTALS	30	1	5	1	8	

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Ortiz 3b	4	1	1	3	0	.281
Contreras c	4	0	0	0	1	.302
Yelich lf	4	0	2	0	1	.333
Adames ss	3	0	0	0	1	.243
Hoskins 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.222
Sanchez dh	3	0	1	0	1	.214
Perkins cf	3	0	0	0	0	.250
Chourio rf	2	1	0	0	1	.227
Turang 2b	2	1	0	0	0	.286
TOTALS	28	3	4	3	7	

Cincinnati	000	000	001	1	5	0
Milwaukee	000	030	00x	3	4	0

a-lined out for Fraley in the 7th. b-grounded out for Benson in the 8th. **LOB:** Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee 4. **2B:** Candelario (17). **HR:** Ortiz (6), off Abbott. **RBIs:** Candelario (34), Ortiz 3(27), SB: Perkins (10), Yelich (14), Chourio (8), Friedl (6), De La Cruz (33). **Runners left in scoring position:** Cincinnati 2(Benson, Steer); Milwaukee 3(Hoskins, Turang, Adames). **RISP:** Cincinnati 1for 6; Milwaukee 1for 5. **Runners moved up:** Candelario. **GIDP:** India, Fraley. **DP:** Milwaukee 2(Turang, Adames, Hoskins; Ortiz, Turang, Hoskins).

CINCINNATI **IP** **H** **R** **ER** **BB** **SO** **ERA**
Abbott, L, 5-6 5 4 3 3 3 3 3.42
Farmer 2 0 0 0 0 3 2.48
Suter 1 0 0 0 0 1 3.65

MILWAUKEE **IP** **H** **R** **ER** **BB** **SO** **ERA**
Koenig 1/3 ½ 1 0 0 0 0 1.69
B.Wilson, W, 4-3 5½ 3 0 0 2 6 3.84
Hudson, H, 10 2 0 0 0 2 0 0.95
Megill, S, 12-13 1 1 1 1 1 0 2.25

First-pitch strikes/Batters Faced: Farmer 3/6; Suter 2/3; Abbott 13/22. **Megill** 3/5; **Wilson** 11/19; **Hudson** 4/6; **Koenig** 1/3. **Called strikes-Swinging strikes-Foul balls-In play strikes:** Farmer 10-3-2-3; Suter 4-1-0-4; Wilson 15-6-22-15; Megill 11-10-4; Wilson 15-5-17-10; Hudson 9-3-7-4; Koenig 2-0-2-3. **Ground Balls-Fly Balls:** Farmer 0-3; Suter 2-0; Abbott 5-7; Megill 2-1; Wilson 5-3; Hudson 2-2; Koenig 0-2. **Inherited runners-scored:** B.Wilson 1-0. **Umpires:** Home, Chris Conroy; First, Brennan Miller; Second, Derek Thomas; Thirld, Will Little. **T:** 2:11. **A:** 38,419 (41,700).

ATLANTA 9, TAMPA BAY 2

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Diaz 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.259
B.Lowe 2b	3	1	0	0	0	.200
Paredes 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.286
J.Lowe rf	3	0	0	1	2	.197
Arozarena dh	4	1	1	1	1	.175
Palacios lf	2	0	0	0	2	.244
Rosario ss	3	0	1	0	0	.295
Rortvedt c	2	0	0	0	2	.250
a-Jackson ph-c	1	0	0	0	1	.074
Siri cf	4	0	2	0	2	.202
TOTALS	29	2	6	2	12	

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kelenic cf	5	1	3	2	0	.269
Albies 2b	3	1	0	1	1	.266
Ozuna dh	5	2	3	2	1	.327
Olson 1b	4	2	2	1	1	.252
Riley 3b	2	1	1	3	0	.233
Duval lf	3	0	0	0	1	.169
Murphy c	3	1	1	0	1	.143
Arcia ss	4	0	0	0	1	.225
Laureano rf	4	1	1	0	0	.250
TOTALS	33	9	11	9	6	

a-struck out for Rortvedt in the 7th. **LOB:** Tampa Bay 9, Atlanta 6. **2B:** Paredes (15). **HR:** Arozarena (9), off Kerr; Kelenic (5), off Peplot; Ozuna (20), off Peplot; Olson (11), off Peplot; Riley (5), off Cleavinger. **RBIs:** J.Lowe (6), Arozarena (21), Kelenic 2(17), Ozuna 2(62), Olson (38), Riley 3(26), Albies (32). **SF:** J.Lowe, Albies. **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 9(Arozarena, Diaz, B.Lowe 2, J.Lowe); Atlanta 1(Albies). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 0for 5; Atlanta 2for 5. **Runners moved up:** B.Lowe, Paredes. **LIDP:** Duval. **GIDP:** Diaz, Rosario. **DP:** Tampa Bay 1(Diaz); Atlanta 2(Albies, Arcia, Olson; Riley, Albies, Olson).

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pepiot, L, 4-4 4½ 6 5 5 3 4 4.57							
Armstrong 1½ 0 0 0 1 1 3.21							
Cleavinger 1 3 3 1 1 1 3.49							
Fairbanks 1 2 1 1 0 0 3.27							

ATLANTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Morton, W, 4-3 6 3 1 1 2 8 3.91							
Bumner 1 0 0 0 1 3 3.47							
Johnson 1 1 0 0 0 1 3.86							
Kerr 1 2 1 1 3 0 5.64							

HBP: Morton 2(B.Lowe,Palacios). **WP:** Peplot, Morton. **Umpires:** Home, Nate Tomlinson; First, Chris Segal; Second, Larry Vanover; Third, David Rackley. **T:** 2:38. **A:** 40,480(41,149).

ATLANTA **IP** **H** **R** **ER** **BB** **SO** **ERA**
Morton, W, 4-3 6 3 1 1 2 8 3.91
Bumner 1 0 0 0 1 3 3.47
Johnson 1 1 0 0 0 1 3.86
Kerr 1 2 1 1 3 0 5.64

HBP: Morton 2(B.Lowe,Palacios). **WP:** Peplot, Morton. **Umpires:** Home, Nate Tomlinson; First, Chris Segal; Second, Larry Vanover; Third, David Rackley. **T:** 2:38. **A:** 40,480(41,149).

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS through Friday's games
BATTING**AVERAGE** **G** **AB** **H** **R** **HR** **SB** **AVG**
Arraez SD 69 292 96 41 .329
Profar SD 72 242 79 39 .326
Ozuna Atl 67 249 80 41 .321
Ohtani Lad 68 272 84 51 .309
Betts LAD 70 277 85 50 .307
Willi.Contreras Mil68 277 85 52 .307
ElDiaz Col 55 198 60 20 .303
M.Winn StL 62 209 63 23 .301
Freeman LAD 71 259 77 43 .297
Tovar Col 68 284 83 37 .292

Home Runs: Ozuna, Atlanta, 19; T.Hernandez, Los Angeles, 17; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 17; Gorman, St. Louis, 15; Harper, Philadelphia, 15; C.Walker, Arizona, 15.

RBIs: Ozuna, Atlanta, 60; Bohm, Philadelphia, 54; T.Hernández, Los Angeles, 50; Adames,

SCOREBOARD

NBA PLAYOFFS

NBA FINALS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

#1 Boston 3, #5 Dallas 1

G1: June 6 at Boston 107-89.

G2: June 9 at Boston 105-98.

G3: June 12, Boston 106-99.

G4: June 14at Dallas 122-84.

x-G5: Monday at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

x-G6: Thursday at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

x-G7: Sun., June 23 at Boston, 7 p.m.

LATE FRIDAY/GAME 4
DALLAS 122, BOSTON 84

	FG	FT	REB						
BOSTON	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	P	F	PTS	
Brown	27:19	3-12	3-4	0-1	2	3	10		
Tatum	27:04	4-10	6-6	0-5	3	4	15		
Horford	23:29	1-1	0-0	1-3	4	3	3		
Holiday	28:33	4-10	0-0	0-3	2	1	10		
White	30:43	2-8	0-0	0-4	1	2	6		
Pritchard	21:39	5-14	0-0	0-3	2	2	11		
Hauser	19:52	5-7	0-0	0-4	2	0	14		
Brissett	15:18	2-4	2-2	1-3	0	0	7		
Kornet	9:53	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0		
Mikhailiuk	9:53	1-7	0-0	0-1	0	0	3		
Springer	8:01	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	0	0		
Tillman	7:26	1-2	1-1	0-1	1	1	3		
Queta	5:25	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2		
Walsh	5:25	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	0		
Totals	240:00	29-80	12-13	4-31	18	19	84		

Percentages: FG .363, FT .923

3-Point Goals: 14-41, .341 (Hauser 4-6,

Holiday 2-4, White 2-8, Brissett 1-1,

Horford 1-1, Tatum 1-4, Brown 1-5,

Mikhailiuk 1-5, Pritchard 1-6, Walsh

0-1

Team Rebounds: 8

Team Turnovers: 1

Blocked Shots: 5 (Tatum 2, Brissett,

Holiday, Queta)

Turnovers: 13 (Holiday 5, Tatum 3,

Brown 2, Pritchard 2, Horford)

Steals: 2 (Horford, Tatum)

Technical Fouls: None

	FG	FT	REB						
DALLAS	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	P	F	PTS	
Jones Jr.	16:44	2-4	0-0	0-2	0	3	5		
Washington	13:45	2-4	0-0	0-2	0	4	6		
Gafford	9:53	1-2	5-6	1-4	0	1	7		
Doncic	32:33	12-26	5-7	0-5	5	3	29		
Irving	30:41	10-18	0-0	1-6	1	21			
Kleber	23:13	1-2	2-2	0-1	1	0	5		
Lively II	22:20	4-5	2-4	7-12	0	0	11		
Green	18:15	1-2	1-3	2-5	1	0	3		
Exum	13:37	4-7	0-0	0-2	0	1	10		
Hardy	13:29	2-5	0-0	1-3	4	2	5		
Hardaway Jr.	12:00	5-7	0-0	0-3	1	0	15		
Morris	12:00	1-5	0-0	0-4	0	1	3		
Powell	8:04	0-0	0-0	1-3	2	1	0		
Lavell	8:01	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	2		
Prosper	5:25	0-2	0-0	0-2	1	0	0		
Totals	240:00	46-91	15-23	52	21	17	122		

Percentages: FG .505, FT .682

3-Point Goals: 15-37, .405 (Hardaway Jr.

5-7, Washington 2-3, Exum 2-4, Kleber

1-1, Lively II 1-1, Hardy 1-2, Jones Jr.

1-2, Morris 1-3, Irving 1-2, Doncic 0-8)

Team Rebounds: 13

Team Turnovers: 1

Blocked Shots: 2 (Gafford, Jones Jr.)

Turnovers: 8 (Washington 2, Doncic,

Exum, Gafford, Irving, Morris, Powell)

Steals: 7 (Doncic 3, Exum, Green,

Kleber, Lively II)

Technical Fouls: None

Boston	21	14	25	24	—	84
Dallas	34	27	31	30	—	122

A: 20,277 (19,200)

PAST NBA CHAMPIONS

YEAR: CHAMP VS. OPPONENT

2023: Denver def. Miami (4-1)

2022: Golden St. def. Boston (4-2)

2021: Milwaukee def. Phoenix (4-2)

2020: L.A. Lakers def. Miami (4-2)

2019: Toronto def. Golden St. (4-2)

2018: Golden St. def. Cleveland (4-0)

2017: Golden St. def. Cleveland (4-1)

2016: Cleveland def. Golden St. (4-3)

2015: Golden St. def. Cleveland (4-2)

2014: San Antonio def. Miami (4-1)

2013: Miami def. San Antonio (4-3)

2012: Miami def. Oklahoma City (4-1)

2011: Dallas def. Miami (4-2)

2010: L.A. Lakers def. Boston (4-3)

2009: L.A. Lakers def. Orlando (4-1)

2008: Boston def. L.A. Lakers (4-2)

2007: San Antonio def. Cleveland (4-0)

2006: Miami def. Dallas (4-2)

2005: San Antonio def. Detroit (4-3)

2004: Detroit def. L.A. Lakers (4-1)

2003: San Antonio def. New Jersey (4-2)

2002: L.A. Lakers def. New Jersey (4-0)

2001: L.A. Lakers def. Philadelphia (4-1)

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	12	1	.923	—
New York	12	2	.857	½
Atlanta	5	6	.455	6
Chicago	4	8	.333	7½
Indiana	4	10	.286	8½
Washington	2	12	.143	10½

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	10	3	.769	—
Seattle	9	4	.692	1
Las Vegas	6	6	.500	3½
Phoenix	6	7	.462	4
Los Angeles	4	9	.308	6
Dallas	3	9	.250	6½

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Connecticut 85, Dallas 67

New York 90, Las Vegas 62

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Chicago at Indiana, 11a.m.

Los Angeles at Atlanta, 2p.m.

Seattle at Phoenix, 2p.m.

MONDAY'S GAME

Dallas at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Los Angeles at Connecticut, 6p.m.

New York at Phoenix, 9p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Minnesota 81, Los Angeles 76

Washington 83, Chicago 81

UFL PLAYOFFS

UFL CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNDAY'S FINAL

Birmingham (9-1, USFL) vs.

San Antonio (7-3, XFL), 4 p.m. (FOX)

The Dome at America's Center, St. Louis

COLLEGE BASEBALL

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

At Charles Schwab Field; Omaha, Neb.

(Double Elimination, x-if necessary)

BRACKET 1

Friday's results

G1: UNC 3, Virginia 2

G2: Tennessee 12, Florida State 11

Sunday's games

G3: Virginia (46-16) vs. Florida St.

(47-16) 1 p.m., (loser eliminated)

G4: UNC (46-14) vs.

Tennessee (56-12), 6 p.m.

Tuesday's game

G5: G3 winner vs. G4 loser, TBD

(loser eliminated)

Wednesday's game

G6: G4 winner vs. G5 winner, TBD

(winner advances unless G7 needed)

Thursday's game

x-G7: G6 winner vs. G6 loser, TBD

(winner advances)

BRACKET 2

Saturday's games

G1: Kentucky 5., NC State 4 (10)

G2: Texas A&M (49-13) vs.

Florida (34-28), late

Monday's games

G3: NC State (38-22) vs. G2 loser, 1 p.m.

(loser eliminated)

G4: Kentucky (46-14)

vs. G2 winner, 6 p.m.

Tuesday's game

G5: G3 winner vs. G4 loser, TBD

(loser eliminated)

Wednesday's game

G6: G4 winner vs. G5 winner, TBD

(winner advances unless G7 needed)

Thursday's game

x-G7: G6 winner vs. G6 loser, TBD

(winner advances)

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best-of-3)

Saturday, June 22: Bracket 1 winner vs.

Bracket 2 winner, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 23: Bracket 1 winner vs.

Bracket 2 winner, 1 p.m.

x-Monday, June 24: Bracket 1 winner

vs. Bracket 2 winner, 6 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINAL

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Florida 3, Edmonton 0

G1: June 8 at Florida 3-1.

G2: June 10 at Florida 4-1.

G3: June 13, Florida 4-3.

G4: Saturday at Edmonton, late

x-G5: Tuesday at Florida, 7 p.m.

x-G6: Fri, June 21 at Edmonton, 7 p.m.

x-G7: Mon, June 24 at Florida, 7 p.m.

CUP SERIES STATISTICS

through Game 3; hockey-reference

Edmonton	G	A	PT	+/-	S	ATOI
Connor McDavid	0	3	3	0.14	25:31	
Philip Broberg	1	0	1	0	3	16:59
Ryan McLeod	1	0	1	-2	3	10:09
Mattias Ekholm	1	0	1	-3	7	21:35
Warren Foegele	1	0	1	-2	5	8:19
Evan Bouchard	0	1	1	-4	12	28:35
Darnell Nurse	0	1	1	-1	0	13:10
Adam Henrique	0	1	1	-1	1	13:54
Brett Kulak	0	1	1	-1	5	16:58
Derek Ryan	0	0	1	-1	1	5:20
Corey Perry	0	0	1	-1	1	10:05
Ryan Nugent-Hopkins	0	0	0	-3	3	21:16
Evander Kane	0	0	0	-4	0	12:58
Mattias Janmark	0	0	0	0	1	12:43
Zach Hyman	0	0	0	-2	4	23:15
Dylan Holloway	0	0	0	-2	4	9:54
Leon Draisaitl	0	0	0	-2	9	32:28
Vincent Desharnais	0	0	0	-1	3	15:59
Cody Ceci	0	0	0	-2	2	16:18
Sam Carrick	0	0	0	0	0	7:31
Connor Brown	0	0	0	-2	0	12:23
Team	4	7	11	-32	86	16:21

Goaltender	W-L	GA	SV	SV%	ATOI
Stuart Skinner	0-3	9	59	.868	57:32

Florida	G	A	PT	+/-	S	ATOI
Evan Rodrigues	3	1	4	4	5	14:55
Aleksander Barkov	1	3	4	4	5	19:40
Sam Bennett	1	2	3	0	6	16:56
Sam Reinhart	1	2	3	5	21:01	
Anton Lundell	0	3	2	2	15:24	
Vladimir Tarasenko	1	1	2	2	9	11:32
Eetu Luostarinen	1	1	2	3	1	16:24
Carter Verhaeghe	1	0	1	-1	7	17:41
Niko Mikkola	1	0	1	2	2	18:46
Aaron Ekblad	1	0	1	2	6	23:29
Brandon Montour	0	1	1	1	4	20:48
Gustav Forsling	0	1	1	4	2	25:26
Oli. Ekman-Larsson	0	1	3	2	13:47	
Matthew Tkachuk	0	1	1	0	7	16:27
Steven Lorentz	0	0	0	0	2	6:27
Kyle Okposo	0	0	0	1	5	8:05
Dmitry Kulikov	0	0	0	0	0	13:08
Kevin Stenlund	0	0	0	0	0	10:44
Team Total	11	17	28	30	70	16:09

Goaltender	W-L	GA	SV	SV%	ATOI
Sergei Bobrovsky	3-0	4	82	.953	60:00

TENNIS

ATP BOSS OPEN

Saturday at Tennis Club Weissenhof;

Stuttgart, Germany; outdoors, grass

MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS

Matteo Berrettini d.

#5Lorenzo Musetti, 6-4, 6-0.

#6Jack Draper d.

Brandon Nakashima, 6-3, 6-3.

#7Sebastian Korda d.

#6Tallon Griekspoor, 6-2, 6-4.

ATP/WTA LIBEMA OPEN

Saturday at Autotron Rosmalen; Den

Bosch, Netherlands; outdoors, grass

MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS

#1Alex de Minaur d.

#3Ugo Humbert, 7-6(4), 6-3.

#7Sebastian Korda d.

#6Tallon Griekspoor, 6-2, 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Barkley leaving TV after next season



Charles Barkley said Friday that next season will be his last on TV, no matter what happens with the NBA's media deals. The Hall of Fame player has spent the last 24 years working as a studio analyst for TNT, which could lose the rights to broadcast NBA after next season. But no matter where the games end up, Barkley won't be following. "There's been a lot of noise around our network the last few months and I just want to say I've talked to all the other networks, but I ain't going nowhere other than TNT," Barkley said while working on NBA TV's NBA Finals postgame show. The NBA's current deals with ABC-ESPN and Turner Sports expire after next season and the league has been talking with NBC, ESPN and Amazon, among other networks and platforms, about what comes next. Barkley would seemingly draw interest from any network televising NBA, but the 61-year-old has decided that 25 years will be enough and he will "pass the baton." "But I have made the decision myself no matter what happens, next year is going to be my last year on television," he said.

Truex Jr. retiring from full-time racing



Martin Truex Jr. announced Friday he will retire from full-time racing at the end of the season, saying it was time to live by his own schedule after 19 years in NASCAR's Cup Series. "I mean, it's as simple as just not having a crazy schedule where, you know, you're 40 weekends at a racetrack," Truex said at Iowa Speedway, where he will be making his 674th Cup start on Sunday. "Everyone in my family, who's ever gotten married, I've missed their wedding. You know what I mean? ... You don't have a life. You're married to racing, that's all you do. Monday until Sunday, that's all you do." Questions about possible retirement have followed Truex over the last couple of years. The news broke on Thursday — "I don't even know why I'm here," Truex joked as he started his news conference — but Truex said he made the decision "a few weeks ago." "I was leaning that way most of the season," Truex said. "I was leaning that direction, but I wasn't totally sure. So I just took a while to think about it all. It's a big decision. It affects not just me, it affects a lot of people."

Verlander scratched due to neck pain



Astros ace Justin Verlander was scratched from Saturday's start against the Tigers because of neck discomfort. "He's been actually dealing with this for like the last two weeks, trying to pitch through it," manager Joe Espada said. "And we just felt like it's smart if we could just take a break here, skip a start and try to get to the bottom of it." The Astros are hopeful that the 41-year-old right-hander won't need to go on the injured list. He is listed as day to day. "Missing a start, it's not something you want to have happen," Verlander said. "But honestly, day to day is a good thing ... and you've got to trust the trainers, trust everybody you're talking to and I think the prognosis is pretty good. So, I can't put a rating on it, but I feel OK about it." Verlander said he cut his bullpen session short on Wednesday because of the problem but had hoped that he'd feel good enough to start Saturday. "It wasn't worse, it just kind of like flared up a little bit on me," he said. The three-time Cy Young Award winner is 3-2 with a 3.95 ERA in 10 starts this season. —Associated Press



Bryson DeChambeau celebrates after a birdie during the third round of the U.S. Open on Saturday in Pinehurst, N.C.

MATT YORK/AP

US OPEN

Putting on a show

DeChambeau steals the spotlight for a 3-shot lead

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PINEHURST, N.C. — Bryson DeChambeau ducked outside the ropes to a private area in the woods, flat on his back as trainers worked on hips that felt too tight. Moments later, he unleashed a swing that sent his drive 347 yards, leaving a wedge to set up birdie and another fist pump. DeChambeau delivered power, birdies and endless entertainment Saturday in the U.S. Open. He turned Pinehurst No. 2 into a one-man show with a 3-under 67 and built a three-shot lead as he moved closer to another U.S. Open title. "Just going to say it. Tomorrow it's the same quote I've said all week: Trying to have boring golf," DeChambeau said. "Middle of the greens never moves." There was little boring about his performance before a sunbaked and delirious gallery at Pinehurst that ended a sweltering day by chanting his name. He has always loved the attention from fans, even more when they love him back. "Yeah, it was amazing. I can't thank them enough. It was a blessing," he said. "Man, they riled me up." The feeling was clearly mutual. At stake is a chance to capture a second U.S. Open title with a reimagined game — still powerful as ever — and a physique that isn't quite the "Incredible Bulk" he was at Winged Foot in 2020. Still ahead is a final round with Rory McIlroy (69), Patrick Cantlay (70) and Matthieu Pavon (69) three

shots behind and all looking capable of giving him a run for the silver trophy. "I love the test that Pinehurst is presenting, and you've got to focus and concentrate on every single shot out there," McIlroy said. "It's what a U.S. Open should be like. It's obviously great to be in the mix." DeChambeau, a runner-up by one shot last month in the PGA Championship with another top 10 at the Masters in April, was at 7-under 203. He is the only player to post three straight rounds of 60s in a U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2. Ludvig Aberg, the super Swede who started the third round with a one-shot lead, fell victim to the slick, domed greens to make a triple bogey on the 13th hole that sent him to a 73 and left him five shots back along with Hideki Matsuyama (70). DeChambeau said it was "two hips that are not fantastic" from his speed training that led him to ask for a trainer and get worked on in the woods after the 10th hole. He went to the 11th, belted a 347-yard drive, hit wedge safely to the center of the green and made a putt from just outside 12 feet to become the first player to reach 7 under all week. With the tee slightly forward on the 13th, he wished aloud to have a go at the green, figured it wasn't practical and said to the gallery, "Don't boo me," as he reached for iron. He missed the fairway into a bunker and sent his approach dancing by the cup. He missed that 6-footer for birdie, but picked up birdie on the 14th and led by as many as four shots. But he wasn't immune from a big number, just like so many others. DeChambeau's shot to the 16th rolled off the front of the green. His chip was too weak and returned toward his previous shot.

His next pitch was only slightly better and he missed the putt to make double bogey. But he answered with a pitching wedge that narrowly cleared the fearsome bunker right of the par-3 17th and holed a 12-foot putt. Pavon, a winner at Torrey Pines in his first year playing the PGA Tour, joined DeChambeau as the only players to avoid a round over par this week. He saved one par from in front of a wiregrass brush and attacked pins when he could to get into the final group. "I'm not scared about taking the shots. I've never been scared about taking the shots," he said. McIlroy and Cantlay, adversaries in the Ryder Cup and in the PGA Tour board room, will be in the penultimate group. They stayed in different ways. McIlroy began to soar early on the back nine by riding some good putting — a 10-foot birdie on the 12th, a key par save from 6 feet on the 13th, a wedge to tap-in range on the 14th and another huge par save on the 16th. But he dropped two shots on the par 3s and was farther back than he would have wanted. Still, it's a chance. He famously said last year when he was runner-up at the U.S. Open, "I would go through 100 Sundays like this to get my hands on another major championship." He's right there with another chance to end a decade without a major. And so is Cantlay, who delivered a strong putting performance of his own. Cantlay missed all some of good birdie chances he had, but he stayed in the game with five par-saving putts of 7 feet or longer. He also poured in a 20-foot birdie putt on the 17th that kept him in range. "I feel like I'm in a good spot," Cantlay said.

NBA FINALS

Irving ends skid against the Celtics

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — Kyrie Irving's personal 13-game losing streak against the Celtics is over. Now it's back to the parquet floor in Boston to face his former team again, the Mavericks still alive in the NBA Finals after avoiding a sweep with a 122-84 blowout in Game 4 on Friday night. The first two road games in this series weren't Irving's best, the two in Dallas quite a bit better despite a Game 3 loss that left the Mavs with a deficit no NBA team has overcome to win a playoff series. Combine that with much more of an impact from the role players around Irving and co-star Luka Doncic, and maybe the constant booing of Irving from the jilted fans in Boston won't ring quite as loudly in Game 5 on Monday night. Plenty of green-clad Celtics fans were planning a celebration in Texas, but the loud cheers early when the game was close didn't last long. "You saw all those Celtics fans in there tonight. They travel in packs," said Irving, who spent two seasons in Boston. "When we go to Boston, there's going to be a bunch of them yelling a whole bunch of crazy stuff still, but I think we've been able to grow and face kind of this adversity head on. "We're figuring out each other in a crazy way during the highest stage of basketball," Irving said. "So it's a beautiful thing, but it also can be chaotic if you don't know how to stay poised through it." If the Mavericks are to become just the 12th of 157 teams to force a Game 6 after falling behind 3-0 — and get the title series back to Dallas — the supporting cast for Irving and Doncic will have to keep it up. Dereck Lively II connected on a 3-pointer for the first time in his career — exactly seven months after the second of the two regular-season attempts from beyond the arc by the 7-foot-1 rookie center. At one point in the second half, Lively had 12 rebounds, his final total, to 16 for the Celtics. No wonder the Mavs outscored the Celtics 60-26 in the paint, where Lively scored the other eight of his 11 points.

Dante Exum hit two 3s and had another taken away when replay revealed he had stepped out of bounds. The buckets from deep were coming from so many Mavs players — 14 of 23, although those numbers were skewed a bit by the blowout — it didn't matter that Doncic and Irving combined to go 1 of 14. "It's five people on the floor," Doncic said. "So that's huge for us. Everybody played with a lot of energy. That's how we got to do it. We got to think the same way in Game 5 in Boston." Doncic scored 25 of his 29 points in the first half, while Irving had 10 of his 21 in the third quarter to help push a 26-point halftime lead to 38 before all starters were out of the game for good late in the third. Lively's games in the finals have somewhat mirrored those of Irving, his fellow Duke alum. The 20-year-old was mostly quiet in Boston. The two games in Dallas put him in the company of Magic Johnson as the only rookies with consecutive double-doubles in the NBA Finals. He replaced starter Daniel Gafford earlier than in any of the previous finals games, and coach Jason Kidd said Lively just happened to be in the right spot — the right corner — when he hit the 3 to put the Mavs ahead for good about three minutes later. It's unlikely Lively will start at this point — something he did early in his rookie season — but the crowd probably will notice when he heads to the scorer's table for the first time back in Boston. "If they leave me open in the corner, I'm going to get them up, for sure," Lively said. "It's just having that trust. Luka is going to give me the ball. As soon as I shot it, he kind of jumped for joy when it went in." Irving is still trying to find some joy in Boston, and he gets another chance this season.



The Mavericks' Kyrie Irving, left, drives to the basket against the Celtics' Jrue Holiday during Game 4 of the NBA Finals on Friday at American Airlines Center in Dallas.

STACY REVERE/GETTY



Emil Ferris, artist and author of "My Favorite Thing is Monsters," adjusts her makeup before posing for a portrait on May 24, in Evanston. VINCENT ALBAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

‘You have to listen to your characters’

‘My Favorite Thing is Monsters’ returns after seven years, headaches included

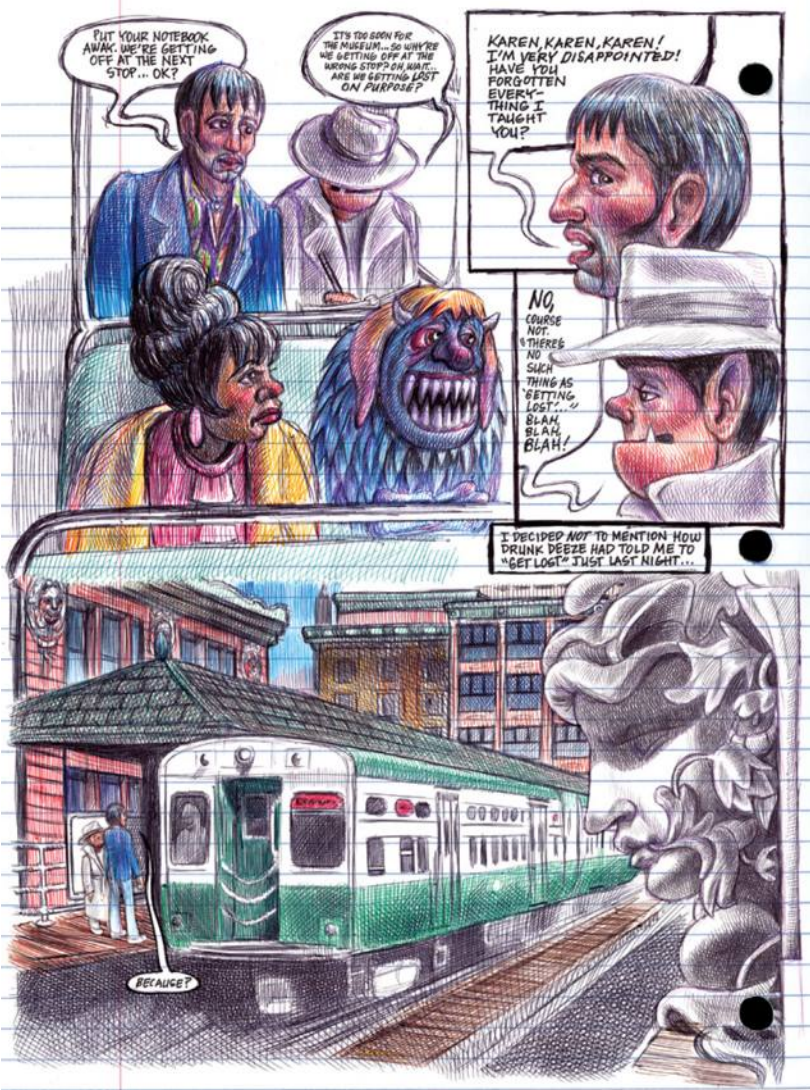
By Christopher Borrelli | Chicago Tribune

Emil Ferris won the lottery seven years ago. She knows this. She didn’t win the Illinois Lotto. She won the artist’s lottery, which costs far more than \$2 to play, and no matter if you are a pianist or playwright, it’s the crueler, more arbitrary game. Even in a field of long shots, she was unlikely. She was already in her 50s, scraping by as an Evanston illustrator and sometime product designer (for McDonald’s Happy Meals, among other things). Worse, Ferris had made a graphic novel so dense and sprawling, its manuscript pushed north of 600 pages long. Its initial publisher decided that it was just too... much.

But Fantagraphics, the venerable Seattle comics publisher of everything from “Peanuts” to Chris Ware, grabbed it. They would release it as companion books, the second coming six months after the first. The book, “My Favorite Thing is Monsters,” with its sweaty caricatures and latticed, ballpoint collages, tucked inside a package made to resemble the school notebook of an alienated girl in Uptown who wants to be a werewolf and befriends a Holocaust survivor, was such a baroque, accomplished swing for the creative fences, it resembled a life’s work. I remember a Fantagraphics staffer telling me that the publisher had wondered if this out-of-nowhere Chicagoan even existed. Or was this “Emil Ferris” the pseudonym for a known genius?

No, no — Emil Ferris lives, breathes, writes, draws. Seven years after “My Favorite Thing is Monsters” became a rare publishing phenom — a blockbuster graphic novel, with more than 100,000 copies sold — “My Favorite Thing is Monsters: Book Two” has finally arrived. When we met in Evanston the other day, I hadn’t seen her in six years. In fact, the last time we spoke, theater and film director Sam Mendes (“American Beauty”) had been circling the book to develop the inevitable movie adaptation. “Didn’t end up happening,” she smiled. Mendes came and went. And so did others. She’s still looking for the proper fit, she said. “Heart of Gold” strummed languidly over

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A page of Emil Ferris' "My Favorite Thing is Monsters: Book Two." FANTAGRAPHICS



The cast of "Stereophonic" on Broadway at the John Golden Theatre in New York. JULIETA CERVANTES



Chris Jones

In a gift for Tony Awards headline writers, Maria Friedman’s gut-wrenching “Merrily We Roll Along” (nominated for revival of a musical) will do precisely that at Sunday night’s ceremony at New York’s Lincoln Center. And David

Adjmi’s “Stereophonic,” a new play that does more than any other work in history to explain why great rock bands and great lovers so often break up, will surely top the Tony version of the charts. But when it comes to what is arguably the biggest prize of all, the Tony Award for best new musical, it’s a guessing game. Why? None of this past season’s fresh-faced tuners really stands out from the others. They all have their fans.

And when it comes to their worthiness for the big kahuna, they all have cases against them. Consider. You have the suffrage musical “Suffs,” (on balance, my favorite), unquestionably the most emotionally stirring of this season’s selections (which is why) and the happy coming out of a genuine multi-hyphenate Broadway talent in Shaina Taub, who recovered fast from the trauma of “The Devil Wears Prada” in Chicago.

But “Suffs” should have worked out its kinks out of town rather than asking Gotham critics to forget what they previously had seen at the New York Public Theater. That sense memory hurt their reaction and caused them not to see some of the vastly revised show’s palpable strengths. Some claim “Suffs” is also derivative and it’s certainly true that without “Hamilton,” there would

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2024 TONY AWARDS

Best musical is a guessing game, but not all the deserving were nominated

It’s grill season. Learn how the BBQ Pit Boys conquered the world



Rick Kogan

It is that time of year and the mind turns to grills. For many, the thing to grill is ribs, but most anything will do. I am not a cook or a grill guy but consider myself something of a rib expert, having eaten plenty (those at Twin Anchors are on top of my current list) and for a few 1980s years served as a judge for the Mike Royko Ribfest, generally acknowledged, by no less an authority than “The Chicago Food Encyclopedia” (University of Illinois Press), to have been “one of the nation’s first large barbeque competitions.” I remember those days fondly, as I wrote a while ago, “the unity, the harmony and the togetherness of them all. There were, side by side, groups from Glencoe and West Pullman, Rosemont and Roseland, Austin and Streeterville — white, Black and brown. There was no anger or violence, no arrests or trouble. If there were arguments, they were about cooking methods or sauces ‘sweet or tangy.’ These were harmonious and hopeful gatherings.”

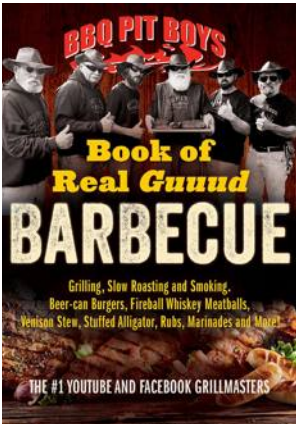
So, I was talking about grilling with Joe Carlucci, a man I have often consulted in matters of food and drink. His name may be familiar to you because he has had an acclaimed and influential presence on the local scene. He said to me,

“You can’t cook, you know?”

Carlucci was born and raised in New York. After graduating with a degree in psychology from Pittsburgh’s Duquesne University, he worked in the music business for a few years, saying, “My first day on the job I had to pick up Bette Midler at the airport.”

He came to Chicago in the early ‘80s, began operating eponymous restaurants in the city and suburbs and worked with a couple of Mike Ditka’s joints. He still operates a few places and consults with others, including recently with some of the most popular grill guys in the world. They are the BBQ Pit Boys and this is how he found them about four years ago: “I was watching TV one Saturday morning and on came this guy with a beard being interviewed about grilling,” Carlucci says. “With my background in music I think I have a good ability to judge star quality and the guy I was watching had it.”

He tracked down the man, whose “grill name” is “Bobby Fame” but his real name is actually Bob Ahlgren, the creator of the culinary phenomenon known as BBQ Pit Boys. They talked. They liked one another. They became partners and Carlucci helped facilitate the recent publication of “BBQ Pit Boys Book of Real Guuud Barbecue” (Firefly Books). It is a handsome 256-page, colorful, lively and entertaining book. It is packed with recipes and tips for grilling and smoking a variety of meats, as well as sides



‘BBQ PIT BOYS BOOK OF REAL GUUUD BARBECUE’
Firefly Books

and desserts. All the usual suspects are here, such as pulled pork, ribs and chicken wings. There are also recipes for alligator, lamb and venison. There’s fish, soups and sides. There’s a lot.

It also gives you the BBQ Pit Boys origin story, which Ahlgren told me over the phone a few days ago. “Well, I ran a small publishing company and was a serious antique dealer,” he says. “When YouTube first started around 2007, I thought it might be a good thing to spread the word about my business. Then a friend of mine from California wanted to get a recipe for something I grilled for him when he was visiting. I thought it would be fun to do that as a video and I posted it for him on YouTube.”

YouTube called him, asked him to become a partner and shipped him thousands of dollars worth of cameras and other equipment. They also sent



A group photo of the BBQ Pit Boys. **BBQ PIT BOYS**

him a check for \$32.

That was long ago and the checks have gotten larger. The BBQ Pit Boys is now an international fraternal order, with some 18,000 international chapters and 230,000 pitmasters, according to the book. Episodes are posted every week and they have been viewed more than 94 million times.

The nature of the show hasn’t really changed. It’s still a group of guys around a grill, drinking and making food. Ahlgren is the host, affable and amiable and, as he says, “making sure we don’t take ourselves too seriously.”

The enterprise is based not in Tennessee or Arkansas, as the boys’ outfits might suggest, but rather in Connecticut. In addition to YouTube, the Pit Boys are now spread across the other prominent social media platforms such as Facebook, X and Instagram. They have 2.2 million YouTube subscribers, are in the top

5% of all YouTube channels and are number one when it comes to BBQ.

Not surprisingly, Ahlgren has been approached “more than ten times by network producers about doing shows for them,” he says. “But I have rejected them all. They talk about how they can make me famous but I am already famous and I don’t want to be part of fake TV, become part of the reality show world. And I never want to lose control of the content and the way we deliver it.”

This was never intended to be a star-making vehicle. The focus is on the food and that’s one reason why Ahlgren and his pals wear sunglasses and cowboy hats that cover most of their faces. That aversion to the seductions of the mainstream entertainment business appeals to Carlucci, and to another food person who is also a partner with the Pit Boys. Ed Rensi is a former president and CEO of McDonald’s and he and

Carlucci are intent on exploring all manner of opportunities.

“Bob and his pit boys have such a broad platform and the ability to reach so many people,” says Carlucci. “But we are going to be true to the spirit of the show and of the people. They never had a business plan. This is just a great fun idea that has blossomed into a wonderful enterprise.”

He tells me that a Pit Boys line of sauces and rubs is currently available in 3,000 stores across Canada, and a Pit Boys beer can be had in Texas. The website offers all manner of official merchandise.

Then he asked me which of the book’s recipes I was thinking of tackling.

“You can’t cook, you know?” he said.

“Yes,” I told him. “That’s why I’m going to try the Cigar Ash BBQ Sauce (page 233) or Bacon Oreo BBQ Cookies (page 255).”

He shook his head and rolled his eyes.

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the restaurant speakers. “I am looking for my heart of gold,” Ferris said.

This in itself is telling.

Ferris carries weight now, juice. Things have changed since she won the artist’s lottery. For one, she’s in her 60s now, though still has a dark earth-mother quality, with a graying cascade of hair and ethereal, philosophical airiness. She also spun “My Favorite Thing is Monsters” into a deal with a bigger publisher, Pantheon, for new works, two graphic novels taking place (like “My Favorite Thing”) in the tawdrier Northside of the ‘60s. She’s also working on additional comics, a short story collection, an autobiographical book and a “deviant” turn-of-the-19th-century science fiction novel set in a polygamist community.

“There are a lot of things possible,” she said.

Success does wonders for confidence.

“I think the only gift that any writer or artist of any kind wants to be given is the (audience’s) willingness to travel with the storyteller, and I found out people would be willing to travel with me and Karen (Reyes, the anxious school-girl/werewolf heroine of the books). And I was absolutely flummoxed, gobsmacked, bedazzled and bedeviled.”

She’s also a touch cagier now.

The first time I spoke to her we rode the CTA and chatted, and this time, we sat across a table and after I took out a recorder, Ferris took out a recorder. “You know what,” she explained, “the reason I do that these days, I had the most terrifying conversation with my attorney, who said ‘By the way, if someone gets ahold of your recording because they hacked you, you could be saying anything they wanted...’ You have to be careful.”

She’s talking about a fear of AI manipulation, though she’s quick to note — partly with a wink, partly serious, partly because her favorite thing really is monsters — she doesn’t want to anger



Emil Ferris stands for a portrait on May 24 in Evanston. **VINCENT ALBAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

her coming AI overlords. “I’m not challenging AI, believe me. This is a real creature who has its own personalities and opinions. This is the new Frankenstein, and I am not about to insult the new Frankenstein. I only hope the new Frankenstein allows itself to be loved deeply and becomes what it wants to be. Because every Frankenstein wants to become Dr. Frankenstein. Every Pinocchio wants to be a real boy. You know?”

The last thing Emil Ferris needs is a digital Frankenstein.

She’s moving to a new place in Chicago because her Evanston home flooded. Though in the scheme of things, it’s really nothing. Any telling of her story, which has been well documented, is retelling a series of unfortunate events, spanning decades: Because of severe scoliosis, she spent part of her childhood — from about 4th to 8th grade, at Gale elementary school in Rogers Park — in a body cast that stretched from her neck to her hips. She was sexually assaulted as a child. She

recalls refusing to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance at Gale (in a grade-school protest of Vietnam) and being lifted up by her ears by the school principal, tearing her earlobe. She related to monsters. She left home at 16. At her 40th birthday party, she was bitten by a mosquito and contracted West Nile virus, which left her speechless, with meningitis, encephalitis and some brain damage. She was also paralyzed from the waist down, and for a time, lost control of her drawing hand. She began to attend the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, albeit in a wheelchair.

By working with a striking crosshatched drawing style during this time (one so intricate that it would eventually include reproductions of AIC masterworks), “My Favorite Thing is Monsters” took six years to finish. Then, just before publication, the full 10,000-copy run from Fantagraphics was trapped in the Panama Canal after the shipping company’s owners went bankrupt and the Panamanian government

seized the ship’s contents.

If only that was every-thing.

The second “My Favorite Thing is Monsters” became an ugly legal football, between artist and publisher. According to documents filed in 2021 by Fantagraphics in a Washington state district court, even before the first book was published, Ferris asked to hone the second. Deadlines were pushed, publishing dates were pushed. According to Fantagraphics — which said this was the first time in the company’s five decades it sued one of its authors — Ferris “blamed her failure to deliver the promised version on her mental and/or physical health, on a defective computer, and on her claimed need to generate other income,” eventually claiming Fantagraphics also didn’t have a right to the second book. According to Ferris’s counterclaim, the publisher was “bullying its breakout star author,” and “consistently underreported and underpaid her royalties.”

They came to a settlement in 2022, but after book two was delivered in 2023, the case was dismissed.

So why *did* book two take so long?

It reads like a seamless, touching continuation of the first, going deeper into Karen’s noirish Uptown, her sexuality and political awakening, partly tied to the 1968 police riots in Grant Park.

Ferris won’t discuss the lawsuit or why she left Fantagraphics for Pantheon.

Instead, she told me: “The thing takes the time it takes. That’s the thing I learned. You don’t get to decide everything. You have to listen to your characters. This is kind of personal, but at some point, Karen said to me — about the way I had finished the book — ‘I wouldn’t do that. I know you want me to. But I wouldn’t do it.’ I said, ‘OK, what would you do?’ And Karen said, ‘Just start telling my story. Just draw and I’ll tell you what happens.’ I was like, ‘OK muse! This is screwing me up...’ But stories don’t come to you the way a widget

comes out of the factory. They come in this really messed up way.”

She said the 50 extra pages she initially had for the second book were “unusable because it was wrong. It wasn’t what happens. It wasn’t what the characters would do.”

I said that’s probably hard for a publisher to hear. She said, “That’s too bad.”

Time moves faster now, faster than it did before she was a success.

Assuming nothing else bad happens.

She will leave that to the universe, she said. If the universe says more bad stuff needs to happen so that she can learn from it, she won’t fight. “But — it would be great if it was only a neck-down thing. Or only a mid-thorax-down paralysis. That’d be cool if it fulfilled my learning. *And if it doesn’t?* I’m going to trust what I have to learn. You arrive at the place you need to be having gone through what was required of you to arrive there.”

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not be “Suffs.” But then, Broadway is a cumulative art form by its nature and Lin-Manuel Miranda’s overcoat has many pockets: No “In the Heights,” no “**Hell’s Kitchen**,” that Tony nominee being as structurally derivative of that title as of the dynamic music of Alicia Keys. Heck, had Diane Paulus not revived “Pippin,” and had “War Horse” not so richly revealed the emotional inner life of large-sale puppets, I doubt “**Water for Elephants**” would be a credible Tony candidate, which most certainly is the case, given how well it integrates the world of the circus with the traditional Broadway musical. It’s a great shame that Friedman’s brilliant conceit for “Merrily” will almost certainly beat out Jessica Stone, the director of “Water for Elephants” and an artist who forged the best ensemble performance of the entire season. Stone deserves a Tony for that and so do all those roustabouts on the line.

“**The Outsiders**” has a powerful young-adult title and many fans of its churning, impassioned score. Understandably so. But I felt like the show lost its narrative drive in Act 2 when it should have roared past its source novel to empathic heaven and Broadway glory, and that some of the staging was, well, a tad hokey. Others have preferred adjectives like “sweet.” Fair enough. It’s good to have a family show about rural lives.

“**Illinois**,” a candidate with a late surge, I’m told, was a strikingly beautiful piece of work and a showcase for one of America’s greatest living choreographers, Justin Peck, and his ebullient, uber-cool dancers. The score is quixotically gorgeous but was not, of course, written specifically for the theater and even its orchestrations were very much Sufjan Stevens dependent. If you believe a Tony Award-winning musical has more of an integrative imperative, which I do, you could conclude that “The Notebook” was a more worthy occupier of that spot. “The Notebook” wasn’t nominated and will enjoy its revenge on the road, where hinterland audiences will better understand what it is trying to do.

Overall, I don’t think 2024 was the finest year for Tony nominators in any of the musical categories (although the slate for straight plays was very much on the money, with “**Jaja’s African Hair Braiding**,” “**Mary Jane**,” “**Mother Play**” and “**Prayer for the French Republic**” joining “Stereophonic”).

The most egregious omissions involved two immensely talented women: Ingrid Michaelson, whose score for “The Notebook” broke a few rules but was still richer and far directly potent than several of its nominated competitors. And choreographer Lorin Latarro, for her daring movement suite for “**The Who’s Tommy**,” a fiendishly difficult show to choreograph, simi-



Jenn Colella as Carrie Chapman Catt and cast in “Suffs” at the Music Box Theatre in New York. **JOAN MARCUS**



Brittany Adebunola and Dominique Thorne in “Jaja’s African Hair Braiding” at the Samuel J. Friedman Theatre in New York. **MATTHEW MURPHY**

larly deserving of far more praise than it received.

I say the nominating committee, which bizarrely nominated the wretched, decontextualized and spectacularly overpriced revival of “**Cabaret**” in many categories when only Steven Skybell and Bebe Neuwirth were actually any good, should reacquaint itself with genuine feeling, which is why folks shell out the big bucks to come to the “Cabaret.” It’s overstating things to say this revival was antisemitic, and I intend no such charge of anything conscious, but it certainly removes a masterpiece that intended to explain what can lead to a Holocaust from the context that matters most. Turning Herr Schultz’s pineapple into the branded name of a dining upgrade section of the theater was, at minimum, a tacky choice.

Jonathan Groff (“Merrily We Roll Along”) knows very well how to act a character ripped apart by his own mistakes, and is a much-deserved certainty for best actor in a musical. And when it comes to best actress in a musical, the Tony should (although may not) go to **Maryann Plunkett**, the steadfast emotional conscience of “The Notebook” ever since its Chicago tryout. Characters with dementia almost never appear in musicals and anyone who has suffered the affiliation of a family member could find in Plunkett’s performance equal measures of veracity and hope. No hokum there; just beautifully acted truth. No Tony is more deserved. And for many of Plunkett’s competitors in the category, of course, there is far more of a chance that the opportunity will come again.

The best revival of a play category was filled with Tony-worthy riches and represents, for me, the highlight of the season. Branden Jacobs-Jenkins’ “**Appropriate**” is the likely winner, although the moniker “revival” is a bit weird, since this relatively recent play with a history in Louis-

ville and Chicago was not previously seen on Broadway. I’d give the nod to Ossie Davis’ “**Purlie Victorious: A Non-Confederate Romp Through the Cotton Patch**.” Kenny Leon, his innate sense of humor now at its septuagenarian peak, has been restoring honor, dignity and contemporary enjoyment to great Black poetic works of the 20th century. This one not only showcased two knockout performances from the fearless Kara Young and the fabulous Leslie Odom Jr., it somehow managed to make America’s bitter (and, of course, *absurd*) racist legacy something America could laugh at together, and celebrate Black survival. It was a masterwork from Broadway’s greatest working revival interpreter and, unexpectedly, among the most enjoyable nights of the entire Broadway season.

Finally, come all the self-congratulations Sunday, you might also spare a thought for poor Huey Lewis, whose poorly titled jukebox show “The Heart of Rock and Roll” (also zestily choreographed by Latarro) not only got shut out of everything but has been dying at the box office, ever since it opened at the end of a long line of shows. Its terrific cast and creative team should hold its collective head high as the closing notice surely comes hard upon. Anyone who has seen it (you may have to look hard) will tell you it’s a very witty and enjoyable night at a Broadway theater.

The 77th annual Tony Awards ceremony will take place June 16 at the David H. Koch Theater at Lincoln Center in New York, hosted again by Ariana DeBose. It will be broadcast live on CBS and stream on Paramount+ (for subscribers of Paramount+ with Showtime only) from 7 p.m. CT; more information at www.tonyawards.com.

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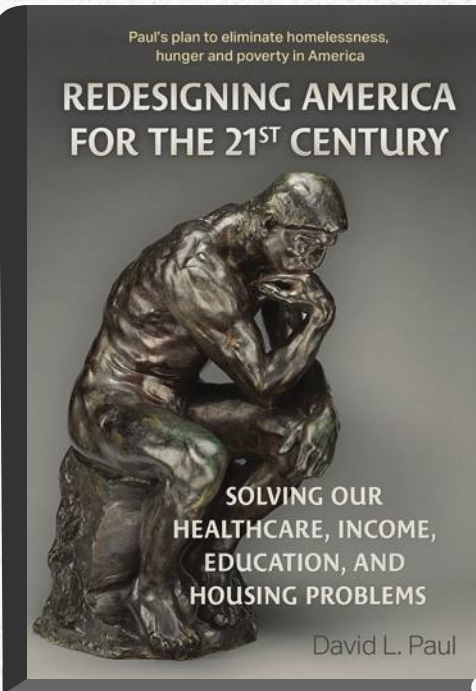


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Metallica guitarist Kirk Hammett, left, and bass guitar player Robert Trujillo perform at Lollapalooza in Grant Park in Chicago. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2022**

70 concerts for summer

Missy Elliott to Metallica, live music for the next few months

By Doug George
Chicago Tribune

Summer starts on Thursday. Never mind for a moment that Chicago's summer really began Memorial Day weekend, the calendar says the season officially runs June 20 to Sept. 22 — or 94 short days to soak up as much live music as we can. What follows is a simple list of as many shows as we could fit:

Janet Jackson Together Again Tour: June 19 at United Center, 1901 W. Madison St.; unitedcenter.com

Pixies and Modest Mouse with Cat Power: June 19 at Huntington Bank Pavilion at Northerly Island; livenation.com

Billy Joel and Stevie Nicks: June 21 at Soldier Field, 1410 Special Olympics Drive; soldierfield.com

Justin Timberlake Forget Tomorrow Tour: June 21-22 at United Center, 1901 W. Madison St.; unitedcenter.com

The Kid LAROI First Time Tour 2024: June 25 at Byline Bank Aragon Ballroom, 1106 W. Lawrence Ave.; livenation.com

The Dandy Warhols: June 27 at Metro, 3730 N. Clark St.; metrochicago.com

The Rolling Stones: Hackney Diamonds: June 27 and 30 at Soldier Field, 1410 Special Olympics Drive; soldierfield.com

Third Eye Blind with Yellowcard: June 28 at Huntington Bank Pavilion at Northerly Island; livenation.com

Future Islands: June 28 at Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive; auditoriumtheatre.org

Santana and Counting Crows: Oneness Tour 2024: June 29 at Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre, 19100 Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park; livenation.com

AJR — The Maybe Man Tour: June 29 and July 3 at Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont; allstatearena.com

JULY American Music Festival with Nikki Lane & Sierra Hull, The Jayhawks, Old 97's, Robert Randolph Band, July 3-6 at Fitzgeralds, 6615 Roosevelt Road, Berwyn; fitzgeraldsnightclub.com

Rose on the River with Flying Lotus, My Morning Jacket, Tash Sultana, Thundercat and Vulfpeck, July 4-7 at Salt Shed, 1357 N. Elston Ave; saltshedchicago.com

NASCAR Chicago Street Race with Keith Urban, The Chainsmokers, The Black Keys and Lauren Alaina: July 6-7 in Grant Park; nascarchicago.com

Iron & Wine: July 8 at Salt Shed, 1357 N. Elston Ave.; saltshedchicago.com

Niall Horan: July 9 at Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre, 19100 Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park; livenation.com

Thomas Rhett and the 2024 Windy City Smokeout: July 11-14



Kali Uchis at Byline Bank Aragon Ballroom in Chicago as part of her Red Moon in Venus Tour. **TRENT SPRAGUE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2023**

outside the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St.; windycitysmokeout.com

Chicago and Earth, Wind & Fire: Heart & Soul Tour: July 12 at Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont; allstatearena.com

Square Roots Festival with New Pornographers and Big Star Quintet: July 12-14 in Lincoln Square squareroots.org

Train and REO Speedwagon: July 13 at Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre, 19100 Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park; livenation.com

Miche Fest with Kali Uchis and Junior H, July 13-14 at Oakwood Beach, 4100 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive; michefest.live

Def Leppard and Journey: July 15 at Wrigley Field, 1060 W. Addison St.; mlb.com

Redd Kross: July 16 at Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave.; lh-st.com

America: July 19 at Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St.; jamusa.com

Grupo Firme — La Ultima Peda: July 19 at Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre, 19100 Ridgeland Ave, Tinley Park; livenation.com

Pitchfork Music Festival with Black Pumas, Jai Paul, Jamie XX, Carly Rae Jepsen, Alanis Morissette, Brittany Howard and Muna, July 19-21 in Union Park, 1501 W. Randolph St.; pitchforkmusicfestival.com

Loserville 2024: Limp Bizkit, BONES, N8NOFACE, Corey Feldman and Riff Raff, July 20 at Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre, 19100 Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park; livenation.com

George Strait with Chris Stapleton: July 20 at Soldier Field, 1410 Special Olympics Drive; soldierfield.com

Common with the Grant Park Orchestra: July 20 at Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park; chicago.gov

Sad Summer Festival with Mayday Parade, The Maine,

Wonder Years, We the Kings, Real Friends, Knuckle Puck and Daisy Grenade, July 20 at Salt Shed, 1357 N. Elston Ave.; saltshedchicago.com

Out of Space with Courtney Barnett and Bob Mould: July 26 in Skokie's Illinois Science + Technology Park Field, 4900 Searle Parkway, Skokie; outofspaceconcerts.com

Pretenders: July 26 at the Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St.; msg.com

Vampire Weekend: Only God Was Above Us Tour: July 26-27 at Huntington Bank Pavilion at Northerly Island; livenation.com

Manilow: The Last Chicago Concert: July 27 at Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont; allstatearena.com

GZA and Yaya Bey: July 29 at Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park; chicago.gov

Tedeschi Trucks Band: Deuces Wild 2024 with Margo Price: July 31 at Huntington Bank Pavilion at Northerly Island; livenation.com

AUGUST Lollapalooza with SZA, Tyler The Creator, blink-182, The Killers, Future X Metro Boomin, Hozier, Jason Isbell (Aug. 11), Jordan Davis (Aug. 13), Lil Wayne (Aug. 14) Jonas Brothers (Aug. 15), Smashing Pumpkins (Aug. 16), Miranda Lambert (Aug. 17); www2.illinois.gov/statefair

Sammy Hagar Best of All Worlds Tour with Loverboy: Aug. 3 at Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre, 19100 Ridgeland Ave, Tinley Park; livenation.com

2024 Illinois State Fair Aug. 8-18 in Springfield with Keith Urban (Aug. 9), Mötley Crüe (Aug. 10), Jason Isbell (Aug. 11), Jordan Davis (Aug. 13), Lil Wayne (Aug. 14) Jonas Brothers (Aug. 15), Smashing Pumpkins (Aug. 16), Miranda Lambert (Aug. 17); www2.illinois.gov/statefair

Hootie & the Blowfish: Aug. 9 at Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre, 19100 Ridgeland Ave, Tinley Park; livenation.com

Metallica: M72 Tour: Aug. 9 and 11 at Soldier Field, 1410 Special Olympics Drive; soldierfield.com



Chicago rapper Common performs at Mayor Brandon Johnson's the "People's Ball" in 2023. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

The Queens of R&B: Xscape and SWV: Aug. 11 at Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre, 19100 Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park; livenation.com

The Folk Implosion: Aug. 12 at The Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave.; hideoutchicago.com

Stray Cats: Aug. 10 at Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana, 5400 W. 29th Ave., Gary, Indiana; hardrockcasinonorthernindiana.com

Thirty Seconds To Mars on Seasons World Tour: Aug. 10 at Huntington Bank Pavilion at Northerly Island; livenation.com

Indigo Girls and Melissa Etheridge tour: Aug. 11 at Ravinia, 200 Ravinia Park Road, Highland Park; ravinia.org

Green Day Saviors Tour with Smashing Pumpkins, Rancid and Linda Lindas: Aug. 13 at Wrigley Field, 1060 W. Addison St.; mlb.com

Creed: Aug. 16 at Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre, 19100 Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park; livenation.com

Missy Elliott Out of This World Tour: Aug. 22-23 at Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont; allstatearena.com

Deep Purple: Aug. 23 at Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre, 19100 Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park; livenation.com

P!NK Summer Carnival Stadium Tour with Sheryl Crow: Aug. 24 at Soldier Field, 1410 Special Olympics Drive; soldierfield.com

Styx & Foreigner with John Waite: Aug. 24 at Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre, 19100 Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park; livenation.com

PJ Morton's Cape Town to Cairo Tour: Aug. 24 at Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St.; msg.com

The Doobie Brothers: Aug. 25 at Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre, 19100 Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park; livenation.com

Luke Bryan's Mind of a Country Boy Tour: Aug. 25 at Wrigley Field, 1060 W. Addison St.; mlb.com

Glen Hansard: Aug. 28 at Salt

Shed, 1357 N. Elston Ave.; saltshedchicago.com

Pearl Jam Dark Matter World Tour: Aug. 29 and 31 at Wrigley Field, 1060 W. Addison St.; mlb.com

Pitbull: Party After Dark Tour: Aug. 30 at Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre, 19100 Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park; livenation.com

Arc Music Festival: Aug. 30 to Sept. 1 in Union Park, 1501 W. Randolph St.; arcmusicfestival.com

North Coast Music Festival: Aug. 30 to Sept. 1 at SeatGeek Stadium, 7000 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview; northcoastfestival.com

SEPTEMBER Megadeth: Sept. 3 at Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre, 19100 Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park; livenation.com

Peter Hook & The Light: Sept. 7 at Riviera Theatre, 4746 N. Racine Ave.; metrochicago.com

Russian Circles: Sept. 7 at Metro, 3730 N Clark St.; metrochicago.com

Outlaw Music Festival with Willie Nelson, Bob Dylan and John Mellencamp: Sept. 7 at Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre, 19100 Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park; livenation.com

Avril Lavigne: Sept. 10 at Huntington Bank Pavilion at Northerly Island; livenation.com

LIVE+ & Stone Temple Pilots Jubilee Tour: Sept. 11 at Northerly Island; livenation.com

Kacey Musgraves: Sept. 12 at Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont; allstatearena.com

Keane: Sept. 18 at Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St.; msg.com

Riot Fest with Beck, Public Enemy, the Marley Brothers, Fall Out Boy, Slayer, Bright Eyes and Rob Zombie Sept. 20-22 at SeatGeek Stadium, 7000 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview; riotfest.org

Sigur Rós: Sept. 21 at Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive; auditoriumtheatre.org

He's bet everything; will it pay off?

Talking to Kevin Costner about new film 'Horizon'



Michael Phillips
On Further Review

Kevin Costner was 23 in 1978, when he filmed his first feature, “Sizzle Beach, U.S.A.,” also known as “Malibu Hot Summer.” That’s one fact.

Another one: Kevin Costner looks right in a cowboy hat. There’s more to movie stardom than that, but with Costner, the hat may have had something to do with the stardom, which came a few years after “Sizzle Beach/Malibu,” which came from Troma, the trash-forward, money-optional film production company behind “Class of Nuke ‘em High” and “Surf Nazis Must Die.”

Released in 1981, Costner’s debut feature follows three Los Angeles women, yearning for love, careers and meaning. The fifth-billed Costner plays the sole decent male in Southern California, a wealthy young stable owner sporting a cowboy hat. The hat has the added benefit of hiding the actor’s modified bowl haircut, which has not stood the test of time. But the actor has.

Ever since breaking through as the charismatic live wire Jake in his first real Western, director Lawrence Kasdan’s “Silverado” (1985), Costner has served as a genre ambassador and an advocate of the storytelling form. Now 69, he recently spent four increasingly contentious seasons on “Yellowstone,” settling scores and clearing the horizon of varmints anywhere near the Dutton ranch. Now, as producer, co-writer, director and marquee attraction, Costner’s the largely self-financed force behind a four-film gamble known as “Horizon: An American Saga,” set in the Civil War era.

Part One opens in theaters June 28. Costner and company return to theaters for the already filmed Part Two on Aug. 16. However these fare, he’s making two more. He has been filming Part Three for a while now. Like Costner’s own “Dances with Wolves” (1990), which won him Oscars for best director (first time out) and best picture, the script by Costner and Jon Baird devotes some acreage to First Nation characters and actors, though concentrating in the main on various groups of white men and women moving West.

Like the 1962 film that changed his young life, “Horizon” believes in an old-fashioned vision of the American pioneer spirit, without a lot of moral complication. Costner plays a loner and gunslinger, Hayes Ellison, who in Part One of “Horizon” takes on the role of

protector of sex worker Marigold (Abbey Lee) and the newborn in her care. The filmmaker says he mortgaged his place in Santa Barbara to help finance the first two “Horizon” movies and their \$100 million budget.

Early box office tracking data for “Horizon” hasn’t been great; same with the reviews coming out the film’s world premiere at the Cannes Film Festival last month. Costner and distributor Warner Bros. Pictures figure the project’s best hopes lie with audiences outside New York and Los Angeles. The pre-release push involved Costner’s promotional blitz with stops in Atlanta, Philadelphia and Dallas. For the Chicago regional junket, the studio flew in and put up TV, radio and some print and online journalists from Cleveland, Kansas City, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Detroit.

“I’ve got so much at risk on this,” he told me during our interview at the Western-themed Frontier restaurant on North Milwaukee Avenue.

The interview has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: You were filming Part Three of “Horizon” just last week?

A: Two days ago, in fact. We called wrap on Saturday for a while, and we’ll come back to it in August. We were filming down in this incredible box canyon, the kind of landscape I love to set drama against. In Utah, out of St. George, about two hours north of Las Vegas. I’ll finish Part Three by the beginning of October. And then I’ll figure out how to make the fourth one.

Q: First time I saw you in a movie was “Silverado,” in 1985. I remember the audience really responding to what you were bringing to it, just the glee and the —

A: The juice! It was a flashy role, so it was good for me. I didn’t really know how to play it at first. I knew I’d make Westerns someday; somehow, in my own psyche, I just knew it. I figured I knew how to play the laconic Scott Glenn role, or one of those other roles. But this one, this kid was literally swinging on the bars (in a jail cell), just full of juice. At first I thought, god, I didn’t know how to do this. But I figured it out. I loved being in that movie.

I think Larry (Kasdan, the director, who cast Costner in “The Big Chill” but cut his part out of the final version) was a big foundation for me. The rehearsals he did, the room he afforded his actors, and how gracious he was with them. He’s such a skilled writer. Between him and (writer-director) Ron Shelton (“Bull Durham,” “Tin Cup”), there was a lot to appreciate just being around them. Quality people. Decent men, who happened to be great storytellers.



Co-writer, producer and director Kevin Costner stars in “Horizon: An American Saga,” part one of which opens in theaters June 28. **WARNER BROS. PICTURES**

Q: And it was just three years after “Silverado” that you started thinking about what became “Horizon”?

A: Right, 1988. I actually commissioned the story through his brother, Mark Kasdan. He wrote the first version, called “Side-winder.” And I liked it. And I couldn’t get anyone to make it. But (years later) I was working on it with a friend of mine, Jon Baird, who said he wanted to just keep writing. And he wrote four more.

There was something wrong about the first one. Not wrong, maybe, but originally the town of Horizon was already there at the start. I started to think about that, and the idea that all these towns in America started with somebody putting a stake in an ant hill and saying “This is mine.” On the frontier there was a lot at stake when somebody said that. So I thought: What if we explored how these towns came to be?

There’s been a lot of scripts I’ve liked that (took years to sell). I walked the street with Ron Shelton trying to sell “Bull Durham.” “Field of Dreams” was a really difficult movie to sell.

I’m about as mainstream as you can get. But I do believe in the nuances of subplot, and I try to invest in character. With “Horizon” what came to dominate, really, was the women in it. The more we wrote, the more central they became. But it doesn’t keep me from the action, or eliminate the gunfights.

Q: Let’s talk about “How the West Was Won” (1962), which is a big influence here.

A: That was the first time I fell in love with the West at the movies, starting with that opening image, and Spencer Tracy’s voice, and James Stewart dressed in skins. Not the Jimmy Stewart we knew. I remember that birch bark canoe with the tar. I was seven, and I was transported.

Q: Did you see it in Cinerama?

A: Yeah, at the Dome! (*To note: The Hollywood Cinerama Dome theater is scheduled, after renovations, to reopen in 2025.*) I was seven or eight. At the time my feet were dangling about this far off the chair (demonstrates, smiling). I didn’t leave for the intermission; I didn’t want anybody to take my seat. I was there for a little boy’s birthday party, but I was by myself. The other kids were fartin’ around, running around. I don’t think I left my seat.

Q: Your family moved a lot when you were that age, is that right?

A: My dad worked for Consolidated Edison. His family had lost everything in the Oklahoma Dust Bowl, just like “The Grapes of Wrath,” and they had to come to California. He had one job and never looked for any other opportunity because he was afraid that job might be taken from him.

We moved quite a bit, when I was in ninth, 10th, 11th, 12th grade. That was a difficult time for me. I think I started to lose a lot of confidence. Just trying to fit in, not being able to fit in. I had it better than a lot of kids, ‘cause I could play sports, so I could get on a team, find some friends. A little bit. But I was kind of undersized, and my brother was over in Vietnam. A complicated time for me.

Q: Do you recall the first time you rode a horse?

A: Second or third grade. This kid I knew had a horse, and sometimes kids with horses just don’t want to ride them anymore. But I did, so I’d come over and ride. I remember being underneath trees, and I’d jump up and hook my arms under a tree limb and (hang there), hoping the horse would go by past me, and imagine the bad guys riding underneath me, and I’d whistle for my horse to come back. Of

course he wouldn’t come back; he was a mean little horse. So that part of the movie in my head never happened for me. There I was, up in the tree, seven, eight years old, making stuff up. This was up in Santa Paula in Ventura County.

Q: How did you and your “Horizon” work together on the screen-plays?

A: Well, Jon (Baird) is a bigger research guy than I am. I’m a human behavior guy. It just goes back and forth between us. I just put another sequence into Part Two when we filming Part Three (the other week), a five-scene sequence I felt was necessary. I wrote it, gave it to Jon, he did his thing to it, and we got what we wanted. Just trading back and forth. He’s the strength of our writing team; I round out a lot of things.

On “The Big Chill” and “Silverado,” we had anywhere between two and four weeks of rehearsal time. That’s just not a given anymore. All my other movies I’ve directed, I’ve tried to do two or three weeks of rehearsal because I believe so much in it. My actors in “Horizon” have not had that. “Horizon” we shot in 52 days. “Dances with Wolves,” we had 106 days. When I did “Wyatt Earp” with Larry (Kasdan), that was 113, 114 days. My dp (director of photography J. Michael Muro) couldn’t sit around waiting for perfect light. We just kept going.

Listen, I’ve got so much at risk on this. It’s the price you pay to do the story you want to do, if you believe in your connection to the audience. And yeah, I’d like to get my pile back. But not so much so that I’d want to spit on my life, and not do what I wanted to do.

“Horizon: An American Saga” opens in theaters June 28.

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Trainor all about her family while making album’s music

By Maria Sherman
Associated Press

Ten years ago, Meghan Trainor was a successful songwriter, soon to become a hit pop performer in her own right. “All About That Bass” established the then 20-year-old as a new force channeling old sounds — a combination of doo-wop with contemporary pop hooks in a time dominated by big synths — and with something to say. Her public persona became intertwined with the song’s lyrics about body acceptance.

“I have my self-love pop bangers that I just do in my sleep,” she said in an interview at the time. “That’s my therapy that I need for myself. But it also helps people, so that’s just a win-win as a songwriter.”

Now, Trainor has released her sixth studio album, “Timeless.” Empowerment messages are still at the heart of her specific sound, but she has matured them to meet where she is in life: as a mother, a sister and a veteran of this business.

The first single, “Been Like This,” featuring her hero T-Pain, even references “All About That Bass.” She sings, “Ooh-wee, she got that booty/ That type of boom-boom, that bass that I like.”

Making it the first single? She calls that “destiny,” and is quick to mention that both of her brothers wrote on the song as well. “My mom was sobbing. My dad was crying, like, pretty sure he didn’t know who T-Pain was until I talked about him nonstop,” she says.

Family is at the center of “Timeless” and the music Trainor makes. A mother of two boys, she considers them in everything she does.



Meghan Trainor recently released her sixth studio album, “Timeless.” **ANDY KROPA/INVISION**

“‘To The Moon’ is for my kid, because he loves rocket ships and outer space,” she says of 3-year-old Barry Bruce Trainor. “A lot of it is inspired by my boys. I want them to have songs that help teach them how to love themselves as they’re growing up, you know, self-confidence and being kind to themselves.”

And it’s for the listener, too, of course. “I Wanna Thank Me” samples Niecy Nash-Betts’ acceptance speech at the 2024 Emmy Awards, where she said, “And you know who I wanna thank? Me, for believing in me and doing what they said I could not do. I want to say to myself, in

front of all you beautiful people — Go girl, with your bad self. You did that.”

“I kept writing self-confident bangers, and this was one of the last songs I wrote for the album,” Trainor says, adding that after a while, she didn’t know what else to write about. Then her manager sent her the Nash speech. It was instant inspiration. The day after they wrote it, she sent it to Nash, who filmed herself listening to it while sobbing.

“I had Niecy and her daughter and her wife come over and sing on the album, sing background on the song,” she adds. “So, when you hear all these big vocals at

the end, with a bunch of women singing, it’s us.”

“Timeless,” the album’s title, stems from Trainor’s “big, big, big, big fear of death,” as she puts it.

“When you have kids, you’re like, ‘Oh this is the meaning of life. I have to be here forever,’” she says. “Instead of living in this fear that I have every morning and day and night, I want to live. Like, ‘Wow. We’re so lucky, we’re here. We have all this time together.’ And so that’s why I’m trying to wrap my head around the word ‘timeless.’”

This fall, Trainor will tour for the first time in seven years —

also her first time on the road since becoming a mother. “I am in the gym like an Olympian,” she jokes. “I’m going to get in crazy shape and then start practicing.” Dancing and singing at the same time is no easy feat, and “I want to dance a lot,” she says.

Beyond that, her goals are to put on a great show and to keep her family involved every step of the way. “I’m going to try to make it fun, where each state we get to do something fun with the kids,” she says. “It’s going to be a blast. I’ve lined it up so we can’t not have fun.”

And potentially make some timeless memories.

NBC bets on pop culture for Paris Olympics

From Snoop Dogg to Clarkson, stars to helm broadcasts

By Jonathan Landrum Jr.
Associated Press

NBC is inserting some pop culture flavor into the world's biggest sports spectacle. From Megan Thee Stallion dancing with dressage horses at the Palace of Versailles to Peyton Manning riding a giant baguette blimp over the Eiffel Tower, the network has strategically partnered with several big names to build anticipation for the Paris Olympics.

Enlisting a plethora of entertainers and non-Olympic athletes is designed to entice viewers after the network — and longtime Olympics broadcaster in the United States — drew lackluster ratings for the last Summer Olympics in Tokyo and the Winter Olympics in Beijing. Held amid the coronavirus pandemic, those Games proceeded with muted fanfare and few announcers on-site.

But with over 11 million expected to attend the two-week Summer Games that kick off July 26, NBC — which holds the broadcasting rights to the Olympics through 2032 — wants to attract more viewers by bringing Olympic stories to life with popular and diverse personalities.

“We speak to a broader audience,” said Snoop Dogg, who has been brought on as a prime-time NBC correspondent for Paris.

The ultra-smooth rapper had become a fan favorite during the Tokyo Games, when he and Kevin Hart did in-studio commentary for Peacock.

Snoop Dogg will be on the ground in Paris by late July, exploring the city's landmarks and attending competitions and events. He has already had casual



Above: The Olympic rings are seen June 7 on the Eiffel Tower in Paris. **THOMAS PADILLA/AP**
At right: Kelly Clarkson, clockwise from top left, Snoop Dogg, Peyton Manning and Leslie Jones are among the entertainers recruited by NBC for its coverage of the Summer Games.

on-video interviews with a few Olympians about their respective sports, including women's basketball player A'ja Wilson, gymnast Sunisa Lee, skateboarder Jagger Eaton and beach volleyball players Sara Hughes and Kelly Cheng.

“We have different perspectives and different views,” Snoop Dogg said of the recruited entertainers. “The world that we live in right now, it is appropriate for me to give our side of the story, because we’ve always been a great voice and a great instrument. But we’ve never been the conductor. Now I get to play the role of conductor.”

After the pandemic-delayed Tokyo Games in 2021, NBC created a new playbook to increase excitement for this summer's coverage. Network researchers found that people between the ages of 26 and 40 wanted an Olympics that infuses more pop culture into the everyday conversation.

Singer Kelly Clarkson and NFL legend Peyton Manning will join sportscaster Mike Tirico in Paris as hosts of the opening

ceremony along the Seine, held for the first time outside a stadium setting. Comedian Leslie Jones will contribute to on-air and social media coverage. Podcaster Alex Cooper of “Call Her Daddy” fame will host live, interactive watch parties in Paris called “Watch with Alex Cooper,” a Peacock program where she'll appear in a picture-in-picture view sharing her insights and answering questions from fans in real time.

“I'm not a former Olympian, but they sort of convinced me that we are just celebrating these athletes and a little bit about what drives them,” said Manning, a Pro Football Hall of Famer and two-time Super Bowl winner. He's also the co-host of the ESPN-produced “Monday Night Football with Peyton and Eli” alongside his brother and fellow former NFL quarterback Eli Manning.

Hart returns too, collaborating with Kenan Thompson on an eight-episode commentary series offering comical recaps of the best and most unexpected

Olympic moments.

“It's under the umbrella of sports, but it's really a cultural celebration,” said Tirico, who will host his fourth opening ceremony of the Olympics.

Tirico will team up with Jimmy Fallon along with past Olympians Tara Lipinski and Johnny Weir for NBC's closing ceremony coverage.

Tirico said integrating more pop culture elements into the coverage was a “grand slam” idea.

“If we bring a little cross-section of America together to give you a flavor of the games and do it under one tent, it'll keep you around for 17 nights,” Tirico said. “That's our plan. Our goal. We're so glad that we've got people like Snoop, Peyton, Kelly and to help us do it.”

Along with Megan Thee Stallion and Manning's commercials, several other promotional spots have already aired on NBC.

Rapper Cardi B appeared in a promo, getting her nails done with track star Sha'Carri Richardson. Actor Lily Collins reprised her “Emily in Paris” role to pitch executives a new



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wardrobe idea for sprinter Noah Lyles. Paris Hilton helped reveal the Olympics logo.

Dolly Parton collaborated with the network on a video for her cover of “We Are the Champions/We Will Rock You,” which has been used to promote coverage.

“We wanted to be a part of the cultural zeitgeist,” said Molly Solomon, executive producer and president of NBC Olympics Production. “We wanted to make sure that it feels like more than just a sporting event. It's really an entertainment and pop culture event that is centered around athletes stories.”

So far, the commercials have generated strong numbers.

According to NBC, Collins' promo spot drew more than 30 million viewers on the network's platforms. Megan Thee Stallion's ad garnered 12 million views, while Snoop Dogg pulled in just under 10 million through its social media channels.

“We tried to remain very true to our audiences and the placement of the

content,” said Jennifer Storms, NBC's chief marketing officer of Entertainment and Sports. “We're working together on the talent and how they have a continuous storyline before the Olympics and through the Olympics.”

Storms wants to bring Olympians' stories to the forefront through popular voices. Expect stories from singer John Legend about gymnast Simone Biles, WWE star Cody Rhodes on wrestler David Taylor and “Chicago Fire” actor Eamonn Walker on Lyles, she said.

“That translates to telling the story around an athlete that America might not know yet,” Storms said. “So the talent are critical to catching people's attention.”

Manning hopes to make an influential mark. He's looking forward to delving into the backstories of Olympians such as Biles and swimmer Katie Ledecky.

“Maybe athlete to athlete,” Manning said, “they will share some information that maybe they just wouldn't tell anybody.”

Coleman spreading her wings in ‘Clipped’

Audacious performance may end versatile actor's anonymity

By Alexis Soloski
The New York Times

Cleopatra Coleman began with red, swirling it toward pink with a fine-tipped brush. An oval appeared on the paper, and then smaller marks joined it — ears, eyebrows, a line for a nose. “I always draw this woman,” Coleman said. “I don't know why.”

This was on a bright May morning and Coleman, a star of the FX limited series “Clipped,” now streaming on Hulu, was at Happy Medium, an art cafe near her temporary apartment in Brooklyn while she's in New York filming a new series, “Black Rabbit.”

To the picture, Coleman, 36, added more colors — purple, sunset orange, hints of green — all representing different emotions. Then she took a fresh sheet and began again, painting the same figure in different shades. Since the early days of the pandemic, she has drawn and painted this woman hundreds of times.

“It's always the same woman,” she said.

In her professional life, Coleman is almost never the same woman. An actor since her teens, she has bounded among genres and forms. Although her look is distinct — high forehead, full lips, limpid brown eyes — she is often nearly unrecognizable from one role (“The Last Man on Earth” or “Dopesick”) to the next (“Infinity Pool” or “Rebel Moon”). It's a versatility that has allowed her to stay relatively anonymous. But given her audacious performance in “Clipped,” as V. Stiviano, the personal assistant to Donald Sterling, the disgraced former owner of the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers, and the promise of “Black Rabbit,” a starry drama set in the

world of Manhattan nightlife due out next year, Coleman's name and face are about to become much better known.

That's what her colleagues want for her. “I hope she breaks the (expletive) out,” Gina Welch, who created “Clipped,” said in an interview. “She's such a star.”

And Mo McRae, who directed her in the film “A Lot of Nothing,” doesn't understand why it hasn't happened already.

“It is shocking to me — I've thought about it a lot, and it doesn't make sense,” he said. “She's extremely talented, she's professional, she's beautiful, she's intelligent, she's all of the things.”

According to Coleman, celebrity has never been her goal. She prefers to disappear into her roles. “You just put it out there,” she said. “It's not your job to tell someone how to feel. None of it's yours. You're just a vessel.”

Coleman grew up in Byron Bay, Australia, the daughter of a Scottish father and a Jamaican mother, hippies with strong artistic leanings. Her first experience of performance was clambering to the front during a belly dance class that her mother led. She studied ballet and modern dance and made her acting debut in one of her father's short films. Acting was, for her, an irresistible calling. She liked Byron Bay, but by the time she was a teenager, she persuaded her parents to leave.

The family moved to Melbourne. Although her parents were no longer romantically involved, they all lived together at first, the better to support her. Quickly she was cast in a commercial and then in roles on children's television. That was fine for a

few years, but as a mixed race actor she sometimes felt limited by what the Australian industry offered her. She knew that the writers and directors never had someone who looked like her in mind.

“I had to be undeniable,” she said. “I had to literally go in and change their minds completely.”

She often played tough girls back then or sexualized characters, even though sexuality is a quality she rarely leads with, in life or work. After high school, she visited Los Angeles and then moved there a few years later.

Hollywood brought more opportunities, but despite her experience, she still had to fight for every audition. She took whatever was available — comedy, drama, horror, satire, science fiction — and used to feel self-conscious about that. “I thought, ‘Oh, do I need to pick a lane?’” Eventually she realized she was creating her own lane. And while there's not much overlap between a loopy sitcom like “The Last Man on Earth” and an eat-the-rich horror film such as “Infinity Pool,” she often found herself in projects that attempted an exaggerated or heightened reality.

Coleman thinks that she understands why. “I can go there,” she said. “I'm intense, man. That's all I can say.”

Mary Steenburgen, her co-star and eventual romantic interest on “The Last Man on Earth,” had another theory. “She has an ability to go deep into her own sense of truth,” she said of Coleman. “Cleo has this beautiful belief in her character and the moment.”

That belief served her well in “Clipped,” playing a character who could easily



Cleopatra Coleman, seen May 19 in New York, stars as V. Stiviano, the personal assistant to former Clippers owner Donald Sterling, in “Clipped.” JINGYU LIN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

be dismissed as a bimbo, a gold digger, or a fame-hungry grifter leveraging her intimate relationship with the wealthy NBA owner Sterling — played by Ed O'Neill in the series — for riches and renown. The real Stiviano did eventually achieve a kind of fame when she recorded Sterling making racist remarks that were later leaked to TMZ, touching off a scandal that resulted in Sterling's ouster from the league in 2014.

Welch, the showrunner, said V. was like an Edith Wharton heroine, “unapologetically ambitious and materialistic and vain. You want to see them eat the world.” But as played by Coleman, V. invites compassion — she is as

naive as she is calculating, as good-hearted as she is manipulative and ambitious.

Welch said that Coleman “wanted to make sure that people still felt empathy for the character.” It worked, at least during filming. Welch found herself writing more for V. and shaping episodes in favor of the character's point of view, a tribute to Coleman's performance.

Coleman could relate to the character's ambition and to her status as an outsider in a world she longs to join. “I just saw her as an outlier and a misfit, and I know what that feels like,” she said.

Coleman finished off the second painting. She couldn't say exactly what

her subject represents, but in her face Coleman saw humor and resilience, she said. “She's sardonic, and she looks like she's been through hell, but she's cool with it because she knows she's going to be OK.”

Resilience has kept Coleman going for 20 years, throughout a career in which she has rarely occupied the spotlight. So even if she isn't looking for fame, and is mildly allergic to celebrity, she's curious about this next professional phase.

“For me, it's about, ‘Ooh, this is available to me now, this juicy character,’” she said. “That's what's exciting, and I hope that continues. Because I have so much more to give.”

‘Self-help queen of TikTok’ works in shadows

Shaheen’s journal takes unusual path to become bestseller

By **Alexandra Alter**
The New York Times

Last summer, a book changed Kohn Glay’s life. A TikTok ad had steered him to “The Shadow Work Journal,” a slim work-book that directs readers to explore hidden parts of their unconscious — their shadow selves, in the book’s vernacular. He ordered a copy and soon was back on TikTok, fervently recommending it to his followers. “If you’re on your spiritual journey, you absolutely need to go and get you one of these,” he says in the video, urging viewers to buy the book in the TikTok store.

The video went viral, eventually drawing more than 58 million views. Glay, who is 43 and lives in Baltimore, began holding online classes to guide people through the journal. Over the next few months, people who watched his videos bought more than 40,000 copies of the book on TikTok, and Glay earned more than \$150,000 in commissions. By December, he had quit his job and now runs his own business, Happy Healin, which offers subscribers spiritual mentorship and coaching.

Glay is part of the army of TikTok influencers who helped turn “The Shadow Work Journal” into a mega bestseller. He’s so closely associated with the book that people often assume he wrote it. “It became a daily thing to tell people I’m not the author,” he said.

The real creator of “The Shadow Work Journal” is Keila Shaheen, a 25-year-old writer from Texas with a background in marketing who self-published the book in 2021 and has since been crowned “the self-help queen of TikTok.”

After the journal blew up on TikTok, Shaheen went on to sell more than



Writer Keila Shaheen, seen May 2 in Austin, Texas, self-published the first edition of her book, “The Shadow Work Journal,” in fall 2021. **ELI DURST/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

1 million copies. Most of those — nearly 700,000 copies — were sold through the TikTok shop and were marketed relentlessly by passionate influencers like Glay, who earn a 15% commission on each sale from Zenfulnote, Shaheen’s company.

Shaheen’s unusual path to bestsellerdom shows how radically book marketing and sales have been changed by TikTok. Over the past few years, publishers have frantically rushed to harness the power of the platform as viral videos and reviews by influencers have propelled sales for blockbuster authors like Colleen Hoover, Emily Henry and Sarah J. Maas.

But Shaheen is perhaps the first self-published nonfiction author to break out in a big way on the platform, a feat she accom-

plished by fully harnessing its potential not just for marketing but also for direct sales.

Her stunning trajectory has left many authors and publishers wondering whether that formula can be replicated and how publishers can navigate the new online retail ecosystem — a fast moving, algorithm-driven marketplace that threatens to cut them out entirely.

“To think that she achieved a million copies sold in the United States alone, without a publisher, without any international expansion, without brick-and-mortar support, it breaks all the rules of what makes a bestseller,” said Albert Lee, a literary agent with United Talent Agency, which represents Shaheen.

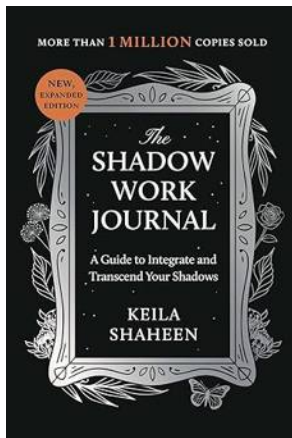
Others wonder just how much bigger Shaheen’s

self-help empire can get. Shaheen signed a five-book deal this year with Simon & Schuster, after months of being courted by big publishing houses.

The deal includes a new, expanded edition of “The Shadow Work Journal,” which was released in late April, with a first printing of 100,000 copies, plus two new books by Shaheen.

“We really wanted to show Keila that we had a long-term vision,” said Michelle Herrera Mulligan, vice president and associate publisher of Primero Sueño Press/Atria, the Simon & Schuster imprint that signed Shaheen. “There is still a huge untapped audience for this book.”

Shaheen first encountered the idea of shadow work in 2021, when she was feeling anxious and



‘THE SHADOW WORK JOURNAL’

By Keila Shaheen; Primero Sueño Press/Atria, 272 pages, \$21.99.

adrift in the wake of the pandemic. She graduated from Texas A&M in 2020 with a degree in business and psychology, then found work in online retail and marketing — including a stint as a creative strategist for TikTok.

Coming out of the isolation of COVID-19, Shaheen felt disconnected and found working in a corporate environment overwhelming.

One day, while searching online for therapeutic journaling prompts, she came across references to Swiss psychoanalyst Carl Jung’s idea of the shadow self, which holds that parts of our unconscious can mask hidden fears and desires. She learned about a practice called shadow work, a somewhat fringe field that draws on Jung’s ideas to guide people as they interrogate their shadow selves, with the goal of accepting parts of themselves that make them feel guilty, ashamed or afraid.

Shaheen started posting videos on Instagram and TikTok about shadow work exercises she was trying and began getting messages from viewers asking for a printed guide. So in fall 2021, she self-published the journal and began selling copies for \$19.99.

Sales were slow at first. Then, in late 2022,

TikTok expanded into online retail. The platform started selling products directly through the app and created an affiliate program, which allowed influencers to post videos about products in the store and earn a commission. Once Shaheen started selling the journal through TikTok, requests came pouring in from influencers who wanted free copies in exchange for promotion.

TikTok was soon flooded with emotional videos of users filling out the journal’s pages.

The journal also drew some skepticism. Some on social media attacked shadow work as anti-Christian and even demonic. Others said it failed to live up to the hype. Still others questioned Shaheen’s credentials as a mental health guide.

Shaheen — who is described in her author biography as “a certified sound healer and behavioral therapy practitioner” — completed an online training course in cognitive-behavioral therapy but is not a licensed therapist.

Some experts in Jungian psychology worry that “The Shadow Work Journal” oversimplifies Jung’s ideas. Shaheen said she always intended the journal to be an introduction to shadow work, not a comprehensive guide.

“The journal is meant to be a bridge,” she said. “I wouldn’t say that it’s created to replace therapy.”

It’s still unclear whether “The Shadow Work Journal” will catch on with a wider demographic or if it owes its popularity to a viral trend that has waned. So far, the new edition has sold nearly 18,000 copies, according to Circana Bookscan — a healthy amount, but hardly a hit.

Herrera Mulligan, Primero Sueño’s publisher, said “The Shadow Work Journal” is just the beginning: “We really want her to be the new empress of self-help.”

NONFICTION REVIEWS

Book offers fuller picture of D-Day

Writing about the Allied invasion of Normandy, Garrett M. Graff is treading onto familiar history with his latest book.

From books by historian Stephen Ambrose to films like Steven Spielberg’s “Saving Private Ryan,” there are ample works chronicling the June 6, 1944, landing during World War II that ultimately led to the downfall of Nazi Germany.

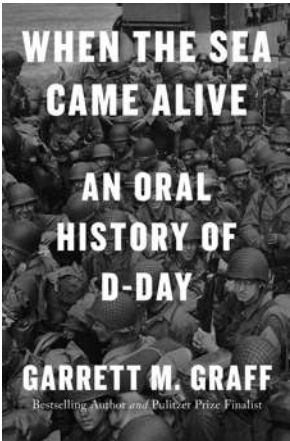
But in “When the Sea Came Alive: An Oral History of D-Day,” Graff weaves together hundreds of eyewitness accounts to create a history that stands alongside those works, expanding readers’ understanding of D-Day and offering a new, complete portrait.

The oral history begins with a look at the planning of the operation, going back to 1943, and the buildup of personnel and equipment in the months leading up to the operation.

Graff uses a wide array and diversity of voices that give a fuller picture of the lead-up to the invasion, as well as the fighting. The book excels in highlighting the experiences of Black soldiers who landed on the beaches and women who were part of the story, such as correspondent Martha Gellhorn.

But it should come as no surprise that the most harrowing portions of the book remain the landing and the battles that occurred on D-Day itself, with vivid firsthand accounts. Graff’s skills at sifting through the accounts and documents propel the action throughout the book.

Graff’s book is a testimony to the value in preserving memories from grand historical events, demonstrating how much can be unearthed from even the most familiar stories. — *Andrew DeMillo, Associated Press*



‘WHEN THE SEA CAME ALIVE’

By Garrett M. Graff; Avid Reader/Simon & Schuster, 608 pages, \$32.50.

Who means more to you — your friends or your lovers? In a vivid, thoughtful and nuanced collection of essays, Lilly Dancyger explores the powerful role that female friendships played in her chaotic upbringing marked by her parents’ heroin use and her father’s untimely death when she was 12 years old.

“First Love: Essays on Friendship” begins with a beautiful paean to her cousin Sabina, who was raped and killed at age 20 on her way home from a club. As little kids, their older relatives used to call them Snow White and Rose Red after the Grimms’ fairy tale, “two sisters who are not rivals or foils, but simply love each other.”

That simple, uncomplicated love would become the template for a series of subsequent relationships with girls and women that helped her survive her self-destructive adolescence and provided unconditional support as she scrambled to create a new identity as a “hypercompetent” writer, teacher and editor.

The collection stands out not just for its elegant, unadorned writing but also for the way she effortlessly pivots between



‘FIRST LOVE’

By Lilly Dancyger; The Dial Press, 224 pages, \$28.

personal history and spot-on cultural criticism that comments on and critiques the way that girls and women have been portrayed — and have portrayed themselves — in the media and on social media platforms.

For instance, she examines the 1994 Peter Jackson film “Heavenly Creatures,” based on the true story of two teenage girls who bludgeoned to death one of their mothers. And in the essay “Sad Girls,” about the suicide of a close friend, she analyzes the allure of self-destructive figures like Sylvia Plath and Janis Joplin to a certain type of teen, including herself, who wallows in sadness and wants to make sure “the world knew we were in pain.”

In the last essay, “On Murder Memoirs,” Dancyger considers the runaway popularity of true-crime stories as she tries to explain her decision not to attend the trial of the man charged with killing her cousin — even though she was trained as a journalist. “When I finally sat down to write about Sabina, the story that came out was not about murder at all,” she says. “It was a love story.”

Readers can be thankful that it did. — *Ann Levin, Associated Press*

FICTION REVIEWS

Tribal identity at odds with parentage

Morgan Talty has followed up on the success of his prize-winning story collection, “Night of the Living Rez,” with a poignant first novel that explores the charged question of what constitutes identity — family or tribe?

“Fire Exit” is narrated by a white man named Charles, who lives across the river from the Penobscot Nation in Maine. For years, he has watched from afar as Elizabeth, the child he fathered with a Native woman, grows up on the reservation with her mother, Mary, and her Native stepfather, Roger. He longs to tell her the truth about her paternity, but Mary insists on keeping it a secret.

Charles’ desire is driven in part by a history of mental illness in his family. When the novel opens, his mother, Louise, who has suffered for years from bouts of severe depression, is also exhibiting symptoms of dementia. She is at risk of losing any memory of their shared history as a family, a history that Charles wants Elizabeth to know.

The son of a white mother and father, Charles was raised on the reservation by Louise and her second husband, Fredrick, a Native man. But at age 18, he had to leave the reservation because of a tribal law that barred anyone who was not Native from living on the land. It was that same law that prompted Mary to tell him: “The baby can’t be yours.”

Charles, however, has little use for the complicated, controversial “blood quantum” rules that many tribes use to keep track of citizenship, which are based on the idea that the amount of “Indian blood” in an individual can be quantified. Despite his racial identity as a white man, he feels connected to the people and the land where he grew up.



‘FIRE EXIT’

By Morgan Talty; Tin House Books, 256 pages, \$28.95.

The conflict between Mary and Charles comes to a head when Elizabeth, who has grown up to be a deeply troubled young woman, goes missing and Charles is enlisted to help find her during a nor’easter of epic proportions.

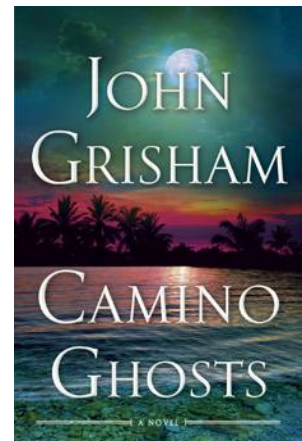
It is a gripping ending to a thoughtful, heart-felt exploration of what it means to be part of a family and a community. Is it a matter of blood, biology or simply the bonds of love? — *Ann Levin, Associated Press*

If you’re a John Grisham fan who was put off by last year’s disastrous sequel to “The Firm,” “The Exchange,” you might want to give him another chance.

The legal thriller maestro’s “Camino Ghosts” returns him to the genial characters from his “Camino Island” and “Camino Winds,” who all check in and out of a remarkably prosperous bookstore on the fictitious Camino Island.

Like the other “Camino” books, “Ghosts” is briefer and more light-hearted than Grisham’s straight-up legal thrillers — no one gets killed, or even seriously threatened, during the course of the new one.

The “Camino” books have felt like palate



‘CAMINO GHOSTS’

By John Grisham; Doubleday, 304 pages, \$29.95.

cleansers for Grisham, something fun to do before tackling the weightier issues that usually form the backbone of such books as “The Client” and “The Associate.” (The first “Camino Island” was a caper, touched off by the theft of an F. Scott Fitzgerald manuscript.)

“Ghosts” blends legal-thriller elements with the friendly bickering of the island’s residents. Bookstore owner Bruce Cable and his pals come to the assistance of a woman named Lovely Jackson, who is descended from enslaved people and is attempting to establish a claim on a now-deserted island, where her ancestors lived after they escaped from slavery.

As usual, Grisham has a few legal surprises to spring on us as the case unfolds, and his characters, while not particularly deep, are fun to hang out with.

Most importantly, the plotting instincts that deserted Grisham in “Exchange” are back in “Camino Ghosts.” The legal case may drag out over months, as actual legal cases do, but Grisham makes sure the book moves like the winds that buffet his fictional island. — *Chris Hewitt, Minneapolis Star Tribune*

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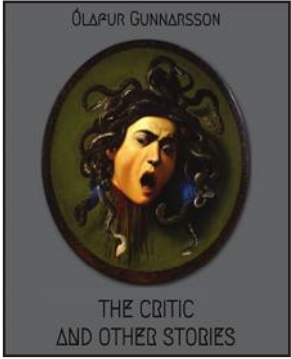
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Daltrey putting ‘toe in water’ with performances on tour

By John Carucci
Associated Press

As Roger Daltrey hit the road on a short solo tour this June, he was unsure if fans will ever see another tour from The Who.

“I don’t see it. I don’t know whether The Who’ll ever will go out again,” he said in a recent interview.

The rocker, 80, has a “use-it-or-lose-it-mentality” when it comes to his singing voice, so he finds it necessary to perform as much as possible, with or without The Who.

This interview with Daltrey has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: What do you think of the “Tommy” Broadway revival?

A: I’m glad the album is still out there; it means a lot to me. It’s the best opera ever written. I don’t particularly like it (the musical). It’s been altered and changed. I can’t imagine cutting some of the music in “Madame Butterfly,” or some other great operas.

Q: So, you think of it as a straight-up opera, as opposed to a rock opera?

A: It’s a fabulous opera. It was tongue and cheek at the time that we called it an opera. We did take a lot of chances with it. But since living with it and playing it onstage, and having seen lots of grand opera, I saw I had one in my hands. So, I’ve come to conclusion that it’s the best opera ever written.

Q: Tell us about the tour.

A: I’m bringing a band over from the U.K. of eight people, a very different sounding band with different instrumentation. No synthesizers. It’s just about having a lot of fun playing different songs, and obviously some Who classics. But we do them different. So it’s just something I love



Roger Daltrey of The Who says the rock band’s audience has grown up with them. **AMY HARRIS/INVISION 2022**

to do. And people seem to like it when I take it out there. So, I’m just going to put my toe in the water.

Q: So you’ll play solo material and The Who stuff?

A: Having a band like this gives me an opportunity to do a lot of things that I’ve done over the years with different artists, like the stuff I did with Wilko Johnson 10 years ago. I will do some solo stuff, plus some covers of other people that I really admire to make a night of entertainment and fun. So many people are retiring. All the good old boys are retiring, and it’s very thin out there.

Q: Is getting out there in front of an audience what keeps your voice intact?

A: That’s always been the impetus for me ever since I had my voice problems out. You’ve got to keep using it. Just like anything else in the body. You stop walking, you lose the muscles in your legs. The voice is a similar thing. If you stop using those muscles in the voice box and the vocal cords, they’ll go soft on you, and you’ll lose your voice. Mine is remarkable for my age.

Q: Simon Townshend is performing with you — not his brother, The Who’s Pete Townshend. What is

it like supplementing one Townshend for another?

A: Simon Townshend is always in my solo shows. Simon has always been with me. Well, he’s a totally different guy than Pete, though he’s got very similar timber to his voice that suits my voice in the harmonies. He’s a great musician, fabulous guitarist and a great guy. ... I’ve known him for 60 years.

Q: With a career that began in the mid-1960s, what has been the biggest change you’ve seen over the years?

A: Age. (Laughs.) I mean, see the elders growing up with us out in the audience, but equally, we have got an enormous number of young fans, which I’m astounded by. So, it changes all the time. But obviously our audience, they’ve grown up with us, so age is the thing you notice most.

Q: Will The Who ever tour again?

A: I don’t see it. I don’t, I don’t know whether The Who will ever will go out again. I don’t know. I don’t think like that. If we’ve got something to do, something which was progressive and interesting and there was a reason to do it, then we would go out. But at the moment I can’t see it.



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Retail giant Costco recently announced that it stop stocking books year-round. They will focus their bookselling efforts exclusively during the holiday buying season. **CHRIS DELMAS/GETTY**

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Bad news: Costco will stop stocking books year-round

By John Warner
For the Chicago Tribune

There's been some big Costco-related news lately.

One bit was an announcement that the warehouse retailer has no intention of increasing the price of its hot dog and soda combo above the \$1.50 mark, where it's been since the 1980s.

Fantastic news. Good hot dog and a great bargain.

The other news is not as good. Costco is going to stop stocking books year-round, instead focusing their bookselling efforts exclusively during the holiday buying season.

Full disclosure, while I was once something of a Costco devotee, my main reason for visiting now is that excellent hot dog and soda deal.

Even though I've been an indie-store-first book buyer for pretty much my entire book purchasing life, the giant flat of books in Costco got me just about every time, as I'd see something I'd been thinking about reading and toss it in the cart with my decade's supply of Advil and 30-bottle variety pack of Sam Adams beer.

As one of the relatively few large retailers that made books an attractive impulse

purchase, Costco has played a vital niche in the overall bookselling ecosystem.

According to reporting in The New York Times, Costco is retreating from that niche because of the physical labor needed to stock books, which must be stacked by hand, rather than rolled out on pallets like other Costco merchandise. The weekly release of new books also required frequent shifting of the stock as books that hadn't been sold must be repackaged and returned to publishers.

Dating back to a Depression-era practice, unlike most other retail products, books are essentially rented by stores that are charged a wholesale price and then receive the full retail payment when a book is sold. Rather than having to commit to stocking a bunch of books that might not sell, retailers can return unsold books for a credit equivalent to that wholesale amount. Even with the relatively limited number of titles Costco stocked, this could prove time-consuming particularly if you're talking about tens or hundreds of thousands of books sprinkled across the Costco universe.

Costco is not a hugely significant channel for sales overall, but it is believed to be an avenue where occasional book buyers who are less likely to visit a bookstore

acquire their books. With Costco retreating, for all practical purposes, Target is the only general merchandise retailer with a significant commitment to stocking and selling books.

During the pandemic years, publishers experienced robust sales, but those gains have gradually been shed, and here we have another potential blow to the bottom line. As a dedicated book person, I don't like seeing places where books are bought disappear.

I won't kid myself that a mass uprising of Costco shoppers may reverse this decision. But I have to believe the already spartan atmosphere of the Costco stores will be further diminished by the absence of books. Every time I would go to the store, I'd see a good number of us gathered around the book table, perusing the wares, even cracking a spine and starting to read.

Maybe you'd even buy one of those books, and after checkout, keep reading with a hot dog and soda in hand.

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. "Held" by Anne Michaels
2. "The Child and The River" by Henri Bosco
3. "Here After: A Memoir" by Amy Lin
4. "The Caretaker" by Ron Rash
5. "The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession" by Michael Finkel

— Jill L., Naperville

I think Tom Rachman's "The Italian Teacher," sort of a father/son story, sort of a story about art, has a good mix that will appeal to Jill.

1. "How To Say Babylon" by Safiya Sinclair
2. "Everything Sad Is Untrue" by Daniel Nayeri
3. "Shark Heart" by Emily Habeck
4. "The World Played Chess" by Robert Dugoni
5. "Small Mercies" by Dennis Lehane

— Sue A., Hawthorn Woods

Some variety in this list, which makes me think I have a lot of latitude for my pick, so I'm just going with a book with a mix of mystery and emotional impact that I think will work for any wide reader: "The Boys" by Katie Hafner.

1. "As I Lay Dying" by William Faulkner
2. "Catch-22" by Joseph Heller
3. "White Noise" by Don DeLillo
4. "Knife" by Salman Rushdie
5. "Pale Fire" by Vladimir Nabokov

— James P., Chicago

Mostly somewhat older books, and challenging books, so I'm leaning into that and going with Flannery O'Connor's powerful work of Southern Gothic, "Wise Blood."

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What to watch SUNDAY

June 16, 2024

All times Central. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

A Match for the Prince
UPTV, 6 p.m. ■ Original Film

An acclaimed medieval romance novelist (Paniz Zade) is hired to be a matchmaker for a real-life prince (Jamie Thomas King) in a desperate attempt to find true love before his fixed royal wedding date.

The 77th Annual Tony Awards
CBS, 7 p.m. Live

The American Theatre Wing's celebration of achievements on the Broadway stage from the past year takes place at the David H. Koch Theater at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City. Ariana DeBose returns to host the ceremony for the third straight year.

Danger in the Dorm
Lifetime, 7 p.m. ■ Original Film

Inspired by one of Ann Rule's earliest true-

crime works, *Danger in the Dorm* tells the story of Kathleen (Clara Alexandrova) after the tragic murder of her childhood best friend and fellow classmate. Now, she must shed her rebellious, youthful spirit to catch a killer who's preying on young girls around campus, even as her mother, Joanne (*Real Housewives'* Bethenny Frankel), tries to protect Kathleen from suffering the same fate as her friend.

Professor T
PBS, 7 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

The beloved crime drama about a brilliant criminologist with OCD is back for a third season; the professor (Ben Miller) is in jail and must find a way to get his old life and job back. The police need his expertise to help crack some tricky and intriguing crimes.

Grantchester
PBS, 8 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

The British detective drama set in the 1950s and '60s returns for a ninth season tonight, as Will (Tom Brittney) and Georgie (Robson Green) investigate the death of a circus performer, and Will receives a surprising offer that makes him question his life in Grantchester.

House of the Dragon
HBO, 8 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

Based on George R.R. Martin's novel *Fire & Blood*, this *Game of Thrones* prequel takes place 200 years prior to the epic battle for Westeros, when everyone still had dragons. The long-awaited and highly anticipated second season will follow two dueling Targaryen clans led by former childhood best



friends: Queen Alicent (Olivia Cooke), the widow of King Viserys (Paddy Considine), who died in Season 1, and Viserys' daughter Rhaenyra (Emma D'Arcy), now married to her uncle Daemon (Matt Smith). With the death of Viserys and the following mayhem that has already brought casualties to both sides, cousin rivalry is taken to a whole new level as Alicent and Rhaenyra are both out for power and vengeance — and so are their bleach-blond firstborn children, who were both promised the throne.

CATCH A CLASSIC

Father's Day Movie Marathons
TCM, beginning at 5:15 a.m.
MOVIES!, beginning at 11 a.m.

Happy Father's Day! Sit down with Dad today and enjoy several classic films featuring all sorts of paternal types.

The lineup on **Turner Classic Movies** features *The Entertainer* (1960), a British drama led by Laurence Olivier, followed by another British drama, *Edward, My Son* (1949), starring Spencer Tracy and Best Actress Oscar nominee Deborah Kerr. After a re-airing of Saturday night's *Noir Alley* feature (1948's *Call Northside 777*), the lineup

picks up again with *East of Eden* (1955), featuring Raymond Massey, Best Actor nominee James Dean and Best Supporting Actress winner Jo Van Fleet, then continues with *Daughters Courageous* (1939), led by Claude Rains, John Garfield and three of the Lane sisters (Lola, Rosemary and Priscilla); *A Family Affair* (1937), the first in the long-running series of Andy Hardy comedies, starring Lionel Barrymore as Judge Hardy and Mickey Rooney as Andy; the romantic comedy *The Courtship of Eddie's Father* (1963), led by Glenn Ford, Ron Howard and Shirley Jones; *Life With Father* (1947), a comedy starring Best Actor nominee William Powell, Irene Dunne and Elizabeth Taylor; and the 1950 comedy *Father of the Bride* (pictured), featuring Best Actor nominee Tully (pictured), featuring Best Actor nominee Tully as the father alongside Taylor as the bride.



Father of the Bride also kicks off the lineup of films on **MOVIES!** today. Following that are three other comedies: *Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House* (1948), led by Cary Grant and Myrna Loy; *Cheaper by the Dozen* (1950), starring Clifton Webb alongside Loy; and *Take Her, She's Mine* (1963), featuring James Stewart, Sandra Dee and Audrey Meadows.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE

GLEN WILSON

Daddy's Perfect Little Girl (2021, Suspense) Hattie Kragten, Matt Wells **LMN, 5 p.m.**

The Shawshank Redemption (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman **AMC, 5 p.m.**

A Greek Recipe for Romance (2024, Romance) Danielle C. Ryan, Rafael Kariotakis **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

Armageddon (1998, Science fiction) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton **CW, 6 p.m.**

The Bourne Supremacy (2004, Action) Matt Damon, Franka Potente **E!, 6 p.m.**

Trolls World Tour (2020, Children) Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake **Nick, 6 p.m.**

Coco (2017, Family) Anthony Gonzalez, Gael García Bernal **Disney, 7 p.m.**

The Wrong Stepfather (2020, Suspense) Vivica A. Fox, Krista Allen **LMN, 7 p.m.**

The Jungle Book (2016, Children) Neel Sethi, Bill Murray **ABC, 8 p.m.**

22 Jump Street (2014, Comedy) Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum **BET, 9 p.m.**

Daddy's Deadly Secret (2024, Suspense) Sarah Allen, Steve Byers **LMN, 9 p.m.**

The Perfect Bride (2017, Romance) Pascale Hutton, Kavan Smith **Hallmark, 9 p.m.**



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Rachael Mahmood is embraced by her fifth grade students at Georgetown Elementary School in Aurora on May 2, after winning the award for Illinois Teacher of the Year. Mahmood, who has a doctorate and has been teaching for 20 years, was selected from among 13 finalists across Illinois. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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ASK AMY

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Widow weighs solitude with hassle of dating

Dear Amy: My wonderful husband died unexpectedly seven years ago. I'm now 49 and still have no desire to go on dates. My husband was my everything, and while I don't want to spend the rest of my life alone, the prospect of dealing with dating makes me wonder if solitude is really that bad. I did try some online dating a few years ago, and I wasn't ready. What if I'm never ready? I know women widowed for just a year or two who are already remarried. What am I doing wrong? — *Widowed*

Dear Widowed: One way to prepare for a life change is to find ways to escape from your own headspace. Changing your perspective will change your life. First, solitude is not a bad thing. Far from it! And you may not have a partner at home, but do you have friends? Do you have family or platonic relationships that feel positive and intimate? Do you believe you are growing — intellectually, spiritually and emotionally? Do you do good work? If so, then realizing this might allow you to relax into your reality and to stop seeing your life as flawed or somehow incomplete. I view online matching as an opportunity to polish a person's communication skills — even if there is no love match on the horizon. If you see meeting new men as a way to practice your social skills (versus finding a new partner), you can walk away from even the worst date with a sense that you've learned something.

I was single for 17 years between marriages and dated only sporadically during that time. Deep and rewarding friendships kept this from seeming like an in-between state, but like a life being lived. I hope the same for you.

Dear Amy: My wife of over 30-plus years "makes time" for her male friend, "X," without telling me. She will then blame being late getting home, for instance, on work. I know for a fact that she is lying, as other friends will tell me they have seen her with X. My wife says that "fibbing" about who she is with and what she is doing is because she doesn't think she needs to inform me about every little thing she does. I call BS. I call it cheating when you are not truthful with your spouse, and when you keep secrets, especially when these secrets have to do with seeing the opposite sex. I have seen texts and emails that include serious flirting. I am beginning to think she is a narcissist since she tries to manipulate the conversation and has started gaslighting me. Your thoughts? — *Fed Up*

Dear Fed Up: I agree that your wife does not need to inform you about every little thing she does. She does need to tell you about the big things, however — and lying about seeing a man you perceive as a rival and a threat to your marriage is a very big thing. I don't know if your wife is a narcissist. I can't tell if she is gaslighting you. But it is quite obvious that your relationship is in serious trouble. You seem to be tracking your wife through talking with her friends and looking at her communications. You obviously don't trust her. Yes, it is time to call BS. Present her with your fears and concerns. Follow up with hard evidence — Columbo-style. If you want to stay in your marriage, you should ask her sincerely to recommit. Counseling can provide a neutral space for you two to express your views. Counseling will not save your marriage (it can oftentimes create a pathway for ending it), but I am a firm believer in the power of therapy to alter a person's perspective and behavior.

Dear Readers: Hundreds of readers have contacted me to express their appreciation for my work over the last 21 years and to offer congratulations on my retirement. I'm very grateful! I don't think of this as "retirement," however. I have made a choice to continue my work elsewhere and am showing myself the door. Readers can easily find me at amydickinson.com and through my weekly newsletter. The next columnist to walk through the door is R. Eric Thomas, writing a column called "Asking Eric." Eric is young, smart and a talented advice-giver. Help Eric get started by sending your questions to eric@askingeric.com.

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Rachael Mahmood and her fifth-grade class read a book about a book about Vietnamese refugees on March 11 in Aurora. E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

UNIVERSAL LESSONS

Asian American history curriculum gains stronger footing with boost from Illinois’ Teacher of the Year

By Darcel Rockett
Chicago Tribune

At Aurora’s Georgetown Elementary School, on a sunny March morning, Rachael Mahmood’s fifth graders’ voices were competing to be heard; excited to show off what makes them unique given the contents of bags they packed themselves. The bags were filled with items they would bring, if, like Vietnamese refugees in the 1970s, they were forced to leave the only home they had known.

The students packed a hodgepodge of must-haves.

Kenny Huynh, 11, brought his Stephen Curry basketball jersey, Pokemon cards, medals he won at science fairs and a book he reads to his newborn brother. Greyson Maser, 10, has Legos, a favorite T-shirt, a picture of his family and a book about tanks. And 10-year-old Aria Scott’s 10 things of importance include seven plush dolls, a butterfly she made in fourth grade, her baby brother’s favorite toy tiger and a picture of her and her dad from a father-daughter dance.

This “bag lesson,” is an example of a project Mahmood routinely puts in her lesson plans to teach Asian American history required by law to be taught in Illinois public schools since 2022 under the Teaching Equitable Asian American Community History Act, or TEAACH.

Mahmood, 2024 Illinois Teacher of the Year, was an advocate for the TEAACH Act even before it became a mandate. She has aided other groups with professional development for teachers and curriculum for students in other venues, such as history and contributions of all faith backgrounds.

On that springlike day, Mahmood was teaching the “bag lesson” alongside the award-winning book, “Inside Out & Back Again” by Vietnamese American author Thanhha Lai. The book, part of the TEAACH curriculum, follows Hà Kim and her family’s journey from Saigon to a refugee camp in Guam. The family would eventually come to the United States. The book chronicles the author’s first year in the U.S. in 1975 as a 10-year-old girl who didn’t speak

English.

“It’s not only about teaching Asian American history; it’s also teaching about the universal experience that refugees have, with the refugee crisis that’s going on in Chicago and all over the country,” Mahmood said. “They don’t know it’s the curriculum; they just know it’s the way I teach.”

Mahmood’s classroom reflects how she teaches.

Visitors and passersby can see a big bulletin board with Indigenous people at the center and a social justice vocabulary wall in the back of the room, where kids learn terms such as cultural appropriation and ethnocentric immigrant refugee. Mahmood guides her students in writing historical fiction and facilitates frequent conversations about why people of color and marginalized communities have historically been relegated to the margins of textbooks or left out altogether.

Mahmood has informed students about Manilamen Larry Itliong and Philip Vera Cruz — Filipino American labor organizers who were part of the 1965-1966 strike and boycott against California grape growers — and astronauts, including Kalpana Chawla and Sunita Williams.

As leader of the school’s social justice club, Mahmood also thinks up projects for students to engage their civic muscles monthly, such as conducting a drive for hygiene items for the refugee population in the Chicagoland area.

Mahmood stays ready with cultural resources, adamant that the next generation will see themselves and their identities in the school curriculum. That’s a big part of the reason she became a teacher.

With a mother who is a Russian Jew, a dad who is an Indian Hindu, stepparents who are German-Italian Catholics and a husband who is a Pakistani Muslim, Mahmood said she grew up absent from the curriculum. That’s why it was so important to be a part of the TEAACH Act legislation and its implementation.

“When you’re absent from the curriculum, you learn a lot of unintentional lessons from well-inten-



Mahmood is embraced by her fifth grade students after winning Illinois Teacher of the Year at Georgetown Elementary School on May 2 in Aurora. Mahmood, who has been teaching for 20 years, was selected from among 13 finalists across Illinois. STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

tioned people,” Mahmood said. “I learned lessons about my identity that were unintentional that caused me a lot of trauma. Then I found multicultural education. I became a teacher, because I was still searching for that belonging in school.”

Mahmood has made it a point to be a teacher who normalizes cultures, languages, foods, stories and histories of all backgrounds. “Our culture is one of the greatest assets we bring to our community,” she said. “It’s not a hindrance; it defines who we are and makes our wonderful world complex and interesting. We all need to lift each other up in spaces so people can feel a sense of belonging.”

Grace Pai, executive director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice Chicago, or AAJC, was instrumental in getting the TEAACH Act passed in 2021. Efforts were launched at the same time the nation was shutting down because of the pandemic. The goal is to combat discrimination and harmful stereotypes that lead to violence.

So far, AAJC has trained more than 2,200 educators across the state on how to approach and teach Asian American history, Pai said. It starts with an

introductory two-hour professional development workshop and continues with resources that include a teaching database that offers book recommendations, videos, lesson plans and articles that tie topics in Asian American history to state learning standards. Mahmood has helped with the professional development around TEAACH through her education consulting practice. Pai envisions more teacher training and engagement with Asian American curricula, as well as asking constituents to ask school administrators for proof the history is being taught. And if it’s not, to advocate for it.

According to Pai, AAJC is one of a handful of organizations seeking more funds from the Illinois legislature to expand an existing, year-long professional development series on inclusive history for educators — one that supports all-inclusive history requirements.

Jeremy Bautista, a Filipino American IT professional at Westmont High School, connected with the Very Asian Foundation in September to help bring teaching resources and AAJC’s professional development workshop to his school. Bautista brought together teachers from Westmont’s English, social

studies and science departments to incorporate Asian American curricula into their lesson plans. Bautista, who has a master’s degree in teaching, sees the TEAACH Act as one facet of a bigger picture that has been a long time coming.

“To be aware of a part of American history that might inform your conversations in class ... to share a different perspective, this is what the TEAACH Act is for,” he said. “It’s good to talk about diverse backgrounds. It’s not this trivial thing.”

Bautista co-sponsors the student group CAPAOW!, the Club of Asian and Pacific Americans of Westmont at Westmont High School.

“Kids see the value of having teachers educated — students want their teachers to be more informed and understanding of their culture,” Bautista said. “You need people like Dr. Mahmood, and a place like Westmont that are embracing that so kids can grow up understanding that they’re part of this process, they’re part of this society and this world and it’s OK to be you.”

Bautista has worked in his hometown school district for over 25 years and said when he learned about the TEAACH Act, he was excited.

“The benefit of the resources is for everybody,” he said. “Asian American students, sure, but they get to share with their friends ... and it’s inspired other groups to do the same thing.”

He said for European refugees, seeing CAPAOW! and the Asian American curriculum in the lessons shows them they also have a voice and a safe space to share their culture.

“It means a lot to the kids to normalize those aspects of their identity which are often marginalized or completely invisible,” Mahmood said.

Mahmood went to school in Downers Grove and remembers learning about the Holocaust and a little about Hinduism in sixth grade.

“If you don’t talk about Asian Americans, then you learn that they’re not part of history,” she said. “Mexicans are not part of history ... you learn unintentional lessons through what you read; you open a textbook

and they’re not there. That means that they’re not important. You don’t realize it when you’re little, but 20 years later, like me, I tell my students I learned all these negative things about my culture. I’m discovering all these things about my culture now, and I wish I would have learned them as a kid so I was less embarrassed and more proud. I don’t want you to take 20 years to learn it.”

Mahmood joined Indian Prairie School District 204 in 2005 and has spent the last nine years at Georgetown Elementary School. She has led diversity and equity teams across the district, worked to encourage interfaith discussions and written curriculum for her district and beyond.

With her teacher of the year state honor comes a yearlong paid sabbatical to bring her culturally responsive teaching practices to educators and schools around the state and to share her approach to teaching on the platform concept of “belonging.”

“We need to create spaces where not only students feel that they belong, but staff (too); and part of that is letting people show up as their authentic self,” Mahmood said. “Part of that is understanding people’s histories, contributions and culture and all of those pieces that make them uniquely themselves.”

Her culturally responsive teaching is constantly observing students to see what their needs and fears are. Mahmood is taking the next school year to travel around the state; she wants to connect with people, hear what they need and help with those needs.

Mahmood said by viewing students’ cultures as assets and tools that can be leveraged in the classroom, instead of obstacles to overcome, the educational system can change for the better.

“You’re seeing the knowledge they bring, the cultural assets they have. And you’re responding to it by changing the way you teach, what you teach, enhancing it in a way that everything they bring to school becomes useful to them,” she said. “We can do the same thing with teachers. There’s so much diversity in our community and every part of that diversity belongs in education.”

Book a perfect response to Butker speech



Heidi Stevens
Balancing Act

In Gloria Steinem’s 2015 memoir, “My Life on the Road,” she recalls a lesson she learned from Florynce Kennedy, civil rights activist and lawyer, on dealing with detractors.

Kennedy and Steinem would lecture together on college campuses in the 1970s, and the crowds would inevitably include a heckler.

“Just pause,” Kennedy advised, “let the audience absorb the hostility. Then say, ‘I didn’t pay him to say that.’”

Because ultimately, Steinem wrote, hostility educates an audience — about what stands in the way of progress and why it’s important to keep pushing.

So when Jessica Calarco’s phenomenal new book, “Holding It Together: How Women Became America’s Safety Net,” came out less than a month after Harrison Butker, the kicker for NFL team the Kansas City Chiefs, used a college commencement address to tell “the ladies present today” that “homemaker” would be their most important title, I thought: “She didn’t pay him to say that. ... But, man, it would have been money well-spent.”

Calarco is a sociologist and author whose latest work interrogates the ways in which unpaid or underpaid women keep society afloat by bearing the brunt of the labor of child rearing, early education, health care, elder care and more — and why this system is broken, unsustainable and beneficial to almost no one except the wealthiest of the wealthy.

“The U.S. avoids



Harrison Butker, right, seen May 31, recently delivered an eyebrow-raising commencement speech. **EVAN VUCCI/AP**

catastrophe and keeps our society and our economy from crumbling by relying on women as the invisible glue,” Calarco writes.

“Holding It Together” is based on research Calarco and her team conducted from 2018 to 2022, 400 hours of interviews and two national surveys. She weaves in contemporary history, long-held economic principles and hundreds of families’ personal experiences to show the toll on women — and society — when we spin this set-up as a value system rather than calling it what it really is: exploitation.

“In essence, the U.S. has decided that we can get by without a social safety net because women will protect us instead,” Calarco writes. “That choice is drowning women and leaving our society sicker, sadder and more stressed. Yet the engineers and profiteers of our

DIY society refuse to see women struggling, because acknowledging those struggles would shatter the illusion. Ignoring women leaves us exactly where they want us — keeping society afloat without any buoy to hold us, and so out of breath that no one can hear us if we cry.”

She writes about the way our culture raises girls to be “mothers-in-waiting,” the way our schools limit access to evidence-based education about avoiding pregnancy, the way our policies curtail abortion rights and access to birth control, and then the way we write off unplanned pregnancies (which make up about half of all U.S. pregnancies) as the result of poor choices.

She points out that 90% of workers hired to care for the resulting children are women, and they’re among the lowest paid in the U.S. economy — often lacking access to health insurance

or paid sick leave.

She writes about the American obsession with rags-to-riches stories, callousness toward poor people and widespread beliefs that prosperity and health are simply the result of good choices. All of which serve to “divide and delude us into accepting the DIY society and women’s role as a substitute safety net.”

She notes that simply telling men to take on more of the domestic burden isn’t a solution.

“Telling men ‘Do more!’ doesn’t change the incentives that men have to dump the risk they face onto the women in their families — the same set of incentives that leads privileged women to dump the risk they’ve been handed onto others more vulnerable than them,” Calarco writes. “Telling men ‘Do more!’ also doesn’t change the gendered structure of our economy, the gendered

pressures that men face to prioritize paid work over caregiving or the gendered differences in socialization that leave men less prepared to do the work of care.”

It also, Calarco writes, hands women yet more thankless roles: gender police and cleanup crew.

The answer, Calarco makes painstakingly clear, is an actual social safety net, made up of well-funded public programs that protect people from exploitation, provide essential protections like health insurance, paid sick leave and paid family leave. Such a safety net would allow families real choices and grant people dignity throughout their life spans.

She makes the case for a union of care, similar to other labor unions, that bridges the gap between disparate care industries as well as the gap between paid and unpaid care workers and the gap

between people who give and receive care. A unifier, where so much division exists.

Which brings us, believe it or not, back to Butker’s commencement address.

“I have seen it firsthand how much happier someone can be when they disregard the outside noise and move closer and closer to God’s will in their life,” he told the graduates, invoking his wife as an example. “Isabelle’s dream of having a career might not have come true, but if you asked her today if she has any regrets on her decision, she would laugh out loud, without hesitation, and say ‘Heck, no.’”

I’m sure that’s true.

If you asked me today if I regret any of the time or energy I’ve devoted to my children I would also say “Heck, no.”

But that’s not for everyone. And it’s also not a system — certainly not an equitable or sustainable one. (A spouse with an NFL salary, for example, makes forgoing a career that provides a paycheck, insurance and retirement benefits possible in a way that few women will experience.)

And that, believe it or not, brings us back to Steinem’s memoir.

Kennedy, Steinem wrote, was used to skeptics — including women — who didn’t see the point of all her women’s lib talk. Women have it fine, they’d tell her. I have it fine, they’d tell her. And Kennedy would tell them this, Steinem wrote:

“Just because you’re not feeling sick doesn’t mean you should close the hospitals.”

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Designer makes slight tweaks to Winehouse’s style in biopic

By Simran Hans
The New York Times

Few looks are as distinctive as Amy Winehouse’s was. The singer’s sweeping eyeliner, tottering heels and disheveled beehive are still instantly recognizable, 13 years after her death.

In the new biopic “Back to Black,” Marisa Abela plays the star from the beginning of her music career until her final days. She wears miniskirts with girlish ruffles and small kitten heels to begin with, before adopting her distinctive pinup aesthetic as she dives deeper into the music industry and her self-destructive habits.

The film takes its title from Winehouse’s second album, and “when we get to ‘Back to Black’ Amy, it’s more sexy,” said the film’s costume designer, PC Williams. “There was a big change in the way she presented.”

To re-create this, the production team studied many real-life images of Winehouse. But there were also some intentional changes: They were making “a piece of cinema as opposed to creating a documentary,” Williams said. Here is a closer look at the process.

Towering hair

Although Winehouse found inspiration in girl groups like The Ronettes, her signature hairstyle was not a traditional 1960s beehive. “It was a grungy variation — homemade, edgy, a bit of cool,” said the film’s hair and makeup designer, Peta Dunstall. It tended to be “a bit ratty along the bottom.”

To re-create the look, she combined halo extensions — which circled the back of Abela’s head, underneath her natural hair — with fringe pieces and “short bits” that she stuck into the actor’s



To re-create Amy Winehouse’s look, “Back to Black’s” hair and makeup designer, Peta Dunstall, combined halo extensions with fringe pieces and “short bits.” **FOCUS FEATURES**

already “wild” real hair, Dunstall said. “Basically, whatever hair I could lay my hands on went onto Marisa. I could never find enough hair,” she added.

Although the team matched many of the film’s looks to real-life footage of the singer, Dunstall said that, at times, Winehouse’s hair was so big it would have been distracting for the viewer. “I toned that down, probably by 10%,” she said.

Raiding Amy’s wardrobe

In preparation for the film, Mitch Winehouse, the singer’s father and the administrator of her estate, agreed to let Williams visit his home and look through what remained of Winehouse’s wardrobe. Handling the garments “felt like you were holding onto a little piece of history,” Williams said.

With Mitch’s permission, she borrowed several items to copy their wear and tear — including a pair of well-loved black skinny jeans with corset detailing on the legs. But some pieces also fit Abela, and Winehouse’s father agreed that she could wear them in the film.

The pink ballet cardigan Abela wears for a scene in which Winehouse and then-husband Blake

Fielder-Civil break up in a pool hall belonged to the singer, Williams said. The team also used Winehouse’s own Star of David necklace as well as her pink satin varsity jacket, embroidered with the words “Amy Woo.”

Famous outfits

Williams wanted to borrow the black ruffled Dolce & Gabbana mini dress Winehouse wore the night she won five Grammys in 2008. The Italian designers didn’t have the dress, which had been displayed in several museum exhibitions, but they offered to remake the dress. “It’s the only item we have that is a direct replica,” Williams said.

One of Williams’ favorite outfits to re-create was the Luella Bartley dress Winehouse wore during an infamous 2008 Glastonbury, England, performance, in which she appeared to drunkenly punch a fan. Made of royal blue silk and covered in plastic appliqué flowers, Williams said the real dress was incredibly heavy. Their replica used lighter appliques, custom made in Southeast Asia, so that Abela could wear it for an entire day of shooting and “not pass out from the weight of the garment,” Williams said.

How are small jackets best worn?



Ellen Warren
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen:

For a few years now, I’ve noticed that many women’s jackets — blazers, denim, sweaters, etc. — are open and look too small to button or zip up. Is this a thing now? Sometimes it looks nice and allows a nice view of the top underneath. Other times it looks outrageously small and tight. How to do this style? I have a few old blazers especially that are too small now but maybe could pull off this open look.

— Deb L.

Dear Deb: Frugal women have been onto this for a while, and I’m one of them.

You’ve nicely explained the “don’t” part of pulling off a re-use of a too-small-to-button (or zip) jacket/sweater/blazer. If a hard look in the mirror (front, side, back) tells you it is, as you put it, “outrageously small and tight,” don’t wear it. Donate, resell it or offer it to a smaller friend. And if you think you’re going to lose weight and it will fit fine again, just remember that many closets are packed with clothes collecting dust as they await a significant regime of diet and exercise.

As for those blazers you asked about, an attention-getting top beneath the garment in question or even a noteworthy necklace will draw attention away from the jacket you can’t button. This look works best with clothes that aren’t tailored or structured, without nipped waists or lots of seaming.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen:

I am an active woman — certainly not “model thin” but content with the shape and condition of my body.



There are a few don’ts for a too-small-to-button (or zip) jacket or blazer. **DREAMSTIME**

But, like most healthy women, I have bumps and bulges when wearing a close-to-the-body dress for various occasions, from dining out to weddings to very formal occasions. I’m looking for an all-in-one solution: dresses with built-in shapewear. Suggestions, please.

— Theresa N.

Dear Theresa: A decade ago, it looked like dresses with built-in shapewear were poised to take off. Then they didn’t. It seems that women were not that interested in the one-and-done solution for dresses and were more inclined to buy their shapewear separately (Spanx, Skims, Honeylove, etc.). Meanwhile, swimsuits with built-in “smoothing,” “shaper” and “body contour” features are easy to find. Dresses, not so much.

That said, a few online stores sell a selection of the dresses with built-in smoothing features: Populush.com and shapellx.com have them, all priced under \$100. Many, but not all, of the dresses that have this built-in solution are pretty slinky and tight and not for everyone. But there are some of more forgiving styles too.

Angelic readers

Lots of good advice from readers on how to chose absorbent towels and what

to do to keep them that way.

Don’t use fabric softener! “It leaves a film which tends to prevent water absorption,” Loretta M. writes. Maggie W. says dryer sheets have the same effect: “High-end, plush towels look great and feel soft, but they just don’t absorb like ordinary towels.” Sandra M. recommends Better Homes & Gardens towels that she buys at Walmart, which absorb well and remain “nice and thick” for years of use.

Aileen C. writes: “A linen shop employee in Dallas explained to me that towels are shipped from factories to the U.S. (and elsewhere) in container ships so they are sprayed to keep them from becoming infested with bugs or damaged by vermin. Her recommendation was to first wash them in your machine on a regular cycle with one cup of white vinegar in hot water. She told me the towels will be fluffier and more absorbent if this is done when new, before the first time you wash them with soap. I have been doing that ever since and have found it to be true.”

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Turquoise Place is a luxury beachfront resort filled with spacious condos across two buildings. LINZE RICE/FOR THE TRIBUNE

SWEET HOME GETAWAY

Alabama’s Gulf Coast offers uncrowded beaches with sand that doesn’t get hot — a chill alternative to Florida

By Linze Rice
For the Chicago Tribune

For much of my youth, central Florida was synonymous with summer vacation. Tampa Bay, Clearwater and Orlando is where I spent many summers at my Aunt Nancy’s condo and had my theme park rites of passage.

So when I had the opportunity this spring to visit Alabama’s shoreline instead of Florida’s, I jumped at the chance to see what life was like on the northern side of the Gulf of Mexico. Would the path slightly less beaten provide the same summery perks Florida is famous for? I packed my camera and favorite straw hat and went to find out.

’BAMA BOUND

Getting there was surprisingly easy.

My friend and I flew into Pensacola International Airport from O’Hare International Airport, which took just over two hours on a full flight. Pensacola is typically the airport of choice because it’s cheaper and offers plenty of flights.

We picked up our rental and began the leisurely hour journey, passing through small towns and crossing several bridges as we drove parallel to the water. We quickly waved goodbye to Florida, heading over Perdido Pass into Alabama’s Orange Beach.

Orange Beach and its neighbor, Gulf Shores, are two small beach towns on Perdido Key with combined populations of roughly 22,000 locals — which swells to millions with annual visitors. With a strictly tourism-driven economy, 85 percent of the area’s real estate is vacation rentals — or about 15,000 hotel and condo units, according to Kay Maghan, public relations manager for Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism.

We stayed at Turquoise Place, a luxury resort along Orange Beach with spacious condos in two buildings. Our unit had a fully equipped kitchen, a full-size laundry room and an ocean-view balcony with a hot tub and gas grill. Elsewhere on the property were pools, a water slide



At Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge, a 1-mile loop walk through the Jeff Friend Trail puts you in the thick of a serene jungle.

and a lazy river.

After settling down, we had dinner at The Gulf, an outdoor restaurant and bar with walk-up service made of cobalt blue shipping containers. Its patio shares a sea wall with the gulf and showcases plush couches and string lights that pair perfectly with my spicy blackberry jalapeño margarita, mahi-mahi tacos and a half pound of chilled peel-and-eat shrimp.

We watched as the sun went down as a watercolor masterpiece and stopped for a nightcap at 8 Reale OBAL, a speakeasy bar that will cost you a small pirate’s booty. With drinks averaging \$25, the swanky spot is concealed behind a storefront posing as a jewelry store. We entered a code — provided daily on its Facebook page — and walked through a heavy vault door. The copper ceilings and navy velvet chairs showed off a secretly bougie side of Orange Beach — one that allegedly lured in Morgan Freeman the day after we left.

UP-CLOSE ADVENTURES

We began the next day on the beach, which stays



Fort Morgan is a seaside military fort built in the early 1800s and used during the Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II.

cool courtesy of fluffy sugar-white sand washed down from the Appalachian Mountains, known as crushed quartz crystal.

The shoreline glittered with shells, partial sand dollars and colorful umbrellas as gentle waves rolled in the distance. Across the gulf were various water activities, including fishing, boating and parasailing. We watched punning pelicans soar past, holding massive, doomed fish.

The mood was calm and friendly; even at the day’s peak, it never felt overcrowded, rowdy or messy.

heads off, but the buttery reward is worth it.

After some golden coconut shrimp and peppery au gratin potatoes, we began the 40-minute drive west to Fort Morgan, a seaside military fort built in the early 1800s and used during the Spanish-American War and both World Wars. A National Historic Landmark, it features spacious grounds with networks of connected rooms, tunnels and budding stalactites. The up-close access to history is amazing. In the distance, ships and oil rigs lay beyond the sea birds resting on cement blocks as waves splash against them.

We sought shade in the nearby Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge and took a relaxing 1-mile loop walk through the Jeff Friend Trail, which put us in the thick of a serene jungle. Surrounded by towering long-leaf pines, ferns and saw palmettos, we glimpsed only a tiny lizard, but heard a symphony of bird songs, squirrel chatter and plenty of mysterious fluttering from the bushes. Dirt trails led to a waterfront boardwalk before it curved into a lily-pad-filled bog.

The last stop for the evening was the lovely Jesse’s On The Bay. Upstairs, a fine-dining restaurant serves dry-aged steaks and fresh seafood. Downstairs, a bar called The Cold Hole serves cocktails.

Just steps from the bay, we watched the sun go down in a fiery blaze while sipping colorful drinks — the best way to end the day.

CRUISING THE COAST

Saturday began with a free, heart-pumping 5-mile bike ride through Gulf State Park. Our tour guide, Corey, led us past grassy marshes, through ridges and across creeks. The oak canopies dripping with Spanish moss evoked the Southern gothic aesthetic you’d expect from Tennessee Williams.

In the evening, we sailed into the gulf on a yellow catamaran with Sail Wild Hearts. We enjoyed complimentary snacks and yacht rock as we savored our last magnificent sunset. A family of dolphins jumped beside us.

Before we left, we ate at Big Fish Restaurant and Bar — an unassuming fine dining gem on the end of a single-story strip mall — and CoastAL, a beachy brunch spot with fresh seafood, pastries and massive cinnamon rolls. I had been looking forward to Big Fish for its beloved sushi, which did not disappoint. Straightforward and simple, the cucumber salad, pork gyoza and classic tuna roll were everything I’d hoped for. Get there early or be ready to wait.

With phenomenal food, views, access to nature and soft beaches, plus all the Southern hospitality you’d expect, Alabama’s Gulf Coast was a lovely antidote for Chicago’s fickle spring. It was a well-balanced mix of commercial and local, hometown and upscale. I could have spent longer exploring the area and would happily return.

For those who can’t make it for a summer vacation, a trip in mid-April is also a good bet. The weather is perfect and there are fewer crowds.

Linze Rice is a freelancer.

Ireland’s entertaining Ring of Kerry



Rick Steves

One of Ireland’s most popular destinations is the Iveragh Peninsula — known to shamrock lovers everywhere as the Ring of Kerry. The Ring, lassoed by a winding coastal road through a mountainous, lake-splattered region, is undeniably scenic. Visitors since Victorian times have been drawn to this evocative chunk of the Emerald Isle, where mysterious ancient ring forts stand sentinel on mossy hillsides.

It seems like every tour bus in Ireland makes the ritual loop around the Ring, using the bustling and famous tourist town of Killarney as a springboard. I skip Killarney, whose main attraction is its transit connections for those without cars. (Don’t confuse this overcommercialized town with the scenic and worthwhile Killarney National Park, nearby.) Instead, rent a car and use as your home base the tidy town of Kenmare (it’s actually won Ireland’s “Tidy Town” award).

While in Kenmare, druids seek out the town’s ancient stone circle (with 15 stones in a circle 50 feet wide), one of about 100 little Stonehenges that dot southwest Ireland. Fitness buffs enjoy horse-back riding, boating, hiking and golfing — there are many ways to experience Ireland’s 40 shades of green.

Before or after the day you tackle the Ring, consider exploring three worthwhile sights near Kenmare.

The first is a stately home called Muckcross House, perhaps Ireland’s best Victorian mansion. Queen Victoria really did sleep here for three nights in 1861 — on the ground floor



A drive along the Ring of Kerry presents classic views of the Irish countryside. **PAT O’CONNOR**

because she had a fear of house fires.

Adjacent to Muckcross House is a fascinating open-air farmhouse museum that covers Irish farm life from the 1920s to the 1950s. Talk with the docents who remember the year 1955, when electricity came to rural dwellings. Farmers would pull on Wellington boots for safety, then cautiously turn on the switch that powered the one bare bulb hanging from the ceiling.

Between Muckcross House and Kenmare is a scenic mountainous chunk of Killarney National Park (great views at Moll’s Gap) and the Kissane Sheep Farm, a real working farm that offers demonstrations of sheep shearing and expert sheepherding. You’ll be wowed by the intelligence of the family dogs.

Ready for Ireland’s favorite road trip? Touring the Ring of Kerry takes a long but satisfying day by car from Kenmare. Smart travelers get an early start (by 8:30 a.m.), working their way clockwise to escape the tour-bus procession heading counterclockwise.

The laid-back town of Sneem (yup, funny name) is worth a stop. The square on the east side of town is called South Square and the one on the west is called North Square. When it comes to giving directions, the Irish march to their own beat.

Stop at Staigue Fort, an imposing sight rising out of a desolate high valley. The circular drystone walls were built sometime between 500 BC and AD 300 without the aid of mortar or cement. About 80 feet across, with walls 12 feet thick at the base and up to 25 feet high, this brutish structure would have taken

a hundred men six months to complete. It’s thought that during times of tribal war, locals used the fort as a refuge, bringing their valuable cattle inside to protect them from rustlers.

The Derrynane House, just beyond the Staigue Fort, was the home of Daniel O’Connell, Ireland’s most influential pre-independence politician. His tireless nonviolent agitation gained equality for Catholics in the early 1800s. See the 20-minute audiovisual presentation on O’Connell, along with some of his belongings, including pistols from a duel and a black glove — which the remorseful O’Connell always wore on his pistol hand when he went to Mass. He was forced into the duel, killed the man who challenged him and regretted it for the rest of his life.

Approaching Portmagee, you’ll see the striking silhouette of the spiky, desolate and tiny island of Skellig Michael. Visit the Skellig Experience Centre, which tells the story of the island — the Holy Grail of Irish monastic island settlements. During the so-called Dark Ages, its monks helped preserve literacy and sacred texts. Hardy hikers can take a boat to the island and hike 600 vertical feet to the monastic ruins.

But I’m back in the car, heading on to two more ring forts: Cahergal and Leacanabuaile. Because this region had copper mines, it has a wealth of prehistoric sights. Copper melted with tin yielded bronze, and with that, the Bronze Age (2000 to 500 BC), which brought sturdier weapons and tools. The many ring forts and stone circles here reflect the lively trade and affluence created by copper.

As I pull back into Kenmare, the lush green landscape seems to glow as the sun sets. While the ancient sights are fascinating and the history is educational, perhaps the best reason to come here is the eternal beauty of the Irish landscape.

Rick Steves (www.ricksteves.com) writes European guidebooks, hosts travel shows on public TV and radio, and organizes European tours. This column revisits some of Rick’s favorite places over the past two decades. You can email Rick at rick@ricksteves.com and follow his blog on Facebook.

GEOQUIZ ANSWER

Answer: To which state would you travel to visit Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve?

CELEBRITY TRAVEL

Company on road brings joy to singer

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency



Singer-songwriter Laurie Berkner says her long travel bucket list includes Japan, Iceland and Bali. **JAYMETHORNTON**

Laurie Berkner is celebrating the 25th anniversary of her children’s album “Victor Vito” with a digitally remastered rerelease that will be available on streaming platforms, CD and vinyl.

“It will have a beautifully updated cover, and the record itself will be blue, to call back to the color of the original cassette,” said Berkner, who splits her time between Manhattan and Red Hook, New York. “I color-coded my first three albums so kids who were not able to read would still know which cassette contained their favorite songs. ‘Whaddaya Think of That?’ was yellow and ‘Buzz Buzz’ was red.”

This fall, the singer-songwriter will release “A Laurie Berkner Halloween,” which will include old favorites and new tracks. Fans may follow Berkner on Instagram and Facebook at @laurieberknerband. She’s also active on YouTube (@thelaurieberknerband) and TikTok (@laurieberkner).

This interview with Berkner has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: Do you have any upcoming trips?
A: My husband, Brian, and I are about to head out West to see the Grand Canyon — first time for both of us — and then visit Sedona and hopefully experience the vortexes. I’m so excited!

Q: Do you write your songs in the studio, on the road or both?
A: I don’t usually write in

the studio, but I do write pretty much everywhere else. ... You might see me on the subway singing quietly into my phone, recording myself on voice memos. I often have ideas on vacation. Probably my most famous one was writing the song “Mahalo” while I was on my honeymoon in Hawaii. I had stepped on a sea urchin and was waiting for two hours to be seen in the emergency room. I was by myself and ended up spending the time writing a song about being thankful for what I had — including time to write a new song (laughs).

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?
A: I’ve had so many different, wonderful experiences traveling over the years, but while there are many incredible places to visit like Paris, Bermuda, West Africa — often the joy I feel depends more on who I’m with and what happens while I’m there.

Q: A lot of people assume that touring must be fun. But what are some of the challenges?
A: One of the hardest parts of touring is that it can be exhausting. I think it’s because I often don’t have much time to explore the area or enjoy where I am, other than for the performances. I travel there, do my shows and then travel right back home or to the

next show.

Q: How do you stay healthy on the road?
A: I make sure to get plenty of sleep. I go to bed early, meditate, practice yoga in the hotel room, and sometimes I use the fitness center or swim if there is a pool. I also bring a lot of my own snacks and request food that makes me feel nourished when I’m eating between shows at a venue.

Q: Where are your favorite weekend getaways?
A: I really love just having a staycation at our house in Red Hook. There are so many cool things to do just over the border and in the Hudson Valley. I never get bored being there.

Q: If you’ve ever gone away for the holidays, which was the best trip?
A: I think I enjoyed being at Disney World over Christmas the best, mostly because my daughter was just so happy while we were there.

Q: When you go away, what are some of your must-have items?
A: Eye mask and earplugs. I can’t sleep without them.

Q: What is your guilty pleasure when you’re on the road?
A: Chocolate!

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Rush to file chargeback has put promised refund in limbo

By Christopher Elliott | King Features Syndicate

Last year, I booked a trip to Las Vegas through a site called Traveluro. My airline canceled the flight, and I could not get another flight. So I had to cancel my hotel reservation.

I contacted Traveluro, and a representative agreed to cancel my reservation and give me a full refund. But the refund showed up in my account as “pending” and then completely dropped off. It was never fully processed.

I filed a credit card dispute with my bank, but my bank denied my request. Traveluro is extremely hard to get in touch with. I call, and it rings once, then hangs up on me. I’ve been trying for months.

The one time I got through — other than my first call — a representative said they would escalate the situation and that somebody would call me within 24 to 48 hours. That never happened. Please help me get my \$444 back.

— Jessica Radosevic, Danville, California

A: If Traveluro promised you a refund, it should have delivered one.

First of all, you might be wondering what Traveluro is. It’s an online travel agency operated by Holisto, a company based in the United States and Israel. Traveluro offers support in several European languages, which is perhaps where the “uro” part comes from.

Why didn’t Traveluro refund your hotel? First, online agencies don’t control refunds on non-refundable rooms. They would have to ask the hotel in Las Vegas for a waiver, which would take some time. It looks as if Traveluro tried to get your money back — hence the “pending” refund. But it ran out of time when you decided to file a credit card dispute.

A credit card dispute means you are asking your bank to reverse a transaction because it’s fraudulent or you didn’t receive the product or service you ordered. I have more on how chargebacks work in my ultimate guide to credit card disputes on my consumer advocacy site, elliott.org.

So what went wrong? I mean, besides trying to call an online agency, which is usually a bad idea. (Always use email to create a paper trail.)

Well, it turns out the company was able to secure a full refund for your hotel, according to Elad Shmilovich, Holisto’s chief operating officer. “However, in parallel, the customer submitted a chargeback, which prevented the refund from being fully processed,” he says. “That’s why the customer saw a pending notification, which disappeared.”

“Not to worry,” Shmilovich added. “I’ve asked my ops team to issue a new refund, which should already be in her account.”

Ah, I love a happy ending! But there’s an important lesson here for the rest of us. When a company promises a refund, you have to give it time. Sometimes a refund to your credit card can take up to two billing cycles, which is more than two months. If you lose patience and file a credit card dispute, it doesn’t just stop the refund process. It can actually reverse it, ensuring that you never end up getting your money.

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Turbulence on rise thanks to climate change

Experts weigh in on hard-to-predict weather phenom

By Christine Chung
The New York Times

Countless travelers have experienced the distinct anxiety-inducing sensation of turbulence on flights: Eyes squeezed shut, hands clamped to the armrests for dear life, bracing for the roller coaster to come.

It can be intense and cause injuries during flights. From 2009 to 2022, 163 passengers and crew members on aircraft registered in the United States were seriously injured by turbulence, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Although deaths are extremely rare, they do happen. Recently, a 73-year-old man died after a plane flying from London to Singapore encountered severe turbulence and plummeted 6,000 feet in minutes. Eighteen people were hospitalized and an additional 12 were being treated for injuries, Singapore Airlines said in a statement.

Other recent incidents have left dozens of passengers with injuries. In March 2023, seven passengers on a Lufthansa flight from Texas to Frankfurt, Germany, were hospitalized with minor injuries after their plane encountered severe turbulence. And in December 2022, about two dozen people, including an infant, were hurt on a Hawaiian Airlines flight from Phoenix to Honolulu that hit rough air shortly before landing.

These reports raise questions about whether turbulence is getting more frequent and intense. We spoke to experts about the weather phenomenon.

What is turbulence?
Turbulence is unstable air movement caused



by changes in wind speed and direction, such as jet streams, thunderstorms, and cold or warm weather fronts. It can range in severity, causing minor to dramatic changes in altitude and air speed.

It's not just associated with inclement weather; it can also occur when skies appear placid. And it can be invisible to the eye and to weather radar.

There are four classifications for turbulence: light, moderate, severe and extreme. With extreme turbulence, pilots can lose control of the airplane, and there can even be structural damage to the aircraft, according to the National Weather Service.

Is turbulence increasing?
Recent research indicates that turbulence is rising and that this change is sparked by climate change — specifically, elevated carbon dioxide emissions affecting air currents.

Paul Williams, a professor of atmospheric science at the University of Reading in England, has studied turbulence for more than a decade. His research has found that clear air turbulence, which occurs most

frequently at high altitudes and in winter, could triple by the end of the century. He said this type of turbulence, of all categories, is increasing around the world at all altitudes.

Williams' research suggests that we could encounter bumpier flights in the future, which may result in more injuries.

How is turbulence monitored and measured?

Meteorologists rely on algorithms, satellites and radar systems to produce detailed aviation forecasts for such conditions as cold air, wind speed, thunderstorms and turbulence. They flag where and when turbulence might happen.

Jennifer Stroozas, a meteorologist at the weather service's Aviation Weather Center, called turbulence "definitely one of the more challenging things to predict."

Using these forecasts, in addition to guidance from air traffic controllers, pilots attempt to skirt turbulent areas by adjusting their altitude to find the smoothest ride. This means flying higher or lower than the altitude where forecasters predict turbulence and potentially burning more

fuel than anticipated, an endeavor that can be costly.

Robert Sumwalt, a former chair of the National Transportation Safety Board who now heads a new aviation safety center at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, stressed that it was impossible to prevent or predict all turbulence.

"There is always the possibility of unexpected rough air," Sumwalt said. "Generally, it's not going to hurt you and not going to pull the wings off the airplane."

Turbulence also presents a greater threat to small planes, which are more susceptible to changes in wind speed, rather than larger commercial airliners, Stroozas said.

How can I stay safe during turbulence?

Airplanes are designed to withstand rough conditions, and it is rare for aircraft to incur structural damage because of turbulence.

But turbulence can toss passengers and crew members around, potentially causing injuries, such as fractures and hemorrhages. Experts emphasized that staying seated

and keeping your seat belt on as much as possible during flights are the best ways to reduce risks.

"If you stay fastened, you're far less likely to incur an injury," said Thomas Guinn, a professor of applied aviation sciences at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

In severe turbulence, the vertical motion of the plane will exceed gravity's pull, Williams said.

"What that means is that if you're not seat-belted, by definition, you'll become a projectile. You're a catapult. You will lift up out of your seat," he said.

Fatalities from turbulence, while uncommon, do happen. The last time a passenger on a commercial flight operated by an American airline died from a turbulence-related injury was in 1997, when a United Airlines flight from Tokyo to Honolulu experienced severe turbulence, according to an NTSB investigation. This passenger was not wearing a seat belt and flew up from her seat, possibly striking her head on the luggage bin, according to the investigation.

But not all deaths attributed to severe turbulence are actually caused

by it. In March 2023, a former White House aide aboard a jet traveling from New Hampshire to Virginia died from injuries initially attributed to severe turbulence. However, a preliminary NTSB investigation found that the plane's pilots turned off a switch stabilizing the aircraft, causing it to briefly oscillate in the air.

As for babies on laps?

Children younger than 2 years old are allowed to be carried on an adult's lap during flights, but many industry experts, citing dangers such as turbulence, believe this practice should be prohibited.

For decades, the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, a union representing about 50,000 flight attendants across 19 airlines, has argued for every passenger to have their own seat, no matter their age.

Sara Nelson, the union's president, said that with turbulence becoming "much more common" lately, the need for young children to be secured in child safety seats during flights is a greater priority.

Unexpected turbulence is the leading cause of pediatric injuries on airplanes, according to the FAA.



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REAL ESTATE



Dr. Raven Baxter walks with her partner Dr. Ronald Gamble outside their apartment complex May 22 in Alexandria, Virginia. ERIN SCHAFF/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

‘I knew my civil rights were being violated’

Black woman claims white homeowner tried to pull out of sale because of race

By Debra Kamin
The New York Times

Perched on a hill with a view of the Atlantic Ocean, the condo in Virginia Beach was just what Dr. Raven Baxter wanted. It had a marble fireplace, a private foyer and details like crown molding and wainscoting in its three bedrooms and three bathrooms.

At \$749,000, it was within her budget, too. She offered the asking price, which was accepted, and sent over a down payment. And then when she was in escrow, her broker called her late at night with some bad news. The seller wanted to pull out of the deal. Why? “You could hear the fear and disbelief in his voice,” Baxter said, recalling what her broker told her next. “He said, ‘I don’t know how to tell you this, but she doesn’t want to sell the home to you, and it’s because you’re Black.’” The seller, Jane Walker, 84, is white. Walker did not respond to requests for comment. Bill Loftis, Baxter’s broker, said, “We have no comment on this as we can’t do anything to jeopardize our clients (sic) transaction.”

The situation spilled out into the open a few hours later, when Baxter, 30, a molecular biologist and science communicator who runs the website Dr. Raven the Science Maven, shared what happened on X. Her public airing to 163,000 followers and others has drawn attention to bias that continues to plague the housing industry, and the laws that are supposed to prohibit discrimination, even as Baxter took steps to continue to ultimately buy the condo. Two federal laws — the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and the much older Civil Rights Act of 1866 — make it illegal for both home sellers and their real estate agents to discriminate during a home sale. But more than 50 years after redlining was outlawed, racial discrimination remains an issue, housing advocates say. Following the recommendation of commenters on her social media post, Baxter filed a claim of discrimination with the Virginia Fair Housing Office and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. She also reached out to a civil rights attorney. “Had I not gone to Twitter and received help from people who

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Baxter, a molecular biologist, was in escrow on a new home when she was told the seller didn’t want to hand over the keys to a Black person.



The red brick Georgian Revival mansion in Winnetka made famous by the 1990 film “Home Alone” was listed on May 24 and found a buyer just one week later. KORI RUMORE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE FILE

ELITE STREET

Winnetka home portrayed in ‘Home Alone’ finds buyer

By Bob Goldsborough
Chicago Tribune

The red brick Georgian Revival mansion in Winnetka made famous by the 1990 film “Home Alone” garnered much attention when it was listed on May 24 for \$5.25 million — more than three times what it had sold for in 2012 to its current owners — and in a testament both to the condition

of the home and the popularity of Winnetka, the mansion found a buyer just one week later. Built in 1921, the three-story, 9,126-square-foot mansion has had a starring role on its Winnetka street now for more than three decades. A 1992 Chicago Tribune headline for a story about the home being placed on a local house walk called the mansion “a “home

that’s never left alone.” Then-owner Cynthia Abendshien told the Tribune even back then that “there are a lot of people, especially children, that will knock on the door and ask to see the house.” It’s not much different today, although the mansion now is set behind a wrought iron fence and

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REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Think twice about solar panels before moving

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
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Q: We're thinking of moving to a senior living development in a few years, so we'll be selling our house. We've received quotes for solar and think it's the thing to do, regardless of whether we'd use it long enough to pay off the initial investment. I thought installing solar would increase the value and attractiveness of the house. A Realtor friend says no. He says people don't want to see solar panels on the roof, regardless of the electric bill savings. He says solar panels — even with panels on the back roof only — would reduce the number of people who'd want to look at the house. Is he correct?

A: Listen to your Realtor friend. In general, we have nothing against solar panels. We like the idea of living off the grid (at least during daylight hours). And we'd consider installing them for our own house. But there are so many issues to think through before you pull the trigger.

First, you need to think carefully about the age of your roof. From professionals we've talked to, you should only install solar panels on a new or newer roof. The reason for this is that once the panels are installed, you might have to remove them if you need to make a repair to the roof or replace your roof.

As we've written, the cost to remove and reinstall solar panels can run in the thousands of dollars. So you want to postpone taking off the solar panels for as long as possible. Given that you only plan to live in your home for a couple of years, make sure your roof is in very good shape before you sign the contract. Otherwise, your buyer will have to pay that fee to remove



If you plan on moving in the near future, you might want to avoid the time, effort and cost of installing solar panels. **DREAMSTIME**

and reinstall the solar panels.

Sam had a client who bought a house with solar panels that had been installed on an old roof. The inspection showed that the roof needed replacement within the next few years. Because of the cost involved with removing and reinstalling the solar panels, the sellers ended up giving Sam's clients a credit for more than \$6,000.

You mentioned that you thought having solar

panels would increase the value of your home. As we wrote recently, this might be true in places where solar is already popular. But your real estate agent friend nixed the idea. That leads us to believe you live in an area where most homes don't have them. And buyers aren't willing to pay more for a house with a solar panel system already installed.

We won't deal in this column with the financial benefits homeowners

gain from federal tax incentives and paying less in utility bills. That can be true, although if you do a cost-benefit analysis, it could take years to pay off the expense of installing your solar panel system, even with the tax breaks. What if you lease the solar panel system? That would bring down your upfront cost, but it would saddle your buyer with lease payments going forward.

While being off the grid will lower your energy bills,

your Realtor friend has shared that many homeowners in your area are not interested in solar panels. While solar is extremely popular in some states, there are areas of the country where very few homes have them. If you're in that kind of neighborhood and still install solar panels, local homebuyers may stay away.

Since you plan to move soon, we think you should avoid the time, effort and cost of installing solar

panels. Instead, focus on things that will help your house sell faster and for more money: fix things that are broken, declutter, thoroughly clean your home, touch up paint and consider doing what you can to boost your home's street presence.

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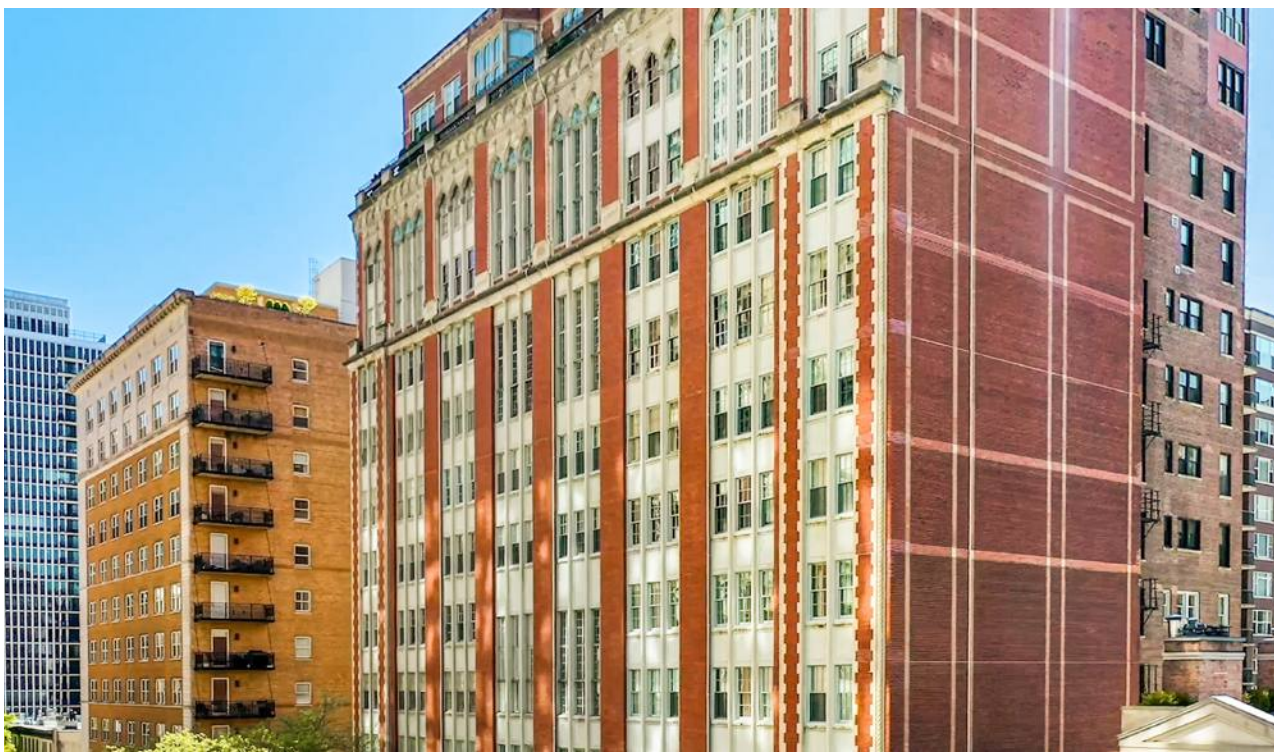
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Listing date: April 23, 2024

This five-bedroom home has five full bathrooms, two half baths, a two-story living room with a wood-burning fireplace, linenfold paneling, a plaster ornamental barrel vault ceiling and large windows that open out to a 61-foot private terrace. A paneled library has another wood-burning fireplace and a speakeasy-style bar. The white kitchen includes a butler's pantry and a breakfast area. The kitchen adjoins the family room and an office, both with custom built-ins and a beamed ceiling and a gas fireplace. The primary suite comes with a gas fireplace, dual dressing rooms and a bathroom with oversized book-matched marble slabs. Other features include an upstairs playroom, dual laundry centers, a temperature-controlled wine closet and storage. Also included are building amenities, including full-time door and engineering staff, an on-site manager, an exercise room, a landscaped garden terrace, and the option for valet parking at an additional cost.

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gate. On a nice day, a visitor showing up to gawk at the mansion soon will discover that there's company — other visitors there for the same purpose.

Now, the five-bedroom mansion is set to get its first new owners in 12 years — and six years after the current owners renovated and expanded it. The home has six bathrooms, four fireplaces, an entry staircase that famously was showcased in the film, a recently added family room with 10-foot coffered ceilings and walls of French doors and a kitchen with double islands, bespoke white cabinetry, a hidden pantry, an eight-burner Wolf range, a Sub-Zero refrigerator and a built-in banquette. Other features include a second family

room, a screened porch, two laundry rooms, a primary bedroom suite with a walk-in closet and a marble bathroom with dual vanities, and a third-floor junior primary suite with built-ins and back yard views.

On the basement level are an indoor sport court, a movie theater and a wet bar. The mansion also has a heated and attached, three-car garage.

The mansion had a \$50,066 property tax bill in the 2022 tax year.

River North home once owned by actor Vince Vaughn sells for \$1.7M: A four-bedroom, 4,063-square-foot River North townhome that actor Vince Vaughn owned from 2005 until 2015 sold June 4 for \$1.725 million.

A native of Buffalo Grove and Lake Forest, Vaughn, 54, hit it big in Holly-

wood films starting in the mid-1990s, and he made headlines locally in 2005 and 2006 for dating actress Jennifer Aniston. Though Vaughn, who now lives in Southern California, is no longer known to own any homes in the Chicago area, he owned two expensive properties in Chicago in the 2000s and 2010s.

In River North, Vaughn paid \$1.4255 million in 2005 to buy the townhome in the 26-unit City Club development from its builder, Silvermoon Properties. The following year, he paid \$12 million for the top three levels of the Palmolive building on the Gold Coast.

Vaughn later rented out the River North town home before selling it in 2015 at a loss, for \$1.4 million. He then sold the Palmolive triplex in two pieces in 2016, unloading the top two floors for \$8 million and



A four-bedroom, 4,063-square-foot River North home that actor Vince Vaughn owned from 2005 until 2015 sold on June 4 for \$1.725 million. **COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR**

selling the 35th-floor unit for \$4.1 million.

Recently renovated, the extra-wide town home has four bathrooms, an open floor plan, a kitchen with custom cabinetry, an island and Viking, Sub-Zero and Wolf appliances. The town home also has a balcony off the main level, a living room with a gas fireplace, a primary bedroom suite

with a custom walk-in closet and a primary bathroom with a double vanity and a marble steam shower. The top floor has an additional living space with a wet bar and wine refrigerator and opens to a rooftop terrace.

One unusual feature of the town home: a three-car garage, which opens to a special gated courtyard.

The sellers paid \$1.725 million for the town home in 2020. They first listed it in 2022 for \$1.85 million and cut their asking price to \$1.75 million later that year. They increased their asking price to \$1.8 million early this year before reducing their asking price to \$1.75 million and then to \$1.725 million before finding a buyer in April.

Listing agent Diana Grinnell did not respond to a request for comment.

Public records do not yet identify the buyers.

The town home had a \$30,766 property tax bill in the 2022 tax year. It also has a \$7,944-a-year homeowners association fee.

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Rights

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knew what they were doing, I would have been panicking the entire weekend,” Baxter said. “It was my first time buying a house. I knew my civil rights were being violated. I knew that something illegal was happening, but no one knew what to do.”

Baxter, who works remotely for Mount Sinai hospital in New York, currently shares a rented apartment in Alexandria, Virginia, with her boyfriend, Dr. Ronald Gamble Jr., 35, a theoretical astrophysicist. After a divorce two years ago, she was eager to own a home outright, and Gamble encouraged her to find a house near the beach, which has long been a dream of hers. He promised to split his time between the new house and Washington, D.C., where he works at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

Baxter first saw the listing for the Virginia Beach condo in early May on Zillow, and contacted the

agent, Wayne Miller, who offered to visit it for her and provide a tour over FaceTime. Baxter kept her camera off while Miller, who is white, toured the home with Walker's agent as one of the guides. The virtual tour was enough for Baxter to jump with an offer. Two weeks later, with the home sale in escrow and on the same day of a home inspection, Baxter and Gamble made the three-hour drive to Virginia Beach to see the house in person for the first time. Walker arrived as the couple was leaving, and Walker's agent, Susan Pender of Berkshire Hathaway RW Towne Realty, introduced the seller to the buyer.

Shortly after Baxter and Gamble drove away from the home, Walker informed her agent that she was not willing to sell her home to a person who is Black and she wished to cancel the sale, according to a chronology of events compiled by Miller and shared with The New York Times by Baxter. Miller declined to comment, and Pender did not respond to multiple

requests for comment.

But what followed, according to Baxter and Gamble and supported by Miller's recounted, written timeline, was a series of frantic actions by real estate agents on both sides focused on salvaging the home deal. Walker's agent called Miller to say Walker wanted to back out of the home sale. Miller, in turn, called Loftis, who is the supervising broker for 757 Realty, where Miller is an agent, to ask for guidance.

As Baxter was getting ready for bed later that evening, she got the phone call from Loftis. She put the phone on speaker so that Gamble could hear the conversation.

“I kind of fell back in my chair,” Gamble said. “I could not believe what I was hearing. Well after the Civil Rights movement, after COVID, after George Floyd, you would think society isn't still thinking this way. But in 2024, they still are.”

Hours later, Loftis wrote in an email to Baxter. “It was unfortunate that the seller took her position to bring Race (sic) into

the process,” he wrote.

“It sounds like the seller's kids were able to turn her around. While it was an unfortunate issue, hopefully your purchase is back on track.”

In an email, Jay Mitchell, a supervising broker at Berkshire Hathaway RW Towne Realty, wrote that neither party had withdrawn from the transaction. “As a company, we condemn any kind of discrimination regardless of the source or the target. All of our agents and staff are fully trained on being aware of discrimination in its many forms,” he said. He declined to answer further questions.

A spokesperson for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, the residential real estate firm owned by Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Energy, said that RW Towne Realty was an independently owned and operated company that only licensed the Berkshire Hathaway name.

“Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices and its parent company, HomeServices of America, strictly adhere to The Fair Hous-

ing Act and do not tolerate discrimination of any nature,” she added.

Shortly after The New York Times contacted Mitchell, Baxter received an email from Barbara Wolcott, CEO of Berkshire Hathaway RW Towne Realty.

“In light of the actions of our horribly misguided seller, I feel compelled to send you this email,” she wrote. “Please be assured that the attitude of this individual is not something that is tolerated by Berkshire Hathaway RW Towne Realty, Susan Pender, or anyone within our organization or area.”

When reached by phone and asked how Berkshire Hathaway RW Towne Realty was not tolerating the actions of the seller, Wolcott said, “We handled this. All you need to know is it was corrected the next day,” and declined to answer further questions.

Baxter's home sale remains set to close later this summer. But even if the deal goes through, her rights under the Fair Housing Act have still been potentially violated, said

Brenda Castañeda, deputy director of advocacy for HOME of VA, a nonprofit that assists Virginians who believe they have experienced housing discrimination. Real estate agents are required by law to not discriminate, which means they must inform sellers who insist on acting with prejudice that they will not represent them, and extricate themselves from a sale if the seller will not acquiesce. But there are other ways discrimination can play out.

“I don't know that you can cure discrimination just by changing your mind and going through with the deal,” Castañeda said, adding that the actions of the real estate agents on both sides could also be a violation. “There may be damages experienced by that person because they've experienced a loss of their civil rights and the distress of having a discriminatory statement said to them.”

She added, “Dr. Baxter has experienced harm whether the transaction goes through or not. We just want this to be a wake-up call to people.”

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These lessons are better than summer school

More than 2 million high school and college students are expected to work summer jobs or internships this year. For most, the summer is about making money, but toiling during the dog days can help young workers flesh out what they like and dislike about a particular job, determine what kind of workplace environment appeals to them, and can help develop indelible skills that last throughout their careers. Regardless of the role, workers can develop a deep respect for the value of work, learn to juggle multiple tasks concurrently, all while dealing with demanding and sometimes tough customers.

The summer job that stood out for me was after my freshman year of college when I was a clerk for my father's firm on the floor of the American Stock Exchange. I performed menial tasks, which are obsolete today. My least favorite task was taking lunch requests from the senior clerks and traders. There were times when I would complain to my father and he would blithely say, "Well, that's why they call it work. Get used to it!"

What should young workers do to navigate and take advantage of their new environments?

I turned to Dr. Resa E. Lewiss and Dr. Adaira Landry, co-authors of the new book "MicroSkills: Small actions, Big impact." They wrote the book to help people by laying out "simple, measurable skills that are easily understood, practiced and incorporated."

Whether you are a camp counselor, an intern at a big financial company or a remote marketing assistant, Landry says that you must "demonstrate your engagement with the job."

That means the basics, like showing up on time and responding promptly to emails. You should also "ask questions, offer suggestions, and volunteer to take on tasks that align with your interests and/or skills."

Put your phone in a drawer during work hours, because when you divert your attention from the job, it "may be interpreted as lack of interest or commitment."

Additionally, you need to "learn proper corporate etiquette: Do not confuse work events with hanging out with college friends." You need to respect boundaries and "familiarize yourself with HR's code of conduct in relation to dating, alcohol and even use of humor or casual language."

Given that summer workers have limited time to make an impact, Lewiss says that you need to quickly assess and understand your supervisor's expectations.

"You don't have 90 days to get up to speed and figure out what your supervisor expects. Surf the company website, reread your job description, and, most importantly, just ask. Politely, directly, when the time seems right, ask your supervisor what they expect for your summer role."

As the job develops, workers need to push through their fear and ask for feedback. She suggests adopting the "just one thing approach." At the end of the week, ask "What is one thing I should continue to do next week?" or "What's one thing I should stop doing to better help the team?" or "What's one thing you would like to see me start?"

For college students, Landry thinks that these short-term work arrangements are a great way to address your skills gaps.

Before you start, "identify a skill set you would like to strengthen. Elicit the input of your supervisor to determine steps to work on the skill. To track progress, develop measurable goals."

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GET SMART

Neuroscience says this one uncomfortable habit will help you learn faster and retain more

By Jeff Haden | Inc.

There are plenty of ways to get smarter. You can harness the power of interleaving by learning several things in succession. You can vary the way you study. You can test yourself. Oddly enough, simply getting more sleep can actually make you smarter.

What do you know, and what do you do with what you know? Learning more quickly, and retaining more of what you learn?

Yep: Getting smarter is a business superpower.

Especially if you consider which type of "smart" you focus on.

There's smart, and then there's smart

While intelligence can be described in a number of ways, let's focus on two.

The first, crystallized intelligence, is accumulated knowledge: facts, figures. In short, "educated." Which is a good thing.

Except we all know people who are "book smart" but not necessarily "smart smart."

That's where the second form, fluid intelligence, comes into play. Fluid intelligence is the ability to learn and retain new information — but also to use that knowledge to solve a problem, to learn a new skill, to recall existing memories and modify them with new knowledge ... In short, to have "applied intelligence."

Becoming more educated? That's not easy, but the process is reasonably simple. Improving fluid intelligence can be harder, which is one reason why "brain games" — crossword puzzles, Sudoku, brain training apps, etc. — are fairly popular.

But do they make you smarter? More to the point, do they improve your fluid intelligence? Probably not.

A 2007 study published in Behavioral and Brain Sciences assessed the impact of brain-training games on fluid intelligence. After participants played Tetris

for several weeks, cortical thickness and cortical activity increased. Both are signs of an increase in neural connections and learned expertise.

In simple terms, the participants' brains bulked up and got smarter. But after those first few weeks, cortical thickness and activity started to decrease, eventually returning to pre-Tetris mastery pursuit level, even though their skill levels remained high. They didn't lose brain power.

Instead, their brains became so efficient at playing Tetris that those increased neural connections became unnecessary. Nor was it necessary to use more mental energy. As with most things, once they figured it out, it got easy. (Or as a friend says, "Everything is hard the first time.")

Unfortunately, no matter how much work it takes to learn new information or gain new skills, "easy" doesn't translate to improved fluid intelligence. Once knowledge or skill is in your pocket, you certainly benefit from the increase in crystallized intelligence, but your fluid intelligence soon returns to a more baseline level.

While the analogy sounds goofy, it's like performing a physical task using muscle memory, although in this case, you're using "brain memory."

That's the problem with, say, brain-training games. Solving Sudoku puzzles — and only solving Sudoku puzzles — won't improve your fluid intelligence in any other areas, no matter how much of a Sudoku master you become. It only makes you better at solving Sudoku puzzles.

The same is true for business skills. Learning how to use QuickBooks to keep your books will improve your fluid intelligence until you master it. Learning to use a new CRM application will improve your fluid intelligence until you master it. Once you achieve a level of (skill) comfort, your brain no longer has to work as hard, and all that new mental muscle starts to atrophy.

And then there's uncomfortable

Which leads us to the (literally) uncomfortable point.

To keep improving your fluid intelligence, once you master a new process, a new routine, a new skill, a new anything, you need to focus on learning something else. The key is to stay uncomfortable and keep challenging yourself.

Then you get to double-dip. You gain new knowledge, new skill and new experience, and you keep your brain "bulked up" since it's forced to continue forging new neural connections.

That double-dip also makes it easier to keep getting smarter at a biological and neurological level. The more you know, the more you can leverage the power of associative learning, the process of relating something new to something you already know. In simple terms, associated learning is like saying, "I get it: (This) is basically like (that)." The more you learn, the more likely you will be able to associate "old" knowledge with new things.

This means you only have to learn differences or nuances, and will be able to apply additional context — context that also helps with memory storage and retrieval — to the new information.

All of this makes learning even easier, which a study published in Intelligence shows results in being able to learn even more quickly and retain a lot more. As the researchers write: "The fastest learners, despite having the fewest number of study opportunities, remembered more and relearned faster."

Win-win.

Keep pushing yourself to learn new things about your business, your customers, your industry, etc. In a broader sense, keep pushing yourself to learn new things about whatever interests you.

Not only will that help you become more successful, but you'll also get to increase your crystallized intelligence and improve your fluid intelligence.

Which will likely make you even more successful.



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Know when you should file amended tax returns?



Elliot Raphaelson
The Savings Game

With April in the rear-view mirror, most Americans — especially those whose employers withhold payroll and income taxes from their paychecks — needn't think about tax filing for many months. Some taxpayers, however, will find themselves in a situation where they should file an amended return. The reasons for doing so include the following.

- The income reported on the original return was submitted incorrectly, either too high or too low.
- There was a change in the filing status because of life events, such as marriage, divorce or death in the family.
- There was an error regarding dependents claimed.
- The filer overlooked tax deductions or credits.
- Relevant legislative changes were made after taxes were filed, such as tax relief due to a natural disaster.

The following situations do not warrant filing an amended return.

- A math error was made. The correction will be found by the IRS.
- An error was discovered shortly after filing. In this situation, you can simply re-file as long as the filing deadline has not passed.
- Missing forms: If a necessary form was missing that is required, the IRS will request it.

FILING INFORMATION

You should be filing Form 1040-X. Request the IRS amended return instructions for the applicable year. 1040-X can be filed electronically, or manually. You should submit the same forms and schedules as originally filed. You can submit up to three amended returns for one tax year. There is no fee if you file individually; you can also use available software packages or use professional tax providers. You can receive refunds by direct deposit or paper check; you can use Form 8888 to allocate refunds to multiple accounts. If you owe the IRS, use form 1040-V for submission. Contact your state tax department for information if your amended return impacts your state tax return.

TIMING FOR FILING AN AMENDED RETURN

If you intend to file an amended return to obtain a credit or refund, you must file the amended return, Form 1040-X within three years after you filed your original return, or within 2 years after the date you paid the tax, whichever is later. In order



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to receive a tax refund, you must file an amended return within three years after filing the original return. Some exceptions can extend the time you can file an amended return. The regulations covering these exceptions are covered in the amended return instructions for the applicable year. They include:

- Bad debts or worthless securities
- Foreign tax credits
- Net operating losses or credit carrybacks
- Service in a combat zone or contingency operation
- Residing in a disaster area

If you are filing an amended return for bad debts or worthless security, the amended return generally can be filed within seven years after the due date of the return for the tax year in which the debt or security became worthless.

COMMON FILING ERRORS

The following errors have been made by individuals in their initial filing. You can avoid having to file an amended return if you avoid making these errors when filing your original tax return.

Qualified charitable deductions: Many individuals who use the qualified charitable deduction (QCD) don't take the deduction properly. The form you receive from the custodian of your IRA account does not specify the amount you contrib-

uted to the charity. You have to take the deduction yourself as follows: on line 4(a) of IRS 1040, specify the IRA withdrawal; subtract the amount of the QCD and list the remainder on 4(b); specify QCD next to the 4(b) entry. If you did not receive a deduction for your QCD because you did not enter the information properly in your original return, file an amended return.

Rental income: If you rented your home for 14 days or less, the income you received is not taxable. If you previously reported the income received as taxable, file an amended return reducing the amount of taxable income.

Self-employed deductions: In a previous column I pointed out that many self-employed individuals were not aware of an allowable deduction for health care premiums. If this situation applies to you, file an amended return in order to receive a refund. Bottom line: Many taxpayers have not taken allowable deductions when they filed their original tax returns. When you make a determination that you have missed taking legitimate tax deductions or credits, don't hesitate to file an amended return to receive refunds you are entitled to.

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Terry Savage
The Savage Truth

SIM swap a new way to swipe your savings

Identity thieves have a new way of gaining access to your finances. Even if you've frozen your credit report, they can grab your money by taking over your phone number. It's called "SIM swapping." It's all done electronically, and it defeats the authentication controls that most banks have in place. You may have been frustrated lately by financial institutions requiring two-factor authentication to log into your account. Instead of just requiring a username and password, they now send you a text message by SMS to your cellphone to verify your identity with a six-digit PIN. But what if the number attached to your SIM card on your phone is stolen? Someone has gained enough information about you to contact the phone company, transferring your phone number into a phone in their hand. If it sounds impossible, think again. The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (www.IC3.gov) has seen a growing number of SIM swap fraud reports. It has happened to famous people and countless other victims, with reported losses in the millions. Once a scam artist electronically transfers your phone SIM card, that two-factor authentication PIN goes to his phone — not yours. And when the thief confirms the transaction, all your money is wired out of your account to his account. Even worse, the bank says you are not covered for fraud, since they sent you a PIN and it was entered in, thereby "participating" in the fraud. They deny your claim.

Here's how it works

It's easier than you think to get enough information about you to have your SIM card transferred electronically from your phone to another. You do it every time you upgrade and get a new phone. But if your personal information is easily searchable online, you could become a victim. The cybercriminal's goal is to pretend they're you by using that information to trick your service provider into granting access to your phone number and account. Then it's as simple as porting your SIM to their device. Then they call the phone company pretending to be you, saying your phone is lost, and asking to transfer your SIM to their phone. Once they control your phone number, it's open sesame for all your financial accounts.

How to protect yourself

First, download an authentication app for your cellphone. Microsoft and Google offer them, as do many other companies. Since the app resides on your phone, the fraudsters cannot access it. You'll have to set up two-factor authentication for that website — and then use this program instead of SMS text messaging. Second, ask your cellphone provider to require extra steps for verification, such as a "SIM PIN" before allowing your phone number to be ported. That is a multi-digit code that you'll need any time you want to move your number to a new phone. Without the PIN, your number stays put. Finally, use the "strong password" option that generates a random password for each of your accounts. Then store it in a "password manager" program such as Aura, Keeper or Dashlane. Then you only need to remember the main password that accesses your stored passwords. Sadly, it won't work if your financial institution insists on sending SMS text messages. FBI Special Agent Ali Sadiq of the Cyber Criminal Investigative Squad says: "Banks need to catch up with best authentication practices — unfortunately, they are all still using SIM texts." Still, it's worth trying to derail the SIM swappers, Sadiq says. "You don't need perfect security to avoid being victimized. By using something as simple as stronger authentication on your online accounts, criminals will likely skip over you and move to lower hanging fruit." Well, I hope that's the Savage Truth.

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Get family heirlooms appraised when selling

By Emma Patch
Kiplinger's Personal Finance

Whether you're interested in keeping, selling or donating family jewelry, the first step is to get an appraisal. Hire an accredited appraiser who will research and analyze the market, says Lynn Magnusson, an appraiser accredited by the American Society of Appraisers, the Appraisers Association of America and the International Society of Appraisers. An accredited researcher will assess comparable sales at auctions, jewelry stores and jewelry dealers. Bringing in a third party to vouch for the item's value in the form of an official appraisal will increase the likelihood you'll receive a fair price when you sell. If you're primarily looking to insure objects you plan to keep, you'll want to get the replacement value, which an appraiser can provide by researching the cost of replacing your item with a new one (or a version that's as close to the item as possible). If you want to donate jewelry to charity and deduct the donation on your tax return, ask the appraiser to provide the item's fair market value, which is "the price that property would sell for on the open market between a willing buyer and a willing seller, with both having reason-



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able knowledge of the relevant facts," according to the IRS. You should fact-check an appraisal by reviewing the report and verifying that your appraiser noted any characteristics that could affect the jewelry's value. If you see any errors, let your appraiser know and ask for a correction. Make sure the appraiser takes the jewelry's maker into account because that's the most important characteristic used to determine its value. "Similar to artwork, it's always about

the artist," Magnusson says. For example, buyers will pay a premium for a gold bracelet from Tiffany & Co. as opposed to a gold bracelet from Macy's. The next quality to consider is scarcity. Appraisers will assess the piece's provenance, or origin, to determine how rare it may be. If the piece is from the collection of a historical figure or celebrity, such as Catherine the Great or Elizabeth Taylor, it could carry significant value. Inherent qualities of an object, such as the quality of the metal and stones, will also affect its value. For example, an appraiser will assess the "four Cs" of a diamond: carat weight, color grade, clarity grade and cut grade. Finally, a piece of jewelry should never be worth less than the sum of its parts. A buyer can always scrap the gold or silver and sell it to a refinery or remove the diamonds and sell them to a diamond dealer. You can search for the spot price of precious metals at a website such as www.kitco.com. However, keep in mind that the precious metal in jewelry is typically mixed with other elements for color and/or strength, Magnusson says. For example, 14k gold jewelry is made up of 58.3% pure gold and 41.7% alloy. Shop around at jewelry stores and dealers to get the best price.

Some key elements to build successful leadership

Being an excellent leader isn't easy, even for the best of us. But with a well thought-out strategy, it can be simplified and effective.



Creative problem solving One thing all leaders have in common is that we encounter complex, novel challenges and must find ways to mitigate them to keep our companies running. Think of this as both a critical skill and ante. You can't count on creative problem-solving to win the game. But you're not in the game at all if you don't have this skill. That's why I made creative problem-solving the bedrock of my leadership-pyramid.



The products and services you offer The foundation of your company culture is the products and services you offer. While this is obvious for athletics brands and automotive companies, it's true for all companies. The basics must be mastered, which usually means tending to them regularly. And to achieve an exceptional corporate culture, you'll need to work on far more complex topics, starting with your mission.



Corporate mission Mission statements are a major part of corporate culture. More than ever, people want to work for companies that stand for something. Yet, interest in corporate mission statements is waning. Too many companies never truly dedicated themselves to their mission or eventually stray from it. Unfortunately, ignoring your mission undermines its impact by teaching your team that your real mission is profits alone. Also too many companies believe their corporate culture is secured with a good product or service and a great mission. Instead, the journey to excellent culture has just started at this point.



Corporate values Corporate values have a powerful impact on how culture unfolds within your company. The official company values you identify matter. You'll write them into documents and put them on the side of a wall, and they'll broadcast an essential message to your employees. But these aren't necessarily your actual values. Your values will have a longer-lasting impact on how people feel about you as a leader and your company.

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Those ‘finfluencers’ are popular, but beware of their advice



Steve Rosen
Kids & Money

Who do members of Generation Z — yes, even teens — turn to more and more frequently for financial advice? Try the likes of Mrs. Dow Jones, Delyanne The Money Coach, Ecomm Jess and other “Finfluencers.” While they may not be household names like Warren Buffett, they are go-to clicks for money advice on Instagram, Facebook, X, and other social media platforms trolled by our kids. You won’t find dry dissertations about stocks in the Standard & Poor’s 500; instead finfluencers typically post catchy, breezy financial morsels geared to resonate

with a growing number of young adults. Popular topics cover budgeting, investing for retirement, saving for college, and even advice on how to avoid “lifestyle inflation.” How do influencers make money? They typically earn a fee from investment firms for new accounts opened by a customer using a unique link to sign up. But that’s where the slope gets slippery. My advice is to keep a giant salt shaker handy when reading influencers’ posts, especially those sprinkled with claims such as “no fail” or “foolproof guarantees.” Claims like those have drawn increased scrutiny from financial industry regulators. For example, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, an industry watchdog known as FINRA, recently took its first

action over a brokerage firm’s use of social media influencers. M1 Finance LLC was sanctioned and fined \$850,000 for, among other things, social media posts that included false statements about the terms of a lending program through a margin account. FINRA then took action against Cobra Trading for allegedly encouraging influencers to create posts “that promoted the firm but were not fair and balanced and contained promissory language.” In one case, FINRA said, a finfluencer promoted the firm by boasting about his profits on a social media platform, telling his followers, “I took a \$30,000 account and turned it into \$133k in less than 30 days with a Cobra account.” The firm was ordered to pay a \$200,000

penalty. If your kids — regardless of age — are surfing social media for money or investment advice, they need to watch out for red flags such as persuasive posts from influencers promising to let you in on investing secrets. Beware of any pitch that says, “This is (primed) to go from \$0 to \$100,000 in two years” or similar promises of big profits. Social media users should be very careful about taking online financial advice that is general by nature. Enjoy the video of someone rattling off investment returns, experts say, but do your own homework. Questions, comments, column ideas? Send an email to sbrosen1030@gmail.com.



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Technology helps caregivers keep eye on their loved ones’ well-being

By Elaine Silvestrini
Kiplinger’s Personal Finance

Caregivers who don’t reside with their older loved ones may use technology to keep track of their well-being. While cameras could serve this purpose, the loss of privacy is an issue; no one wants to be watched in their own homes. Other options abound. Many smartwatches, for example, can detect when the wearer falls and can send alerts. There are wall-mounted radar detection monitors that can send for help in the event of a fall. Video doorbells and digital locks also enable caregivers to monitor visitors. “If you have someone coming in to help your mother with bathing three days a week, but she is not able to hear the doorbell or might be asleep and miss the person, then you can give them a code to get into

the house and set it up,” says Amy Goyer, a caregiving expert with AARP. Another option is a system that includes motion sensors, which allow monitoring a loved ones’ movements around the home, checking that they’re up and out of bed and haven’t fallen. Some aspects of home maintenance can be addressed through technology. For example, one danger is leaving the stove on, particularly when a person has some cognitive decline. Goyer says there are monitors for stoves and microwaves that can automatically turn them off when they’re left on unattended for too long. One is called iGuard Stove and it can be purchased for about \$500. Caregivers can also use apps and websites to monitor their loved ones’ finances, to ensure they’re not being scammed and are paying their bills, says

Genevieve Waterman, director of corporate partnerships and engagement for the National Council on Aging. They can monitor their email and set up alerts through banks to look for unusual activity. One company, EverSafe (www.eversafe.com/home-21), gives financial caregivers the ability to monitor a loved one’s accounts, Waterman says. EverSafe CEO Liz Loewy is a former prosecutor who oversaw a unit that focused on abuse of older adults. “Financial elder financial abuse is the one type of abuse that has the highest mortality rate,” Loewy says. She says EverSafe monitors a person’s accounts, including credit, banking and retirement savings. The service learns the account holder’s normal behaviors and detects changes, sending alerts to the account holder and their designated care team.

Steps you can take to avoid credit card late fees

By Ella Vincent and Erin Bendig
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Q: Are late fees on credit card payments going down?
A: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has finalized a rule that caps fees for late credit card payments at \$8, a significant reduction from the recent average of \$32. The rule faces legal challenges from banking and business groups, including the American Bankers Association and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Among other claims, the groups argue in a lawsuit that the rule prevents card issuers from charging fees that are high enough to deter customers from making late payments. Regardless of whether the CFPB rule survives, you can take steps to avoid late payments altogether. “Let technology help you,” says Matt Schulz, chief credit analyst at LendingTree and author of “Ask Questions, Save Money, Make More.” Set up alerts through your card issuer’s phone app or by email or text message to notify you of upcoming payment due dates. Or implement automatic transfers from your bank account to pay your credit card bill by the due date each month. Periodically log in to your online account to make sure the payments are correctly processed. If your payment is 30 days or more past due, the card issuer will likely share with the nationwide credit-reporting companies (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) that the account is delinquent—and that will damage your credit score. So make sure to pay an overdue bill as soon as possible. The issuer may waive a late fee upon request, especially if you’re a longtime customer or otherwise have a clean payment record. “Negotiate with your credit card issuer. They don’t want to lose you as a loyal customer,” says Schulz.

Q: What is an umbrella insurance policy?
A: An umbrella insurance policy provides additional coverage outside the existing limits of other policies, like car insurance and homeowners insurance. It offers protection for a number of situations. For example, if you’re sued for libel, get into a car accident abroad, or if your dog causes harm to a guest, umbrella insurance can help further protect your assets if these claims aren’t covered by existing liability policies. Umbrella coverage kicks in when the underlying liability limit of an insurance policy is reached, and it’s usually sold in increments of \$1 million, up to \$5 million. The cost of umbrella insurance can range anywhere from \$200 on the low end to over \$1,000 for a high limit, according to Trusted Choice, with an average cost of about \$380 a year providing \$1 to \$2 million of protection. However, how much you’ll pay for umbrella insurance depends on several factors, like where you live, how much coverage you buy and your risk profile.

Don’t overlook money-saving tax breaks

By Sandra Block
Kiplinger’s Personal Finance

Taxes, according to the late Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., are what we pay for a civilized society. But that doesn’t mean you should pay more than you’re legally required to remit to federal and state tax authorities. Unfortunately, the tax code has become more complex, increasing the risk that you’ll overlook money-saving tax breaks. Start by reviewing how much tax was withheld from your paychecks in 2023. If you received a big refund, adjust your withholding so that less of your paycheck goes to the IRS. The majority of taxpayers claim the standard deduction. But even if you don’t itemize deductions, you may still be eligible for a long list of tax credits and above-the-line deductions. For example, if you have a child who will start college this fall, there’s a good chance you’ll be eligible for the American Opportunity Credit. This tax credit is available for up to \$2,500 of college tuition and related expenses (but not room and board) paid during the year. Meanwhile, reducing taxes on investments in your brokerage account is a surefire way to increase your profits or minimize losses. Start by understanding the difference between long- and short-term capital gains. You’ll pay long-term capital gains tax on income from the sale of assets that you’ve held for more than a year, at rates ranging from 0% to 20%, depending on the amount of your taxable income. If you sell stocks, mutual funds or other assets you purchased a year ago or less, the net proceeds will be taxed as



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ordinary income, with rates ranging from 10% to 37%. Clearly, you’re better off selling investments you’ve owned for more than a year, particularly if you qualify for the 0% tax rate. In 2024, you’re eligible for the 0% tax rate if you’re single and have taxable income of up to \$47,205, or up to \$94,050 if you’re married and file jointly. This tax break can be particularly valuable to retirees who may need to sell assets to meet expenses and are no longer earning income from a job. Where taxes and your wealth are concerned, you need to be thinking about how much you’ll pay in the future, too.

Contributions to a 401(k) or deductible IRA will reduce your tax bill now, but the money will be taxed when you take withdrawals — possibly at a higher tax rate than you’re paying today. For that reason, many financial planners recommend directing at least some of your contributions to a Roth 401(k), if your employer offers one. As is the case with Roth IRAs, contributions are after-tax, but withdrawals will be tax-free after you’re 59½ and have owned the Roth for at least five years. Unlike Roth IRAs, however, there are no income limits — anyone with earned income can contribute to a Roth 401(k).



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GRASSO'S GARAGE

Nissan Sentra SR is more than a commuter

By Marc D. Grasso
Boston Herald

As Nissan makes its 2024 debut in Grasso's Garage, the spotlight is on the rejuvenated Sentra, particularly our test model, the SR. This commuter car serves various functions, yet within Grasso's Garage, one primary purpose stands out. With a base price of \$23,000, the Sentra offers significant value, boasting low insurance and fuel costs. This ideal commuter car prioritizes cost-efficiency without compromising on generous interior space.

The Nissan Sentra SR is equipped with a reliable 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine that delivers 149 horsepower and 145 pound-feet of torque. It features a Xtronic CVT transmission that is notably quiet and makes for an enjoyable driving experience. The Sentra's popularity continues with its latest



The 2024 Nissan Sentra SR offers an appealing combination of style, spaciousness and proven reliability, making it an excellent choice. **MARC D. GRASSO/BOSTON HERALD**

refresh, particularly due to its exterior styling. The SR model boasts a rede-

signed rear fascia and new interior accent stitching, in addition to the SV features

like an eight-speaker Bose Premium Audio system, mirror-integrated turn

signal indicators, and standard heated front seats.

The Sentra stands out with class-exclusive safety features such as standard intelligent forward collision warning, alongside additional driver-assist technologies including intelligent driver alertness, the optional intelligent around view monitor, intelligent cruise control, and the standard easy-fill tire alert system.

In line with other Nissan models, it includes the Nissan Safety Shield 360 as standard — a suite of six advanced driver-assist systems: automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection, blind spot warning, rear cross traffic alert, lane departure warning, high beam assist and rear automatic braking. The SR premium package adds \$2,490, encompassing all the aforementioned features plus a power moonroof and power seats. Black alloy wheels are

2024 NISSAN SENTRA SR
MSRP: \$23,880/\$28,790 as tested
MPG: 30 city/38 highway/37.6 as tested

available for an extra \$785. Price, price, price! With vehicle prices through the roof, whether new or used, Nissan gets the big picture with this entry-level commuter. With its attractive base price, numerous safety features and options for upgrades, the Sentra offers an appealing combination of style, spaciousness, and proven reliability, making it an excellent choice for families, commuters, first-time car buyers, and many others.

Grasso's Garage is here for you! Are you in the market for a new car? I would be happy to provide my honest input. All you have to do is email me: marc.grasso@bostonherald.com.



The 2020 Subaru Outback boasts fantastic outward visibility, plenty of cargo space and all-weather sure-footedness. **SUBARU OF NORTH AMERICA**

Best ride for young drivers

Experts turn to crash test ratings to find used vehicles for your teen

By Christian Wardlaw
Edmunds

Safety is critically important when choosing a vehicle for a younger driver. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers in the United States.

There are many reasons for that statistic, ranging from inexperience and distraction to risky behaviors such as speeding or alcohol use. But the bottom line is that many parents want to mitigate risk as much as possible when selecting a vehicle for their first-time drivers. Yet budget is also a factor; teen drivers often end up with a hand-me-down vehicle or a used vehicle.

To help you decide on what might be best for a young driver in your family, Edmunds' car experts turned to crash test ratings published by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

We identified two cars, two SUVs, and one pickup truck that earn favorable IIHS ratings and can potentially be purchased for less than \$20,000 and have less than 75,000 miles on them. We also took into account Edmunds reviews that evaluate qualities such as comfort, fuel economy and technology features. These are the five vehicles we would consider for the kids in our lives, listed in alphabetical order.

2015-20 Chevrolet Colorado

Finding used pickups priced under \$20,000 and with less than 75,000 miles is a challenge, but many Chevrolet Colorados meet those criteria. Drivers of 2015-2021 Colorado extended-cab and crew-cab models fare adequately or better in collisions, according to IIHS testing.

The Colorado lacks some now-common driver assist features, such as blind-spot warning, but newer years include Teen Driver, a feature that allows parents to monitor how young drivers use the truck.

2014-22 Mazda 3

Compact cars typically offer young drivers a low price and good gas mileage. You can also add high crash test scores into the mix for the Mazda 3. Mazda redesigned the 3 hatchback and sedan in 2014 and again in 2019. The newer models offer more driver assist features, available all-wheel drive for snowy weather, and a more modern infotainment system.

Every Mazda 3 from this period earned a Top Safety Pick rating from the IIHS and, for around \$20,000, you can find examples just a couple of years old.

2014-21 Mazda 6

Among larger cars, a used Mazda 6 sedan built between 2014 and 2021, when the model was discontinued, is a smart pick. This stylish midsize car offers room



The 2018 Chevy Colorado is a midsize truck with a four-cylinder, V6 or turbocharged-diesel engine. **GENERAL MOTORS**



The 2021 Mazda 3 is attractively styled and uncommonly sporty for a small sedan or hatchback. **MAZDA**

for up to five people and a good blend of power and efficiency with the standard four-cylinder engine. Upgrade to the turbocharged model for improved performance but prepare to spend more at the gas pump.

All Mazda 6 sedans during this period received a Top Safety Pick rating from the IIHS. Starting in 2016, the car also offered improved protection for the driver in certain types of collisions.

2014-21 Mazda CX-5

Small SUVs are

extremely popular with consumers. When choosing a used one under \$20,000 for a young driver, Edmunds thinks a 2014 to 2021 Mazda CX-5 is a great choice.

In addition to earning the highest Top Safety Pick rating from the IIHS in each of these model years, the CX-5 sits high off the road for good visibility and boasts tidy dimensions, making it easy to park. All-wheel drive is available, and the four-cylinder engine offers a good compromise of efficiency and acceleration. Mazda



The 2021 Mazda 6 is a midsize sedan with plenty of charisma to spare. **MAZDA NORTH AMERICAN**



The 2021 Mazda CX-5 is an excellent all-around crossover SUV that's well-suited for younger drivers. **MAZDA**

redesigned the CX-5 in 2017, adding more standard driver assist features.

2013-20 Subaru Outback

A used Subaru Outback could be a good choice for a young driver who enjoys a lot of outdoor activities. In each of those model years, the Outback earned the highest Top Safety Pick rating from the IIHS. The Outback also comes with standard all-wheel drive and generous ground clearance to help out with access to trails or campsites.

If you steer clear of the

six-cylinder and turbocharged engine options, this Subaru gets decent gas mileage. Buy a low-mileage example for your kid and an Outback could serve them well for years to come.

Edmunds says: The models listed above are good starting points. By adjusting your budget, accepting higher mileage or drilling down to a specific model and year, you may discover more suitable choices. We also recommend continuing to prioritize crash test ratings when conducting your own research.



The 2024 Toyota Land Cruiser comes in three trim levels. **TOYOTA**

AUTO REVIEW

Off-road icon makes welcome return to Toyota lineup for '24

By **Larry Printz**
Tribune News Service

Welcome back! Toyota's oldest model, the Land Cruiser, debuting in 1951 and first seen stateside in 1958, returns to America after a three-year hiatus. Yet much has changed since the Land Cruiser last cruised out of Toyota showrooms.

Then, the full-size Cruiser cost as much as its upscale Lexus sibling, the GX, and sported similar accommodations. Now, Toyota's legendary off-roader returns as a midsize SUV, using the same truck architecture as the Toyota 4Runner, Sequoia, Tundra, Tacoma and Lexus GX. The smaller size is derived from the Land Cruiser Prado, a light-duty model sold overseas. The larger Land Cruiser comes to us in modified form as the Lexus LX, while the Lexus GX is the new American Land Cruiser with a more upscale attitude.

Confused yet? Don't be. The 2024 Land Cruiser — base price \$55,950 — is a two-row, five seat off-roader that pits it against the Jeep Wrangler, Ford Bronco and Land Rover Defender. Certainly, the Land Cruiser sports the freshest face, with a mix of modern and retro styling cues that render its

2024 TOYOTA LAND CRUISER
Base price: \$55,950-\$74,950, plus \$1,395 destination charge
Engine: 2.4-liter turbocharged four- cylinder hybrid
Horsepower/Torque: 326/465 pound-feet
EPA rating (combined city/highway): 23 mpg
Length/Width/Height: 194/78/76 in
Ground clearance: 8.7 in
Payload: 1,687 lbs
Cargo capacity: 38 cubic feet
Towing capacity: 6,000 lbs

boxy facade cutting edge yet comfortable, eschewing the typically-maniac Toyota styling excesses.

It's offered in three ascending trim levels: Land Cruiser 1958, Land Cruiser and Land Cruiser First Edition.

Climb into the 1958 trim and you'll no doubt appreciate its basic ambience, totally lacking in flash and boasting cloth seats. The roomy cabin has a decidedly rugged vibe yet offers a heated seat, heated steering wheel and six-speaker audio system. But its single horizontal display, which houses the instrument cluster and touchscreen infotainment system, is surrounded by basic hard plastic. That said, the infotainment

screen on the 1958 model is 8 inches, rather than the 12.3-inch display fitted to other trim levels. Other standard tech goodies are more up-to-date, including wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, a wireless smartphone charging pad and USB-C charging ports. An integrated Wi-Fi hotspot is optional.

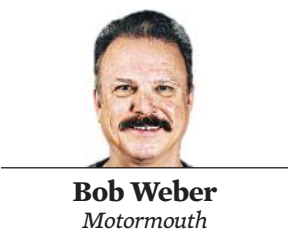
If that's not enough, the Premium Package adds such indulgences as leather-trimmed heated and ventilated power front seats, and Head-up Display.

All Land Cruisers get the same powertrain, regardless of trim level. I didn't have the chance to sample the Land Cruiser on-road, but it proved to be fairly satisfying off-road.

While not perfect, the 2024 Toyota Land Cruiser is the welcome return of an old friend. Still, given its commonality with the upcoming redesigned Toyota 4Runner, it's best to drive both to see which better suits you. Either way, you're bound to enjoy off-roading in a vehicle that makes it moderately easy.

That pleasure comes at a price: \$57,345 for the 1958, \$76,345 for the First Edition including destination charge but without options. Nevertheless, some pleasures in life are worth paying for.

Do EVs have pass on front license plate requirement?



Bob Weber
Motormouth

Dear Motormouth: It was always my understanding that in Illinois, the law requires license plates on the front and back of a vehicle. However, most of the Tesla cars I see on the roads don't seem to have one in the front. Is there special dispensation for Teslas or other EVs? Can you explain?

— *T.S., Woodridge, Illinois*

Dear T.S.: Maybe they don't want to restrict the airflow across the radiator. Nah. There's no radiator, not even a grille. I have heard many excuses, such as that the plate looks ugly. (That could apply to many cars, including mine.) There are no holes for a front bracket, but Tesla does supply brackets with peel-and-stick tape. Or they will wait for a "fix it ticket" that may only carry a small fine.

Dear Motormouth: I recently purchased a new Kia Carnival (aka Sedona) shortly after buying a Kia Niro for my wife. Both vehicles have a feature called Auto-Hold. As I'm sure you're familiar, this feature allows me to remove my foot from the brake pedal once I've come to a complete stop. Neither my wife nor I have used the feature yet. I have two questions regarding the use of Auto-Hold. First, when I come to a stop and remove my foot from the brake, do the brake lights stay on? If not, couldn't this be a safety hazard if the car coming up from behind doesn't recognize that I'm stopped? Second, from a strictly mechani-



Teslas are parked in front of a showroom and service center in Burlingame, California. **JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY 2019**

cal standpoint, is it better to just keep my foot on the brake while stopped? Or is there something about the Auto-Hold feature that will cause less wear and tear in the long run?

— *B.F., Palatine, Illinois*

Dear B.F.: Thanks for asking, but at the risk of sounding snarky, you could have enlisted help from your wife to watch from behind the vehicle. Yes, the brake lights remain illuminated. There is no advantage of keeping your foot on the brake pedal. There won't be any more or less wear either way.

Dear Motormouth: A friend recently traveled to Africa and tried to rent a car. All they had available were cars with manual transmission, which he had never driven. After failing to successfully drive it out of the lot, he was told he had to hire a driver. I grew up driving stick shifts, so I committed to teaching him how to drive one. However, I haven't seen one available to rent here in the States for years. Do you know where I can rent a car with a manual transmission?

— *S.D., Chicago*

Dear S.D.: I haven't found any conventional car rental firms that offer manual transmissions. I requested a Porsche while my pickup was being repaired due to a hit-and-run. No dice. Yes, it had paddle shifters, so it performed like a stick, but I did miss "rowing my own." I guess the economics just don't add up for rental companies to stock sticks.

Dear Motormouth: The car wash I go to has fancy colored lights for wash upgrades. I get the economy wash. Who's being fooled here, me or them? Love your column; my son is a certified mechanic and I save your column for him.

— *K.C., Elwood, Illinois*

Dear K.C.: Have you seen "The Wizard of Oz"?

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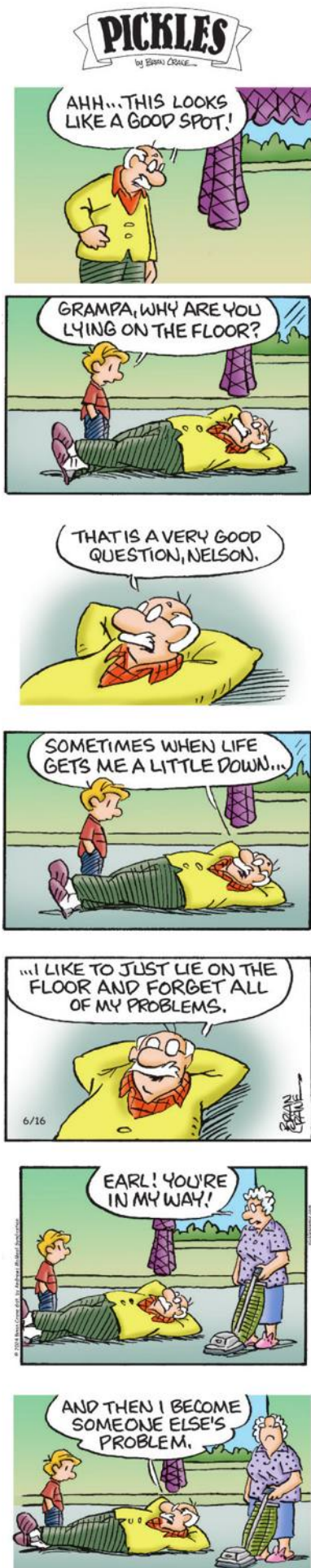
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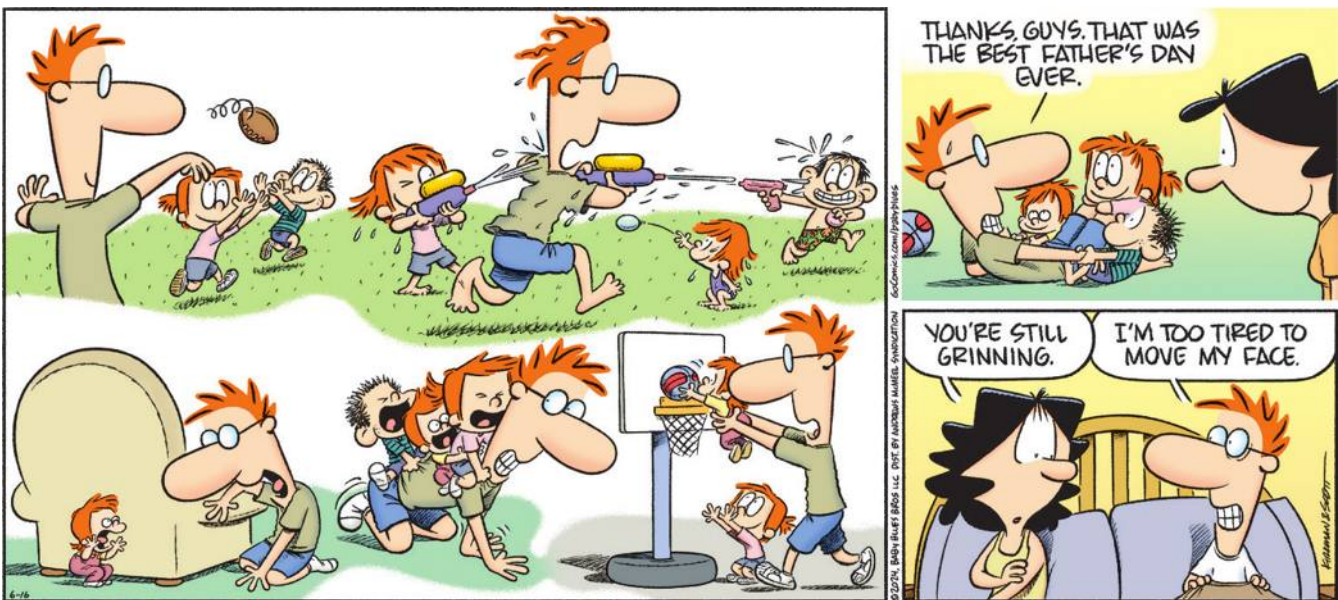


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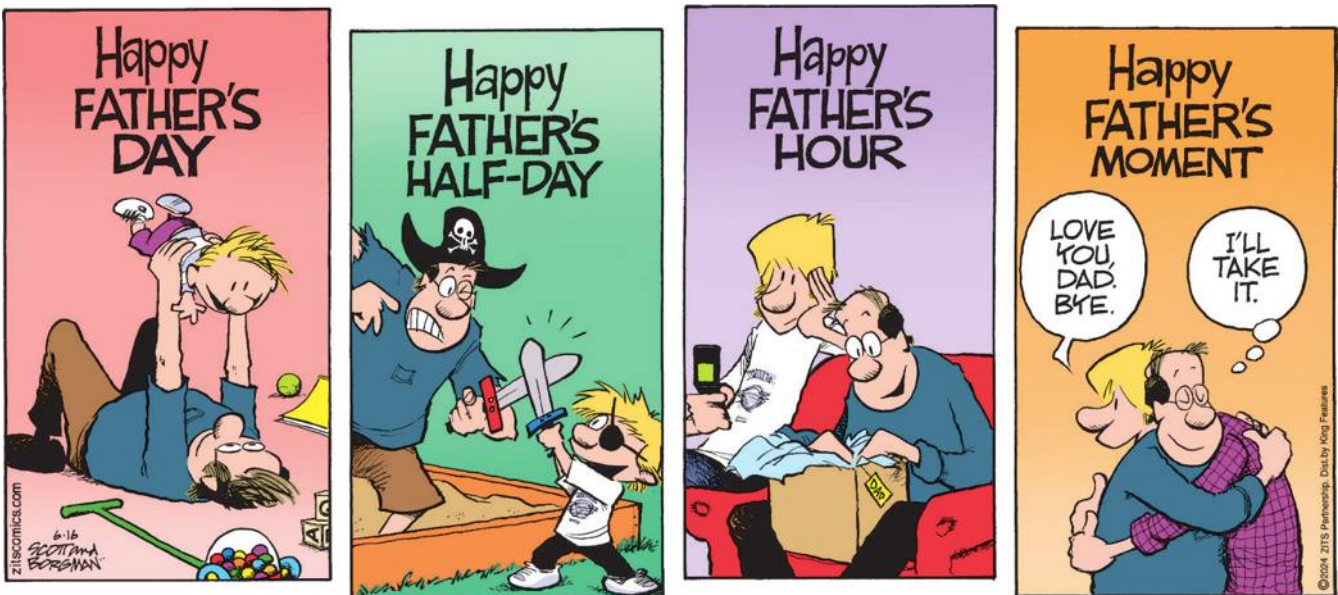
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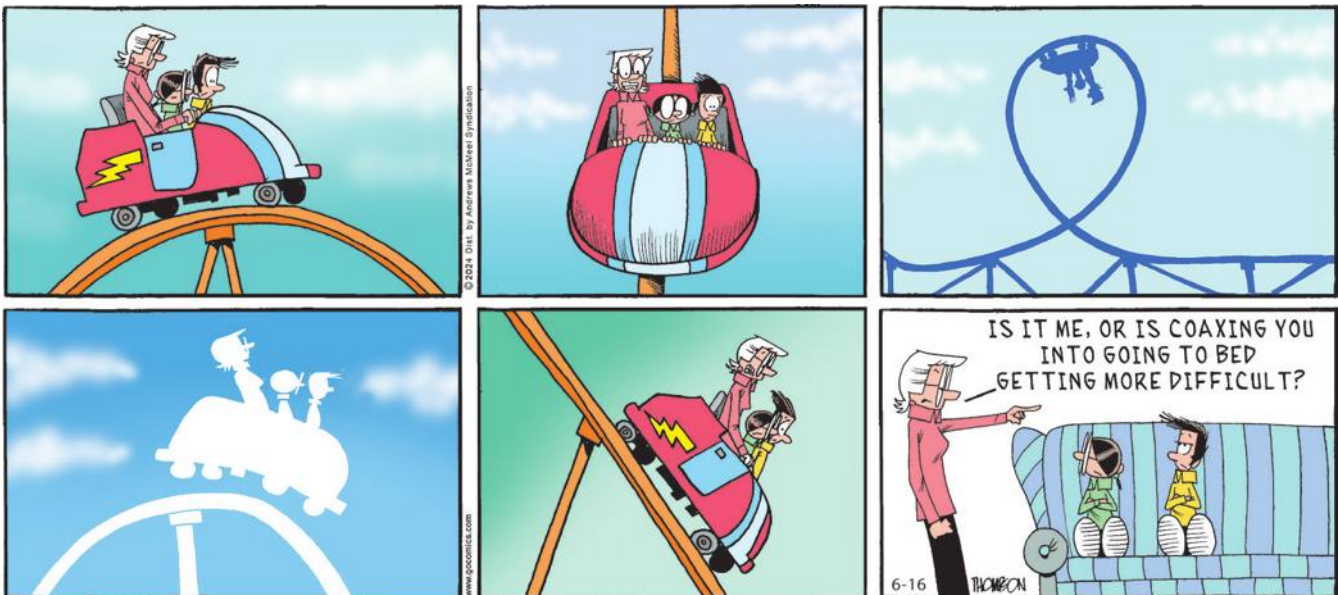
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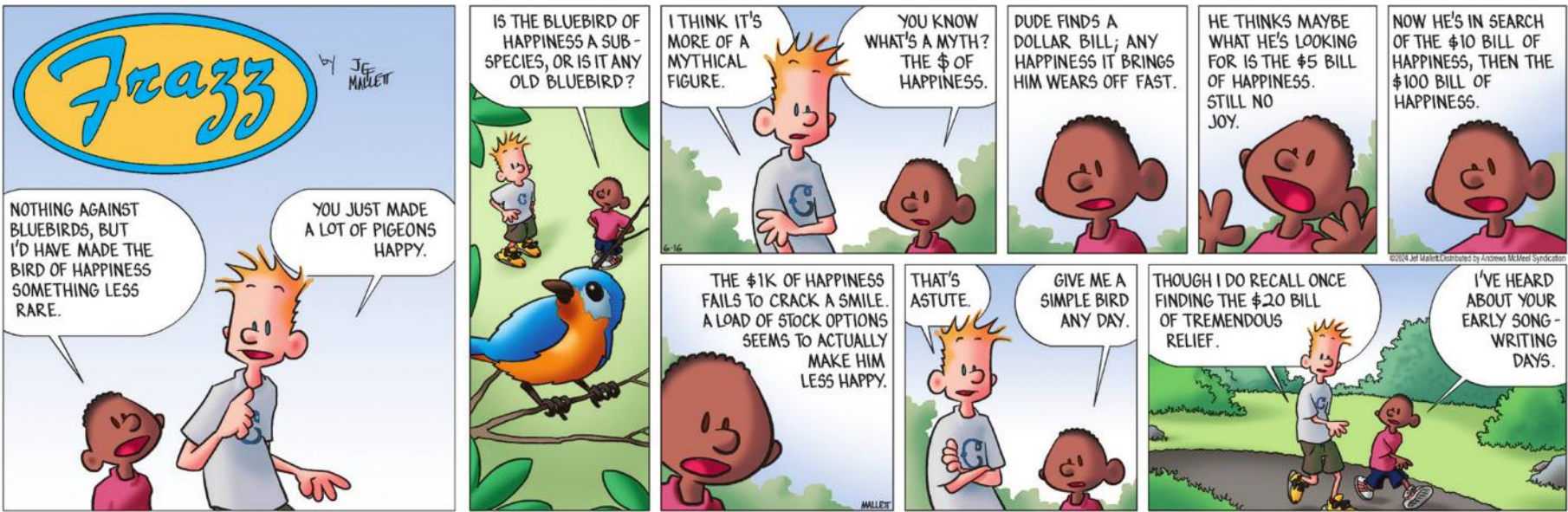
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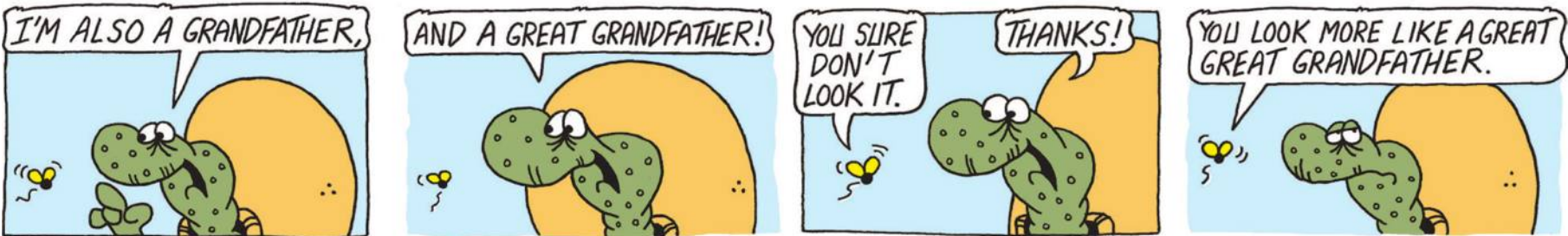
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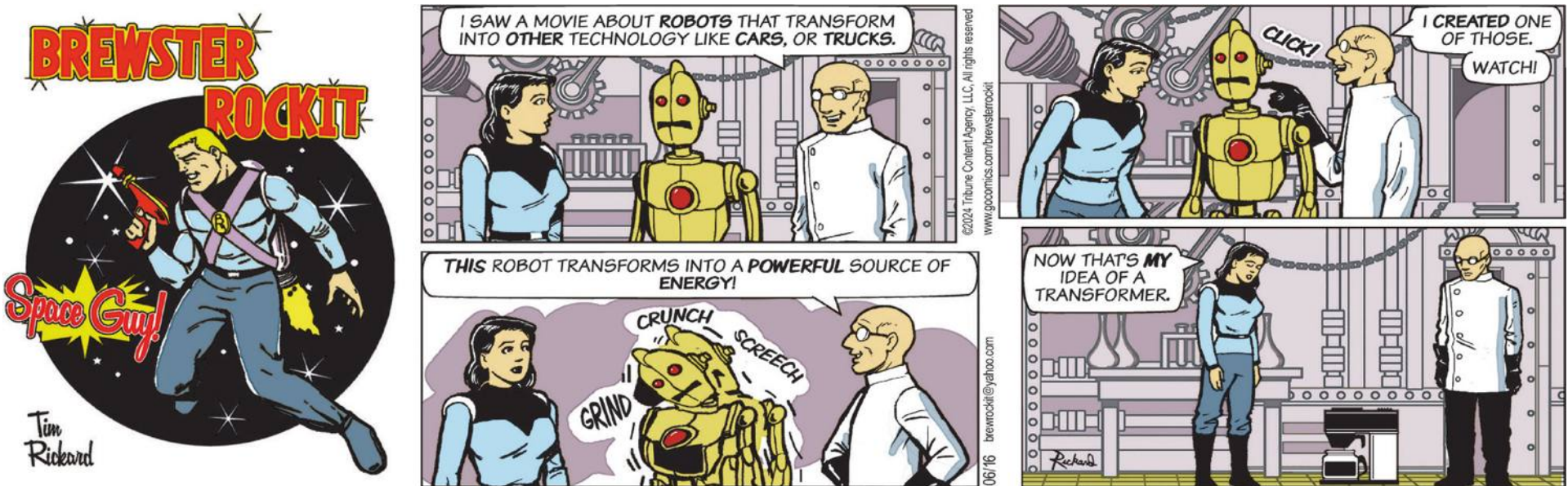
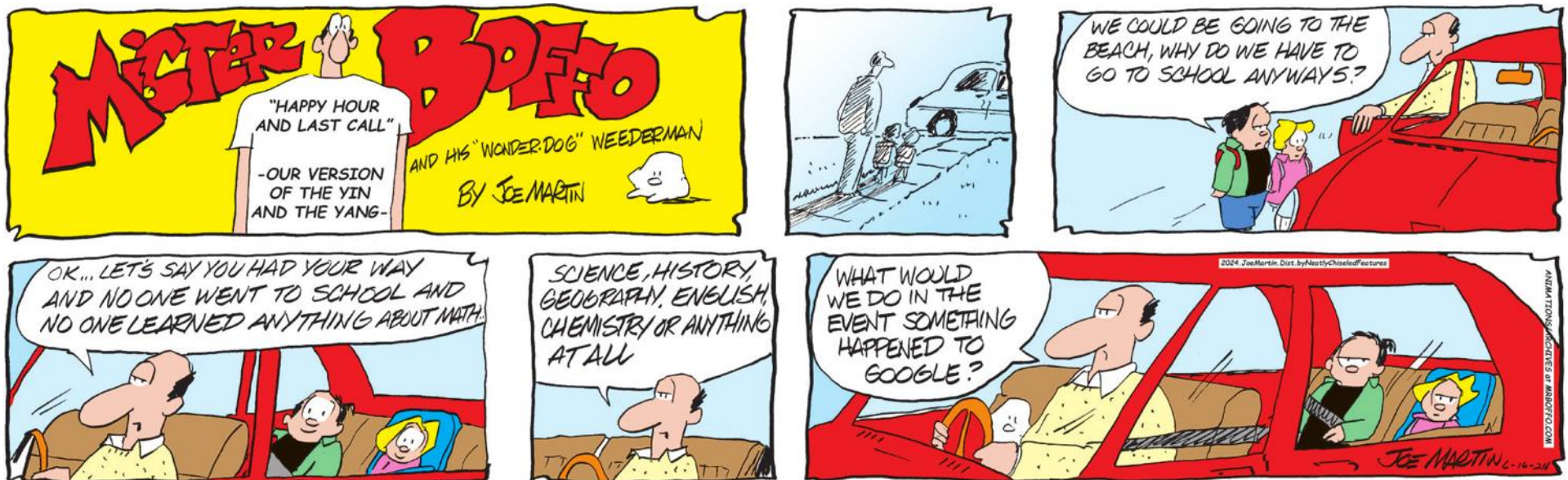
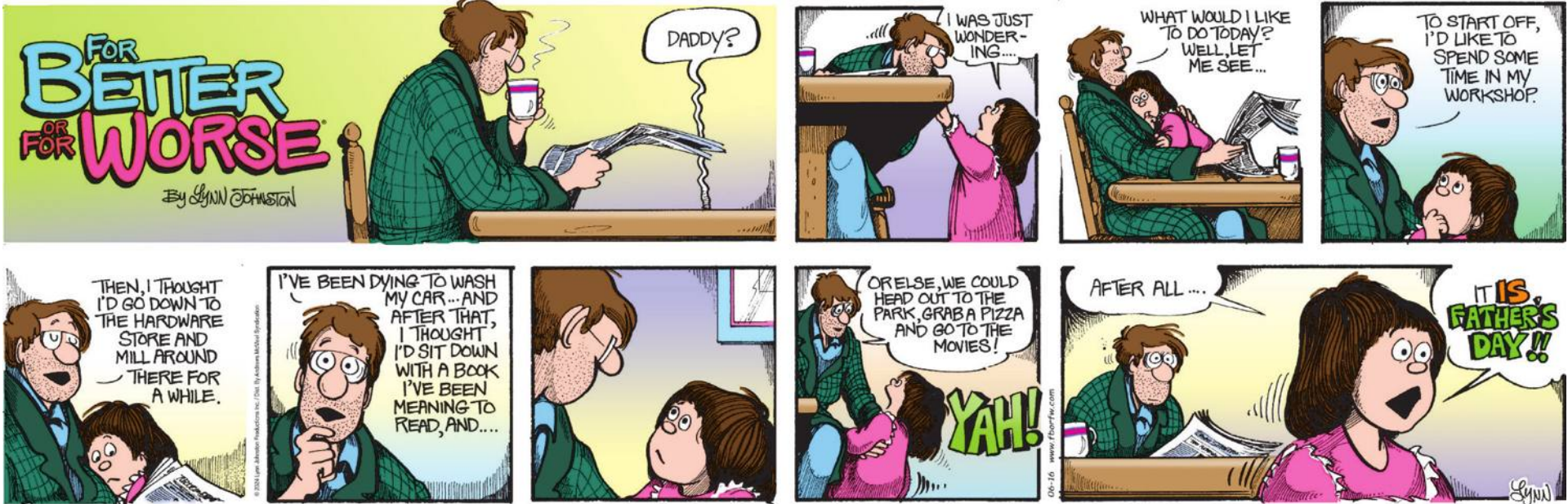


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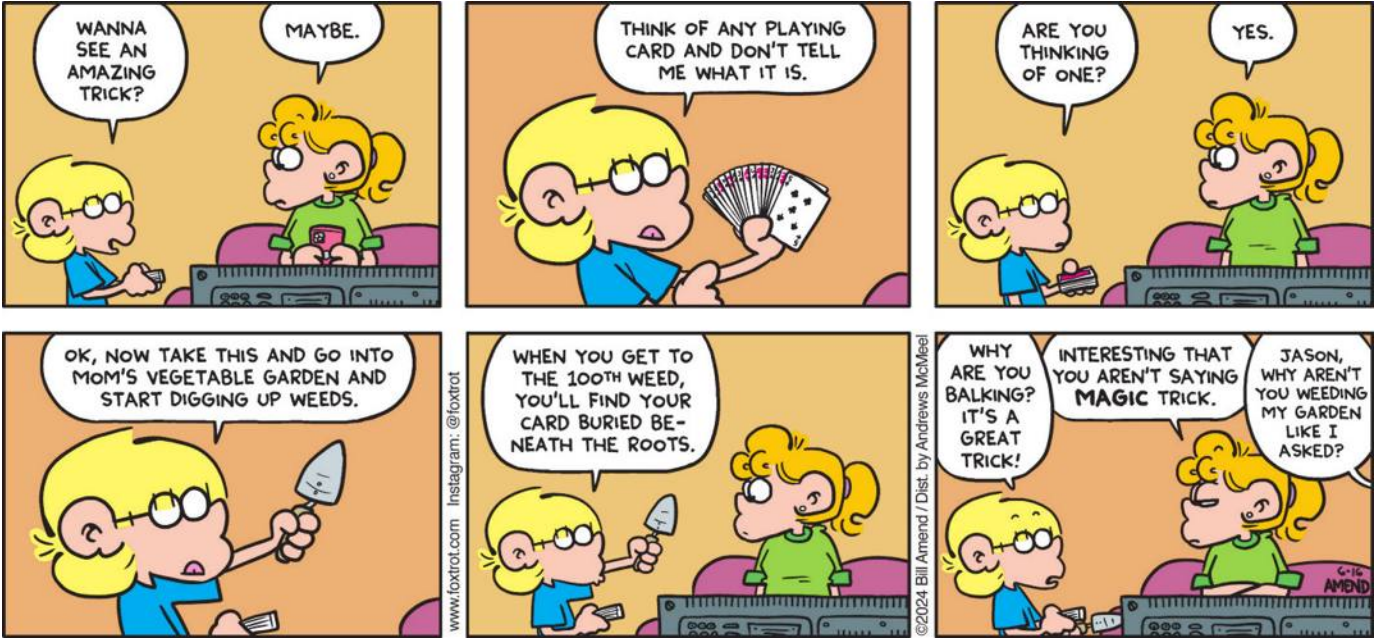
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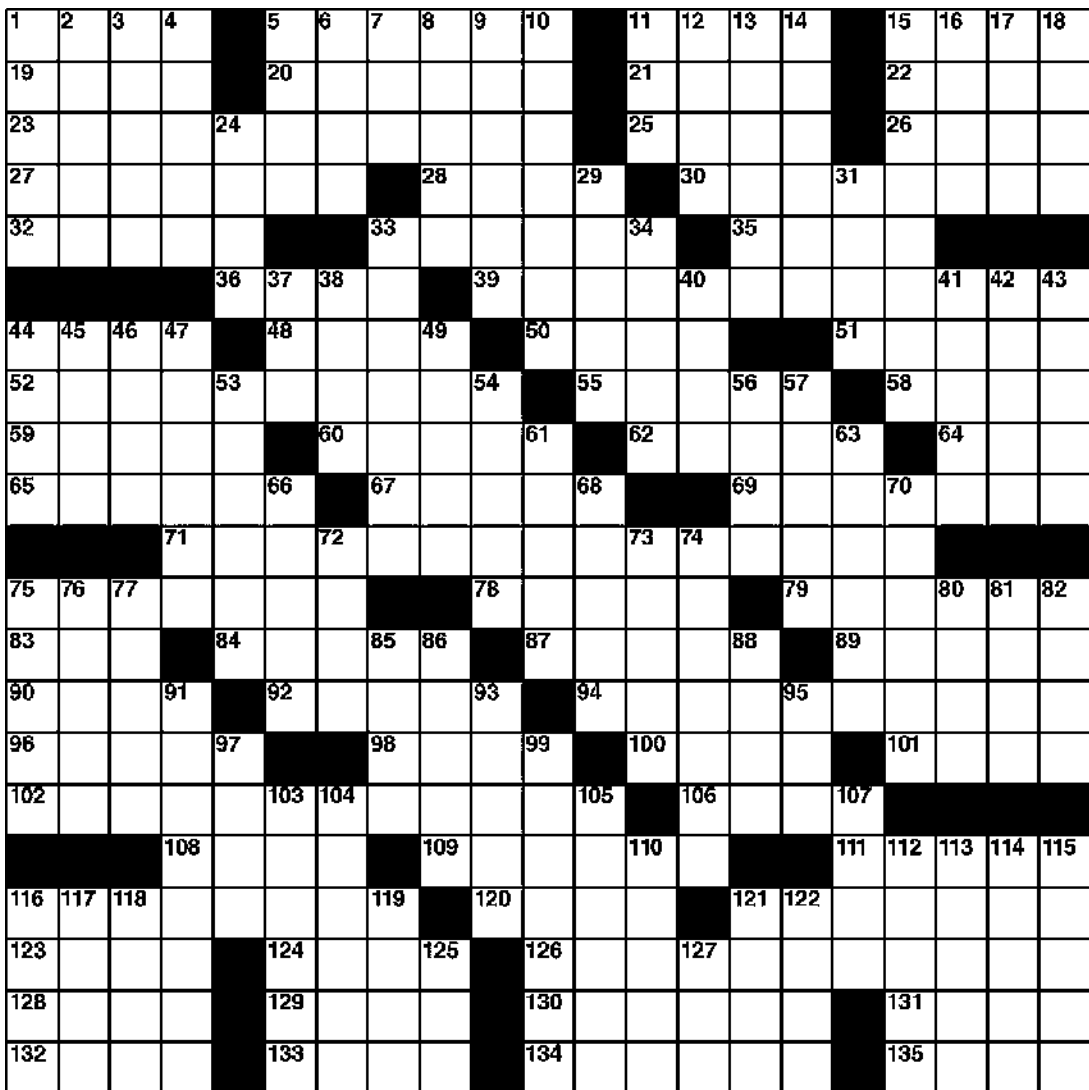
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1 Curators' degs.
5 Big families
11 Nights before
15 Letters on Sputnik
19 Put your hands together
20 Narrate again
21 Website connection
22 Flow slowly
23 Casual restaurant chain [40th]
25 Prefix for care
26 Sweater mishap
27 "Entertain me"
28 Let ___ (decline to take action)
30 Name on many dictionaries
32 *Moneyball* subject Billy
33 Become famous
35 Top of the line
36 Endow
39 Simple, sure solution [25th]
44 Minor quarrel
48 Latte topper
50 Justice Gorsuch
51 Fielder's gear
52 Yellow Brick Road traveler [10th]
55 Highway exits
58 Valhalla VIP
59 First Soviet leader
60 Enjoy greatly
62 Lunch hours, often
64 Muscle car designation
65 Sherbet flavor
67 Parceled (out)
69 "That's what they say"
71 Sweet severance package [50th]

75 Enjoying a furlough
78 Piece of fabric
79 Star of silent oaters
83 Prefix for genre revivals
84 Slowly, on a score
87 Back tooth
89 Customary practice
90 Sign a lease
92 This and that
94 Empty threat [1st]
96 Landscaper's tool
98 Auditioner's aim
100 Haphazard try
101 Petty complaints
102 What poker players catch red-handed [60th]
106 Spectacular tale
108 Request for help
109 Less certain
111 Japanese beer brand
116 Southwestern snakes
120 Family men
121 Dictionary's early "ditch"
123 Jai ___
124 Less than colorful
126 Garnish for Gibsons [30th]
128 Chance to play
129 Anecdotal knowledge
130 Astronaut Collins
131 Unrestrained
132 Air pollution
133 Actor McGregor
134 Romanian composer
135 Suffix meaning "celebration"

Down

1 Seasonal fast-food sandwich
2 Water park slide
3 Limerick rhyme scheme
4 Watch furtively
5 Accurate
6 Clarinetist's purchase
7 Part of TGIF
8 Lower, as a light
9 Tickles pink
10 Smirk, say
11 Source of shade
12 Scenic sight
13 Make beloved
14 Snowbiking vehicle
15 "Who's on First?" comic
16 Funnel shape
17 Business titan
18 Violin pins
24 Not kosher
29 Bold observer
31 Cozy
33 Soybean appetizer
34 Perrier rival
37 Aerial enigma
38 Agrees silently
40 Patron saint of sailors
41 Hunter's cabin
42 Lloyd Webber musical
43 Opera hero, often
44 June 1944 target town
45 Docking site
46 Tolstoy's Karenina
47 Pang of guilt
49 Self-styled expert
53 Headed for a soccer net
54 Likely to offend, for short



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56 Fancy-schmancy
57 Pig's nose
61 Domain
63 Don't participate
66 Arctic assistants
68 Lose tautness
70 Confines
72 Bit of progress
73 Sky holder of myth
74 Club branch
75 When some rights are allowed
76 "___ say more?"

77 What "play" and "say" have
80 Nativity scene trio
81 "___ that a lot"
82 Millennials' parents
85 Home territory
86 From way back
88 Gather in
91 Designed to entice
93 Subject to change
95 Batter's stat

97 Bakery product
99 He got away
103 Pine tree product
104 Scopes Trial attorney
105 Use for concealment
107 James of *The Godfather*
110 Online transaction
112 Haughty reaction
113 Be very fond of
114 Fine-tunes

115 Map detail
116 Pied Piper's followers
117 Grad
118 Poi source
119 Detective novelist Paretsky
121 First Obi-Wan portrayer
122 Pro ___ (gratis)
125 Half an ice cream duo
127 Hi-___ graphics

Get Cooking

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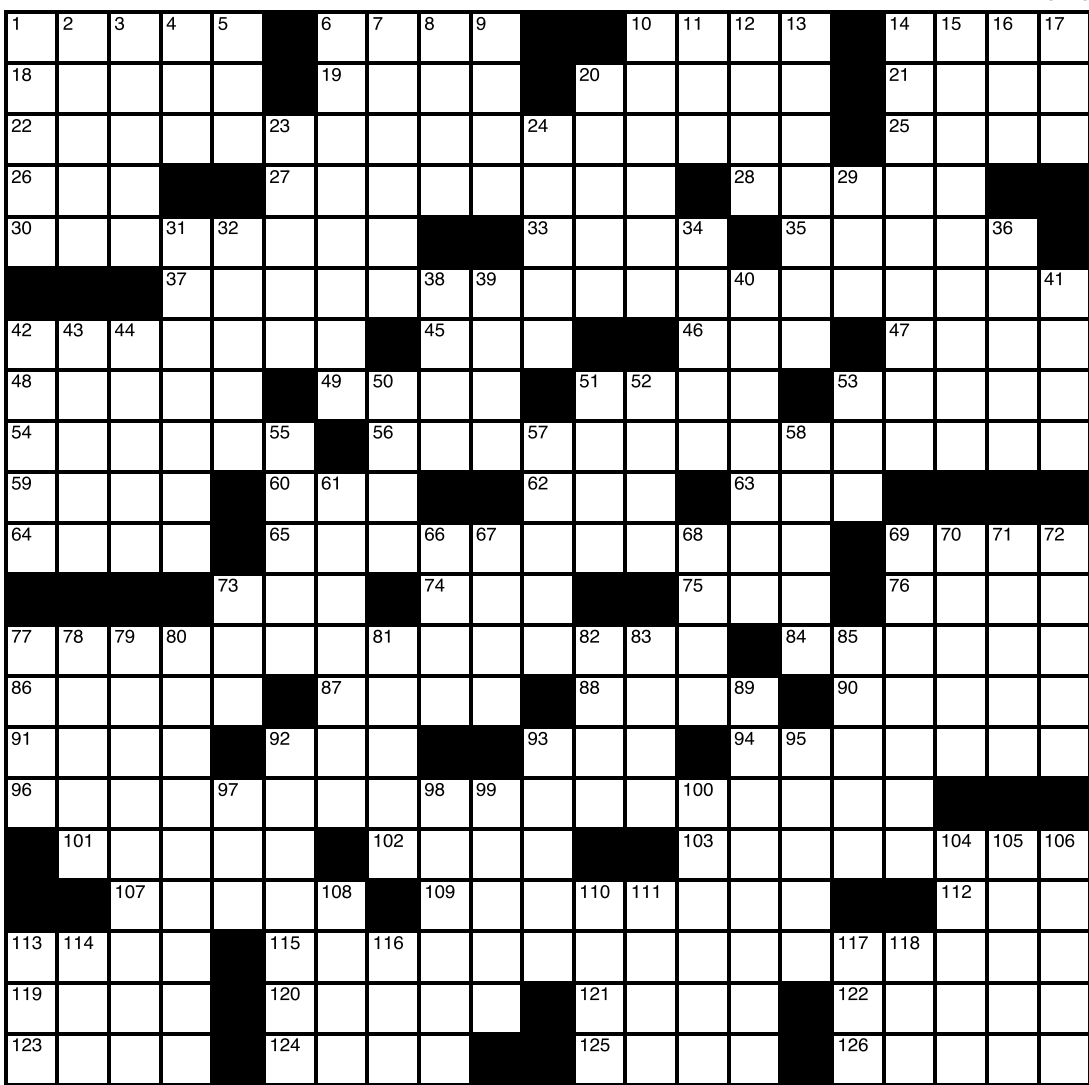
1 Secret repository
6 Speed-of-sound ratio
10 Overactors
14 More than a stone's throw
18 Buenos ___
19 Nueve menos uno
20 Tyler Perry character
21 Wolfe of "Three at Wolfe's Door"
22 Instruction for the host of a comedic takedown?
25 "Gimme a break!"
26 1980s sitcom ET ___ board
28 Whole-grain cereal brand
30 Andes lake
33 Ballet ___
35 Ford Field team
37 Meditate ahead of a big tennis match?
42 Washington's "Lilac City"
45 Singers Green and Yankovic
46 "I'm off"
47 "Leaping lizards!"
48 Head, as a meeting
49 Prestreaming devices, for short
51 ___ House: "Jane Eyre" setting
53 Take effect
54 Gory, perhaps
56 An icy winter?
59 Applies
60 Reuters peer
62 Sweltering
63 Opposing vote
64 The "B" of BFF
65 Open a joint savings account?
69 Elemental unit
73 "Am ___ the right track?"
74 Perch output
75 Antidiscrimination inits.
76 Used a snowboard
77 Toss and turn all night?
84 Pleases no end
86 Furniture designer Charles
87 Took legal action
88 NBA star Westbrook, to fans
90 Australian mine finds
91 Singer Dua ___
92 Feathery accessory
93 Emer. message

94 One way to analyze music
96 Defect to the prosecution midtrial?
101 Petal support
102 Twain character
103 Not mandatory
107 Terrycloth wrap
109 Compliment on the green
112 "Sorry, it's ___ from me"
113 Roman 19-Across
115 What the best mystery writers know how to do?
119 Grace period?
120 East Coast rd.
121 Not on land
122 Barn nestling
123 Confused
124 Sp. or Ital.
125 Condé ___
126 Cybertruck maker

Down

1 Measure for 90-Across
2 Garlicky emulsion
3 Make paper bag puppets, perhaps
4 Toms and drakes
5 Parts and labor fig.
6 Like Mr. Peanut
7 Honest-to-goodness
8 Facial feature unique to humans
9 Callback alternative
10 Building with wings?
11 Join together
12 Spineless
13 Big name in baked goods
14 Divisive pizza topping
15 Advocate para las mujeres
16 One not into amorous love, briefly
17 "Parks and Rec" character Swanson
20 ___ Park: Meta site
23 Olympian Bolt
24 Small disputes
29 Title of a medieval tale?
31 Most foul
32 Leafy green also known as silver beet
34 2007 Heisman winner Tim
36 Slug cousin
38 Uncover
39 Disney queen who says, "You can't marry a man you just met"

40 Vaccine tool
41 Ibsen's "Peer ___"
42 Go after grime
43 Developmental period
44 Musical Hall partner
50 Powerful engine
51 "I can relate," online
52 Not bamboozled by
53 Prone to shrinking?
55 A bit of tea, in a way
57 Gloss
58 Sierra Nevada lake
61 Clorox brand
66 HBO's "___ Detective: Night Country"
67 Got into the weeds?
68 Turnarounds
69 Great Plains people
70 Come to
71 NFL star ___ Beckham Jr.
72 Like a toddler with finger paints
73 Uncertainties
77 "Solitude is the richness of ___": May Sarton
78 Formal affair wear
79 Blasphemy and sacrilege
80 Tap again, in a way
81 Big drink
82 Dressage pace
83 Like much of Hawaii
85 Sound heard twice in a lifetime?
89 "Cut it out!"
92 Sinister
93 Harmonize
95 "I'm ___ here"
97 Follower of hee and yee
98 Schmoozing by boozing
99 Ouzo flavor
100 Ways to go
104 Aces
105 "Moon and Half Dome" photographer Adams
106 Whole host o'
108 "Lady Tan's Circle of Women" novelist See
110 Actor McGregor
111 Tuscan setting for novelty photos
113 Actor Kilmer
114 "FWIW" kin
116 Part of enby
117 Tater ___
118 Org. that maintains kayfabe during shows

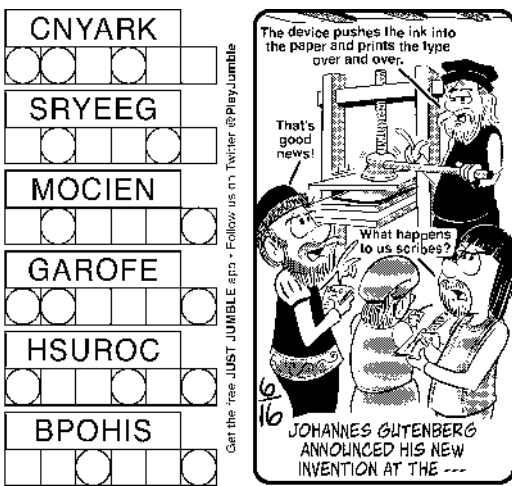


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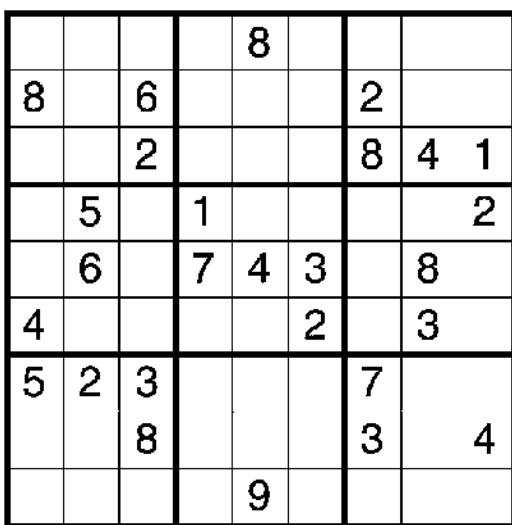


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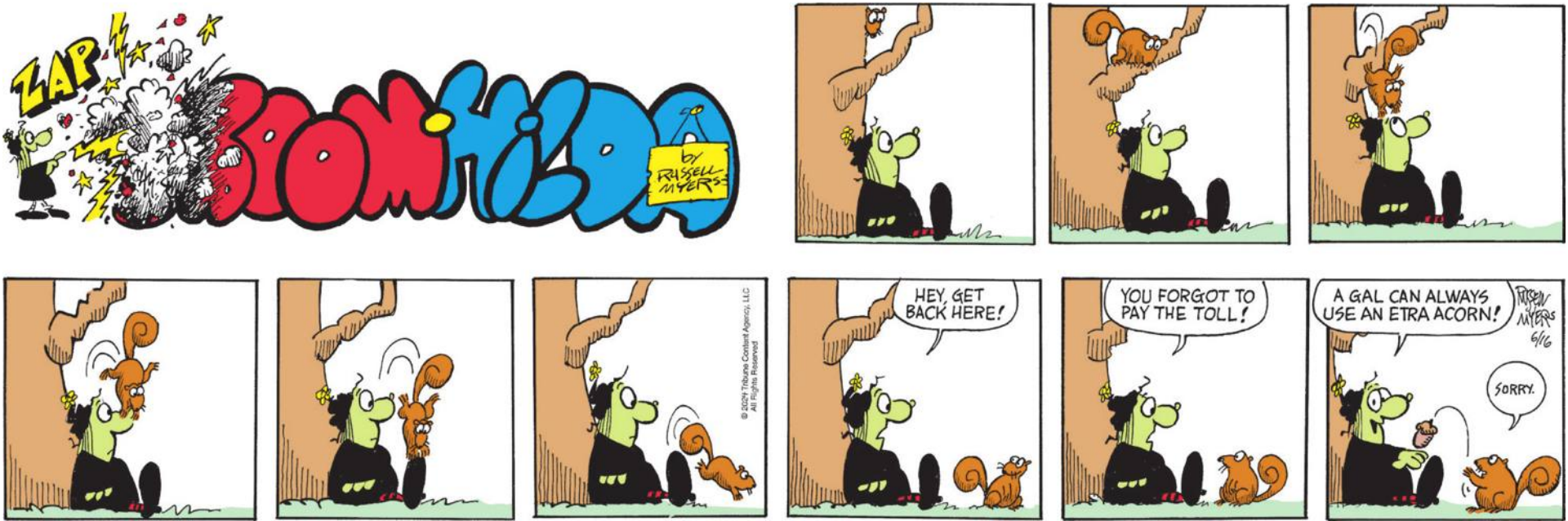
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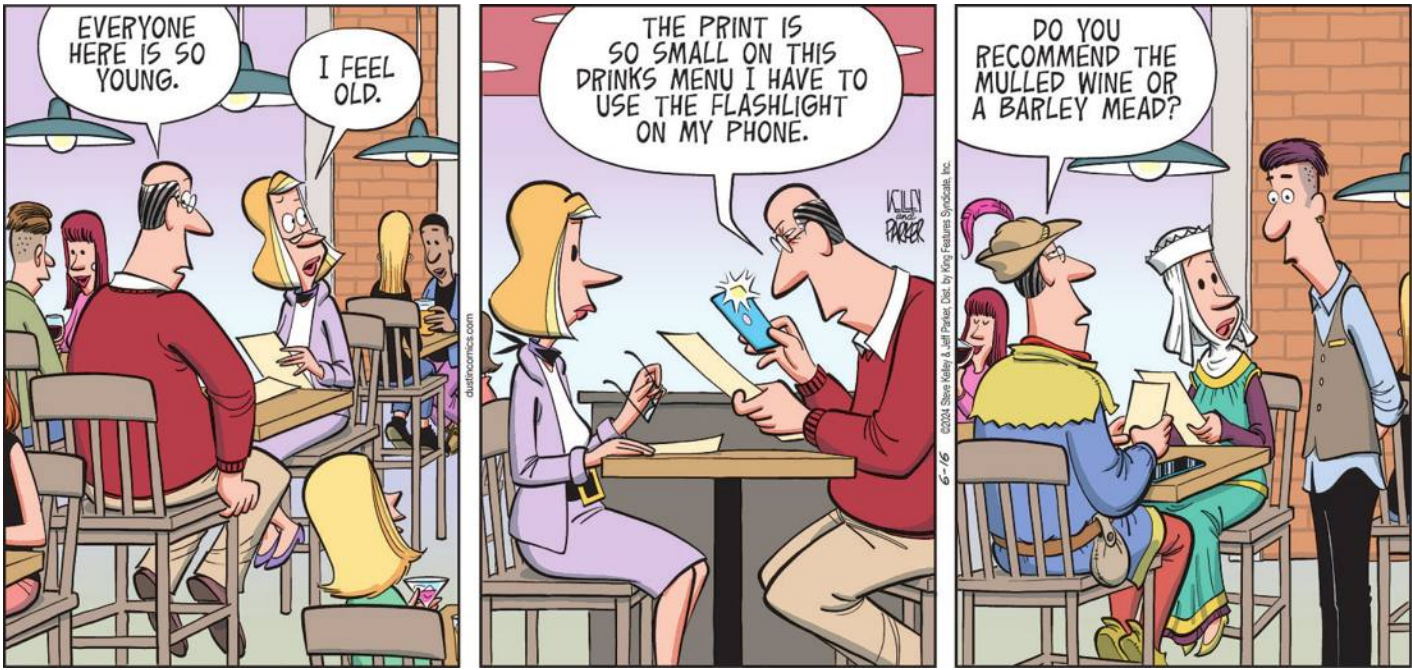


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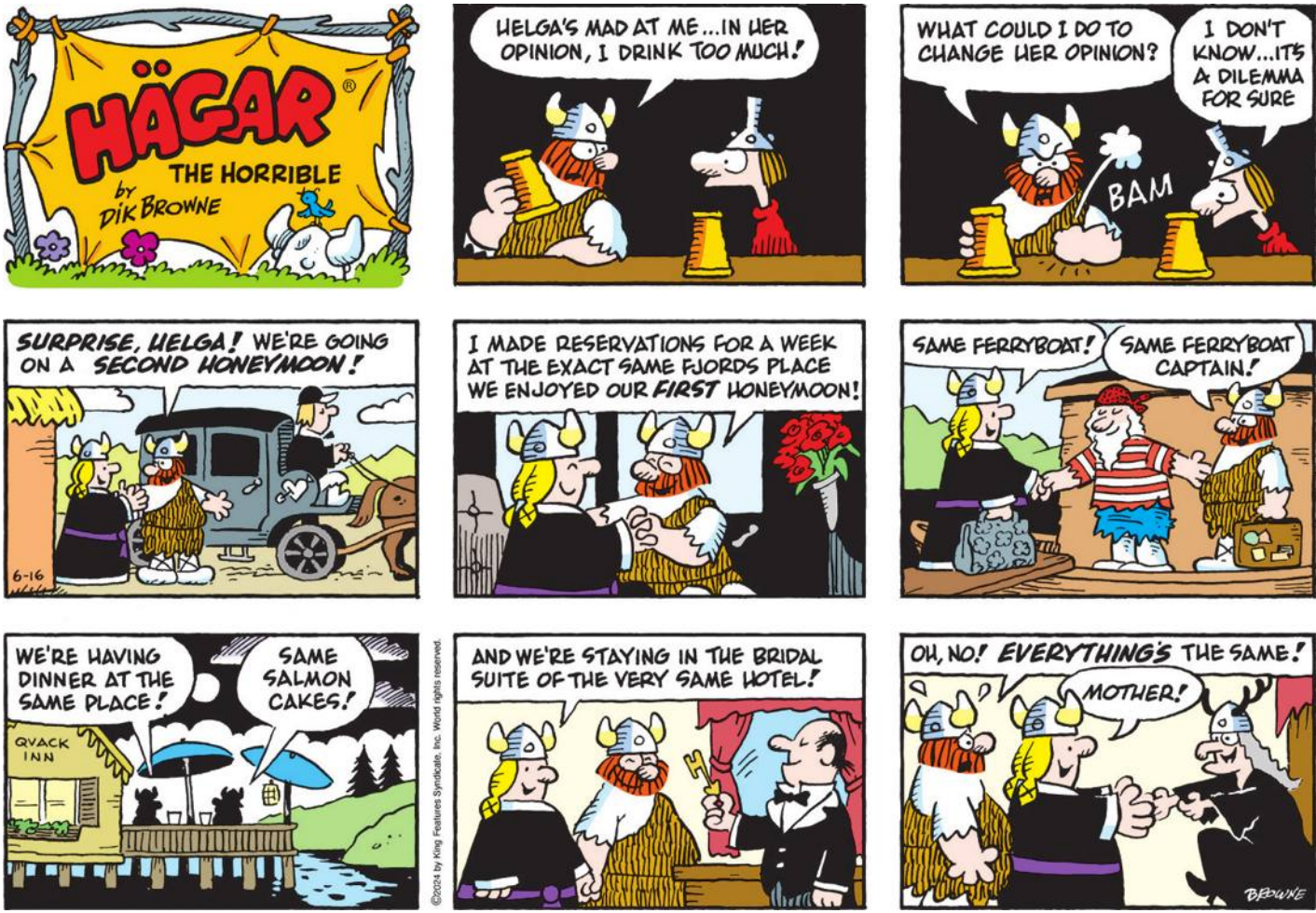
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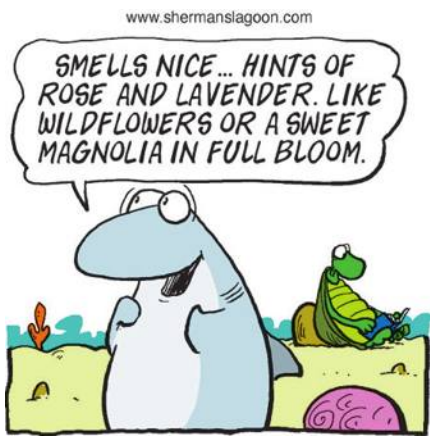
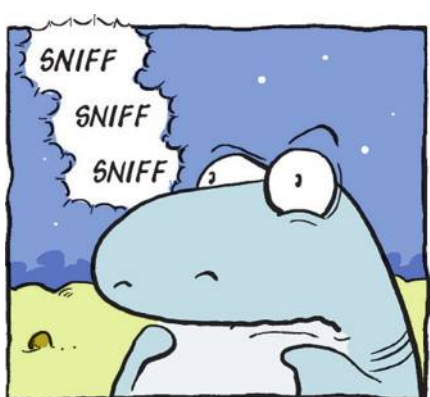
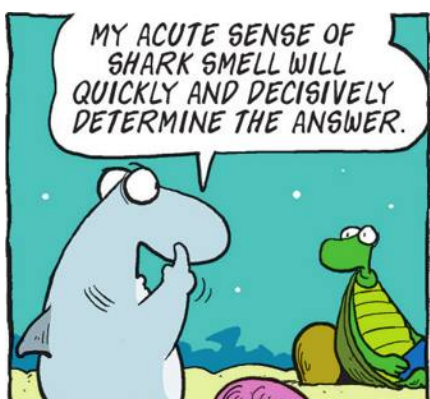
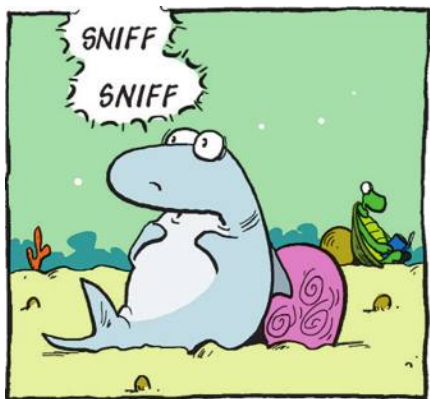
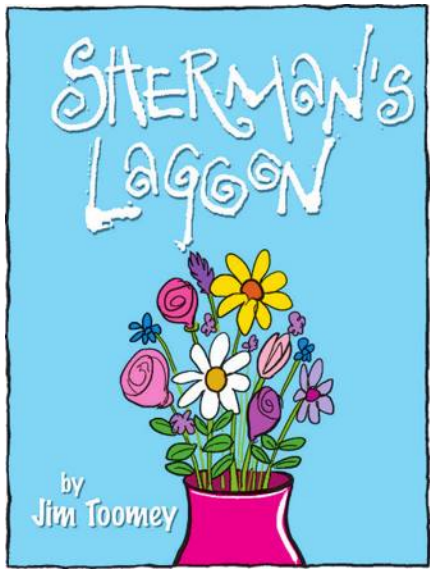


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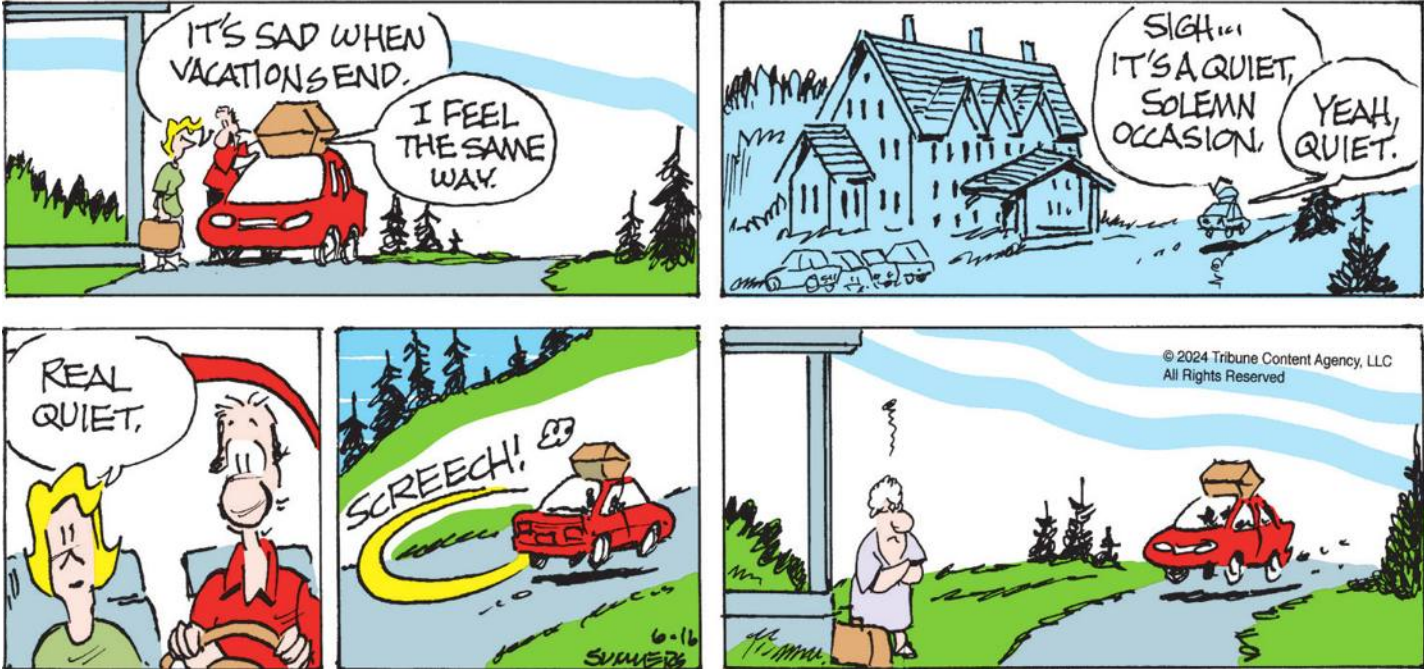




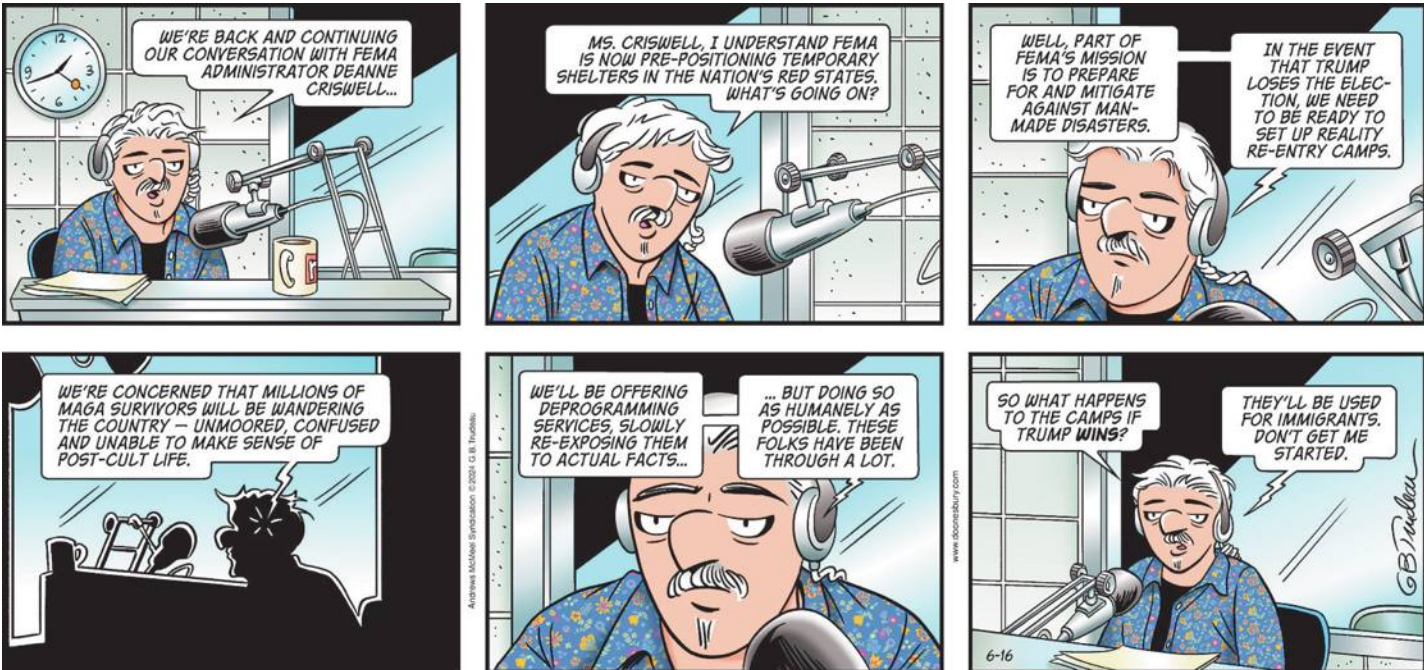
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